

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation  
of the fifth session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, 29-30 November 2021**

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1	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/PPP/2021/1</a>	Decision 2021 – 1: The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/1) for its fifth session.
3	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3</a>	<p>Decision 2021 – 3.1: The Working Party endorsed the People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3) and thanked the experts involved in its preparation.</p> <p>The Working Party requested the secretariat to submit the Evaluation Methodology for approval to the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) at its next session in May 2022.</p> <p>The Working Party considered a more marketable name for the Evaluation Methodology, but deferred this decision until after a decision is taken on the proposals concerning the change of the name of the People-first PPPs for the SDGs in line with paragraph 16 of the CICPPP Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2021-2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II).</p>
3	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2021/INF.1</a>	<p>Decision 2021 – 3.2: The Working Party regrets that the standard on People-first PPP/Concession Model Law was not submitted for decision as requested by the CICPPP but having only received it as an information document (ECE/CECI/PPP/WP/2021/INF.1). While taking note of the progress on the work of the standard on People-first PPP/Concession Model Law, the Working Party notes that it needs further elaboration. In this regard, it requested the Bureau working closely with the secretariat to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Engage in a consultation process of at least two months in December 2021 and January 2022 with all interested parties;</li> <li>ii. Monitor the finalisation of the document before 31 March 2022 in line with the CICPPP Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2021-2022 (in particular, the three key points: 1. a balanced approach to “user-pays” and “government-pays” models; 2. primary focus on the inclusion of the People-first PPP approaches and outcomes; and 3. alignment of the definition of PPPs with the definitions from the UNECE Guiding Principles on People-first PPP and UNCITRAL work on PPP); and</li> <li>iii. Submit the consolidated version in April 2022 to the CICPPP for approval at its next session in May 2022.</li> </ol>
3	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/5</a>	Decision 2021 – 3.3: The Working Party took note of the preliminary results of the secretariat survey on stakeholders’ input to further develop the guidelines on promoting People-first PPP Waste-to-Energy Projects for the Circular Economy (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2020/5), and requested the secretariat to finalise

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		the work on the guidelines within existing extrabudgetary resources and submit them to the Working Party at its next session.
3		Decision 2021 – 3.4: The Working Party took note of the policy discussion under agenda item 2 on scaling up People-first PPPs for the SDGs to reignite the Decade of Action for the SDGs. The Working Party requested the secretariat to further explore some of these discussions at the UNECE International PPP Forum in 2022, in particular issues relevant to the SDGs and the circular economy agenda.
3		Decision 2021 – 3.5: The Working Party expressed its gratitude to the secretariat for organising a very successful fifth edition of the UNECE International PPP Forum from 22 to 26 April 2021. The Working Party took note in particular of the ‘Building Back Better’ competition which contributed to the testing and improvement of the Evaluation Methodology as well as expanding the database of case studies as part of a campaign for 500 case studies that demonstrate the People-first PPP outcomes and how these case studies support achievement of the SDGs.
3	<a href="#">Informal document 1</a>	Decision 2021 – 3.6: The Working Party took note of informal document 1 containing a paper prepared by the Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND) and the World Association of PPP Units and Professionals (WAPPP) entitled “Making PPPs fit the 2030 Agenda”, presented at the fifth UNECE International PPP Forum in April 2021, and asked the Bureau to decide on its application.
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II</a>	Decision 2021 – 4.1: The Working Party took note of the Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2021-2022 of the CICPPP (ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II), in particular the list of the PPP activities planned for the rest of 2021 and for 2022.
4		Decision 2021 – 4.2: The Working Party, building on the policy discussion under agenda item 2 and taking note of the outcomes of the 69 <sup>th</sup> Commission session in April 2021, requested the secretariat to summarise in a guide how PPP projects could be better designed, developed and implemented in order to contribute to the circular economy agenda, and to submit it for its consideration at its next session and within existing extrabudgetary resources.
4		Decision 2021 – 4.3: The Working Party suggests to the CICPPP to include the topic of ‘green procurement’, considering the close links to the work of this Working Party and possible synergies between the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and this Working Party, as part of its policy discussion at its next session in May 2022. It also requested the secretariat to organise a separate session on green procurement at the sixth UNECE International PPP Forum in 2022 and the Bureau to decide on possible next steps.
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II</a>	Decision 2021 – 4.4: The Working Party took note with appreciation of the offer by Spain to the UNECE for the sixth UNECE International People-first PPP Forum to be jointly co-organised by the UNECE

