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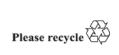
134th meeting Geneva, 1 July 2024

Decision relating to the Enabling inclusivity by gender mainstreaming the quality infrastructure for trade

Submitted by the Secretariat

Draft decision

The Executive Committee hereby approves the extrabudgetary project entitled "Enabling inclusivity by gender mainstreaming the quality infrastructure for trade" as contained in the present document ECE/EX/2024/L.7.





UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE TECHICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Enabling inclusivity by gender mainstreaming the quality infrastructure for trade

Expected timing/ duration: July 2024 - May 2026

Objective and brief summary of the project:

Standards shape the products that surround us. They also help facilitate trade. It is important to ensure that all human beings are properly represented in the processes that develop the standards that affect them, especially women and that this gender mainstreaming occurs throughout all institutions of the quality infrastructure for trade. Building upon work within the UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6), and notably recent extra-budgetary projects on gender-responsive standards (E330 on "Enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls"/ July 2019 to August 2022 and E312 "Enhancing usage and uptake of the standards for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals"/ July 2018 to July 2019), this project will raise awareness and build capacity on gender mainstreaming in standards development bodies and the government agencies involved in the quality infrastructure for trade. The International Standardization Organization (ISO) has agreed to participate in the coordination and roll out of this project on a self-funded basis. The project will help beneficiary countries develop a workable gender action plan and to roll it out, including by defining actionable targets, monitoring and evaluation and developing recommendations on the best way forward. Target institutions include agencies with a remit on metrology, market surveillance, conformity assessment, accreditation, standardization and education. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Preparing three national "gender action plans on gender-responsive standards" within the national standards bodies:

- A1.2. Preparing three national strategies on gender mainstreaming in the national quality infrastructure;
- A1.3. Conducting a series of agency-specific national training/brainstorming workshops on gender mainstreaming in the national quality infrastructure;
- A2.1. Organizing three launch events in the respective capitals;
- A2.2. Organizing the final conference (Istanbul);
- A2.3. Developing technical reports and training materials;
- A2.4. Participating in key events worldwide to disseminate the results and raise awareness.

Link to the SDG targets: 5.1, 5.5, 5.b, 5.c, 9.1, 17.10, 17.18

Expected results of the project:

EA1. Increased national capacities of gender mainstreaming throughout the quality infrastructure for trade bodies and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

EA2. Improve awareness of national stakeholders on standards and gender mainstreaming in relation to trade.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

This project intends to target three beneficiary countries: two in the UNECE region (Albania and Georgia) and one in the African region (Benin). The project targets the national standardization bodies as well as all of the government agencies related to quality infrastructure (potentially multiple ministries such as Trade, Health, Veterinary, Transport).

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

This project directly contributes to the objective of the subprogramme 6 "Trade" "to strengthen trade facilitation and electronic business, regulatory cooperation and standardization policies, agricultural quality standards and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and beyond" of the UNECE programme budget for 2024. This project reflects the recommendation 4 of the Evaluation of the E330 project (see ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/INF.3). The project will be implemented under the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) which at its 33rd Session encouraged member States to consider financing follow-up work on capacity-building for gender action plans decision 11 (see ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2023/2).

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

1 month/G5; 2 months/P4

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

DonorAmount (\mathfrak{E})Germany700,000

Germany	700,000	
Project Manager:	Section/Division:	
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Cleared by Programme Management Unit:	Approved by EXCOM ¹	25.03.2024
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¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (€)
EA1. Increased national capacities of gender mainstreaming throughout the	A1.1. Preparing three national "gender action plans on gender-responsive standards" within the national standards bodies (capacity building with national standards bodies) 3 national consultants x \$3,264.17 x 8 months (Albania, Benin and Georgia)	78,340
quality infrastructure for trade bodies and the empowerment of women in	A1.2. Preparing three national strategies on gender mainstreaming in the national quality infrastructure (capacity building with national quality infrastructure agencies/bodies) 3 national consultants x \$3,730 x 7 months (Albania, Benin and Georgia)	78,330
the implementation of the 2030 Agenda	A1.3. Conducting a series of agency-specific national training/brainstorming workshops on gender mainstreaming in the national quality infrastructure (develop workshops/training) 3 national consultants x \$3,730 x 7 months (Albania, Benin and Georgia)	78,330
EA2. Improve awareness of national stakeholders on	A2.1. Organizing three launch events grouped with a focused workshop Contractual services (rental venue and catering, interpretation, translation of background materials, printing, graphic	138,000
standards and gender	design) x \$28,000 x 3 countries	84,000
mainstreaming in relation to	Travel of 3 staff x \$3,000 x 3 countries	27,000
trade	Travel of 3 international experts x \$3,000 x 3 countries	27,000
	A2.2. Organizing the final conference (Istanbul)	153,000
	Travel of 38 experts \$3,000	114,000
	Travel of 2 staff x \$3,000	6,000
	Travel of 3 consultants x \$3,000	9,000
	Contractual services (rental venue, catering, interpretation, translation of background materials, printing, graphic design)	
	x \$24,000	24,000
	A2.3. Developing technical reports and training materials Contractual services (including translation, layout, design, printing) x \$50,000	50,000
	A2.4. Participating in key events worldwide to disseminate the results and raise awareness 2 staff x 2 missions x \$3,000	12,000
Budget summary		588,000
1% coordination levy		7,000
Evaluation		14,000
13% of Programme Support Co	osts	91,000
Total		700,000