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Extrabudgetary project

**Forum of Mayors:
Strengthening capacities of UNECE member States
on sustainable urban development, housing and land management**

(For information)¹

¹ EXCOM 108, Geneva, 16 December 2019, approved the XB project contained in informal document 2019/51 as amended, for one year. EXCOM requested the secretariat to organize informal consultations on the XB process, and to present informal documents 2019/51 and 2019/52 to EXCOM for information once updated.

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

Project title: Forum of Mayors: Strengthening capacities of UNECE member States on sustainable urban development, housing and land management		
Expected timing/ duration: December 2019 – March 2021		
Objective and brief summary of the project: Following the successful Day of Cities (Geneva, 9 April 2019), the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management at its 80th session agreed to dedicate one of the three days of the Committee session to discussions concerning, and involving the participation of, local authorities, in particular mayors, following a similar format to the Day of Cities. The Committee decided to organise the Forum of Mayors on the first day of the Committee session in 2020 and 2021 and to assess the meeting format in 2022 (ECE/HBP/201). This project will support the organization of the Forum of Mayors in 2020 . The Forum will provide a platform for local authorities in the UNECE region to share best practices on urban resilience and sustainability, including local COVID-19 responses, climate action, affordable housing, sustainable mobility, among others, with the first meeting focussing on “City action for a resilient future”. The Forum of Mayors will also facilitate a dialogue between city and national governments identifying policy priorities of the Committee. The establishment of the Forum of Mayors is meant to reflect the increasing need to involve local stakeholders towards meeting the SDG targets. The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacities of UNECE member States on sustainable urban development, housing and land management. <p>The objective of the Forum will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Organisation of the Forum of Mayors in 2020, consisting of a high-level opening and a series of interventions by mayors from the UNECE region in the form of a hybrid meeting;</p> <p>A2.1. Organisation of effective communication on the Forum of Mayors (developing articles for media and social media coverage, launching of website, preparation of promotional videos, brochures, etc).</p>		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer-learning on sustainability and resilience of cities in the UNECE region; EA2. Improved understanding of policymakers at the city level of UNECE tools for sustainable urban development.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are policy makers at the city level. Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing, Land Management and Population” of the UNECE Proposed programme budget for the period 2020 “to improve housing, urban and land governance, and promote the evidence-based formulation and implementation of sustainable housing, land, population and social cohesion policies in the region”. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2020 (ECE/HBP/2019/8).		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 month of P4/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Switzerland (<i>part 1</i>)	137,700	
Switzerland (<i>part 2</i>)	60,000	
Total	197,700	
Project Manager: Gulnara Roll	Section/Division: Housing and Land Management Unit of the Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Officer-in-charge	Approved by EXCOM²: approved with changes, 108 th meeting, 16.12.2019	05.10.2020 (updated submitted for information)

² See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer-learning on sustainability and resilience of cities in the UNECE region;	A1.1. Organisation of the Forum of Mayors in 2020 Staff/ P2 to provide organizational and substantive support to the organisation of the Forum x \$11,500 x 6 months	85,800 69,000
	Travel of 10 participants x \$1,680 (mayors and experts)	16,800
EA2. Improved understanding of policy-makers at the city level of UNECE tools for sustainable urban development	A2.1. Organisation of effective communication on the Forum of Mayors (preparation of articles for media and social media coverage, launching of website, preparation of promotional videos, brochures, etc).	89,156
	International consultant (communication) x \$6,000 x 6 months Contractual services (video production, webcast service, exhibition material, promotional material, video coverage)	36,000 53,156
Budget summary		174,956
13% of Programme Support Costs		22,744
Total budget		197,700