



Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration: the Main Highlights and Achievements in 2012

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Structure of the presentation

- **Highlights and substantive achievements of the two CECI pillars:**
 - International Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) Centre of Excellence, and
 - Innovation and Knowledge-Based Development





Overview of CECI pillars

- foster economic growth and higher competitiveness ...
- ...through two pillars:
 - International PPP Centre of Excellence, and
 - Innovation and Knowledge-Based Development...
- ...providing assessments benchmarking policies against international best practice...
- ... and policy advice and capacity-building.





Public-Private Partnerships

Two major highlights in 2012:

- the **UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence**; and
- **“PPP Days 2012”**.



PPP DAYS
2012

21-24 February, 2012
Geneva, Switzerland





Public-Private Partnerships

UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence

- approved by the Executive Committee on 7 February 2012;
- the first affiliated Specialist Centre on PPPs in Health launched in Manila, the Philippines to..;
- ...identify "Excellence" in PPP in health





International PPP Centre of Excellence

First Specialist Centre launched

- hosted by the Philippines Department of Health in Manila;
- Established in November 2012...
- ...signing of the Memorandum of Understanding affiliating the Specialist Centre to Centre of Excellence



Mr. Sven Alkalaj, UNECE Executive Secretary, and Dr. Enrique T. Ona, Secretary of Health of the Philippines at the signing ceremony in Manila, the Philippines, on 22 November 2012.





Public-Private Partnerships

“PPP Days 2012”: February 2012

- the largest ever gathering of PPP practitioners from public and private sector;
- hosted by the UNECE together with the World Bank and ADB...
- ..with over 800 participants from 90 countries...
- ...exchanging experiences and best practice in PPPs.



«PPP Days 2012» was hosted by the UNECE at the *Palais des Nations* on 21-24 February 2012, together with the World Bank Institute and the Asian Development Bank, with the support of the International Finance Corporation and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).





Public-Private Partnerships

Policy advice and capacity-building

- **PPP readiness assessments:** take PPPs to countries for the first time...;
- ...demonstrating the success and interest in the model;
- PPPs open the path to economic reform and sustained competitiveness
- **Major achievement:** capacity-building programme in Belarus that delivers PPPs into the country.





Innovation and KBD

Encompassing four thematic areas:

- Innovation and competitiveness policies;
 - Entrepreneurship and enterprise development;
 - Financing innovative development; and
 - Commercialization and protection of intellectual property rights.
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- focus on linking policy advisory work to capacity-building activities, especially those related to the **Innovation Performance Reviews**





Innovation and KBD

Innovation Performance Reviews

- **Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine**
- Policy recommendations provide a framework for capacity-building activities...
- ...held in Belarus in 2012...
- ...with a pipeline of activities in Kazakhstan...
- ...topics covered: financing, enterprise development, and many others.
- Other Reviews to follow based on demand and resources





Innovation and KBD

Cooperation with WIPO on IP for innovation



- **Highlight:** a joint report reaffirming the benefits of the cooperation
- **Achievement:** an agreement on a framework for cooperation that envisages jointly organised events and the participation in each other events (for example, Joint Conference held in Jerusalem)





Exploiting Synergies: Innovation and PPPs



The implementation of the United Nations Development Account Project on...

«Building the capacity of SPECA countries to adopt and apply innovative green technologies for climate change adaptation»

...is a practical example of exploiting synergies among the two pillars.





Extra-budgetary funding and support

- CECI policy advisory and capacity-building activities are mostly financed through voluntary contributions...
- ...from public and private sector donors;
- in-kind support, where individuals provide their time and expertise, is also crucial for the success of CECI activities

