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Foreword

The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) serves as a regional intergovernmental platform promoting economic cooperation and integration among its member States and supporting their efforts to achieve sustainable development.

In 2023, ECE will continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of people in our region and beyond by supporting member States' work to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and relevant decisions of major United Nations conferences. The Commission will build on its integrated approach to sustainable development and actively contribute to accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals during the decade of action in the ECE region. Our work will be focused on areas of concern for member States at the country and regional levels, such as improving environmental governance, advancing sustainable transport and smart connectivity, strengthening capacity for measuring sustainable development, fostering innovation and accelerating trade, improving access to clean energy, facilitating the sustainable management of natural resources, supporting urban sustainability and advancing evidence-based population policies. An inseparable part of our work will be fostering circular approaches and policies in the ECE region, supporting our member States' longer-term recovery efforts and scaling up actions to improve road safety, and facilitating digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region, which member States have planned as the high-level cross-cutting theme of the seventieth session of the Commission, to be held in April 2023.

I am convinced that there is no alternative to international and regional cooperation and collective action if we wish to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The repositioned regional United Nations development system provides an enhanced framework for such action in 2023. Strengthened coordination with the United Nations system through the regional collaborative platform will facilitate the leveraging of available expertise and resources in support of member States' sustainable recovery and development efforts. ECE will continue working with and co-leading various issue-based coalitions in the region to better align with country needs and provide system-wide and high-quality policy advice and support in addressing regional and transboundary challenges. ECE will continue to increase its collaboration with resident coordinators and United Nations country teams in the region to ensure tailored responses to specific country contexts and challenges in the areas of policy analysis and technical cooperation. United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks will serve as the main vehicle for our engagement in the 17 programme countries. This work will benefit from the Commission's continued close and inclusive cooperation with international and regional organizations, as well as partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations engaged in the work of the Commission.

The proposed programme budget for ECE for 2023 reflects its best assessment of resources needed to implement the programme of work. I am committed to ensuring that ECE will continue serving its member States by facilitating economic cooperation and sustainable development in the region and supporting progress towards the achievement of internationally agreed development goals.

(Signed) Olga Algayerova
Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Europe

A. Proposed programme plan for 2023 and programme performance in 2021

Overall orientation

Mandates and background

- 20.1 The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) is responsible for facilitating economic integration and cooperation among its member States and promoting sustainable development and economic prosperity in the ECE region. The mandate derives from the priorities established in relevant Economic and Social Council resolutions, including on the workplan on reform of ECE and the outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE (resolutions 2006/38 and 2013/1, respectively), and Council resolution 36 (IV). The ECE region continues to face economic and environmental challenges in addressing the complexity of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, which remain a source of primary concern to member States. The Commission provides a regional intergovernmental platform from which to address these challenges, such as promoting sustained economic growth and the sustainable use of natural resources in the region, protecting the environment, advancing sustainable transport and mobility, strengthening the capacity for measuring sustainable development, fostering innovation and competitiveness and accelerating trade and economic integration, improving access to affordable and clean energy, building urban sustainability and addressing the implications of demographic trends. The work of the Commission is grounded in many of its conventions, norms and best practices that provide sustainable solutions to problems in areas critical to sustainable development, including those spanning national borders. Apart from serving as a platform for Governments and other stakeholders to collaborate in developing legal instruments and formulating policies for sustainable development, ECE provides specialized and demand-driven technical assistance to build the capacity of countries to implement these instruments, policies and best practices, and facilitates their uptake. ECE support aimed at developing the capacity of Governments to formulate and implement policies for sustainable development is also provided through the implementation of capacity-building activities and projects under the regular programme of technical cooperation and the United Nations Development Account.

Strategy and external factors for 2023

- 20.2 ECE works to promote regional cooperation and integration as a means of achieving sustainable development in the ECE region. Its intergovernmental bodies, which comprise the Commission and its sectoral committees, provide the foundation for ECE support for national Governments and other stakeholders in advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. By convening the annual Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, ECE also provides a region-wide multi-stakeholder platform for the follow-up and review of the Goals, focusing on peer learning and the exchange of practical solutions for achieving sustainable development. The work of ECE is aligned with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Vienna Declaration and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 and the New Urban Agenda.
- 20.3 The strategy of the programme is based on the implementation of core interlinked functions that are consistent with the legislative mandates of ECE, namely, policy dialogue, normative work and technical cooperation. In line with the principles of the reform of the United Nations development system at the regional level, in implementing its strategy in 2023, ECE will provide a neutral platform for policy dialogue to address multi-country, transboundary and regional economic and environmental issues among its 56 member States. The normative work of the programme will focus on the development and implementation of international legal instruments, norms and standards in areas critical to sustainable development, and on the identification and dissemination of best practices within and outside the region. Through technical cooperation in its areas of expertise, the programme will provide integrated policy advice, normative support and capacity-building aimed at expanding the use

of its normative outputs, facilitating the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals at the country level and achieving multiplier effects by targeting cross-border issues.

- 20.4 The strategy of the programme is achieved through an integrated approach to sustainable development, which builds on synergies and the results-oriented work of its eight subprogrammes: environment; transport; statistics; economic cooperation and integration; sustainable energy; trade; forests and the forest industry; and housing, land management and population.
- 20.5 The work of the ECE subprogrammes is aligned with specific Sustainable Development Goals. Identifying and exploiting cross-sectoral synergies of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and engaging multiple actors for joint action has been critical to accelerating progress in achieving the Goals and will remain a key strategic focus in the future work of ECE. To that end, the Commission will continue to leverage its integrated approach by providing multisectoral policy advice and capacity-building through cross-sectoral collaboration among its eight subprogrammes in areas at which multiple Goals converge, namely:
- (a) Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region (agreed by the 119th meeting of the ECE Executive Committee as a cross-cutting theme of the seventieth session of ECE in 2023;
 - (b) Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources (see decision B (69) in the biennial report of the Commission ([E/2021/37-E/ECE/1494](#)));
 - (c) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages;
 - (d) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity;
 - (e) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the Goals.
- 20.6 In 2023, the programme will continue to provide support to its member States in addressing the economic and environmental challenges of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Specific attention will be placed on promoting solutions that help to address environmental pressures while ensuring economic prosperity – an ongoing challenge for the ECE region that is central to advancing sustainable development. The Commission will actively contribute to the decade of action for the Goals in the ECE region by engaging its convening power, normative production and technical cooperation, by leveraging its partnerships and best expertise from its networks of experts and by serving as a knowledge hub to promote integrated and cross-sectoral solutions for achieving the Goals. Taking into account the significant environmental footprint of the economies in the ECE region, the Commission will also focus on facilitating progress towards a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, as mandated by the sixty-ninth session of ECE in April 2021.
- 20.7 For 2023, the ECE planned deliverables and activities complement those of member States in their ongoing management of and recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Such planned deliverables and activities across all subprogrammes include: (a) broadening and adapting the ECE legally binding instruments, standards and sustainable resource management frameworks to the post-COVID-19 realities and needs of member States; (b) assessing lessons learned, implementing capacity-building activities and promoting exchanges of experiences and good practices, including by refocusing and/or adapting existing activities, to support member States in their efforts to build a more resilient, sustainable and productive economy; and (c) developing studies and publications and organizing webinars on ways different sectors of the economy can contribute to the sustainable recovery of economies and more resilient cities and communities.
- 20.8 Reflecting the importance of continuous improvement and responding to the needs and requests of member States, the proposed programme plan for 2023 continues to incorporate lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of lessons learned and best practices include an increased emphasis across all subprogrammes on the customization of policy dialogues and the adaptation of legal instruments, standards and resource management frameworks to post-COVID needs; supporting the member States in the assessment of impacts of the pandemic; the development of policy packages and recommendations

on sustainable recovery and rebuilding issues; the expansion of capacity-building activities and exchanges of best practices in response to evolving needs of member States related to COVID-19 recovery; and the use of hybrid modalities for meetings as a business continuity measure, subject to available resources, including for the implementation of mandates that were put in place in response to the changed operational conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. ECE has also expanded the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in delivering intergovernmental meetings and capacity-building workshops. At the same time, it is assumed that those operational conditions have improved and will allow for mandate implementation through formerly established approaches. Any modifications to planned deliverables would be in pursuance of the objectives, strategies and mandates and would be reported as part of the programme performance information.

- 20.9 With regard to cooperation with other entities at the global, regional, national and local levels, ECE will build on its close cooperation with international and regional organizations and other regional actors, such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union. ECE will also strengthen its partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations, think tanks and the academic sector in order to facilitate the Commission's policy dialogue and normative work and to engage them in the implementation by member States of the 2030 Agenda.
- 20.10 With regard to inter-agency coordination and liaison, ECE will continue to play a key role in coordinating regional United Nations system entities. ECE will continue to co-lead the Regional Collaborative Platform for Europe and Central Asia and work as part of the secretariat servicing the platform, working to promote joint action and closer cooperation among United Nations regional entities and their partners in addressing regional, cross-cutting policy issues, offering integrated policy advice and providing regional perspectives at the global level. This work will benefit from continued strategic partnerships and joint initiatives, programmes and projects established by ECE with other United Nations entities and international financial institutions, for example, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Trade Centre (ITC), the World Trade Organization and the World Bank. ECE will actively engage in issue-based coalitions aimed at facilitating concerted action between various United Nations entities and partners at the operational level. Cooperation with other regional commissions will be pursued through joint initiatives, programmes and projects so as to use institutional coordination and knowledge management for better results. The United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, implemented jointly by ECE and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will serve as the major framework for cooperation with other relevant stakeholders in Central Asia. At the country level, ECE will work closely with the resident coordinators and United Nations country teams in 17 United Nations programme countries in the ECE region to seek opportunities for joint programmes and projects in response to country demands, including on recovery from COVID-19, through social and economic response plans prepared by United Nations country teams. ECE will also continue its active engagement as part of the 17 United Nations country teams in the region through the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks by contributing to their planning, monitoring and implementation through common country analyses and participation in joint workplans and results groups. The programme will also promote interregional, including South-South, and triangular cooperation.
- 20.11 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2023 is based on the following planning assumptions:
 - (a) Member States continue to guide ECE intergovernmental processes, support the work of ECE and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development;
 - (b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will to cooperate in implementing ECE legal instruments, norms and standards;
 - (c) Voluntary resources continue to be available.

- 20.12 ECE supports member States in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 and the targets related to gender equality and women's empowerment of other Goals. Guided by its policy on gender equality and the empowerment of women, all ECE subprogrammes will commit to concrete actions with measurable outputs in the 2023 ECE action plan on gender, mainstreaming a gender perspective into their normative work and further promoting the participation of women in all meetings and workshops. All ECE technical cooperation projects will be assessed against their impact on gender and the Commission will continue its work on gender perspectives and the economy, including capacity-building activities for women entrepreneurs from Central Asia.
- 20.13 With regard to disability inclusion, in line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy and General Assembly resolution 74/144, ECE integrates disability inclusion into its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate. Through the work of its subprogrammes, ECE will continue to mainstream relevant inclusiveness aspects into its programmes and projects and will consider disability-related perspectives in the development of norms and standards.

Programme performance in 2021

Impact of the pandemic

- 20.14 The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic into 2021 had an impact on the implementation of mandates, in particular the Commission's convening capacity and the norm-setting work of all subprogrammes. The impact included a reduced number of ECE intergovernmental meetings with interpretation as a result of mitigating measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduced availability of conference servicing capacity at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The COVID-19 crisis also brought changes in working methods to cope with the force majeure circumstances. To ensure business continuity, physical meetings and workshops were replaced by hybrid and online meetings and were adapted to the new formats with regard to their content, preparation and duration, including through the adoption of special procedures during the COVID-19 period and the use of new technology to provide hybrid meetings with interpretation. The Commission's action framework for responses to the COVID-19 pandemic guided the overall response to the crisis. The focus was on supporting member States' efforts to advance sustainable mobility and smart connectivity in the region; addressing transboundary and other risks through the use of ECE multilateral agreements, standards and statistical frameworks; and supporting a sustainable recovery by promoting the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, tackling multiple dimensions of inequality and facilitating collective actions with other United Nations entities and partners at the global, regional and national levels. Specific examples of support to member States on issues related to COVID-19 are provided under subprogrammes 1 to 4 and 6 to 8, within the overall scope of the objectives. The change in approach to and the postponement and cancellation of some planned deliverables and activities also had an impact on the expected results for 2021, as described in the programme performance under subprogrammes 1, 2, 5 and 7.

Legislative mandates

- 20.15 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the programme

General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want	69/283	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community	69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development	70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations	71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

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71/256	New Urban Agenda		quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
72/279	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	74/306	Comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative	75/8	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	75/9	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
74/122	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	75/12	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
74/128	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly	75/216; 76/204	Disaster risk reduction
74/144	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility	75/221	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
74/216	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development	75/233	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
74/231, 76/215	Development cooperation with middle-income countries	75/290 B	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
74/235	Women in development		Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
74/271	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat	75/324	High-level political forum on sustainable development
74/297	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the	76/221	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
			South-South cooperation
<i>Economic and Social Council resolutions</i>			
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission		
<i>Economic Commission for Europe decisions</i>			
A (64)	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe	A (69)	High-level statement
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE	B (69)	Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region	C (69)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

**Subprogramme 1
Environment**

General Assembly resolutions

2994 (XXVII)	United Nations Conference on the Human Environment	71/222	International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028
47/193	Observance of World Day for Water	71/313	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
62/68	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm	72/222	Education for sustainable development in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
64/200	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction		
67/291	Sanitation for All	73/226	Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028
69/172	Human rights in the administration of justice		
69/215	International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005–2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources	73/238	The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia
69/235	Industrial development cooperation		
70/169	The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation	75/212	United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028
70/209	United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014)		

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

CEP/AC.13/2005/2	Report of the high-level meeting of environment and education ministries (2005) adopting the ECE strategy for education for sustainable development	ECE/ASTANA. CONF/2011/2/Add.1	Declaration: “Save water, grow green!” by ministers of the region of ECE, report of the seventh Ministerial Conference, entitled “Environment for Europe”, 2011
ECE/BELGRADE. CONF/2007/4/Add.1	Statement on education for sustainable development by the ministers of education and of the environment of the ECE region adopted at the joint session on education for development of the sixth Ministerial Conference, entitled “Environment for Europe”, 2007	ECE/BATUMI. CONF/2016/2/Add.1	Declaration: “Greener, cleaner, smarter!” by ministers of the region of ECE, report of the eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2016
ECE/AC.21/2021/2-EUCHP2018924/4.3.2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and of the special session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme	ECE/BATUMI. CONF/2016/2/Add.2	Batumi ministerial statement on education for sustainable development adopted by the high-level meeting of education and environment ministries of the region of ECE, report of the eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2016

Relevant decisions of the governing bodies of the multilateral environmental agreements of the Economic Commission for Europe

ECE/EB.AIR/148 and Add.1	Report of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on its forty-first session	ECE/MP.PP/2021/16-ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/2 and Add.1	Report of the Joint High-level Segment of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and of the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, and the Geneva Declaration on Environmental Democracy for Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development, adopted by the two Meetings of the Parties
ECE/MP.PRTR/2021/6 and Add.1	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters on its fourth session		
ECE/MP.PP/2021/2 and Add.1	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters on its seventh session		

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ECE/MP.EIA/23- ECE/MP.EIA/ SEA/7 and Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context on its seventh session, and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment on its third session	ECE/CP.TEIA/42 and Add.1	Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment on their intermediary sessions Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on its eleventh meeting
ECE/MP.EIA/27- ECE/MP.EIA/ SEA/11 and Add.1	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the	ECE/MP.WAT/63 and Add.1 and Add.2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on its ninth session
		ECE/MP.WH/19 and Add.1 and Add.2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on its fifth session

Subprogramme 2 Transport

General Assembly resolutions

58/9	Global road safety crisis	70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
68/269	Improving global road safety		
69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024	72/212	Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development	72/271 73/243	Improving global road safety
70/197	Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors	74/299	Follow-up to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries Improving global road safety

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	2021/13 2022/2	Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe
2013/7	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar		

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2014/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session	ECE/TRANS/254	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-eighth session
ECE/TRANS/224	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fourth session (UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012–2020)	ECE/TRANS/270	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-ninth session (adopting Ministerial Resolution on embracing the new era for sustainable inland transport and mobility)
ECE/TRANS/236	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fifth session (Joint Declaration on the promotion of Euro-Asian Rail Transport and Activities towards Unified Railway Law; and Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links)	ECE/TRANS/274 ECE/TRANS/288	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eightieth session Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-first session (adopting Ministerial Resolution on enhancing cooperation, harmonization and integration in the era of transport digitalization and automation; Committee resolution no. 265 on the ministerial declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting” and on facilitating the
ECE/TRANS/248	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-seventh session		

	development of the inland water transport; and the Committee strategy until 2030)	ECE/TRANS/304	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-third session (adopting Ministerial resolution on enhancing resilient inland transport connectivity in emergency situations: an urgent call for concerted action)
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing		
ECE/TRANS/294	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-second session (adopting Ministerial Declaration on enhancing sustainable inland transport solutions to global climate and environmental challenges: a united call to action)		

Decisions of the treaty bodies of United Nations transport agreements

E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3	1958 Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations	ECE/TRANS/ADN/CONF/10/Add.1	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
		ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/125	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its sixty-first session (annex II, "Joint statement on the computerization of the TIR procedure")
ECE/RCTE/CONF/4	1997 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147 and Corr.1	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its seventy-second session (annex I: Consolidated draft eTIR legal framework).
ECE/TRANS/132	1998 Agreement concerning the establishment of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles		

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

General Assembly resolutions

67/144	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women	73/148	Intensification of efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment
68/261	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics		
69/210	Entrepreneurship for development	76/140	Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas
69/282	World Statistics Day	76/141	Violence against women migrant workers
72/234	Women in development		

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity		censuses; 46/107: International trade and economic globalization statistics)
Decision 2013/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session (Statistical Commission decision 44/105: Environment statistics)	2016/27	Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management
2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	2017/7	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Decision 2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session (Statistical Commission decision 45/103: Programme review: broader measures of progress)	Decision 2017/228	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session (Statistical Commission decisions 48/103: Transformative agenda for official statistics; 48/107: Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; 48/108: Integration of statistical and geospatial information; 48/114: Business registers)
2015/10	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme		
Decision 2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session (Statistical Commission decisions 46/102: Population and housing		

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2018/5	Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all		Coordination of statistical programmes; 51/107: International trade and business statistics; 51/108: Price statistics; 51/110: Environmental-economic accounting; 51/112: Demographic statistics; 51/115: Gender statistics; 51/120: Management and modernization of statistical systems; 51/123: Integration of statistical and geospatial information)
Decision 2018/227	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-ninth session (Statistical Commission decisions 49/108: Regional statistical development; 49/113: Climate change statistics; 49/114: Statistical classifications)		
Decision 2019/210	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fiftieth session (Statistical Commission decisions 50/106: National quality assurance frameworks; 50/116: Disaster-related statistics; 50/117: International migration statistics)	2021/7	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2020/5	Strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations system	Decision 2021/224	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-second session (Statistical Commission decisions 52/102: Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; 52/103: Partnership, coordination and capacity-building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; 52/105: Economic statistics; 52/106: National accounts
Decision 2020/211	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-first session (Statistical Commission decisions 51/101: Global indicator framework for Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; 51/104:		

Subprogramme 4 Economic cooperation and integration

General Assembly resolutions

72/228	Science, technology and innovation for development	76/224	Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners
74/197	Information and communication technologies for sustainable development		

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

E/2007/37- E/ECE/1448	Economic Commission for Europe annual report (24 February 2006–27 April 2007)
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Subprogramme 5 Sustainable energy

General Assembly resolutions

69/225	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy	72/224	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
70/213	Science, technology and innovation for development		

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/226	United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities	2021/249	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Recovery and Use from Abandoned Coal Mines
2004/233	United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources	2021/250	Updated United Nations Framework Classification for Resources
2011/222	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines		

Subprogramme 6 Trade

General Assembly resolutions

69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024	71/239	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development	71/242	Industrial development cooperation
		73/253	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition
70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries	75/211	Entrepreneurship for development

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation	Decision 1997/225	Economic Commission for Europe Recommendation 25, entitled “Use of the UN/EDIFACT Standard”
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Subprogramme 7 Forests and the forest industry

General Assembly resolutions

62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests		of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21
67/200	International Day of Forests	75/219	Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development
71/285	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030		
71/286	United Nations forest instrument	76/210	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
73/284	United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)	76/222	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition
75/213	Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation	76/223	Natural plant fibres and sustainable development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2015/33	International arrangement on forests beyond 2015	2020/14	Outcome of the fifteenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests
2017/4	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 and quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2017–2020	2021/6	Programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2022–2024

Subprogramme 8 Housing, land management and population

General Assembly resolutions

65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014	72/144	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
70/107	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development	72/226	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
71/235	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the		Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

75/131	United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)	75/152 ; 76/138	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
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Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

Decision 2014/239	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session and provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session (Commission on Population and Development resolution 2014/1, Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development)	2018/6 2020/7 2020/8	Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2016/25	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development	2020/19	Change of name and revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing of the Economic Commission for Europe

Human Rights Council resolution

48/3	Human rights of older persons
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Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	ECE/HBP/190	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-eighth session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)
ECE/AC.30/2007/2	Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities”	ECE/HBP/208	Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its eighty-second session (Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes)
ECE/AC.30/2012/3	2012 Vienna Ministerial declaration: “Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing”	ECE/AC.30/2017/2/Rev.1	Revised report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the Potential of Living Longer” (2017 Lisbon ministerial declaration)
ECE/HBP/173	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-fourth session, which adopted the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014–2020 (ECE/HBP/2013/3)		
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing		

Deliverables

20.16 Table 20.1 lists the cross-cutting deliverables of the programme.

Table 20.1
Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	33	33	22	60
Documentation for:				
1. The Economic Commission for Europe	10	10	–	13
2. Meetings related to follow-up on global conferences or on cross-sectoral issues	3	3	2	2
3. The ECE Executive Committee	20	20	20	45

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	23	22	17	26
4. Meetings related to follow-up of global conferences or to cross-sectoral issues	3	3	3	3
Meetings of:				
5. The Economic Commission for Europe	4	4	–	4
6. The ECE Executive Committee	7	7	5	10
7. The Working Group on Gender and Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia	2	1	2	2
8. The Fifth Committee	1	1	1	1
9. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	1	1	1	1
10. The Committee for Programme and Coordination	1	1	1	1
11. The regional collaborative platform	4	4	4	4
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	28	24	20	20
12. Training courses on women's entrepreneurship for government officials and women entrepreneurs	28	24	20	20
Publications (number of publications)	3	3	3	2
13. On the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	1	1	1	–
14. On gender equality and sustainable development	1	1	1	1
15. ECE annual report	1	1	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advice to and consultations with member States and United Nations country teams to facilitate implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework process by 17 countries.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: promotional materials (brochures, banners, panels, posters and postcards) for regional access; films on ECE activities for global access.				
External and media relations: ECE weekly newsletter; press conferences on ECE activities; news and press releases on ECE activities, for regional and global access (around 200).				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: Executive Committee, the gender equality and the technical cooperation activities websites; website providing access to information and documents related to ECE as a whole; and news on ECE activities on 4 social media platforms.				

