UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Promoting a better understanding of the role of inland transport in combating climate change through strong mitigation and adaptation actions

Expected timing/duration: January 2024 – December 2025

Objective and brief summary of the project:

The objective of the project is to promote better understanding of the role of inland transport in combating climate change through strong mitigation and adaptation actions. The project will have two components; (i) to raise awareness among senior-level representatives of ECE member States of the important role the inland transport sector can play in combating climate change and to take stock/ showcase and promote the many ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the sector, and at strengthening transport system climate change preparedness through the adoption of appropriate adaptation and resilience measures; and (ii) to support, through targeted capacity building, countries from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia with the development of policies that are conducive to modal shift from road to rail and inland waterways thereby promoting multimodal transport operations along their corridors and enhancing the environmental performance of these transport routes. In doing so, the project will support the UNECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) in fulfilling its mandate to assume the unique role of a transport "think tank" and in the implementation of its 2020-2030 long term programme of work. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:

- A1.1. Organize a high-level networking event for representatives of UNECE member States and partner organizations to take stock of/ raise awareness about ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts aimed at decarbonizing the inland transport sector (in the margins of the ITC eighty-sixth annual session, in February 2024);
- A2.1. Organize one targeted capacity building/technical assistance event in support of countries on Euro-Asian inland transport corridors to promote policy development in support of modal shift and enhancement of the environmental performance of transport networks in the region.

Expected results of the project:

EA1. Increased understanding among high-level transport policy makers from across the UNECE region of decarbonization options for the inland transport sector and its role in accelerating global climate change mitigation efforts; EA2. Increased capacity of national transport experts in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia on the development of policies in support of modal shift and increased environmental performance of regional transport networks.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

Beneficiary countries: UNECE member States with a focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

Target group: transport experts from ministries of transport in charge of transport infrastructure and rolling stock management.

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

The proposed project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 2 "Transport" "to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable, both for freight transport and people's mobility" of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2024.

Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month/P3 **Estimated extra budgetary resources:** Donor Amount (US\$) The Netherlands 73,000 Project Manager: Section/Division: Roel Janssens Transport Facilitation and Economics Section/ Sustainable Transport Division 06.11.2023 **Cleared by Programme Management Unit:** Approved by EXCOM¹ 04.12.2023 Nicolas Dath-Baron 06.12.2023

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

Annex Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US	\$)
Accomplishments		·	
EA1. Increased	A1.1. Organize a high-level networking event for representatives of UNECE member States and partner	20,00)0
understanding among	organizations to take stock of/ raise awareness about ongoing and planned regulatory and practical efforts		
high-level transport policy	aimed at decarbonizing the inland transport sector (in the margins of the ITC eighty-sixth annual session, in		
makers from across the	February 2024)		
entire ECE region of			
decarbonization options	Contractual services (rental of room and equipment, catering services) x \$20,000		
for the inland transport			
sector and its role in			
accelerating global climate			
change mitigation efforts			
EA2. Increased capacity of	A2.1 Organize one targeted capacity building/technical assistance events in support of countries on Euro-	44,6	500
national transport experts	Asian inland transport corridors to promote policy development in support of modal shift and enhancement of		
in Eastern Europe, the	the environmental performance of transport networks in the region		
Caucasus, and Central			
Asia on the development	International consultant to support the development of policy recommendations in support of modal shift x 1		
of policies in support of	month x \$10,000	10,000	
modal shift and increased	Contractual services (room, equipment, interpretation services) x \$6,000	6,000	
environmental	Travel of 20 experts x 1 mission x \$1,300	26,000	
performance of regional	Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$1,300	2,600	
transport networks			
Budget summary		64,6	
13% of Programme Support Costs		8,3	398
Total (rounded)		73,0)00