

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation
of the fourteenth session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, 2-4 June 2021**

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1	ECE/CECI/PPP/2021/1/Rev.1	Decision 2021 – 1: The Committee adopted the agenda for its fourteenth session.
4	ECE/CECI/ICP/2019/2 ECE/CECI/2021/8	Decision 2021 – 4b.1: The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the work of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies as described in the report of the Team’s 12 th session (ECE/CECI/ICP/2019/2) and the chair’s summary of the informal consultations held in lieu of a formal session in October 2020 (ECE/CECI/2021/8).
4	ECE/CECI/PPP/2021/1/Rev.1	Decision 2021 – 4b.2: The Committee took note of the discussions under the substantive segment (agenda item 2.) and invited the secretariat to make use of them in implementing the programme of work. It welcomed the launch of the Task Force on Innovation Policy Principles.
4	ECE/CECI/2021/3 ECE/CECI/2021/4 ECE/CECI/2021/5	Decision 2021 – 4b.3: The Committee endorsed the policy recommendations on “Smart and Sustainable Cities: the Role of Governance and Innovation Policy” (ECE/CECI/2021/3), “Building Back Better: Using Platforms to Enable Sharing and Progress towards the Circular Economy” (ECE/CECI/2021/4), and “Building Back Better: Innovation-enhancing Procurement for Sustainable Development” (ECE/CECI/2021/5), and requested the secretariat to electronically disseminate them and to make use of their conclusions in future capacity-building activities and policy advisory work.
4	ECE/CECI/2021/6	Decision 2021 – 4b.4: The Committee welcomed the results and policy recommendations of the national Innovation for Sustainable Development Review for Georgia (ECE/CECI/2021/6). It also welcomed the agreement on a capacity building programme to facilitate the implementation of policy reforms. The Committee also welcomed the initiation of national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of the Republic of Moldova and of Uzbekistan. It also took note of the positive external evaluation of the programme of national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews in the period 2014-2020.
4	ECE/CECI/2021/4 ECE/CECI/2021/7	Decision 2021 – 4b.5: The Committee welcomed the results and policy recommendations of the Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine (ECE/CECI/2021/7). It also welcomed the suggestion by the ECE secretariat to apply the methodology of the Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook 2020: Eastern Europe and South Caucasus to other sub-regions, including the Western Balkans and Turkey, members of the Eurasian Economic Union, members of the SPECA Working Group, and the Commonwealth of Independent States should extrabudgetary funding become available for this purpose (ECE/CECI/2021/4).

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4		Decision 2021 – 4b.6: The Committee welcomed innovation policy reforms undertaken in Belarus and Kyrgyzstan and encouraged the Governments of other member States which have undertaken ECE innovation reviews to provide the Committee with updates on progress with innovation policy reform as appropriate.
4	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CICPPP%20agenda%20item%204.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4b.7: The Committee welcomed the progress made by the SPECA Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development in support of the SPECA Innovation for Sustainable Development Strategy, most notably the science, technology and innovation (STI) gap analyses completed for the SPECA countries that will form the basis for an Action Plan to be developed under the Strategy, and development of a Handbook on Business incubators for sustainable development in the SPECA sub-region, to be issued as an official UN publication in 2021.
4	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CICPPP%20agenda%20item%204.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4b.8: The Committee welcomed the policy advisory and capacity-building work carried out by the Team of Specialists including in conjunction with the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia. In particular the Committee welcomed the capacity building programme on public-private venture capital funds for Belarus and the highly interactive on-line trainings on policies supporting Innovative High Growth Enterprises organized for the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus region. The Committee also welcomed the publication of a Handbook on Innovative High Growth Enterprises for Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus (EESC). The Committee requested the secretariat to disseminate the handbook and provide additional, in-depth capacity building on this important topic for EESC as well as, subject to extrabudgetary funding, other groups of countries.
4	https://unece.org/DAM/ceci/icp/Mandate_and_Terms_of_Reference_TOS_ICP_2017.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4b.9: The Committee renewed the mandate of the Team of Specialists for two years until 2023.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/2 ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/2	Decision 2021 – 4c.1: The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the continued focus of the work on the People-first PPP approach through standards, guiding principles, best practices and recommendations, and on its voluntary implementation in countries in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee also endorsed the report of the third and fourth sessions of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2019/2 and ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/2) held on 3-4 December 2019 and on 1-2 December 2020 respectively.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/3/Rev.1	Decision 2021 – 4c.2: The Committee took note of the discussions under the substantive segment (agenda item 3.) and invited the secretariat to make use of them in implementing the programme of work. It welcomed the draft People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs and took note with appreciation of the progress to improve and test the Methodology in line with the action plan adopted by the Working Party in December 2020. The Committee also noted that an improved version of the

