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**Subprogramme 1. Environment**

Implementing entity: ECE, Environment Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)			
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme 17, Subprogramme 1, expected accomplishment (a) and (b)				2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate	
Objective: To strengthen the national capacities as well as mechanisms for transboundary cooperation of countries of the region for transboundary water and environment management through the effective implementation of the ECE environmental conventions				General Temporary Assistance	525.2	593.6	587.0
				Consultants	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff	102.4	37.4	37.4
				Contractual services	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars	11.1	22.5	22.5
<b>Total</b>				<b>638.7</b>	<b>653.5</b>	<b>646.9</b>	
Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement			Activities/outputs/projects			
(a) Improved transboundary water and environment management in countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	Number of bilateral or multilateral agreements/action programmes negotiated and implemented to improve transboundary environmental and water management based on ECE environmental convention principles			<p>Transboundary cooperation on the environment and shared natural resources, in particular water, is a major challenge to sustainable development. In this regard, the ECE environmental conventions provide unique frameworks for regional cooperation on interconnected water management and environmental problems. The ECE technical cooperation strategy in this area of work will include advisory missions, seminars/ workshops and field projects to be developed in cooperation with member countries and with the involvement of convention secretariats. It will support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and related SDGs 6, 7 and 13, in particular target 6.5. The subprogramme will also support the Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia. All activities will be developed upon requests from countries and in line with principles of ECE Environmental Conventions, in particular related to principles of cooperation between countries on environment and shared natural resources. Based on previous experience, most of assistance will be provided through implementation of the field projects which serve more effective frameworks for transboundary cooperation than projects.</p> <p>Extra-budgetary funding from the Global Environmental Fund have been secured for the following projects in 2018-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the extended Drin River Basin;</li> <li>- Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin.</li> </ul> <p>Extra-budgetary funding from other donors will be sought for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work in Central Asia to develop regional cooperation on water and environment including on dam safety and water quality;</li> <li>- Continued development of bilateral environment and hydrology cooperation between Afghanistan and Tajikistan;</li> <li>- Support to the establishment and work of a Network of Russian-speaking Water Management Organizations.</li> </ul> <p>Ongoing work will be continued on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management;</li> <li>- “Supporting Kazakhstan’s Transition to a Green Economy Model (transboundary component).”</li> </ul> <p>It is expected that up to 6 field projects will be supported by RPTC under this subprogramme. Projects and activities will be implemented in cooperation with relevant partners such as UNDP, OSCE, Global Water Partnership, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia and other institutions.</p>			
2014-2015: 6							
Estimate 2016-2017: 6							
Target 2018-2019: 6							
Output summary (participants)	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	Impact summary			
Advisory services	35	20	20	<p>In 2016-2017, the subprogramme achieved the following: (a) An MoU on environmental cooperation between Afghanistan and Tajikistan is signed; (b) A joint Kazakh-Kyrgyz expert group on environment of the Chu and Talas basins is established and information exchange on water quality initiated; (c) Strategic Action Plan for transboundary water cooperation in the Chu and Talas basins is approved by Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan; (d) A transboundary water agreement is signed by Azerbaijan and Georgia on the Kura river; (e) A dam safety monitoring system accessible to Kyrgyzstan as well as Kazakhstan is established on the Ortotokoi dam; and (f) An implementation project initiated in follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding on a strategic shared vision for the sustainable management of the Drin River basin with the involvement of all riparians.</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the subprogramme will strengthen capacity of 13 riparians to cooperate on transboundary water in the river basins. This will include: (a) Organization of joint Afghan-Tajik capacity-building events in the Pjanj basin; (b) Initiation of exchange of water quality data between riparians in the Chu-Talas basin; (c) Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Plan of the Dniester basin approved by riparians; (d) Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Plan of the Drin basin approved by the riparians, and (e) Establishment of a river basin commission in the Kura river; and (f) Strategy for development of water quality cooperation agreed on by Central Asian countries.</p>			
Seminar/workshops	19 (545)	14 (300)	14 (300)				
Field projects	6	6	6				
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>				

## Subprogramme 2. Transport

Implementing entity: ECE, Sustainable Transport Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)			
