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Extrabudgetary project

**Workshop on “Strengthening national capacity of selected countries
of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
in applying sustainable transport policy and practices based on the recommendations
of the Environmental Performance Reviews (EPR)”**

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

Project title: Workshop on “Strengthening national capacity of selected countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in applying sustainable transport policy and practices based on the recommendations of the Environmental Performance Reviews (EPR)”		
Expected timing/ duration: 18-19 June 2019 (Budva, Montenegro)		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, 2016) recognized the role that UNECE EPR Programme can play in supporting the achievement and monitoring of SDGs in the UNECE region. Since 2017, EPRs has been assessing progress in the reviewed countries in achieving relevant SDGs. The review process has also been assisting these countries to identify systemic challenges related to the achievement of relevant SDGs and working to build their capacity to implement respective EPR recommendations in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In 2017, the EPR team organized the first workshop to support the countries in integration of SDGs in the EPRs and facilitated the discussion on first lessons learned. The proposed second workshop “Strengthening national capacity of selected countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in applying sustainable transport policy and practices based on the recommendations of the Environmental Performance Reviews” will be organized to strengthen the capacity of national of experts and government officials in the environment and transport sectors in the countries under review in implementation of the targets of the 2030 Agenda related to environment and transport. In addition, the workshop will also provide a forum for exchange of experiences and networking between national environmental authorities on implementation of the 2030 Goals or targets related to air protection and transport. The workshop will deliver the following outputs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and analysis of the recent EPR recommendations on transport and environment and air quality; • Share experiences by beneficiary countries on the implementation of recommendations drawn from EPR chapters on transport and air protection; • Discuss available tools and instruments to support sustainable urban transport/mobility and abatement for mobile emission sources reduction of air pollution; and • Discuss common priorities and develop a road map on implementing SDG related to sustainable transport and air protection. 		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Strengthened national capacities to develop national policies to achieve SDGs related to transport and environment based on the recommendations drawn from the EPRs EA2. Enhancing integration of SDG targets in EPRs.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are senior policymakers and experts from relevant ministries and agencies responsible for development of national policy documents related to the achievement of SDGs. The beneficiary countries are Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan and Ukraine.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The workshop will contribute to the Expected accomplishment (a) "Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies", (d) "Improved environmental performance of interested countries" of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” and Expected accomplishments (a) "Strengthened legal and regulatory framework for international land (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport) transport, transport infrastructure, border-crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, vehicle construction and other transport-related services" and (d) "Strengthened capacity to implement relevant ECE legal instruments, norms and standards, in particular in the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia" of the Subprogramme 2 “Transport” of the UNECE Programme budget for the biennium 2018 - 2019.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 5 days of P4/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor Germany	Amount (€) 41,352	
Project Manager: Antoine Nunes 15.05.2019	Section/Division: Environment	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief 15.05.2019	Approved by EXCOM¹	29.05.2019

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (€)
EA1. Strengthening capacities of national environmental authorities to integrate environmental considerations into sectoral policies in line with the 2030 Agenda;	Travel of 19 experts x €1,500	28,500
	Travel of 3 staff x €1,500	4,500
	Contractual services to support organization of the workshop	3,595
EA2. Enhancing integration of SDG targets in EPRs.		
Budget summary		36,595
13% of Programme Support Costs		4,757
Total		41,352