

**Decisions submitted to silence procedure following formal meeting with remote participation
of the fifteenth session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, 25-27 May 2022**

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1	ECE/CECI/PPP/2022/1	Decision 2022 – 1: The Committee adopted the agenda for its fifteenth session.
2	ECE/CECI/PPP/2022/1	Decision 2022 – 2: The Committee elected Mr. Mehmet Uzunkaya (Turkey) as vice-Chair for a two-year term. The Committee thanked Ms. Sedef Yavuz Noyan (Turkey) for her services as Chair and vice-Chair.
3	ECE/CECI/PPP/2022/1 Programme	Decision 2022 – 3: The Committee took note of the timely discussions under the substantive segment and invited the secretariat to make use of them in implementing the programme of work.
4	ECE/CECI/ICP/2021/2	Decision 2022 – 4a.1: The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the work of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies as described in the report of the Team’s 13 th session (ECE/CECI/ICP/2021/2) and welcomed the election of the Team’s new Bureau members.
	ECE/CECI/2022/3	Decision 2022 – 4a.2: The Committee endorsed the policy recommendations on “Leveraging Innovation for the Circular Economy” (ECE/CECI/2022/3) and requested the secretariat to electronically disseminate them and to make use of their conclusions in future capacity-building activities and policy advisory work, including in the context of the UNDA project “Accelerating the transition towards a Circular Economy in the ECE region”.
4	Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Uzbekistan	Decision 2022 – 4a.3: The Committee welcomed the recent publication of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Moldova and Uzbekistan, with recommendations that provide a solid basis for policy reforms and capacity building activities to support innovation for sustainable development. The Committee also welcomed the initiation of the national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews of Armenia and Ukraine.
4		Decision 2022 – 4a.4: The Committee welcomed innovation policy reforms undertaken in, inter alia, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, and Moldova; and encouraged the Governments of other member States which have undertaken ECE innovation reviews to provide the Committee with updates on progress with innovation policy reform as appropriate.
4	Business Incubators for Sustainable Development in the SPECA Sub-region	Decision 2022 – 4a.5: The Committee welcomed the progress made by the SPECA Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development in support of the SPECA Innovation for Sustainable Development Strategy, notably the Handbook on Business Incubators for Sustainable Development in the SPECA Sub-Region that was recently issued as an official UN publication. The Committee also welcomed the work on the two forthcoming UNECE policy handbooks on: Supporting

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		Innovative High-Growth Enterprises in the SPECA Sub-Region; and on New Innovation Policy for transition economies in the SPECA Sub-Region. The Committee requested that these two handbooks be issued as official UN publications.
4		Decision 2022 – 4a.6: The Committee welcomed the policy advisory and capacity-building work carried out by the Team of Specialists. In particular, the Committee welcomed the capacity building programme for Georgia, agreed with the government to follow-up on the recommendations on Innovation-enhancing Procurement of the Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia. Specifically, the Committee welcome the handbook on Innovation-enhancing Procurement for Georgia, which is being translated into Georgian, and the upcoming study tour for Georgian officials. The Committee also welcomed the agreement reached with Moldova for a capacity building programme on knowledge and technology transfer mechanisms, supporting efforts to put into practice a range of the recommendations made in the I4SD review of Moldova.
4		Decision 2022 – 4a.7: The Committee welcomed the progress made on the development of High-Level Principles on Innovation Policies for Sustainable Development.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/2	Decision 2022 – 4b.1: The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the work of the Working Party on PPPs and endorsed the report of its fifth session (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/2) held on 29-30 November 2021.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/2	Decision 2022 – 4b.2: Regarding the continued use of the name “People-first PPPs for the SDGs”, the Committee took note of the results of the informal consultations conducted with interested delegations on this matter since the fifth session of the Working Party in November 2021, and decided to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Change the name to “PPP for the SDGs”; and ii. Progressively reissue the documents endorsed and adopted by the Committee and the Working Party on PPPs to reflect i. above within the document quota allocated to the ECI subprogramme and without incurring additional costs. The Committee requested the secretariat to reissue three core documents ¹ within twelve months, and the rest of the documents within three years. The Committee requested the Bureau of the Working Party on PPPs to decide on which non-core documents should be prioritised during this period.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3	Decision 2022 – 4b.3: The Committee approved the PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3) and recommended its voluntary implementation by member States in its

¹ The three core documents are: Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs for the SDGs ([ECE/CECI/2019/5](#)); Introduction to People-first PPPs in support of the UN SDGs ([ECE/CECI/2019/6](#)); and the People-first PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs ([ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/3](#)).

