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Consideration of in-kind contributions

Summary

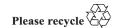
This note replicates document ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2021/INF.11 prepared earlier by the Bureau with support from the secretariat further to the request by the Meetings of the Parties at their last sessions (Vilnius, online, 8–10 December 2020) that the Bureau develop a system "to recognize in-kind contributions in a proper manner within a financial scheme". The document contains background information and the Bureau's initial reflections from its last meeting (16–17 June 2021). It lists issues on which the Bureau sought a clarification from the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment to proceed with its deliberations on the matter.

The document was submitted for consideration of the Working Group at its tenth meeting (Geneva, 1–3 December 2021). At that meeting, the Working Group:

- (a) Reiterated that in-kind contributions were useful additional means to support the implementation of the workplans, but that they would not replace financial contributions to the trust fund, in particular when secretariat support or any other trust fund expenditure was required to supplement in-kind contributions;
- (b) Took note of the Bureau's view that only Parties or stakeholders themselves could indicate the monetary values of their own in-kind contributions, and that they should be invited do so in United States dollars, well in advance of the adoption of the workplans, with the understanding that said information would remain unverified and be reported separately in the financial reports.

The Working Group only noted the Bureau's questions for clarification regarding the "proper" reflection of in-kind contributions but provided no comments nor the requested clarifications. Instead, the Working Group agreed to consider the document from the Bureau again at its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 19–22 December 2022).

The Bureau is invited to review its document again prior to its submission to the Working Group at its forthcoming meeting, and, as needed, make any adjustments or updates to it



I. Background

- 1. Further to the proposal by the European Union and its Member States, the Meetings of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment at their last sessions (Vilnius, online, 8–10 December 2020) requested the Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, to develop a system "to recognize in-kind contributions in a proper manner within the financial scheme". The "proper manner" was not specified. The requested work was to be delivered for consideration of the Meetings of the Parties at their next sessions, scheduled for December 2023. The present document outlines the outcomes of the Bureau's initial deliberations on the matter at its meeting held online on 16 and 17 June 2021.²
- 2. Over the years, through decisions on budget and financial arrangements by the Meetings of the Parties, Parties to the Convention and the Protocol and stakeholders have consistently been encouraged to provide in-kind contributions as a valuable additional means to implement the workplan activities, in addition to contributing extrabudgetary funds to the trust fund under the two treaties.³
- 3. The financial strategy adopted by the Meetings of the Parties in 2014⁴ provided the following examples of what in-kind contributions may consist of:
- (a) Covering the cost of services linked to workplan activities (provision of expertise, organization of a meeting, publication of results, etc.);
- (b) Funding directly the participation of representatives of countries with economies in transition and the secretariat, rather than through contributions to the trust fund;
- (c) Providing financial support for representatives of States outside the ECE region that they wished to participate in activities or meetings;
- (d) Provision of leadership and expertise within the subsidiary bodies under the Convention and the Protocol, (e.g. as Chairs or members of official treaty bodies (elected officials) or of ad hoc bodies (ad hoc working groups, task forces, editorial groups etc.)).
- 4. The past workplans and budgets have referred to a variety of in-kind contributions over the years, which have typically constituted "services in-kind," ⁵ for example for the provision of technical assistance, exchange of good practice, informal translations, preparation of guidance materials. Such contributions have involved consultancy costs, costs associated with logistical arrangements for workshops and conferences and costs related to translation of documents or interpretation at meetings listed in the workplan. Another particularly significant example of a past in-kind contribution has been the sponsoring by Finland of a junior professional officer to UNECE to support the work of the secretariat for 3 years (2011–2014).

Practice this far

- 5. The longstanding stablished practice under the Convention and its Protocol has been to prominently acknowledge the in-kind contributions provided, as follows:
- (a) Through the annual financial reports (where in-kind contributions are described both in the body of the text and in corresponding tables);⁶

¹ Decision VIII/2–IV/2, para. 12, ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1.

² See also informal notes of the meeting of the Bureau, paras. 19–23, available at: https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/bureau-espoo-convention.

