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Extrabudgetary project

Promoting a better understanding of the role of inland transport in combating climate change through strong mitigation and adaptation actions

(for approval)

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Promoting a better understanding of the role of inland transport in combating climate change through strong mitigation and adaptation actions		
Expected timing/ duration: January 2024 – December 2025		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to promote better understanding of the role of inland transport in combating climate change through strong mitigation and adaptation actions. The project will have two components: (i) to raise awareness among senior-level representatives of UNECE member States of the important role the inland transport sector can play in combating climate change and to take stock/ showcase and promote the many ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the sector, and at strengthening transport system climate change preparedness through the adoption of appropriate adaptation and resilience measures; and (ii) to support, through targeted capacity building, countries from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia with the development of policies that are conducive to modal shift from road to rail and inland waterways thereby promoting multimodal transport operations along their corridors and enhancing the environmental performance of these transport routes. In doing so, the project will support the UNECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) in fulfilling its mandate to assume the unique role of a transport “think tank” and in the implementation of its 2020-2030 long term programme of work. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organize a high-level networking event for representatives of UNECE member States and partner organizations to take stock of and raise awareness about ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the inland transport sector (in the margins of the ITC eighty-sixth annual session, February 2024); A2.1. Organize one targeted capacity building/technical assistance event in support of countries on Euro-Asian inland transport corridors to promote policy development in support of modal shift and enhancement of the environmental performance of transport networks in the region.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased understanding among high-level transport policy makers from across the UNECE region of decarbonization options for the inland transport sector and its role in accelerating global climate change mitigation efforts; EA2. Increased capacity of national transport experts in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia on the development of policies in support of modal shift and increased environmental performance of regional transport networks.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries: UNECE member States with a focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. Target groups: transport experts from ministries of transport in charge of transport infrastructure and rolling stock management.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 2 "Transport" “to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable, both for freight transport and people’s mobility” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2024.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month/P3		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
	Donor	Amount (US\$)
	The Netherlands	73,000
Project Manager: Roel Janssens 06.11.2023	Section/Division: Transport Facilitation and Economics Section/ Sustainable Transport Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 06.11.2023	Approved by EXCOM¹	04.12.2023

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Increased understanding among high-level transport policy makers from across the entire ECE region of decarbonization options for the inland transport sector and its role in accelerating global climate change mitigation efforts	A1.1. Organize a high-level networking event for representatives of UNECE member States and partner organizations to take stock of/ raise awareness about ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the inland transport sector (in the margins of the ITC eighty-sixth annual session, February 2024)	20,000
	Contractual services (rental of room and equipment, catering services) x \$20,000	20,000
EA2. Increased capacity of national transport experts in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia on the development of policies in support of modal shift and increased environmental performance of regional transport networks	A2.1 Organize one targeted capacity building/technical assistance events in support of countries on Euro-Asian inland transport corridors to promote policy development in support of modal shift and enhancement of the environmental performance of transport networks in the region	44,600
	International consultant to support the development of policy recommendations in support of modal shift x 1 month x \$10,000	10,000
	Contractual services (room, equipment, interpretation services) x \$6,000	6,000
	Travel of 20 experts x 1 mission x \$1,300	26,000
	Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$1,300	2,600
Budget summary		64,600
13% of Programme Support Costs		8,398
Total (rounded)		73,000