

Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

2019 session

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Strategic Objective

“To promote a policy, financial and regulatory environment for sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness”

Forum for dialogue

- Identify relevant policy issues and develop best practices/standards

Policy assessments

- National assessments on request; tailored policy recommendations

Technical cooperation

- Targeted capacity-building to facilitate implementation of recommendations & standards



Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs

Chairperson: Sedef Yavuz Noyan (Turkey)

Vice-Chairs: Belarus, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, United States

Subsidiary Body

Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships

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Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

Cooperation

International PPP
Centre of Excellence

PPP Business
Advisory Board



Achievements since the previous session (1/2)

Innovation and Competitiveness

- ❑ Good practices: “The 4th Industrial Revolution – Innovation for Sustainable Growth”
- ❑ Innovation for Sustainable Reviews: Review of Kyrgyzstan presented in the country; Review of Georgia started
- ❑ Pilot sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook: work started in 5 countries (Arm, Az, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine), 1st results by year end
- ❑ Implementation of policy recommendations: workshops on national action plan Kyrgyzstan, technology foresight Belarus, foreign technology transfer Kazakhstan (sub-regional), high-growth enterprises Belarus
- ❑ Session on “The growth we want – solutions for sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth” at Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (together with the Trade subprogram)
- ❑ Session “Towards the Circular Economy - Innovation Policies for Smart Cities” at the 2019 session of the Economic Commission for Europe (together with the Trade subprogram)
- ❑ Side event “Innovation for the Circular Economy” at the High-Level Political Forum NY 9th July (together with UNEP and other UNECE sub-programs)



Achievements since the previous session (2/2)

Public-Private Partnerships

- ❑ New standards on PPPs in railways, renewable energy, and roads adopted; standards on water supply & sanitation, urban rail transit, and a model law on PPPs/concessions are under preparation (the latter w/ EBRD & UNCITRAL)
- ❑ Voluntary Declaration on a Zero Tolerance Approach to Corruption in PPP Procurement adopted
- ❑ Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs for the UN SDGs & document on Putting the Guiding Principles on People-first PPPs into practice adopted
- ❑ PPP discussion at the UN SDG Investment Fair NY focused on People First PPPs
- ❑ 120 case studies on People First PPPs collected; a policy impact assessment tool to score them is being developed
- ❑ PPP readiness assessment Kazan, Russian Federation
- ❑ 2 meetings of the Specialist Centres of Excellence on PPPs in China & France to discuss cooperation & capacity building
- ❑ 1st PPP Dialogue for Belt & Road
- ❑ Policy advice and capacity building: Belarus, Bulgaria, Ukraine
- ❑ Fourth International PPP Forum with a focus on People-First PPPs, discussing voluntary implementation of UNECE standards; including a panel of the Executive Secretaries of all 5 UN Regional Commissions



Major Activities planned for 2019-2020 (1/2)

Innovation & competitiveness

- ❑ Completing Innovation Review of Georgia, initiating a review of Armenia or Moldova
- ❑ Completing the pilot sub-regional Innovation Policy Outlook
- ❑ Follow-up advice & capacity building to support implementation of policy recommendations, including in Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan
- ❑ Sub-regional training in Serbia or North Macedonia, together with UNCTAD & other UN partners (Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs)
- ❑ Science park study tour to the Russian Federation for policy makers from CIS countries
- ❑ SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development to be adopted by the SPECA Governing Council; follow-on support for implementation (sub-regional action plan)
- ❑ Set up a task force for developing high-level policy principles on selected aspects of innovation for sustainable development



Major Activities planned for 2019-2020 (2/2)

Public-Private Partnerships

- ❑ 2nd Dialogue on PPPs for Belt & Road countries (Gva, s.t. XB funding)
- ❑ International standards on PPPs in health policy, in water and sanitation, and in urban rail transit, as well as guidelines on PPPs in waste to energy projects will be finalized
- ❑ Work on a PPPs/concessions model law to be advanced (w/ EBRD & UNCITRAL)
- ❑ Regular coordination meetings of PPP Specialist Centers of Excellence
- ❑ The campaign to collect 500 People First PPP case studies will continue
- ❑ An evaluation methodology as an implementation tool to score infrastructure projects against the People-first PPP criteria will be developed
- ❑ National and sub-regional policy advisory and capacity building activities in Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, and Tajikistan
- ❑ Capacity building initiative for countries within the Belt and Road initiative, based on three pillars of cooperation (policy dialogue, national capacity-building and transformational projects) s.t. XB resources



Main cooperation w/ other ECE bodies & other int'l organizations

- ❑ Cooperation w/ other sectoral committees/ divisions at UNECE on nexus areas, i.e. smart cities, measuring progress on the SDGs, connectivity & mobility, and sustainable resources, as appropriate
- ❑ Cooperation w/ ESCAP on SPECA, including a Strategy on Innovation for Sustainable Development & capacity building on technology transfer in Central Asia
- ❑ Cooperation w/ OECD, UNCTAD & other UN agencies on innovation capacity building
- ❑ Exploring contribution of OECD to the pilot Innovation Policy Outlook
- ❑ Cooperation w/ EBRD & UNCITRAL on a PPP/concessions model law
- ❑ Participation in the Inter-agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development and the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development



QUESTIONS ?



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Draft decisions relating to the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

The Executive Committee hereby approves

(a) the Programme of Work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration subprogramme for 2020, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2019/10

(b) the renewal of the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies for an additional two years until 2021, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2019/2

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