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Extrabudgetary project

**Strengthening economic statistics in countries of
Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**

(for approval)

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

Project title: Strengthening economic statistics in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia		
Expected timing/ duration: September 2024 – September 2025		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to increase the capacity of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to compile economic statistics according to international statistical standards and recommendations. This project is a follow up of the project E264 “Enhancing coherence and integration of economic and social statistics in support of the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts” funded by the World Bank from 2017 to 2023. Following the closure of the project, accumulated interest is planned to be used for a number of related to E264 project activities. The activities of the current project will be aligned with the overall scope and objectives of completed E264 and will be the following: A1.1. Participation in the regional workshop on financial accounts (Brussels, 1-4 October 2024); A1.2. Participation in the regional workshop on the utilisation and integration of new data sources for the Consumer Price Index (Brussels, 29-31 October 2024); A1.3. Participation in the meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts (Geneva, 8-11 April 2025); A1.4. Participation in the meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices (Geneva, 28-30 April 2025); A1.5. Participation in the regional workshop on national accounts (venue tbc, September 2025). The activities will be carried out in cooperation with other international and regional partners, including EFTA, Eurostat, IMF and OECD.		
Link to the SDG targets: SDG targets 17.18 and 17.19, and targets with indicators that use Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as the denominator, for example, the targets 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 9.2, 9.5, 10.4 and 11.5.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased capacity of national statistical offices to produce economic statistics.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: National statistical offices producing and using macroeconomic statistics in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.		
Justification of the project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the objectives of Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” “to advance official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians” of the UNECE programme budget for 2024.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month/ G6; 0.5 month/P5		
Estimated extra-budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Interest from the E264 project	17,500	
Project Manager: Carsten Boldsen 12.08.2024	Section/Division: Economic Statistics Section/Statistics Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 12.08.2024	Approved by EXCOM¹	09.09.2024

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 capacity of national statistical offices to produce economic statistics.	A1.1. Regional workshop on financial accounts (Brussels, 1-4 October 2024); One mission of staff to Brussels x \$1,500	1,500 1,500
	A1.2. Regional Workshop on the utilisation and integration of new data sources for the Consumer Price Index (Brussels, 29-31 October 2024); One mission of staff to Brussels x \$1,400	1,400 1,400
	A1.3. Meeting of the Group of Experts on National Accounts (Geneva, 8-11 April 2025); Contractual services (online access to the meeting, Webex or UNTV costs) x \$3,400 Travel of one country expert to Geneva	5,400 3,400 2,000
	A1.4. Meeting of the Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices (Geneva 28-30 April 2025); Contractual services (online access to the meeting, Webex or UNTV costs) x \$3,400 Travel of one country expert to Geneva	5,525 3,400 2,125
	A1.5. Regional workshop on national accounts (venue tbc, September 2025). One mission of staff x \$1,400	1,400 1,400
	Budget summary	15,225
	13% of Programme Support Costs	2,275
Total (rounded)	17,500	