

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

**Project title and project number:** Implementing UN Development System Reform: Strengthening communication, information dissemination and knowledge management of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) for Europe and Centra Asia

**Expected timing/ duration:** July 2021 – June 2026

**Objective and brief summary of the project:** The project aims to improve collaboration and communication of the UN system in Europe and Central Asia to support member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This would be achieved by strengthening the capacity of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) for Europe and Central Asia to jointly communicate and disseminate up-to-date information about its priorities, activities and support offers to governments, RCs and UNCTs and other stakeholders, including with regard to its Issue-based Coalitions (IBCs) and other thematic interagency groups, through the creation of a stand-alone website. The RCP was formally established in December 2020 as the main UN interagency platform for collaboration and coordination at the regional level in the context of UNDS reform. It is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, with the UNECE Executive Secretary and the UNDP Regional Director serving as Vice-Chairs. A joint, stand-alone RCP website will provide the platform for the regional knowledge management hub that is developed in line with UNDS reform, with access to a search tool for UN documents, based on the ESCWA MANARA system, and to the knowledge products and thematic expertise of the regional Issue-based Coalitions and thematic groups, enhancing access of UNECE member States to UN system knowledge and expertise at the regional level through a consolidated online entry point. The joint website will also help facilitate internal collaboration between the agencies and feature relevant content and information on substantive, advocacy and operational activities. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activity:

A1.1. Creation and maintenance of a stand-alone website of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) for Europe and Central Asia.

For the development of the stand-alone website, UNECE will leverage common elements and templates being developed for other websites, thereby reducing overall costs.

**Expected results of the project:**

EA1. Improved access of UNECE member States to knowledge products and expertise of the regional UN system via the RCP stand-alone website and strengthened collaboration and communication of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP).

**Target group and beneficiaries of the project:**

Target group: RCP member entities (see current [membership](#)), UN Resident Coordinators and RC Offices, UN Country Teams in Europe and Central Asia; UNECE policymakers in areas related to sustainable development, and other international organizations.

Beneficiary countries: UNECE member States.

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

UN Member States welcomed the efforts of the Secretary-General in formulating the recommendations to harness the regional assets of the United Nations development system (ECOSOC resolution 2020/23 / General Assembly resolution 74/297), which include the creation of Regional Collaborative Platforms in all regions and the establishment of regional knowledge management hubs. UNECE is playing a lead role in the RCP, with the Executive Secretary serving as Co-Vice-Chair and UNECE providing the joint RCP secretariat together with UNDP and DCO. The RCP, at its virtual meeting on 11 June 2021, has agreed to share the costs of the stand-alone RCP website among several UN entities.

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

0.25 months of D1/RB, 1 month of P4/RB for the project duration.

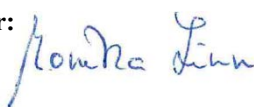
This project will be supported from the UNECE programme budget for 2021 (A/75/6 (Sect. 20) in the total amount of \$3,300.

**Estimated extra budgetary resources:**

Donor	Amount (US\$)
Multi-donor (total)	27,000
UN Development Coordination Office (DCO)	3,000
UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	3,000
UN Women	3,000
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	2,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	2,000
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	2,000
International Labour Organization (ILO)	2,000
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	2,000
UN Development Programme (UNDP)	2,000
Other UN entities (UNEP, UNESCO, WMO)	6,000

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**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project**

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Improved access of UNECE member States to knowledge products and expertise of the regional UN system via the RCP stand-alone website and strengthened collaboration and communication of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP).	A1.1. Creation of a stand-alone website of the Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) for Europe and Central Asia.	15,200
	2 international consultants / P3 (1 web developer and 1 web designer) x 0.45 months (rounded) x \$8,500 per month)	7,700
	1 international consultant to perform annual maintenance and security updates (\$1,500 per year x 5)	7,500
Budget summary		15,200
Direct support costs		8,700
13% of Programme Support Costs (rounded)		3,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,000</b>