Decision VII/4-III/4, para. 14, ECE/MP.EIA/23/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7/Add.1; Decision VIII/1-IV/1, para. 14, ECE/MP.EIA/30/Add.1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/13/Add.1.

⁴ Decision VI/4-II/4, para. 8., ECE/MP.EIA/20.Add.3-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4.Add.3, annex

^{5 &}quot;Services in kind" are services provided to the United Nations in a non-exchange transaction. See "United Nations Corporate Guidance for International Public Sector Accounting Standards", Funding Arrangements, p.

⁶ See the extract from the draft financial report for 2017 – 2020 ECE/MP.EIA/2020/2– ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/2, para. 23 in annex to the present document.

- (b) Referring to them at every meeting of the Bureau, the Working Group and the Meetings of the Parties;
- (c) Recording them in the meeting reports of the Bureau, the Working Group and the Meetings of the Parties.
- 6. Since 2013, the funding that the secretariat channelled through large projects (such as the European Union funded programmes EaP GREEN (2013–2018) and EU4Environment (2019–2022)), administered through separate trust funds, has required a separate detailed financial and narrative reporting to the donor. Consequently, to avoid double reporting, the financial reports under the Convention and the Protocol no longer indicate all the details of the related transactions but describe the activities in question, the total amounts of the project funding, and provide links to available further information.⁷
- 7. As a rule, the in-kind and project funded contributions that are not transferred to the trust fund under the Convention and the Protocol to finance the budget adopted by the Parties, have always been presented in the financial reports separately, after the trust fund balance in the reporting period, in tables summarizing the corresponding income and expenditure. In-kind contributions have been mostly valued according to the budget/workplan resource requirements indicated by the Meeting of the Parties or based on estimated amounts provided by the contributing Parties/organizations.⁸
- 8. Previously, the workplans contained an extensive list of activities that countries had expressed a wish for, indicating also estimated resource requirements for such activities, independently whether any resources had yet been identified for their implementation. In contrast, in 2017, the Meetings of the Parties decided that workplans should consist only of activities for which funding has been identified in advance (or else the activities should be listed in a waiting list)⁹.
- 9. The intersessional period 2017–2020 was characterized by substantial in-kind contributions made by numerous Parties, in particular for the preparation of the Guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants: During three years, several Parties, in particular Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as Co-Chairs of the ad hoc group, but also many other Parties, as members of that group, spent time, effort and funds in travelling to meetings and in contributing to the elaboration of the draft guidance. Several Parties also hosted and organized meetings, which, in 2017–2020, were held in Luxembourg; Brussels; Berlin; London; Lisbon; Rotterdam; and Vienna, covering the organizational costs of the meetings. In addition, Germany hired a consultant to support the drafting of the guidance and translated the draft guidance into Russian in advance of a meeting of the Working Group in 2020.
- 10. The budget and the workplan for 2017–2020 as agreed by the Meetings of the Parties did not, however, indicate any estimated monetary values for the foreseen or possible in-kind contribution, including as regards the development of draft guidance documents by volunteering Parties, nor did any of the contributing Parties subsequently inform the secretariat of the related costs/budgetary figures. In absence of such information, the financial report for 2017–2020 recorded all the in-kind contributions and indicted that their monetary value was not known. The same would hold true for the present workplan for 2021–2023.

See in annex of the present document, an extract from the draft financial report for 2017 – 2020, para.
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⁸ See extracts from the financial reports: ECE/MP.EIA/2011/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2011/1 ECE/MP.EIA/2014/1–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/1, table A.7; available from: http://staging2.unece.org.net4all.ch/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/EIA/MOP/ECE.MP.EIA.20 14.1%E2%88%92ECE.MP.EIA.SEA.2014.1_E.pdf ECE/MP.EIA/2017/3 ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2017/3, table A.7. Available from http://staging2.unece.org.net4all.ch/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2017/EIA/MOP7/28_04_17__ece mp.eia 2017 3 ece mp.eia sea 2017 3 eng.pdf;

⁹ In 2020, some Parties (the delegation of the EU) had initial reservations towards the inclusion of wishlisted activities.

