

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

I. Project title	Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development in selected countries with economies in transition
II. Project DA code	GMNR 64ROA B17 13829 20AC0008 SB-005546
III. Executing entity	UNECE
IV. Reporting period covered	June 2016 – December 2019
V. Financial Implementation rate	0%
Important issues	-

1. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

In 2016, the UNECE and the UN-Habitat completed the preliminary planning and consultations on the project implementation and agreed on the schedule of activities in 2017. One advisory mission has taken place in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 27-30 April 2016 to identify the needs and priorities of the government in relation to the project. Consultations were undertaken with the representatives of Albania and Georgia. Representatives of Ukraine were not available for the preliminary meeting in Geneva and following it consultations. The representatives of key state authorities have attended the UNDA 9th tranche workshop in Geneva on 16 September 2016 in order to introduce the national coordinators of the UNDA 9th tranche project and exchange of the experience. The workshop ensured linkages between 9th and 10th Tranches projects and enhanced regional cooperation between the countries with economies in transition in the field of sustainable housing, urban development and land management.

2. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITIES

Table 1. Review of Performance Indicators

Expected Accomplishment	Indicator of achievement (T0)	Indicator of achievement (T1)	Comments
EA1 Strengthened national capacity of beneficiary countries to collect data on housing, urban development and land	IA 1.2 80% of trained beneficiaries confirm an increased capacity to collect data on housing, urban development and land administration	Preliminary planning of the activities was discussed and agreed with the UN-Habitat.	The advisory mission to Kyrgyzstan was organized back to back to the UNDA 9 th tranche project workshop in Tajikistan on 27-30 April 2016 to optimize the travel costs and logistics. Kyrgyz, Georgian and Albanian representatives have attended the preliminary meeting of the project coordinators in Geneva to discuss

administration	IA1.3 All project countries have established a government led steering committee.		<p>the challenges and expectations towards the project, exchange the experience and learn about the best practices of the countries-participants of the 9th tranche project. The meeting has also contributed to the development of the inter-regional cooperation.</p> <p>Further information on the meeting is available online under the link: http://www.unece.org/housing-and-land-management/housingmeetings-and-events/sustainable-housing/housing-policies/2016/workshop-strengthening-national-capacities-for-sustainable-housing-and-urban-development-in-countries-with-economies-in-transition/docs.html#/</p> <p>Ukraine</p>
EA 2 Strengthened national technical capacity of relevant government agencies in beneficiary countries in the UNECE region to develop evidence-based policies on housing, urban development and land administration	IA 2.1 Two specific evidence based policies (laws, regulations) on housing, urban development and land administration developed in each selected country.	Planned for 2017-2019	Planned for 2017-2019

Table 2 – Review of Completed Activities

Activities	Activity status	Comment
A1.1. Joint ECE/UN-Habitat advisory mission to Kyrgyzstan on 27-30 April 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cancelled</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Delayed</i> --- <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Not yet started</i>	The advisory mission was conducted by the joint UNECE and UN-Habitat delegation. The bilateral meetings with the project stakeholders, incl. Director of the State Agency of Architecture, Construction and Housing, Chair of the State Registration Service and

	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>In progress</i> Completed	Director of the State Design Institute of the Town Planning and Architecture who is going to be a national project coordinator were carried out. Energy efficiency, economic development of small and medium cities, “Safe city” program, development of master plans of Bishkek and Osh, development of Issyk-Kul tourism infrastructure were identified as priorities. The main challenges of the policymaking were defined as lack of the coordination between the sectoral authorities and lack of funding. The collected information will serve as a basis for developing a policy paper.
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3. CHALLENGES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR

Table 3 – Challenges and actions

Description of challenge	Action(s) taken to solve the issue, if any
To improve communication with Ukrainian representatives	The advisory mission is planned in 2017 to identify the needs and involve the key project stakeholder organizations into the work/

4. SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

Table 4 – Financial Leveraging

Donor	Purpose	Amount raised	
		Cash (USD)	In-Kind
-	-	-	-

The countries participants might provide in-kind support with the facilities for the workshop organization.

5. REVISIONS

No change to the budget occurred. No changes to the allotment have taken place.

6. WORK PLAN FOR REMAINING ACTIVITIES

Table 5 – Remaining activities

Remaining Activities	Start date	Date of completion
A1.1 Conduct three advisory missions to discuss with the countries approaches and technical tools for the collection of data	February 2017	June 2017
A1.2 Develop a policy paper with the methodology for data collection on housing, urban development and	June 2017	December 2017

land administration relevant to the post-2015 Agenda		
A1.3 Organize four national validation workshops to elaborate the national guidelines for the data collection to monitor the implementation of policies on housing, urban development and land administration	October 2017	June 2018
A1.4 Advisory missions to four countries to meet with the government officials and technical experts involved in the data collection to provide policy advice	April 2019	September 2019
A2.1 Prepare training materials in English and Russian on the development of evidence based sustainable urban development policies.	July 2017	December 2017
A2.2 Organize four (one per a beneficiary country) national training workshops to support the development of evidence-based sustainable housing and urban development policies.	July 2017	June 2018
A2.3 Advisory missions of UNECE and UN-Habitat staff to the countries to assist in further adoption of evidence-based policies on housing, urban development and land administration. The advisory missions will be undertaken with active engagement of the established Steering Committees, and will include bilateral meetings with government officials and key stakeholders	July 2018	December 2018
A2.4 Prepare the project report containing regional guidelines for the development of evidence-based policies	January 2019	March 2019
A2.5 Organize one regional meeting for UNECE member States to share lessons learned	April 2019	June 2019

XII.ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

XIII.FINANCIAL INFORMATION PLEASE FILL IN THE BUDGET ALLOTMENT

Object Class	Description	A. Budget/Allotment (as per project document) (USD)	B. Revisions to allotments (if any) (USD)	C. Explanations of revisions to allotments (USD)	D. Total Expenditure (USD)
602	General Temporary Assistance	25 000	-	-	-
604	Consultants and Expert Groups	165 300	-	-	-
608	Travel of staff	167 500	-	-	-
612	Contractual services	92 500 -	-	-	-
616	Operating expenses	18 500	-	-	-
618	Supplies, Materials etc.	30 000	-	-	-
621	Fellowships, grants and contributions	30 000	-	-	-
	Total	499 000	-	-	-
Implementation rate (%)			-		

The first coordinators' meeting in Geneva and the advisory mission to Kyrgyzstan were carried out within the 9th tranche project funds to improve logistics and optimize the project resource allocation.