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Strengthening capacities of selected CIS countries to implement urban related SDGs through Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and innovative financing mechanisms

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

Project title: Strengthening capacities of selected CIS countries to implement urban related SDGs through Country Profiles on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and innovative financing mechanisms		
Expected timing/ duration: April 2019 – December 2020		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to enhance capacity of national, regional and local governments in in three selected countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for the development and implementation of sustainable, inclusive and evidence-based urban policies and programmes. The project will support the implementation of recommendations of the UNECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management in Kazakhstan and Belarus which were completed respectively in 2017 and 2018. The UNECE Country Profiles are country based comprehensive studies which provide analysis and recommendations on the national implementation of policies on housing and urban development. Specifically, the project will support development of smart sustainable district pilot projects as per the recommendations of the Profiles in in Belarus and Kazakhstan. The pilot projects with start with an assessment of the urban sustainability situation using the UNECE/ITU Key Performance Indicators for smart sustainable cities (KPIs) and based on the analysis will apply UNECE developed people first public and private partnership model to respond to the urban infrastructure challenges and support regeneration of a low-income residential district in Astana, Kazakhstan; and building a smart sustainable district in Grodno, Belarus. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:		
A1.1. A fact-finding mission to Astana, Kazakhstan to perform an assessment of urban sustainability of City of Astana; A1.2 A fact finding/research mission to Minsk and Grodno, Belarus, to assess urban sustainability of City of Grodno; A1.3. Development of a report with analysis of urban sustainability and drafting city profile for City of Astana; A1.4. Development of a report with analysis of urban sustainability and drafting city profile for City of Grodno; A2.1. Capacity building workshop to present outcomes of the assessment of urban sustainability of City of Astana and develop the pilot project approach for cooperation with investors for the district Zhastar; A2.2. Capacity building workshop to present outcomes of the assessment of urban sustainability of City of Grodno and to develop the pilot project approach for the selected district cooperation with investors; A2.3. A regional workshop to present results of assessments and project proposals for investments opportunities.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Improved understanding of the national, subnational and local authorities on assessment of housing and urban development sectors in Kazakhstan and Belarus; EA2. Improved capacity of national, subnational and local governments in Kazakhstan and Belarus to implement urban policies, including intersectoral cooperation and innovative financing mechanisms.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries are Belarus and Kazakhstan. The target group is policy makers at the municipal (municipalities of Astana and Grodno), subnational (regional government of Grodno), and national levels (Ministry of Investments and Innovation of Kazakhstan Ministry of Architecture and Construction of Belarus), academia, other international organizations, representatives of civil society and private sector. Project results will be disseminated in other interested CIS countries.		
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 the 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).		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month P4/ RB; 1 month P2/ RB for the duration of the project		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donors	Amount	
Russian Federation	200,000 USD	
Project Manager: Gulnara Roll 15.02.2019	Section/Division: Housing and Land Management Unit Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief of PMU 15.02.2019	Approved by EXCOM:	11.03.2019

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (USD)
EA1. Improved understanding of the national, subnational and local authorities on assessment of housing and urban development sectors in Kazakhstan and Belarus	A1.1. A fact-finding mission to Astana, Kazakhstan to conduct an assessment of urban sustainability Staff support/ P2 x 10,000\$ x 1 month Staff support/ G4 x 2 months x 5,500\$ 3 international consultants to deliver assessment of smartness and sustainability of Astana city against KPIs x 3,000\$ Travel of 1 staff x 1,800\$ Travel of 3 consultants x 1,800\$	37,200 10,000 11,000 9,000 1,800 5,400
	A1.2 A fact finding mission to Minsk and Grodno, Belarus, to conduct an assessment of urban sustainability Staff support/ P2 x 10,000\$ x 1 month Staff support/ G4 x 2 months x 5,500\$ 3 international consultants to deliver assessment of smartness and sustainability of Grodno city against KPI x 3,000\$ Travel of 1 staff 1 x 1,500\$ Travel of 3 consultants x 1,500\$	36,000 10,000 11,000 9,000 1,500 4,500
	A1.3. Analysis and drafting of a smart sustainable city profile of Grodno, Belarus 1 international consultant to draft the report x 5000\$ Contractual services (translation of documents, editing)	6,200 5,000 1,200
	A1.4. Analysis and drafting of a smart sustainable city profile of Astana, Kazakhstan 1 international consultant to draft the report with two smart sustainable city profiles for Astana and Grodno x 5,000\$ Contractual services (translation of documents, editing)	6,200 5,000 1,200
EA2. Improved capacity of national, subnational and local governments in three selected CIS countries for the implementation of urban policies and programmes through intersectoral cooperation at national and city level and innovative financing mechanisms	A2.1. Capacity building workshop to present outcomes of the assessment of urban sustainability of city of Astana and develop the pilot project approach for cooperation with investors for the district Zhastar Staff support/ G4 x 2 months x 5,500\$ Contractual services (interpretation, venue, etc) x 4,600\$ Travel of 1 staff 1 x 1800 Travel of 3 consultants (in charge of KPI evaluation) x 1,800\$	22,800 11,000 4,600 1,800 5,400
	A2.2. Capacity building workshop to present outcomes of the assessment of urban sustainability of City of Grodno and to develop the pilot project approach for the selected district cooperation with investors Staff support/G4 x 2 months x 5,500\$ Contractual services (interpretation, venue, etc) x 4,600 Travel of 1 staff 1 x 1,500\$ Travel of 3 consultants (in charge of KPI evaluation) x 1,500\$	21,600 11,000 4,600 1,500 4,500
	A2.3. A regional workshop to present results of assessments and project proposals for investments opportunities Staff support/ P2 x 10,000\$ x 1 month Staff support/ G4 x 3 months x 5,500\$ Travel of 12 meeting participants x 1,700\$	46,900 10,000 16,500 20,400
Budget summary		176,900
13% of Programme Support Costs		23,000
Total (rounded)		200,000