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme 17, Subprogramme 2, expected accomplishments (c) and (d)				2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate	
Objective: To strengthen national capacity of countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to effectively implement UN legal instruments, norms, standards and recommendations related to transport				General Temporary Assistance	457.7	342.7	479.0
				Consultants	20.0	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff	29.9	32.7	32.7
				Contractual services	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars	15.5	22.4	22.4
				<b>Total</b>	<b>523.1</b>	<b>397.8</b>	<b>534.1</b>
Expected accomplishments		Indicators of achievement		Activities/outputs/projects			
(b) Strengthened national capacities to implement UN legal instruments, norms, standards and recommendations on transport infrastructure, border crossing facilitation and road safety and security		Number of Contracting Parties to UN legal instruments on transport  2014-2015: 1,700 Estimate 2016-2017: 1,710 Target 2018-2019: 1,735		Sustainable transport contributes to sustainable development by providing the services and infrastructure for the mobility of people and goods in a manner that is safe, affordable, accessible, efficient, and resilient, while minimizing its environmental impact. The overarching objective of this subprogramme is to enhance national capacities of countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia for development of sustainable transport systems through the effective implementation of UN transport legal instruments, standards and recommendations. Furthermore, the subprogramme aims to support 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achievement of transport related SDGs by promoting regional cooperation and integration, facilitating international transport of persons and goods and improving safety, energy efficiency and security of the inland transport system. Special attention will be paid to the needs of landlocked developing countries for efficient transport system connectivity through the support of the Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia.  Objectives of the subprogramme will be achieved through: - Advisory missions to support the implementation of the UN transport legal instruments related to transport infrastructure development, border crossings facilitation and road safety and security. - Workshops and seminars on selected topics related to transport infrastructure (TEM and TER network, connectivity and resilience, intelligent transport systems, intermodality and interoperability), border crossing facilitation and road safety and security. In particular, the subprogramme will support the preparation of the Road Safety Performance Reviews in the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.  RPTC funds will be complemented by extra-budgetary resources. To multiply development effect and increase sustainability of technical cooperation activities, the subprogramme will be implemented in cooperation with relevant national stakeholders, regional (BSEC, CEI, SEETO) and international organizations and institutions.			
(b) Strengthened regional cooperation on transport infrastructure and border crossing facilitation		Number of UN Member States using the ECE common framework for sub-regional transport infrastructure development  2014-2015: 53 Estimate 2016-2017: 54 Target 2018-2019: 55					
(c) Strengthened national capacities for the strategic road safety development		(iii) Number of ECE Member States which set national and/or regional road safety targets  2014-2015: 37 Estimate 2016-2017: 40 Target 2018-2019: 43					
Output summary (participants)				Impact summary			
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	In 2016-2017, the focus of the subprogramme was on the assistance to the ECE member States in strengthening their capacity in road safety. As a result, it is expected that a number of ECE countries which set national road safety targets would increase by 10% by the end of the biennium 2016-2017. Implementation of the UNDA 9 <sup>th</sup> Tranche project and the SafeFITS model helped countries in South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in development of their road safety management system and in setting-up strategic road safety goals. Furthermore, subprogramme organized capacity building workshops related to road transport statistics, road safety and transport infrastructure development. Road transport and road safety statistics workshop (Ashgabat, 2016) strengthened the capacities of more than 35 national experts from SPECA and Eastern European countries in collecting reliable and comprehensive road transport and road safety statistics. TEM project adopted mid-term strategy to support ECE member States in achieving SDGs related to management of road infrastructure. The advisory missions supported regional cooperation in transport and better integration of landlocked developing countries in the global economy.  In 2018-2019, the activities will be focused on assistance to member States to achieve transport related SDGs. The subprogramme will support development of sustainable transport system in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia countries. Building on results of the UNDA 9 <sup>th</sup> Tranche project and SafeFITS, Road Safety Performance Reviews will be offered to member States to improve road safety situation and set targets according to the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. Advisory missions and capacity building workshops on topics related to achievement of transport related SDGs will support the development of sustainable transport systems, especially in lower- and upper-middle income countries. Sub-regional transport development projects (TEM and TER projects and SPECA Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity Working Group) will improve regional connectivity and assist countries in developing efficient, resilient, safe and more environment friendly transport systems.			
