

## ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION	
<b>Project title</b>	Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan – E235
<b>Project duration</b>	November 2014 - 31 December 2015
<b>Reporting period covered</b>	1 November 2014 – 31 December 2014
<b>Financial implementation rate (in % of 2014-2015 budget)</b>	Approx. 6 %
<b>Summary of impact/outcomes</b>	<p>The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of Tajikistan's policymakers to assess the country's innovation performance, and design effective innovation policies. In order to achieve this overall objective, the project will carry out a comprehensive assessment of the factors driving innovation performance in the country, including the impact of existing policies, and will propose a number of policy recommendations. An international team of experts, in close cooperation with national authorities and with the involvement of a broad range of innovation stakeholders in Tajikistan, will visit the country and prepare six draft chapters to be included in the Review. The draft Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan will be peer-reviewed and the draft recommendations will be discussed with the authorities before a final version is prepared.</p> <p>In the two months of November-December 2014, the preparatory mission was carried out. Working relationships were established with all key innovation policy stakeholders in the country. The project was introduced and commitment was obtained to cooperate during the fact-finding mission. The team of international experts who will carry out the review will be recruited. Information and data were collected as a basis for preparing the fact-finding mission.</p>
<b>REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT</b> <i>(Please make sure the review (i) includes all EAs and activities as per the project document implemented during the review period, (ii) provide information on the venue of workshops/seminars, their dates and the number of participants, including gender-disaggregated, and (iii) state if the activities have been completed or are still incomplete)</i>	
<b>Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1)</b>	E.A.1 - The Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan is prepared.
<b>Main Activity A.1.1</b> Preparatory mission to Tajikistan to discuss the outline and contents of the Review, collect materials and organize the visit of the international team of experts	<p>The preparatory mission took place in Dushanbe on 24-28 November 2014. Stakeholders we met with were as follows:</p> <p>Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Finance, National Bank of Tajikistan, National Centre on Patents and Information, Statistics Agency Under the President, State Committee on Investment and State Property Management, Tajik Academy of Science, Institute of Entrepreneurship and Service, Technological University of Tajikistan, National Association of Small and Medium Businesses of Tajikistan, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tajikistan, American Chamber of Commerce, UNDP, Asian Development Bank (current chair of Donor Coordination Council (DCC)), IMF (chair of public administration reform group of DCC), OSCE, DCC secretariat, World Bank, EBRD, Eurasian Development Bank, KfW and GIZ (chairs of private sector development group of DCC), US Embassy.</p>
<b>Main Activity A.1.2</b> Fact-finding mission to Tajikistan with the	No activities during the reporting period

international team of experts	
Main Activity A.1.3 Preparation of a draft Innovation Performance Review	No activities during the reporting period
<b>Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2)</b>	The recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Tajikistan are agreed with national authorities.
Main Activity A.2.1 Organization of a meeting to discuss and agree on the recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review	No activities during the reporting period
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMENTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Please indicate if there were any problems with the execution of the project, changes to the implementation plan, or any other relevant information)</i></p>	
<p>There were no problems with project execution and no changes in the implementation plan. The fact-finding mission has been scheduled for 28 February – 6 March 2015. The draft Innovation Performance Review will be prepared in March – May 2015. The meeting to discuss and agree on the recommendations is planned for the middle of June 2015.</p>	