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Extrabudgetary project

**Supporting the integration of geospatial and statistical data
across the UNECE region**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Supporting the integration of geospatial and statistical data across the UNECE region						
Expected timing/ duration: May 2022 - December 2023						
<p>Objective and brief summary of the project: The project objective is to foster stronger links between the statistical and geospatial communities across the UNECE region, facilitating greater collaboration and encouraging greater integration of geospatial and statistical information by promoting stronger institutional partnerships and the use of common standards. This will support the provision of geospatially-enabled data on progress towards Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. The project will include the following main activities: A1.1. The organization of a joint UNECE/Eurostat/UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop on Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Data, including financial support for delegates from Eastern / South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, focusing on the results so far of the activities undertaken under the project; A1.2. Support for delegates from Eastern / South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to attend meetings of the European Forum for Geography and Statistics (EFGS), to help to develop capacities in the integration of statistical and geospatial information in these countries; A2.1. A study describing of the main issues and obstacles hampering the further integration of geospatial and statistical data, as well as of the solutions proposed for overcoming them; A2.2. A study identifying domains where the greater integration of data is hampered by the lack of common standards, and priorities for standards harmonisation work; A3.1. Description and testing (or formal establishment) of sustainable cooperation mechanisms between the statistical and geospatial communities.</p>						
<p>Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased awareness of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia countries on the need for more integration of geospatial and statistical data; EA2. Increased understanding of the limitations of current geospatial and statistical data standards in the context of data integration; EA3. Improved collaboration between the geospatial and statistical communities, based on greater mutual awareness and understanding.</p>						
<p>Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries are Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The target group includes national statistical and geospatial agencies.</p>						
<p>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2022 “to advance official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians”. ECOSOC Resolution on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management (E/2016/27) which “requests the Secretary-General to try to mobilize additional resources, including through the means of trust funds and other sources, as appropriate” (para 12). Chair’s Summary of Discussions and Conclusions of the Conference of European Statisticians 68th Plenary Session (22-24 June 2020) (ECE/CES/99/Add.1) which called for “coordinated capacity development activities, e.g. on implementing international standards and promoting data integration” (para 16 (c)).</p>						
<p>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of RB/P5</p>						
<p>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Donor:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Amount:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">European Union</td> <td style="text-align: center;">150,000 EUR (170,000 USD)</td> </tr> </table>			Donor:	Amount:	European Union	150,000 EUR (170,000 USD)
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<p>Project Manager: Steven Vale 31.01.2022</p>	<p>Section/Division: Statistical Division</p>					
<p>Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron Chief, ai 31.01.2022</p>	<p>Approved by EXCOM¹</p>	<p>03.03.2022</p>				

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (EUR)
EA1. Increased awareness of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia countries on the need for more integration of geospatial and statistical data	A1.1. The organization of a joint UNECE / Eurostat / UN-GGIM: Europe Workshop on Integrating Statistical and Geospatial Data, including financial support for delegates from Eastern / South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, focusing on the results so far of the activities undertaken under the project Travel of participants x 22 x €1,800 Travel of staff 2 x €1,800	43,200 39,600 3,600
	A1.2. Support for delegates from Eastern / South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to attend meetings of the European Forum for Geography and Statistics (EFGS), to help to develop capacities in the integration of statistical and geospatial information in these countries Travel of participants x 4 x €1,800 Travel of staff x 2 x €1,800	10,800 7,200 3,600
EA2. Increased understanding of the limitations of current geospatial and statistical data standards in the context of data integration	A2.1. A study describing of the main issues and obstacles hampering the further integration of geospatial and statistical data, as well as of the solutions proposed for overcoming them International consultant x 120 days x €250/day Contractual services (translation)	30,500 30,000 500
	A2.2. A study identifying domains where the greater integration of data is hampered by the lack of common standards, and priorities for standards harmonisation work International consultant x 120 days x €250/day	30,000 30,000
EA3. Improved collaboration between the geospatial and statistical communities, based on greater mutual awareness and understanding	A3.1. Description and testing (or formal establishment) of sustainable cooperation mechanisms between the statistical and geospatial communities International consultant x 100 days x €250/day	25,000 25,000
Budget summary		139,500
7% of Programme Support Costs		10,500
Total		150,000