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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

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Project title and project number: Promoting innovation policy capacities in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

Expected timing/ duration: November 2018 – May 2022

Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to improve the competencies of innovation policy makers in designing, running, reforming, and monitoring effective innovation policies and institutions that make measurable contributions towards long-term economic development and sustainable development. The project will build on, complement and expand UNECE existing work in the area of innovation for sustainable development, including the intergovernmental policy dialogue on innovation for sustainable development; national Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews, and subsequent support for policy makers in putting recommendations into practice and monitoring the results. The project has three key components. The first is a pilot innovation policy index to be applied to six countries. The project will develop a methodology capturing the current state, strengths and weaknesses of innovation policies and allowing for policy learning in the different dimensions of innovation policy making, without producing an aggregate rating of the participating countries. The methodology will be tailored to the specificities of the region as they have emerged from UNECE existing analytical work. The resulting data and analysis will be turned into a publication which will also have a range of analytical chapters that examine the results through a wider analytical and regional perspective. The second part of the project consists of national innovation for sustainable development reviews, using an updated methodology aligned with the SDGs and the index, and examining the innovation system, i.e. the policies, institutions, actors and interrelations that enable innovation, of three countries in detail. The third part consists of sub-regional and national capacity-building activities which will then help beneficiaries to undertake relevant reforms to improve performance in a measurable fashion. The project will be overseen by the UNECE inter-governmental Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships. The objective of the project will be achieved through the implementation of the following activities:

A1.1. Develop a methodology for a pilot sub-regional Innovation Policy Index (IPI), apply it to six countries (Belarus, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova) and publish the results.

A1.2. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia;

A1.3. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova;

A1.4. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Armenia;

A2.1. Conduct twelve advisory missions tailored to the specific demands of the countries (four per each country) on specific policy reforms in the innovation sector in Belarus, Georgia, Moldova. Capacity-building agreements including detailed activity plans supporting specific reform efforts to put recommendations from national reviews into practice will be developed together with each beneficiary country;

A3.1. Conduct six sub-regional capacity building workshops on supporting high growth innovative enterprises and related topics, most of which will be held in the beneficiary countries, with one or two exceptionally in Geneva in connection with CICPPP and ToS-ICP sessions);

A3.2. Prepare a policy handbook on high-growth innovative enterprises (in English and Russian).

Expected results of the project:

EA1. Enhanced capacity of national policy makers and stakeholders to analyse and benchmark their innovation policies and institutions in line with ECE good practices;

EA2. Enhanced capacity of national policy makers and stakeholders in three countries to design and carry out effective innovation policy and institutional reform;

EA3. Improved subregional cooperation on harmonisation of innovation policies and institutions.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The target group are policy makers and government officials working on innovation and competitiveness policies in support of sustainable development, experts from the business community, civil society, international organisations, and academia. The beneficiary countries are Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and the Republic of Moldova.

Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the Expected accomplishments (a) "Improved international policy dialogue on promoting sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness in the ECE region", (b) "Improved understanding at the national level of policy options to promote sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness" and (c) "Enhanced national implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness" of the of the Subprogramme 4 "Economic Cooperation and Integration" of the UNECE strategic framework for 2018-2019. The project responds to strong demand for capacity building and policy advice on innovation and competitiveness for sustainable development expressed at the 12th session (Geneva, 26-28 March 2018) of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (ECE/CECI/2018/2, Decision 2018 - 4a.9, Decision 2018 - 6a).

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

1 months of RB/P5, 1 months of RB/P4, 1 month of RB/P3, 0.5 month of RB/G5, 0.5 months of RB/G7 annually