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		self-assessment form. It also requested the secretariat to support its implementation through demand-driven capacity building and policy advisory services to UNECE member States.
4	ECE/CECI/2022/4	Decision 2022 – 4b.4: The Committee took note of the standard on PPP/Concession Model Law (ECE/CECI/2022/4) and requested the Bureau of the Working Party, without revisiting the document, to clarify issues related to the comments by the interested parties and stakeholders as well as issues related to the mandate for document ECE/CECI/2022/4. The Committee requested the Bureau to resubmit the document to the Working Party at its sixth session for decision in line with Decision 2022 – 4b.2. The Committee also decided that unless the document is endorsed by the Working Party at its sixth session, no further work shall be undertaken on this document. The Working Party will discuss and decide by December 2022 on proposals for a possible change of the name of the “model law” should this better clarify the purpose of this document.
4	ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1	Decision 2022 – 4b.5: The Committee took note of the Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on PPPs (ECE/CECI/WP/PPP/2021/5/Rev.1) and adopted the annexes contained therein.
4		Decision 2022 – 4b.6: The Committee took note of the status of the two PPP guidelines on circular economy under preparation and called on the secretariat to work closely with the Bureau of the Working Party in order to finalise these documents and submit them as official documents to the Working Party on PPPs.
4		Decision 2022 – 4b.7: The Committee welcomed the PPP policy advisory and capacity-building work carried out since its last session, in particular the sixth edition of the International PPP Forum in May 2022 addressing topical issues such as the transition to the circular economy, green PPP procurement, and digital transformation for sustainable development. The Committee expressed its appreciation to IESE Business School in Barcelona for hosting the Forum and to the Government of Spain and the Barcelona City Council for their support.
4		Decision 2022 – 4b.8: The Committee renewed the mandate of the Working Party for five years until 2027.
4		Decision 2022 – 4c.1: The Committee welcomed the contributions of the Working Party and the Team of Specialists to the second Forum of Mayors, including its side events. The Committee welcomed cooperation between the sub-programme’s two sections, with other UN (e.g. UNCTAD in the context of the 44 th regional course on key issues on the international economic agenda) and other agencies (such as WIPO, OECD, Barcelona City Council and IESE Business School).
4		Decision 2022 – 4c.2: The Committee thanked the donors whose funding greatly contributed to the Committee’s work on developing good practices and standards, analysing national policies, and

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		providing policy advice and capacity building for the implementation of policy reforms, that is the Governments of the Russian Federation and of Sweden. The Committee emphasized the importance of financial and in-kind contributions for the success of its capacity-building activities and policy advisory services. It invited member States and other donors to continue to provide support to its activities.
5	ECE/CECI/2022/INF.1 (as revised during the session – the revised version will be incorporated into Annex II of the Report of the Session)	Decision 2022 – 5.1: The Committee, noting ECE’s cross cutting themes on promoting circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources (69 th Commission Session) and digital and green transformations for sustainable development (forthcoming 70 th Commission Session), adopted the Intersessional Implementation Plan for the activities to be undertaken in 2022 and until the next session in 2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.1), as well as any additional modifications requested at the session. The Committee requested the final Intersessional Implementation Plan for 2022-2023 be annexed to the report of the fifteenth session of the Committee.
5		Decision 2022 – 5.2: The Committee welcomed the new extrabudgetary project funded by Germany approved by the ECE Executive Committee on “Reinforcing the innovation ecosystem in the UNECE region to promote innovation and digital technologies for sustainable development and for the circular economy transition”, in particular the establishment of the new ECE Transformative Innovation Network (ETIN).
5	ECE/CECI/2022/5 ECE/CECI/2022/INF.2	Decision 2022 – 5.3: The Committee took note of the document “Proposed programme plan for 2023 and programme performance for 2021 of the ECI subprogramme” (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.2) and adopted the Programme of Work of the ECI Subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/CECI/2022/5), including the proposed publications.
5		Decision 2022 – 5.4: The Committee requested that the secretariat follow up, subject to available resources, on the interest expressed by the Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan in policy advisory and capacity-building services on PPPs and innovation policies, including in support of the implementation of recommendations from Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and the Innovation Policy Outlook, and as part of the UNDA project “Accelerating the transition towards a Circular Economy in the ECE region”.
5	https://unece.org/eci/documents/2021/05/informal-documents/outline-key-components-programme-work-economic-cooperation	Decision 2022 – 5.5: The Committee requested that the secretariat follow up, subject to available extrabudgetary resources, on the interest expressed by the Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Conducting regular meetings of the IPO national focal points to exchange good policy practices and build government capacity to implement the IPO 2020 policy recommendations;

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		(ii) Participating in full-fledged IPO assessments in EESC countries at regular intervals of three-four years to enable countries to track their own policy progress, benchmark their performance vis-à-vis other EESC countries in a peer-learning context, and continue using the IPO as a tool to guide and measure effects of policy design and reform to build sustainable national innovation systems.
5	ECE/CECI/2022/INF.3	Decision 2022 – 5.6: The Committee agreed on the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2024” (ECE/CECI/2022/INF.3) without recommendations for changes.
6		Decision 2022 – 6: The Committee reaffirmed the benefits of cooperation and coordination with other ECE bodies and international organizations, including on the circular economy transition with the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards, on digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region in the run-up to the next session of the Economic Commission for Europe, and on capacity building with the UN Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development. The Committee invited its Bureau and the secretariat to continue to explore additional opportunities for collaboration with other ECE bodies and international organizations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
7	ECE/CECI/PPP/2022/1 https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/ECE_CECI_2021_1_Rev_1_2106576_E.pdf	Decision 2022 – 7: The Committee agreed that its sixteenth session would take place in Geneva in the second quarter of 2023, subject to confirmation of room availability and interpretation services.
8	E/ECE/1464	Decision 2022 – 8: The Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report of the session and distribute it to the Geneva Permanent Missions for subsequent approval by silence procedure in accordance with 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.