Evaluation activities

- 20.17 The programme-level review of ECE engagement with the private sector completed in 2021 has guided the proposed programme plan for 2023. The results and lessons of this evaluation have been taken into account for the programme plan for 2023.
- 20.18 The results and lessons of the evaluation referenced above have been taken into account for the programme plan for 2023. The evaluation concluded that while the relevance of the engagement with the private sector is broadly recognized in ECE strategic documents, the framework for engagement with the business sector, approved in 2017, does not fully correspond to the expectations of ECE member States and ECE intergovernmental bodies. The evaluation recommended that the framework be reviewed in the spirit of Sustainable Development Goal 17 and be complemented by an overarching ECE partnership strategy. In its management response, ECE committed to preparing a revised partnership strategy that clarified the benefits of engaging with the private sector, provided operational guidance for engagement and determined the types of partnerships and their roles in advancing the Commission's mandate.

- 20.19 A programme-level review of the Commission's role in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in the context of the United Nations development system reform (2017–2023), is planned for 2023.

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1 Environment

Objective

- 20.20 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to improve environmental governance and performance for safeguarding the environment and health.

Strategy

- 20.21 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Support the implementation of outcomes of global and regional summits and conferences, and support and promote the implementation by countries of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements, contributing to achieving mainly Sustainable Development Goals 3, 6, 9, 11 to 13, 15 and 17, through the core interlinked functions of international policy dialogue, normative work, capacity-building and the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned in the areas of air quality, water, industrial safety, public participation, impact assessment, environmental monitoring and assessment, environmental performance, education for sustainable development and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into other dimensions of sustainable development;
 - (b) Support and promote the implementation by countries of the ECE policy tools, including the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Goals 6, 11 to 13 and 15; the ECE Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Goal 17; the ECE strategy for education for sustainable development, contributing to achieving Goals 4, 12 and 13; and the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Goals 3, 11, 13 and 17;
 - (c) Support and promote the sharing of information (e.g. through the Shared Environmental Information System), experiences and good practices in the ECE region;
 - (d) Continue to promote synergies between ECE multilateral environmental agreements, through joint activities;
 - (e) Conduct Environmental Performance Reviews, assisting countries in the implementation of the recommendations from those Reviews and monitoring the impact of the recommendations on national policies;
 - (f) Using a country needs-based approach, support countries, with a focus on those in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, in environmental policymaking, monitoring, assessment and management, including by providing an intergovernmental decision-making platform, organizing capacity-building activities and providing advisory services;
 - (g) Work with interested non-ECE countries, including those wishing to join the multilateral environmental agreements that are open to global accession;
 - (h) Support member States by developing policy packages and/or recommendations, such as those that address emerging issues related to the work of the subprogramme, including by ensuring effective access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice

in the case of a crisis that has been identified as being of concern during the economic recovery phase.

20.22 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Improved environmental governance and performance by member States;
- (b) Strengthened integration of environmental concerns into sectoral policies, including during the subsequent post-pandemic economic recovery phase in the ECE member States;
- (c) More effective development and implementation of environmental legislation and policy by member States;
- (d) Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE member States;
- (e) Enhanced cross-border cooperation between countries and effective international and national cooperation;
- (f) Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral environmental commitments and increased geographical coverage.

Programme performance in 2021

Adoption of the Vienna Declaration of the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment

20.23 Mobility and transport are essential to societies, but are having a growing impact on the environment. However, despite technological progress, transport and mobility patterns remain unsustainable. The COVID-19 pandemic has also shown the importance of active mobility and the necessity of strengthening the resilience of mobility to crises. The Vienna Declaration, which was signed at the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, held online in Vienna on 17 and 18 May 2021,¹ calls for a strategy for transforming mobility towards zero emissions and building safe and efficient transport in the decade to come. Its commitments are to restart sustainable transport and investments in sustainable and healthy mobility and transport in the region. Ministers also agreed that post-pandemic recovery packages need to focus on innovative approaches to expanding clean, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport, including by reducing dependency on cars, improving rail traffic and increasing safe walking and cycling. The Environment and Transport subprogrammes serviced and actively contributed to the process, including the preparatory meeting, prepared various outcome documents of the High-level Meeting and, by serving as the co-secretariat of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, helped provide a forum for international cooperation.

20.24 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.2).

¹ More information on the fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment is available at <https://unece.org/environment/press/european-countries-adopt-vienna-declaration-clean-safe-and-healthy-transport>.

Table 20.2
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)
—	—	<p>Adopted the Vienna Declaration and, through that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted a master plan on cycling promotion, to increase cycling share, improve cycling and pedestrian safety and develop national cycling policies • Adopted recommendations to guide the evolution of member States' transport systems on a more sustainable path, including based on experiences from the COVID-19 pandemic • Committed to adopting plans and policies that are conducive to active mobility and decarbonization and to tackling inequalities related to transport and urban sprawl

Planned results for 2023

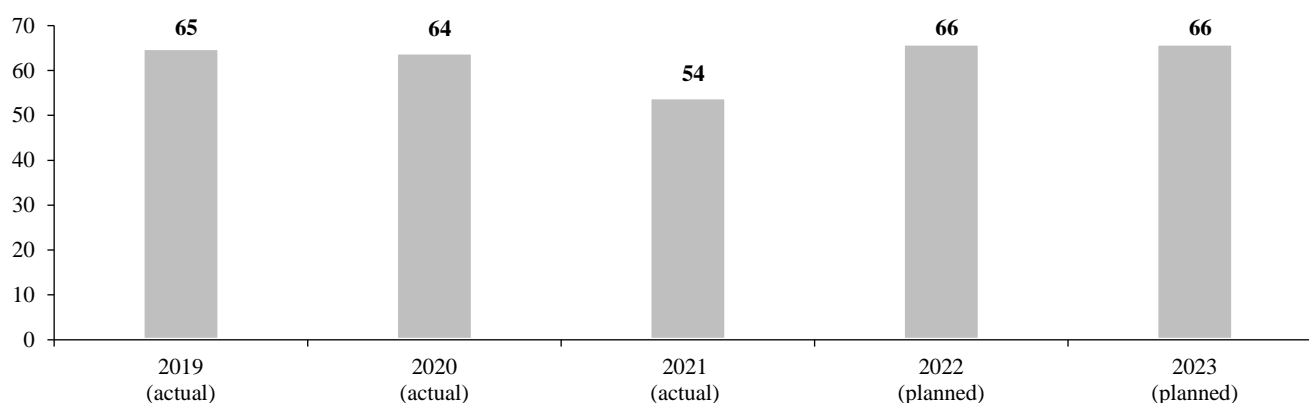
Result 1: enhanced environmental performance in the Economic Commission for Europe region

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.25 The subprogramme's work contributed to enhancing the environmental performance of Romania through the country's third Environmental Performance Review. This included addressing 54 Sustainable Development Goal targets relevant to that Review, which did not meet the planned target of 65 targets of Goals covered by Reviews. The target was not met as only one of the two Reviews planned was completed in 2021 owing to COVID-19 restrictions.
- 20.26 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.I).

Figure 20.I

Performance measure: number of targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development covered by Environmental Performance Reviews in a year



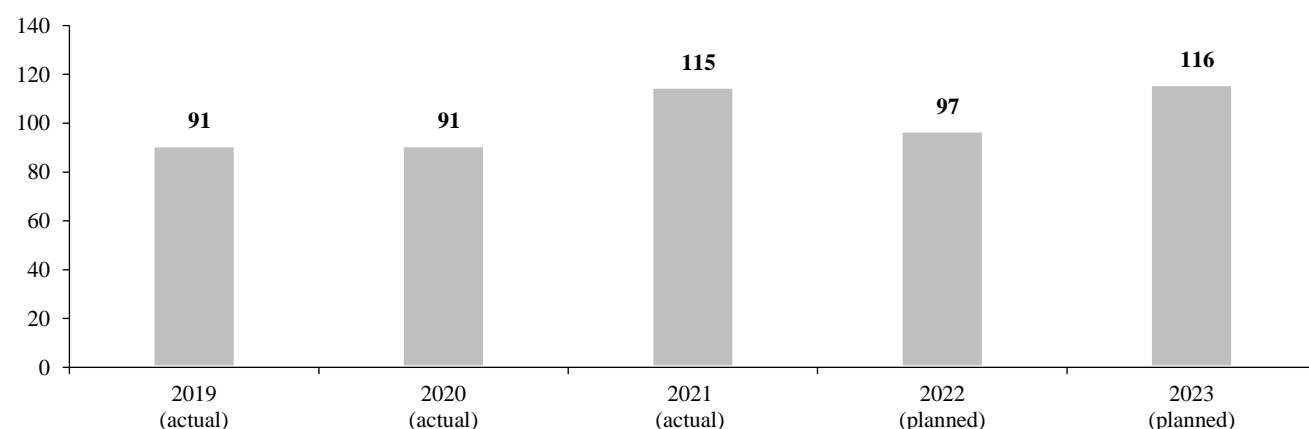
Result 2: improved information for strengthening transboundary water cooperation

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.27 The subprogramme's work contributed to 115 countries providing accurate data on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 on transboundary river and lake basins, as validated by the subprogramme and communicated to the Statistical Commission in 2021, which exceeded the planned target of 95 countries. This achievement was the result of impressive participation by United Nations Member States in the second reporting exercise and improved the quality of reports, following extensive capacity development activities and other support provided by the subprogramme.
- 20.28 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.II).

Figure 20.II

Performance measure: number of countries for which data on transboundary river and lake component of indicator 6.5.2 are submitted to the Statistical Commission^a (cumulative)



^a The target for 2023 does not represent a significant increase from the result achieved in 2021 because the submission of reports takes place in three-year cycles and it is not possible to validate a larger number of reports before a new round of reporting begins. The third reporting exercise, including the data validation process, will be completed at the beginning of 2024.

Result 3: strengthened industrial safety governance in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Proposed programme plan for 2023

- 20.29 The Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents has 41 parties. Since 2004, countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia² have benefited from activities under the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme aimed at supporting national self-assessments and action plans, identifying implementation gaps and determining steps to address them. In 2010, the subprogramme developed benchmarks for the Convention's implementation, including indicators and criteria, and has been assisting countries in applying them through national workshops organized on a needs-driven basis.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.30 A key lesson learned for the subprogramme was that its support has not been sufficiently steady to sustain cooperation among national authorities and ensure the full implementation of the Convention, coherence with related policies and better alignment and interlinkages of laws, bylaws and policies. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will build the capacity of selected beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme to establish and implement national policy dialogues on industrial safety as sustainable inter-institutional cooperation mechanisms, which will serve as a governance framework among institutions that deal with industrial safety, including emergency situations, environmental protection, internal affairs, inspections and disaster risk reduction. Engaging relevant authorities through the dialogues by establishing national steering committees and holding consultations is essential in order to facilitate agreement on measures to mitigate technological disaster risks, as well as technological accidents triggered by natural hazards. Furthermore, the subprogramme will review national policies and legislation, in cooperation with national authorities, and develop recommendations for the implementation of the Convention and on related policy areas such as disaster risk reduction.
- 20.31 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.3).

Table 20.3

Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (planned)	2023 (planned)
Parties agreed to enhance governance through national policy dialogues on industrial safety through the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme	Serbia initiated the development of terms of reference for a steering committee on national policy dialogues Central Asian countries began activities to launch national policy dialogues	Serbia established a national policy dialogue steering committee Central Asian countries reviewed industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements	Meetings of the Serbian national policy dialogue steering committee are held. Serbia reviews industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements and related policy areas National policy dialogues are launched in Central Asian countries	National policy dialogues are sustained and implemented by Serbia and five Central Asian countries

² Including six non-parties, namely Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Deliverables

20.32 Table 20.4 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.4

Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	190	236	192	183
Documentation for:				
1. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies	30	21	37	19
2. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health and subsidiary bodies	30	30	30	24
3. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies	–	2	15	4
4. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies	34	41	34	34
5. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and subsidiary bodies	10	10	10	42
6. The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and subsidiary bodies	71	125	50	50
7. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies	4	4	5	3
8. The Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development	11	3	11	7
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	243	243	228	236
Meetings of:				
9. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies	30	23	27	30
10. The Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and subsidiary bodies and the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health and subsidiary bodies	48	46	46	46
11. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies	17	20	22	17
12. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies	31	31	31	31
13. The Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and subsidiary bodies and the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and subsidiary bodies	34	34	34	34
14. The Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and subsidiary bodies and the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register and subsidiary bodies	74	58	60	70
15. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies	3	3	2	2
16. The Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development	6	4	6	6

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	71	69	20	68
17. Workshops on environmental issues, including on air quality, water, industrial safety, public participation, environmental assessment, monitoring and performance and education for sustainable development, for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region to improve environmental governance and performance	71	69	20	68
Publications (number of publications)	11	12	13	13
18. On environmental issues and multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme	6	9	8	8
19. Progress reports and performance reviews on environmental issues	2	1	4	4
20. Multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme, after amendments enter into force	1	—	—	—
21. Multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme	2	2	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for some 100 government officials and other stakeholders of States participating in the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on water, energy and other environmental issues.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: Environmental Performance Review (synopsis and highlights) to facilitate broad dissemination and user-friendly access to key messages and recommendations by representatives of at least 6 categories of stakeholders, such as Governments, local authorities, academia, business and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as mass media in the reviewed countries; electronic newsletter of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment submitted to all member States in the region, including representatives of Government, academia and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.				
External and media relations: press releases on environmental issues, for global and regional access.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: website of the subprogramme.				

Subprogramme 2 Transport

Objective

- 20.33 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance a regionally and globally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable, both for freight transport and people's mobility.

Strategy

- 20.34 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Facilitate the addressing of regional and global needs in inland transport and promote regionally and globally sustainable transport systems through servicing the Inland Transport Committee and its 20 working parties and 11 administrative committees, as well as the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and more than 50 formal and informal expert networks;
 - (b) Administer the international regulatory framework for inland transport, which includes 59 United Nations legal instruments on safety, pollution, efficiency and effectiveness (normative function), by developing new and updating existing legal instruments, as necessary, including maintaining the database of international regulatory frameworks for inland transport. This will

ensure that the Committee's regulatory functions are up to date with current technologies and transport innovations – such as intelligent transport systems, autonomous vehicles and digitization – and are open to all United Nations Member States, as appropriate;

- (c) Provide an intergovernmental policy dialogue platform at the annual sessions of the Inland Transport Committee to review emerging challenges and emergency situations; support consensus-building during the Committee's events in favour of regional and interregional connectivity, among other matters, including through the adoption of high-level statements or resolutions on harmonized actions by member States and contracting parties in order to enable the full implementation of the Committee's mandate;
- (d) Complement the regulatory and policy dialogue functions with analytical work, technical assistance and capacity-building on accession to and implementation of legal instruments, at the request of member States and contracting parties;
- (e) Contribute to the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety and the operation of the United Nations Road Safety Fund to facilitate global improvements in road safety through policy dialogue at Committee meetings, and provide capacity-building and advisory assistance with regard to promoting legal instruments and participation in governing bodies, calls for proposals and other related activities, as appropriate;
- (f) Support the efforts of member States to respond to and recover from emergency situations, including pandemics, while minimizing disruptions to the functioning of national, regional and international transport systems and the implementation of the sustainable development agenda;
- (g) Promote knowledge-sharing and cooperation among Governments and key stakeholders, raise awareness of emerging issues and best responses, contribute to the improved monitoring and measuring of the Sustainable Development Goals, facilitate the adaptation of legally binding instruments and frameworks to new realities and prepare new guidance materials.

20.35 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Improvements in sustainable mobility, and in monitoring and measuring the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) Improvements in inland transport, leading to safer, cleaner, more efficient and more affordable systems for contracting parties to the United Nations inland transport conventions;
- (c) More efficient and resilient cross-border flows of goods and people regionally and globally;
- (d) Enhanced intergovernmental cooperation in emergency situations and minimized disruptions to the continued implementation and updating of United Nations inland transport conventions.

Programme performance in 2021

Accelerated digitization of legal instruments in inland transport in response to COVID-19

20.36 COVID-19 constraints in 2020 and 2021 further highlighted the need to provide support to member States and contracting parties in the implementation of their obligations under legal instruments and in the provision of proper guidance on downstream legislation, as well as in the digitization of legal instruments on transport. The subprogramme developed enhanced response measures, including through: (a) the development and implementation of a new generation of legal instruments supporting the digitization/computerization of transport and border-crossing procedures; (b) the creation of specialized knowledge to facilitate and accelerate the operationalization of some of these instruments, for example, the Group of Experts on the operationalization of eCMR; and (c) the utilization of existing mechanisms and networks in order to accelerate the post-COVID-19 economic recovery of contracting parties to support the efforts of member States towards a sustainable recovery.

20.37 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.5).

Table 20.5
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)
–	Increased accessions by United Nations Member States to eCMR that strengthened the need to operationalize it	Establishment of a Group of Experts to create specialized knowledge that will accelerate the operationalization of a key legal instrument of the eCMR procedure

Abbreviation: eCMR, Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note.

Planned results for 2023

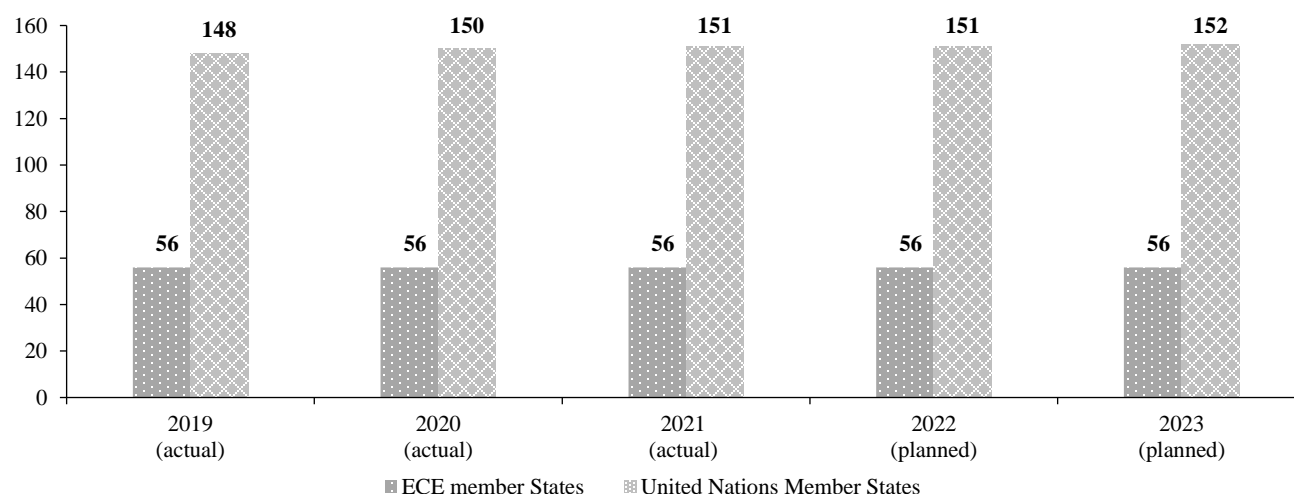
Result 1: increased number of new United Nations Member States becoming part of the regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.38 The subprogramme's work contributed to one more Member State, Ethiopia, acceding in 2021 to one of the core United Nations road safety conventions, exceeding the planned target of 150 United Nations Member States that are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport conventions under the purview of the Commission.
- 20.39 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.III).

Figure 20.III

Performance measure: number of Economic Commission for Europe member States and total number of United Nations Member States that are contracting parties to United Nations inland transport conventions under the purview of the Commission (cumulative)



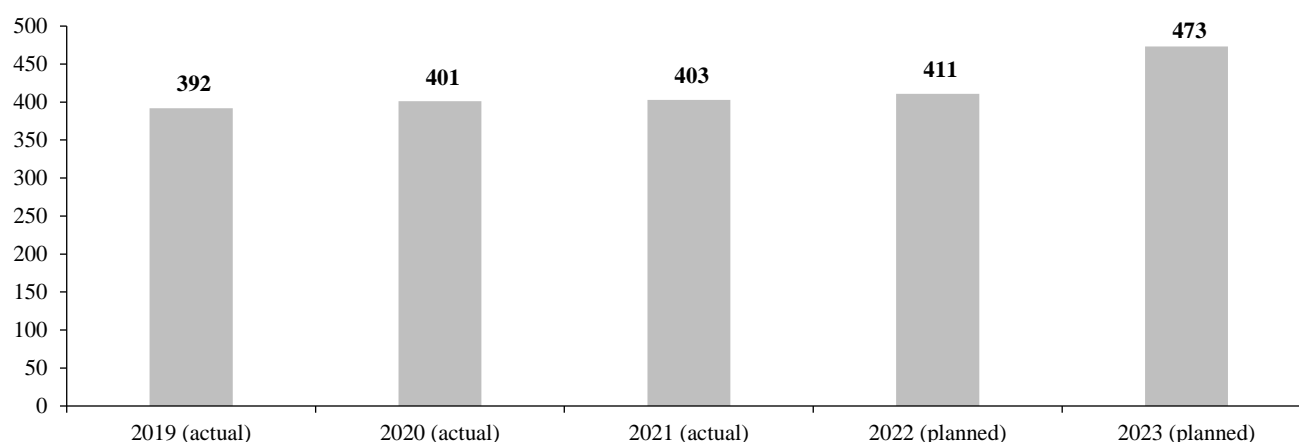
Result 2: strengthened regulatory support in road safety contributing to fewer worldwide road accident fatalities and injuries

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.40 The subprogramme's work contributed to two new accessions in 2021, which did not meet the planned target of 406 contracting parties. The target was not met because of the impact of the pandemic on capacity-building and outreach activities of the secretariat.
- 20.41 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.IV).

Figure 20.IV

Performance measure: number of contracting parties to core United Nations road safety conventions^a (cumulative)



^a For the 2023 target, there will be eight core United Nations road safety conventions, following the decision of the Inland Transport Committee's Working Party on Road Transport to support the opening for global accession to a new agreement of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport, concerning professional drivers.

Result 3: enhanced regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems

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- 20.42 Sustainable transport and mobility are critical elements in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, yet performance has been uneven across regions and subregions, as in the case of target 6 of Goal 3, on halving the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents. Evidence indicates that countries with a greater number of accessions to conventions and agreements serviced by the subprogramme have better results in terms of improving the sustainability of their transport systems.
- 20.43 The subprogramme's work on enhancing the regulatory framework in recent years resulted in critical updates to legal instruments. It also provided policy advice and recommendations supporting the efforts of member States and contracting parties to further develop sustainable inland transport systems.

