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Foreword

The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) provides a regional intergovernmental platform promoting economic cooperation among its member States and facilitates their efforts to achieve sustainable development. ECE manages a wide body of international legal instruments and best practices, offering sound solutions to problems shared by the countries that it serves.

The proposed programme budget for 2024 was developed at a time of mounting challenges, with increasing energy and food prices, and climate change and the socioeconomic and environmental impact of the armed conflict in Ukraine affecting progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the region and beyond.

Against this background, in 2024 ECE will serve as an instrument of change in responding to the ongoing multidimensional challenges in the region, by supporting the immediate and longer-term needs of member States, in line with agreed priorities and resources. The Commission will also contribute to the decade of action for the Sustainable Development Goals and follow-up action on proposals of the Our Common Agenda report, upon further consideration by member States, by engaging its convening power, normative work and technical assistance, by leveraging partnerships and expertise and by serving as a knowledge hub to promote cross-sectoral solutions for achieving the Goals. Taking advantage of the repositioned United Nations development system, ECE will contribute to regional and subregional efforts to facilitate sustainable development and support resident coordinators and United Nations country teams in the ECE region.

I trust that member States will provide the guidance and resources to advance ECE efforts towards economic cooperation, sustainable development and economic recovery.

(Signed) Olga **Algayerova**
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A. Proposed programme plan for 2024 and programme performance in 2022

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. ECE 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, competitiveness and public-private partnerships, accelerating trade and economic integration, improving access to affordable and clean energy, ensuring the sustainable management of forests, building urban sustainability, and addressing the implications of demographic trends. The work of ECE is grounded in many of its multilateral agreements, 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 2024

- 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 2024 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 work, facilitate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals at the country level and achieve multiplier effects by targeting cross-border issues.

- 20.4 The strategy of the programme will be achieved through an integrated approach to sustainable development, which builds on synergies and the results-oriented work of its eight subprogrammes that are aligned with specific Sustainable Development Goals: environment; transport; statistics; economic cooperation and integration; sustainable energy; trade; forests and the forest industry; and housing, land management and population. 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 key in the future work of ECE. To that end, ECE 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 in which multiple Goals converge, namely:
- (a) Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region (agreed at 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.
- 20.5 In 2024, 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. ECE 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 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 its region, ECE will also focus on facilitating progress towards a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources, as mandated at the sixty-ninth session of ECE in April 2021.
- 20.6 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, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union. Partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations, think tanks and the academic sector will be strengthened in order to facilitate ECE policy dialogue and normative work and to engage them in the implementation of the 2030 agenda by member States.
- 20.7 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 build on continued strategic partnerships and joint initiatives, programmes and projects established by ECE with other United Nations entities and international financial institutions, for example, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme,

the International Trade Centre, the World Trade Organization and the World Bank. ECE will actively engage in issue-based coalitions aimed at facilitating concerted action among various United Nations entities and partners at the operational level. Cooperation with other regional commissions will be pursued through joint initiatives, programmes and projects in order to maximize synergies for institutional coordination, expertise and knowledge management for best 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 facilitate the implementation of joint programmes and projects in response to country demands. ECE will also continue its active engagement as part of these country teams 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.

- 20.8 With regard to the external factors, the overall plan for 2024 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.
- 20.9 ECE integrates a gender perspective in its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate, to support member States in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 and targets of the Goals related to gender equality and women's empowerment. Guided by its policy on gender equality and the empowerment of women, all ECE subprogrammes will commit themselves to taking concrete action with measurable outputs in the 2024 ECE action plan on mainstreaming a gender perspective into the Commission's 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 equality.
- 20.10 In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, ECE will mainstream disability inclusion into its operational activities, deliverables and results, as appropriate. In line with its annual disability inclusion action plan, ECE will advance disability inclusion in the relevant normative instruments and good practices, as well as its programmes and projects.

Impact of the pandemic and lessons learned

- 20.11 The continuation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had less impact on the implementation of ECE mandates in 2022, compared with the 2020–2021 period, given that the lifting of mitigation measures in the second half of the year allowed international travel and in-person meetings. The main impact was on the Commission's convening capacity and the norm-setting work of all subprogrammes. Mitigating measures approved by ECE member States early in the pandemic minimized the impact and ensured that ECE continued to provide a platform for policy dialogue and deliver knowledge products and capacity-building services to member States. There was a reduction in the number of ECE intergovernmental meetings with interpretation alongside the reduced availability of conference-servicing capacity at the United Nations Office at Geneva in the first half of 2022. The mode of delivery of capacity-building workshops was done mainly online under all subprogrammes.
- 20.12 In addition, in order to support member States' management and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, within the overall scope of the objectives ECE utilized its convening power, the

production of norms and standards for common application in the region and beyond, and technical cooperation through the implementation of capacity-building projects and activities to support member States' efforts to promote sustainable recovery from the pandemic (all subprogrammes). For example, subprogramme 2 facilitated the development and implementation of a new generation of legal instruments supporting the digitalization and computerization of transport and border-crossing procedures in countries that have interconnected their customs system with the eTIR international system. On the basis of its adapted guidelines for smaller businesses in the energy sector, subprogramme 5 continued to train entrepreneurs and policymakers on best practices in energy efficiency and renewable energy to facilitate sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

- 20.13 ECE continues to mainstream lessons learned and best practices related to the adjustments to and adaptation of the programme owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, one of the main lessons learned was the recognition that a shift towards a circular economy and digital and sustainable resource management frameworks could enable a more just recovery, thereby accelerating progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and building more resilient economies in the region. As a result, circularity and the sustainable use of natural resources were mainstreamed into ECE sectoral work programmes (all subprogrammes), and ECE will focus on progress towards digital and green transformations for sustainable development, which member States agreed would be the theme of the seventieth session of the Commission, to be held in April 2023. The Commission's action framework for responses to the COVID-19 crisis provided specific tools to assist member States' work on sustainable recovery and will continue to serve this purpose, including in response to other emergencies (all subprogrammes). Under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, ECE will further support member States in setting or revising their national targets and action plans focused on the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthening resilience against future outbreaks (subprogramme 1). Pandemic-related constraints further highlighted the need to provide support to member States in the digitalization of legal instruments on transport. Subprogramme 2 will scale up its technical advice and support for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures, allowing for end-to-end, paperless cross-border transit of goods, and facilitate the deployment of existing mechanisms, such as eTIR, in support of member States' efforts towards a sustainable recovery. To contribute to strengthening the resilience of member States, subprogramme 7 will facilitate the improved integration of forest resources and products into planning and recovery from economic, health and environmental shocks, including from COVID-19, through its capacity-building events, data collection and dedicated publications. With respect to lessons learned in modes of delivery, capacity-building workshops and policy advisory services continued online in 2022 under all subprogrammes. The option of a hybrid modality, while challenging to manage, became a valuable addition to intergovernmental meetings and capacity-building events to ensure business continuity and higher rates of participation by experts, but reduced the networking and consensus-building opportunities, which were important for the negotiation and decision-making processes. There was greater regional participation for hybrid capacity-building events compared with those held in person and ECE will, upon request and subject to the availability of resources, continue to mainstream these practices in order to explore the opportunities for greater participation in its events.

Legislative mandates

- 20.14 The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

General Assembly resolutions

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| 66/288 | The future we want | 67/290 | Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development |
| 67/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community | | |

Part V Regional cooperation for development

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| 69/277 | Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations | 74/231, 76/215 | Development cooperation with middle-income countries |
| 69/283 | Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 | 74/235 | Women in development |
| 69/313 | Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda) | 74/271 | Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat |
| 70/1 | Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | 74/297 | Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 71/16 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization | 75/8, 77/15 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM |
| 71/256 | New Urban Agenda | 75/9, 77/16 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States |
| 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 | 75/12 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 73/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative | 75/216; 76/204 | Disaster risk reduction |
| 73/195 | Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration | 75/221 | Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all |
| 74/122 | Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly | 75/233 | Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 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 | 75/290 B | Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council |
| 74/144 | Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility | | 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 |
| 74/216 | 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 | 75/324 | High-level political forum on sustainable development |
| | | 77/185 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization |
| | | | South-South cooperation |

Economic and Social Council resolutions

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| 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 | 2022/18 | Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system |

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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/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/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.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 |
| 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/NICOSIA. CONF/2022/Add.1 | Ministerial declaration of the ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference |
| 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/NICOSIA. CONF/2022/Add.2 | Nicosia ministerial statement on education for sustainable development |

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

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| 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/2021/2 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 |
| 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 | | |

Part V Regional cooperation for development

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| 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/MPEIA/27-ECE/MPEIA/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 Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment on their intermediary sessions |
| 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 | Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on its eleventh meeting |
| | | 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

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| 58/9 | Global road safety crisis | 72/212 | Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals |
| 68/269 | Improving global road safety | | |
| 69/137 | Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 | 72/271 | Improving global road safety |
| | | 73/243 | 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 | 74/299 | Improving global road safety |
| 70/197 | Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors | 76/255 | Integration of mainstream bicycling into public transportation systems for sustainable development |
| 70/217 | Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries | | |

Economic and Social Council resolutions

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

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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| ECE/AC.21/2014/2 | Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session | 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/224 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fourth session (UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012–2020) | | |

Section 20 Economic development in Europe

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| ECE/TRANS/248 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-seventh session | B (66) | Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing |
| ECE/TRANS/254 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-eighth session | 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) |
| 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/274 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eightieth session | 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, and adopting the updated ECE road map on intelligent transport systems) |
| ECE/TRANS/288 | 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 development of the inland water transport; and the Committee strategy until 2030) | ECE/TRANS/316 | Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its eighty-fourth session (adopting ministerial resolution on ushering in a decade of delivery for sustainable inland transport and sustainable development) |

Decisions of the treaty bodies of United Nations transport agreements

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| 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/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.2/125 | 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/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 | 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). |

Subprogramme 3 Statistics

General Assembly resolutions

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| 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

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| 2006/6 | Strengthening statistical capacity | 2014/219 | Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session (Statistical Commission decision 45/103: Programme review: broader measures of progress) |
| 2013/235 | Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session (Statistical Commission decision 44/105: Environment statistics) | | |
| 2014/7 | Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 | 2015/10 | 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme |

Part V Regional cooperation for development

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| 2015/216 | Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session (Statistical Commission decisions 46/102: Population and housing censuses; 46/107: International trade and economic globalization statistics) | 2021/7 | Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system |
| 2016/27 | Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management | 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) |
| 2017/7 | Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | 2022/3 | Ensuring that the work in the field of statistics and data is adaptive to the changing statistical and data ecosystem (paras. 4 and 9–10) |
| 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) | 2022/324 | Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-third session (decisions 53/101 (global indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development), 53/104 (data stewardship), 53/106 (regional statistical development), 53/107 (population and housing censuses), 53/111 (gender statistics), 53/115 (environmental-economic accounting), 53/116 (climate change statistics), 53/117 (national accounts), 53/119 (business and trade statistics), 53/123 (informal economy statistics), 53/124 (big data) and 53/127 (integration of statistical and geospatial information)) |
| 2018/5 | Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all | | |
| 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) | | |
| 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) | | |
| 2020/5 | Strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations system | | |
| 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: 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) | | |

Subprogramme 4 Economic cooperation and integration

General Assembly resolutions

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| 75/316 | Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets | 77/150 | Information and communication technologies for sustainable development |
| 76/213 | Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development | 77/155 | Promoting investments for sustainable development |
| 76/224 | Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners | | |

Economic and Social Council resolution

2022/16 Science, technology and innovation for development

Economic Commission for Europe decision

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

**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

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| 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

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| 69/137 | Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 | 76/202 | Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21 |
| 69/213 | Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development | 76/217 | Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries |
| 75/211 | Entrepreneurship for development | 76/222 | Agriculture development, food security and nutrition |
| 75/231 | Industrial development cooperation | | |
| 76/200 | Agricultural technology for sustainable development | | |

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

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| 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

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| 62/98 | Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests | 71/286 73/284 | United Nations forest instrument United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030) |
| 67/200 | International Day of Forests | | |
| 71/285 | United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030 | | |

Part V Regional cooperation for development

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| 75/213 | Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21 | 77/170 | Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all |
| 75/219 | Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development | 77/173 | 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) |
| 76/223 | Natural plant fibres and sustainable development | 77/186 | Agriculture development, food security and nutrition |

Economic and Social Council resolutions

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| 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

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| 65/234 | Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 | 72/226 | 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) |
| 70/107 | International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development | | |
| 71/235 | Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) | 75/131 | United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030) |
| | | 76/138 | Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing |

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

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| 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 | Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 |
| | | 2020/7 | Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness |
| | | 2020/8 | 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

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

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| ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6 | Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 | ECE/AC.30/2012/3 | 2012 Vienna Ministerial declaration: “Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing” |
| ECE/AC.30/2007/2 | Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities” | | |

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| 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) | 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) |
| B (66) | Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing | | |
| 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.30/2017/2/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/AC.30/2022/2 | Report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing “A Sustainable World for All Ages: Joining Forces for Solidarity and Equality Opportunities Throughout Life” |

Deliverables

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

Table 20.1

Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 22 | 27 | 60 | 27 |
| Documentation for: | | | | |
| 1. The Economic Commission for Europe | – | – | 13 | – |
| 2. Meetings related to follow-up on global conferences or on cross-sectoral issues | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3. The ECE Executive Committee | 20 | 25 | 45 | 25 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 17 | 19 | 26 | 18 |
| 4. Meetings related to follow-up of global conferences or to cross-sectoral issues | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Meetings of: | | | | |
| 5. The Economic Commission for Europe | – | – | 4 | – |
| 6. The ECE Executive Committee | 5 | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| 7. The Working Group on Gender and Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia | 2 | 2 | 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) | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 12. Capacity-building seminars on advancement of gender equality for government officials | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 13. On the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | 1 | – | – | – |
| 14. On gender equality and sustainable development | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 15. ECE annual report | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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 Cooperation 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; information materials for United Nations Road Safety Fund advocacy campaign and awareness-raising material; and globally accessible films on ECE activities. | | | | |
| External and media relations: ECE weekly newsletter; and news, approximately 200 press releases and press conferences on ECE activities for regional and global access. | | | | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: ECE website; ECE Executive Committee, the gender equality and the technical cooperation activities websites; and news on ECE activities on four social media platforms. | | | | |

Evaluation activities

- 20.16 The following evaluations completed in 2022 have guided the proposed programme plan for 2024:
- (a) Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) evaluation of ECE subprogrammes 4 and 6;
 - (b) OIOS Secretariat-wide evaluations: of Secretariat entities' contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, and on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives for 2020–2021;
 - (c) Evaluation conducted by ECE on activities serviced by ECE under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (2018–2021) (subprogramme 1);
 - (d) Evaluation conducted by ECE on the relevance of the Forest Products Annual Market Review to the needs of member States and challenges in the forest sector (subprogramme 7);
 - (e) Evaluation conducted by ECE on the ECE Forum of Mayors (subprogramme 8).
- 20.17 The results and lessons of the evaluations referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2024. For example, the main conclusions and recommendations emerging from the evaluation of the ECE Forum of Mayors were shared with member States in advance of the eighty-third session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (ECE/HBP/2022/4) and provided the basis for the session's deliberations on the objectives, format and frequency of the Forum. The findings of the evaluation have been taken into account in the new plan (subprogramme 8).
- 20.18 The following evaluations are planned for 2024:
- (a) Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee strategy until 2030 (subprogramme 2);
 - (b) Supporting member States in statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals (subprogramme 3);
 - (c) Sustainable resource management: regular budget activities on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System (subprogramme 5).