II. Issues for consideration by the Working Group

- 11. The Bureau deliberated on several issues in relation to the requested "proper" recognition of in-kind contributions "within a financial scheme". It observed that the request as it was formulated lacked clarity and that further explanations and guidance from the Working Group would be useful to allow the Bureau to consider the matter further and be able to properly address it. The Bureau considered that the in-kind contributions under the Convention and the Protocol were already prominently recognized (see para. 5 above). It therefore invited the Working Group to clarify whether the request advocated for a better and more systematic determination of monetary values of in-kind contributions. Based on that assumption, the Bureau considered the issue of "monetarization" of in-kind contributions more in depth and raised several questions in that regard.
- 12. The Bureau invited the Working Group to provide feedback and clarifications, including as regards the following issues and questions:
- (a) The determination of specific monetary values for in-kind contributions. As the Meetings of the Parties have decided that the workplans that they adopt should be matched with corresponding funding, a Party that commits to providing in-kind services for the implementation of a workplan activity would need to indicate this well in advance and provide an estimated value for that service to be recorded in the workplan (under "resource requirements"). Upon the implementation of the activity, that Party should also report on the actual value of the service provided, for that expenditure to be more accurately recorded in the financial reports, and not only reflecting an initial estimate ¹⁰. For the purposes of the financial report, any expenditure figures should be provided to the secretariat in United States' Dollars. The secretariat would fully rely only on the information provided by the contributing Parties or stakeholders without a possibility to verify the expenditures regarding funds not administered by it;
- (b) Identifying the types of in-kind contributions to be "monetarized". The Bureau considered that systematically "monetarizing" all in-kind contributions would not be feasible. While calculating the costs for the organization of a meeting or a workshop would not be difficult, other in-kind contributions would be more challenging. In particular, determining the monetary value of individual Parties' officials in-kind inputs to the work of the formal or ad hoc treaty bodies, (through calculating the number of days spent and the corresponding daily fees of the officers, in US dollars) would be too challenging to collect and to compare, taking into account the differences in national salary levels and currencies of Parties and stakeholders across the UNECE region. The current staff resources of the secretariat would clearly not be sufficient for the additional work to liaise with the concerned Parties and stakeholders to collect and to assemble the data, and to convert costs into USD;
- (c) Factoring in funds for the secretariat resources needed to supplement in-kind contributions. The Bureau underscored that no matter how useful the in-kind contributions were, the budget deficit in the trust fund and the resource constraints of the secretariat remained acute problems. The workplan activities that were delivered through in-kind contributions had also needed to be backed up by a varying extent of secretariat support and often also required travel funds for the secretariat but without any additional funding or secretariat resources provided for that purpose. For example, the preparation of the guidance on the lifetime-extension of nuclear power plants, referred to above, demanded also considerable secretariat resources, for servicing and contributing to the work, travelling to meetings and organizing multiple online meetings. That effort overlapped with the peakworkload period for the secretariat for the organization of the sessions of the Meetings of the Parties in 2019 and in 2020, and preceding meetings of the Bureau, Working Group and the Implementation Committee in 2017–2020. Consequently, the Working Group was invited to acknowledge that any system for reflecting in-kind contributions would also need to factor in and ensure the availability of sufficient funds in the trust fund for the required secretariat

See for example decision VI/3–II/3 on the adoption of 2011-2014 workplan annex where in may instances the costs of the in-kind contributions are estimated in some instances, and Report on the budget and financial arrangements in the 2011-2014 inter-sessional period, paras.13, 17, 20, tables 2, and A.7.).

support or any other expenditure needed from the trust fund (e.g. travel of participants funded from the trust fund);

- (d) The determination of a possible minimum value for in-kind contributions to be reflected in the financial reports. In the past, in-kind contributions, including those of estimated value of below USD 5,000 have been summarized in the financial reports. From the financial and accounting perspective, the "United Nations Corporate Guidance for International Public Sector Accounting Standards" specify that [t]he United Nations does not recognize services in kind. However, the disclosure to the financial statements should include information about services in kind with a value above USD 20,000.¹¹ The Bureau considered it useful to establish possible thresholds/ minimum values for the acknowledgement of in-kind contributions (e.g. organizing a meeting vs. delivering a presentation at a meeting);
- 13. Lastly, the Bureau again strongly recommended its members and other Parties to consider the possibilities of their countries to sponsor a junior professional officer to assist the secretariat in servicing the two treaties, following the example of Finland that had financed a staff member for the secretariat in 2011–2014.

