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OIOS Evaluation of SPs 4 & 6



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Process of the ECTD OIOS Evaluation



- The Inspection and Evaluation Division (IED) of OIOS provisionally selected the 'Economic Cooperation and Integration' subprogramme for the OIOS Programme Evaluation of UNECE (memo from OIOS dated 17 Nov. 2021).
- The evaluation
 - Was conducted by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)
 - Covered the work of both SPs for the period 2018-2021
- The findings of the evaluation
 - Were presented to the Executive Committee, 128th session, 15th of May 2023
 - Were introduced at the 63rd session of CPC, 6th June 2023

Key Findings of the Evaluation



The work of ECTD was considered **aligned with its mandate** and:

- **Largely responded** to specific Member States' (MS) requests
- Had **found its niche** in a crowded space of trade & economic cooperation, leveraging its comparative advantages towards strengthening MS' economic cooperation & integration
- **Provides a regional platform** for international policy dialogue & exchange of best practices among countries in the UNECE region
- **Acts as a convening "power"**, bringing governments together to build consensus on frameworks, norms, standards & agreements on economic cooperation & trade
- Is seen as a **reliable source of technical assistance** to specific needs of MS

However:

- Functions & workstreams were still **being clarified** (diversity of UNECE membership)
- There was a **lack of overall strategy & synergetic approach** for the two SPs

The Way Forward



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The OIOS Evaluation made four recommendations:

1. Establish a technical cooperation request tracking mechanism
2. Develop a division-wide integrated strategic plan
3. Develop divisional action plans to operationalize UNECE strategies on resource mobilization, partnerships, and technical cooperation
4. Ensure integration of gender, environment, disability inclusion, and human rights considerations in its various workstreams

UNECE accepted the four recommendations made by OIOS.



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Thank you!

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