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		Methodology will be submitted to the Working Party for adoption at its next session in November 2021. In accordance with Annex II of the Report from the fourth session of the Working Party on PPPs, the Working Party will focus in 2021 on completing Phase II of the evaluation methodology for self-assessment of the project's contribution to the SDGs, without engaging in or supporting any certification activities.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/3/Rev.1	Decision 2021 – 4c.3: The Committee took note of the support by the secretariat to Governments in self-assessing their projects using the draft People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs during the testing phase, and the final (enhanced) version once this is adopted by the Working Party in November 2021.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/5	Decision 2021 – 4c.4: The Committee took note of the status of the PPP standards and guidelines under preparation, especially the Guidelines on Promoting People-first PPP Waste-to-Energy Projects for the Circular Economy, and called on the Team Leaders and the secretariat to work closely with the Bureau of the Working Party in order to finalise these documents and submit them as official documents to the Working Party on PPPs.
4	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/ECE_CECI_2021%20-%20Agenda%20item%204c%20%284%20June%29%20-%20Review%20of%20the%20work%20PPP.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4c.5: The Committee took note of the PPP policy advisory and capacity-building work carried out since its last session, in particular the third and fourth sessions of the International PPP Forum in May 2019 and April 2021 respectively, as well as the activities jointly organised with other UN Regional Commissions – the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.
4	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CICPPP%20agenda%20item%204.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4d.1: The Committee welcomed the contributions of the Team of Specialists and the Working Party to the nexus areas on Smart Sustainable Cities, on Smart Connectivity, and on Monitoring and Measuring Progress Towards the SDGs, and in particular to a flagship publication on Smart Sustainable Cities. It also welcomed the results of peer learning roundtables and side events co-organized at the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Regional Forums for Sustainable Development and the 68 th and 69 th sessions of the Economic Commission for Europe, as well as to a roundtable on innovation for the circular economy at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
4	https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CICPPP%20agenda%20item%204.pdf	Decision 2021 – 4d.2: The Committee thanked the donors whose financial contributions greatly contributed to the Committee's work on developing good practices and standards, analysing national policies, and providing policy advice and capacity building for the implementation of policy reforms, i.e. the Governments of the Russian Federation and of Sweden, Tshingua University in China and City University of Hong Kong. The Committee emphasized the importance of financial and in-kind contributions for the success of its capacity-building activities and policy advisory services as well as