Programme of work

Subprogramme 1 Environment

Objective

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

Strategy

- 20.20 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 and 15 to 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 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) Promote synergies among ECE multilateral environmental agreements;
 - (e) Conduct environmental performance reviews, assisting countries in the implementation of the recommendations from those reviews and monitor 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 in addressing emerging issues related to the work of the subprogramme, including those resulting from international and regional processes by, among others, providing advisory support and developing policy packages and/or recommendations, and supporting countries in the development of region-wide approaches to such emerging issues (e.g., on sustainable infrastructure).
- 20.21 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 member States' sectoral policies, including the post-COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery phase;
- (c) More effective development and implementation of environmental legislation and policy by member States;
- (d) Improved response to environmental challenges by 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 2022

Improved protection of environmental defenders

- 20.22 Under article 3 (8) of the Aarhus Convention, parties shall ensure that persons exercising their rights in conformity with the provisions of the Convention shall not be penalized, persecuted or harassed in any way for their involvement. Until recently, there was no mechanism to specifically protect environmental defenders within a legally binding framework, either under the United Nations system or other intergovernmental structures. In 2022, at the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, at its third extraordinary session, an independent Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders was elected. The Special Rapporteur's role is to take measures to protect any person experiencing or at imminent threat of penalization, persecution or harassment for seeking to exercise their rights under the Convention. The subprogramme prepared the required official documents and background material, and organized and serviced all preparatory intergovernmental meetings, as well as the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties. In 2021 and 2022, steps were taken at the Meeting of the Parties to strengthen public participation in decision-making and access to information and justice in environmental matters, as well as uphold the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, which was recently recognized by the Human rights Council (resolution [48/13](#)) and the General Assembly (resolution [76/300](#)).
- 20.23 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.2).

Table 20.2
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) |
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| — | Improved protection of environmental defenders through establishment of a rapid response mechanism pursuant to decision VII/9 of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention ^a | Improved protection of environmental defenders through election of an independent Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders |

^a See ECE/MP.PP/2021/2/Add.1.

Planned results for 2024

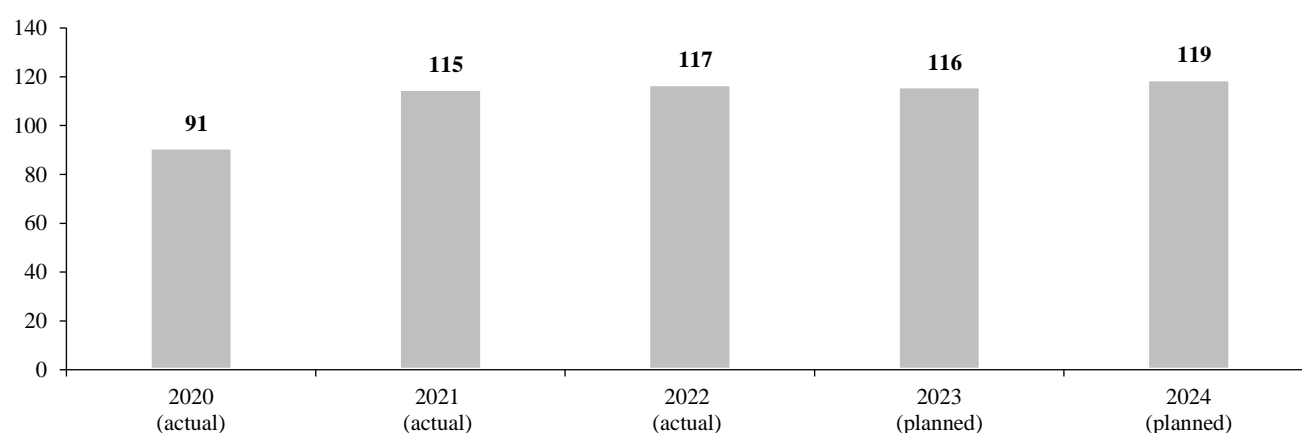
Result 1: improved information for strengthening transboundary water cooperation

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.24 The subprogramme's work contributed to 117 countries for which data on transboundary river and lake component of indicator 6.5.2 were submitted to the Statistical Commission in 2022, which exceeded the planned target of 97 countries.
- 20.25 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.I).

Figure 20.I

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 (cumulative)



Result 2: strengthened industrial safety governance in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.26 The subprogramme's work contributed to one meeting of the Serbian national policy dialogue and supported Serbia's review of its policies and legislation to align with the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, which met the planned target. Owing to a suspension of a project to launch the national policy dialogues on industrial safety by the donor, the target of launching a national policy dialogue on industrial safety in Central Asia was not met.
- 20.27 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.3).

Table 20.3

Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Serbia initiated the development of terms of reference for a steering committee on national policy dialogues | Serbia established a national policy dialogue steering committee Central Asian countries reviewed | Serbian national policy dialogue meeting addresses issues of national concern, involving relevant authorities | National policy dialogues are sustained and implemented by Serbia and | National policy dialogues are sustained and implemented by Serbia |

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| Central Asian countries began activities to launch national policy dialogues | industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements | Finalization of review of industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements | 5 Central Asian countries | Serbia finalizes the national programme on industrial safety |

Result 3: increased number of United Nations Member States becoming parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by ECE

Proposed programme plan for 2024

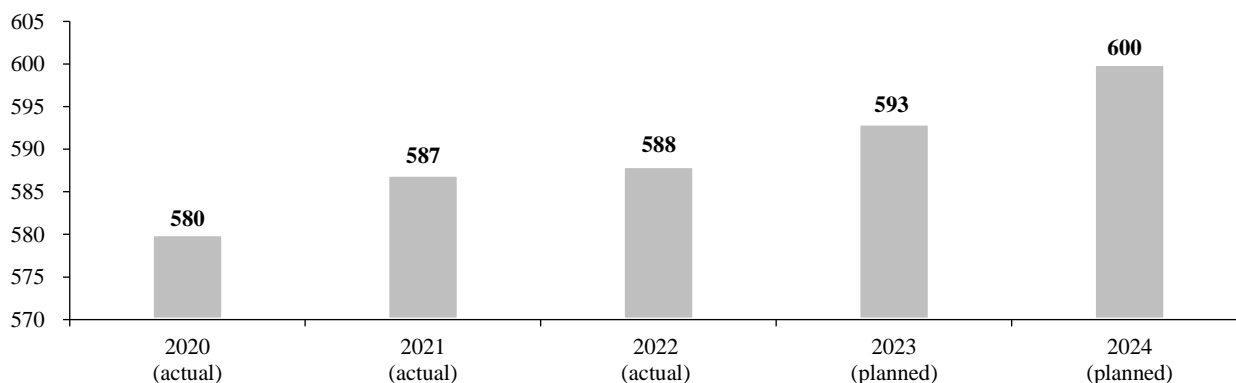
- 20.28 The subprogramme carries out activities to strengthen the capacity of Member States for accession and effective implementation of these instruments, dissemination of best practices and lessons learned. In 2022, those efforts led to the accession by Ukraine to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. Since 2018, countries outside the ECE region have begun to accede to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, and a similar trend is expected for the Aarhus Convention by 2023, thereby expanding the benefits of these instruments beyond the ECE region.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.29 The lesson for the subprogramme was that it needed to apply more efforts and resources to strengthen the accession and implementation capacity of countries, including beyond the ECE region, especially regarding benefits, costs and mechanisms for multisectoral involvement, to ensure the commitment from all sectors concerned by implementation. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will adapt and enhance outreach efforts to all sectors concerned by the implementation of the instruments, fostering an integrated and multisectoral approach, to encourage accession and ensure effective implementation.
- 20.30 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.II).

Figure 20.II

Performance measure: number of parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by ECE (cumulative)



Deliverables

- 20.31 Table 20.4 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.4

Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2022 actual</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> | <i>2024 planned</i> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 192 | 162 | 183 | 168 |
| Documentation for: | | | | |
| 1. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies | 37 | 30 | 19 | 16 |
| 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 | 23 | 24 | 26 |
| 3. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies | 15 | 13 | 4 | 15 |
| 4. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies | 34 | 42 | 34 | 24 |
| 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 | 42 | 16 |
| 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 | 50 | 32 | 50 | 60 |
| 7. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| 8. The Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development | 11 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 228 | 232 | 236 | 219 |
| Meetings of: | | | | |
| 9. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies | 27 | 37 | 30 | 26 |
| 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 | 46 | 42 | 46 | 44 |
| 11. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies | 22 | 28 | 17 | 15 |
| 12. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies | 31 | 29 | 31 | 27 |
| 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 | 32 | 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 | 60 | 56 | 70 | 65 |
| 15. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 16. The Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | | | |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 20 | 66 | 68 | 30 |
| 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 | 20 | 66 | 68 | 30 |

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Publications (number of publications) | 13 | 10 | 13 | 18 |
| 18. On environmental issues and multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme | 8 | 5 | 8 | 10 |
| 19. Progress reports and performance reviews on environmental issues | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| 20. Multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme | 1 | 1 | 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 highlights to facilitate broad dissemination of key messages and recommendations to representatives of Governments, local authorities, academia, business and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as media outlets in the reviewed countries. | | | | |
| External and media relations: press releases on environmental issues. | | | | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: website of the subprogramme. | | | | |

Subprogramme 2 Transport

Objective

- 20.32 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

- 20.33 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Service 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, multimodality and effectiveness (normative function), and 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 digitalization, and are open to all United Nations Member States, as appropriate, by developing new and updating existing legal instruments, as necessary, including maintaining the database of international regulatory frameworks for inland transport;
 - (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 action by member States and contracting parties in order to enable the full implementation of the Committee's mandate;
 - (d) Analyse and provide 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, 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, including Sustainable Development Goal 5, on gender equality;
 - (g) Promote knowledge-sharing and cooperation among Governments and key stakeholders to raise awareness of emerging issues and best responses, to improve tracking and measuring of progress towards achieving the Goals, and to facilitate the adaptation of legally binding instruments and frameworks to new realities, including through new guidance materials.
- 20.34 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 multimodal 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.

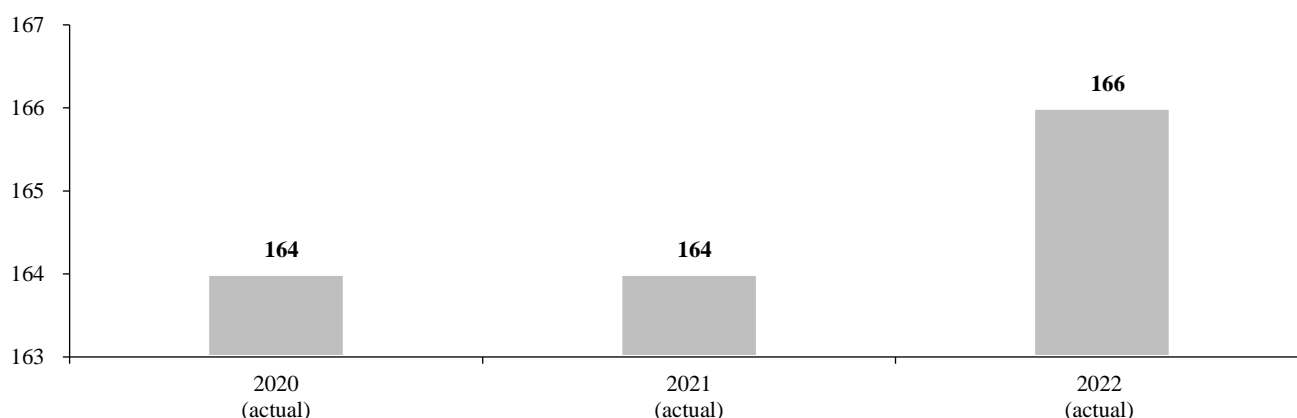
Programme performance in 2022

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

- 20.35 In response to inland transportation issues such as border-crossing, which arose during the COVID-19 pandemic, the subprogramme developed enhanced response measures, including through the implementation of a new generation of legal instruments supporting the digitalization and computerization of transport and border-crossing procedures, such as the eTIR application in six countries that have interconnected their customs system with the eTIR international system. The official operations of the eTIR procedure started in December 2022 and are complemented by the creation of specialized knowledge exchange to facilitate and accelerate the operationalization of some of these instruments. For example, the Group of Experts on the operationalization of eCMR was established in 2022, which contributed to increased accessions to the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note and the deployment of LearnITC, the inland transport and trade connectivity e-learning platform, in 2022, to build an in-depth understanding of the United Nations inland transport legal instruments and their digitalization.
- 20.36 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20. III).

Figure 20.III

Performance measure: number of accessions by Member States to legal instruments for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures (CMR, eCMR and TIR) (cumulative)



Abbreviations: CMR: Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road; eCMR: Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note; TIR, Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets.

Planned results for 2024

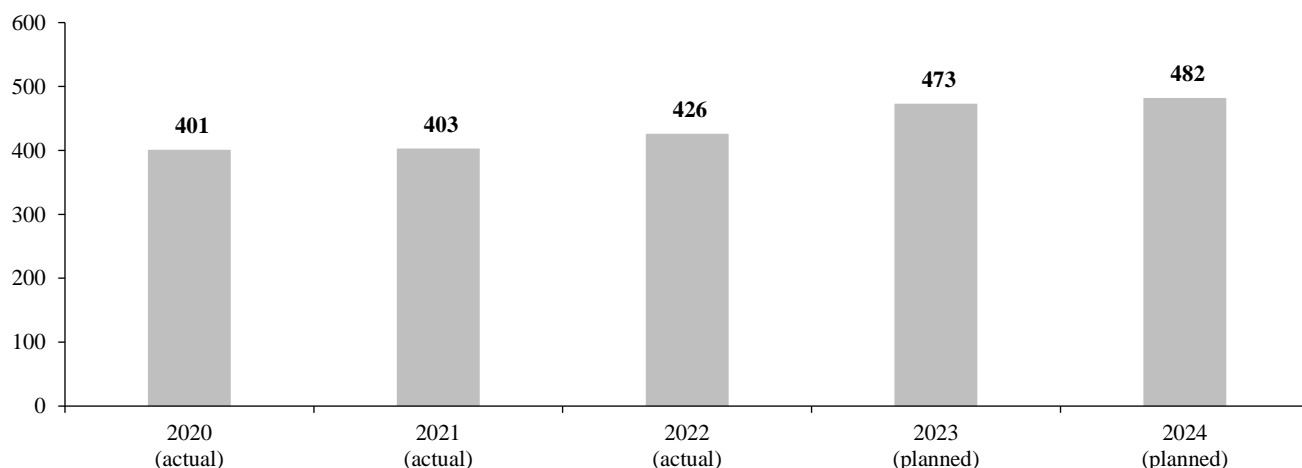
Result 1: strengthened regulatory support in road safety contributing to fewer worldwide road accident fatalities and injuries

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.37 The subprogramme's work contributed to an increase to 426 contracting parties to core United Nations road safety conventions, which exceeded the planned target of 411.
- 20.38 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 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)



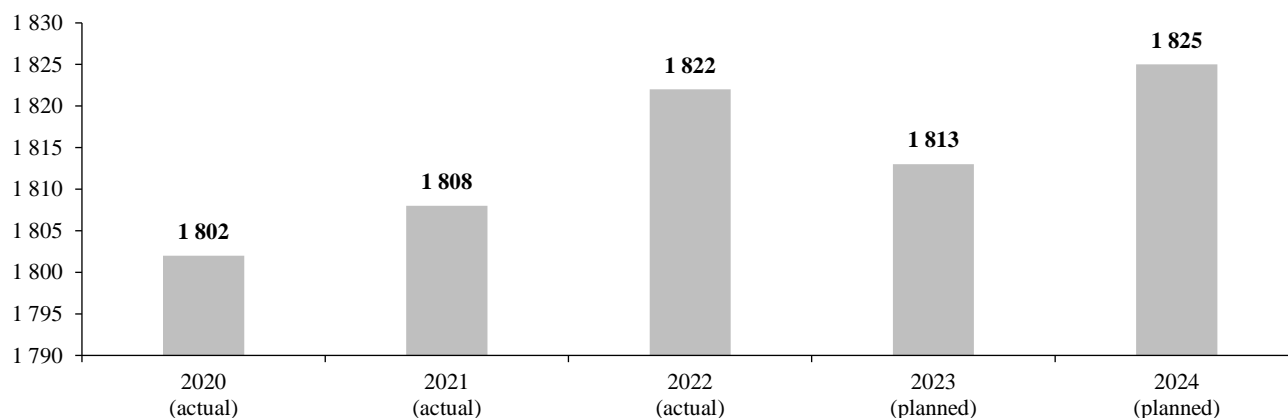
^a For the 2023 and 2024 targets, the performance measure will include eight core United Nations road safety conventions; the additional instrument is the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport.

