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Public-Private Partnership Alliance  
(Fourth Meeting, 25th October 2005)

**Fourth Public-Private Partnership Alliance Meeting  
Including a Conference on  
“How do governments turn PPP service delivery into a reality?”**

*Conference Center, Department of Trade and Industry  
Tuesday, 25 October 2005, London, United Kingdom*

Information Notice №1

**Note by the secretariat:** The following Notice provides information on the Fourth UNECE Public Private Partnership Alliance meeting, which will be held in London, United Kingdom, on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. It will be organized in cooperation with the UK Trade and Investment, the UK Government department responsible for trade development and support for overseas companies seeking to locate in the UK .

This Information Notice contains details on the following:

- I. Background
- II. Programme of Conference
- III. Fourth session of the PPP Alliance
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See: <http://www.unece.org/ie/ppp> for updates

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## **I Background**

The interest in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for public service delivery continues to grow. The approach is applied for the traditional infrastructure services, such as energy and transport and also for health and education as well as new public administration projects in defence and prisons. At the same time, despite the interest, PPPs are still not well developed in most countries in the ECE region. This is due to the lack of skills and knowledge about the PPP concept within both the public and private sectors.

To address this challenge it has been proposed that the next topic of the 4<sup>th</sup> PPP Alliance Annual Meeting will be devoted to how governments can turn PPP service delivery into a reality. In view of their considerable experience in the implementation of PPPs, the UK Government has kindly offered to host this conference. Some 700 PPP projects have been agreed under the UK's private finance initiative representing an investment of €60 billion euro.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) PPP Alliance, under the auspices of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practices (WP.5), improves the understanding of PPPs amongst the public and private sectors. To this end, it has established expert groups, prepared guidelines on best practice and organized conferences and seminars on various aspects of public-private partnerships. It works in cooperation with the EU, EBRD, EIB and the OECD in undertaking these objectives. In 2004 twenty-four governments from UNECE member states have joined the Alliance and was that time co-chaired by Ireland and France. The Alliance also includes members from the private sector with experience of undertaking PPPs in Europe.

## **II Programme of the Conference (Draft)**

The following is a draft programme of the Conference and the Forth PPP Alliance meeting:

### **Morning Session: The UK's experience**

#### **Session 1. Presentation and discussion on the UK's success in PPPs.**

This session will look at the successes of PPP delivery in the United Kingdom and the key lessons , with speakers from the public and private sector.

Presentations will be made on the following key issues:

- ❑ An overview of the UK Experience
- ❑ The International Financial Institution Perspective
- ❑ Legal issues
- ❑ Importance of value for money
- ❑ Employment impact

## **Session 2. How to improve the transferability of the UK experience in PPP to other countries?**

This session will look at the UK stories of success abroad. Special emphasis will be made on the impact of EU enlargement – integration of experiences and ideas of different PPPs in the EU market: case of new members and their moves into adopting PPP strategies taking account of the experience from neighbouring countries.

Questions to be answered:

- ❑ The role of a task force on PPPs
- ❑ Which services are most suitable to be undertaken through PPPs?
- ❑ What are the key barriers preventing private sector investment in PPP projects?

Presentations:

- ❑ Malta
- ❑ Russian Federation
- ❑ Singapore

## **Luncheon**

### **Afternoon Sessions:**

#### **Fourth UNECE PPP Alliance Meeting**

##### **Election of office-bearers**

According to the constituent instrument, the UNECE PPP Alliance has 2 co-chairs and 3 vice-chairs, who are acting as leaders of different groups of the Alliance. In accordance with common rules of procedure and established practice, the session will begin with the election of office bearers. Currently, Ms. Corinne Namblard holds the co-chair of the PPP Alliance. Mr. Wim Timmermans and Mr. Michael Dymacek are chairs of the Legal and Financial groups respectively. Mr. Eamonn Kearn at the last session of the PPP Alliance tendered his resignation as co-chair of the Alliance.

##### **Session 3. Round Table discussion on the strategy Role of the UNECE PPP Alliance in a regional and global perspectives.**

Key questions/issues:

- ❑ Role of the PPP Alliance
- ❑ Alliance's Guidelines on Good Governance
- ❑ The UN Development Account Project for Capacity building for PPPs (2006-2008) – cooperation between ESCAP, ECA and ECE
- ❑ Advisory role of Alliance as a means to improve the accountability of PPP projects in the ECE region

##### **Session 4. PPPs in Russian Federation**

This session will present the current PPP Alliance programme on creating an enabling environment for PPPs in the Russian Federation.

The session will explore the:

- ❑ PPP Alliance's project proposals for Russian Federation
- ❑ Role of the Government (Ministries and other bodies)
- ❑ Role of the private sector
- ❑ Role of partner agencies: TACIS, UNDP, EBRD etc.

## **Participation**

The Fourth PPP Alliance Meeting takes place under the auspices of the Working Party on International Commercial and Legal Practices (WP.5). The Meeting is open to the public and private sectors and to NGOs. Participants will include representatives from the international organisations; from governments including representatives of PPP Units at regional and national levels; representatives of the private sector, lawyers, bankers, PPP contractors, project consultants; and representatives of NGOs. Membership of the PPP Alliance is open to governments and to the private sector, as well as interested parties from civil society and academia. To date the PPP Alliance has members from twenty-four countries.

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## **The Fifty Second Session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practices (WP 5), 24th October 2005**

The Fifty Second Session of the Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practices (WP 5) will take place in the afternoon before the fourth PPP Alliance meeting on 24 October 2005 at 3.00 pm in the same Conference Centre (see Venue). Please visit the UNECE website for Agenda at <http://www.unece.org/ie/wp5/> Participants of the Alliance meeting are cordially invited to attend the fifty-second session.

## **Organizational details**

### **Venue:**

The meeting will be held in DTI Conference Centre:

The DTI Conference Centre  
1 Victoria Street  
London SW1H 0ET

**Documentation**

The UNECE Secretariat will provide a final version of the Guidelines on Good Governance and PPPs. The Working Party will review this submission with a view to its publication as an official United Nations publication. Participants are invited to submit their own documents for discussion. In addition, the Secretariat will reproduce documents, which should be sent to the Secretariat not later than 30 September 2005, and circulate the presentations in the original language at the Meeting.

**Travel and other costs**

Travel, accommodation, medical insurance, and other expenses are to be borne by the participants.

**Hotel accommodation**

All participants are responsible for finding their own hotel accommodation in London. A list of hotels at discounted rates to conference participants can be sent on request.

**Passport and visa requirements**

Participants must have a valid passport and, as necessary, a visa for entry into UK (to be obtained from the UK Consulate in the respective countries). Participants are advised to make their visa applications well in advance of the date of travel. Should they require letters of invitation to the meeting, they should contact our focal point for organizational matters:

**Further Information**

A second Information Note will be issued on this event in 30 September 2005. It will include names of speakers and further details.

**Registration**

Participants should complete the attached Registration Form and return it by mail, fax or email preferably by the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2005 to the following address:

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**The Fourth UNECE PPP Alliance Meeting**  
*25 October 2005, London, United Kingdom*

**REGISTRATION FOR THE FORUM BY GIVEN FORM ONLY**

**Participants who have not registered should send a completed copy not later  
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