Lessons learned and planned change

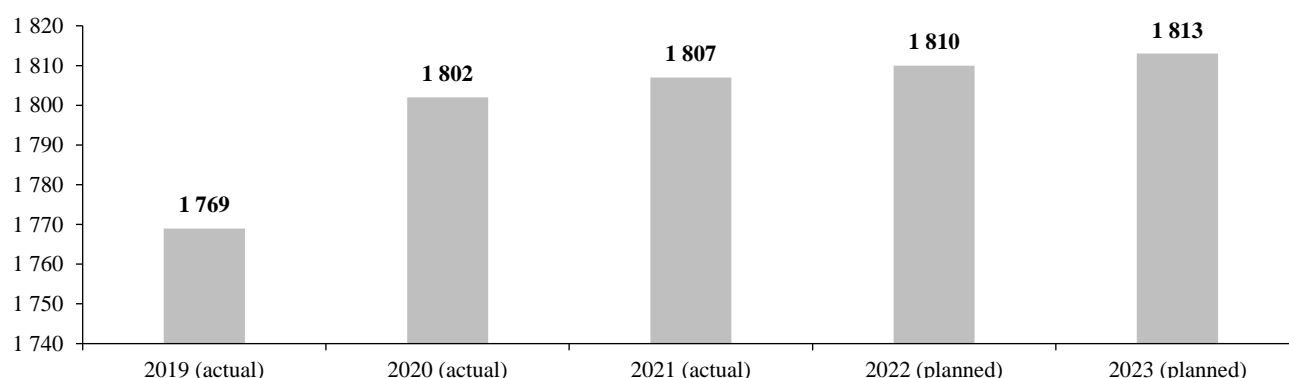
- 20.44 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the subprogramme should adjust its approach and focus to better support the growing needs of United Nations Member States in the development of sustainable inland transport systems. To achieve that, enhanced integrated regulatory support and the modernization of legal instruments, including through the digitization of documents and

procedures in transport and the facilitation of safe early deployment of automated vehicles, is of critical importance.

- 20.45 In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will scale up its efforts to support the development of sustainable inland transport systems internationally and ensure that its activities benefit the ECE region and provide best practices to other regions in their own efforts to curb the number of road traffic deaths and injuries; improve the environmental performance of inland transport systems, including the need to facilitate the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, and reduce emissions; and enhance efficiency, connectivity and accessibility for all, including persons with disabilities, through the digitization of documents and procedures related to transport and the promotion of automated vehicles. The subprogramme plans to enhance its regulatory support for the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy until 2030 (see ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2) by, among other things, analysing trends and challenges in other regions to encourage greater participation of countries from outside the ECE region and women in the activities of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies. It will also scale up outreach and capacity-building activities, including in partnerships with the United Nations system and external stakeholders.
- 20.46 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.V).

Figure 20.V

Performance measure: number of contracting parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by the Economic Commission for Europe (cumulative)



Deliverables

- 20.47 Table 20.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.6

Subprogramme 2: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	1 264	1 194	1 293	1 266
1. Documentation for the Inland Transport Committee	1 071	1 143	1 023	1 080
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	31	31	31	31
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	580	558	420	500
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	33	37	33	33

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<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2021 planned</i>	<i>2021 actual</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	214	244	214	214
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	20	24	26	28
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	14	14	14	14
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	10	13	18	28
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	16	16	40	40
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	26	30	34	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	15	15	15	15
k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport	41	49	47	47
l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	71	112	131	100
2. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council	190	47	265	183
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	1	0	5	1
b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	157	37	200	150
c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	32	10	60	32
3. Documentation for the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	3	4	5	3
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	364	400	423	456
4. Meetings of the Inland Transport Committee	327	363	381	419
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	16	16	16	16
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	111	119	111	111
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	8	8	16	8
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	68	60	58	68
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	22	20	22	22
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	6	5	6	6
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	6	12	12	30
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	14	22	28	28
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	6	37	18	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	6	6	6	12
k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport	18	18	18	18
l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	46	40	70	70
5. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council	35	33	40	35
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	—	—	1	—
b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	25	23	29	25
c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	10	10	10	10
6. Meetings of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	2	4	2	2
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2	2	2	2
7. On the Trans-European North-South Motorway	1	1	1	1
8. On the Trans-European Railway	1	1	1	1

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	13	19	11	10
9. Workshops for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region and in contracting parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee on intelligent transport systems; transport statistics and trends; road, rail, inland water, intermodal and intersectoral transport issues; and vehicle agreements and regulations	9	9	8	9
10. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) and the Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects	4	10	3	1
Publications (number of publications)	12	13	10	9
11. On the transport of dangerous goods	3	3	2	3
12. On the transport of perishable foodstuffs	1	1	1	1
13. On transport facilitation	1	1	–	–
14. On green and safe transport and cross-cutting issues	5	6	5	3
15. On vehicle regulations	1	1	1	1
16. On statistics	1	1	1	1
Technical materials (number of materials)	2	2	1	1
17. Fact sheet: what you should know about advanced driver assistance systems	1	1	–	–
18. Transport statistics – country profiles	1	1	1	1
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for contracting parties of United Nations transport conventions administered by ECE on legal instruments relating to inland transport; facilitation of transport; border crossing; road safety; vehicle construction; and transport of dangerous goods and other special cargo.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: the International TIR Data Bank website providing access to users from more than 70 contracting parties of the TIR Convention, which includes the list of the more than 31,000 transport companies authorized to use the TIR system; TIR and eTIR websites; the eTIR international system allowing the exchange of data between the eTIR stakeholders in the course of TIR transports following the eTIR procedure; inventory of standards on inland water infrastructure; web-based inventory of existing European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines and European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations standards and parameters; databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment; web-based Rail Security Observatory; digitized signs and signals (E-CoRSS) under the Convention on Road Signs and Signals; and smart and sustainable connectivity e-learning platform.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: information materials on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme for universal and regional access.				
External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; and website of the subprogramme for universal and regional access.				

Subprogramme 3 Statistics

Objective

- 20.48 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to advance official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians.

Strategy

- 20.49 The strategy of the subprogramme is guided by the priorities and needs of member States and is based on the core interlinked functions: the streamlining of international statistical work in the ECE region by promoting policy dialogue; methodological work to develop and promote guidelines and recommendations to enhance the quality of statistics; and the statistical capacity development of ECE member States with less developed statistical systems.
- 20.50 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Promote in-depth statistical dialogue at the Conference of European Statisticians and expert meetings;
 - (b) Launch regional and country-specific initiatives related to methodological work to develop and disseminate statistical models, guidelines and recommendations to enhance the quality of statistics and to promote the use of official statistics;
 - (c) Maintain and develop the ECE statistical database;
 - (d) Establish and strengthen partnerships between geospatial experts and statisticians to support the integration of statistical and geospatial information, in cooperation with statistical departments of other regional entities such as Eurostat, OECD, the European Free Trade Association, the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Eurasian Economic Commission, as well as international specialized agencies active in the region;
 - (e) Facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices in the fields of population and housing censuses, price statistics and environment statistics, including adaptations owing to COVID-19 restrictions;
 - (f) Provide support to countries in planning and conducting their census and developing their statistical capacity, including cross-cutting topics such as statistics on the Sustainable Development Goals, statistical legislation, data collection, data integration, dissemination and human resource management.
- 20.51 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Improved statistical methodology and capacity of member States to measure and monitor the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (b) Conduct of censuses by member States using innovative and efficient approaches that result in improved cost-efficiency, coverage, accuracy, comparability and timeliness of dissemination of the census results;
 - (c) Improved capacity by member States to provide the statistics necessary to develop evidence-based policies to manage their post-pandemic recovery.

Programme performance in 2021

Improved information on poverty for decision-making in member States

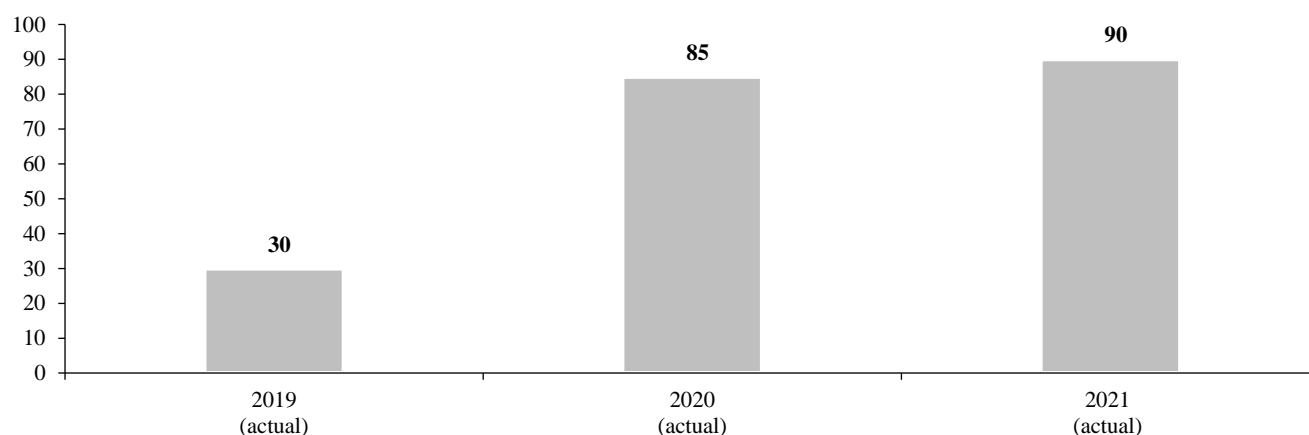
- 20.52 To increase efficiency and cope with the pandemic-related restrictions, collecting survey data for measuring poverty increasingly needed to rely on remote data collection methods, using the telephone or the Internet. The usual pre-pandemic format in many countries was a personal face-to-face interview, which required direct visits to respondents. To continue providing quality data during the pandemic, national statistical offices needed to switch to a computer-assisted telephone or web-based interview quickly. In 2020 and 2021, the subprogramme organized exchanges of experience and developed member States' capacity to improve poverty measurement, including by supporting them in adapting the traditional household budget questionnaires to telephone and Internet surveys. In 2021, ECE updated its harmonized survey module for poverty measurement, taking into account

the lessons learned during the pandemic. While the adaptation of surveys in many countries occurred during 2020, when the pandemic began, further improvement in 2021 was achieved owing to the more frequent exchanges of experience, the updated survey module and related technical assistance provided by ECE.

20.53 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VI).

Figure 20.VI

Performance measure: percentage of countries that use remote data collection methods for measuring poverty



Planned results for 2023

Result 1: conducting a new population and housing census that provides cost-effective and better-quality results

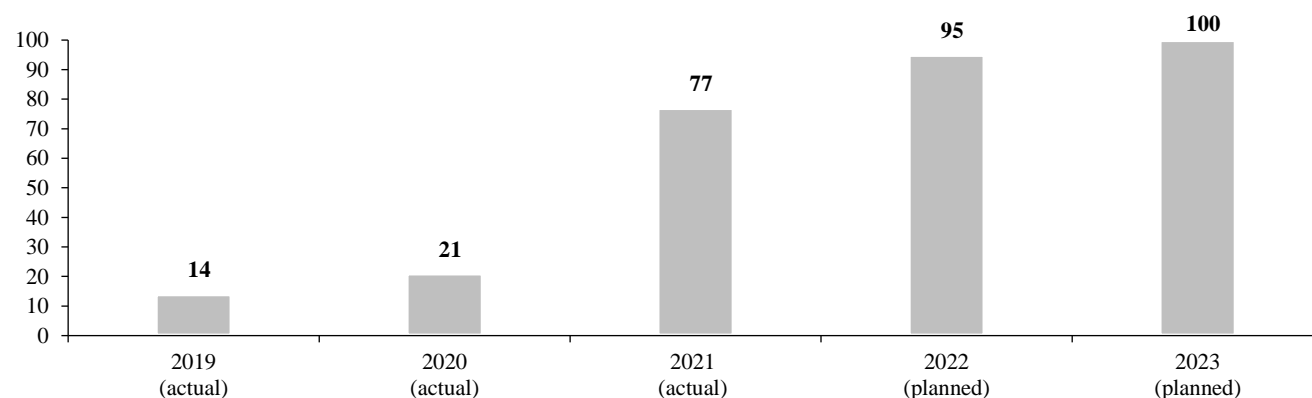
Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.54 The subprogramme's work contributed to the completion of population and housing censuses in 77 per cent of ECE member States by 2021, which did not meet the planned target of 84 per cent. The target was not met because some countries in the region postponed their census as a result of the pandemic.
- 20.55 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VII).

Figure 20.VII

Performance measure: Economic Commission for Europe countries having conducted a census in compliance with the Conference of European Statisticians recommendations

(Percentage)



Result 2: increasing the number of countries that report sex-disaggregated statistical indicators

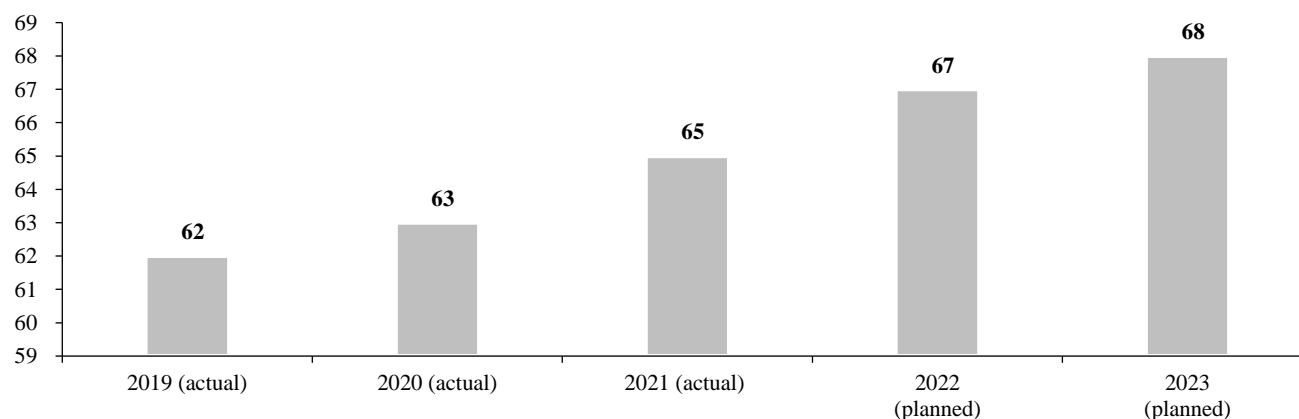
Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.56 The subprogramme's work contributed to an increase to 65 percent of ECE member States reporting sex-disaggregated indicators in the Sustainable Development Goals database, which met the planned target.
- 20.57 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VIII).

Figure 20.VIII

Performance measure: sex-disaggregated indicators available for Economic Commission for Europe member States in the ECE Sustainable Development Goals database

(Percentage)



Result 3: increased number of countries collaborating on developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics

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- 20.58 Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals requires more indicators that are further disaggregated, for example, by gender statistics or disability status, and that are produced more frequently. Countries do not always have sufficient resources or

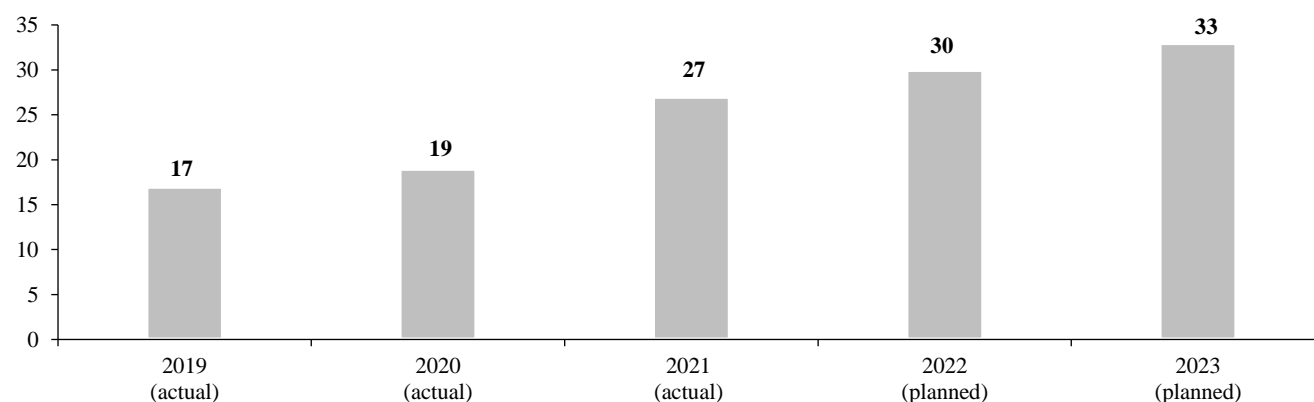
consistent data sources to produce the statistics needed to report adequately on progress on the Goals or to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. A large part of the data collected must be manually classified and coded. Machine learning can help automate this process, allowing the use of new data sources, when manual processing is not feasible. As the subprogramme promoted the use of advanced methodologies for modernizing the production of statistics, it piloted a global project to investigate how machine learning can be used in producing official statistics, leading to several national statistical offices starting to use machine learning techniques.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.59 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a strong need to further develop and implement machine learning techniques in producing official statistics in order to ensure that best practices on the use of machine learning can be scaled up. This will enable national statistical offices to produce higher volumes of more disaggregated statistics with greater frequency, allowing for better monitoring of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.
- 20.60 In response, the subprogramme will set up and support a community platform and environment where national statistical offices will share knowledge and experiences and collaborate on developing common solutions on the use of machine learning techniques. Pilot studies for different types of applications for machine learning will be set up and ways to transfer knowledge will be established. Results and experiences, as well as publicly developed algorithms and methodologies, will be shared through online platforms, online seminars and other events.
- 20.61 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.IX).

Figure 20.IX

Performance measure: number of member States actively collaborating in developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics



Deliverables

- 20.62 Table 20.7 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.7

Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2021 planned</i>	<i>2021 actual</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	81	53	81	81
1. Documentation for the Conference of European Statisticians	43	40	43	43
2. Documentation for groups of experts on statistical issues	38	13	38	38
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	85	85	85	85
3. Meetings of the Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau	13	13	13	13
4. Meetings of groups of experts on statistical issues	72	72	72	72
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	1	1	1	1
5. On social and economic statistics	1	1	1	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	6	6	6	6
6. Workshops on social and economic statistics	3	3	3	3
7. Workshops on innovating statistical production	3	3	3	3
Publications (number of publications)	7	7	7	7
8. On topics covering multiple statistical areas	1	1	1	1
9. On social, environmental and economic statistics	6	6	6	6
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for more than 100 government officials (staff of national statistical systems) and other stakeholders of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe on economic, social, demographic and environment statistics, statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals, geospatial statistics and institutional issues and modernization of official statistics (4 countries).				
Databases and substantive digital materials: ECE statistical databases (Sustainable Development Goal, population and gender statistics database; economic statistics database); hosting of the transport and the forestry databases, which are updated and maintained by subprogrammes 2 and 7, respectively.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: leaflets and other promotional materials.				
External and media relations: articles for the “UNECE Weekly” and “EnvStats” newsletters for regional access.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: interactive digital workspaces (wikis, including the ECE census wiki); website of the subprogramme.				

Subprogramme 4

Economic cooperation and integration

Objective

- 20.63 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen policies on innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships in the ECE region.

Strategy

- 20.64 The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of three core interlinked functions in the subprogramme’s two areas of work (innovation and competitiveness policies; and public-

private partnerships): international policy dialogue; normative and analytical work; and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

20.65 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Support member States in the creation of a conducive business environment by developing good practices to inform innovation policy reforms that drive sustainable development, including through advisory-based analyses of national innovation systems, policies and institutions, upon request; and through capacity-building workshops and seminars at the national and subregional levels;
- (b) Build the capacity of member States with regard to creating regulatory frameworks and public-private partnership project pipelines that can help close the Sustainable Development Goal infrastructure financing gap, including through:
 - (i) The promotion of innovative modalities of financing and development and the management of critical infrastructure;
 - (ii) The development of international guidelines and standards to design public-private partnership projects and legal and regulatory frameworks;
 - (iii) The use, upon demand, of a methodology to evaluate and score public-private partnership projects on whether they support sustainable development (“people-first” public-private partnerships for the Goals);
 - (iv) Developing cooperation with multilateral platforms for sustainable infrastructure (including SOURCE, a multilateral platform for sustainable infrastructure);
- (c) Focus some of its policy dialogues, analyses and recommendations, standards and capacity-building on addressing crisis mitigation through innovation policies and public-private partnership infrastructure projects that can facilitate innovation and develop infrastructure to make economies more resilient and sustainable.

20.66 This work will help member States make progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 8, 9, 12 and 17 and contribute to promoting the transition to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources.

20.67 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) The improved design of innovation-related policies and institutions in member States in order to harness the power of innovation for sustainable development and support national innovation policy reforms, including options for policies and regulatory frameworks to support innovation in areas critical for resilience and COVID-19 recovery;
- (b) The improved design and operation of public-private partnerships by member States that contribute to sustainable development and lead to more “people-first” projects; and strengthened capacities of member States with regard to policy and project design and implementation, including better regulatory frameworks that support investment in resilient and sustainable infrastructure related to COVID-19 recovery.

Programme performance in 2021

Improved capacity of countries in the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia to support micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in the use of innovation to achieve sustainable growth objectives

20.68 COVID-19 increased the challenges faced by micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises: inflated transport costs and regional coordination challenges created downward pressures on such enterprises, with negative consequences for their resilience and future development prospects. Innovation can help micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises respond to these challenges, and possible ways forward include tapping into the potential for a sustainable recovery and transitioning

to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, and supporting innovative high-growth enterprises.

20.69 The subprogramme supported the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia countries in stakeholder consultations to develop and adopt the Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development, which will support delivery on the above objectives. National gap assessments were carried out, culminating in an Action Plan for the Innovation Strategy. For example, the Special Programme's handbooks on business incubators and on support to innovative high-growth enterprises were developed and complemented with additional materials by a working group in order to support policymakers and the response of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises to the economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

20.70 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.8).

Table 20.8

Performance measure

<i>2019 (actual)</i>	<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>
Adoption of the Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia at the 2019 session of the Special Programme's Governing Council	National gap assessments carried out for each Special Programme country to identify shared challenges, validated at a subregional webinar	Action Plan of the Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development approved by the Special Programme's Governing Council in 2021

Planned results for 2023
Result 1: people-first public-private partnerships to finance sustainable development
Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.71 The subprogramme's work contributed to an enhanced evaluation methodology for people-first public-private partnerships through testing and improvement, which met the planned target of at least 100 public-private partnership projects assessed using the evaluation methodology during its testing phase.
- 20.72 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.9).

