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Extrabudgetary project

**Strengthening national capacities of Governments in CIS countries
along the Belt and Road initiative to design and implement
People-first Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure**

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

Project title: Strengthening national capacities of Governments in CIS countries along the Belt and Road initiative to design and implement People-first Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure		
Expected timing/ duration: November 2020 - December 2023		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The UNECE has developed guidelines, recommendations, tools and standards on People-first PPPs, which will be used to offer guidance to public officials from lead and line ministries and national authorities in Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine on best practice in relation to the development and implementation of People-first PPP projects that respond to the needs of all citizens, leaving no one behind. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen national capacities of Governments in CIS countries along the Belt and Road initiative to design and implement People-first PPPs in infrastructure. The project includes the following components: (i) comprehensive capacity building in select countries to address the weaknesses in the public sector (e.g. lack of basic skills, institutions and barriers in legislation); (ii) an international policy dialogue for countries in the Belt and Road initiative to build consensus around developing new, high valued projects compliant with the SDGs; and (iii) 10 flagship projects that illustrate the new People-first PPP model and inspire other countries to take these flagships forward. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organizing 3 International PPP dialogues for Belt and Road countries for national stakeholders in countries within the Belt and Road initiative to present the benefits of the People-first PPP projects as a solution to common infrastructure challenges; A1.2. Identifying and assessing 10 flagship People-first PPP projects in countries within the Belt and Road initiative (using the People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology to assess the compatibility of projects at their early stage with the People-first PPP outcomes and the SDGs); A2.1. Preparing 4 needs assessment reports in beneficiary countries with action plans to remove barriers in the enabling environment and mobilize local and international private sector into their infrastructure projects in order to deliver People-first PPPs; and A2.2. Implementing the action plans in the 4 beneficiary countries (will include capacity building activities, advisory missions, coaching etc.). This project and its activities are included in the Intersessional Implementation Plan 2020-2021 of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs (see online ECE/CECI/2020/INF.2 http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/ceci/documents/2020/PPP/WP/ECE_CECI_2020_INF.2-en.pdf). The project contributes to the achievement of SDGs 9 and 17.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhanced capacities of the countries along the Belt and Road initiative on the development of People-first PPP projects; EA2. Improved enabling environment and project development capabilities in beneficiary countries to design and implement People-first PPP projects.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are senior officials from the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, the line ministries, experts from the business community, civil society, international organisations, academia and financial institutions. Beneficiary countries are Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 4 “Economic Cooperation and Integration” “to strengthen policies on innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships policies in the ECE region” of the UNECE project budget for 2020 and proposed programme budget for 2021.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1.5 months P4/RB; 1.5 months P2/RB; 2months G6/ RB.		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
UN Peace and Development Fund	1,090,000	
Project Manager: Tony Bonnici 15.09.2020	Section/Division: Cooperation and Partnerships Section Economic Cooperation and Trade Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Officer-in-charge 15.09.2020	Approved by EXCOM¹	05.10.2020

¹ 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 capacities of the countries along the Belt and Road initiative on the development of People-first PPPs projects	A1.1. Organizing 3 International PPP dialogues for Belt and Road countries for national stakeholders in countries within the Belt and Road initiative to present the benefits of the People-first PPP projects as a solution to common infrastructure challenges. Travel of participants x 30 missions x \$2,536 6 international consultants to provide substantive support for the sessions (prepare background papers, concept notes and agendas) and/or to moderate high-level sessions x 6 months x \$6,000 Contractual services (interpretation) x 3 x \$5,484 Temporary staff (at P3-4 level) to coordinate the project and organise the dialogues x 6 months x \$14,900	217,932 76,080 36,000 16,452 89,400
	A1.2. Identifying and assessing 10 flagship People-first PPP projects in countries within the Belt and Road initiative (using the People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology to assess the compatibility of projects at their early stage with the People-first PPP outcomes and the SDGs). 4 International consultants to contribute to the identification and development of 10 flagship People-first PPP projects x 8 months x \$6,000 per month Travel of experts/consultants x 8 missions x \$2,800 Travel of staff x 8 missions x \$2,988 Temporary staff (at P3-4 level) to coordinate the project and the work on the 10 flagship projects x 4 months x \$14,900	153,904 48,000 22,400 23,904 59,600
EA2. Improved enabling environment and project development capabilities in beneficiary countries to design and implement People-first PPP projects	A2.1. Preparing 4 needs assessment reports in beneficiary countries with action plans to remove barriers in the enabling environment and mobilize local and international private sector into their infrastructure projects in order to deliver People-first PPPs. 4 international/national consultants to prepare the assessment reports x 4 reports x \$10,000 Travel of consultants/experts to hold meetings with national stakeholders and prepare the assessment reports x 4 missions x \$3,000 Travel of staff to organise and participate in meetings with national stakeholders x 4 missions x \$3,188 Contractual services (Russian/English interpretation and translation costs) x 4 x \$3,355 Temporary staff (at P3-4 level) to coordinate the project and the assessments reports x 6 months x \$14,900	167,572 40,000 12,000 12,752 13,420 89,400
	A2.2. Implementing the action plans in the 4 beneficiary countries (this will include capacity building activities, advisory missions, coaching, etc.) International/national consultants engaged to provide advisory services to beneficiary countries to address challenges in the enabling environment and contribute to the implementation of the action plans (with a strong focus on implementing the UNECE People-first PPP legislative provisions into national PPP legal and regulatory frameworks) x 8 months x \$6,000 per month International/national consultants engaged to provide specialised training to staff in PPP units on project preparation and institutional capacity using the UNECE People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology x 8 months x \$6,000 per month 4 international/national consultants to provide specialised training to senior policy makers and public officials on the benefits of People-first PPPs x 4 months x \$6,000 per month Travel of consultants/experts to assist with the implementation of the action plans x 12 missions x \$2,800 Travel of staff to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the action plans x 8 missions x \$2,987 Temporary staff (at P3-4 level) to coordinate the project and the implementation of action plans x 19 months x \$14,900	460,596 48,000 48,000 24,000 33,600 23,896 283,100
Budget summary		1,000,004
7% of Programme Support Costs		69,996
Project evaluation		20,000
Total		1,090,000