The "United Nations Corporate Guidance for International Public Sector Accounting Standards" specify that [t]he United Nations does not recognize services in kind. However, the disclosure of the nature and type of services in kind received during the reporting period is required if they are material. The disclosure to the financial statements should include information about services in kind with a value above USD 20,000 for Volumes I and II (USD 5,000 for other United Nations reporting entities), per discrete contribution, measured at fair value. The recommended classes of 'services in kind' for note disclosures are: a) Technical assistance/expert services; b) Administrative support; c) Participation in training; d) Other services in kind."

Annex I

Extracts from the financial reports under the Convention and the Protocol

2017-2020

Source: ECE/MP.EIA/2020/2-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/2

- 22. Parties and partner organizations also undertook or financed the following activities by providing in-kind contributions (table A.7):
- (a) Subregional cooperation meetings: A session on implementation of the Convention, the Protocol and the Bucharest Agreement in the South-Eastern Europe subregion, co-organized by Romania and the secretariat during a regional conference on environmental impact assessment hosted by Croatia (Vodice, Croatia, 14 and 15 September 2017);
- Preparation of draft guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants by an ad hoc working group co-chaired by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and including nominated experts from: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union (represented by Directorate Generals for Energy and for the Environment of the European Commission). The work was supported by the secretariat. The ad hoc group held eight meetings (Luxembourg, 27-28 November 2017, Brussels, 20-21 February and Berlin, 20-21 June 2018; London, 2-3 October 2018; Geneva, 25-26 March 2019; Lisbon, 3–4 June 2019; Rotterdam, 8–9 October 2020; and Vienna, 3–4 December 2019). In 2020, due to COVID-19, three further meetings were cancelled, and work continued via written procedure, one-to-one discussions with the experts and on-line meetings (seven meetings were held in May and June and further seven meetings in September and October 2020). In addition, the co-chairs held regular consultation meetings with NGOs in Brussels, Bonn and on-line. Germany also translated into Russian the draft guidance for consideration of the Working Group in August 2020;
- (c) Stakeholder workshops on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants co-organized by Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with support from the secretariat (Geneva, 28 May 2018) during the seventh meeting of the Working Group, with additional Russian interpretation financed by the Netherlands; and hosted by Austria, in Vienna on 2 December 2019;
- (d) Workshop on the environmental and health impacts of the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants organized by International Association of Impact Assessment in Lisbon, on 5 June 2019, with support from the secretariat;
- (e) Preparation of guidance on assessing health impacts in strategic environmental assessment developed by consultants funded by the European Investment Bank, in collaboration with ECE, the World Health Organization (WHO) based on terms of reference agreed by the Working Group in May 2018, with inputs from a task force composed of representatives of Austria, Finland, Ireland and Slovenia and in consultation with the Bureau and the Working Group in 2019;
- (f) Preparation of a strategy and an action plan for the Convention and the Protocol through three informal meetings of Parties and support from the secretariat: the first two informal meetings were co-chaired by Austria and the Netherlands (London, 1 October 2018 and Rotterdam, 7 October, 2019); and the last one by the Netherlands and Poland (Warsaw, 23 and 24 January 2020);
 - (g) Informal translation by WWF Russia of FasTips;