Table 20.9

Performance measure

<i>2019 (actual)</i>	<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (planned)</i>	<i>2023 (planned)</i>
Project team set up and work on the project impact assessment tool begun	Evaluation methodology endorsed by member States for piloting	100 public-private partnership projects assessed using the evaluation methodology	An additional 50 public-private partnership projects assessed using the evaluation methodology	An additional 75 public-private partnership projects assessed using the evaluation methodology

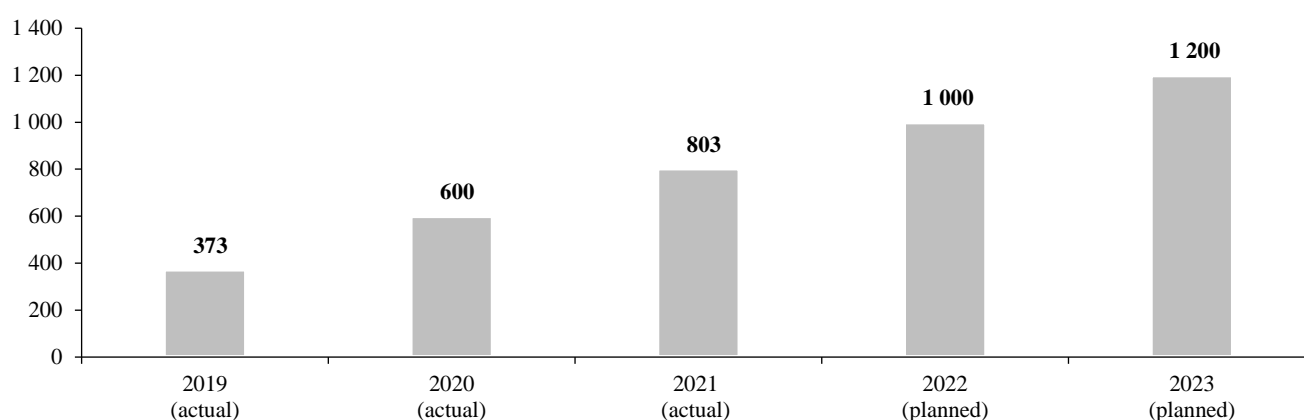
Result 2: improved capacity of member States to use innovation to achieve their sustainable development objectives

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.73 The subprogramme's work contributed to a cumulative total of 803 policymakers and other innovation stakeholders from requesting countries benefiting from ECE capacity-building on innovation policy. The result exceeded the planned target of an increase of 200.
- 20.74 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.X).

Figure 20.X

Performance measure: number of policymakers and other innovation stakeholders from requesting countries that have benefited from Economic Commission of Europe capacity-building on innovation policy (cumulative)



Result 3: improved capacity of member States in the development of infrastructure projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the circular economy

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- 20.75 The subprogramme develops public-private partnership policy instruments in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the transition to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources. The subprogramme provides demand-driven capacity-building, assisting member States in improving their legal and regulatory frameworks and strengthening the pipelines of infrastructure projects. These activities respond to the challenges related to identifying and/or financing projects and mobilizing resources to unlock private-sector financing for infrastructure, in line with population needs, including persons with disabilities.
- 20.76 The subprogramme has responded to these challenges by creating policy instruments, including an evaluation methodology on people-first public-private partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals, assisting member States in prioritizing investments in infrastructure projects, and developing guidelines on waste-to-energy projects for the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources.

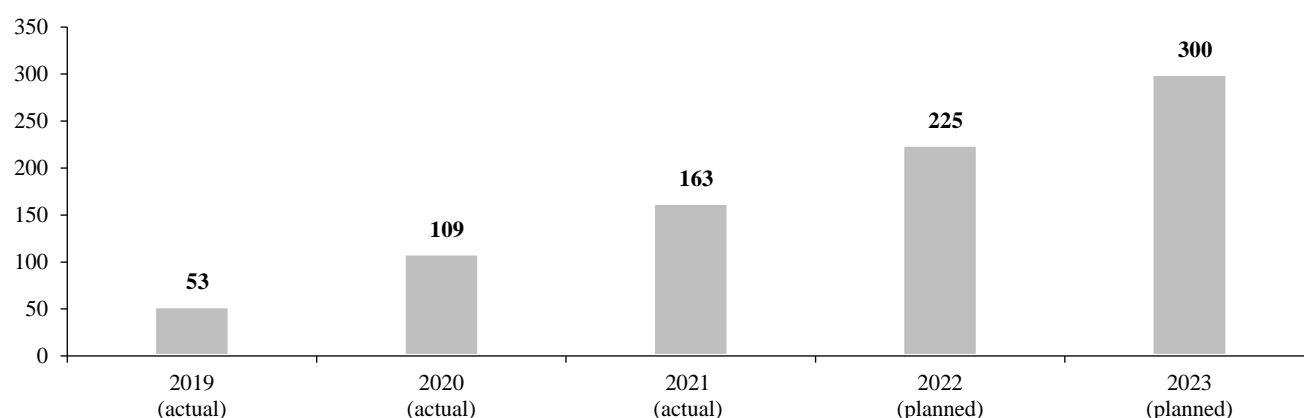
Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.77 The lesson for the subprogramme was that the impact of its delivery could be improved through the provision of targeted and project-focused capacity-building support to member States on strengthening the impact and performance of their infrastructure projects. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support the requesting member States by delivering hands-on training on the application of ECE standards and guidelines on people-first public-private partnerships to assess the extent to which national infrastructure projects meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

20.78 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XI)

Figure 20.XI

Performance measure: number of policymakers from member States that have used the Economic Commission for Europe standards and guidelines on people-first public-private partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals to identify and prepare infrastructure projects aligned with the Goals and the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources (cumulative)



Deliverables

20.79 Table 20.10 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.10

Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	18	18	18	18
1. Documentation for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18	18	18	18
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	19	19	19	19
2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, its subsidiary bodies and their bureaux	18	18	18	18
3. Meetings of the Project Working Group on Knowledge-Based Development	1	1	1	1
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2	2	–	3
4. On capacity-building for civil servants from countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States on innovation and competitiveness	1	1	–	–
5. On capacity-building for civil servants from countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States on public-private partnerships	1	1	–	–
6. On innovation and competitiveness policies	–	–	–	2
7. On public-private partnerships	–	–	–	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	16	16	16	16
8. Policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development	8	8	8	8

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
9. Policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on people-first public-private partnerships	8	8	8	8
Publications (number of publications)	3	3	3	3
10. On Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	1	1	1	1
11. On comparative reviews on innovation policy and/or public-private partnership	2	2	2	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	—	—	—	3
12. Fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and public-private partnership needs assessments	—	—	—	3
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services under the Working Party on Public-Private Partnership and the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies reaching 30 government ministries and agencies and stakeholder entities.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: database of people-first public-private partnership case studies from approximately 15 member States.				
D. Communication deliverables				
External and media relations: press releases and launch events for the above publications for regional, subregional and national access.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: website for regional access.				

Subprogramme 5 Sustainable energy

Objective

- 20.80 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to ensure secure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region.

Strategy

- 20.81 The strategy of the subprogramme is to support international policy dialogue and cooperation among Governments, energy industries and other stakeholders to foster sustainable energy development; develop and deploy ECE policy recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools on energy-related issues; and provide capacity-building and assistance to member States, at their request, through training programmes, advisory services and technical cooperation projects. Through its work, the subprogramme will contribute to ECE work on cross-sectoral collaboration areas, as described in paragraph 20.5 (b)–(e) above, and to priorities related to the circular economy. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Further develop normative instruments (such as best practices and principles), awareness-raising campaigns and the deployment of ECE tools through workshops, seminars and technical projects to help member States meet their commitments to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement with regard to reducing their environmental footprint related to energy, accelerating the deep transformation of the energy sector to meet future needs, ensuring the sustainable management of resources and assessing options to ensure energy for sustainable development;
 - (b) Promote policy dialogue and cooperation among member States, regional entities and other partners on sustainable energy issues;

- (c) Provide technical assistance and guidance on energy transitions in the context of sustainable development, disseminate best practices and improve information-sharing;
- (d) Promote collaboration among private and public stakeholders that are key to implementing national and regional policies, including with regard to normative instruments and their deployment and dissemination;
- (e) Support member States on issues related to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through its regular work on sustainable energy.

20.82 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) More effective integration of sustainable energy across national policies and normative frameworks in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement;
- (b) Enhanced dialogue and cooperation among all energy actors to boost transformational investment in the energy sector and, consequently, accelerate the modernization of the energy system to meet countries' sustainable development and climate commitments;
- (c) Improved access of Member States to frameworks and tools required for integrated and sustainable resource management that aid the progress towards a more circular economy and contribute to the food-water-energy nexus (see [ECE/ENERGY/30/2021/INF.1/Rev.1](#));
- (d) The implementation of requests from ECE to the Committee on Sustainable Energy;
- (e) Improvement in the performance of buildings from a health perspective (e.g. temperatures, comfort, effective air intake and recycling filters), which will improve the protection and resilience of populations.

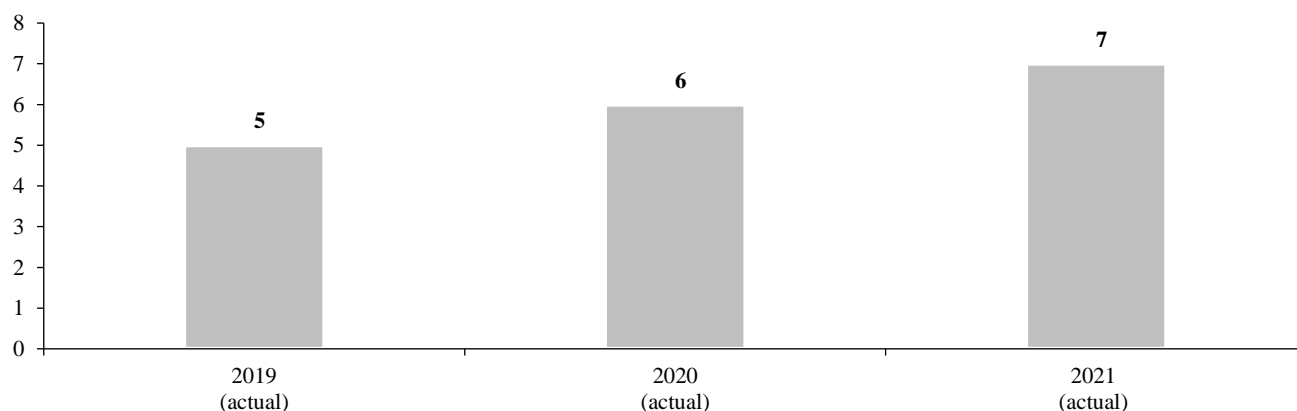
Programme performance in 2021

Accelerating the uptake of renewable energy in the Economic Commission for Europe region

- 20.83 The ECE region accounts for nearly half of global renewable energy capacity. The potential for deploying renewable energy technology is growing, and renewable energy is being integrated progressively into the energy mix. The ECE energy subprogramme is assisting member States in enhancing the uptake of renewable energy. Activities in 2021 included: (a) tracking progress on the uptake of renewable energy; (b) the exchange of experience, best practices and effective approaches; and (c) cooperation with national and international partners to strengthen the integration of renewable energy.
- 20.84 With the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) and the International Energy Agency, ECE produces an annual publication entitled *Renewable Energy Status Report*. The report contains a comprehensive review of renewable energy infrastructure, industry, policy, regulations, market development and potential growth rates in 17 selected countries of the ECE region. Building on this report, ECE organizes renewable energy “Hard Talks” in those countries to discuss possibilities for developing sustainable energy and promoting renewable energy investments in the region, identify priorities and provide concrete recommendations for policies to overcome political, legal, regulatory and technical barriers and realize the potential of renewable energy. The ECE energy subprogramme organizes follow-up capacity-building workshops that assist ECE member States in policy development and implementation based on informed decisions about renewable energy uptake, integration and harmonization.
- 20.85 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XII).

Figure 20.XII

Performance measure: number of countries implementing Economic Commission for Europe recommendations on renewable energy uptake (cumulative)



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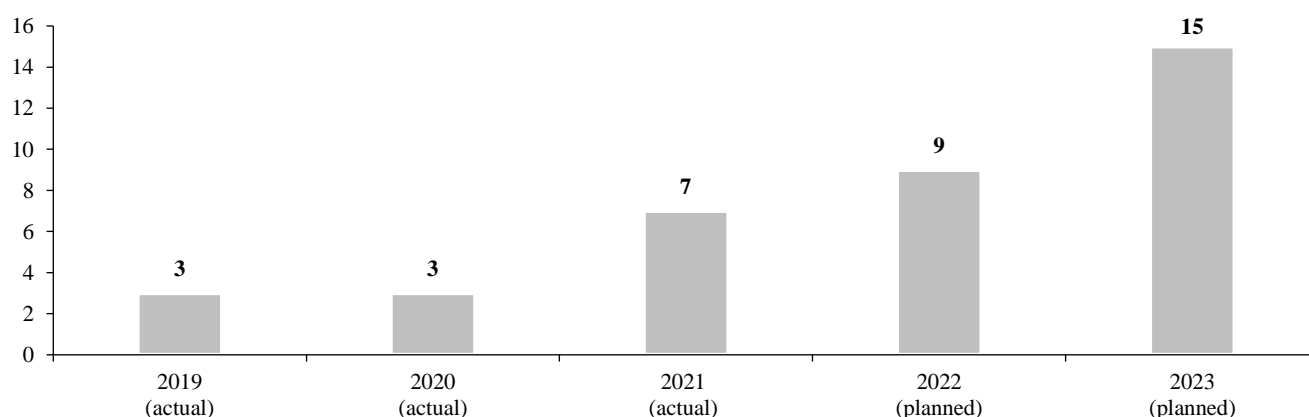
Result 1: reduced carbon footprint and improved quality of life with high performance buildings

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.86 The subprogramme's work contributed to the expansion of the network of international centres of excellence on high-performance buildings to a total of 7, which met the planned target.
- 20.87 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIII).

Figure 20.XIII

Performance measure: number of international centres of excellence disseminating the Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (cumulative)



Result 2: managing gases to implement the 2030 Agenda

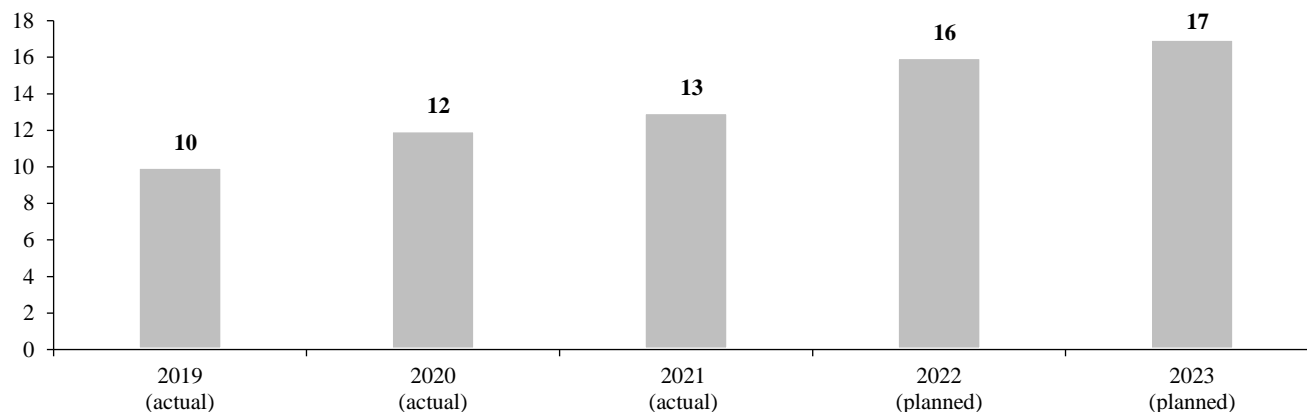
Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.88 The subprogramme's work contributed to 13 United Nations Member States applying ECE guidance on the management of gases, which did not meet the target of 14 Member States. The target was not met owing to delays or cancellations of planned activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

20.89 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented below (see figure 20.XIV).

Figure 20.XIV

Performance measure: number of Member States applying Economic Commission for Europe guidance to manage gases (CH₄, H₂ and CO₂)



Result 3: digitization of the energy sector as an enabler of a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources

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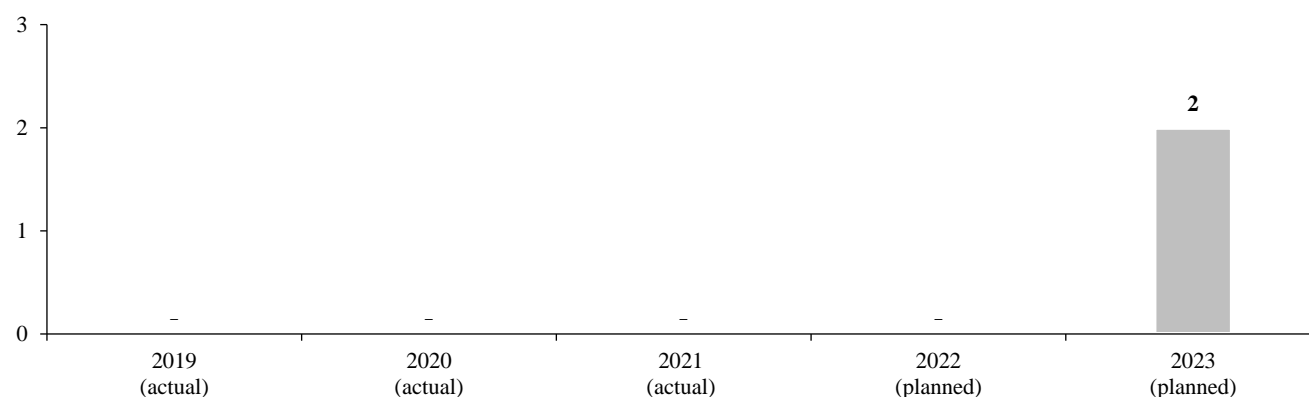
20.90 Digitization is a priority for the energy sector in areas that include energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable resource management, methane management and energy system coordination. Ongoing work by the subprogramme has identified digitization as a factor for transforming the energy system to sustainable outcomes. Digitization will enhance systems performance, improve the price elasticity of demand, track the use of materials for reuse, enable traceability and transparency and accelerate the transformation of energy to a service industry, all of which will enable the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources. Efficiency improvements are a priority for countries that have adopted plans to improve the performance of appliances, buildings and networks. Grid-interactive efficient buildings and equipment illustrate how the coordination of sensors, smart devices and grid signals can improve energy efficiency.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.91 The lesson learned for the subprogramme was that standards for the digitization of energy systems are needed to ensure the smooth interoperability and operation of an integrated energy system, the efficient coordination of renewable energy production and the improved delivery of energy services to end users. Digitization will impose key imperatives in access to data, data and systems security, big data management, cross-border flows and the development of interfaces among customers, service providers, regulators and policymakers. This in turn will have workforce implications, requiring policy responses related to industry, education, training and reskilling on issues of security in the use of information and communications technology, data protection and personal privacy, among other things.
- 20.92 In response, the subprogramme will develop recommendations on the application of digitization policies to ensure the coherent deployment of digital technologies to achieve tangible outcomes in resource development, use and recovery.
- 20.93 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XV)

Figure 20.XV

Performance measure: number of member States applying Economic Commission for Europe recommendations on digitization by developing national case studies



Deliverables

20.94 Table 20.11 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.11

Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	60	60	45	45
1. Documentation for the Committee on Sustainable Energy and related subsidiary bodies	60	60	45	45
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	40	40	38	38
2. Meetings of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, its Bureau and related subsidiary bodies	40	40	38	38
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	4	4	8	9
3. On sustainable resource management	1	1	1	3
4. On reducing the environmental footprint of energy	1	1	1	1
5. On accelerating transformations of the energy sector	1	1	4	3
6. On supporting member States in securing sustainable energy	1	1	2	2
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	10	10	10	10
7. Workshops for experts and government officials on the application of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System	2	2	2	2
8. Seminars on energy-efficiency measures, accelerators and standards	2	2	2	2
9. Seminars on renewable energy development and policy reforms for climate change mitigation	2	2	2	2
10. International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development	4	4	4	4
Publications (number of publications)	2	2	5	2
11. On best practice guidelines, case studies and other publications related to sustainable energy	2	2	4	—

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
12. On hydrogen, the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System	–	–	1	2

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklets on sustainable energy and related topics, for regional access.

External and media relations: press releases, keynote speeches and articles on the activities of the energy subprogramme.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: update and maintenance of the subprogramme's website, providing access to information and documents for regional and global audiences.

Subprogramme 6 Trade

Objective

- 20.95 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen trade facilitation and electronic business, regulatory cooperation and standardization policies, agricultural quality standards and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and beyond.

Strategy

- 20.96 The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of core interlinked functions: (a) international policy dialogue on reducing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade, including those caused by cumbersome trade procedures and paperwork; and on divergent regulatory approaches and product standards; (b) normative work to develop standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation and e-business, agricultural quality standards and regulatory cooperation; and (c) capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of work.
- 20.97 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Promote simple, transparent and effective processes for global trade through its normative work to develop standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation and electronic business;
 - (b) Facilitate international policy dialogue on establishing digital trading environments and on compliance with the multilateral trading system requirements, including the dissemination of standards, recommendations and guidelines;
 - (c) Promote the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, sustainable and resilient value chains and the enhanced traceability of supply chains through studies, policy dialogues and technology-based pilot initiatives such as blockchain-based traceability for textile value chains. This work will help member States make progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 8 and 12;
 - (d) Strengthen regulatory cooperation and promote standards and best practices in regulatory frameworks, risk management, conformity assessment and market surveillance to facilitate a predictable and harmonized regulatory environment;
 - (e) Disseminate gender-sensitive standards aimed at guiding standards bodies in their development of those standards. The subprogramme will also disseminate standards in support of achieving the Goals in order to showcase information on voluntary standards and how they map to the Goals, through the ECE web portal on standards for the Goals (<https://standards4sdgs.unece.org/>). This work will support member States in making progress towards achieving Goals 5 and 17;

- (f) Promote up-to-date agricultural quality standards and explanatory guidelines through its normative work and promote awareness of food loss reduction through policy dialogues, partnerships with international organizations and technology-based initiatives to address food loss and waste to support the progress of member States towards achieving Goal 12;
- (g) Identify regulatory and procedural barriers to trade and assist Governments in setting action-oriented recommendations for implementing the instruments developed by the subprogramme through analytical evidence-based studies, to support member States in making progress towards achieving Goal 12;
- (h) Deepen its international policy dialogue, normative, technical assistance and capacity-building activities on the digitization of trade processes in order to support a sustainable and resilient recovery to support member States in making progress towards achieving Goals 8 and 9.

20.98 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Increased implementation of simplified trade processes, and the digitization of member States' trading environments, leading to greater productivity;
- (b) Increased transparency and traceability of the value chains and reduction of waste, promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- (c) Increased uptake of international standards by countries to enable the implementation of internationally harmonized regulatory processes;
- (d) Improved gender equality in trade through the increased participation of women traders;
- (e) Increased adoption of trade-related digital services, such as single window, to minimize COVID-19 transmission risks in ECE member States.