Advisory services	19	20	20				
Seminar/workshops	10 (269)	4 (200)	4 (200)				
Field projects	-	-	-				
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>				

### Subprogramme 3. Statistics

Implementing entity: ECE, Statistical Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)				
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme17, Subprogramme 3, expected accomplishment (c)						2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate
Objective: To strengthen national capacities of ECE member States, with a special focus on South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, to effectively implement international standards, recommendations and good practices in the production of official statistics, in particular on monitoring Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators.				General Temporary Assistance		399.0	437.7	583.2
				Consultants		3.6	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff		108.8	35.2	35.2
				Contractual services		0.0	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars		30.8	22.4	22.4
				Contribution to joint services		1.6	-	-
				<b>Total</b>		<b>543.8</b>	<b>495.3</b>	<b>640.8</b>
Expected accomplishments		Indicators of achievement		Activities/outputs/projects				
(c) Improved capacity to produce and disseminate statistical indicators for the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals		Number of countries in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia producing and disseminating at least 50% of the Sustainable Development Goals indicators  2014-2015: 0 Estimate 2016-2017: 4 Target 2018-2019: 6		The subprogramme will enhance the statistical capacity of the ECE member States, particularly those with less developed statistical systems in the South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. It will support the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and other United Nations standards and best practices and provide advisory services on legal and institutional frameworks of official statistics. It will strengthen national capacity for modernizing statistical production, population censuses, the SDG indicators, gender-disaggregated statistics, economic statistics and environmental accounting and indicators. The subprogramme will support the national implementation of the standards and recommendations in priority areas identified by the ECE member States, with a focus on supporting the monitoring of progress towards the achievement of the SDGs and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The subprogramme will also support the Project Working Group on Statistics of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia.  The subprogramme will organise exchange of national best practices at the regional and subregional levels and facilitate the establishment of an active network of experts. Advisory services and capacity-building seminars will be driven by national priorities, and will respond to the needs to improve the statistical capacity of South-East Europe and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asian countries in line with their national strategies for the development of statistics based on the recommendations of global assessments of national statistical systems conducted by ECE in partnership with the European Commission (Eurostat), and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Additional funding, including the UNDA 10 <sup>th</sup> Tranche, the World Bank, and ECE member States, will be mobilized. The subprogramme will coordinate its activities through the Conference of European Statisticians, joint expert meetings and working groups to identify and disseminate best practices and expertise in official statistics. The subprogramme will ensure effective collaboration and more efficient use of resources through close partnerships among national and international statistical organizations. Implementation activities will continue to be undertaken in partnership with member States and international organizations. Existing partnerships with other UN entities and regional commissions, Eurostat, EFTA, the World Bank, the OECD and other international organizations active in the ECE region, will be further developed and strengthened.				
