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Extrabudgetary project:

**Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Initiative:
PPP Toolkit and International PPP Centre of Excellence**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT**

1. Project title: Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Initiative: PPP Toolkit and International PPP Centre of Excellence	
2. Expected timing and duration: From 1 February 2012 till 31 December 2015 (subject to extension)	
3. Objective(s) and brief description of the project: <p>The main objective of the Initiative is to provide the governments of member States with innovative PPP delivery and financing options, strategic advice and support, so as to assist their development of local PPP capabilities.</p> <p>The UNECE PPP Initiative consists of: i) the PPP Toolkit, and ii) the International PPP Centre of Excellence.</p> <p>A more detailed description of the Initiative is provided in the separate explanatory note.</p>	
4. Expected results/Impact of the project: <p>The PPP Initiative is expected to become a global resource to assist the PPP capacity building programmes by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing and disseminating international best practice, knowledge and skills in PPP capability development, particularly to countries that are newly embarking upon PPP programmes; • offering high-level strategic advisory and planning services and capacity building support to governments of member States in implementing the PPP Toolkit; • facilitating 'learning by doing', through Best Practice Guides that showcase national adaptation and implementation of the PPP Toolkit; and • developing innovative and low-risk products and markets for financing PPP projects, to support the growth of the global PPP market in the post-global financial crisis environment. <p>The main added value of the Initiative is that it helps Governments of the member States, especially in countries with economies in transition, with practical solutions for addressing the gap between the financing required to deliver efficient infrastructure services and what is available from public sources through the exchange of good practices, the elaboration and dissemination of practical toolkits and the provision of advisory services.</p>	
5. Main beneficiaries of project: <p>The main beneficiaries of the Initiative will be policy makers, government officials and PPP experts and practitioners in member States, especially countries with economies in transition.</p>	
6. Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work: <p>The PPP Initiative was devised at the request of member States to meet a growing demand for advice and information on PPP.</p> <p>The Initiative falls within the thematic coverage of the Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration and fully matches the mandate of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, in particular, the TOS-PPP. The TOS-PPP at its third session (Geneva, 18-19 April 2011; document ECE/CECI/PPP/2011/2) fully endorsed the Initiative, and took note of the unanimous support for the Centre of Excellence. TOS-PPP was encouraged by the several expressions of interest by countries to host specialist and training centres within the UNECE PPP Initiative, and recommended the establishment of the Centre of Excellence and invited the appropriate UNECE management bodies to consider further steps to operationalize it.</p> <p>Vnesheconombank (Russian Federation's development bank), among other donors, expressed interest in supporting the Initiative by contributing extrabudgetary funding to ECE, and by setting up a regional training centre in Moscow for the CIS under the PPP Initiative.</p>	
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff): 12 work months	
8. Estimated extra budgetary resources ¹:	
Donors	Amount (US\$)
Vnesheconombank	200,000
The Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment (in-kind contribution through a gratis personnel agreement)	(approx.) 125,000 (€ 95,500)
Tokyo University (Japan)	50,000
9. Name of Project Manager and Division	
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Project Manager	Division

¹ The estimated extrabudgetary resources indicated in the table refer to 2012 only. Donors have made pledges for similar amounts for 2013 and 2014 as well.