- (h) Informal translation by Canada of Parties' responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention and the Protocol during the period 2016–2018 from original French into English.
- 23. Information on outcomes of the activities implemented by the secretariat and partner organizations with project funding is provided in the summary report on the implementation of technical assistance and capacity building in the period from June 2017–September 2020 (ECE/MP.EIA/2020/6–ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/6). The paragraph 13 above indicates the total amounts of the available project funding by European Union targeting East Europe and the Caucasus and Kazakhstan; and by Germany with co-funding from ECE and OSCE targeting Central Asia. Details on the use of the project funds are reported on separately to the donors and not covered in the present financial report.
- 13. In addition, in the reporting period, a substantial amount of project funding, raised by the secretariat, was available to finance the implementation by the secretariat of technical assistance and capacity building activities included in or related to the workplan. The project funds were managed separately from the Parties' contributions to the trust fund and details on their use reported on separately to the donor. Therefore, the project funding is not covered in the present financial report. The available project funding included the following:
- (a) Funding from the European Union under the Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Partnership (EaP GREEN) programme totalling €163,000 or \$195,913;¹²
- (b) Funding from the European Union for technical assistance on strategic environmental assessment to Kazakhstan for the period 2016–2018 ("Supporting Kazakhstan's Transition to a Green Economy Model") totalling \$164,000;
- (c) Funding from the European Union under the EU4 Environment programme¹³ totalling \$1,451,153 (the first tranche received in April 2019 amounted to \$569,720 and the second from July 2020 to \$881,433);¹⁴
- (d) Funding from Germany of €164,375 or some \$189,250 for reviewing the national legislation of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan vis-à-vis the Protocol and for drafting primary and secondary legislation on environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment;
- (e) The project of ECE and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe "Strengthening national and regional capacities and cooperation on strategic environmental assessment in Central Asia, including as a response to climate change" was put together to strengthen capacities of the five Central Asian Republics in the application of strategic environmental assessment and to enhance regional cooperation addressing transboundary environmental challenges with funding mainly from Germany with cofunding from OSCE and ECE (in total €214,888 or some \$258,000). (The implementation will continue in 2021).

The EaP GREEN programme extended from January 2013 until the end of April 2018. The total funding for the activities implemented by ECE during that period was €2,108,544 or some \$2,608,378.

The European Union funded large regional programme "EU4Environment" is implemented in 2019–2022 by ECE and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the World Bank, with a total European Union funding of \$19.5 million. It builds on the previous European Union programmes, such as EaP GREEN.

¹⁴ The total budget of the component implemented by ECE for the four-year period is \$2,579,670.

Source: ECE/MP.EIA/2011/1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2011/1

Table 1 Income and expenditure (in United States dollars)

			Amount by prio	rity	
		1	2	3	Total
(a)	Contributions made to the trust fund, with non- earmarked contributions being allocated first to priority 1 activities (from tables A.1 and A.2)	962 551	9 000	0	971 551
(b)	Funds for carried-over activities (see para. 7)	0	53 869	0	53 869
(c)	Total income to the trust fund in the period ((a)+(b))	962 551	62 869	0	1 025 420
(d)	Expenditure from the trust fund for budgeted workplan activities (from tables A.3, A.4 and A.5)	686 856	88 681	0	775 537
(e)	13% United Nations programme support costs	89 291	11 529	0	100 820
(f)	Trust fund balance: income less expenditure in the period ((c)-(d)-(e))	186 404	-37 340	0	149 063
(g)	In-kind contributions made, valued according to the budgeted activity cost (from table A.6)	30 000	321 255	0	351 255

Table A.6
In-kind contributions made
(in United States dollars)

Index	Activity	Priorit y	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
9	Informal translations of informal papers for meetings listed above	2	Translation into Russian of informal papers for MOP-5	Spring 2011	Switzerland	5 000	
12.3.3	Complianc e with and implement ation of the Convention	1	Azerbaijan technical assistance for country- specific performanc e review		Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC), with funding from Finland	30 000	Expected to begin in May 2011
13.1.1	Subregiona l cooperatio n and capacity-building	2	Subregional meetings	3 Dec. 2010	Belarus, ENVSEC (Canada)	20 000	Final conference on pilot project in Belarus (see below)
13.1.2				25–27 Mar. 2009	Switzerland	20 000	Subregional workshop (Central Asia), presenting results of

