

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Enhance capacity of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in developing and implementing policies and strategies for sustainable housing and sustainable smart cities (Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Housing and Sustainable Smart Cities for the CIS countries)		
Expected timing/ duration: January 2022 – August 2023		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to enhance capacity of CIS countries in developing and implementing policies and strategies for sustainable housing and sustainable smart cities. The project will establish a Centre of Excellence for the CIS countries in Yerevan, Armenia; in cooperation with relevant national and local authorities; and will work to develop capacity building activities and relevant studies tailored to the needs of CIS countries. The project activities will be implemented in close collaboration with already established eight Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence, see information at https://unece.org/housing/charter-centres . The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Provide regular coordination to support the establishment and operation of the new Centre of Excellence; A1.2. Provide communication support for the new Centre, including through social media, press releases and a brochure; A2.1. Organize six online workshops to raise the capacity representatives of national and local governments in the CIS countries; A2.2. Develop (in cooperation with other UNECE Centres of Excellences) an online training programme with a focus on the needs of CIS countries, (in English and Russian).		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhance capacity of CIS countries to implement housing and urban development policies; EA2. Strengthen network of Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence to support CIS countries in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan. The target audience is ministries and agencies in charge of housing, urban development, energy and land management; and national level institutions; representatives of local authorities, non-governmental organizations and agencies, including cooperatives and homeowner associations.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing and land management” “to strengthen member State -owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2022. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2022 (ECE/HBP/2021/9, para 14). A mandate for the establishment of the centres of excellence stems from the CUDHLM seventy-sixth session (report ECE/HBP/184) which included recommendations for the establishment of Geneva UN Charter Centres and the Guidance for the work of the centres (ECE/HBP/2016/2).		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 months of P4/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donors Russian Federation	Amount (US\$) 210,000	
Project Manager: Gulnara Roll 22.11.2021	Section/Division: Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Chief, ai 22.11.2021	Approved by EXCOM:	16.12.2021

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Enhanced capacity of CIS countries to implement housing and urban development policies.	A1.1. Provide regular coordination to support the establishment and operation of the new Centre of Excellence National consultant (project coordinator in Armenia) \$4,000 x 0.5 x 10 months G5 staff at UNECE secretariat x 3 months x \$9,300 Travel of national consultant x \$2,000	49,900 20,000 27,900 2,000
	A1.2. Provide communication support for the new Centre, including through social media, press releases and a brochure Communication consultant x 5 months at \$5,000 G5 staff x 2 months x \$9,300 Contractual services (translation, editing, publishing)	54,430 25,000 18,600 10,830
EA2. Strengthened network of Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence to support CIS countries in the implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing.	A2.1. Organize six workshops (in a hybrid mode) to raise the capacity representatives of national and local governments in the CIS countries and set up an online training programme based on the six workshops materials National consultant (project coordinator in Armenia) \$4,000 x 0.5 x 6 months G5 staff x 5 months x \$9,300 Travel of one international expert (trainer) x 4 missions x \$1,500 Interpretation/translation services x 10,000\$ Operating and other costs \$5,400	79,900 12,000 46,500 6,000 10,000 5,400
Subtotal		184,230
13% of Programme Support Costs		23,950
1% coordination levy		1,842
Total		210,000