

# Implementation of the Programme of Work:

## Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

Agenda item 4.(c)

Fourteenth session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

4 June 2021





## **Review of the work since the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (25 - 27 March 2019)**

- Period of 2 years from 28 March 2019 until 1 June 2021
- More than one year during the COVID-19 pandemic

### **Programme of work:**

- Events
- Standards, recommendations, guidelines and best practices
- Capacity building



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# Events



### **Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (Geneva, 03 - 04 December 2019)
- 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships (Geneva, 01 - 02 December 2020)

### **UNECE International PPP Forum**

- 4<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva, 07 - 09 May 2019)
- 5<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva and online, 22 - 26 April 2021)



### Highlights of the 4<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva, 07 - 09 May 2019)

- Theme: “The Last Mile: Promoting People-first PPPs for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”
- Organised in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Participation of four of the five Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions – UNECE, ECA, ESCAP, ESCWA – who expressed their strong commitment to enhance PPP cooperation across all regions.
- The Forum identified three milestones:
  - Making the People-first model more operational
  - Increasing the collaboration between the public and private sectors
  - Identifying ways in which stakeholder engagement can be increased in People-first PPPs



### Highlights of the 5<sup>th</sup> UNECE International PPP Forum (Geneva and online, 22 - 26 April 2021)

- Theme: “Building Back Better through People-first Public-Private Partnerships”
- A high-level debate discussed the ways “Building Back Better” could be best accomplished through People-first PPPs
- Competition UNECE “Building Back Better” infrastructure award 2021:
  - The competition was a means to incentivize countries and project managers to test the draft Evaluation Methodology in its self-assessment form and provide feedback on its improvement
  - 65 projects from over 20 countries were submitted, and 11 of them were showcased at the Forum
  - The winners were chosen directly by the participants through electronic voting



### **Meetings of the International PPP Specialist Centres of Excellence affiliated to UNECE**

- Coordination meeting (Paris, 2 April 2019)
- Coordination meeting on building resilience against climate change and disasters (New Orleans, 3 - 6 March 2020)
- Extraordinary meeting on Building Back Better (Online, 4 May 2020)
- Coordination meeting (Online, 9 July 2020)
- Coordination meeting (Online, 29 July 2020)



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# **Standards, recommendations, guidelines and best practices**



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## **People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology**

- An evaluation methodology to score infrastructure projects against the People-first PPP criteria and the SDGs
- Project Team of more than 100 international experts
- Draft version completed in 2020
- Action Plan to enhance the draft Methodology and make it fully usable by the end of 2021

## **People-first Model Law**

- Project Team developed a first draft
- Being finalised in 2021

## **Guidelines on Promoting People-first PPP Waste-to-Energy Projects for the Circular Economy**

- First version completed in 2020 to be further developed
- Explore how the Waste-to-Energy industry can contribute to a transition towards a circular economy through the use of People-first and SDG-compliant PPPs
- Submitted as a contribution to the high-level segment and cross-cutting theme of the 69<sup>th</sup> UNECE Commission session in April 2021



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# Capacity building

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Some figures for the UNECE region



**4 countries in the UNECE region:** Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine



**4 reports:** reviews of national PPP legislation and guidelines for People-first PPP project development



**11 events** with more than **1,000 participants**



# Capacity building

Belarus



## Belarus

- 👥 **Regional PPP workshop** (Brest, 27 July 2019): jointly organised by the UNECE with the PPP unit of Belarus and the Brest City administration
- 👥 **Study tour** (Minsk and Moscow, 26-31 August 2019): for Kyrgyz senior government officials to learn about the PPP institutional capacity in Belarus and the Russian Federation facilitated by the UNECE
- 👥 **Belarus** (Brest, 24 October 2019): workshop to present the draft PPP guide prepared by UNECE for the regional authorities in Brest jointly organised with the Ministry of Economy and the local authorities in Brest
- 📄 **Manual** (November 2019): Manual for regional authorities on municipal PPP project development
- Preliminary work in 2021 on the new project from the 13<sup>th</sup> tranche of the Development Account “Towards integrated national financing framework”



# Capacity building

Kyrgyzstan



## Kyrgyzstan

- 👥 **Field mission** (Bishkek, 3-5 September 2019): to prepare guidelines to assist the public sector in the process of identification and initiation of PPP projects jointly organised by the UNECE with the Ministry of Economy
- 👥 **Seminar** (Bishkek, 30 October 2019): Seminar on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and the institutional capacity to identify and prepare People-first PPPs in support of the SDGs)
- 👥 **Roundtable** (Bishkek, 31 October 2019): Roundtable discussion on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and present the UNECE People-first PPP Standards, guiding principles and tools
- 📄 **Report** (March 2021): report in the form of guidelines with templates to assist the public sector in the development process of PPP projects under the new PPP law



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Tajikistan



## Tajikistan

- 👤 **Field mission** (Dushanbe, 19-21 August 2019) to review the PPP law of Tajikistan jointly organised by the UNECE with the State Committee on Investment and State Property Management
- 👤 **Workshop** (Dushanbe, 17 December 2019): Workshop on strengthening the PPP enabling environment (legal and regulatory framework) and the institutional capacity to identify and prepare People-first PPPs in support of the SDGs
- 👤 **Seminar** (Dushanbe, 18 December 2019): Seminar on strengthening the PPP enabling environment and present the UNECE People-first PPP Standards, guiding principles and tools
- 📄 **Report** (March 2020): report reviewing the PPP law with policy recommendations to implement the Guiding Principles for People-first PPPs for the SDGs



# Capacity building

Ukraine



## Ukraine

- 👤 **Webinar** (Online, 30 March 2021): Webinar on Aligning PPP Legislation in Ukraine with the SDGs
- 👤 **Webinar** (Online, 25 May 2021): Training Webinar on How to Design PPP Projects Aligned with the SDGs – the People-first Approach to PPPs
- 📄 **Report** (April 2021): Gap Analysis of PPP Legislation in Ukraine in Alignment with the Guiding Principles for People-first PPPs

# Capacity building

## Joint events



### Joint events with other Regional Commissions and UN agencies

- **United States** (UN Headquarters, New York, 16 April 2019): policy session “Making PPPs work for sustainable development” jointly organised by the UNECE, UNCDF and UNCTAD at the SDG Investment Fair
- **Kuwait** (Kuwait City, 27 July 2019): high-level training workshop on PPPs for Ports jointly organised by the UNECE and ESCWA
- **Jordan** (Amman, 23-24 November 2019): workshop on PPPs in the Ports sector jointly organised by the UNECE, ESCWA and the Islamic Development Bank for government officials from Greece, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria
- **Chile** (Santiago, 10 December 2019): workshop on the role of People-first PPP in efficient, resilient and sustainable infrastructure jointly organised by the UNECE and ECLAC
- **Chile** (Santiago, 11 December 2019): seminar on resilient People-first PPP infrastructure jointly organised by the UNECE and ECLAC with the Chilean Chamber of Construction



# Thank you

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