Index	Activity	Priorit y	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
							Kazakhstan- Kyrgyzstan pilot project(s), Bishkek
13.1.3				22–23 Jul. 2010	Tajikistan and the German International Cooperation Agency, GIZ	20 000	2-day national seminar on legal implementation of the Convention, Dushanbe
13.1.4				May 2011	ENVSEC, with funding from Finland	20 000	Workshop for the Caucasus subregion expected to be held in Tbilisi in May 2011
13.1.5				1 Nov. 2010	Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, with support of Netherlands	20 000	Seminar on EIA of a very large energy project in the Black Sea area
13.1.6				17–19 Nov. 2008	Bulgaria, and workshop participants	20 000	South-Eastern Europe subregion — Meeting, on the relationship between EIA and SEA, Koprivshtitsa (Bulgaria)
13.1.7				22–23 Oct. 2009	Sweden, and workshop participants	20 000	Baltic Sea subregion — workshop, Vilnius
13.1.8				31 Mar.–1 Apr. 2011	Lead countries, workshop participants	20 000	Baltic Sea subregion — workshop, Espoo (Finland)
13.2.1			Pilot projects	2009– 2010	Belarus, ENVSEC, with funding from Canada	50 000	Pilot project on Neman River hydropower plant. Start-up workshop in June 2009, mid-term workshop in November 2010, and final conference in December 2010 (actual cost substantially higher)
13.2.2				2006– 2009	Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and OSCE, under ENVSEC, with funding from Norway	50 000	Pilot project for Andash gold-copper mine in Kyrgyzstan.

Index	Activity	Priorit y	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
14.2.1	Exchange of good practices	2	One-day seminars	17 May 2010	Armenia	0	Legislation and procedures. Organized by secretariat within a half-day.
14.3.1			Half-day seminars	12 May 2009	European Commission	5 000	Large-scale projects
14.3.2				24 Nov. 2010	Austria	2 845	Climate change, EIA and SEA, with two speakers supported by trust fund
15.1.1	Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol	2	National awareness- raising workshops	9 Jun. 2010	Slovenia	3 000	Neighbouring States invited but did not participate
				28 Mar1 Apr. 2011	GIZ (Germany)	3 000	Held in Almaty (Kazakhstan), organized by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, for all five Central Asian States. Nominal value according to budget is shown, but actual cost exceeded \$50,000.
15.2			Subregional training workshop for countries of South- Eastern Europe	22–26 Sept. 2008	United Nations Development Programme	30 000	Held in Prague by United Nations Development Programme, with support from the Czech Trust Fund
16	Subregiona l cooperatio n	2	Workshop in Tunis	20–21 Apr. 2010	Tunisia	12 410	Subregional workshop, Tunis, financing of eligible participants via trust fund (Italy), with other arrangements by host Government
	Total					351 255	

^a Value is that indicated in the current budget (decision IV/8).

Source: ECE/MP.EIA/2014/1-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2014/1

Table A.7 In-kind contributions made (in United States dollars)

Activity	Priority	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
Promotional	3	Side event during the Astana EfE Ministerial Conference	21–23 September 2011	Switzerland	2 000	Financial support for speaker
Subregional cooperation and capacity- building	3	Fifth seminar on cooperation on the Espoo Convention in the Baltic Sea subregion, Sopot, Poland	27–28 October 2011	Poland	20 000	
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol	2	Workshop to strengthen capacity for the development of EIA and SEA systems in Uzbekistan; sharing experiences with other countries in particular for the implementation of the Protocol, Tashkent	9–12 November 2011	GIZ and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Uzbekistan	15 000	Trainer fees and travel covered by GIZ, local costs by UNDP
Subregional cooperation and capacity- building	3	Sixth seminar on cooperation on the Espoo Convention in the Baltic Sea subregion, Tallinn	20–21 September 2012	Estonia	20 000	
Compliance with and implementation of the Convention	3	Technical advice to Belarus on improving legislation to implement the Protocol	2013	ENVSEC, with funding from Sweden	25 000	National round table consultation meeting held in September 2013 to discuss the preliminary results of the legal review.
Subregional cooperation and capacity- building	3	Pilot project on post-project analysis with Belarus and Ukraine.	2013–2014	ENVSEC, with funding from Sweden	100 000	Start-up workshop in April 2013, three meetings of the bilateral working group on monitoring, one meeting of the task force in 2013

