



Fundraising for SPECA countries

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Background on fundraising efforts for SPECA countries



- To address the growing demand for cooperation on innovation, the fundraising plan has been devised to raise extra-budgetary funds;
- UNECE has been having meetings with the interested donors, further following up with country-specific concept notes and tailored proposals;
- At the moment, there are ongoing discussions with the officials from the European Union, Japan, the Russian Federation, South Korea.



UNECE assistance for SPECA countries



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Innovation for Sustainable Development Review (I4SDR)

- [Takes an in-depth country look](#) at a range of important factors that enable and promote innovation

Innovation Policy Outlook (IPO)

- [Assesses regional and country innovation policies](#), institutions and processes, providing actionable policy recommendations

Capacity-building

- Assists in the country's reform process and implementation of the I4SDR recommendations

Sub-regional policy dialogue

- Assists in the region's reform processes (through policy dialogue, handbooks and analytical publications such as the upcoming *New Innovation Policy*) and implementation of the IPO recommendations

IPO for SPECA



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- [The IPO is a UNECE flagship publication](#) which comprehensively assesses, compares and provides concrete recommendations for innovation policies, institutions and processes across countries with shared economic, structural, legacy and institutional features. The publication can have an option to focus on digital economy or on another topic of interest;
- The IPO is a pioneering work which facilitates peer learning for innovation policy and can further leverage the region's potential for innovation. It has already been successfully tested in the countries of Eastern Europe and South Caucasus (EESC).

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Sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook 2020: Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus



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Update on the interest from SPECA countries



- As of 21 October 2021, the Governments of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan requested a sub-regional IPO for Central Asian countries;
- Additionally, the Governments of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan requested national support;
- UNECE will continue to explore the interest for further work following the upcoming Sub-Regional SPECA Workshop and the Second Session of the SPECA Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development.



How SPECA countries can support UNECE



To actively engage during the discussion of the fundraising plan during the meeting of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (ToS-ICP) on 1-2 November;



To share relevant contacts of the targeted donor countries (Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, USA);



To liaise with country donor coordination mechanisms (such as the donor's local Embassies, EU Delegations), expressing interest in our activities and inviting UNECE to meetings where relevant.



Thank you!

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