

Report by the Chair of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP)

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Committee structure



Strategic Objective: “To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment for sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness”

Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

Chairperson: George Katapodis (Greece)

Vice-Chairs: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Portugal, and Türkiye



Subsidiary Body

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

Cooperation

Subsidiary Body

Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

Strategic approach of the Committee



International Policy Dialogue

- Identify relevant policy issues and develop best practices/guidelines/standards

Policy & Project Assessments

- National & sub-regional policy & project assessments on request

Policy Advice & Capacity Building

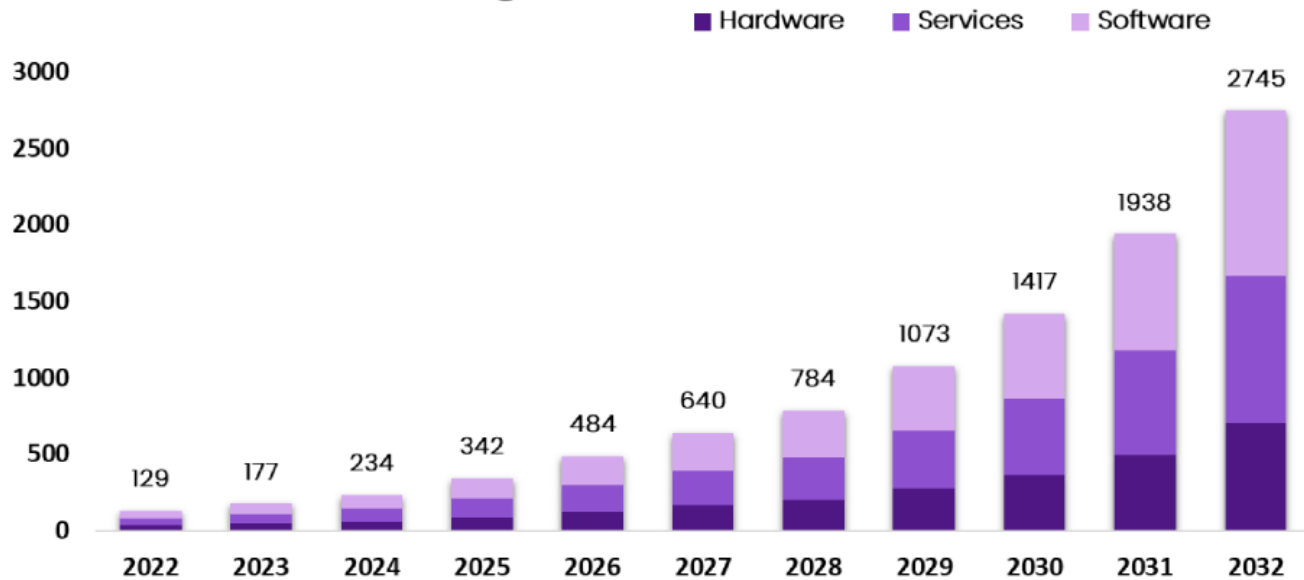
- Targeted capacity-building activities to facilitate implementation of recommendations, guidelines and standards



Spotlight on Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities



Global Artificial Intelligence Market



The Market will Grow
At the CAGR of:

36.8%

The forecasted market
size for 2032 in USD:

\$2745B



Opportunities: Innovation and AI

Speed up transformative innovation in SDG-critical areas

- increase research productivity
- model responses of complex systems to policy intervention
- identify sustainability risks & priorities for intervention
- monitor effectiveness of policies

Opportunities: PPPs and AI

Bring down the costs of PPP projects in SDG-critical areas

- lower the costs of designing projects and of assessing them
- reduce min efficient scale of PPPs
- enable large numbers of small-scale projects

Achievements and plans: PPPs



PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS)
An Evaluation Methodology for the SDGs



Evaluation Methodology (PIERS)

- PPP and Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS): used to assess over **230 projects** against 5 outcomes; **new digital platform** launched

Guidelines and Standards

- New guidelines on delivering PPP projects for sustainable economic **recovery and reconstruction** in support of the SDGs approved
- **9 new standards and practical guides** under development

Policy Advice and Capacity Building

- Over 1,000 policy makers and practitioners trained **in all the 17 programme countries** => increased capacity of policy makers and PPP units

UNECE International PPP Forum

- 8th UNECE International PPP Forum, Istanbul, Türkiye, 8-10 May 2024: Policy dialogue and exchanges of experience on the role of PPPs for the SDGs as catalysts for digital and green transformations, economic recovery and reconstruction, climate resilience, road safety, **small-scale PPPs and AI**, human-rights-based approach
- 9th edition of the Forum in May 2025 w/ **biannual PPP and infrastructure award**

Achievements and plans: Innovation



International Policy Dialogues

- New policy document on “**Digital and green transformations** – the strategic dynamics of experimentation and learning” adopted by CICPPP
- **UN-ECE Transformative Innovation Network**: 8+ regional & sub-regional policy dialogues on selected innovation policy topics

Policy Assessments

- **Ukraine** – nat’l **Innovation for Sustainable Development Review** to be completed by end 2024; demand for follow-up in 2025
- Demand for nat’l reviews from GA, Moldova; & for sub-regional IPOs (Western Balkans, Central Asia)

Policy Advice and Capacity Building

- **Armenia** – new nat’l **strategy for high-tech industries** adopted; CICPPP to support implementation in 2025
- **Georgia** – **law on innovation enhancing procurement** adopted following capacity building from UNECE

SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development

- **Kyrgyzstan** – opened a new **innovation center** and drafted a new **Venture Capital law**
- **Uzbekistan** – increased **funding for education, research, innovation**, & improved policy coordination and **access to private finance** for innovators

The Executive Committee is invited to approve...

(a) the programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2025, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2024/5

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Thank you!

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*More information is available on the UNECE website:
<https://unece.org/economic-cooperation-and-integration>*