(b) Increased ability of countries with less developed statistical systems to address their capacity gaps to collect, process and disseminate statistical information in compliance with international standards, recommendations and best practices, including the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics		Number of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia incorporating the recommendations of the second round of global assessments in their national strategies for the development of statistics  2014-2015: 0 Estimate 2016-2017: 3 Target 2018-2019: 5  Number of countries in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia documenting the production processes of official statistics according to the Generic Statistical Business Process Model  2014-2015: 3 Estimate 2016-2017: 5 Target 2018-2019: 7						
Output summary (participants)				Impact summary				
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	In 2016-2017, the subprogramme assisted three countries in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia by undertaking a second round of global assessment reviews of their national statistical systems. These global assessments were conducted by ECE jointly with partner organisations. They covered all producers of official statistics in a country, and provided in-depth and comprehensive analysis of the institutional, organisational and technical capacity of countries to produce statistical information and indicators that comply with international guidelines and standards, including the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. Global assessment reports made specific recommendations for the sustainable development of national statistical capacities, which were incorporated into national strategies and, in some cases, resulted in a strengthening of the legal basis for the collection and publication of high-quality and impartial statistical information. The subprogramme increased capacity of national statistical offices to produce and disseminate internationally comparable statistics in 8 beneficiary countries of the UNDA 9th Tranche Project "Strengthening national capacity in most vulnerable UNECE countries for sustainable development of statistics" in 8 beneficiary countries.  In 2018-2019, the subprogramme will further support the implementation of these recommendations in a coherent and coordinated way, as well as conducting further global assessments in other countries. In partnership with other UN entities and regional commissions, the subprogramme will implement a range of activities under the UNDA 10 <sup>th</sup> Tranche programme. These activities will enhance the capacity of less developed statistical systems to comply with international standards and, in particular, to improve their ability to produce and disseminate indicators for monitoring progress towards the SDGs. They will also support the modernisation of statistical production processes based on new data sources, more efficient processing methodologies, and new technologies for data dissemination.				
Advisory services	23	30	12					
Seminar/workshops	11 (293)	14 (600)	18 (300)					
Field projects	-	-	-					
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>					

**Subprogramme 4. Economic cooperation and integration**

Implementing entity: ECE, Economic Cooperation and Integration Division				Budget summary (thousands of United States dollars)			
Relationship to the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017: programme 17, Subprogramme 4, expected accomplishments (a) and (b)				2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate	
Objective: To strengthen subregional economic cooperation and integration among lower- and upper-middle countries with special emphasis on those participating in the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)				General temporary assistance	546.4	644.5	0
				Consultants	0.0	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff	33.0	32.0	0.0
				Contractual services	0.2	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars	51.5	22.6	0.0
				Contributions to joint services	0.6	-	-
<b>Total</b>				<b>631.7</b>	<b>699.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Expected accomplishments		Indicators of achievement		Activities/outputs/project			
(a) Enhanced capacity of SPECA countries to implement and review progress on relevant SDGs within the SPECA framework		Number of SPECA countries that participated in sub-regional work and follow-up and review of relevant SDGs 2014-2015: - Estimate 2016-2017: 0 Target 2018-2019: 5		<p>The Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) aims at promoting subregional cooperation among the participating countries and facilitating their integration in the world economy. The main challenge of the subprogramme is to preserve the status of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia as a neutral, United Nations platform for addressing highly complex and sensitive issues of economic and environmental cooperation in the subregion. Implementation of the Programme requires the involvement of high-level policymakers who provide, through the governing bodies of the Programme (the Governing Council), regular strategic guidance to SPECA thematic working groups in light of the priorities and needs of the SPECA participating countries. The subprogramme will focus on strengthening subregional cooperation as well as increasing the participating countries' ownership of SPECA. The subprogramme will establish a framework in order to support the SPECA countries in achievement and monitoring of relevant SDGs. It will also support a subregional consolidation of national assessments of SDG implementation as part of the SPECA programme of work, with SPECA serving as a bridge to the regional and global follow-up and review mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda. The subprogramme will support development of subregional technical cooperation projects aligned with the focus of the thematic working groups and will engage with donors to seek funding. The subprogramme will work to improve coordination of strengthened cooperation with other regional and subregional programmes and organizations. It will also support the SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development.