

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

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## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

1. <i>Project title:</i> Development of a Guide to Trade facilitation Implementation	
2. <i>Expected timing and duration:</i> mid-July, 30 months	3. <i>Estimated budget cost (in US\$):</i> 665,033
4. <i>Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</i> Given the increasing international interest in trade facilitation, this project focuses on the development of a comprehensive Guide to Trade Facilitation Implementation, based on international tools, standards and best practices. The project will also deliver a series of capacity building workshops to assist countries in the utilisation of the Guide for the development of national and regional trade facilitation strategies.	
5. <i>Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Enhanced understanding by trade officials and trade facilitation specialists in developing and transition economies of the rational, approach, tools, techniques, and standards for trade facilitation implementation</li><li>- Delivery of a common Guide to Trade Facilitation Implementation for the Global Facilitation Partnership (GFP)</li></ul>	
6. <i>Main beneficiaries of Project:</i> National governments and trade community in developing and transition economies	
7. <i>Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</i> This activity is part of the UN/CEFACT approved Programme of Work, ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2005/8, Item 1.2.7	
8. <i>Source(s) of funding:</i> <i>Donors</i> Swedish International Development Agency	
9. <i>Name of Project Manager and Division</i> <hr/> T. Butterly <span style="float: right;">Trade and Timber Division</span> <hr/> <b>Project Manages</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Division</b></span>	

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## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

1. <i>Project title:</i> Capacity Building programme on Engendering National Statistical Systems for a Knowledge-Based Policy Formulation in CIS and SEE countries	
2. <i>Expected timing and duration:</i> 15.07.2006 to 30.06.2009	3. <i>Estimated budget cost (in US\$):</i> 550,000
4. <i>Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Improve the gender sensitivity of national statistical systems to better produce data for developing, monitoring, and evaluating gender policies</li> <li>• To Increase capacity of users to utilize statistics for policy making and how to judge the quality and availability of data at the national and regional level.</li> </ul> <p>The project will develop a manual on Engendering National Statistical Systems, produce two sub-regional publications on the condition of women and men and contribute to maintaining the agencies' Gender Statistics Database. Training activities will also be carried out at sub-regional level, targeting the staff of National Statistical Offices and data users.</p>	
5. <i>Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of a critical mass of trainers able to spread the knowledge of gender statistics and influence the production, analysis, and dissemination of gender statistics</li> <li>- Development of a tool to support trainers</li> <li>- Improved visibility and understanding of gender issues in the region</li> <li>- Improved visibility and quality of the UNECE/UNDP/WB Gender Statistics Database</li> <li>- Improved capacity of users to properly use statistics for policy making</li> </ul>	
6. <i>Main beneficiaries of Project:</i>	
<p>The target audience for the project are statisticians and others who produce data at all levels and who can make a difference in "engendering national statistical systems" in SEE and EECCA countries. Users who influence the work of the national statistical system, and those who utilize statistics for policy making or whose role is to advocate for knowledge-based policy will also be targeted.</p>	
7. <i>Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</i>	
<p>UNECE, UNDP and the World Bank have carried out a number of joint activities to support gender statistics in CIS and South East European (SEE) countries, including training and advisory activities. In 2003 an assessment of the quality and availability of gender statistics in the countries of region was also conducted. From this assessment it emerged that some countries of the region are still at an early stage of development in gender statistics, showing major difficulties in collecting and producing gender-specific statistics. However, there are issues that are in common among all countries in the region, such as data gaps on specific subject areas (violence against women, paid and unpaid work, etc.) and lack of gender awareness among statisticians, since definitions, classifications and data collection methodologies are not always gender-sensitive. In line with the outcome of this assessment, the activities of this project will address general issues at the regional level, while sub-regional level activities will be held in areas where countries' needs are different.</p> <p>This project will support activities and objectives approved by the Conference of European Statisticians (see UNECE Statistical Programme, Activity 3.16 Gender Statistics)</p>	
8. <i>Source(s) of funding:</i> World Bank	<i>Donors</i>
9. <i>Name of Project Manager and Division</i>	
Angela Me _____	Statistical Division _____
<b>Project Manager</b>	<i>Division</i>

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## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

<p>1. <i>Project title:</i></p> <p>Support to develop and implement the EECCA component of the EU Water Initiative for Integrated Water Resources Management activities</p>	
<p>2. <i>Expected timing and duration:</i></p> <p>Autumn 2006-autumn 2007. Possible yearly prolongations.</p>	<p>3. <i>Estimated budget cost (in US\$):</i></p> <p>140,000</p>
<p>4. <i>Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</i></p> <p>To assist 1-2 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) upon request to introduce Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). The project will fund a UNECE Consultant who will have the task to initiate a so-called National Policy Dialogue on IWRM in the countries. The National Policy Dialogue will include state authorities and other stakeholders and will aim to develop the national water policy. The project is a part of the EU Water Initiative.</p>	
<p>5. <i>Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</i></p> <p>A framework for the cooperation of all stakeholders for the reform of national water management policies, and the legal, institutional and technical frameworks will be created. It will facilitate the building of a shared vision among all sectors involved, including NGOs and the private sector. Priorities for future work will be agreed upon and projects on specific priority aspects of IWRM will be designed and implemented.</p>	
<p>6. <i>Main beneficiaries of Project:</i></p> <p>National authorities responsible for water management in the relevant countries (e.g. Ministries of Environment, Land management, Agriculture, etc., National Water Committee, Hydrometeorological Institutes) and other stakeholders, including the civil society.</p>	
<p>7. <i>Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</i></p> <p>The project will be implemented as a component of the Work Programme of the UNECE Water Convention. Introducing principles of Integrated Water Resources Management is an important aspect of the Convention.</p>	
<p>8. <i>Source(s) of funding:</i></p> <p>The EU Commission - Directorate General Environment</p>	<p><i>Donors</i></p>
<p>9. <i>Name of Project Manager and Division</i></p> <p>Francesca Bernardini</p> <hr/> <p><b>Project Manager</b></p>	<p>Environment, Housing and Land Management</p> <hr/> <p><i>Division</i></p>