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		for extending their reach. It invited member States and other donors to continue to provide support to its activities.
5	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.6 ECE/CECI/2021/INF.7 (as revised during the session – the revised version will be incorporated into Annex II of the Report of the Session)	<p>Decision 2021 – 5.1: The Committee adopted the Programme of Work of the ECI Subprogramme for 2021 (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.6) and the Intersessional Implementation Plan for the activities to be undertaken in 2021 and until the next session in 2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.7), as revised including the discussion that led to changes during the Committee session, and requested that the final Intersessional Implementation Plan 2021-2022 be annexed to the report of the fourteenth session of the Committee.</p> <p>In order to implement the Intersessional Implementation Plan 2021-2022, the secretariat in agreement with the co-Chairs of the Working Party, will convene a Bureau meeting before the end of June 2021. The Committee recommends that the participation in the Working Party Bureau meetings should be mandatory until the next Working Party session; in case of absence in the meetings or in the absence of written comments submitted in advance to the Chair, agreement with the proposed decisions will be assumed.</p>
5	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.8 ECE/CECI/2021/9	<p>Decision 2021 – 5.2: The Committee took note of the document “Proposed programme budget for 2021: Part II. Programme plan and performance information of the ECI subprogramme” (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.8) and adopted the Programme of Work of the ECI Subprogramme for 2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/9), including the proposed publications.</p>
5		<p>Decision 2021 – 5.3: The Committee requested that the secretariat follow up, subject to available extrabudgetary resources, on the interest expressed by the Government of Ukraine in policy advisory and capacity-building services to support Innovative High Growth Enterprises, including in support of the implementation of recommendations from Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and the Innovation Policy Outlook, and as part of the UNDA project “Accelerating the transition towards a Circular Economy in the ECE region”.</p>
5		<p>Decision 2021 – 5.4: The Committee requested that the secretariat follow up, subject to available extrabudgetary resources, on the interest expressed by the Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Conducting regular meetings of the IPO national focal points to exchange good policy practices and build government capacity to implement the IPO 2020 policy recommendations; (ii) Participating in full-fledged IPO assessments in EESC countries at regular intervals of three-four years to enable countries to track their own policy progress, benchmark their performance vis-à-vis other EESC countries in a peer-learning context, and continue using the IPO as a tool to guide and measure effects of policy design and reform to build sustainable national innovation systems.

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5	ECE/CECI/2021/INF.9	<p>Decision 2021 – 5.5: The Committee agreed on the following recommendation on the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023” (ECE/CECI/2021/INF.9) and agreed on an additional item in paragraph 6, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (d) further develop and operationalize the ECE cooperation with the multilateral platforms, including SOURCE for sustainable infrastructure and PPP project preparation, jointly led and financed by MDBs. <p>The Committee also requested that this additional item/recommendation be included in the proposed programme plan of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023.</p>
6		<p>Decision 2021 – 6: The Committee welcomed the initiative to host a series of “Innovation Matters” podcasts and took note of areas of common interest with other ECE bodies and international organizations, including the request of the 69th session of the Economic Commission for Europe to its subsidiary bodies to consider how to enhance the impact of relevant existing ECE instruments, replicate and scale up existing approaches, and develop proposals for impactful and measurable solutions that promote a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources.</p> <p>The Committee invited its Bureau and the secretariat to continue to explore additional opportunities for collaboration with other ECE bodies and international organizations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p>
7	ECE/CECI/PPP/2021/1/Rev.1	<p>Decision 2021 – 7: The Committee elected Mr. Stefano Firpo (Italy) as chair for a two-year term beginning after this session, Mr. Sergey Vladimirovich Shuba (Belarus), Ms. Annie Vashakmadze (Georgia), Mr. Nicolaus-Alejandro Weil von der Ahe (Germany), Mr. George Katapodis (Greece), Mr. Medet Dyussebayev (Kazakhstan) as vice-chairs for terms of two years, and Ms. Sedef Yavuz Noyan as vice-chair for a one-year term.</p> <p>The Committee thanked the outgoing officers Mr. Siarhei Shlychkou (Belarus), Mr. Shalom Tourgeman (Israel), Mr. Nikita Ponomarenko (Russian Federation) and Mr. Arthur Smith (United States) for their service.</p>
8	ECE/CECI/PPP/2021/1/Rev.1	<p>Decision 2021 – 8: The Committee agreed that its fifteenth session would take place in Geneva in the second quarter of 2022, subject to confirmation of room availability and interpretation services.</p>
9	E/ECE/1464	<p>Decision 2021 – 9: The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report of the session and distribute it to all Geneva Permanent Representations, together with the final list of participants, for subsequent approval by silence procedure in accordance with paragraph 21 of Appendix III of document</p>

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		E/ECE/1464 (Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies). Once the draft report is adopted, it requests its publication in English, French and Russian.