Programme performance in 2021

Increased access to trade-related information for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in Kyrgyzstan

- 20.99 Globally, more than 90 per cent of businesses are micro-, small and medium enterprises, but their participation in international trade is generally very low. According to ITC, micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises suffered the most from the COVID-19 pandemic, with 60 per cent of microenterprises and 57 per cent of small enterprises strongly affected, compared with 43 per cent of large firms. However, the adoption of digital technologies helped to contain reductions in revenue for a number of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises. One of the factors that affect the lower rate of participation of such enterprises in international trade is lack of access to trade-related information, including a lower level of digitization.
- 20.100 Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the subprogramme, through the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, developed a white paper on integrated services for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in international trade ("ISMIT") – an integrated, end-to-end e-commerce trade services platform for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises that want to trade across borders. This was followed by the adoption of an ECE recommendation on trade information portals. These websites allow importers and exporters to easily find, understand and comply with any legal requirements and procedures for clearing goods at the border. Putting the recommendation into practice, the subprogramme supported Kyrgyzstan in establishing a national trade information portal in collaboration with ITC.
- 20.101 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.12).

Table 20.12
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)
White paper on integrated services for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in international trade (ISMIT) was developed	Recommendation on trade information portals was adopted	Kyrgyzstan established a national trade information portal

Planned results for 2023

Result 1: improved traceability in the garment sector

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.102 The subprogramme's work contributed to the implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 15 countries with 50 industry actors, which exceeded the planned target of the implementation of the transparency and traceability system by 3 countries.
- 20.103 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.13).

Table 20.13
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (planned)	2023 (planned)
Development of the transparency and traceability system by ECE/United Nations/United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business experts and partners	Piloting of the transparency and traceability system in 5 countries and in partnership with 8 businesses	Implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 15 countries with 50 industry actors	Implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 3 additional countries	Implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 3 additional countries with 10 additional industry actors

Result 2: enhanced digitization of trade in Economic Commission for Europe member States

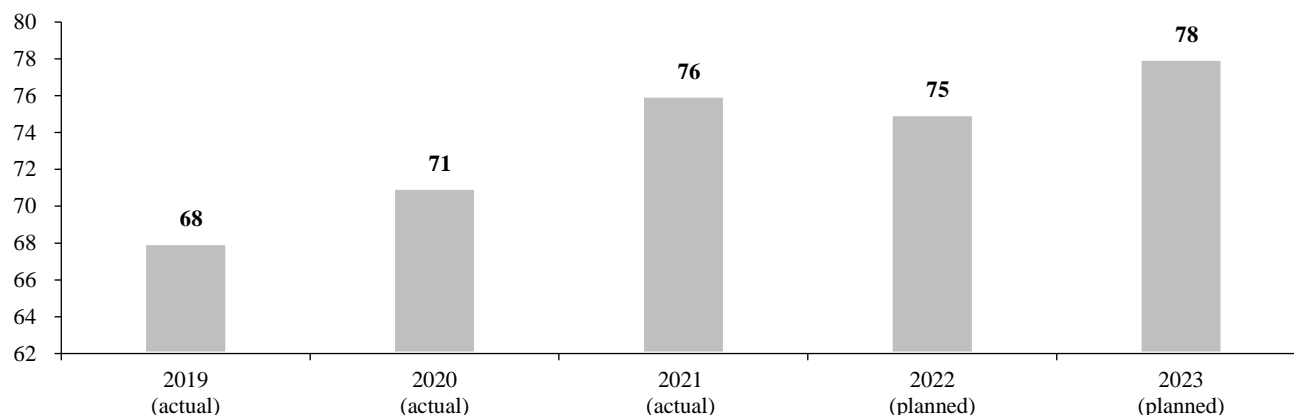
Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.104 The subprogramme's work contributed to an average implementation rate of 76 per cent of digital trade facilitation measures of ECE member States, which exceeded the planned target of 71 per cent.³
- 20.105 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVI).

³ The performance measure for 2021 has been calculated based on data from 44 member States that participated in the Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation for 2021.

Figure 20.XVI
Performance measure: average implementation rate of digital trade facilitation measures of Economic Commission for Europe member States

(Percentage)



Result 3: increased facilitation of agricultural trade through the adoption of agricultural quality and electronic business standards in Economic Commission for Europe member States

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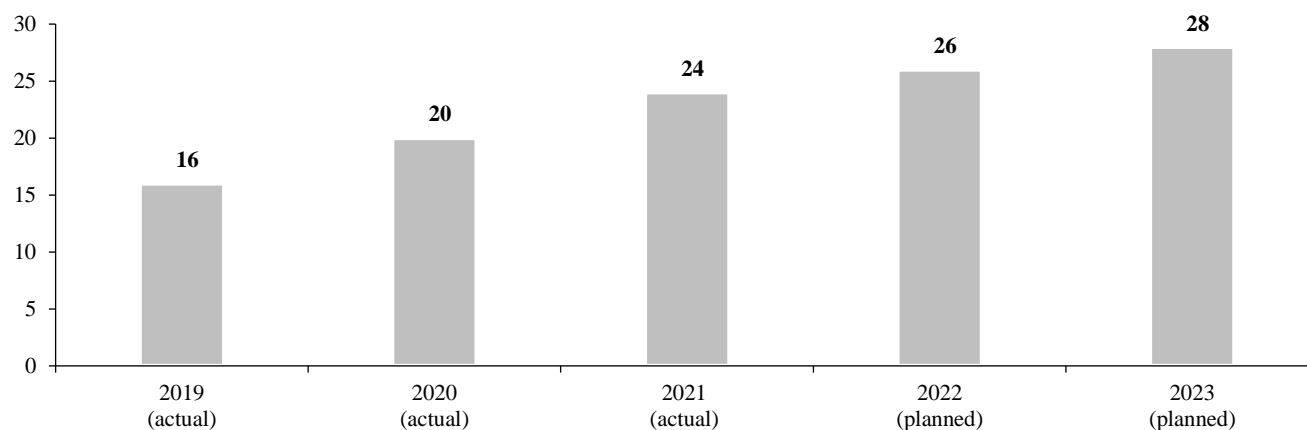
- 20.106 The agricultural quality standards and electronic business standards are two long-standing and interrelated instruments developed by the subprogramme. The agricultural quality standards are used as market access tools for traders. Electronic business standards include, for example, the electronic certificate standard, which allows the electronic exchange of export certificates for transparent and efficient trade transactions for agricultural products. Such standards may boost the uptake of concepts such as the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources and prevent food loss and waste, as they prescribe a minimum product quality and ensure transparent and efficient transactions. In line with decision B (69) of the sixty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe, held in April 2021, the subprogramme will further realign its approach to integrate the promotion of the principles of the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources into its activities and deliverables.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.107 The lesson for the subprogramme was the need to leverage synergies among the cross-cutting themes, as well as contribute to the transition to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will enhance the impact of its existing instruments by integrating cross-cutting themes such as the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources. For example, normative work will be supported by technical assistance and capacity-building to facilitate the implementation of electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates. The ECE Working Parties on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies and on Agricultural Quality Standards, as well as the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business, will address cross-cutting themes in their normative work and capacity-building for implementation support.
- 20.108 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVII).

Figure 20.XVII

Performance measure: number of Economic Commission for Europe member States fully or partially implementing the Commission's standard for "electronic application and issuance of electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates"^a (cumulative)



^a The data shown in figure 20.XVII has been taken from a question about the electronic application and issuance of sanitary and phytosanitary certificates in the United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, which is undertaken biennially by the five United Nations regional commissions. The subprogramme will conduct the next Global Survey in 2023.

Deliverables

20.109 Table 20.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.14

Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	110	110	110	108
Documentation for:				
1. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards	13	8	13	10
2. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies	13	12	13	14
3. The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards	60	66	60	60
4. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	24	24	24	24
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	91	88	91	96
Meetings of:				
5. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and its Bureau	7	4	7	4
6. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, its Bureau and related expert bodies	5	5	5	13
7. The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards and its specialized sections	26	26	26	26
8. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	53	53	53	53

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2021 planned</i>	<i>2021 actual</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	4	5	4	4
9. On enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls	—	1	—	—
10. On trade facilitation	3	3	3	3
11. On food loss and agriculture	1	1	1	—
12. On food loss reduction in agriculture supply chains	—	—	—	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	18	17	18	14
13. Seminars for standardization and inspection agencies and other stakeholders in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on ECE agricultural quality standards	6	2	6	6
14. Seminars for policymakers and experts in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on support for the implementation of trade-related standards, recommendations and guidelines	9	13	9	6
15. Workshops for policymakers and experts in low- and middle-income countries in the ECE region on trade procedures, supply chain management, conformity assessment and market surveillance, and women's entrepreneurship	3	2	3	2
Publications (number of publications)	10	9	10	10
16. On ECE trade facilitation best practice and recommendations	1	2	1	—
17. On trade standards in the following areas: traceability and risk management; e-business; education; and sustainable development	1	1	1	1
18. On trade facilitation recommendations, standards and strategies	5	5	5	5
19. On agricultural trade and supply chains	1	—	1	—
20. On regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in a country to be decided	1	1	1	1
21. On risk-based inspections and disaster and sustainable development	1	—	1	—
22. On gender responsive standards	—	—	—	3
Technical materials (number of materials)	8	9	8	8
23. Standards and guidelines on agricultural quality	4	4	4	4
24. Training material on trade facilitation and electronic business	1	1	1	1
25. Material on trade standards	2	2	2	2
26. Guidelines on cross-border trade	1	2	1	1
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigating missions (number of missions)	—	—	—	3
27. Fact-finding missions on trade facilitation and electronic business, agricultural quality standards, regulatory cooperation and standardization, and regulatory and procedural barriers to trade	—	—	—	3
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services to government officials and other stakeholders in at least 10 ECE member States on trade facilitation and electronic business, agricultural quality standards, regulatory cooperation and standardization, and regulatory and procedural barriers to trade. Databases for e-business standards and codes.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklets, fact sheets and information brochures reaching at least 17 ECE programme countries and more than 1,000 public and private sector experts.				
External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme for regional access, publication launching events and articles in external newsletters intended for government officials and experts working on trade.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: subprogramme's website containing knowledge resources and instruments.				

Subprogramme 7

Forests and the forest industry

Objective

- 20.110 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen the sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region.

Strategy

- 20.111 The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, analytical and normative work, international policy dialogue, capacity-building and communication.
- 20.112 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Promote cooperation among member States, regional entities and other partners for sustainable forest management, forest landscape restoration, the sustainable use of forest products and services, linkages between sustainable food systems and forests, and urban and peri-urban forestry;
 - (b) Collect, validate and disseminate information, research and analysis related to sustainable forest management and the sustainable production and consumption of wood products;
 - (c) Facilitate the exchange of national experiences and best practices and monitor progress on achieving sustainable forest management using indicators for Sustainable Development Goals 12 and 15, which will help member States measure progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and provide an indirect indication of progress under the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030;
 - (d) Organize capacity-building seminars and webinars and prepare dedicated publications on the forest sector, including on crisis response and on solutions for more resilient economies.
- 20.113 The subprogramme will carry out its work in partnership with FAO and other relevant organizations and processes (e.g. the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the World Agroforestry Centre and Forest Europe).
- 20.114 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) The ability of ECE member States to sustainably manage healthy forest ecosystems in order to provide important ecosystem goods and services to benefit society, including climate mitigation and adaptation;
 - (b) Increased and more efficient use by ECE member States of sustainable forest products that contribute to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, with increased use of renewable raw materials to replace less-sustainable alternatives;
 - (c) The integration of forest resources and products into planning and recovery from economic, health and environmental shocks, including COVID-19 recovery, to increase the resilience of member States and their most vulnerable segments of population, such as women, people with disabilities and youth.

Programme performance in 2021

Improved sustainability of urban forestry in 33 cities

- 20.115 In the light of urbanization, climate change and public health and other challenges, global recognition has emerged that green public spaces (see General Assembly resolution [71/256](#)) are

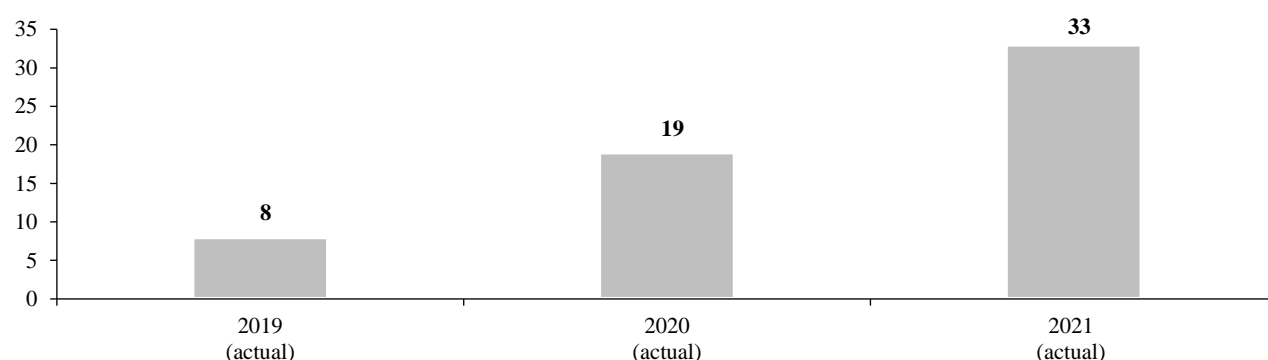
important components of more liveable, healthier and more resilient cities and towns. Green public spaces and urban ecosystems are also one of the focus areas of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Sustainable urban forestry comprises the active management of trees and forests within and/or around cities to improve living conditions and sustain critical ecosystem services and nature-based solutions through long-term planning and management. Benefits include protection from extreme events such as floods, a reduction in heat islands, improved air quality, space for exercise and well-being and sustainable jobs.

20.116 The subprogramme has engaged city mayors mainly in the ECE region to commit to implementing sustainable urban forestry practices and tree-planting targets.

20.117 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVIII).

Figure 20.XVIII

Performance measure: number of cities that made sustainable urban forestry pledges to the Economic Commission for Europe (cumulative)



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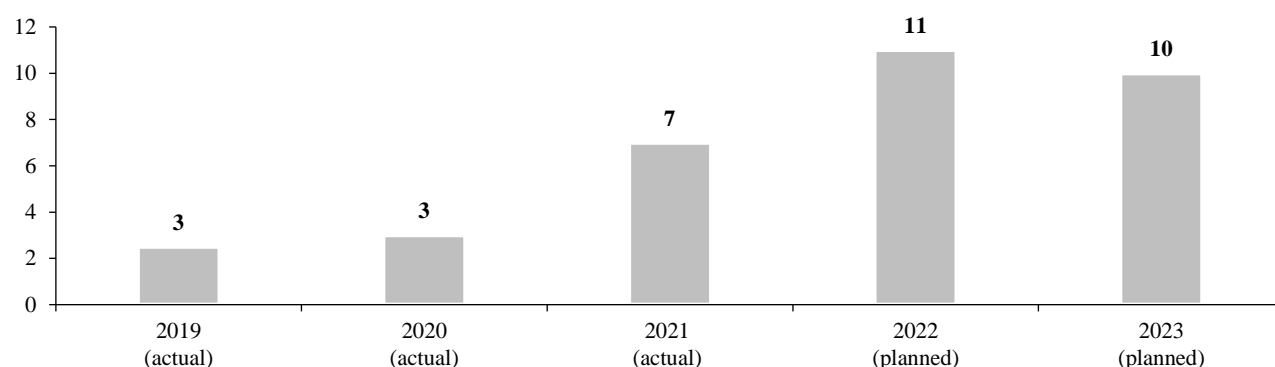
Result 1: political commitment for ecosystem restoration in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

20.118 The subprogramme's work contributed to a cumulative total of 7 million hectares of commitments to ECCA30, which did not meet the planned target of 10 million hectares committed in 2021 under the Bonn Challenge in the Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region. The target was not met because the ministerial meeting, originally planned for 2020, was postponed to 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire process was thus delayed by a year.

20.119 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIX).

Figure 20.XIX
Performance measure: commitments to ECCA30 (cumulative)
(Millions of hectares)

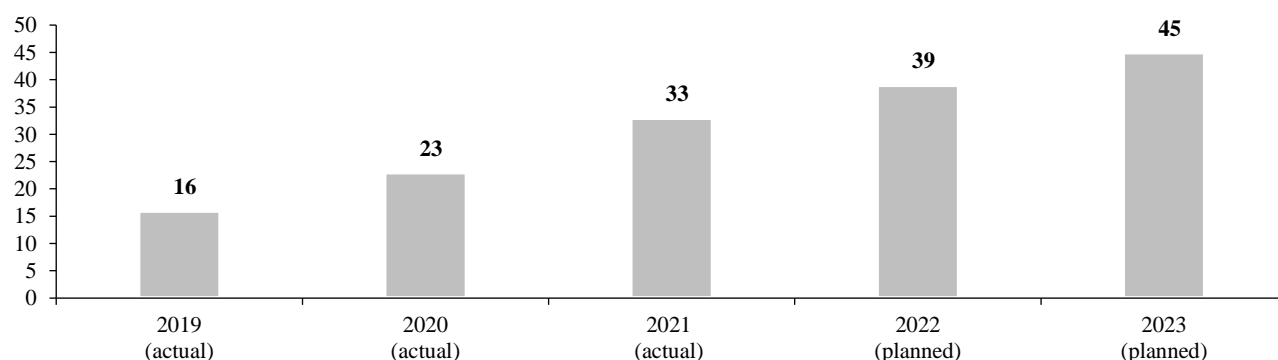


Result 2: increased access to forest product information to support evidence-led policymaking for the sustainable production and consumption of forest products

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.120 The subprogramme's work contributed to updated information on a cumulative total of 33 key forest product commodities, which exceeded the planned target of 31 wood-based commodities that are assessed with regard to their production, trade and consumption.
- 20.121 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XX).

Figure 20.XX
Performance measure: number of wood-based commodities assessments available to member States with specific information regarding their production, trade and consumption (cumulative)



Result 3: enhanced accessibility and timeliness of sustainable forest management information and improved monitoring of the impact of increased wood use in a circular economy

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- 20.122 In the ECE region today, forests are managed sustainably, and many wood products are used, reused and recycled before being utilized in heat and power production at the final stage of their life cycle. The subprogramme has been working with member States on monitoring the sustainable use of wood resources for decades and has collected a wealth of regionally comparable data. Sustainably produced wood is expected to significantly contribute to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources by reducing the greenhouse gas and environmental footprint of various

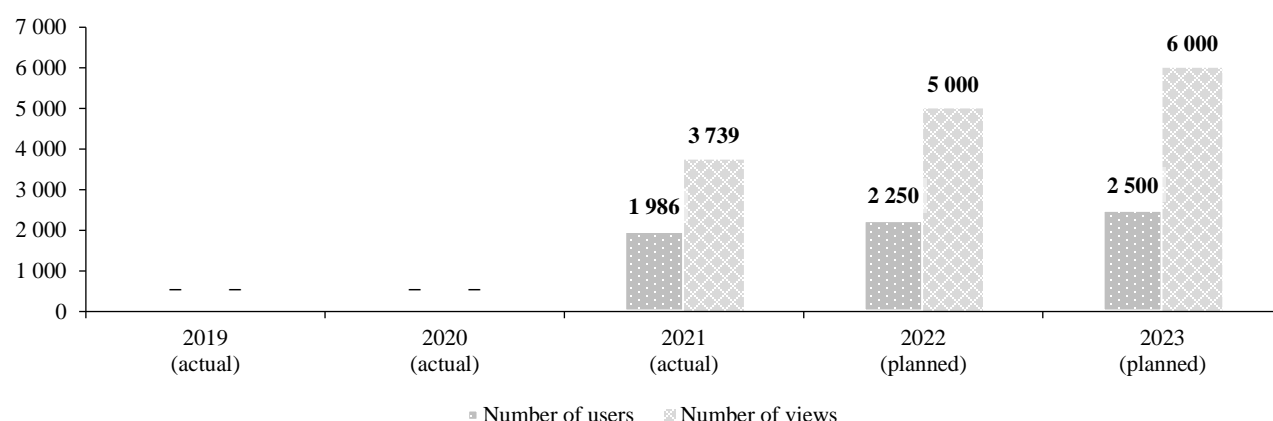
industries and activities. A strong surge in the demand for wood in the coming decades will likely increase the pressure on forests.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.123 The lesson for the subprogramme was that it needed to improve access to the wealth of data that has been systematically collected, which remained difficult. Data was dispersed over various online platforms and publications, was difficult to access and interpret, was not available in national languages and was often available only after significant delays. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will promote its new tool that consolidates the collected data in an online platform, “INForest”. The platform presents information on forests and the forest-based sector in the ECE region, allowing decision makers to monitor market trends and policy measures related to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources as well as climate change and trade restrictions, among other things. Its dashboards improve the accessibility and timeliness of information on sustainable forest management. The subprogramme will support member States in adapting the platform to their national needs and expand its use and content.
- 20.124 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XXI).

Figure 20.XXI

Performance measure: number of public users and number of views of up-to-date data on sustainable forest management from the INForest platform that is accessible to persons with disabilities (cumulative)



Deliverables

- 20.125 Table 20.15 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.15

Subprogramme 7: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	24	28	16	24
1. Documentation for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission	18	21	10	18
2. Documentation for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management	6	7	6	6

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	32	25	22	24
Meetings of:				
3. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission	16	8	6	8
4. The Bureau of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry	2	3	2	2
5. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and of Teams of Specialists	14	14	14	14
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	15	15	15	12
6. Training events for policymakers, experts and relevant stakeholders from countries in the ECE region on topics related to the ECE/FAO integrated programme	15	15	15	12
Publications (number of publications)	7	7	7	7
7. <i>Forest Products Annual Market Review</i>	1	1	1	1
8. On sustainable forest management and forest products	6	6	6	6
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: forest policy dialogues at the request of countries and support for forest policy issues, for up to 3 member States.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: ECE region databases on forest policies and institutions; forest products; production, consumption and trade, including prices; and wood energy for global access. ECE region databases on forest resources and forest ownership (hosted by the ECE Statistical Division).				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: events celebrating the International Day of Forests; brochures and information materials on various forest-related topics; presentations at round tables and international forest-related events.				
External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme; Forest Information Billboard newsletter for approximately 4,000 subscribers.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: website of the subprogramme; social media accounts; videos on forest-related topics.				