Result 2: enhanced regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems**Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024**

- 20.39 The subprogramme's work contributed to an increase to 1,822 contracting parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by ECE, which exceeded the planned target of 1,810.
- 20.40 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are 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 ECE^a (cumulative)



^a The actual value for 2021 was increased on the basis of recent actual data.

Result 3: increased number of new and updated legal instruments strengthening capacity of Member States to address climate change**Proposed programme plan for 2024**

- 20.41 There is a growing demand from Member States to support them in advancing sustainable inland transport and mobility. The 2019 adoption of the Inland Transport Committee strategy until 2030 and the endorsement of the revised terms of reference of the Committee by the Economic and Social Council in 2022 provided an enhanced mandate for the subprogramme to develop new and strengthen existing United Nations regulations essential for sustainable transport systems. The subprogramme has focused on, among others, improved adaptation to the most recent technological innovations and introducing more stringent limits for road vehicles aimed at increasing their environmental performance.

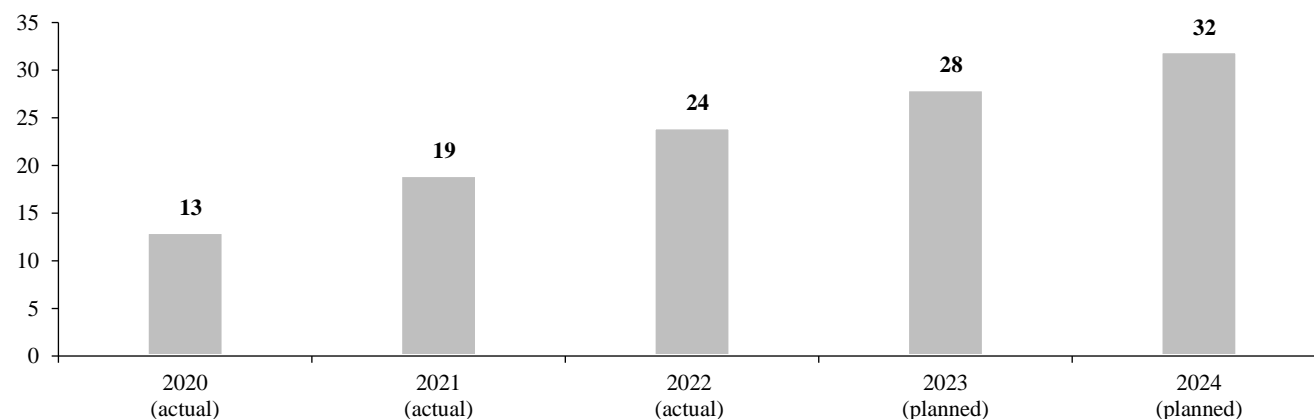
Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.42 The lesson for the subprogramme was that, the strengthened regulatory framework notwithstanding, there was a growing demand from Member States to support them in advancing sustainable inland transport and mobility and there were opportunities to accelerate the regulatory support to implement the Inland Transport Committee strategy towards a sustainable and decarbonized or low-emission inland transport sector (ECE/TRANS/316, para. 54). In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will enhance its focus on areas of increased demand, in particular addressing climate change, through, among others, dedicated high-level Committee meetings, declarations and commitments, thus further accelerating its work on modernizing its legal instruments. Furthermore, the subprogramme will develop and implement new analytical and training tools, policy reviews and capacity-building workshops that further assist Member States and contracting parties in achieving their targets regionally and globally.

20.43 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VI).

Figure 20.VI

Performance measure: number of new and updated United Nations legal instruments under ECE purview entering into force annually and improving the climate performance of the transport sector^a (cumulative)



^a The chart reflects data since the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Deliverables

20.44 Table 20.5 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.5

Subprogramme 2: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 1 293 | 1195 | 1 266 | 1145 |
| 1. Documentation for the Inland Transport Committee | 1 023 | 1034 | 1 080 | 985 |
| a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau | 31 | 37 | 31 | 31 |
| b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations | 420 | 524 | 500 | 550 |
| c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs | 33 | 60 | 33 | 33 |
| d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods | 214 | 138 | 214 | 160 |
| e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts | 26 | 27 | 28 | 23 |
| f. Working Party on Transport Statistics | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 18 | 22 | 28 | 15 |
| h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts | 40 | 27 | 40 | 22 |
| i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 34 | 39 | 30 | 30 |
| j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics | 15 | 15 | 15 | 12 |
| k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport | 47 | 52 | 47 | 45 |
| l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 131 | 79 | 100 | 50 |
| 2. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council | 265 | 156 | 183 | 157 |
| a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods | 200 | 112 | 150 | 120 |

Section 20 Economic development in Europe

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2022 actual</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> | <i>2024 planned</i> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals | 60 | 39 | 32 | 32 |
| 3. Documentation for the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 423 | 429 | 456 | 407 |
| 4. Meetings of the Inland Transport Committee | 381 | 388 | 419 | 365 |
| a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16 |
| b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations | 111 | 118 | 111 | 121 |
| c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 |
| d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods | 58 | 52 | 68 | 58 |
| e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts | 22 | 25 | 22 | 18 |
| f. Working Party on Transport Statistics | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 12 | 30 | 30 | 12 |
| h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts | 28 | 20 | 28 | 28 |
| i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 18 | 35 | 30 | 24 |
| j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics | 6 | 6 | 12 | 6 |
| k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts | 70 | 45 | 70 | 50 |
| 5. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council | 40 | 39 | 35 | 40 |
| a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals | 1 | 1 | — | 1 |
| b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods | 29 | 28 | 25 | 29 |
| 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 | 2 | 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 |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 11 | 13 | 10 | 13 |
| 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 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| 10. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the efforts to digitalize the inland transport conventions, including the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (TIR Convention), the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road concerning the electronic consignment note and the Trans-European North-South Motorway and Trans-European Railway projects | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| 11. On the transport of dangerous goods | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 12. On the transport of perishable foodstuffs | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 13. On decarbonization of the inland transport sector and safe transport and cross-cutting issues | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| 14. On vehicle regulations | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 15. On statistics | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 16. On border crossing facilitation | – | – | – | 1 |
| Technical materials (number of materials) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 17. Recommendations for performance evaluation of automated driving systems | – | – | – | 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 for 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 portals; the eTIR international system allowing the exchange of data among the eTIR stakeholders in the course of TIR transports following the eTIR procedure; the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory, hosting data on a large variety of transport infrastructure networks and nodes; the Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators online user platform, offering a set of measurable criteria for Governments to evaluate the extent to which they implement the relevant United Nations legal instruments in the field of transport and the degree to which their inland transport systems are interoperable with those in neighbouring countries; the database of main standards and parameters of the E Waterway Network; 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; Rail Security Observatory; digitized signs and signals (E-CoRSS) under the Convention on Road Signs and Signals; and the database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: information materials, including brochures on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme for global and regional audiences.

External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: LearnITC and other digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; and website of the subprogramme for global and regional audiences.

Subprogramme 3 Statistics

Objective

- 20.45 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

- 20.46 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.
- 20.47 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 support the modernization of national statistical offices and their changing role to become data stewards, as well as the promotion of 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, 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 leveraging adaptations introduced in response 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 and dissemination, and human resource management.

20.48 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 and develop evidence-based policies to manage their post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery;
- (b) Member States using innovative and efficient approaches to conducting censuses that result in the improved cost-efficiency, coverage, accuracy, comparability and timeliness of dissemination of the census results.

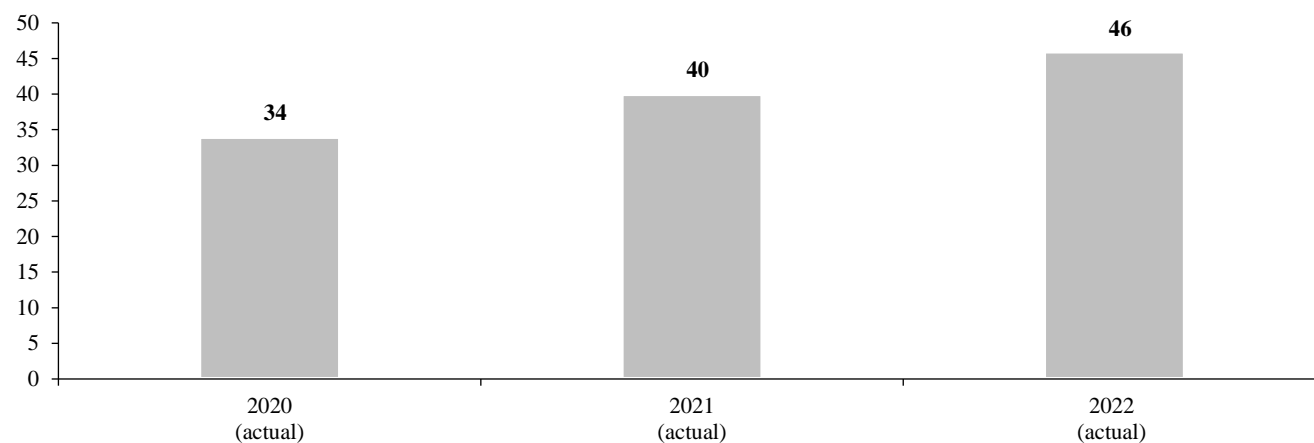
Programme performance in 2022

Improved climate change-related statistics in the ECE region

- 20.49 While national statistical offices can help to generate climate change-related statistics, this area still requires methodological development, coordination and exchange of experiences and good practices. The subprogramme developed the first international recommendations on climate change-related statistics in 2014 and has supported member States in implementing them through annual expert forums, the development of indicators and the collection and dissemination of good practices. In 2022, a new task force began to develop guidance on the role of national statistical offices in meeting national climate objectives. The subprogramme has been supporting the task force and working with national statistical offices to develop a compilation of greenhouse gas inventories, produce national climate change-related indicators and improve collaboration with other national producers of climate-related data.
- 20.50 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VII).

Figure 20.VII

Performance measure: number of countries implementing ECE recommendations on climate change-related statistics (cumulative)



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: increasing the number of countries that report sex-disaggregated statistical indicators

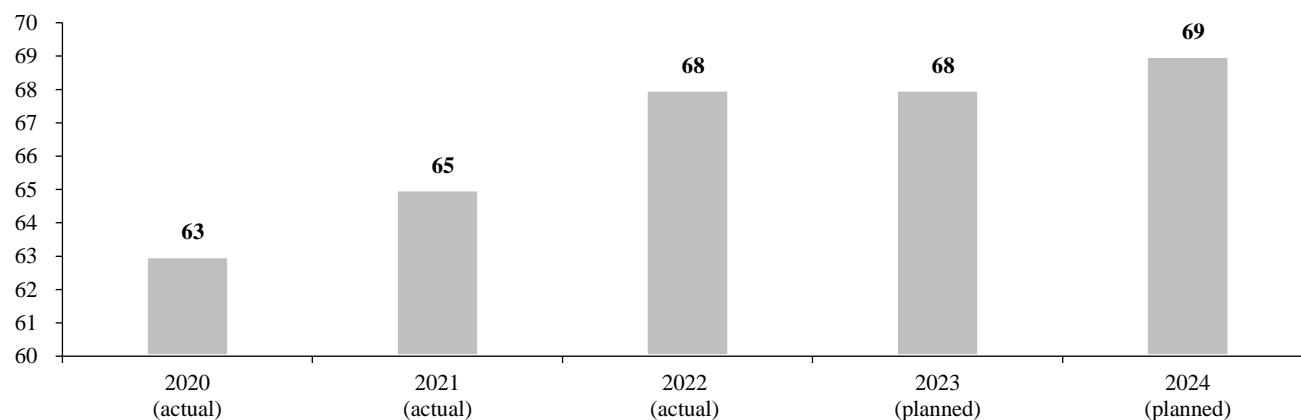
Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.51 The subprogramme's work contributed to an increase, to 68 per cent, of ECE member states reporting sex-disaggregated indicators in the Sustainable Development Goals database, which exceeded the planned target of 67 per cent.
- 20.52 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VIII).

Figure 20.VIII

Performance measure: sex-disaggregated indicators available for ECE member States in the ECE Sustainable Development Goals database (cumulative)

(Percentage)



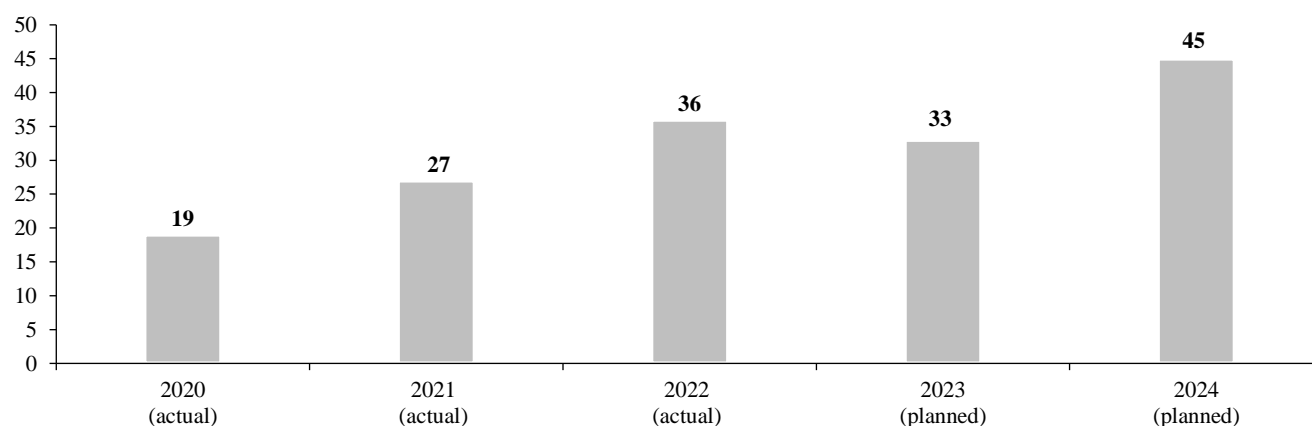
Result 2: increased number of countries collaborating on developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.53 The subprogramme's work contributed to an increase to 36 member States actively collaborating in developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics, which exceeded the planned target of 30 member States.
- 20.54 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are 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 (cumulative)



Result 3: improved environmental statistics and indicators in the Economic Commission for Europe region

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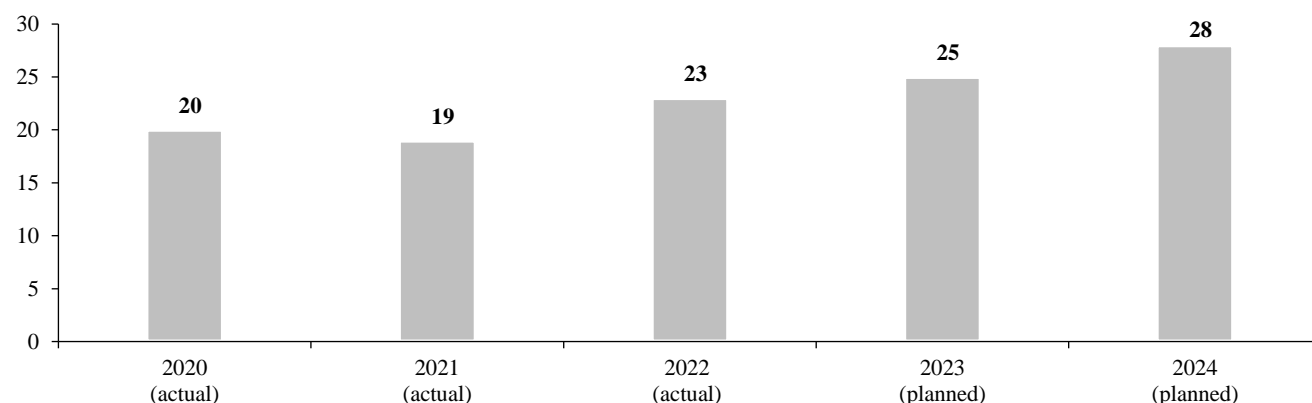
- 20.55 Among the three pillars of sustainable development – economy, society and environment – data availability for the environmental pillar is the lowest. According to estimates, for approximately 58 per cent of the environment-related Sustainable Development Goals indicators there are insufficient data, making it difficult to assess progress and understand the environmental challenges. The subprogramme has been working with member States to improve their environment statistics through the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, in cooperation with the ECE environment subprogramme. The Task Force supports the implementation of the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators in member States. Until now, the work has focused mainly on East and South-East Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.56 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a strong demand to further develop environment statistics in all member States, because providing data on environment-related Sustainable Development Goals and other emerging policy areas, such as the circular economy, are common challenges in the ECE region. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will extend its work so that it is open to all member States, providing a platform to exchange knowledge and experience on common challenges in implementing the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators and identifying emerging policy areas where further guidance is needed.
- 20.57 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.X).

