

Questionnaire on the interest in topics to be covered in the work of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP)

Within the UNECE sub-programme on Economic Cooperation and Integration (ECI), the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) will promote the exchange of experience gained, will facilitate knowledge sharing, policy dialogue and consultations in member States¹ in the field of innovation and competitiveness policies. This is one of the five main thematic areas in the ECI programme of work (the other four being: entrepreneurship and enterprise development; financing innovative development; intellectual property rights; public-private partnerships).

The ultimate goal of the TOS-ICP will be **to identify good practices** in different aspects of innovation and competitiveness policy and to **support their broad dissemination in UNECE member states**, including capacity building in requesting countries. However, in view of the limited time and resources available, the TOS-ICP can initially focus its work only on a limited number of issues. We would therefore be most grateful for your expert judgement on the question:

In which topics do you think such activities and multilateral cooperation could be most useful in further promoting innovative development and knowledge-based competitiveness in the UNECE region?²

Please tick only five of the topics that you consider most useful and practical!

| Prospective topics for the UNECE Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies | Your choice |
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| Structure of national innovation systems and functional specialization of agencies promoting innovation | |
| Coordination among public institutions and agencies entrusted with promotion of innovation and competitiveness | |
| Mechanisms and incentives of implementing long-term national R&D and innovation policies | |
| Public support to private institutions that promote technological development, innovation and competitiveness | |
| Good practice in partnerships promoting innovative development and competitiveness | |
| Regional institutions and initiatives promoting innovative development and competitiveness; regional clusters | |
| Structured dialogue among regional stakeholders dealing with innovation (policy makers, businesses, universities) | |
| International and cross-border initiatives to promote the diffusion of innovation; cross-border clusters | |
| Public policy measures aimed at enhancing the innovative and absorptive capacities of firms | |
| Policy measures aimed at facilitating the technology transfer to innovating firms and the diffusion of innovation | |
| Policy measures targeting “unborn” and/or “infant” innovative industries or technologies | |
| Policy measures facilitating risk sharing among stakeholders in undertaking innovative activity | |
| Modalities of targeted public funding of R&D and innovation activities | |
| Modalities of promoting the commercialisation of publicly-funded research | |
| Good practice in the establishment of seed-and-breed innovating institutions (science/technology parks, centres of excellence, technology incubators, innovation centres, etc.) | |
| Creating supportive framework conditions for innovation (tax policy, labour market, infrastructure, education, etc.) | |
| Others (please specify) | |
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Please indicate the type of organisation you work for (tick one or specify):

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| government | |
| private business | |
| academic/research institution | |
| international organisation | |
| other (please specify) | |

¹ The membership in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe covers 56 member States: all European, Caucasian and Central Asian countries, the United States, Canada and the State of Israel.

² Note that this questionnaire possibly does not include some issues that may be relevant to innovation and competitiveness policies but are expected to be covered in the other thematic areas of ECI programme of work mentioned above.