</p> <p>Objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- delivering advisory missions on subregional cooperation issues in cooperation with other ECE subprogrammes and assisting SPECA countries in mainstreaming SDGs into national plans and strategies.</li> <li>- organizing capacity-building activities for policymakers and experts from the countries in response to the requests from the member States in cooperation with other ECE subprogrammes;</li> <li>- providing substantive services to the organizations of the meetings of the Governing Council and Economic Forum and specifically, contributing to subregional follow-up and review of relevant SDGs.</li> </ul>			
(b) Enhanced knowledge of best practices and guidelines on economic cooperation and integration issues of SPECA countries		Number of SPECA countries that used and implemented best practices and guidelines provided by ECE technical cooperation activities 2014-2015: 5 Estimate 2016-2017: 6 Target 2018-2019: 7					
Output summary (participants)			Impact summary				
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	<p>In 2016-2017, assistance was provided to the rotation of the Chairmanship of IFAS in 2016 to Turkmenistan through intensive capacity-building and preparatory work. Major progress is expected in the area of institutional and legal strengthening of IFAS, including the resumption of negotiations on an institutional agreement. Further assistance will be provided for closer cooperation among the organizations and institutions of IFAS. The 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council and 2016 SPECA Economic Forum (Ganja, 2016), that brought together all 7 SPECA countries, adopted a Declaration, which strengthened the commitment of the participating countries to using the Programme to support their implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, through subregional cooperation, and monitor progress towards the SDGs. The Declaration invited partners to actively cooperate with ECE, ESCAP and UNCTs in bringing the relevant lessons learned and experiences gained to the SPECA thematic Working Groups with a view to deepening subregional cooperation towards the achievement of the SDGs. The technical cooperation project "Strengthening capacities of SPECA countries for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the SDGs" supported the clarification of what feasible contributions the thematic Working Groups can make to a selected list of SDGs and targets through subregional cooperation on transboundary issues. The project is expected to develop and implement the subregional framework for monitoring the progress of relevant SDGs within the SPECA framework.</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the SPECA programme will assist the countries to mainstream SDGs into national policies and will translate the list of selected SDGs and targets into subregional policies and strategies, and, will help establish an effective mechanism for sharing information, knowledge, and best practices. The Programme will continue building partnerships (SDG 17) with national partners, other UN agencies, development partners and organizations, economic cooperation and integration initiatives in the support for implementing the SDGs.</p>			
Advisory services	14	17	10				
Seminars/workshops	12 (200)	11 (380)	4 (200)				
Field projects	-	2	1				
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>				

### Subprogramme 5. Sustainable Energy

Implementing entity: ECE, Sustainable Energy Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)				
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme 17, Subprogramme 5, expected accomplishment (a) and (c)						2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate
Objective: To strengthen the countries in the region to improve access to affordable, clean and economically sustainable energy for all, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region				General Temporary Assistance		391.6	406.0	413.4
				Consultants		0.0	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff		12.0	31.6	31.6
				Contractual services		0.0	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars		66.9	22.5	22.5
				<b>Total</b>		<b>470.5</b>	<b>460.1</b>	<b>467.5</b>
Expected accomplishments		Indicators of achievement		Activities/outputs/projects				