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		and IESE Business School, with the support of the Barcelona City Council, in Barcelona in May 2022. It requested the secretariat to co-organise the Forum based on existing extrabudgetary resources in consultation with the co-organisers and the Bureau.
4	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II</a>	Decision 2021 – 4.5: Regarding the continued use of the name People-first PPP for the SDGs, the Working Party requested the Bureau and the secretariat to hold informal consultations with interested delegations on the proposals concerning the change of the name which were reiterated by the member States at the fifth session in line with paragraph 16 of the CICPPP Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2021-2022 (ECE/CECI/2021/2, Annex II). The Working Party also requested that the results of these consultations be submitted to the CICPPP for decision at its next session in 2022. The Working Party also requested the secretariat to quantify the costs (human and financial) related to a possible change of the name.
5	<a href="#">ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1</a>	Decision 2021 – 5: The Working Party adopted the Rules of Procedure (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1) prepared by a drafting team working under the auspices of the Bureau and amended and validated by the member States during informal consultations, and expressed its appreciation to the members of the drafting team for their work. The Working Party also recommends to the CICPPP to take note of the Rules of Procedure and to adopt the annexes contained therein. The Working Party decided that existing Bureau members, including those who have already served for two consecutive two-year terms, are eligible for re-election at this session for one additional two-year term in line with the Rules of Procedure.
6		Decision 2021 – 6.1: The Working Party elected Mr. George Katapodis (Greece) as its Chairperson, and Mr. Steven Van Garse (Belgium), Mr. Frédéric Bobay (France), Mr. Sam Tabuchi (Japan), Ms. Sedef Yavuz Noyan (Turkey), Ms. Svetlana Maslova (Russian Federation) and Mr. Art Smith (United States of America) as Bureau members for a period of two years. The Working Party expressed its appreciation to Ms. Alena Dadzerkina (Belarus), Mr. Mark Romoff (Canada), Mr. Kaimeng Li (China), Mr. Nicolaus Weil von der Ahe (Germany), Mr. Marco Percoco (Italy), Mr. Ziad Hayek (Lebanon), Ms. Sonia Mezzour (Morocco), Mr. Hafiz Salikhov (Russian Federation), Mr. Raymond Saner (Switzerland), Mr. Isfandiyor Usmonzoda (Tajikistan), Ms. Beatrice Ikilai (Uganda) and Mr. Christopher-Clement Davies (United Kingdom) for their contribution to the UNECE PPP work as Bureau members and wished them success in their future endeavours.
6		Decision 2021 – 6.2: The Working Party requested the secretariat to initiate a procedure in 2022 to identify candidates from the three respective interest groups (private sector, academia, civil society) for observer positions on the Bureau for election at its next session.

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7		Decision 2021 – 7: The Working Party agreed that its next annual session be held in the fourth quarter of 2022. The secretariat will fix the dates in consultation with the Bureau and the conference room services at the <i>Palais des Nations</i> in Geneva.
8		Decision 2021 – 8: The Working Party requested the secretariat, in line with the special procedures established by the ECE Executive Committee for the COVID-19 pandemic period (paragraph 3 of document ECE/EX/2020/L.12), to circulate the decisions agreed at the session through all Geneva Permanent Representations, the Bureau and Working Party delegations for approval by silence procedure by the participating delegations of the session. The Working Party further requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report of the session and distribute it to all Geneva Permanent Representations, the Bureau and Working Party delegations for subsequent approval by silence procedure in accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1) and paragraph 21 of Appendix III of document 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.