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Extrabudgetary project

**Forum of Mayors:
Strengthening capacities of UNECE member States
on sustainable urban development, housing and land management**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Forum of Mayors: Strengthening capacities of UNECE member States on sustainable urban development, housing and land management		
Expected timing/ duration: October 2021 – October 2022		
Objective and brief summary of the project: Following the success of the first Forum of Mayors in October 2020, a second Forum will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on 4-5 April 2022. The Forum will be held back-to-back with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, to link local and national actions in support of the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As in previous year, the Forum will reflect the increasing need to involve local stakeholders towards meeting the SDGs targets and provide a platform for local authorities in the UNECE region to share best practices to tackle different issues, including COVID-19 recovery, urban sustainability, affordable housing, sustainable transport and mobility, climate action and others. The objective of this project is to strengthen capacities of the UNECE member States on sustainable urban development, housing and land management. It will create a space to discuss and share experiences and initiate a network of colleagues from different countries in the region to share ideas and innovation. The objective of the Forum will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organisation of the Forum of Mayors in 2022; A2.1. Organisation of effective communication on the Forum of Mayors (news B-roll production for the news agencies; videos of mayors to share on social media; webcast services, exhibition, brochure website for the event).		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased peer-learning and exchange of knowledge on sustainability of cities in the UNECE region; EA2. Improved understanding of the policy-makers at the city level of the UNECE tools for sustainable urban development.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are policy makers at the city level. Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The Forum of Mayors will be convened in accordance with the decision of the UNECE Executive Committee during its 112 th Meeting on 14 December 2020: “The Executive Committee: Recalled the decision of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM) of 2019 (ECE/HBP/201) and decided that instead of holding the Forum of Mayors in 2021 it will be convened back-to-back with the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD) in March 2022 in Geneva, including with a view to explore possible synergies with the RFSD in line with the thematic focus of the RFSD/High level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2022, subject to the availability of funding”. This forum will contribute to the programme on the recovery from COVID-19 while advancing the implementation of the SDGs: improving the response to the pandemic and strengthening SDG implementation during the Decade of Action and Delivery through equality and the empowerment of women and girls, quality education and the sustainable management, protection and restoration of natural resources. The proposed project contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing, Land Management and Population” “to improve housing, urban and land governance, and promote the evidence-based formulation and implementation of sustainable housing, land, population and social cohesion policies in the region” of the UNECE programme budget for 2021.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 months of P4/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donors	Amount (US\$)	
Switzerland	130,000	
Project Manager: Gulnara Roll 17.09.2021	Section/Division: Housing, Urban Development and Land Management	
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Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Increased peer-learning and exchange of knowledge on sustainability of cities in the UNECE region	A1.1. Organisation of the Forum of Mayors in 2022 (four sessions, three hours each) One international consultant to prepare a background paper x \$10,000 One consultant updating the webpage, collecting best practices for the webpage, to promote exchange of knowledge on sustainability x 4 months x \$6,000	34,000 10,000 24,000
EA2. Improved understanding among policy-makers at the city level of the UNECE tools for sustainable urban development by organizing effective communication on the Forum of Mayors	A2.1. Organisation of effective communication on the Forum of Mayors Videographer to produce a video with the overview of FoM, infographics for the event x 2.5 months x \$8,000 Communication consultant for drafting background documents, PR materials and a report x \$6,000 x 9 months Printing brochures, posters, etc UN Webcasting service	79,900 20,000 54,000 3,900 2,000
Subtotal		113,900
13% of Programme Support Costs		14,800
1% coordination levy		1,300
Total		130,000