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donor
Sweden

Amount (US\$)
\$2,215,026

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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 (US\$)
EA1.Enhanced capacity of national policy makers and stakeholders to analyse and benchmark their innovation policies and institutions in line with ECE good practices	<p>A1.1. Develop a pilot sub-regional Innovation Policy Index (IPI) and apply it to six countries (Belarus, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova)</p> <p>Travel of staff: 42 missions x 2 staff x \$2,000 per mission</p> <p>Travel of experts/ participants: 42 x \$2,000 average per mission</p> <p>2 international consultants to develop specific areas of the methodology and contribute with the analytical chapters: 10 months x \$7,850 per month</p> <p>4 national consultants for research and data collection: 25 months x \$3,000 per month</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental)</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the first and second IPI report)</p> <p>P3 staff to provide overall project coordination, to develop methodology, coordinate the research and data collection, and develop IPI reports x 20 months x \$16,000</p> <p>1 international consultant with strong knowledge of innovation policies in the beneficiary region to support countries in the in-country research process: 20 months x \$5,000</p> <p>Individual contractor to provide administrative support x 10 months x \$4000</p>	<p>891,000</p> <p>168,000</p> <p>84,000</p> <p>78,500</p> <p>75,000</p> <p>13,500</p> <p>12,000</p> <p>320,000</p> <p>100,000</p> <p>40,000</p>
	<p>A.1.2. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Georgia</p> <p>Travel of staff: 4 missions (inception mission, research mission, peer review mission, and publication launch) x 2 staff x \$2,000</p> <p>Travel of experts: 12 missions x \$2,000</p> <p>5 international consultants to investigate specific issues identified with the beneficiary and write relevant chapters in the review: 5 months x \$7,600</p> <p>1 national consultant to conduct supplementary research, data collection, and validation of the review: 2 months x \$2,500</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental, etc)</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the report)</p> <p>P3 staff support to provide overall project coordination, analyze the data and draft introductory chapter x 2 months x \$16,000</p> <p>1 international consultant with strong knowledge of innovation policies in the beneficiary region to support countries in the in-country research process x 2 months x \$5,000</p> <p>Individual contractor to provide administrative support x 3 months x \$4000</p>	<p>152,000</p> <p>16,000</p> <p>24,000</p> <p>38,000</p> <p>5,000</p> <p>5,000</p> <p>10,000</p> <p>32,000</p> <p>10,000</p> <p>12,000</p>
	<p>A.1.3. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Moldova</p> <p>Travel of staff x 4 missions (inception mission, research mission, peer review mission, and publication launch) x 2 staff x \$2,000</p> <p>Travel of experts: 12 missions x \$2,000</p> <p>5 international consultants to investigate specific issues identified with the beneficiary and write relevant chapters in the review: 5 months x \$7,600</p> <p>1 national consultant to conduct supplementary research and data collection and support local organization of the review: 2 months x \$2,500</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental, etc)</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the report)</p> <p>P3 staff support to provide overall project coordination, to analyze the data and draft introductory chapter x 2 months x 16,000</p> <p>1 international consultant with strong knowledge of innovation policies in the beneficiary region to support countries in the in-country research process x 2 months x \$5,000</p> <p>Individual contractor to provide administrative support (events, financial reporting) 3 months x 4000</p>	<p>152,000</p> <p>16,000</p> <p>24,000</p> <p>38,000</p> <p>5,000</p> <p>5,000</p> <p>10,000</p> <p>32,000</p> <p>10,000</p> <p>12,000</p>

	<p>A.1.4. Conduct National Innovation for Sustainable Development Review of Armenia</p> <p>Travel of staff x 4 missions (inception mission, research mission, peer review mission, and publication launch) x 2 staff x \$2,000: 16,000</p> <p>Travel of 4-5 experts for one or more of four planned missions (12 trips total) x \$2,000 24,000</p> <p>Five international consultants to investigate specific issues identified with the beneficiary and write relevant chapters in the review: 5 months x \$7,600 38,000</p> <p>One national consultant to liaise with and support the beneficiary, engage stakeholders for events, and conduct supplementary research and data collection and validation: 2 months x \$2,500 5,000</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental, etc) 5,000</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the report) 10,000</p> <p>P3 staff support to provide overall project coordination and analyze the data and draft introductory chapter x 2 months x 16,000 32,000</p> <p>International consultant with strong knowledge of innovation policies in the beneficiary region to support countries in the in-country research process x 2 months x \$5,000 10,000</p> <p>Individual contractor to provide administrative support x 3 months x \$4000 12,000</p>	\$152,000
EA2. Enhanced capacity of national policy makers and stakeholders in three countries to design and carry out effective innovation policy and institutional reform	<p>A2.1. Conduct twelve events tailored to the specific demands of the countries advisory missions (four per each country) on specific policy reforms in the innovation sector in Belarus, Georgia, Moldova.</p> <p>Travel of staff x12 missions (4 per country) x 1 staff member x \$1,700 20,400</p> <p>Travel of experts x12 missions x 2 experts x \$1,700 40,800</p> <p>6 international consultants to analyze and develop the concrete capacity building areas agreed with the governments x 10 months x \$7,500 75,000</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental, etc) 5,000</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the report) 10,000</p> <p>1 international consultant to liaise with beneficiaries, identify speakers and provide substantive inputs to the events x 4 months x \$5,000 20,000</p> <p>Individual contractor to provide administrative support x 11 months x \$4,000 44,000</p>	215,200
EA3. Improved subregional cooperation on harmonisation of innovation policies and institutions	<p>A3.1. Conducting six sub-regional capacity building workshops on supporting high growth innovative enterprises.</p> <p>Travel of staff x 6 missions x 2 staff x \$1,700 20,400</p> <p>Travel of experts x 6 missions x 3 experts x \$1,700 30,600</p> <p>Travel of participants x 6 events x 15 x \$1,700 153,000</p> <p>6 international consultants for in-depth expertise and research for the events: 3 months x \$7,500 22,500</p> <p>Operating and other cost (support organization of the meetings, including conference room rental, etc) 12,000</p> <p>Contractual services (simultaneous interpretation, editing, design, layout, translation, and printing of the report) 18,000</p> <p>A3.2. Prepare a policy handbook on high-growth innovative enterprises (in English and Russian)</p> <p>P3 staff support to provide overall project coordination, to research and write chapters for a policy handbook 4 months x 16,000 64,000</p> <p>6 international consultants to provide substantive inputs to the handbook: 3 months x \$7,500 22,500</p> <p>Contractual services (editing, design, layout, translation, and printing) 10,000</p>	256,500
Evaluation		45,000
Budget summary		1,960,200
13% of Programme Support Costs		254,826
Total		2,215,026