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## TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT \*

<p>1. <b>Project title: Energy Efficiency 21 Project</b> – Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation</p>					
<p>2. <b>Expected timing and duration:</b> 2006 – 2010 Four year duration</p>	<p>3. <b>Estimated budget cost (in US\$):</b> 7.75 million</p>				
<p>4. <b>Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</b> This project is to promote the formation of an energy efficiency market in South Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and the CIS so that cost-effective investments can provide a self-financing method of reducing global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It will complement other initiatives and assist participating countries to address the financial, technical and policy barriers to energy efficiency and renewable energy investments. The project will (a) enhance the skills of the private and public sector experts at the local level to identify, develop and submit bankable projects for financing to a dedicated fund and/or other sources of finance; (b) provide assistance to municipal authorities and national administrations to introduce economic, institutional and regulatory reforms needed to support these investment projects (c) establish a dedicated source of equity and quasi-equity finance – an Investment Fund – with the participation of public and private sector investors with the UNEP Global Environment Facility (UNEP/GEF) and the European Bank (EBRD) to finance energy efficiency investments.</p>					
<p>5. <b>Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</b> The outcome of the project will be solid investments that could represent a reduction of GHG emissions of 2.2 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, enhanced skills of local experts and policy reforms in participating countries.</p>					
<p>6. <b>Main beneficiaries of Project:</b> Industrial and commercial sector consumers, households and apartment building occupants, national ministries, city and regional administrations, municipal energy management teams, hospital and health care managers, district heating utility managers, investment project managers, non-governmental organisations</p>					
<p>7. <b>Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</b> - Adopted by the General Assembly in the 2006-2007 Programme Budget - Strengthened energy efficiency work requested in the Work Plan on ECE Reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1 para 53) - Adopted by the Committee on Sustainable Energy in its Programme of Work 2005 - Included in the 2008-2009 Strategic Framework that that Commission requested be submitted to the UN Committee on Programme and Coordination (CPC)</p>					
<p>8. <b>Source(s) of funding:</b> <i>Donors</i> a. United Nations Foundation / United Nations Fund for International Partnerships – US\$ 2 million b. Ministère des Affaires Étrangères / Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondiale – US\$ 2.5 million c. Global Environment Facility (UNEP/GEF) – US\$ 3 million d. European Business Congress (EBC) – US\$ 250,000</p>					
<p>9. <b>Name of Project Manager and Division</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>_____</p> <p>Gianluca Sambucini</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <p>_____</p> <p>Sustainable Energy</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Project Manager</b></p> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Division</b></p> </td> </tr> </table> </p>		<p>_____</p> <p>Gianluca Sambucini</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Sustainable Energy</p>	<p><b>Project Manager</b></p>	<p><b>Division</b></p>
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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT**

<i>Project title:</i> Monitoring of Radioactively Contaminated Scrap Metal (Phase 3)	
<i>2. Expected timing and duration:</i> 31.07.2006– 31.03.2007	<i>3. Estimated budget cost (in US\$):</i> 47,000.-
<i>4. Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</i>  The project addresses the third and presumable last phase of the project on Monitoring of Radioactively Contaminated Scrap Metal that had been started under the auspices of the UNECE in 2001 with a report on the Improvement of the Management of Radiation Protection Aspects in the Recycling of Metal Scrap prepared jointly by the UNECE, the European Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Following the completion of international Recommendations on Monitoring and Response Procedures for Radioactive Scrap Metal in July 2006, Phase 3 of the project foresees the development of an international strategy and framework for action on the development of training programmes to effectively monitor radioactively contaminated scrap metal.	
<i>5. Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</i>  The training programmes will ensure that targeted personnel of Governmental authorities the demolition, recycling and metal processing industries are able to apply the international Recommendations on Monitoring and Response Procedures for Radioactive Scrap Metal, in particular in the fields of prevention, detection and response procedures. When implemented, these programmes will contribute to a better capture of radioactive material in scrap metal and will thus reduce the potential for contamination and aid in the disposition (disposal, reuse or recycle) of found material.	
<i>6. Main beneficiaries of Project:</i>  Scrap metal trading and recycling industry, steel industry/mills, radiation protection and border control authorities.	
<i>7. Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</i>  In light of the ever-increasing international transport and trade, there was an urgent need to identify and prevent incidents of potential radiation contamination in commodities, specifically those related to the importation of scrap metal, at ports of entry and other border crossing points around the world. Efforts that are required to properly address the issues entail prevention, detection, response and recovery protocols. The activities to be carried out under the project are related to UNECE programme activities 02.10 Customs questions affecting transport and 02.7 Transport of dangerous goods in the programme of work 2004-2008 of the UNECE Committee on Inland Transport.	
<i>8. Source(s) of funding:</i>	<i>Donors</i> United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<i>9. Name of Project Manager and Division</i>	
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