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Extrabudgetary project

**Improving the collection, processing and dissemination of information on forests
and sustainable forest management
in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title and project number: Improving the collection, processing and dissemination of information on forests and sustainable forest management in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		
Expected timing/duration: September – December 2022		
<p>Objective and brief summary of the project:</p> <p>The objective of the project is to strengthen the management of information on forests and sustainable forest management in the UNECE region, through the development of dedicated information systems, and supporting countries in their reporting efforts. The project will contribute to the improvement of the national reporting processes, the optimization of resources, an enhanced data completeness, data credibility, reliability and visibility. The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section has a long history of collecting, validating, and publishing information on forests and sustainable forest management (SFM) in the region. Since 2003, one of the key reporting processes in this area is the periodic Joint Pan-European Data Collection (JPEDC) on forests and SFM, led by UNECE, FAO, and Forest Europe, in cooperation with experts and national correspondents, and supported by other organizations. The results of the JPEDC serve as the main source of information on forests and SFM in the pan-European region. They enable regular analysis and reporting, including for the State of Europe’s Forests report prepared with the support of UNECE and FAO. Following the endorsement of the governing bodies, the 2025 cycle of the JPEDC will be carried out in a cooperative way, and in coordination with the data collection process for the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025. The convergence of the next cycles of the pan-European and global reporting provides a most convenient opportunity to substantially improve and further integrate the data collection processes. It allows also to build on experience and established networks of secretariats, experts, and national correspondents, to develop an advanced integrated joint data collection system. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Preparation of the concept and design of the data collection interface (including review of reporting guidelines, logical check, and consultations with national counterparts);</p> <p>A1.2. Development of the data collection interface (compatible with FAO’s Forest Resources Assessment).</p>		
Expected results of the project:		
EA1. Improved forest information system for pan-European reporting on forests and sustainable forest management		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project:		
Beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States. The target audience is senior government officials from relevant ministries, national experts, representatives of the private sector, civil society, academia, and the public at large.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:		
<p>The project directly contributes to the objective of Subprogramme 7 “Forests and the forest industry” of the UNECE program budget for 2022 “to strengthen the sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region”.</p> <p>The project will be in line with the requirement of the 2022-2025 Integrated Programme of Work on Forests of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission, adopted on 25 November 2021, stating that related work is “expected to improve the quality of information, ensure international compatibility, provide data storage, dissemination, and analysis of the information, and assist member States and regional economic integration organizations in strengthening their capacity in these areas” (ECE/TIM/2021/2, FO:EFC/2021/2 Annex II, paragraph 14b).</p>		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):		
1 month of P4/RB, 1 month of G7/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
	Donors	Amount (USD)
	Switzerland	40,000
	Sweden	30,000
	Total	70,000
Project Manager: Roman Michalak	13.06.2022	Section/Division: Forestry and Timber Section Forests, Land and Housing Division
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron	13.06.2022	Approved by EXCOM¹ 08.07.2022

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 (USD)
EA1. Improved forest information system for pan-European reporting on forests and sustainable forest management	A1.1. Preparation of the concept and design of the data collection interface (including review of reporting guidelines, logical check, and consultations with national counterparts) 1 international consultant to develop the concept and design of the interface (1 consultant x \$14,900) Staff support/ P1 level to organize the process, review of reporting guidelines, logical checks, and lead consultations with stakeholders of the process x 1 month x \$11,000 Travel of staff/ 2 missions x \$1,000 Travel of consultant 2 mission x \$1,000	29,900 14,900 11,000 2,000 2,000
	A1.2. Development of the data collection interface (compatible with FAO's Forest Resources Assessment) 2 international consultants to develop the draft version of the interface (2 consultants x \$10,500) Staff support/ P1 level to organize the process, prepare content of the questionnaire, and lead consultations among stakeholders x 1 month x \$11,000	32,000 21,000 11,000
Budget summary		61,900
13% of Programme Support Costs		8,100
Total		70,000