Figure 20.X

Performance measure: number of countries improving environmental statistics and indicators through the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators (annual)



Deliverables

20.58 Table 20.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.6

Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 81 | 69 | 81 | 69 |
| 1. Documentation for the Conference of European Statisticians | 43 | 43 | 43 | 43 |
| 2. Documentation for groups of experts on statistical issues | 38 | 26 | 38 | 26 |
| 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, including social, environmental and economic statistics | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| C. Substantive deliverables | | | | |
| Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for more than 100 government officials (staff of national statistical offices) and other stakeholders of up to 4 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. | | | | |
| Databases and substantive digital materials: ECE statistical databases (Sustainable Development Goals, population and gender statistics database; economic statistics database); and hosting of the transport and the forestry databases. | | | | |

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|

D. Communication deliverables

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); and website of the subprogramme.

Subprogramme 4 Economic cooperation and integration

Objective

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

Strategy

- 20.60 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.
- 20.61 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Support member States in creating 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 in creating regulatory frameworks and public-private partnership project pipelines that can help to close the Sustainable Development Goals infrastructure financing gap, including through:
 - (i) The promotion of innovative modalities of financing, development and 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, on demand, of a methodology to evaluate and score public-private partnership projects in support of sustainable development;
 - (iv) Cooperation with multilateral platforms for sustainable infrastructure (including SOURCE¹);
 - (c) Focus some of its policy dialogues, analyses and recommendations, standards and capacity-building on addressing economic challenges through innovation policies and public-private partnership infrastructure projects that can facilitate innovation and develop infrastructure to make economies more resilient and sustainable.
- 20.62 This work will help member States to make progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals 8, 9, 12 and 17 and contribute to enhancing the sustainable use of natural resources, and digital and green transformations for sustainable development.

¹ SOURCE is the multilateral platform for sustainable infrastructure.

- 20.63 The above-mentioned work is also expected to result in:
- (a) Improved innovation-related policies and institutions in member States for sustainable development;
 - (b) The improved design and operation of public-private partnerships by member States that contribute to sustainable development and lead to more sustainable projects.

Programme performance in 2022

Improved capacity of member States in the use of public-private partnerships to finance sustainable development

- 20.64 The subprogramme promoted the concept of “PPPs for the SDGs”, an enhanced approach for public-private partnerships that overcomes some of the weaknesses in the way in which the traditional public-private partnership model has been implemented, placing equal focus on the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development, including making the transition to the circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources. To support member States in implementing public-private partnerships for sustainable infrastructure development, the subprogramme developed a public-private partnership evaluation methodology to score and assess projects in countries against a set of sustainability outcomes and the Sustainable Development Goals. The subprogramme provided training to member States on the use of the evaluation methodology to identify, develop and implement infrastructure that promotes a circular economy and is resilient, environmentally and fiscally sustainable and of high quality, in which people are the main beneficiaries.
- 20.65 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.7).

Table 20.7
Performance measure

| <i>2020 (actual)</i> | <i>2021 (actual)</i> | <i>2022 (actual)</i> |
|----------------------|--|---|
| — | Evaluation methodology approved by member States | An additional 50 public-private partnerships projects assessed by member States |
| | 50 public-private partnerships projects assessed by member States during a pilot phase | |

Planned results for 2024

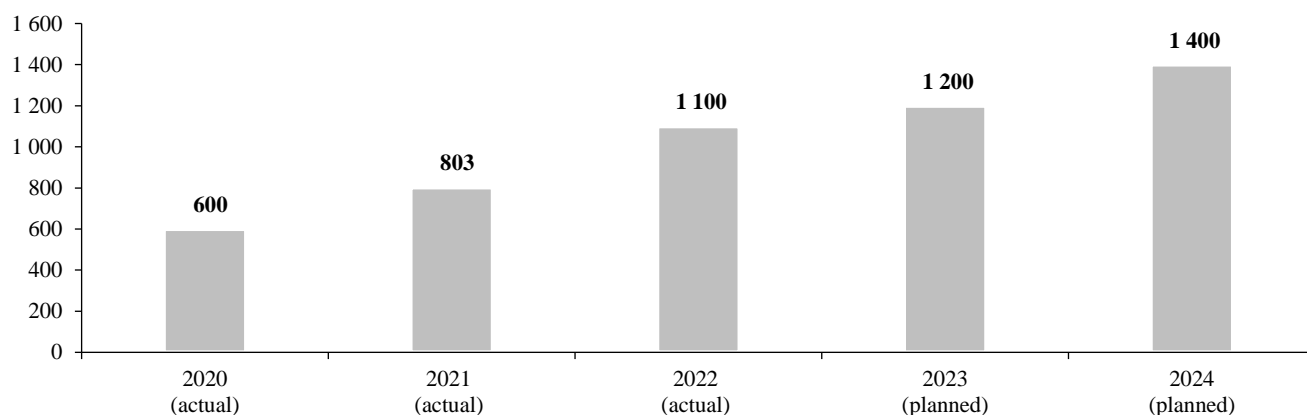
Result 1: improved capacity of member States to use innovation to achieve their sustainable development objectives

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.66 The subprogramme’s work contributed to 1,100 policymakers and other innovation stakeholders from requesting countries benefiting from ECE capacity-building on innovation policy, which exceeded the planned target of 1,000 policymakers and other innovation stakeholders.
- 20.67 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XI).

Figure 20.XI

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



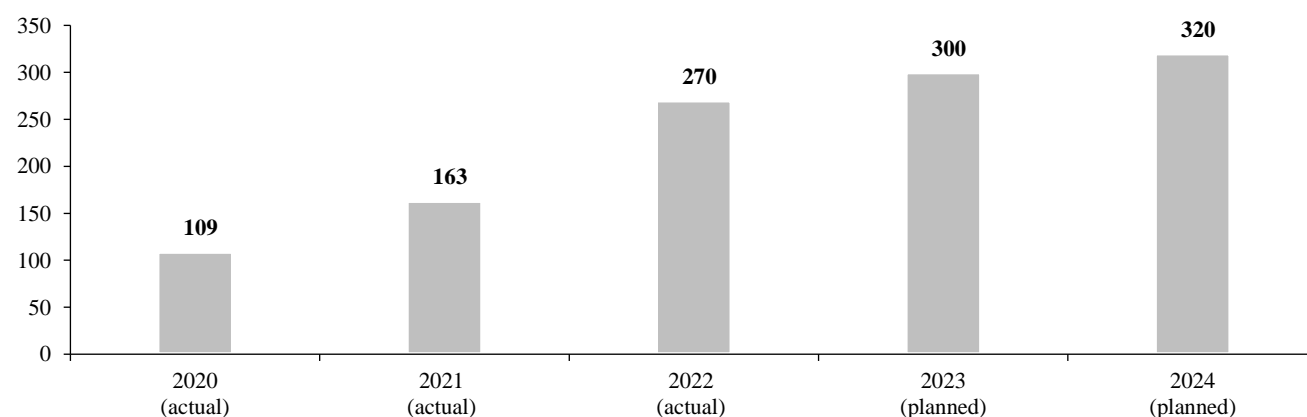
Result 2: improved capacity of member States in the development of infrastructure projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the circular economy

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.68 The subprogramme's work contributed to 270 policymakers from member States that have used the ECE standards and guidelines on public-private partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals, which exceeded the planned target of 225 policymakers.
- 20.69 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XII).

Figure 20.XII

Performance measure: number of policymakers from member States that have used the ECE standards and guidelines on 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)



Result 3: member States implement transformative innovation² policies and good practices for sustainable development

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- 20.70 To accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the ECE region needs more transformative innovations that can make entire systems sustainable (e.g., the built environment or individual mobility). The subprogramme has been providing good practices, policy advice and capacity-building on policies to promote innovation for sustainable development.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.71 The lesson for the subprogramme was that more evidence was needed on policies to promote transformative innovation and that member States had a large demand for policy analysis, dialogue and capacity-building on the topic. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will use a network of innovation policymakers and agencies to develop an evidence base for policymaking and to increase the capacity of policymakers to promote transformative innovation.
- 20.72 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.8).

Table 20.8
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Weak evidence base for transformative innovation policies | Member States endorsed good practices on innovation policies for the circular economy transformation, and noted the need for more policy learning | Member States endorsed the establishment of an ECE transformative innovation network of innovation agencies | Member States endorse an additional 10 good practices on transformative innovation policy | At least 3 member States implement policies and good practices to stimulate transformative innovation for sustainable development |

Deliverables

- 20.73 Table 20.9 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.9
Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 18 | 20 | 18 | 18 |
| 1. Documentation for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies | 18 | 20 | 18 | 18 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 19 | 22 | 19 | 19 |
| 2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, its subsidiary bodies and their bureaux | 18 | 21 | 18 | 18 |

² Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), “Report of the ECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships on its fifteenth session” (ECE/CECI/2022/2, paras. 57 and 69 (Decision 2022 – 5.2)).

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 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) | – | – | 3 | 3 |
| 4. On innovation and competitiveness policies | – | – | 2 | 2 |
| 5. On public-private partnerships | – | – | 1 | 1 |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 16 | 25 | 16 | 16 |
| 6. Policy workshops, seminars and training on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development | 8 | 14 | 8 | 8 |
| 7. Policy workshops, seminars and training on people-first public-private partnerships | 8 | 11 | 8 | 8 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 8. Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 9. Comparative reviews on innovation policy and/or public-private partnership | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions) | – | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 10. Fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and public-private partnership needs assessments | – | 2 | 3 | 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 public-private partnership case studies from some 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: subprogramme's website for regional access. | | | | |

Subprogramme 5 Sustainable energy

Objective

- 20.74 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

- 20.75 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 the ECE work on cross-sectoral collaboration areas, as described in paragraph 20.4 (a)–(e) above, and to priorities related to the circular economy.
- 20.76 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- Further develop normative instruments (e.g., best practices and principles), awareness-raising campaigns and the deployment of ECE tools through workshops, seminars and technical projects to help member States to meet their commitments to the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement

with regard to reducing their environmental footprint related to energy, accelerating the 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) Coordinate and promote efforts related to energy resilience across the ECE region and provide an ECE platform on resilient energy systems for inclusive dialogue;
- (f) Explore and increase understanding on energy-related climate financing in the ECE region, including policies and mechanisms for increasing financing for low- and zero-carbon technologies, the critical raw materials needed for low-carbon transformations and sustainable infrastructure projects.³

20.77 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 and inclusive dialogue and cooperation among all energy actors to boost transformational investment in the energy sector, support the building of resilient energy systems 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;
- (d) 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;
- (e) Increased understanding and implementation of climate-friendly policies and mechanisms by member States, which are aimed at addressing issues such as financing for low- and zero-carbon technologies and sustainable infrastructure, and the critical raw materials needed for such transformations.

³ This language was agreed by ECE member States at the thirty-first session of the ECE Committee on Sustainable Energy, held from 21 to 23 September 2022, and, subsequently, at the 125th meeting of the ECE Executive Committee. In particular, the Committee "agreed to the proposed modifications to the programme of work for the sustainable energy subprogramme for 2024 (ECE/ENERGY/31/2022/INF.1) and requested the secretariat to reflect the modifications in the proposed programme plan of the Sustainable energy subprogramme for 2024" (ECE/ENERGY/143, para. 76).

Programme performance in 2022

Enhanced understanding of the technology interplay for the power and energy intensive industries' transition in the Economic Commission for Europe region

- 20.78 The ECE region depends on fossil fuels for more than 80 per cent of its primary energy demand.⁴ Energy-intensive industries account for approximately 25 per cent of total CO₂ emissions globally.⁵ These industries are often crucial for modern economies, and they can assist in the post-COVID energy transition. Reducing emissions of hard-to-abate sectors is a priority for the region to meet the Paris Agreement targets.
- 20.79 In 2020, the subprogramme launched a technical assistance project⁶ and initiated consultations on the theme, including conducting six capacity-building workshops for member States on technology interplay. In 2021, the subprogramme continued consultations, conducted research on the design of low-carbon and low-emission intensive energy systems and developed an ECE dedicated toolkit.⁷ The subprogramme also conducted eight capacity-building workshops for member States on innovative technologies for energy transition.
- 20.80 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.10).

Table 20.10

Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) |
|--|--|--|
| 30 member States nominated national focal points to the ECE project task force | Enhanced capacity of member States on innovative technology for energy transition Member States have access to research that identifies technology and policy options and to recommendations for creating a sustainable energy system | Countries of Central Asia and Ukraine deployed the ECE carbon neutrality toolkit |

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: managing gases to implement the 2030 Agenda

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.81 The subprogramme's work contributed to the commitment of 16 Member States to applying ECE guidance to manage gases, which met the planned target.
- 20.82 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIII).

⁴ ECE, "Carbon neutrality in the UNECE region: technology interplay under the carbon neutrality concept" page 21. Available at https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-09/Technology%20Interplay_final_2.pdf.

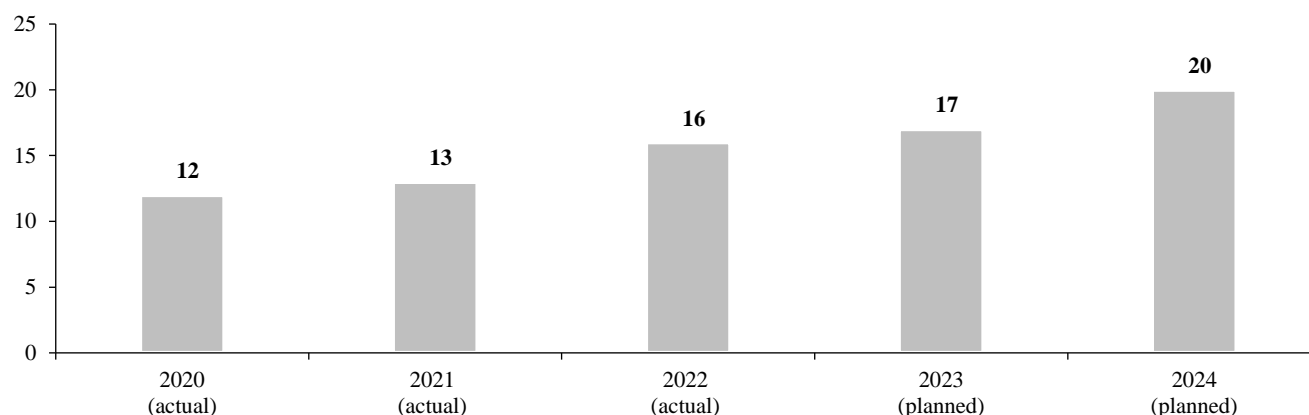
⁵ Ibid., page 50.

⁶ "Enhancing the understanding of the implications and opportunities of moving to carbon neutrality in the ECE region across the power and energy intensive industries by 2050". Available at <https://unece.org/e274-enhancing-understanding-implications-and-opportunities-moving-carbon-neutrality-unece-region>.

