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Extrabudgetary project

**Strengthening the capacity of UNECE member States
in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development**

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

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| Project title and project number: Strengthening the capacity of UNECE member States in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development | | |
| Expected timing/ duration: August 2022 – December 2025 | | |
| Objective and brief summary of the project: <p>The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the UNECE member States in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (the Strategy). The Strategy was adopted in March 2005 at the High-level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries (Vilnius, Lithuania) and covers all levels of education from primary to tertiary, including vocational and adult learning. Its present implementation framework, adopted by the High-Level Meeting of the Ministries of Education and Environment in the framework of the 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 08-10 June 2016), covers the period 2016-2030 (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/11, Annex I).</p> <p>The Vilnius meeting established the Steering Committee on ESD to review the progress in implementation of the Strategy and mandated UNECE to provide the secretarial support to the Steering Committee. In 2016, by the decision of the High-Level Meeting of the Ministries of Education and Environment in the framework of the 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 08-10 June 2016) the mandate of the Steering Committee has been extended until 2030 (“Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development”; ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/L.2, para 10) and UNECE was requested to continue providing secretarial functions. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:</p> <p>A1.1. Participation of the beneficiary countries in the planned annual intergovernmental sessions of the Steering Committee on ESD;</p> <p>A1.2. Conducting periodic assessment of ESD integration in the region and in selected beneficiary countries based on the national reporting;</p> <p>A1.3. Organization of capacity building workshops, in particular in lower-and upper- middle income countries;</p> <p>A2.1. Participation in regional and international events promoting ESD and the Strategy;</p> <p>A2.2. Organisation of consultations with relevant regional and international partners to develop joint technical cooperation projects to support the implementation of the Strategy.</p> <p>Project activities and the budget will be updated based on the work plan for the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development from 2021 to 2025 to be adopted by the 18th meeting of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (2023).</p> | | |
| Expected results of the project: <p>EA1. Enhanced national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development;</p> <p>EA2. Strengthened cooperation and partnerships with key stakeholders (especially with UNESCO) on the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development at the national, regional, and international levels.</p> | | |
| Target group and beneficiaries of the project: <p>Target group is relevant government and other institutions with responsibilities for achieving SDGs in the sectors of the environment, sustainable development, and education. Beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States.</p> | | |
| Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: <p>The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” “to improve environmental governance and performance for safeguarding the environment and health” of the Proposed programme budget for 2023. The UNECE Steering Committee on ESD at its 17th Meeting in (May 30-31, 2022) has decided: “Taking into account that the mandate of the Steering Committee is extended until 2030, and aiming to ensure the continuity of support for its work, requests the secretariat and the ECE Executive Office to facilitate the extension of the project “Strengthening the capacity of UNECE member States in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development”, or the establishment of a successor project with the same objectives.” (Report of the meeting ECE/CEP/AC.13/2022/2 under preparation).</p> | | |
| Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): <p>0.5 months of RB/P5</p> | | |
| Estimated extra budgetary resources: | | |
| Donors | Amount (US\$) | |
| Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Georgia | 86,000 | |
| Project Manager: Zaal Lomtadze 15.06.2022 | Section/Division: Environment for Europe and Sustainable Development Section, Environment Division | |
| Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 15.06.2022 | Approved by EXCOM¹ | 08.07.2022 |

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

| Expected accomplishments | Planned activities | Estimated costs (US\$) |
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| EA1. Enhanced national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development | A1.1. Participation of the beneficiary countries in the planned annual intergovernmental sessions of the Steering Committee on ESD P3 staff to provide substantive implementation support x \$14,000 x 3 work months 9 participants x \$2,000 | 60,000 42,000 18,000 |
| | A1.2. Conducting periodic assessment of ESD integration in the region and in selected beneficiary countries based on the national reporting (2022-2023) 1 international consultant x \$5,000 x 1 month | 5,000 |
| | A1.3. Organization of capacity building workshops in particular in lower-and upper-middle income countries 1 international consultant x \$3,000 1 mission x 1 staff x \$2,000 Contractual services to organise workshop | 7,000 3,000 2,000 2,000 |
| EA2. Strengthened cooperation and partnerships with key stakeholders (especially with UNESCO) on the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development at the national, regional and international levels | A2.1. Participation in regional and international events promoting ESD and the Strategy 1 mission of 1 staff x \$2,000 | 2,000 |
| | A2.2. Organisation of consultations with relevant regional and international partners in order to develop joint technical cooperation projects to support the implementation of the Strategy 1 mission x 1 staff x \$2,000 | 2,000 |
| Budget summary | | 76,000 |
| 13% of Programme Support Costs (rounded) | | 10,000 |
| Total (rounded) | | 86,000 1 |

1 The budget is indicative and will be further updated based on the work plan for the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development from 2021 to 2025 to be adopted by the 18th meeting of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (2023)