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Extrabudgetary project

Building capacities of UNECE member States for integrated urban planning and accelerating achieving urban related SDGs through exchange of best practices and developing an online Toolbox

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

Project title: Building capacities of UNECE member States for integrated urban planning and accelerating achieving urban related SDGs through exchange of best practices and developing an online Toolbox

Expected timing/ duration: September 2023 – December 2024

Objective and brief summary of the project:

The UNECE Regional Action Plan “Place and Life in the ECE Region: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes”, as endorsed by the UNECE Ministerial Meeting on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on 6 October 2021, supports governments in the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis through the sharing of examples and good practices in facilitating investments and promoting the “building better” approach. The Action Plan also highlights the need to rethink urban planning to ensure it addresses measures to overcome natural and man-made disasters, the climate crisis and to build more resilient, inclusive and sustainable cities. To support implementation of the Regional Action Plan, the proposed project will promote exchange of experiences and best practices in urban planning, for instance, innovative measures such as development of urban cadastres and strengthen capacities of national, regional and local governments in the UNECE region to implement the Action Plan objectives and targets and support sustainable urban development and urban resilience solutions. The objective will be achieved by implementing the following activities:

A1.1. At least three thematic workshops organized to exchange experiences and innovative practices in urban planning, such as, for instance, development of online city platforms, urban cadasters, etc.;

A1.2. Collection of available best practices based on outcomes of the thematic workshops; and development of an online Toolbox with best practices;

A2.1. At least two training workshops (in person and online) to train representatives of the regional and local authorities on specific topics addressed by the Toolbox;

A2.2. Dissemination of the information on the Toolbox through presentations and organization of side events at relevant international meetings and events (for instance, COP-28, the World Urban Forum and other relevant regional events).

Link to the SDG targets:

The focus of this project is supporting the attainment of SDG 11 (all targets) In additions, the project contributes to 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.a; 9.1; 16.6. In addition, the project will support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted by the UN Conference on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development – Habitat III.

Expected results of the project:

EA1. Increased knowledge of the local and regional governments of tools to promote urban resilience and sustainable urban development in the UNECE region;

EA2. Increased capacity of regional and local governments to attract resources for implementation of sustainable urban solutions in the UNECE region.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The target groups are policy makers at the national, subnational, and local levels, local architects, academia, experts, representatives of civil society and the private sector. Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States.

Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:

The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing, land management and population” “to strengthen member State-owned and city-level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies” of the UNECE programme budget for 2023. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2023 (ECE/HBP/2022/9, para 8).

Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):

1 months of P4

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donor	Amount
City of Madrid, Spain	125,000 EUR (approx. \$134,200 US)

Project Manager:

Gulnara Roll

05.06.2023

Section/Division:

Forests, Land and Housing Division

Cleared by Programme Management Unit:

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05.06.2023

Approved by EXCOM:

06.07.2023

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (USD)
EA1. Increased knowledge of the local and regional governments in the of tools to promote urban resilience and sustainable urban development in the UNECE region;	A1.1. At least three workshops organized in a hybrid format highlighting later trends and innovative practices in urban planning, such as development of online city platforms, urban cadastres, etc. 1 lead international consultant x \$10,000 x 3 months 3 international consultants to prepare workshops' materials and present those at the workshops at \$3,000 Travel of speakers x 4 speakers at \$2,500 Contractual services (editing, translation and printing of workshop materials and reports, interpretation) 2,000 Operational expenses x \$2,000	53,000 30,000 9,000 10,000 2,000 2,000
	A1.2. Collection of available best practices based on outcomes of the workshops; and development of an online Toolbox with best practices 1 lead regional consultant x \$10,000 for 2 months Contractual services (editing and translation of materials for the online Toolbox) \$2,000 Operational expenses at \$2,000	24,000 20,000 2,000 2,000
EA2. Increased capacity of the national and local governments to attract resources for implementation of sustainable urban solutions in UNECE region.	A2.1. At least two training thematic workshops (in person and online) to strengthen capacities of representatives of national, the regional and local authorities on specific topics addressed by the Toolbox 1 lead regional consultant x\$10,000 one month Contractual services (editing, translation and printing of workshop materials, interpretation) x t \$3,000 Operational expenses at \$2,000	15,000 10,000 3,000 2,000
	A2.2. Dissemination of the information on the Toolbox at relevant international meetings and events. 1 lead regional consultant x \$10,000 one month Travel of staff and consultants x 6 travels at \$2,800	26,800 10,000 16,800
Budget summary		118,800
13% of Programme Support Costs (rounded)		15,400
Total		134,200