⁷ Available at <https://carbonneutrality.unece.org>.

Figure 20.XIII

Performance measure: number of Member States applying ECE guidance to manage gases (CH₄, H₂ and CO₂) (cumulative)



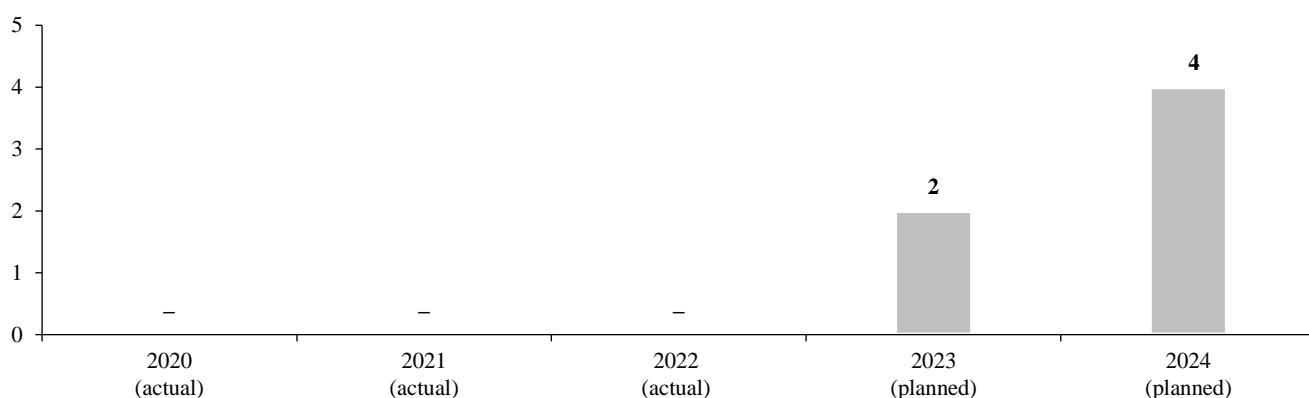
Result 2: digitalization of the energy sector as an enabler of a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.83 The subprogramme's work contributed to increased awareness of member States on the role that digitalization of the energy system may play in improving system efficiency, of existing sectoral opportunities and of the potential impact of digitalization in energy on the economy and society. This work laid the groundwork for Member States to develop national case studies in the future that apply recommendations on digitalization developed by ECE.
- 20.84 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIV).

Figure 20.XIV

Performance measure: number of Member States applying ECE recommendations on digitalization by developing national case studies (cumulative)



Result 3: enhanced resilience of energy systems in the Economic Commission for Europe region

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 20.85 While the ECE region has made significant progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7, there remain areas to further strengthen member States' ability to

ensure energy resilience, which supports energy security, economic recovery and affordability and environmental sustainability.

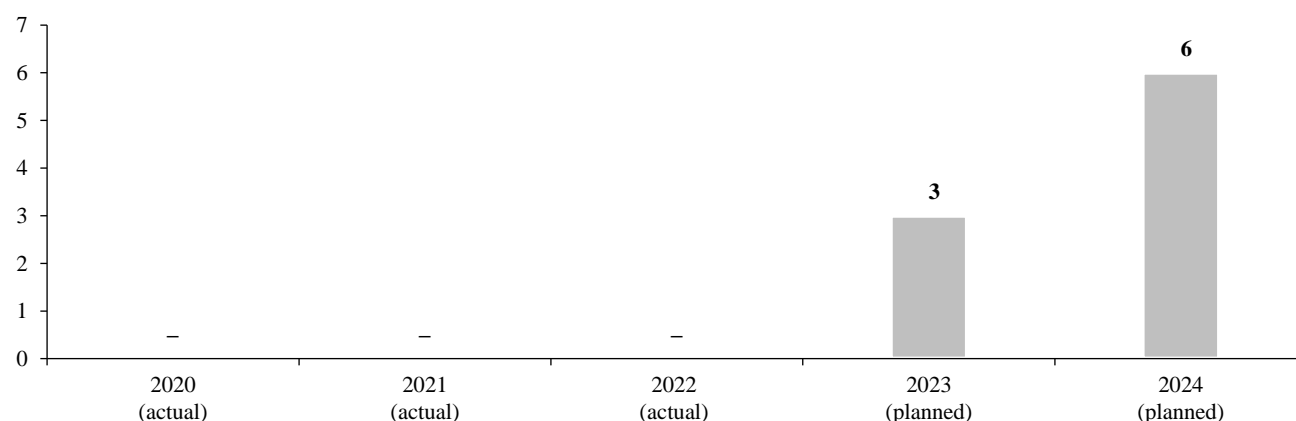
- 20.86 The subprogramme has developed several mechanisms to enhance the resilience of member States' energy systems and attain the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 7, including the carbon neutrality toolkit, renewable energy "hard talks", best practice guidance on methane reductions, the Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and the newly established ECE platform on resilient energy systems to promote ECE mechanisms and inclusive dialogue among member States.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.87 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was an increased demand to support member States in strengthening the resilience of energy systems. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will increase capacity-building, including through United Nations country teams, to help member States to better utilize the above-mentioned ECE mechanisms, promote international cooperation and dialogue on energy and raise awareness of how achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 can secure sustainable energy development and improve energy system resilience.
- 20.88 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 using ECE mechanisms to enhance the resilience of energy systems in the ECE region (cumulative)



Deliverables

- 20.89 Table 20.11 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.11

Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 45 | 45 | 45 | 40 |
| 1. Documentation for the Committee on Sustainable Energy and related subsidiary bodies | 45 | 45 | 45 | 40 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |
| 2. Meetings of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, its Bureau and related subsidiary bodies | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 |

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2022 actual</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> | <i>2024 planned</i> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | | | |
| Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects) | 8 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 3. On sustainable resource management | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 4. On reducing the environmental footprint of energy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5. On accelerating transformations of the energy sector | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 6. On supporting member States in securing sustainable energy | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| 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 | 3 |
| 11. Training and workshops on methane management | – | – | – | 2 |
| 12. Workshops and seminars on energy efficiency | – | – | – | 2 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. On best practice guidelines, case studies and other publications related to sustainable energy | 4 | 3 | – | – |
| 14. On hydrogen, the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 15. On digitalization and best practices in methane management | – | – | – | 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: subprogramme's website for regional and global access. | | | | |

Subprogramme 6 Trade

Objective

- 20.90 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

- 20.91 The strategy of the subprogramme is to support international policy dialogue on reducing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade, including those caused by cumbersome trade procedures and paperwork, by differences in trade procedures, standards and documents, or by divergent regulatory approaches and product standards; to facilitate the development of standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation and e-business, agricultural quality standards and regulatory cooperation; and to provide capacity-building and enable the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

20.92 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 (e.g., minimizing waste and maximizing the use of natural resources towards the circular economy) through studies, policy dialogues and technology-based pilot initiatives such as blockchain-based traceability for textile value chains. This work will help member States to 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 assessments and market surveillance to facilitate a predictable and harmonized regulatory environment;
- (e) Provide practical ways forward for standards bodies wishing to mainstream a gender perspective into standards. The subprogramme will also support capacity-building and dissemination on the use of standards and regulatory cooperation, notably with its web portal on standards for the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://standards4sdgs.unece.org/>) and its initiative on education on standards (<https://learnqi.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 Goals 2 and 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 Goals 12 and 17;
- (h) Deepen its international policy dialogue, normative, technical assistance and capacity-building activities on the digitalization 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.

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

- (a) Increased implementation of simplified trade processes and the digitalization 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) Enhanced digitalization of trade (e.g., progress towards the adoption of trade-related digital services such as Single Window) to support the efforts of the public and private sectors in member States to facilitate trade.

Programme performance in 2022

Trade-related policies and action to promote the circular economy and resource-efficient economies

- 20.94 While trade and related policies can help to accelerate the transition to more circular economies, knowledge of policy options and capacity-building can be further strengthened.
- 20.95 As requested by member States ([E/2021/37-E/ECE/1494](#), decision B (69)), the subprogramme has worked to promote the circular economy, including through the launch of a dedicated stakeholder engagement platform (Circular STEP), the development of policy papers and support for the Governments of Serbia and Tajikistan in strengthening policy frameworks for a circular economy. Activities included capacity-building on traceability and food loss and waste reduction and management, using ECE normative tools. The subprogramme has also continued its work to improve transparency and traceability in the garment sector, as an enabler of reduced environmental footprints and improved recyclability.
- 20.96 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.12).

Table 20.12

Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) |
|---------------|--|---|
| — | Knowledge-sharing among member States through a network of trade-related circular economy focal points in the ECE region | <p>Government of Serbia recognizes food waste as a separate category of communal waste and recognizes target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals and its aim to halve per capita food waste. It adopts a waste management programme for the period 2022–2031, stating that separate collection of food waste will be gradually implemented</p> <p>The Tajikistan Ministry of Economic Development and Trade initiates an action plan for the circular economy transition that will include a traceability system of circular garment and footwear value chains and action towards the creation of an effective system of incentives, development of traceability standards, and engagement plans with the business sector and civil society</p> |

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: enhanced digitalization of trade in Economic Commission for Europe member States

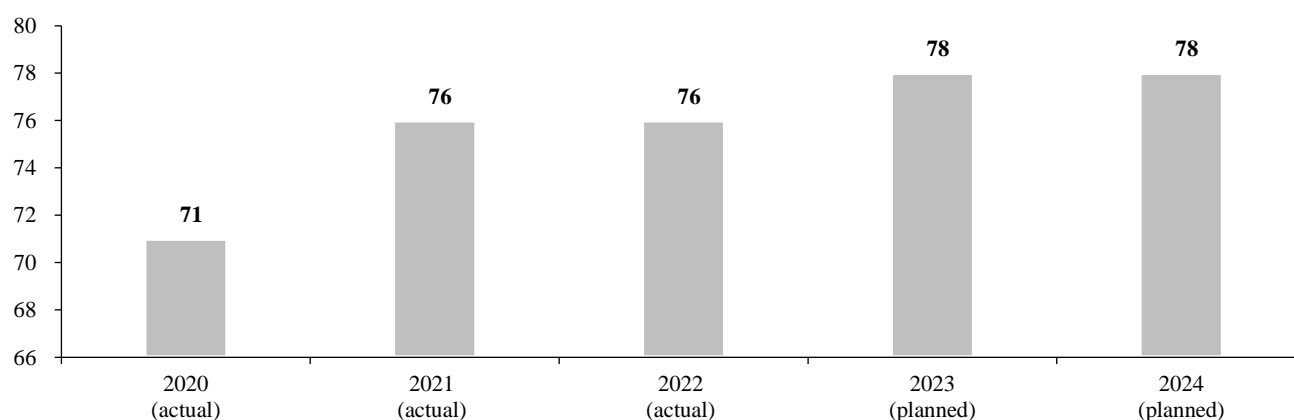
Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.97 The subprogramme's work contributed to a 76 per cent average implementation rate of digital trade facilitation measures of ECE member States, which exceeded the planned target of 75 per cent.
- 20.98 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVI).

Figure 20.XVI

Performance measure: average implementation rate of digital trade facilitation measures of ECE member States^a

(Percentage)



^a The data for 2022 are based on past progress as reflected in the last survey, conducted in 2021, given that the data are captured every two years through the United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.

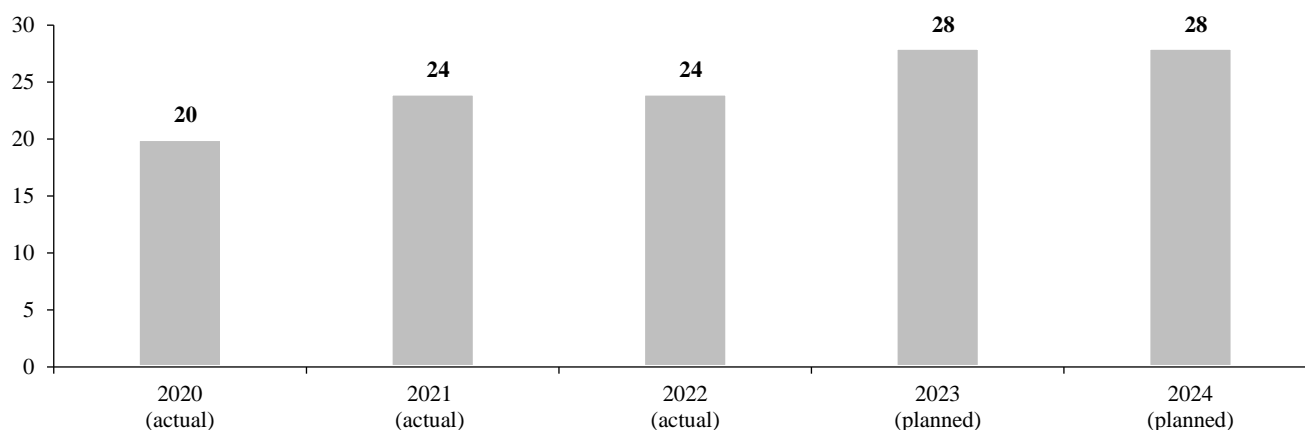
Result 2: increased facilitation of agricultural trade through the adoption of agricultural quality and electronic business standards in Economic Commission for Europe member States

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.99 The subprogramme's work contributed to 24 ECE member States fully or partially implementing the Commission's standard for "electronic application and issuance of electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates", which did not meet the planned target of 26 member States. The target was not met because the data for 2022 were based on past progress as reflected in the biennial United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, last conducted in 2021. The next Global Survey will be conducted in 2023.
- 20.100 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVII).

Figure 20.XVII

Performance measure: number of ECE 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 for 2022 are based on past progress as reflected in the last survey, conducted in 2021, given that the data are captured every two years through the United Nations Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.

Result 3: mainstreaming a gender perspective into standards development organizations

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 20.101 International standards can help efforts to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and ensure that the needs of women are integrated into product design. The ECE initiative to mainstream a gender perspective into standards and a newly formed Team of Specialists⁸ aim to guide standards development organizations on mainstreaming a gender perspective, ensuring, among others, that women participate in the design of standards. Initial guidance has been developed and several webinars and conferences held with a number of participating standard development organizations committing themselves to mainstreaming a gender perspective into standard setting and to establishing relevant focal points.

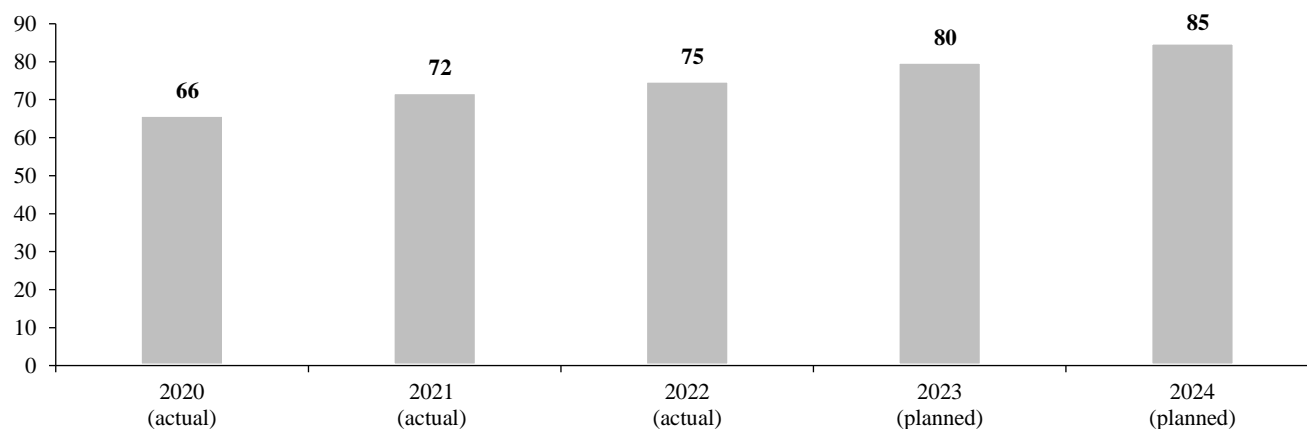
Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.102 The lesson for the subprogramme, as indicated in recent surveys, was that there was an increasing need for stakeholder buy-in to support the development of action plans for mainstreaming a gender perspective and to build awareness of stakeholders on those issues with regard to standards setting. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will expand its work with the ECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policy to increase awareness and capacity to mainstream a gender perspective into standards.
- 20.103 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVIII).