(a) Improved capacities of ECE member States on sustainable energy issues, in particular energy efficiency, cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels, renewable energy, natural gas, and energy relevant resources classification		Number of countries implementing ECE best practices guidelines, norms and standards on sustainable energy issues  Baseline 2014-2015: 12 Estimate 2016-2017: 14 Target 2018-2019: 16		<p>The subprogramme aims at strengthening capacity of the member States to meet SDG 7 "Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All", contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions arising from energy production and use, enhance performance of power production and consumption, and increase the efficiency of management of energy and mineral resources. In order to achieve these objectives, the subprogramme will implement the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide policy advice on elaboration of sustainable energy policies, strategies, and programme, drawing on SDG7 expertise and experience;</li> <li>- Organize capacity building activities aimed at strengthening the sustainability of the production, transmission, and consumption of energy;</li> <li>- Develop network of experts and policy makers to promote sustainable energy technologies.</li> </ul> <p>The subprogramme will also support the Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia. The RPTC resources will be leveraged by the UNDA 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Tranches and extrabudgetary resources. The subprogramme will further strengthen partnerships with the United Nations system and international organizations, the Global Environment Facility, the agencies of the World Bank Group, the Eurasian Economic Commission, the Commonwealth of Independent States Executive Committee, the Asian Development Bank, Energy Charter Secretariat, IEA, the International Renewable Agency, European Commission, and other relevant national, regional, and global organizations, as well as with the private sector.</p>				
(b) Strengthened capacity of ECE member States to achieving SDG 7		Number of countries developing National Action Plans to meet SDG 7  Baseline 2014-2015: 0 Estimate 2016-2017: 3 Target 2018-2019: 5						
Output summary (participants)			Impact summary					
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	<p>In 2016-2017, the focus was on assistance to the member States to strengthen their capacity in promoting renewable energy investments for climate change mitigation. The provided training enhanced capacities of the government officials and developers from 11 ECE countries on the renewable energy project development, finance and business planning. Assistance to project developers in preparing pre-feasibility studies and support in the submission process to domestic and international investors, banks, investment funds, and other financial institutions have been provided. Three case studies on the experience of policy reforms to promote renewable energy investment in Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine have been completed. A seminar on policy reforms to promote financing of renewable investments strengthened the capacity of national and local policymakers from 12 ECE countries (Baku, 2016). The participants considered case studies from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, and Ukraine and discussed potential normative and institutional framework mechanisms and incentives to promote renewable energy market formation in their countries. As a result of activities new normative mechanisms to promote renewable energy market formation are under consideration by the governments in Georgia and Azerbaijan.</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the subprogramme will enhance the capacities of the member States in the whole range of sustainable energy issues, including energy efficiency, cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels, renewable energy, natural gas, and energy relevant resource classification and, overall, will support the member States in achieving SDG7. It will also support the governments in development and implementation of the national sustainable energy plans through the UNDA 10<sup>th</sup> Tranche project "National Action Plans for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia" and other technical cooperation projects. It is envisaged that advisory missions and workshops will strengthen the knowledge and skill of 250 national experts.</p>				
Advisory services	6	13	6					
Seminar/workshops	14 (434)	4 (250)	8 (250)					
Field projects	-	3	3					
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>					

## Subprogramme 6. Trade

Implementing entity: ECE, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division				Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)				
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme 17, Subprogramme 6, expected accomplishment (a)						2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate
Objective: To assist countries in the ECE region to develop and implement national policies and establish mechanisms in support of trade facilitation as a means of achieving sustained economic growth and development				General Temporary Assistance		424.6	375.8	466.4
				Consultants		56.9	0.0	0.0
				Travel of staff		46.5	35.8	35.8
				Contractual services		0.0	0.0	0.0
				Participants in seminars		52.9	22.3	22.3
<b>Total</b>						<b>580.9</b>	<b>433.9</b>	<b>524.5</b>
Expected accomplishments			Indicators of achievement			Activities/outputs/projects		
(b) Enhanced national capacities to improve trade facilitation and electronic business			Number of countries establishing trade facilitation mechanisms in support of trade development with support of the subprogramme			<p>Technical cooperation under the subprogramme will be focused on strengthening the capacity of member States to develop and implement national policies and establish mechanisms in support of trade facilitation as a means of achieving sustained economic growth and development. To this end, the implementation of the subprogramme will draw upon the standards, recommendations and tools developed by ECE, the UN Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UNCEFACT), other ECE expert bodies and other international organizations in the area of trade. Considering the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, the subprogramme will use the wealth of expertise and instruments in trade facilitation in ECE to assist the member States in particular Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of advisory services based on country needs assessments;</li> <li>- Organization of national, subregional, regional, and interregional training workshops with exchange of experience on effective implementation of norms, standards and recommendations in trade facilitation;</li> <li>- Developing studies, policy papers and training materials on specific trade facilitation issues based upon needs expressed by countries;</li> <li>- Strengthening networks of experts and policy-makers to facilitate exchange of best practices.