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Extrabudgetary projects

Improved sustainable urban development in municipalities in 40 cities of the Netherlands

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Improved sustainable urban development in municipalities in 40 cities of the Netherlands		
Expected timing/ duration: April 2019 – December 2020		
Objective and brief summary of the project: In 2014, the UNECE in cooperation with the Organization for International Economic Relations (OiER) based in Vienna established a programme “United Smart Cities” which provides advisory services, technical assistance and capacity building to cities of the UNECE region. This programme serves as a platform for cities to provide support in improving the sustainable growth of cities while focusing on a more efficient use of their resources. In 2018, the UNECE signed an MoU with the OiER to establish the Centre for Excellence on smart sustainable cities to implement concrete projects for investments and public private partnerships in the UNECE region. In 2017, UNECE together with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have developed and agreed on the Key Performance Indicators for Smart Sustainable Cities (KPIs) with the aim to evaluate the performance of cities; set priorities for actions; achieve the SDGs at the local level; and support development of the evidence-based policies. Cities from several UNECE member States (including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Norway, Poland and Ukraine) requested UNECE to conduct evaluation of performance of cities using KPIs. In 2018, the Government of the Netherlands decided to evaluate its 40 cities using the KPIs and develop smart sustainable cities projects as part of its initiative “Netherlands as the First Smart Nation”. The proposed project will support the implementation of this initiative. The objective of this project is to conduct an assessment of 40 Dutch municipalities in accordance to the KPIs. The project is implemented jointly by Statistics Netherlands (CBS), UNECE and OiER. The objective of the project will be achieved through the following activities: A1.1. Conduct data collection and analysis for 40 Dutch municipalities and preparation of the short city profiles; A1.2. Organize of two advisory missions to the Netherlands; A1.3. Organise a validation workshop in the Netherlands; A1.4. Conduct communication and dissemination activities (preparing press-releases, communicating through social media, presentations at relevant international events, preparation and publication of the final project report).		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Improved assessment of sustainable urban development in municipalities in 40 cities the Netherlands.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary country is the Netherlands. The target group is policy makers and government officials at the national (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations, Data Centres CBS-Statistics Netherlands) and municipals levels in the Netherlands.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project contributes to the Expected accomplishment (a) “Improved capacity for formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies in housing, urban development and land management” of the Subprogramme 8 “Housing, land management and population” of the UNECE programme budget for the period 2018-2019 and the objective “to advance decent, adequate, affordable, energy efficient and healthy housing for all in liveable cities and human settlements, sustainable land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies” of Subprogramme 8 “Housing, land management and population” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The project contributes to the Programme of Work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2018 – 2019 (ECE/HBP/2017/7, para 12). At its 76th session, the Committee on Housing and Land Management included the topic of smart cities as one of its priority activities under the cluster “Sustainable urban development” (ECE/HBP/2015/4). At its 77th session, the Committee endorsed the KPIs and the activities carried out by the United Smart Cities and U4SSC (ECE/HBP/2016/4).		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 2 months of P4/RB staff for the project duration		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
	Donors	Amount (EUR)
Total		200,000
The Netherlands Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations		150,000
OiER		50,000
Project Manager: Gulnara Roll 13.02.2019	Section/Division: Housing and Land Management Unit Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief of PMU 13.02.2019	Approved by EXCOM:	11.03.2019

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (EUR)
EA1. Improved assessment of sustainable urban development in municipalities in 40 cities the Netherlands	A1.1. Conduct data collection and analysis for 40 Dutch municipalities and preparation of short city profiles (factsheets) Staff support/ P2 level x 12 months x 9,000 EUR per month 1 international consultant on data verification x 5,000 EUR x 10 months	158,000 108,000 50,000
	A1.2. Organization of two advisory missions to the Netherland for meeting some of the cities Travel of staff x 2 missions x 1,200 EUR Travel of 1 consultant x 2 missions x 1,200 EUR	4,800 2,400 2,400
	A1.3 Organisation of a validation workshop in the Netherlands Travel of 2 staff x 1,200 EUR Travel of 2 consultants x1,200 EUR	4,800 2,400 2,400
	A1.3. Communication and dissemination products and activities (including publications, reports, etc. and presentation to relevant international events globally) 1 international consultant x 3,000 EUR per month x 2 months Operating and other direct costs Contractual services (translation, interpretation, editing, printing)	9,300 6,000 1,300 2,000
Budget summary		176,900
13% of Programme Support Costs		22,997
Total (rounded)		200,000