⁸ ECE Team of Specialists on Gender-Responsive Standards established at the 124th meeting of the ECE Executive Committee (30 September 2022).

Figure 20.XVIII

Performance measure: number of standards development organizations that have committed themselves to implementing the ECE Declaration for Gender-Responsive Standards and Standards Development (cumulative)



Deliverables

20.104 Table 20.13 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.13

Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 110 | 111 | 108 | 107 |
| Documentation for: | | | | |
| 1. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards | 13 | 10 | 10 | 13 |
| 2. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| 3. The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| 4. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business | 24 | 27 | 24 | 20 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 91 | 93 | 96 | 99 |
| Meetings of: | | | | |
| 5. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and its Bureau | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| 6. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, its Bureau and related expert bodies | 5 | 11 | 13 | 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 | 51 | 53 | 53 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | | | |
| Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects) | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. On enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| 10. On food loss and agriculture | 1 | — | — | — |
| 11. On food loss reduction in agriculture supply chains | — | — | 1 | 1 |
| 12. On trade facilitation | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2022 actual</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> | <i>2024 planned</i> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 18 | 22 | 14 | 18 |
| 13. 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 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| 14. 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 | 6 | 6 | 3 |
| 15. Seminars for policymakers and experts in countries with economies in transition and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on support for the implementation of trade-related standards, recommendations and guidelines | 9 | 10 | 6 | 9 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 10 | 4 | 10 | 11 |
| 16. On regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in a country to be decided | 1 | – | 1 | 1 |
| 17. On trade standard guidance in the following areas: quality infrastructure, risk management, education and sustainable development | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 18. On mainstreaming a gender perspective into standards | – | – | 3 | 2 |
| 19. On risk-based inspections and disaster and sustainable development | 1 | 1 | – | – |
| 20. On agricultural trade and supply chains | 1 | 1 | – | 1 |
| 21. On trade facilitation recommendations, standards and strategies | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 22. On ECE trade facilitation best practice and recommendations | 1 | – | – | – |
| Technical materials (number of materials) | 8 | 17 | 8 | 8 |
| 23. Guidelines on cross-border trade | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 24. Training material and guidelines on trade standards and/or regulatory cooperation | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 25. Standards and guidelines on agricultural quality | 4 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| 26. Training material on trade facilitation and electronic business | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Fact-finding, monitoring and investigating missions (number of missions) | – | 1 | 3 | 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 | – | 1 | 3 | 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 and substantive digital materials: 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 for more than 1,000 public and private sector experts. | | | | |
| External and media relations: press releases, publication launch events and articles in external newsletters intended for government officials and experts working on trade. | | | | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: subprogramme's website. | | | | |

Subprogramme 7

Forests and the forest industry

Objective

- 20.105 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

- 20.106 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.
- 20.107 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, including wood energy;
 - (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 to measure progress towards achieving the 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 and wood energy, including on crisis response and on solutions for more resilient economies.
- 20.108 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 persons.

Programme performance in 2022

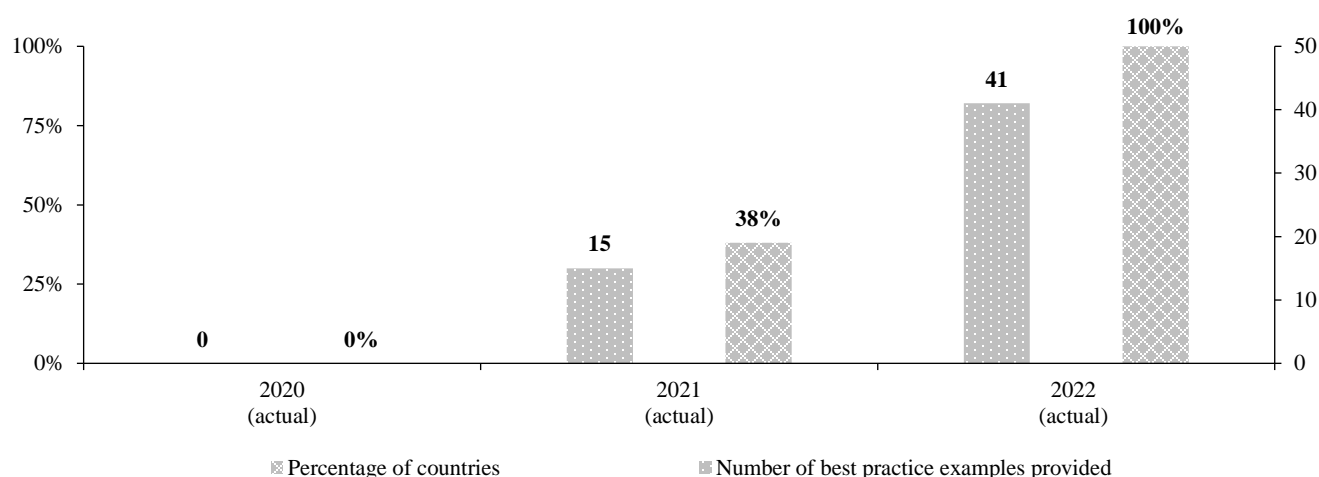
Improved policies and access to information for planning and implementing forest landscape restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia

20.109 Integrated approaches to forest landscape restoration are one solution to address the widespread impacts of forest degradation. The subprogramme supported national Governments⁹ by improving knowledge among policymakers about enabling policies for forest landscape restoration. The subprogramme developed a forest landscape restoration knowledge exchange platform, which integrates member States' experiences, data and region-specific policy and capacity-building tools. This includes the national policy guiding principles on forest landscape restoration, which support national forest authorities in identifying and adapting national forest landscape restoration-related policies, strategies and laws according to available best practice and evidence. The guiding policy principles were already used by Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan in developing their national strategic planning in forest landscape restoration. The publicly available platform shares national experiences and up-to-date information on forests and forest management, as well as knowledge about forest landscape restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

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

Figure 20.XIX

Performance measure: ECE member States providing data and information to the forest landscape restoration knowledge exchange platform



Planned results for 2024

Result 1: increased access to forest product information to support evidence-led policymaking for the sustainable production and consumption of forest products

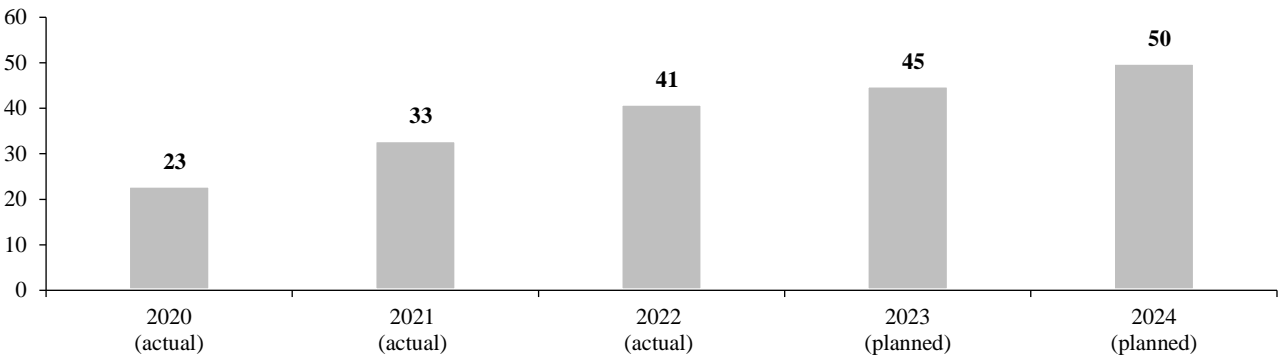
Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

20.111 The subprogramme's work contributed to updated information on a cumulative total of 41 key forest product commodities, which exceeded the planned target of 39 key forest product commodities.

20.112 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XX).

⁹ Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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)

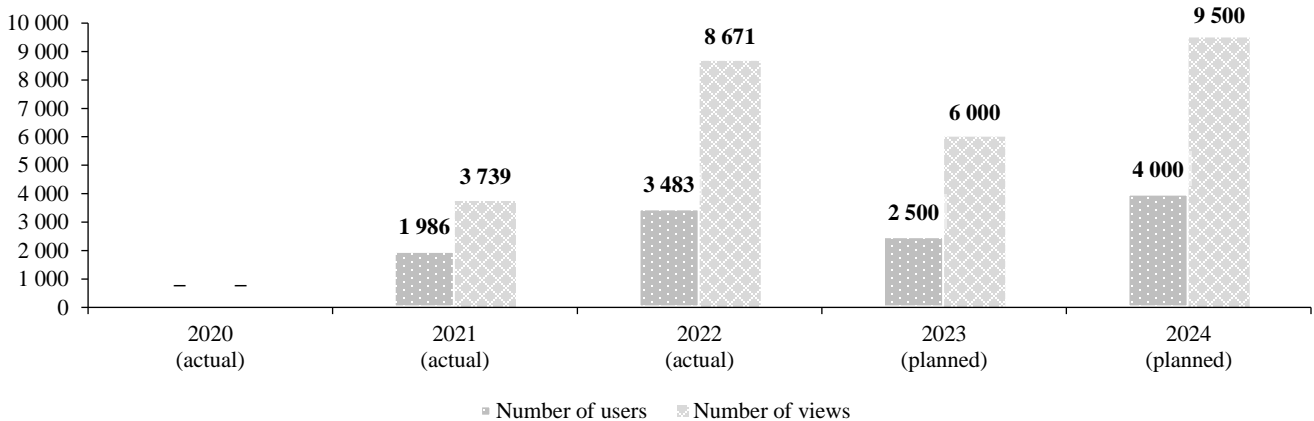


Result 2: enhanced accessibility and timeliness of sustainable forest management information and improved monitoring of the impact of increased wood use in a circular economy

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.113 The subprogramme’s work contributed to 3,483 public users and 8,671 views of up-to-date data on sustainable forest management from the INForest platform that is accessible to persons with disabilities, which exceeded both the planned target of 2,250 public users and the planned target of 5,000 views.
- 20.114 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are 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)



Result 3: cities and towns commit themselves to expanding sustainable urban and peri-urban forest cover

Proposed programme plan for 2024

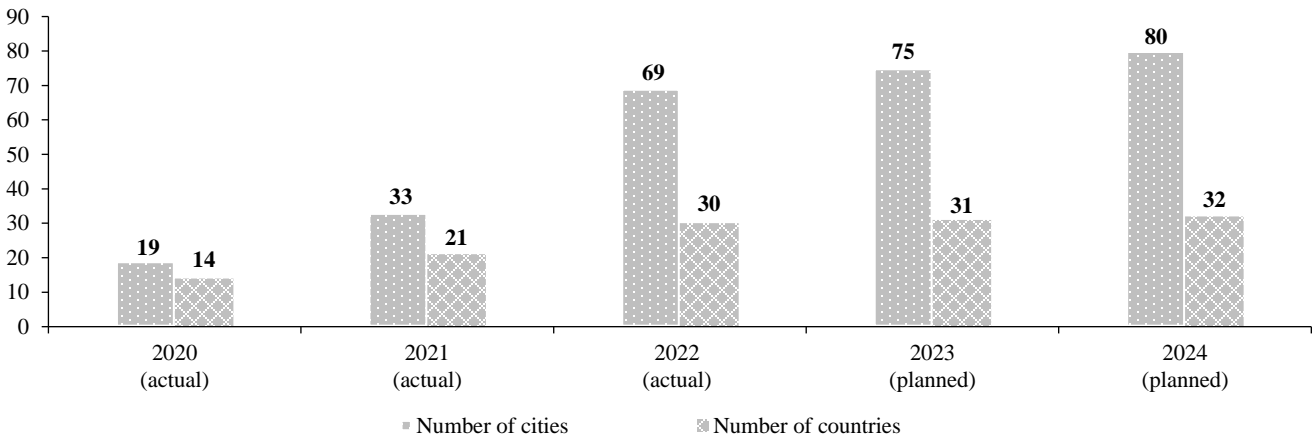
- 20.115 Sustainable urban forests are increasingly recognized as important components of more liveable, healthier and more resilient cities and towns. Since 2019, the subprogramme has developed substantive materials, established an informal network of experts and created a Trees in Cities

Challenge to engage with local and national policymakers to have them commit themselves to sustainable urban forest management and tree planting pledges.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.116 The lesson for the subprogramme was that targeted outreach to cities, when combined with substantive guidance materials and collaboration (e.g., financial incentives, maintenance or management, as well as opportunities for peer exchange), is the most effective approach to encourage local and national policymakers to commit themselves to increasing sustainable urban tree and forest cover. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will strengthen the exchange among cities, policymakers and experts through more informal network events, targeted campaigns and needs-based substantive materials for local and national action. The subprogramme will tailor activities and support on the basis of unique needs and challenges faced by cities and towns and the diverse benefits of urban trees and forests such as the mitigation of floods, reduced heat islands and energy consumption, improved physical and mental health and improved air quality. The subprogramme will also develop guidance and resources focused on the integrated, long-term planning and management of urban and peri-urban forests as a cost-effective nature-based solution¹⁰ for sustainable development.
- 20.117 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XXII).

Figure 20.XXII
Performance measure: number of cities and towns making pledges and commitments to increasing sustainable urban tree and forest cover (cumulative)



Deliverables

- 20.118 Table 20.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

¹⁰ General Assembly resolution [75/219](#), para. 39.

Table 20.14

Subprogramme 7: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| <i>Category and subcategory</i> | <i>2022 planned</i> | <i>2022 actual</i> | <i>2023 planned</i> | <i>2024 planned</i> |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 16 | 26 | 24 | 16 |
| 1. Documentation for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission | 10 | 14 | 18 | 10 |
| 2. Documentation for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management | 6 | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 22 | 29 | 24 | 20 |
| Meetings of: | | | | |
| 3. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| 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 | 20 | 14 | 12 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | | | |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 15 | 24 | 12 | 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 | 24 | 12 | 12 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 7. Forest Products Annual Market Review | 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 resources and forest ownership; forest products, including production, consumption and trade; wood energy; and prices of wood raw material. | | | | |
| 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; and presentations at round tables and international forest-related events. | | | | |
| External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme; and Forest Information Billboard newsletter for approximately 4,000 subscribers. | | | | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: website of the subprogramme; social media accounts; and videos on forest-related topics. | | | | |

Subprogramme 8

Housing, land management and population

Objective

- 20.119 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, and sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

Strategy

- 20.120 The subprogramme comprises two components: (a) housing and land management; and (b) population.
- 20.121 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.
- 20.122 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 and digitization in 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 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 and local ones in 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 national Governments and local ones in the design, implementation and monitoring of urban resilience plans and sustainable urban infrastructure development projects, including those that provide support to the most vulnerable persons, especially those in informal settlements;
 - (e) Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships and innovative financing instruments to unlock further financing and partnerships for the implementation of these plans and projects, in collaboration with the Geneva United Nations Charter Centres of Excellence;
 - (f) Organize the fourth Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.
- 20.123 To contribute to the objective, the population component of the subprogramme will:
- (a) 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;
 - (b) Coordinate data collection on active ageing indicators, including intergenerational and sex-disaggregated data, as well as 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;

- (c) Support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through policy seminars, policy briefs and the showcasing of good practices from member States;
 - (d) 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.
- 20.124 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 UN Charter on Sustainable Housing and relevant best practices, 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 achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the revised guidelines for the development of voluntary local reviews in the ECE region and using ECE/International Telecommunication Union 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;
 - (e) More effective local urban development and housing policies and related resilience plans, in particular for the most vulnerable persons living in informal settlements.
- 20.125 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 2022

Access to high-quality long-term care: renewed commitment and experience exchange

- 20.126 The demand for long-term care services in the ECE region is growing because of population ageing and growing longevity, exerting pressure on countries’ care infrastructure. The need for equal access to long-term care services and for upholding high-quality standards across care settings was underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic. In view of this, during the Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Rome in 2022, ECE member States renewed their commitment to ensuring access to high-quality long-term care.
- 20.127 The subprogramme has undertaken several activities to facilitate knowledge-building and policy dialogue among member States and to strengthen the capacity of member States to address the

challenges related to long-term care provision in the ECE region through information-sharing and experience exchange. Examples of such activities include a rapid assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on long-term care services in Kazakhstan and the organization of policy seminars on ageing involving national policymakers, experts on long-term care systems and services, civil society representatives and other stakeholders.