Subprogramme 8 Housing, land management and population

Objective

- 20.126 The objective, to which this subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned and city-level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

Strategy

- 20.127 The subprogramme comprises two components: (a) housing and land management; and (b) population.
- 20.128 The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.
- 20.129 To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will:

- (a) Support the national, regional and local governments of member States and other key stakeholders in the review of progress in achieving Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12, and build their capacities for the implementation of measures to accelerate achieving the Goals through technical assistance projects, thematic studies, training sessions, the exchange of experiences and best practices and policy advice on: affordable climate-neutral and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities, digitization in cities and innovative financial mechanisms for cities; land administration and management, including informal settlements; and urban strategies and programmes that integrate climate change measures and promote the climate neutrality of buildings;
- (b) Support local governments in the development of evidence-based policies on sustainable housing and urban development through the application of the ECE/International Telecommunication Union (ITU) key performance indicators on smart sustainable cities, indicators on urban economic resilience and a United Nations system-wide urban monitoring framework; and in the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews of the implementation of the Goals, based on the assessments of achievement of the Goals;
- (c) Provide assistance to national Governments with the development of evidence-based urban and housing policies through the preparation of country profiles on urban development, housing and land management;
- (d) Support the strengthening of the capacities of governments to design, implement and monitor urban economic resilience and post-COVID-19 recovery and rebuilding plans, and innovative financing instruments for their implementation, including plans that provide support to the most vulnerable segments of the population, especially those in informal settlements;
- (e) Subject to a positive outcome of an evaluation of the first and second Forums of Mayors, organize the third Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.

20.130 To contribute to the objective, the population component of the subprogramme will:

- (a) Continue to facilitate cooperation between member States, regional agencies and other partners;
- (b) Support national and regional review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy by providing a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing, and facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Coordinate data collection on active ageing indicators and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations to support evidence-based policymaking and the monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy;
- (d) Support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through policy seminars, policy briefs and the showcasing of good practices from member States;
- (e) Assess lessons learned and strengthen the capacity of member States in terms of preparedness and emergency response to mitigate the risks for older persons, in particular older persons in vulnerable situations, and uphold their rights and dignity beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

20.131 The above-mentioned work in the area of housing and land management is expected to result in:

- (a) Improved national and local policies for housing affordability, adequacy and accessibility for all; the energy efficiency and climate neutrality of buildings; and sustainable and resilient urban development;
- (b) Increased capacity of national and local governments for the development of housing and urban development policies and programmes, which integrate the concepts of the 2030 Agenda, the

Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing and the action plan entitled “Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in the region, city, neighbourhood and homes”;

- (c) Improved understanding by city authorities of their socioeconomic development priorities through the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the use of ECE/ITU key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities, urban economic resilience indicators and a United Nations system-wide urban monitoring framework;
- (d) Increased capacity of land administration authorities to develop national land administration and management systems, based on thematic studies and capacity-building activities in land administration and management;
- (e) More effective local urban development and housing policies and economic recovery plans related to COVID-19, in particular for the most vulnerable segments of the population living in informal settlements.

20.132 The above-mentioned work in the thematic area of population is expected to result in:

- (a) Demonstrated progress by member States in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;
- (b) Enhanced capacities of member States with regard to designing and implementing integrated policies for active and healthy ageing;
- (c) Policy approaches adopted by member States that advance the rights and dignity of older persons and their contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages;
- (d) The design and implementation by member States of national and regional emergency responses, including to the COVID-19 pandemic, that include more prominent considerations for older persons.

Programme performance in 2021

Digital inclusion of older persons: stronger capacities to respond to population ageing in the digital era

20.133 Population ageing is a key global trend that has particular pertinence to the ECE region, where roughly one in six persons are over the age of 65 – a proportion that is expected to increase to one in four by 2050. The twenty-first century is also characterized by increasing digitization, which holds great promise for ageing populations, but also risks the exclusion of older persons, who tend to be less digitally connected. Accelerated digitization during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a growing number of basic services moving online, has further emphasized these inequalities. The subprogramme dedicated its 2021 Policy Brief and Policy Seminar on Ageing to the issue of ageing in the digital era and, through these outputs, it facilitated knowledge-building and policy dialogue among member States on suggested strategies to address the ageing-related challenges of digitization. These strategies included promoting equal access to digital services, enhancing digital skills and literacy and leveraging the potential of digital technologies for active and healthy ageing, with full respect for the human rights of older persons in the digital era.

20.134 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.16).

Table 20.16
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)
Member States decided to focus on ageing in the digital era in the 2021 ECE Policy Brief on Ageing	Member States dedicated the 2021 ECE Policy Seminar on Ageing to the topic of ageing in the digital era	Member States increased their sharing of knowledge and strengthened their engagement through discussions on challenges and good practices related to ageing in the digital era

Planned results for 2023

Result 1: countries launch new guidelines on how to mainstream ageing to achieve a society for all ages

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.135 The subprogramme's work contributed to member States launching the implementation of guidelines on mainstreaming ageing, supported by a pilot toolkit that was developed by the subprogramme, which met the planned target.
- 20.136 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.17).

Table 20.17
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (planned)	2023 (planned)
The task force commenced its work on developing guidelines and piloted a stocktaking exercise on mainstreaming practices in several countries	Member States reviewed and adopted guidelines on mainstreaming ageing to benefit policymakers across the region	Member States launched the implementation of guidelines on mainstreaming ageing and supported the development of a toolkit	The guidelines-based online training programme contributes to setting up strategic frameworks for mainstreaming ageing in a number of ECE countries	Member States further develop strategic frameworks for mainstreaming ageing and/or apply mainstreaming ageing principles in policies

Result 2: Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing beyond 2022: reaching a consensus on the goals and actions for healthy and active ageing in a sustainable world

Programme performance in 2021 and target for 2023

- 20.137 The subprogramme's work contributed to member States holding national review and appraisal exercises of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy and submitting their national reports to the ECE secretariat, and to the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing preparing the first draft of a ministerial declaration for consultation with member States, which met the planned target.
- 20.138 The progress towards the objective and the target for 2023 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.18).

Table 20.18
Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (planned)	2023 (planned)
Member States decided on a tentative timeline for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing/Regional Implementation Strategy. The ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing tasked its Bureau with the development of guidelines for national reports	The Bureau issued the guidelines for national reports and launched the fourth review and appraisal exercise in the region A concept note for the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing was discussed at the annual meeting of the Working Group	Member States held national review and appraisal exercises and submitted their national reports to the ECE secretariat The Bureau prepared a first draft of the ministerial declaration for consultation with the member States	Member States hold intergovernmental consultations on a draft ministerial declaration, to be submitted at the 2022 Ministerial Conference The 2022 Ministerial Conference to adopt by acclamation its outcome document outlining the goals and main actions for healthy and active ageing in 2023–2027 that safeguard the dignity and rights of older persons	The programme of work of the Standing Working Group for Ageing for 2023–2027, based on the priorities outlined in a declaration of the 2022 Ministerial Conference and the outcome of the global review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2023, is developed and adopted by member States

Result 3: acceleration of the city-level implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**Proposed programme plan for 2023**

- 20.139 While the Sustainable Development Goals are a global framework used at the national level, their implementation relies heavily on cities and regions. The preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews of the implementation of the Goals enables the localization of the Goals, ensures a more detailed and nuanced assessment of progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda at the city level and supports building local capacities for achieving the Goals. The subprogramme assessed the experience of cities in the ECE region in the development of profiles and voluntary local reviews and their impact on urban sustainability. Based on the assessment, it elaborated regional guidelines for the development of voluntary local reviews and online training to support their implementation. Implementation of the guidelines will assist local and regional governments in the ECE region in the development of their voluntary local reviews and, through that, in promoting urban sustainability and resilience.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.140 The lesson for the subprogramme was that it needed to ground its work in solid evidence, local contexts, multilevel governance and partnerships and holistic approaches to urban development to further promote the use of smart cities profiles and/or voluntary local reviews so they become a tool to create long-term strategies for sustainable development, support regions and cities in addressing the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and promote value creation, measurable opportunities and ecosystem-based solutions for the community, in order to leave no one behind. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support city governments in the development of profiles and voluntary local reviews based on rigorous data analysis, in cooperation with national governments and in partnership with other international organizations and financial institutions.
- 20.141 The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.19).

Table 20.19

Performance measure

2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (planned)	2023 (planned)
One smart sustainable cities profile (for Voznesensk, Ukraine) using evidence-based approaches developed	One smart sustainable cities profile (for Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan) using evidence-based approaches developed	Two smart sustainable cities profiles (for Hrodna, Belarus, and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) using evidence-based approaches developed	Three additional smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews using evidence-based approaches developed	Four additional smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews using evidence-based approaches developed

Deliverables

20.142 Table 20.20 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.20

Subprogramme 8: deliverables for the period 2021–2023, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies				
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	24	24	16	25
Documentation for:				
1. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	12	12	10	11
2. The Working Party on Land Administration	7	7	–	7
3. The Standing Working Group on Ageing	5	5	4	5
4. The Ministerial Conference on Ageing	–	–	2	–
5. The regional conference on population and development issues	–	–	–	2
Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)	29	38	31	37
Meetings of:				
6. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and its Bureau	12	17	14	14
7. The Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	10	10	6	10
8. The Standing Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau	7	11	7	9
9. The Ministerial Conference on Ageing	–	–	4	–
10. The regional conference on population and development issues	–	–	–	4
B. Generation and transfer of knowledge				
Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)	2	1	1	2
11. Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	1	–	1	1
12. Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country	1	1	–	1
Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)	6	12	5	10
13. Workshops, seminars and training courses for policymakers and/or experts in the ECE region on housing and land administration (including real estate) and spatial planning	4	7	4	8
14. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	2	5	1	2

Category and subcategory	2021 planned	2021 actual	2022 planned	2023 planned
Publications (number of publications)	7	6	6	6
15. On housing and land management	3	4	4	4
16. On population	4	2	2	2
Technical materials (number of materials)	3	5	1	4
17. Technical guidelines on housing and land management	2	2	1	2
18. Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing	1	1	–	–
19. Toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing	–	2	–	2
Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)	–	1	–	2
20. Fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes	–	–	–	1
21. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning	–	1	–	1
C. Substantive deliverables				
Consultation, advice and advocacy: Generations and Gender Programme advocacy for national survey coordinators; advisory services for policymakers in up to 4 member States in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning; advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes.				
Databases and substantive digital materials: active ageing indicators data set for global access.				
D. Communication deliverables				
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklets/fact sheets of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration; booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and ageing-related side events for various stakeholders.				
External and media relations: press releases related to housing, land management and population activities.				
Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites related to housing, land management and population activities for global and regional access; Active Ageing Index wiki.				

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2023

Overview

20.143 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 20.21 to 20.23.

Table 20.21

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2021 expenditure ^a	2022 appropriation	Changes					2023 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post	34 033.6	34 028.8	—	—	—	—	—	34 028.8
Other staff costs	123.1	149.6	—	—	—	—	—	149.6
Hospitality	0.1	5.2	—	—	—	—	—	5.2
Consultants	143.4	118.3	—	18.4	—	18.4	15.6	136.7
Experts		34.2	—	18.3	—	18.3	53.5	52.5
Travel of staff	51.0	144.3	—	—	—	—	—	144.3
Contractual services	720.4	738.5	—	—	—	—	—	738.5
General operating expenses	84.3	62.9	—	—	—	—	—	62.9
Supplies and materials	0.9	31.7	—	—	—	—	—	31.7
Furniture and equipment	188.8	195.6	—	—	—	—	—	195.6
Total	35 345.6	35 509.1	—	36.7	—	36.7	0.1	35 545.8

^a At the time of reporting, the expenditures presented in this table and subsequent tables are not final and may be subject to adjustments that could result in minor differences between the information contained in the present report and the financial statements to be published by 31 March 2022.

Table 20.22

Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2023

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved for 2022	188	1 USG, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 23 P-5, 35 P-4, 37 P-3, 21 P-2/1, 5 GS (PL), 57 GS (OL)
Redeployment	—	1 P-4 from programme support to executive direction and management 1 P-5 within executive direction and management
Proposed for 2023	188	1 USG, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 23 P-5, 35 P-4, 37 P-3, 21 P-2/1, 5 GS (PL), 57 GS (OL)

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and figures: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); USG, Under-Secretary-General.

Table 20.23

Overall: proposed posts by category and grade

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	2022 approved	Changes				2023 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
Professional and higher						
USG	1	—	—	—	—	1
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	8	—	—	—	—	8
P-5	23	—	—	—	—	23
P-4	35	—	—	—	—	35
P-3	37	—	—	—	—	37
P-2/1	21	—	—	—	—	21
Subtotal	126	—	—	—	—	126
General Service and related						
GS (PL)	5	—	—	—	—	5
GS (OL)	57	—	—	—	—	57
Subtotal	62	—	—	—	—	62
Total	188	—	—	—	—	188

20.144 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in tables 20.24 to 20.26 and figure 20.XXII.

20.145 As reflected in tables 20.24 (1) and 20.25 (1), the overall resources proposed for 2023 amount to \$35,545,800 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$36,700 (or 0.1 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2022. Resource changes result from new and expanded mandates related to the seventieth session of the Commission, to be held in 2023, as further detailed in paragraph 20.146. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 20.24

Overall: evolution of financial resources by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Changes				2023 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage
A. Executive direction and management	4 453.2	4 441.1	—	36.7	205.5	242.2	5.5
B. Programme of work							
1. Environment	5 669.1	5 629.0	—	—	—	—	5 629.0
2. Transport	6 697.3	6 727.2	—	—	—	—	6 727.2
3. Statistics	4 865.4	4 780.2	—	—	—	—	4 780.2

Part V Regional cooperation for development

Component/subprogramme	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Changes					2023 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
4. Economic cooperation and integration	1 962.2	2 074.0	—	—	—	—	—	2 074.0
5. Sustainable energy	2 356.9	2 180.2	—	—	—	—	—	2 180.2
6. Trade	3 367.8	3 588.1	—	—	—	—	—	3 588.1
7. Forests and the forest industry	1 436.7	1 498.3	—	—	—	—	—	1 498.3
8. Housing, land management and population	1 217.1	1 174.7	—	—	—	—	—	1 174.7
Subtotal, B	27 572.5	27 651.7	—	—	—	—	—	27 651.7
C. Programme support	3 319.8	3 416.3	—	—	(205.5)	(205.5)	(6.0)	3 210.8
Subtotal, 1	35 345.6	35 509.1	—	36.7	—	36.7	0.1	35 545.8

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2021 expenditure	2022 estimate	Change	Percentage	2023 estimate
A. Executive direction and management	1 901.6	2 415.8	82.9	3.4	2 498.7
B. Programme of work					
1. Environment	10 904.7	12 723.5	476.6	3.7	13 200.1
2. Transport	1 808.1	2 368.9	139.8	5.9	2 508.7
3. Statistics	69.7	208.1	141.9	68.2	350.0
4. Economic cooperation and integration	609.0	1 132.0	146.3	12.9	1 278.3
5. Sustainable energy	1 093.9	1 142.4	217.8	19.1	1 360.2
6. Trade	1 236.3	852.2	(57.9)	(6.8)	794.3
7. Forests and the forest industry	472.4	318.7	(137.1)	(43.0)	181.6
8. Housing, land management and population	404.9	578.1	(141.4)	(24.5)	436.7
Subtotal, B	16 599.0	19 323.9	786.0	4.1	20 109.9
C. Programme support	1 164.8	1 846.6	—	—	1 846.6
Subtotal, 2	19 665.4	23 586.3	868.9	3.7	24 455.2
Total	55 011.0	59 095.4	905.6	1.5	60 001.0

Table 20.25

Overall: proposed posts for 2023 by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Number of posts)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component/subprogramme	Changes				Total	2023 proposed
	2022 approved	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other		
A. Executive direction and management	22	–	–	1	1	23
B. Programme of work						
1. Environment	31	–	–	–	–	31
2. Transport	38	–	–	–	–	38
3. Statistics	27	–	–	–	–	27
4. Economic cooperation and integration	11	–	–	–	–	11
5. Sustainable energy	11	–	–	–	–	11
6. Trade	20	–	–	–	–	20
7. Forests and the forest industry	8	–	–	–	–	8
8. Housing, land management and population	7	–	–	–	–	7
Subtotal, B	153	–	–	–	–	153
C. Programme support	13	–	–	(1)	(1)	12
Subtotal, 1	188	–	–	–	–	188

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

Component/subprogramme	2022 estimate	Change	2023 estimate
A. Executive direction and management	7	–	7
B. Programme of work			
1. Environment	28	1	29
2. Transport	8	–	8
3. Statistics	–	–	–
4. Economic cooperation and integration	1	–	1
5. Sustainable energy	2	–	2
6. Trade	2	(1)	1
7. Forests and the forest industry	–	–	–
8. Housing, land management and population	–	–	–
Subtotal, B	41	–	41
C. Programme support	7	–	7
Subtotal, 2	55	–	55
Total	243	–	243

Table 20.26

Overall: evolution of financial and post resources

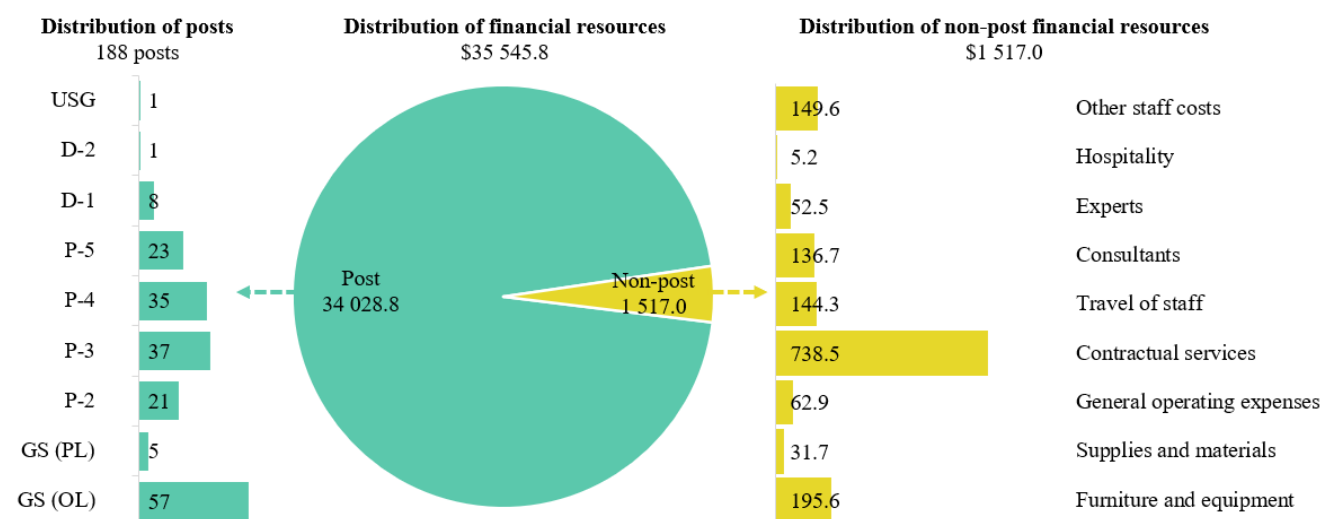
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	34 033.6	34 028.8	—	—	—	—	—	34 028.8
Non-post	1 312.0	1 480.3	—	36.7	—	36.7	2.5	1 517.0
Total	35 345.6	35 509.1	—	36.7	—	36.7	0.1	35 545.8
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		126	—	—	—	—	—	126
General Service and related		62	—	—	—	—	—	62
Total		188	—	—	—	—	—	188

Figure 20.XXII

Distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

Overall resource changes

New and expanded mandates

20.146 As reflected in table 20.24 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$36,700, as follows:

Executive direction and management. An increase of \$36,700 in biennially recurrent requirements relates to the holding of the seventieth session of the Commission, in 2023, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [62/225](#) and paragraph 9 of annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/38. The sessions of the Commission are held on a biennial

basis. ECE has decided on the cross-cutting theme “Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region” for the high-level segment of the session. In line with the expectations and resource requirements for previous sessions, additional amounts are proposed under experts (\$18,300), for the travel of subject matter experts, and consultants (\$18,400), to fund the related consultancy capacity to prepare analytical reference materials, including a review of relevant trends in the ECE region.

Other changes

- 20.147 As reflected in table 20.24 (1), the net effect of the proposed changes is cost-neutral. The breakdown of changes is as follows:
- (a) **Executive direction and management.** The net increase in requirements of \$205,500 under posts reflects the inward redeployment of one post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-4), as explained in annex III;
 - (b) **Programme support.** The net decrease in requirements of \$205,500 under posts reflects the outward redeployment of one post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-4), as explained in annex III.

Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.148 As reflected in tables 20.24 (2) and 20.25 (2), ECE expects to continue to receive cash contributions, which would complement regular budget resources. In 2023, extrabudgetary resources are estimated at \$24,455,200 and would provide for 55 posts, as presented in table 20.25 (2).
- 20.149 The resources will be used to deliver technical cooperation projects and activities approved by ECE governing bodies. Extrabudgetary resources represent 40.8 per cent of the total resources for ECE.
- 20.150 The extrabudgetary resources under this section are subject to the oversight of the Executive Committee of ECE and the governing bodies of the conventions.

Policymaking organs

- 20.151 The governance structure of ECE was revised in accordance with the workplan on ECE reform adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution [60/248](#) and the outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution [2013/1](#). The Commission reports to the Council and provides strategic direction to the work of the ECE secretariat. It serves as a regional platform for high-level policy dialogue on sustainable development in the region. It meets biennially for up to three working days. In the intersessional period, the Executive Committee is entrusted with the implementation of the overall policy set by the Commission. It meets as often as necessary to perform its oversight role with regard to programme planning and administrative and budgetary issues, including extrabudgetary funding. It reviews and approves the programmes of work and subsidiary structures of the sectoral committees, thus ensuring coherence and coordination among subprogrammes.
- 20.152 The following eight sectoral committees act as subsidiary bodies of the Commission and as governing bodies for the eight subprogrammes: the Committee of Environmental Policy (subprogramme 1); the Inland Transport Committee (subprogramme 2); the Conference of European Statisticians (subprogramme 3); the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (subprogramme 4); the Committee on Sustainable Energy (subprogramme 5); the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (subprogramme 6); the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (subprogramme 7); and the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (subprogramme 8). These bodies meet for two to three days annually to provide guidance to ECE on work relating to their sectors. No resources are proposed for 2023 under the regular budget for those bodies.

