



# Strategic approach for the Assistance Programme – project proposals

UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

**Assistance Programme**





# Submission of project proposals

- Countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, which have qualified for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme
  - Through competent authorities and/or focal points
  - Using the related Assistance Programme's tools
  - Prepared according to the "Template for the submission of project proposals under the Assistance Programme"
  - submitted to the Working Group on Implementation, through the secretariat, and should be accompanied by an updated self-assessment and action plan
  - Single or joint submission





# Review of project proposals

- The Working Group on Implementation reviews the substance of the project proposals
  - consistency with the updated self-assessment and action plan
  - whether the project proposal has been prepared according to the template
  - not duplicating past or on-going activities in the country, including those implemented outside the framework of the Convention
  - cost-effectiveness





# Review of project proposals

- The Working Group on Implementation decides
  - whether the project proposal is suitable for implementation under the Assistance Programme
  - the submitting country to provide additional information or clarification, as appropriate
- The Working Group informs the Bureau







# Approval of project proposals

- The Bureau approves project proposals
  - if adequate resources (financial and human) for the implementation of the projects are available
  - taking into account other commitments in relation to activities under the workplan and allotted funds for extrabudgetary staff
  - If adequate resources (financial and human) for the implementation of a project are not available, the Bureau will endeavour to identify additional financial and human resources required for its implementation
  - If different project proposals have been submitted at the same time - priority to proposals submitted by Parties to the Convention
  - Higher attention to proposals submitted by more than one Party/country





# Project implementation

- The beneficiary country has the responsibility for the implementation of the project
- Identifies an executing agency to implement the project's activities
- The ECE secretariat has the overall responsibility to:
  - manage and monitor the use of resources under the Assistance Programme
  - oversee their efficient use under each project
  - oversee the project implementation





# Project implementation

- Preparatory and administrative steps
  - implementation plan
  - Grants, ToR and MoU
  - administrative procedures to transfer funds
- Project execution
  - in accordance with the agreed versions of the implementation plan and its timeframe
  - in accordance with the terms of reference and the budget
  - The ECE secretariat checks at regular intervals that the implementation plan and the terms of reference for specific activities are implemented
  - In the case of large-scale projects - advisory group on the implementation of the project





# Reporting and evaluation

- Reporting
  - Interim reports
  - Final report
  - Financial report
- Evaluation
  - In the case of projects for which the Bureau or external donor(s) decide that an evaluation is needed
  - the secretariat engages an independent external evaluator
  - funds set aside for that purpose within the project







# Thank you for your attention!

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