Activity	Priority	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
						and one workshop on public participation in February 2014.
Subregional cooperation and capacity-building	3	Subregional meetings	15–16 April 2014	ENVSEC, with funding from Sweden and EaP GREEN	45 000	Subregional conference to disseminate results of EIA pilot in Belarus and Ukraine and capacity-building activities in the Eastern Europe and Caucasus region.
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	3	Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol in Belarus	October 2013	ENVSEC, with funding from Sweden	60 000	Three local level training workshops in Brest, Gomel and Grodno.
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	3	Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol in Ukraine	1–4 October 2013	EaP GREEN	34 000	Four-day national level training workshop.
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	3	Workshops, including training, on the application of the Protocol in Armenia	26–29 November 2013	EaP GREEN	22 000	Four-day national level training workshop.
Promoting ratification and application of the Protocol on SEA	3	Development of legislation on SEA	2014	EaP GREEN	15 000	Financial support for speaker
Total					358 000	

 $^{^{}a}$ Values for priority 3 activities not indicated in the current budget (decision V/10) are purely indicative. For ENVSEC and EaP GREEN, the figures are based on the project budget.

Extract from the Report on the budget and financial arrangements 2017-2020 (ECE/MP.EIA/2020/2 ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2020/2)

Table A.7 In-kind contributions made (in United States dollars)

Activity	Priority	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Value ^a	Notes
Sub- regional cooperati on	3	Session on implementation of the Convention, the Protocol and the Bucharest Agreement in the South-Eastern Europe subregion	14–15 September 2017, Vodice, Croatia	Croatia	Unknown	Co-organized by Romania and the secretariat during a regional conference on EIA
	3	Preparation of guidance on the applicability of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants by an ad hoc working group led by Germany and the UK, including preparatory meetings hosted by the Co-Chairs and the members of the group and Co-Chairs' consultations with NGOs	8 meetings in 2017– 2020 (in Luxem- bourg; Brussels; Geneva; Berlin; London; Lisbon; Rotterdam; Vienna.	Germany and United Kingdom , Europea n Commiss ion (DG Energy and Environ ment), Portugal, Netherla nds, Austria	Unknown	Ad hoc working group led + co-chaired by Germany and United Kingdom with nominated experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechia, France, Finland, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine, and the European Commission (Energy and Environment DGs)
	3	Workshop on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants (+ additional hour of Russian interpretation paid by the Netherlands)	28-29 May 2018, Geneva	Germany , the UK, (interpret ation costs: Netherla nds)	Unknown	Workshop co- organized by Germany and the United Kingdom, with support from the secretariat
	3	International Workshop on the application of the Convention to the lifetime extension of nuclear power plants	5 June 2019, Lisbon	IAIA	Unknown	Workshop organized by IAIA with secretariat support
	3	Informal Translation of IAIA FastTips		WWF Russia	Unknown	
Total		-			-	

^a Values for activities not indicated in the current budget (decision VII/4-III/4) and are unknown.

Annex 3

Suggestions for reflecting the in-kind contributions of Parties to the work of the implementation Committee

Activity	Priority	Sub-activity	Date	Source	Valuea	Notes
Meetings of the Implementation Committee (3 sessions of 4 days per year for 3 years, plus up to 4 days of possible online meetings in between the scheduled sessions per year Total for 2021-2023 intersessional period 9 session of 4 days + up to 12 days for possible online	1	Preparation to the Committee sessions by the Committee Members Participation of the Committee Members in the Committee sessions Follow-up to the Committee's sessions	Dates of the	Austria Azerbaijan Finland Germany Hungary Luxembourg Portugal Slovakia Sweden	Unknown Or to be requested from the Parties and them recalculated in USD taking into account purchasing power index.	Up to 5 days per session per member 4 days per session per member + 1 day for travel Up to 1 day per session per member and up to 3 days for the Chair of the Committee
meeting)		Participation in on-line meeting in between the official sessions of the Committee				Up to 4 days per year per member Up to 6 days per year for the Chair Total per year Up to 37 days per year per member Up to 45 days per year for the Chair
						Total for 2021- 2023 intersessional period up to 1025 working days for 9 members of the Committee