Executive direction and management

- 20.153 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Sustainable Development Unit and the Information Unit. It also includes the Programme Management Unit, which falls under the Programme Management and Support Services Division.
- 20.154 The overall responsibilities of the executive direction and management component include the following functions:
- (a) To contribute to and facilitate debate among member States on the strategic direction of ECE and to develop a forward-looking strategy for adjusting ECE activities to respond to emerging and foreseeable priorities of its member States;
 - (b) To foster relationships with member Governments and keep abreast of the needs of ECE member States;
 - (c) To coordinate the planning and ensure the implementation of the ECE programme of work, to provide guidance and direction for the work of the secretariat and to promote transparency and interdivisional cooperation;
 - (d) To service meetings of ECE and its Executive Committee, including the preparation of relevant documentation, to ensure follow-up to their decisions and to serve as an interface between the Committee and the bureaux of the sectoral committees;
 - (e) To ensure efficient and inclusive processes for the monitoring and evaluation of the work of the subprogrammes, including the biennial evaluations of subprogramme performance by sectoral committees, and to promote the application of evaluation findings to the work of the subprogrammes;
 - (f) To monitor and promote the evaluation of the technical cooperation activities carried out in the ECE divisions, and to coordinate multisectoral/intersectoral technical cooperation activities within the ECE mandate, including those developed within subregional frameworks;
 - (g) To undertake regional policy reviews relating to major cross-sectoral issues, in particular sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (h) To ensure the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of ECE, including the regional follow-up to United Nations major outcomes and conferences, in accordance with the Commission's role as a regional outpost of the United Nations, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46;
 - (i) To provide clearance for ECE publications and key documents prepared for the sectoral committees and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
 - (j) To contribute to increasing the visibility of ECE and to raising the awareness and use of ECE products through the dissemination of information about its activities;
 - (k) To contribute, in close cooperation with the other regional commissions, to the United Nations reform implementation, in particular in relation to improving system-wide coherence in United Nations development work;
 - (l) To cooperate and coordinate with other United Nations entities active in the ECE region, in particular within the framework of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Europe and Central Asia;
 - (m) To promote synergies between the ECE technical cooperation activities and the work of other United Nations system entities, in particular through the resident coordinator system at the country level and the United Nations Development Group for Europe and Central Asia at the regional level;

- (n) To contribute to relevant reports of the Secretary-General for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and to provide other input requested by Headquarters;
 - (o) To foster and mainstream a gender perspective and disability inclusion in ECE subprogrammes;
 - (p) To ensure effective financial, human, and information and communications technology resources management, as well as the implementation of recommendations of oversight bodies and internal controls.
- 20.155 The Office of the Executive Secretary, which includes the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretary and the Secretary of the Commission, has the overall responsibility for providing policy guidance and leadership in the ECE secretariat, including the coordination of the work of the Commission; overseeing and developing relations with Governments; coordination with the United Nations Secretariat; reporting to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; overseeing and developing relations with other United Nations entities and with non-United Nations organizations, civil society and NGOs; and mainstreaming a gender perspective across all subprogrammes through the development and implementation of the ECE gender policy and action plan and the gender parity strategy.
- 20.156 The Programme Management Unit, under the Programme Management and Support Services Division, provides guidance and ensures overall coordination of ECE programme management (planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation). The Unit also promotes synergies between the normative and operational work of ECE, provides guidance and ensures overall coordination of technical cooperation, and serves as the secretariat of the Working Group on Technical Cooperation. The Unit coordinates with other regional commissions and United Nations entities on programmatic and technical cooperation issues in support of the resident coordinator system countries within the ECE region.
- 20.157 The Sustainable Development Unit provides policy advice, analysis and advocacy on cross-cutting issues relating to the implementation of, follow-up on and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in partnership with other United Nations entities and stakeholders, as relevant. The Unit convenes the annual Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region, in cooperation with the entities of the regional United Nations system, providing the regional contribution to the global follow-up on and review of the 2030 Agenda. It plays a leading role in carrying out the functions of the regional collaborative platform, which gathers the heads of the regional offices for Europe and Central Asia of the United Nations entities. It oversees cross-sectoral activities related to the Sustainable Development Goals that are in the focus of ECE work. It provides contributions to the preparation of and the follow-up on United Nations global conferences and summits and to various reports of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on economic, social and environmental issues. The Unit leads the internal work on the alignment of ECE activities with the Sustainable Development Goals through a cross-cutting approach.
- 20.158 The Information Unit is responsible for implementing the ECE information strategy aimed at raising awareness and mobilizing support for the work of ECE. The Unit promotes the image of the Commission by managing the corporate sections of its website and ensuring its overall coherence, as well as by designing and producing promotional material on ECE activities. The Unit manages ECE relations with the media, ensures the Commission's presence on social media and provides related monitoring and analysis. It advises the Executive Secretary, senior managers and the staff of ECE on outreach and advocacy.
- 20.159 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular target 12.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals, in which organizations are encouraged to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycles, and in compliance with the cross-cutting mandate set out in paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution [72/219](#), ECE is integrating environmental management practices into its operations. ECE takes into account lessons learned in the leveraging of communications technology, allowing for remote participation wherever possible.

- 20.160 Information on compliance with the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 20.27. The compliance rate of 94 per cent relates to the timely submission of documentation related to ECE meetings organized through the United Nations Office at Geneva Division of Conference Management in 2021. The compliance rate of 51 per cent for air tickets purchased at least two weeks before the commencement of travel relates to all travel requests, including of staff, participants, experts and consultants, processed by ECE in 2021 through the United Nations Office at Geneva Travel and Logistics Unit. While the ECE compliance rate in 2021 increased compared with 2020, the compliance rate continues to be impacted by uncertainty around travel and related restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ECE expects its compliance rate to improve with the easing of travel restrictions, which should bring about more predictable conditions, and will continue to work closely with the Travel and Logistics Unit to reinforce the need for early planning of meetings and conferences requiring air travel.

Table 20.27
Compliance rate
(Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2019</i>	<i>Actual 2020</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Planned 2022</i>	<i>Planned 2023</i>
Timely submission of documentation	97	97	94	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	73	44	51	100	100

- 20.161 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$4,683,300 and reflect an increase of \$242,200 compared with the appropriation for 2022. The proposed increase is explained in paragraphs 20.146 and 20.147 (a). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.28 and figure 20.XXIII.

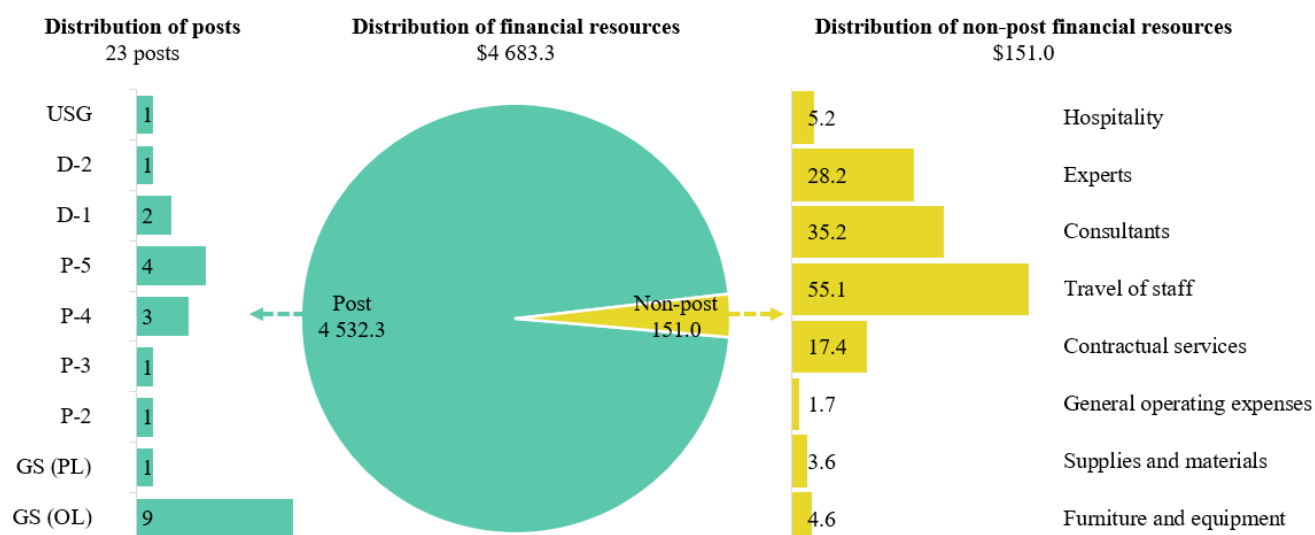
Table 20.28
Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Changes					2023 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	4 354.9	4 326.8	—	—	205.5	205.5	4.7	4 532.3
Non-post	98.4	114.3	—	36.7	—	36.7	32.1	151.0
Total	4 453.2	4 441.1	—	36.7	205.5	242.2	5.5	4 683.3
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		12	—	—	1	1	8.3	13
General Service and related		10	—	—	—	—	—	10
Total		22	—	—	1	1	4.5	23

Figure 20.XXIII

Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.162 Extrabudgetary resources for executive direction and management are estimated at \$2,498,700. These resources relate to the secretariats of the United Nations Road Safety Trust Fund and the Special Envoy for Road Safety and will provide for seven posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 2 P-3 and 2 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources in support of the management of both secretariats. The resources would provide for resource mobilization activities for the Trust Fund, along with support for the implementation of high-impact projects to increase road safety. The expected increase of \$82,900 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Programme of work**Subprogramme 1
Environment**

- 20.163 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$5,629,000 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.29 and figure 20.XXIV.

Table 20.29

Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources

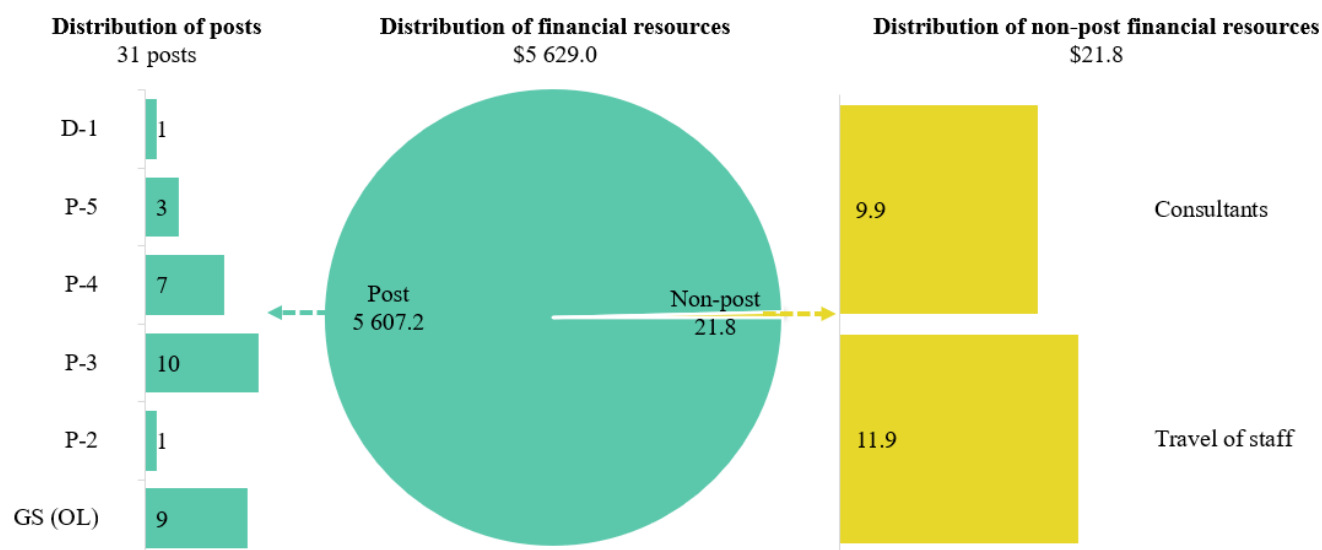
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Changes					2023 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage		
Financial resources by main category of expenditure									
Post	5 653.9	5 607.2	—	—	—	—	—	5 607.2	
Non-post	15.2	21.8	—	—	—	—	—	21.8	
Total	5 669.1	5 629.0	—	—	—	—	—	5 629.0	
Post resources by category									
Professional and higher		22	—	—	—	—	—	22	
General Service and related		9	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Total		31	—	—	—	—	—	31	

Figure 20.XXIV

Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.164 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$13,200,100 and would provide for 29 posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4, 18 P-3, 2 P-2 and 7 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to support the implementation of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements and the ECE policy tools, which include the Environmental Performance Reviews Programme, the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme, the Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and technical assistance programmes under the ECE multilateral environmental agreements, through international policy dialogue, normative work, capacity-building and the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned. The expected increase of \$476,600 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and related contributions for travel,

meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects, as well as the addition of one P-5 post.

Subprogramme 2 Transport

20.165 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$6,727,200 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.30 and figure 20.XXV.

Table 20.30

Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources

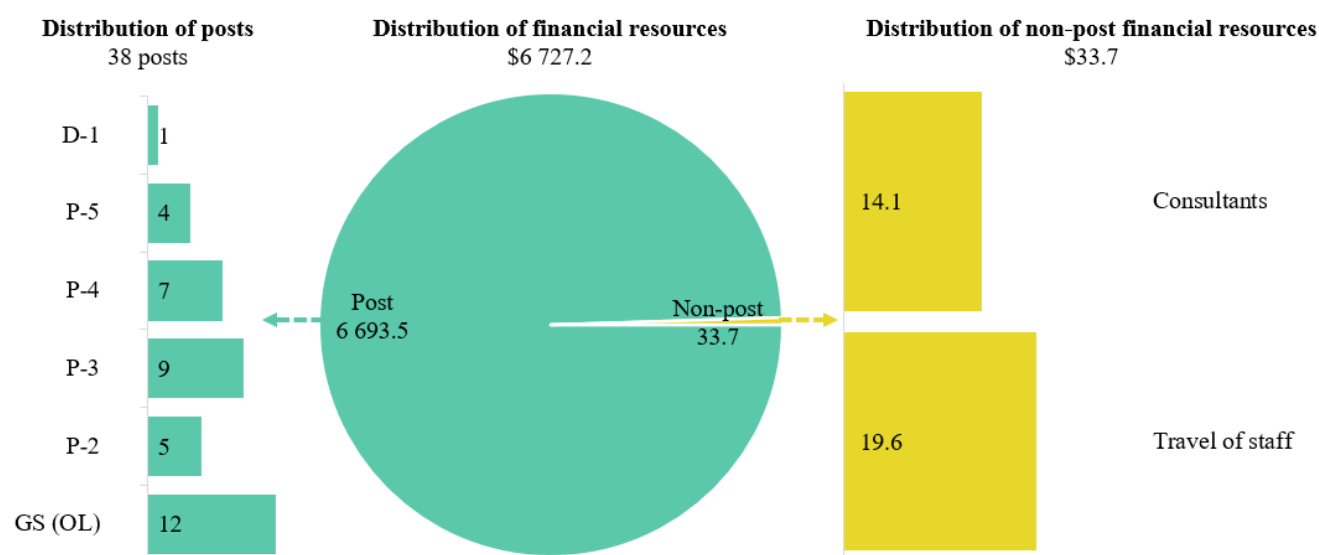
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	6 659.0	6 693.5	—	—	—	—	—	6 693.5
Non-post	38.4	33.7	—	—	—	—	—	33.7
Total	6 697.3	6 727.2	—	—	—	—	—	6 727.2
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		26	—	—	—	—	—	26
General Service and related		12	—	—	—	—	—	12
Total		38	—	—	—	—	—	38

Figure 20.XXV

Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.166 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$2,508,700 and would provide for eight posts (3 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2 and 2 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to support the implementation and computerization of the TIR Convention and the implementation of the Trans-European North-South Motorway and the Trans-European Railway projects and projects in the areas of sustainable transport and mobility solutions and the adaptation of transport systems to climate change. The expected increase of \$139,800 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 3 Statistics

- 20.167 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$4,780,200 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.31 and figure 20.XXVI.

Table 20.31

Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources

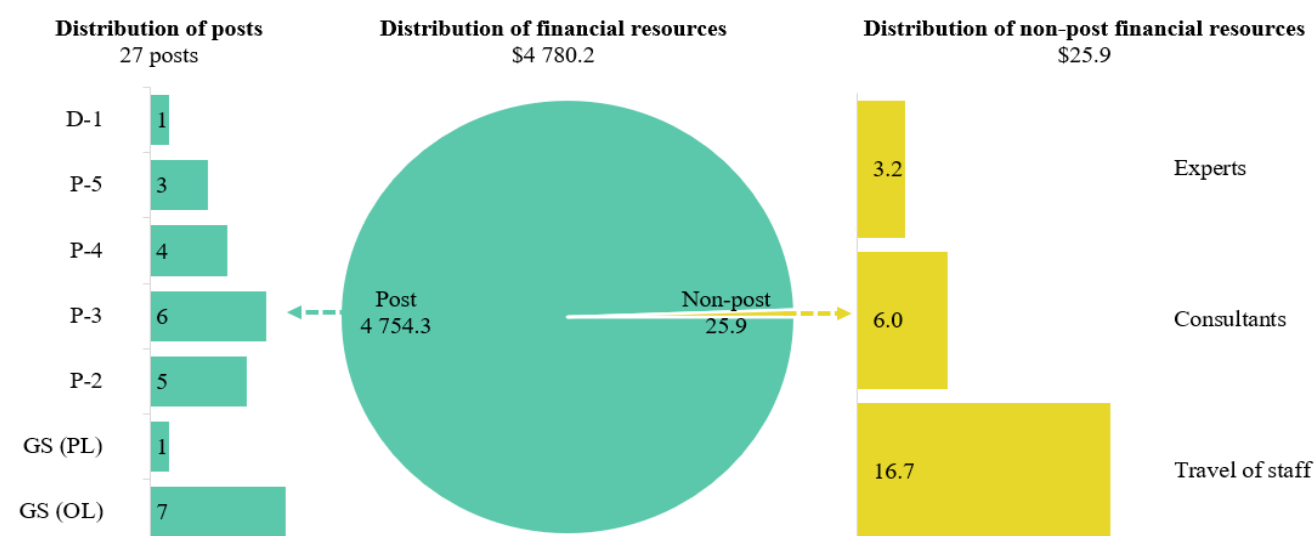
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	4 863.6	4 754.3	—	—	—	—	—	4 754.3
Non-post	1.8	25.9	—	—	—	—	—	25.9
Total	4 865.4	4 780.2	—	—	—	—	—	4 780.2
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		19	—	—	—	—	—	19
General Service and related		8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Total		27	—	—	—	—	—	27

Figure 20.XXVI

Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.168 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$350,000 and would provide for non-post resources. The resources will support projects in the areas of strengthening the statistical capacity of member States to provide high-quality statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and enhancing the coherence and integration of economic and social statistics in support of the implementation of 2008 System of National Accounts. The expected increase of \$141,900 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 4

Economic cooperation and integration

- 20.169 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$2,074,000 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.32 and figure 20.XXVII.

Table 20.32

Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

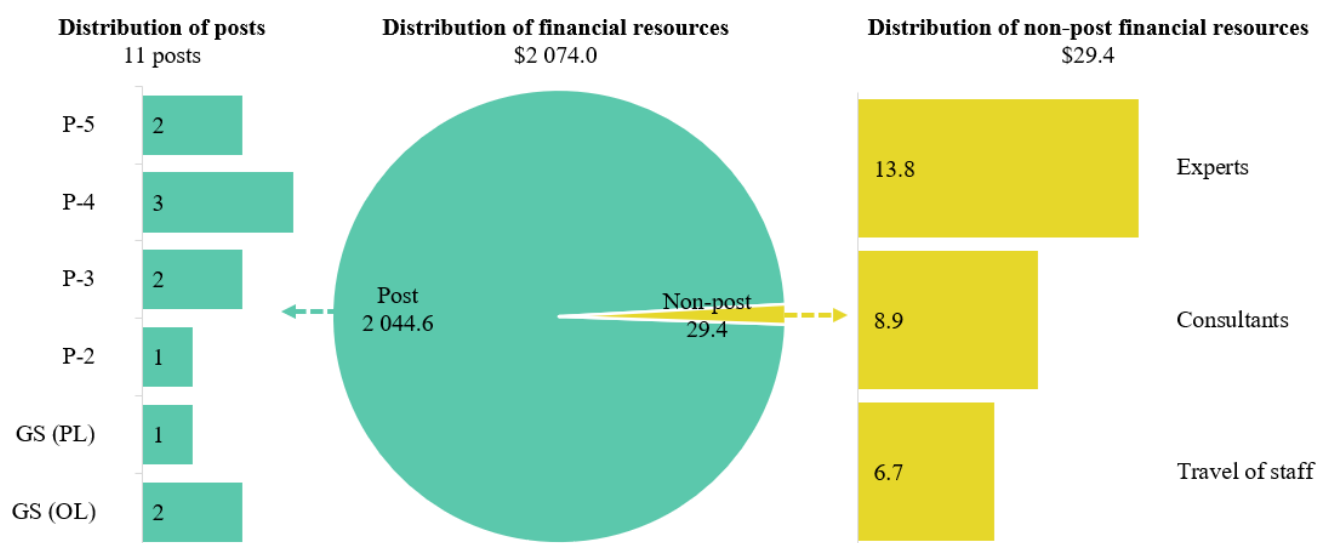
	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 941.1	2 044.6	—	—	—	—	—	2 044.6
Non-post	21.2	29.4	—	—	—	—	—	29.4
Total	1 962.2	2 074.0	—	—	—	—	—	2 074.0

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		8	—	—	—	—	—	8
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		11	—	—	—	—	—	11

Figure 20.XXVII

Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.170 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$1,278,300 and would provide for one post (1 P-3), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to provide support for technical cooperation projects on the implementation of ECE innovation policies, development innovation for sustainable development reviews and the implementation of the standards on people-first public-private partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals. The expected increase of \$146,300 in 2023 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

**Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy**

- 20.171 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$2,180,200 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.33 and figure 20.XXVIII.

Table 20.33

Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources

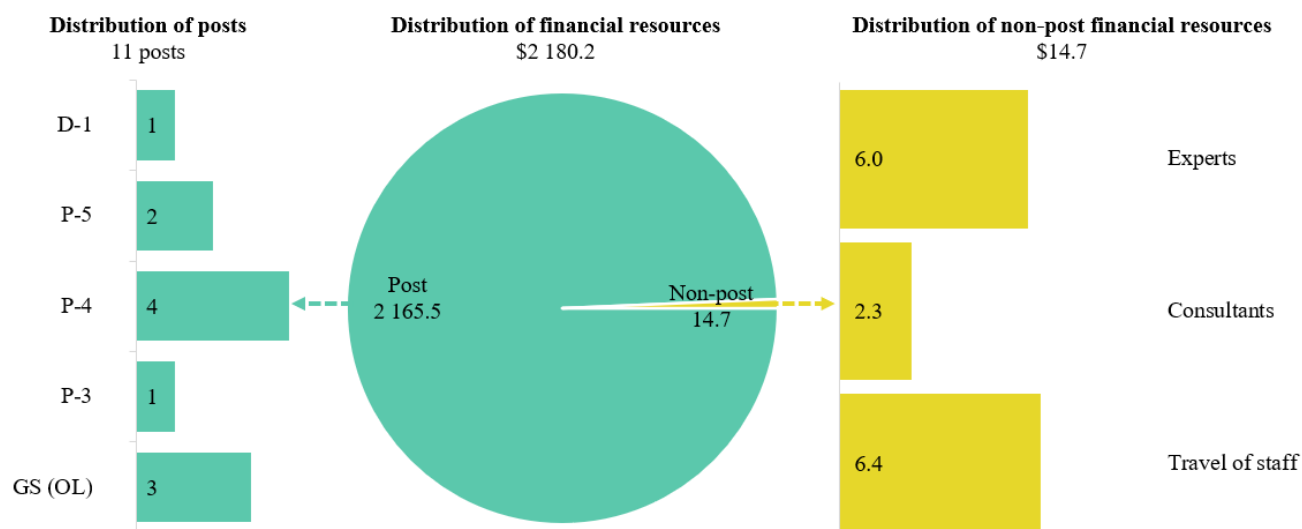
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	2 341.1	2 165.5	—	—	—	—	—	2 165.5
Non-post	15.8	14.7	—	—	—	—	—	14.7
Total	2 356.9	2 180.2	—	—	—	—	—	2 180.2
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		8	—	—	—	—	—	8
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		11	—	—	—	—	—	11

Figure 20.XXVIII

Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)


Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.172 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$1,360,200 and would provide for two posts (1 P-4 and 1 P-3), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to enable further development and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System, which allow for dynamic resource management, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and will provide for technical cooperation projects on sustainable resource management, accelerating transformations of the energy sector, and carbon neutrality and sustainable hydrogen production in the ECE region. The expected increase of \$217,800 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 6

Trade

20.173 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$3,588,100 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.34 and figure 20.XXVIX.