</li> </ul> <p>The subprogramme will contribute to improved implementation of ECE tools in such areas as streamlining trade documentation and procedures, Single Windows for export and import procedures; data harmonization, document standardization; national TF bodies, implementation of the WTO TF Agreement, and support for the SPECA Working Group on Trade. The RPTC resources will be complemented by the UNDA 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Tranches projects on trade facilitation which will be used to leverage extra-budgetary resources from bilateral and multilateral donors. The RPTC subprogramme will be implemented in partnerships with beneficiary countries and in collaboration with UN Resident Coordinators and UNCTs, regional organizations and regional financial institutions such as the Regional Cooperation Council, the Eurasian Economic Commission, The Eurasian Development Bank, the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, and others.</p>		
			Baseline 2014-2015: 6 Estimate 2016-2017: 6 Target 2018-2019: 7					
(b) Strengthened national regional cooperation on trade facilitation and electronic businesses			Number of regional networks of experts and policy makers on trade facilitation supported by the subprogramme					
			Baseline 2014-2015: 3 Estimate 2016-2017: 3 Target 2018-2019: 3					
Output summary (participants)				Impact summary				
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	<p>In 2016-2017, the subprogramme delivered the following: (a) two readiness assessment reports on the readiness Ukraine and Kazakhstan to implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement; (b) two national interagency working groups on trade facilitation established in selected pilot countries (Ukraine and Kazakhstan); training on trade facilitation provided to nine countries; (c) a network of trade negotiators of the SPECA countries established and brought together for a Trade Policy Forum in May 2016 (in support of SDG17, notably target 17:10); (d) the capacity of policy-makers and experts for trade facilitation implementation strengthened for 11 countries in two subregions (SPECA and the Western Balkans), as well as Ukraine and Belarus; (e) a new partnership with international development partners established, where ECE introduced a training module on trade facilitation; (f) a regional strategy for trade facilitation for the BSEC countries finalized and presented to the BSEC Member States for review and adoption; (g) Single Window implementation advanced in 5 member States of the Eurasian Economic Union and Ukraine (maritime Single Window).</p> <p>In 2018-2019, the subprogramme will strengthen the capacity of 18 lower- and upper-middle income countries through implementation of trade facilitation norms, standards and best practice recommendations. Most of them will have established National Trade Facilitation Committees. The ECE involvement will include delivering training on the functioning of these committees (UNCEFACT Recommendations 4 and 40); strengthening capacity and readiness of these countries to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement. Particular impact is expected in the following areas: (a) streamlining trade documentary procedures, using ECE recommendations and guides; (b) use of international standards; (c) border agency collaboration and functioning national Trade Facilitation bodies; (d) Single Window implementation and interoperability; and (e) establishing mechanisms for monitoring progress in trade facilitation.</p>				
Advisory services	22	22	15					
Seminar/workshops	20 (447)	10 (600)	11 (600)					
Field projects	2	2	1					
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>					

### Subprogramme 7. Forests, Land and Housing

Implementing entity: ECE, Forests, Land and Housing Division		Budget Summary (thousands of US dollars)			
Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2018-2019: Programme 17, Subprogramme 7, expected accomplishment (b); Subprogramme 8, expected accomplishment (a)		2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 appropriation	2018-2019 estimate	
Objective: To strengthen national capacity for sustainable management of forests, land and housing in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the ECE region		General Temporary Assistance	0.0	0.0	0.0
		Consultants	0.0	50.5	50.5
		Travel of staff	0.0	38.1	38.1
		Contractual services	0.0	0.0	0.0
		Participants in seminars	0.0	22.5	22.5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>111.1</b>
Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement	Activities/outputs/projects			
) Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector to support sustainable forest management.	Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management  2014-2015: 69 Estimate 2016-2017: 69 Target 2018-2019: 71	<p>The overarching objective of the Forests, Land and Housing subprogramme is to strengthen national capacity for sustainable management of forests, land and housing in the ECE region in support of the 2030 Agenda and related SDGs. In particular, the subprogramme will focus on strengthening the capacity of ECE member States for evidence based policy formulation and implementation in sustainable forest management, housing, urban planning and administration. The subprogramme aims to assist member States in: (i) collecting data and information; (ii) develop and apply new monitoring and assessment methods and processes in support of sustainable forest management; (iii) develop policies for sustainable housing, real estate markets and urban development, land administration and management; (iv) implement the Geneva UN Charter for Sustainable Housing at the country level. These objectives will be achieved through the following strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Result oriented assessment of national monitoring systems and related analytical tools in the forests, land and housing sectors (for instance the development at the national level of the Criteria and Indicators (C&amp;I) for Sustainable Forest Management of- or Land Administration Reviews); and policies and programmes (for instance through Housing Country Profiles);</li> <li>- Organizing and conducting seminars and workshops to assist countries in developing appropriate monitoring systems and management policies in the forest, land and housing sectors;</li> <li>- Facilitating the exchange of knowledge, best practices and national experiences (for instance through the networks of experts);</li> <li>- Developing training material to support the development of monitoring tools and strategies and implementation of policies for sustainable forest, land and housing management</li> <li>- Conducting training of officers and trainers at the national and sub-regional level ('train the trainers' approach).</li> <li>- Providing policy advice on sustainable management of forests, land and housing to policy makers, experts and other key stakeholders in the region.</li> </ul>			
	Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management.  2014-2015: 69 Estimate 2016-2017: 69 Target 2018-2019: 75				
Number of new measures taken by member States to apply measurement standards and monitoring tools on sustainable forest management developed by ECE  Baseline 2014-2015: - Estimate 2016-2017: - Target 2018-2019: 2					
) Increased national capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe in sustainable forest management.	Increased number of countries formulating their national policies on housing, urban planning and land management based on ECE guidelines or recommendations  Baseline 2014-2015: 23 Estimate 2016-2017: 24 Target 2018-2019: 25				
	Increased number of countries implementing best practices in sustainable housing, urban development and land administration based on ECE recommendations  2014-2015: 15 Estimate 2016-2017: 25 Target 2018-2019: 27				
) Enhanced national capacity of countries in the ECE region for evidence-based policy formulation and implementation in housing, urban planning and land administration	Number of new measures adopted by member States in areas of housing and land management based on ECE studies, policy documents and results-oriented assessments  Baseline 2014-2015: - Estimate 2016-2017: - Target 2018-2019: 4				



Output summary (participants)				Impact summary
	Actual 2014-2015	Estimate 2016-2017	Estimate 2018-2019	
Advisory services	-	20	20	<p>During the biennium 2016-2017, the subprogramme organized workshops and undertook advisory missions focused on building capacity of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia in the areas of forest monitoring and management, land management and housing. As a result of RPTC support, over 30 representatives of municipalities of Belarus and representatives of planning institutions were trained on the use of International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning. A meeting with government officials at the Ministry of Architecture of Belarus facilitated agreement on the next steps in the cooperation on urban development, including the preparation of a Country Profile on Housing and Land Management and implementation of the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing. "Bioenergy from the Forest Sector - Capacity Building for Information" is another example of how RPTC advisory services strengthened national capacities 25 countries in data collection, analysis and reporting in the forest sector.</p> <p>It is expected that in 2018-2019, the subprogramme will contribute to focused, effective and evidence based policy making in the areas of forest monitoring and management, land management and housing. In particular, it is expected that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All stakeholders will strengthen their understanding and capacity on the implementation of relevant SDGs;</li> <li>- Policy makers will have an improved understanding of tools, policy instruments and methodologies for sustainable forest, land and housing management due to training and advice received;</li> <li>- Networks of experts and stakeholders will be strengthened and exchange of relevant information will be improved;</li> <li>- Decision makers and policy makers will enhance knowledge of the subject matter and related strategies in national plans and programmers, for forests, land and housing in the region;</li> <li>- National stakeholders will be able to develop specific action plans, strategies and programmes in a result of the capacity building activities;</li> <li>- Institutional arrangements and organizational settings will be strengthened and updated to cover country needs, including the need to work across sectors and in a coherent manner with other institutions and stakeholders.</li> </ul>
Seminar/workshops	-	8 (300)	8 (300)	
Field projects	-	-	...	
Total	-	28	28	