20.128 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.15).

Table 20.15
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) |
|---|---|---|
| Increased knowledge on COVID-19 and the impacts for older persons in need of long-term care | Member States agreed to focus on access to long-term care and support for carers and families as one of the key themes of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing (Rome, 2022) | In the 2022 Rome ministerial declaration, ECE member States set the goal of ensuring access to long-term care and support for carers and families |

Planned results for 2024

Result 1: 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 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.129 The subprogramme's work contributed to reaching a consensus on the goals and actions for healthy and active ageing in a sustainable world, which met the planned target.
- 20.130 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.16).

Table 20.16
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| The Bureau issued the guidelines for national reports and launched the fourth review and appraisal exercise in the region | Member States held national review and appraisal exercises and submitted their national reports to the ECE secretariat | Member States adopted the 2022 Rome ministerial declaration as the outcome document of the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing. It outlines the goals and main actions for healthy and active ageing in 2022–2027 that safeguard the dignity and rights of older persons | The programme of work of the Standing Working Group on 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 | New policies and programmes responding to the goals of the Rome Declaration implemented and reported by 2 ECE member States |
| A concept note for the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing was discussed at the annual meeting of the Working Group | The Bureau prepared a first draft of the ministerial declaration for consultation with the member States | | | |

Result 2: acceleration of the city-level implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

- 20.131 The subprogramme's work contributed to the development of two smart sustainable cities profile for Tbilisi (Georgia) and Podgorica (Montenegro) and one smart sustainable country/city profile for San Marino (as requested by the Government, the profile combined a country-wide analysis with cities' analysis), which met the planned target.
- 20.132 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.17).

Table 20.17

Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| 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 | Two smart sustainable cities profile (for Tbilisi, Georgia, and Podgorica, Montenegro) and one smart sustainable country/city profile (for San Marino and its cities) developed using evidence-based approaches | Four additional smart sustainable cities profiles and voluntary local reviews using evidence-based approaches developed | Four additional country/city profiles and smart sustainable city profiles and voluntary local reviews using evidence-based approaches developed Two cities implementing the recommendations contained in the profiles and voluntary local reviews |

Result 3: acceleration of the city-level implementation of best practices in housing and land management and urban development

Proposed programme plan for 2024

- 20.133 ECE cities face challenges in ensuring the comprehensive treatment of housing, land management and urban development. To support city authorities, the subprogramme prepared thematic guideline documents to help cities to develop reform initiatives that create horizontal synergies across policy areas and vertical synergies among the local, national and global levels.

Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.134 The lesson for the subprogramme was that targeted support to local governments should combine evidence-based analysis with thematic, action-oriented policy briefs and best practice guidelines. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will utilize its evidence-based analysis to develop thematic, action-oriented policy briefs and guidelines in collaboration with its network of experts and ECE cities. The subprogramme will also support local governments and national Governments in better coordinating housing, land management and urban development initiatives with other policy areas (horizontal synergies), bolstering regional cooperation and finding local solutions to global challenges such as climate change (vertical synergies).
- 20.135 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.18).

Table 20.18
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| – | – | “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” adopted by member States | One country/city implementing recommendations contained in the thematic policy briefs and guidelines on housing, land management and urban development | Two countries/cities implementing recommendations contained in the thematic policy briefs and guidelines on housing, land management and urban development |

Deliverables

20.136 Table 20.19 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.19
Subprogramme 8: deliverables for the period 2022–2024, by category and subcategory

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 16 | 19 | 25 | 16 |
| Documentation for: | | | | |
| 1. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 2. The Working Party on Land Administration | – | – | 7 | – |
| 3. The Standing Working Group on Ageing | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 4. The Ministerial Conference on Ageing | 2 | 3 | – | – |
| 5. The regional conference on population and development issues | – | – | 2 | – |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 31 | 34 | 37 | 33 |
| Meetings of: | | | | |
| 6. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, its Bureau and expert bodies | 14 | 14 | 14 | 18 |
| 7. The Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau | 6 | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| 8. The Standing Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau | 7 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| 9. The Ministerial Conference on Ageing | 4 | 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) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. Country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 12. Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country | – | – | 1 | 1 |

| Category and subcategory | 2022 planned | 2022 actual | 2023 planned | 2024 planned |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days) | 5 | 5 | 10 | 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 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| 14. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| 15. On housing and land management | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 16. On population | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Technical materials (number of materials) | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 17. Technical guidelines on housing and land management | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 18. Toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing | – | – | 2 | 1 |
| Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions) | – | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 19. Fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes | – | – | 1 | 1 |
| 20. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on housing, land administration and spatial planning | – | 1 | 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; and 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 and a database on ageing-related policies. | | | | |
| D. Communication deliverables | | | | |
| Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: fact sheets of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and the Working Party on Land Administration; and 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; and Active Ageing Index wiki. | | | | |

B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2024

Overview

20.137 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024, including the breakdown of resource changes, as applicable, are reflected in tables 20.20 to 20.22.

Table 20.20

Overall: evolution of financial resources by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

| Object of expenditure | 2022 expenditure ^a | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Posts | 34 784.9 | 35 590.1 | — | — | (145.4) | (145.4) | (0.4) | 35 444.7 |
| Other staff costs | 157.16 | 162.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 162.1 |
| Hospitality | 3.9 | 5.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 5.6 |
| Consultants | 96.5 | 148.0 | (20.0) | 20.4 | — | 0.4 | 0.3 | 148.4 |
| Experts | 20.1 | 59.5 | (20.8) | — | 0.2 | (20.6) | (34.6) | 38.9 |
| Travel of staff | 166.9 | 155.5 | — | — | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.1) | 155.3 |
| Contractual services | 804.4 | 799.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 799.6 |
| General operating expenses | 56.7 | 68.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 68.0 |
| Supplies and materials | 19.4 | 29.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 29.2 |
| Furniture and equipment | 163.8 | 211.8 | — | — | — | — | — | 211.8 |
| Grants and contributions | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other | (4.7) | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 36 269.2 | 37 229.4 | (40.8) | 20.4 | (145.4) | (165.8) | (0.4) | 37 063.6 |

^a At the time of reporting, the expenditure presented in this table and subsequent tables is 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 finalized by 31 March 2023.

Table 20.21

Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2024

(Number of posts)

| | Number | Details |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| Approved 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) |
| Abolishment | (2) | 2 GS (PL) |
| Establishment | 2 | 2 P-3 |
| Proposed for 2024 | 188 | 1 USG, 1 D-2, 8 D-1, 23 P-5, 35 P-4, 39 P-3, 21 P-2/1, 3 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 20.22

Overall: proposed posts by category and grade

(Number of posts)

| Category and grade | Changes | | | | | 2024 proposed |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| | 2023 approved | 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 | — | — | 2 | 2 | 39 |
| P-2/1 | 21 | — | — | — | — | 21 |
| Subtotal | 126 | — | — | 2 | 2 | 128 |
| General Service and related | | | | | | |
| GS (PL) | 5 | — | — | (2) | (2) | 3 |
| GS (OL) | 57 | — | — | — | — | 57 |
| Subtotal | 62 | — | — | (2) | (2) | 60 |
| Total | 188 | — | — | — | — | 188 |

20.138 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in tables 20.23 to 20.25 and figure 20.XXIII.

20.139 As reflected in tables 20.23 (1) and 20.24 (1), the overall net resources for 2024 amount to \$37,063,600 before recosting, reflecting a net decrease of \$165,800 compared with the appropriation for 2023. Resource changes result from technical adjustments, new and expanded mandates and other changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

Table 20.23

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

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

| Component/subprogramme | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| A. Executive direction and management | 4 634.3 | 4 841.5 | (40.8) | 20.4 | — | (20.4) | (0.4) | 4 821.1 |
| B. Programme of work | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Environment | 5 682.2 | 5 914.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 914.1 |
| 2. Transport | 6 816.3 | 7 049.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 049.0 |
| 3. Statistics | 4 968.7 | 5 016.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 016.6 |

Part V Regional cooperation for development

| Component/subprogramme | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| 4. Economic cooperation and integration | 1 900.6 | 2 182.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 182.1 |
| 5. Sustainable energy | 2 588.4 | 2 296.4 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 296.4 |
| 6. Trade | 3 505.1 | 3 766.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 766.5 |
| 7. Forests and the forest industry | 1 468.9 | 1 563.2 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (4.7) | 1 490.5 |
| 8. Housing, land management and population | 1 300.2 | 1 218.9 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 218.9 |
| Subtotal, B | 28 230.4 | 29 006.8 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (0.3) | 28 934.1 |
| C. Programme support | 3 404.5 | 3 381.1 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (2.2) | 3 308.4 |
| Subtotal, 1 | 36 269.2 | 37 229.4 | (40.8) | 20.4 | (145.4) | (165.8) | (0.4) | 37 063.6 |

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

| Component/subprogramme | 2022 expenditure | 2023 estimate | Change | Percentage | 2024 estimate |
|--|---------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| A. Executive direction and management | 2 135.1 | 2 597.6 | 168.5 | 6.5 | 2 766.0 |
| B. Programme of work | | | | | |
| 1. Environment | 12 267.4 | 12 943.5 | 35.0 | 0.3 | 12 978.5 |
| 2. Transport | 1 884.1 | 2 271.0 | 295.4 | 13.0 | 2 566.4 |
| 3. Statistics | 357.3 | 281.8 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 289.5 |
| 4. Economic cooperation and integration | 748.0 | 1 241.5 | 112.4 | 9.1 | 1 354.0 |
| 5. Sustainable energy | 1 134.8 | 783.5 | 42.0 | 5.4 | 825.5 |
| 6. Trade | 1 032.0 | 1 047.1 | 233.7 | 22.3 | 1 280.8 |
| 7. Forests and the forest industry | 368.6 | 142.3 | — | — | 142.3 |
| 8. Housing, land management and population | 573.1 | 247.1 | 82.6 | 33.4 | 329.7 |
| Subtotal, B | 18 365.3 | 18 957.8 | 808.8 | 4.3 | 19 766.6 |
| C. Programme support | 1 327.4 | 1 782.9 | — | — | 1 782.9 |
| Subtotal, 2 | 21 827.8 | 23 338.3 | 977.3 | 4.2 | 24 315.5 |
| Total | 58 097.5 | 60 567.7 | 811.5 | 1.4 | 61 379.1 |

Table 20.24

Overall: proposed posts for 2024 by source of funding, component and subprogramme

(Number of posts)

(1) *Regular budget*

| Component/subprogramme | 2023 approved | Changes | | | | 2024 proposed |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | | Technical adjustments | New/expanded mandates | Other | Total | |
| A. Executive direction and management | 23 | – | – | – | – | 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 | 12 | – | – | – | – | 12 |
| Subtotal, 1 | 188 | – | – | – | – | 188 |

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

| Component/subprogramme | 2023 estimate | Change | 2024 estimate |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|
| A. Executive direction and management | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| B. Programme of work | | | |
| 1. Environment | 29 | (2) | 27 |
| 2. Transport | 8 | – | 8 |
| 3. Statistics | – | – | – |
| 4. Economic cooperation and integration | 3 | (1) | 2 |
| 5. Sustainable energy | 2 | – | 2 |
| 6. Trade | 3 | – | 3 |
| 7. Forests and the forest industry | – | – | – |
| 8. Housing, land management and population | – | – | – |
| Subtotal, B | 45 | (3) | 42 |
| C. Programme support | 7 | – | 7 |
| Subtotal, 2 | 59 | (2) | 57 |
| Total | 247 | (2) | 245 |

Table 20.25

Overall: evolution of financial and post resources

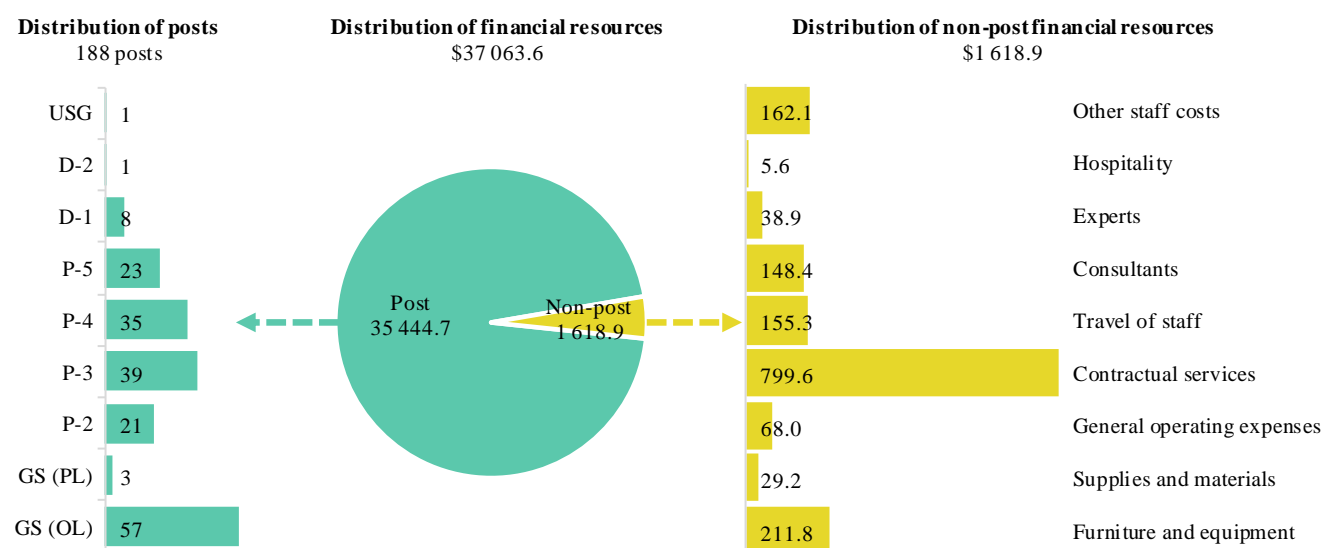
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 34 784.9 | 35 590.1 | — | — | (145.4) | (145.4) | (0.4) | 35 444.7 |
| Non-post | 1 484.3 | 1 639.3 | (40.8) | 20.4 | — | (20.4) | (0.1) | 1 618.9 |
| Total | 36 269.2 | 37 229.4 | (40.8) | 20.4 | (145.4) | (165.8) | (0.4) | 37 063.6 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 126 | — | — | 2 | 2 | 1.6 | 128 |
| General Service and related | | 62 | — | — | (2) | (2) | (3.2) | 60 |
| Total | | 188 | — | — | — | — | — | 188 |

Figure 20.XXIII

Distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

Overall resource changes

Technical adjustments

20.140 As reflected in table 20.23 (1), resource changes reflect a decrease of \$40,800, as follows:

Executive direction and management. The decrease relates to the removal of non-recurrent non-post provisions under experts (\$20,800) and consultants (\$20,000) related to the biennial

Commission session held in 2023, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [62/225](#) and paragraph 9 of annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/38.

New and expanded mandates

- 20.141 As reflected in table 20.23 (1), resource changes reflect an increase of \$20,400, as follows:

Executive direction and management. The increase relates to the non-recurrent non-post provision under consultants (\$20,400) for the advance preparation (in 2024) of the seventy-first session of the Commission, to be held in 2025, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [62/225](#) and paragraph 9 of annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/38.

