

Report by the Chair of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP)

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Strategic objective of the Committee



“To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment for sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness”

Forum for Policy Dialogue

- Identify relevant policy issues and develop best practices/standards/guiding principles

Policy Assessments

- National assessments on request and tailored policy recommendations

Technical Cooperation

- Targeted capacity-building activities to facilitate implementation of recommendations and standards

Committee structure



Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

Chairperson: Stefano Firpo (Italy)



Subsidiary Body

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships



Subsidiary Body

Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

Achievements since previous session: Innovation and Competitiveness



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Policy Dialogues

- Good practices on Leveraging Innovation for the Circular Economy adopted by CICPPP
- 4 regional and sub-regional policy dialogues on selected innovation policy topics

Policy Assessments

- Specific recommendations for innovation policy reforms in the Republic of Moldova (16) and in Uzbekistan (14)

Country Support

- Georgia – Increased capacity of the national procurement and innovation agencies for innovation-enhancing procurement
- Republic of Moldova – Roadmap on technology transfer and diaspora engagement in innovation close to being finalized
- Kyrgyzstan – Roadmap for developing the innovation ecosystem finalized

SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development

- Action Plan for the Implementation of the SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development adopted by the SPECA Governing Council
- Increased capacity in SPECA region for supporting high-growth innovative enterprises

Policy Handbooks

- Innovation-enhancing Procurement for Georgia
- Supporting Innovative High-Growth Enterprises in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus
- Business Incubators for Sustainable Development in the SPECA Sub-Region

Achievements since previous session: PPPs



Evaluation Methodology

- PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs to score infrastructure projects against the PPP for the SDGs criteria launched and endorsed by CICPPP.

Guidelines and Model Law

- Guidelines on PPPs for the SDGs in Waste-to-Energy Projects for Non-Recyclable Waste: Pathways towards a Circular Economy close to being finalized
- Progress on PPP/Concession Model Law

Policy Advice and Capacity Building

- Increased capacity of policy makers and PPP units in Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to manage PPP projects for the SDGs

Sixth International PPP Forum

- Policy dialogue and exchanges of experience on the role of PPPs for the SDGs in Delivering Sustainable Infrastructure to Accelerate the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Case Studies on PPPs for the SDGs

- Expanded evidence base on PPP projects for the SDGs; 200 case studies collected so far

Way forward



Activities planned for 2022-2023: Innovation and Competitiveness



Policy Dialogues

- Launch the UNECE Transformative Innovation Network of innovation agencies, policy makers and experts
- Hold dialogues Green and digital transformations; mission-oriented innovation policy
- Further develop Principles on Innovation Policy for Sustainable Development

Policy Assessments

- Complete and launch I4SD Reviews of Armenia and Ukraine
- Complete and launch an Interim IPO for Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus

Technical Cooperation

- Deliver capacity building in follow-up to the I4SDRs of Moldova and Uzbekistan
- Deliver sub-regional and national capacity building to implement the SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development
- Complete and launch handbooks on “Supporting High-Growth Innovative Enterprises in the SPECA Region” and “Innovation Policy for Transition Economies”

Fundraising

- Raise XB funds to respond to member State requests, e.g. for an IPO for countries in Central Asia and the Western Balkans; national I4SDRs; capacity building work

Major activities planned for 2022-2023: PPPs



Evaluation Methodology

- Support Governments in self-assessing their PPP projects using the PPP Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs

Guidelines and Model Law

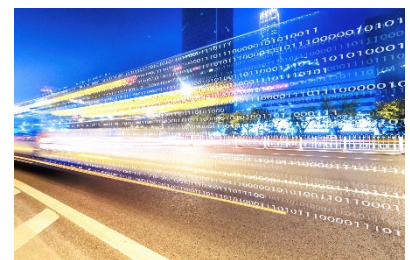
- Finalise Guidelines on promoting Circular Economy in PPPs for the SDGs
- Develop guidelines on PPPs for the SDGs and digital transformation, sustainable and green PPP procurement, and other focus areas as agreed by the CICPPP
- Finalise work on PPP/Concession Model Law

Policy Advice and Capacity Building

- Deliver national, regional, and sub-regional activities in a number of countries

Case Studies on PPPs for the SDGs

- Continue campaign to collect 500 case studies on PPPs for the SDGs



Cooperation with other UNECE bodies & international organizations



- Contributions to the 70th session of ECE on Green & Digital Transformations and to the 2023 European Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- For IPO and I4SD review, continued and growing partnership with, e.g. **WIPO**, **EC (JRC, H2020)**, **OECD**, **IOM**, **UNRCO** offices and **UNDP**
- Cooperation with **ESCAP** in framework SPECA (e.g. Action Plan of SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development)
- Cooperation with the UN: **UN Inter-Agency Task Team on Science Technology and Innovation**
- Cooperation with other four **Regional Commissions**, **UN DESA**, and **UNCTAD** in a capacity building project to promote effective partnerships between the public and private sector in countries
- Cooperation with **UNDP**, **WHO**, **UNICEF** and **UNRCO** in Ukraine on capacity building for public officials in Ukraine to develop and implement People-first PPPs in support of SDGs
- Cooperation with the **Secretariat of the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly**, to promote international legal PPP best practices in the CIS region



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The Executive Committee is invited to...

Approve

(a) the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2023, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2022/5; and

(b) the renewal of the mandate of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, for 2023–2027.

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Thank you!

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