Table 20.34

Subprogramme 6: evolution of financial and post resources

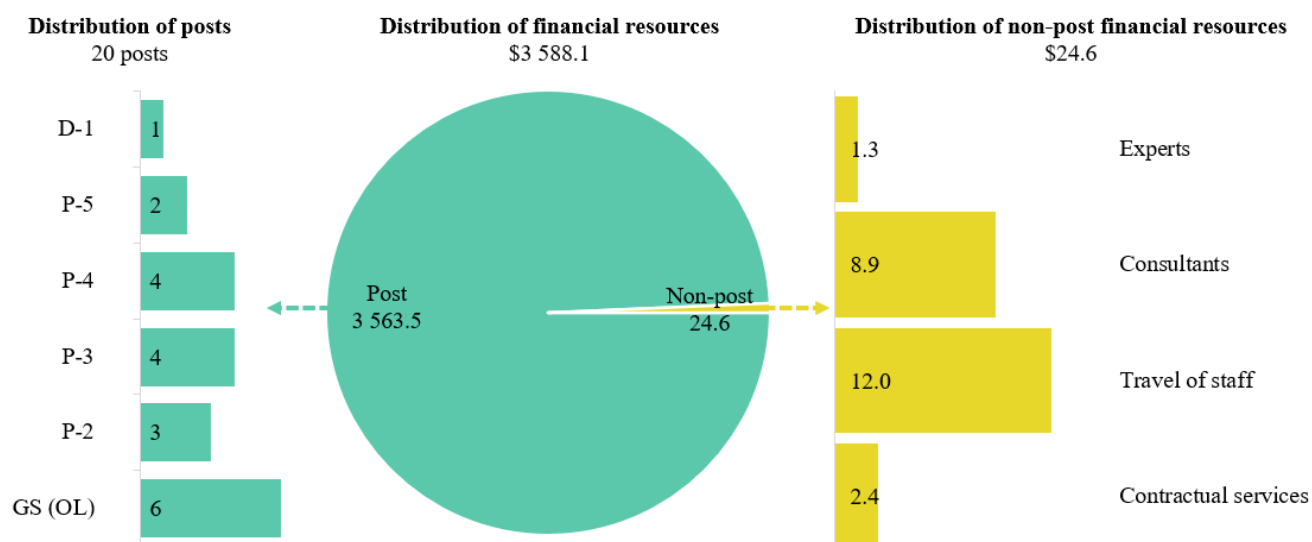
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	3 354.2	3 563.5	—	—	—	—	—	3 563.5
Non-post	13.6	24.6	—	—	—	—	—	24.6
Total	3 367.8	3 588.1	—	—	—	—	—	3 588.1
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		14	—	—	—	—	—	14
General Service and related		6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total		20	—	—	—	—	—	20

Figure 20.XXIX

Subprogramme 6: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

20.174 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$794,300 and would provide for one post (1 P-4), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to support

technical cooperation projects, advocacy, evidence-based studies to identify regulatory and procedural barriers to trade and technical cooperation projects in the areas of trade facilitation, sustainable value chains and promotion of the use of standards for sustainable development. The expected decrease of \$57,900 is attributable mainly to the abolishment of one General Service (Other level) post.

Subprogramme 7 Forests and the forest industry

- 20.175 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$1,498,300 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.35 and figure 20.XXX.

Table 20.35

Subprogramme 7: evolution of financial and post resources

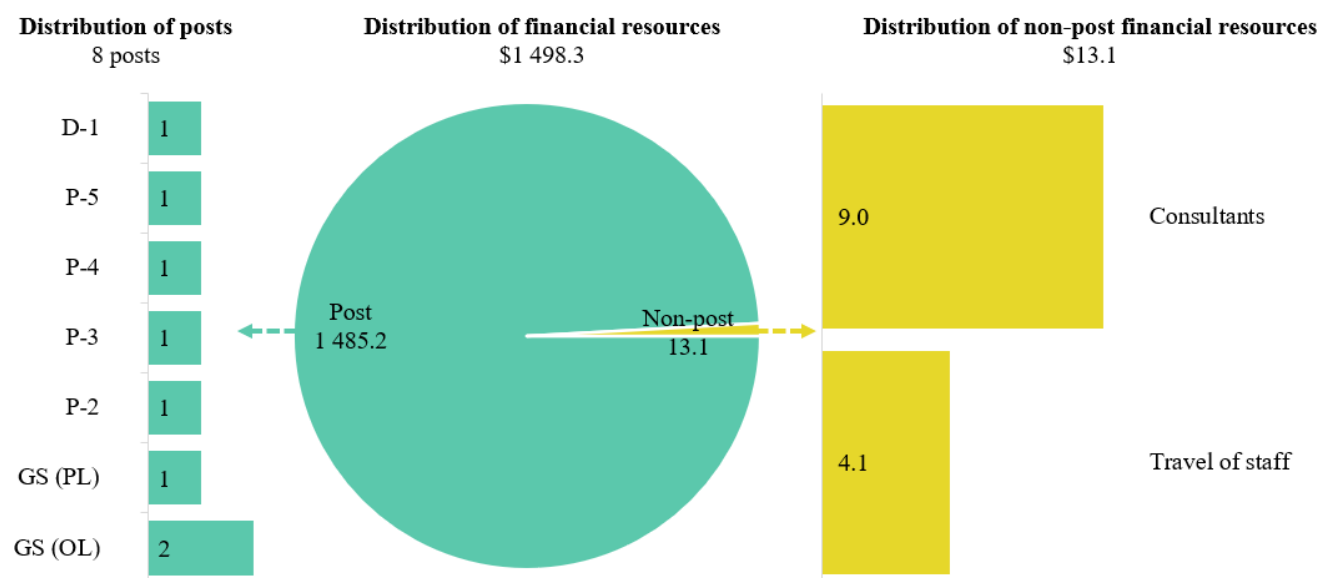
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 427.3	1 485.2	—	—	—	—	—	1 485.2
Non-post	9.4	13.1	—	—	—	—	—	13.1
Total	1 436.7	1 498.3	—	—	—	—	—	1 498.3
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		5	—	—	—	—	—	5
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		8	—	—	—	—	—	8

Figure 20.XXX

Subprogramme 7: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.176 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$181,600 and would provide for non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to support research, analysis and the dissemination of information related to sustainable forest management, the sustainable production and consumption of forest products and technical cooperation projects on sustainable forest management. The expected decrease of \$137,100 is attributable mainly to projects reaching completion in 2022.

Subprogramme 8

Housing, land management and populations

- 20.177 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$1,174,700 and reflect no change in the resource level compared with the appropriation for 2022. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.36 and figure 20.XXXI.

Table 20.36

Subprogramme 8: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

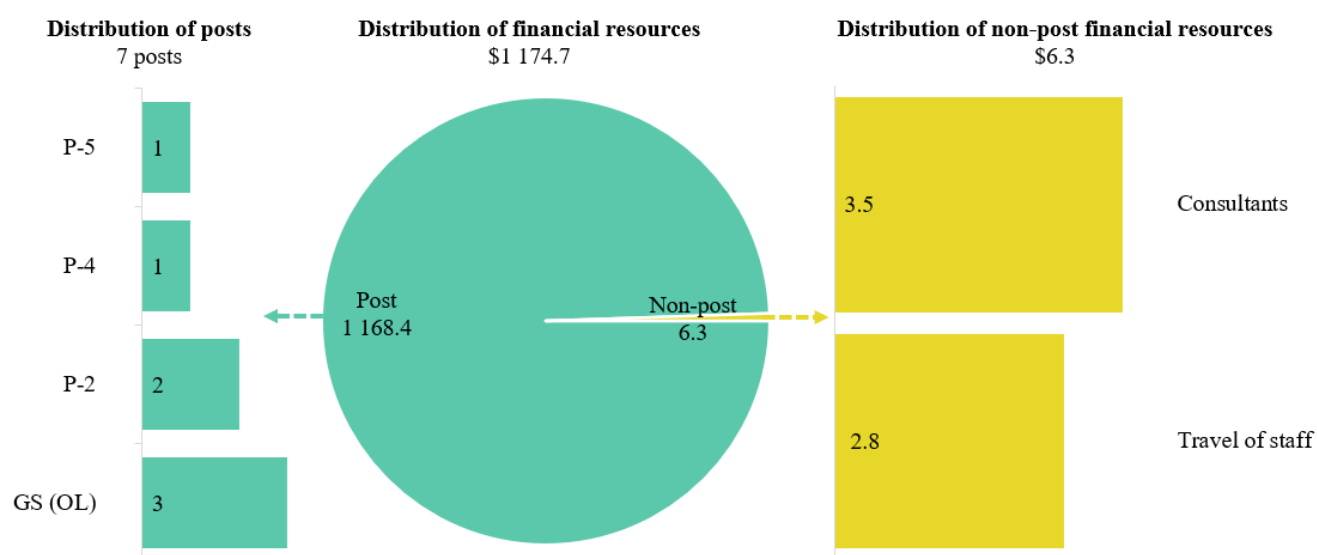
	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	1 213.7	1 168.4	—	—	—	—	—	1 168.4
Non-post	3.4	6.3	—	—	—	—	—	6.3
Total	1 217.1	1 174.7	—	—	—	—	—	1 174.7

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		4	—	—	—	—	—	4
General Service and related		3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total		7	—	—	—	—	—	7

Figure 20.XXXI

Subprogramme 8: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.178 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme are estimated at \$436,700 and would provide for non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly for supporting the projects on the development of smart sustainable city profiles and voluntary local reviews and supporting the implementation of the programme of work related to housing and land management, as well as population ageing. The expected decrease of \$141,400 is attributable mainly to projects reaching completion in 2022.

Programme support

- 20.179 The Programme Management and Support Services Division is comprised of the Office of the Director, the Programme Management Unit under executive direction and management, the General Administration Unit, the Budget and Finance Management Unit, the Human Resources Management Unit and the Information Systems Unit. All units liaise with Headquarters and the United Nations Office at Geneva, the designated service provider for ECE, in the delivery of their work.
- 20.180 The overall responsibilities of the Programme Management and Support Services Division include the following functions:

- (a) The Office of the Director, which manages all aspects of programme planning, oversight and administration;
- (b) The Programme Management Unit under executive direction and management is explained in paragraph 20.156 above;
- (c) The General Administration Unit, which is responsible for the coordination, management and provision of general administrative services, including the coordination, drafting and promulgation of all administrative policies; travel management; enterprise application coordination and management (including Umoja); office space management; property management oversight and control; and the organization of procurement activities;
- (d) The Budget and Finance Management Unit, which is responsible for all aspects of financial and budgetary management, including financial processing and reporting and the provision of guidance to programme managers; management of the ECE grants programme; preparation of the statement of internal control; and management of the financial delegation of authority under ECE;
- (e) The Human Resources Management Unit, which is responsible for human resources management, including staff recruitment, workforce planning and proactive talent management; staff performance management; management of the ECE intern programme; management of consultants and individual contractors; staff welfare; management of time and attendance and flexible working arrangements; and the implementation of the ECE gender parity and geographical representation policies. The Unit is also responsible for all matters related to the administration of justice system in the Secretariat;
- (f) The Information Systems Unit, which is responsible for the coordination, management and support of all ICT services in support of the effective delivery of the ECE programme of work. The Unit provides advisory services to the management of ICT projects and ensures that appropriate ICT solutions are delivered to the ECE subprogrammes. The Unit coordinates with the United Nations Office at Geneva, which is the service provider to ECE for all personal computing services, including desktop management, data hosting and storage, and videoconferencing. The Unit ensures compliance with the policies, governance and cybersecurity requirements of the Office of Information and Communications Technology across ECE.

20.181 The proposed regular budget resources for 2023 amount to \$3,210,800 and reflect a decrease of \$205,500 compared with the appropriation for 2022. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 20.147 (b). Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2023 are reflected in table 20.37 and figure 20.XXXII.

Table 20.37

Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

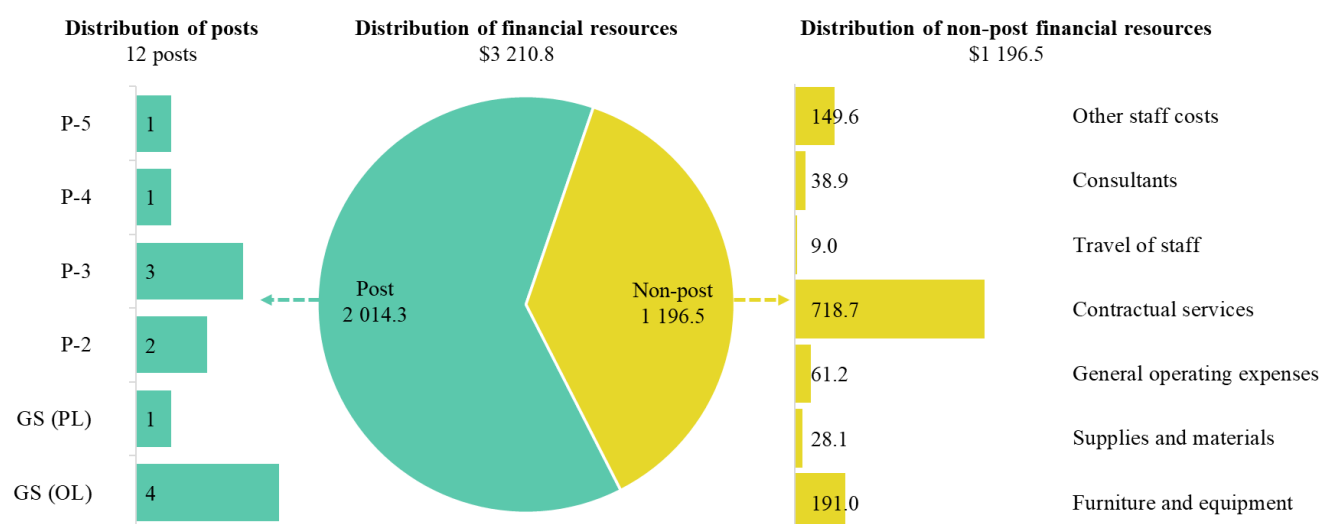
	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Post	2 224.8	2 219.8	—	—	(205.5)	(205.5)	(9.3)	2 014.3
Non-post	1 095.0	1 196.5	—	—	—	—	—	1 196.5
Total	3 319.8	3 416.3	—	—	(205.5)	(205.5)	(6.0)	3 210.8

	Changes							2023 estimate (before recosting)
	2021 expenditure	2022 appropriation	Technical adjustments	New/ expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		8	—	—	(1)	(1)	(12.5)	7
General Service and related		5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total		13	—	—	(1)	(1)	(7.7)	12

Figure 20.XXXII

Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2023 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

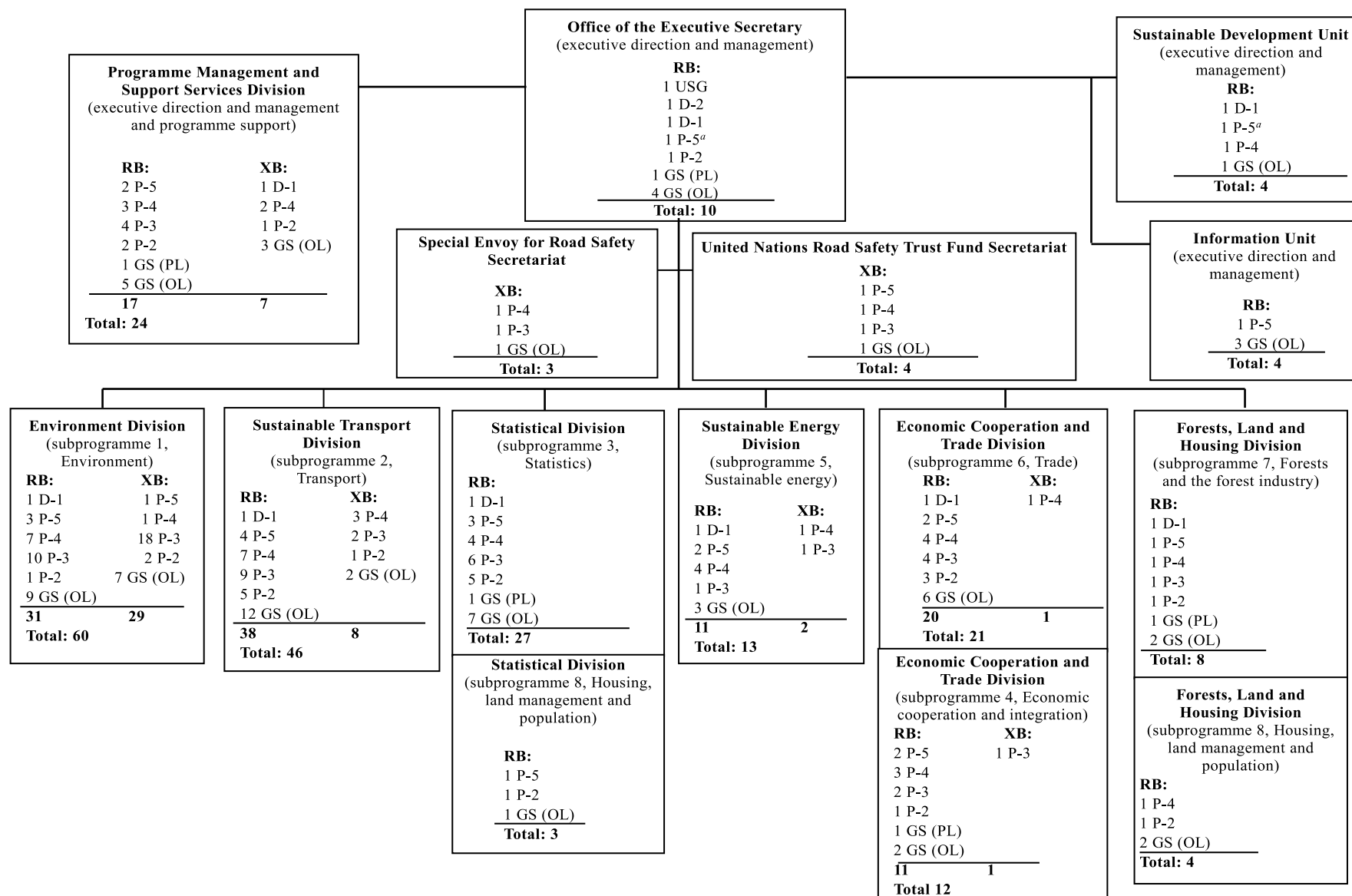


Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.182 Extrabudgetary resources for programme support are estimated at \$1,846,600 and would provide for 7 posts (1 D-1, 2 P-4, 1 P-2 and 3 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources. The resources would be used mainly to provide support in the areas of budget, finance, human resources, general administration and ICT. In addition, these resources would further strengthen the functions related to strategy, programme management, oversight, evaluation, enterprise risk management, coordination of ECE technical cooperation programmes and support for the resident coordinator countries. The expected resource level reflects no change compared with the estimates for 2022.

Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for 2023



Abbreviations: GS (OL), General Service (Other level); GS (PL), General Service (Principal level); RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

^a Redeployment.

Annex II

Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of advisory and oversight bodies

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

**Office of Internal Oversight Services
Audit of the management of trust funds at the
Economic Commission for Europe
Report No. 2018/084**

The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) recommended that ECE: (a) develop a catalogue of technical cooperation services based on available technical expertise; and (b) institute a project intake process to ensure that projects fall within the available expertise to further enhance the effectiveness of its technical cooperation activities (para. 6).

Status: Implemented, pending review by the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The ECE Technical Cooperation Strategy was revised and adopted by the Executive Committee on 17 May 2021.

In February 2022, the Executive Secretary approved a revised directive No. 22 clarifying the management of resources funded from section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation, of the programme budget. The directive is applicable as from 1 March 2022.

ECE directive No. 18 clarifies the management of extrabudgetary funds. The directive, along with the ECE Technical Cooperation Strategy and directive will frame technical cooperation activities and project intake processes for future years. They are also complemented by the resource mobilization strategy adopted in 2020 and the resource mobilization plans for the period 2020–2022, presented to the Executive Committee in January 2021.

**Audit of mainstreaming of Sustainable Development Goals and COVID-19 response into the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Europe
Report No. 2021/048**

OIOS recommended that ECE prepare an action plan for the review and endorsement of nexus publications by relevant subprogrammes, sectoral committees and the Executive Committee to enable timely tracking and monitoring of the implementation of recommendations related to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (para. 1).

Status: Implementation of this recommendation is in progress, with a target completion date of 31 December 2022

The relevant recommendations from the nexus publications have been put on the agendas and communicated to the following ECE expert groups discussing issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals: (a) the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators; (b) the Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals; (c) the Working Party on Transport Statistics; and (d) the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management.

The Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, at its eighteenth session, on 18 and

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

19 October 2021, took note of the information and recommendations presented in the nexus report *Measuring and Monitoring Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals* and encouraged its members to review and possibly apply the recommendations of the report nationally (see ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/2, para. 27(h)).

The sixth Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals will be held on 5 and 6 May 2022.

The seventy-third session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics will be held from 15 to 17 June 2022.

The forty-third session of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management will be held from 1 to 3 June 2022.

Annex III

Summary of proposed changes in established and temporary posts, by component and subprogramme

	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Reason for change</i>
Programme support	(1)	P-4	Redeployment of 1 post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-4) to executive direction and management	The redeployment is proposed to consolidate within the Programme Management Unit of the Programme Management and Support Services Division the overall coordination of ECE programme management, including planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 72/261
Executive direction and management	1	P-4	Redeployment of 1 post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-4) from programme support	See reason for change given under programme support
Executive direction and management	–	P-5	Redeployment of 1 post of Senior Social Affairs Officer and Gender Focal Point (P-5) from the Sustainable Development Unit to the Office of the Executive Secretary within executive direction and management	The incumbent will report directly to the Executive Secretary to enhance the coherence of mainstreaming a gender perspective across all subprogrammes and to accelerate the efforts of ECE to advance the agenda for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women