Other changes

- 20.142 As reflected in table 20.23 (1), the net effect of the proposed changes is a reduction of \$145,400. The breakdown of changes is as follows:

- (a) **Subprogramme 3, Statistics.** The cost-neutral changes reflect the movement of \$200 from travel of staff to travel of experts within the programme to ensure adequate resources for travel;
- (b) **Subprogramme 7, Forests and the forest industry.** The decrease of \$72,700 reflects the net effect of the proposed abolishment of one post of Senior Statistics Assistant (General Service (Principal level)) (\$170,000) and the establishment of one post of Data Analyst (P-3) (\$97,300), as explained in annex III to the present report. The proposed establishment of the Data Analyst (P-3) is made possible by the proposed abolishment of the post of Senior Statistics Assistant (General Service (Principal level));
- (c) **Programme support.** The decrease of \$72,700 reflects the net effect of the proposed abolishment of one post of Senior Administrative Assistant (General Service (Principal level)) (\$170,000) and the establishment of one post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-3) (\$97,300), as explained in annex III. The proposed establishment of the Management and Programme Analyst (P-3) is made possible by the proposed abolishment of the Senior Administrative Assistant (General Service Principal level).

Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.143 As reflected in tables 20.23 (2) and 20.24 (2), extrabudgetary resources amount to \$24,315,500. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to deliver technical cooperation projects and activities approved by ECE governing bodies. The increase in extrabudgetary resources reflects the level of expected project contributions.
- 20.144 The extrabudgetary resources under the present section are subject to the oversight of the Executive Committee of ECE and the governing bodies of the conventions.

Policymaking organs

- 20.145 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 and 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.

- 20.146 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 regular or extrabudgetary resources are proposed for 2024 for those bodies.

Executive direction and management

- 20.147 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.
- 20.148 The overall responsibilities of the executive direction and management component include the following functions:
- (a) To facilitate the 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 provide guidance and direction for the work of the Secretariat, and to promote transparency and interdivisional cooperation;
 - (c) To service meetings of the Commission and its Executive Committee and ensure the follow-up to their decisions;
 - (d) To provide guidance and overall coordination of ECE programme management and evaluation, including under technical cooperation, and to promote the application of evaluation findings to the subprogrammes' work;
 - (e) To undertake regional policy reviews relating to major cross-sectoral issues, in particular sustainable development, gender, and the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) To promote synergies and cooperation with other United Nations entities active in the ECE region, including with the resident coordinator system at the country level and the United Nations Sustainable Development Group for Europe and Central Asia at the regional level;
 - (h) To foster and mainstream a gender perspective and disability inclusion into ECE subprogrammes;
 - (i) To ensure effective financial, human and information and communications technology (ICT) resources management, as well as the implementation of recommendations of oversight bodies and internal controls.
- 20.149 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 non-governmental organizations; 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.

- 20.150 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 ensures the follow-up to and implementation of the recommendations of United Nations oversight bodies, promotes synergies between the normative and operational work of ECE and provides guidance and overall coordination of 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.
- 20.151 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, 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. The Unit leads the internal work on the alignment of ECE activities with the Sustainable Development Goals through a cross-cutting approach.
- 20.152 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 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.
- 20.153 In 2024, the executive direction and management component will coordinate the planning of the ECE programme of work leading towards the 2025 session and ensure monitoring of progress towards achieving planned results. The 2024 annual exchange on evaluation will foster the use of evaluation results to improve programme planning and internal processes, which will be documented in the 2023 annual report on evaluation presented to the Executive Committee. To improve data quality and use, the component will guide and support, in cooperation with substantive divisions, the operationalization of the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere, based on the ECE ICT strategy and substantive divisions' related action plans. The component will support the United Nations reform implementation and accelerated action for implementing the 2030 Agenda and the outcomes of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, by improving system-wide coherence and coordination of programme delivery at the regional and country levels. This will be done, among others, through the facilitation of the implementation of the 2024 workplan of the Regional Collaborative Platform for Europe and Central Asia, ensuring a successful meeting of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region and continuing active engagement in the 17 programme countries in partnership with resident coordinator offices and United Nations country teams, including in the preparation of United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, to be signed in 2025. Structured around the Goals, the 2023 technical cooperation report, to be presented to the Executive Committee, will include all the technical assistance provided to member States. The component will also continue to foster and mainstream a gender perspective by coordinating the implementation of the ECE gender action plan for 2023–2024, which acts as the primary vehicle for implementation of the ECE policy for gender equality and the empowerment of women (2021–2025). In line with the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, executive direction and management will continue to mainstream disability inclusion into the ECE work, by reporting on the implementation of the ECE disability inclusion action plan for 2023 and planning for 2025.
- 20.154 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.

- 20.155 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 20.26. The compliance rate of 98 per cent in 2022 relates to the timely submission of documentation related to ECE meetings organized through the United Nations Office at Geneva Division of Conference Management and marks an improvement, compared with the prior period. The compliance rate of 52 per cent for air tickets purchased at least two weeks before the commencement of travel relates to all travel requests, including of staff, experts and consultants, and participants, the latter funded exclusively through extrabudgetary resources, processed by ECE in 2022 through the United Nations Office at Geneva Travel and Logistics Unit. While the ECE compliance rate in 2022 increased compared with 2021, the compliance rate has been affected by delays related to the impact of COVID-19 on the travel industry. ECE will continue to work closely with the travel and logistics counterparts on early planning to improve compliance rates in 2023 and 2024.

Table 20.26
Compliance rate
(Percentage)

| | <i>Actual 2020</i> | <i>Actual 2021</i> | <i>Actual 2022</i> | <i>Planned 2023</i> | <i>Planned 2024</i> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Timely submission of documentation | 97 | 94 | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel | 44 | 51 | 52 | 100 | 100 |

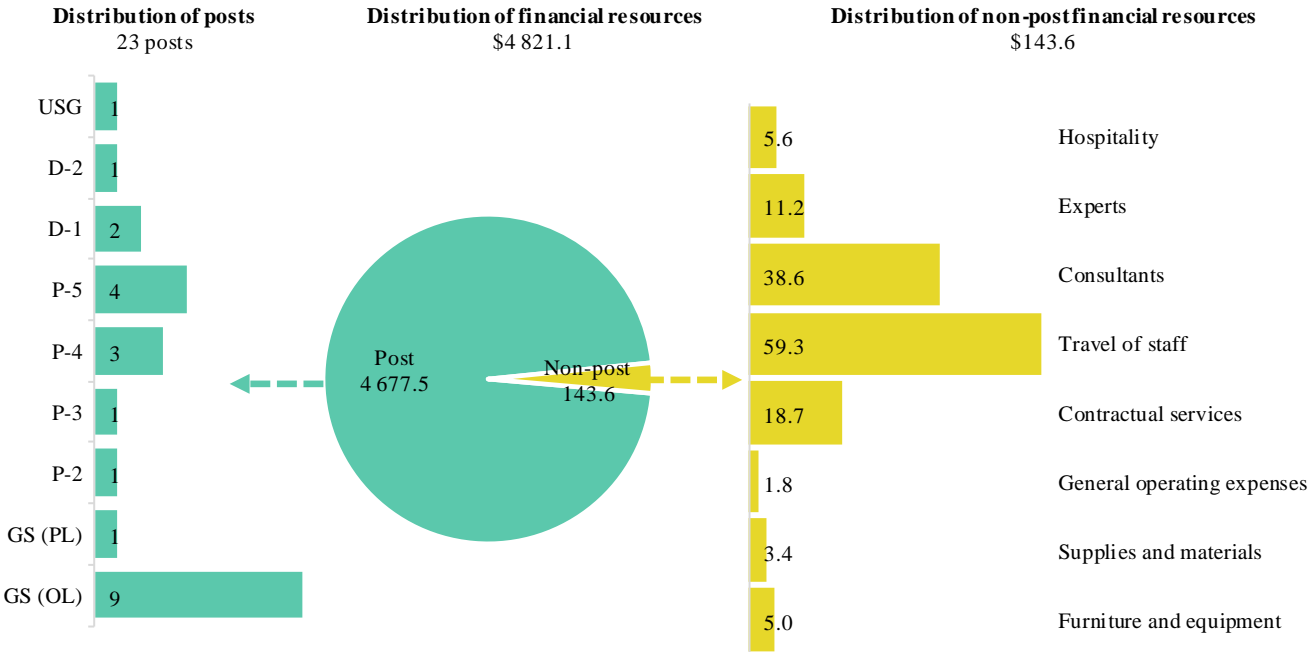
- 20.156 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$4,821,100 and reflect a decrease of \$20,400 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraphs 20.140 and 20.141 above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.27 and figure 20.XXIV.

Table 20.27
Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 4 515.2 | 4 677.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 677.5 |
| Non-post | 119.1 | 164.0 | (40.8) | 20.4 | — | (20.4) | (12.4) | 143.6 |
| Total | 4 634.3 | 4 841.5 | (40.8) | 20.4 | — | (20.4) | (0.4) | 4 821.1 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | 13 |
| General Service and related | | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | 10 |
| Total | | 23 | — | — | — | — | — | 23 |

Figure 20.XXIV
Executive direction and management: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.157 Extrabudgetary resources for executive direction and management amount to \$2,766,000 and relate to the secretariats of the United Nations Road Safety Fund and the Special Envoy for Road Safety. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide for resource mobilization activities for the Fund, along with support for the implementation of high-impact projects.
- 20.158 The expected increase of \$168,500 is attributable mainly to increased requirements related to the establishment of an Associate Programme Management Officer, (P-2) and expected contributions for other staff costs in the secretariat of the Special Envoy for Road Safety, travel and meetings.

Programme of work

**Subprogramme 1
Environment**

- 20.159 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$5,914,100 and reflects no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.28 and figure 20.XXV.

Table 20.28

Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources

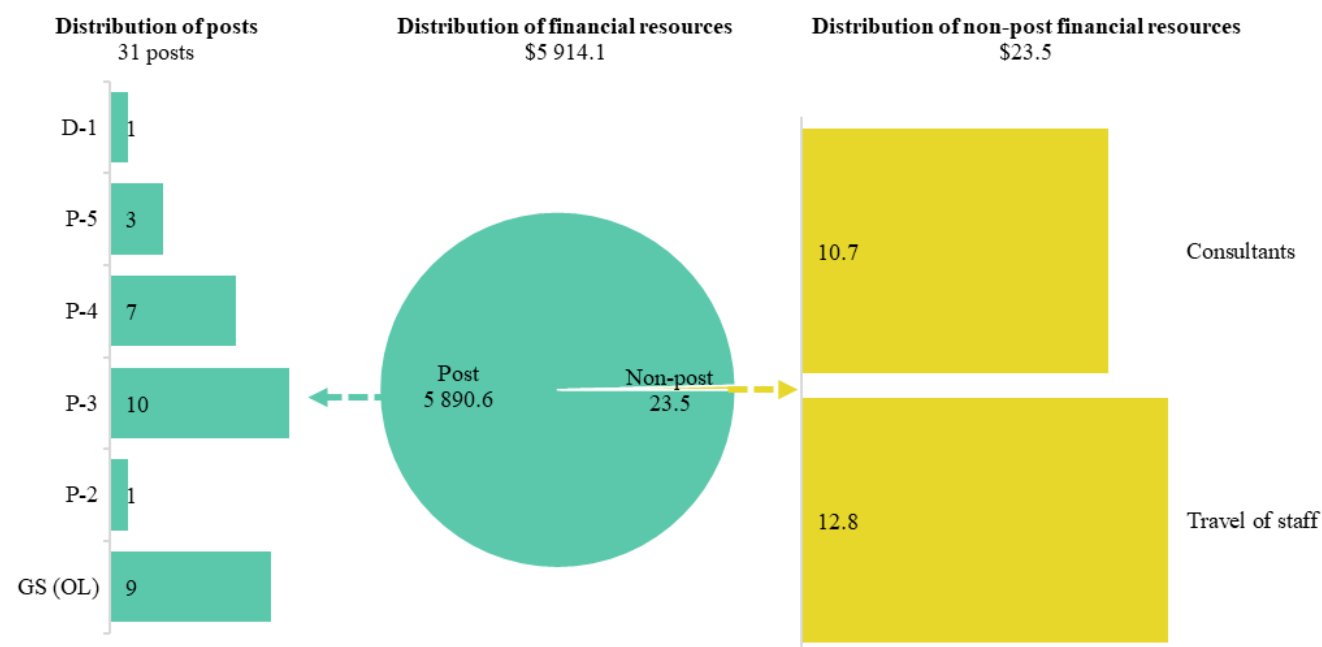
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | Changes | | | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 5 663.7 | 5 890.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 890.6 |
| Non-post | 19.5 | 23.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 23.5 |
| Total | 5 682.2 | 5 914.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 914.1 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 22 | — | — | — | — | — | 22 |
| General Service and related | | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| Total | | 31 | — | — | — | — | — | 31 |

Figure 20.XXV

Subprogramme 1: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.160 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$12,978,500. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support the implementation of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements and the ECE policy tools, which include the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme, the ECE Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme, the ECE 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.

- 20.161 The expected increase of \$35,000 is attributable to increased requirements in 2024 for travel and meetings, offset in part by a decrease in requirements under posts due to the abolishment of an Environmental Affairs Officer (P-3) and a Programme Management Assistant (General Service (Other level)) resulting from the scheduled completion of an extrabudgetary project during 2023.

Subprogramme 2 Transport

- 20.162 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$7,049,000 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.29 and figure 20.XXVI.

Table 20.29

Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources

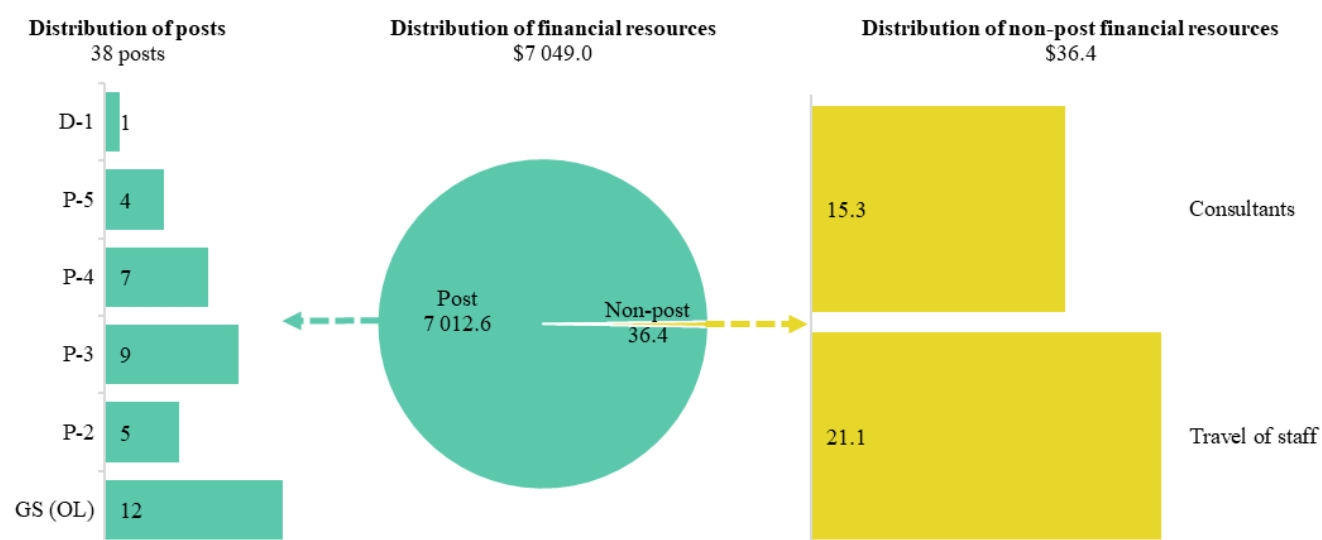
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| | Changes | | | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 6 787.4 | 7 012.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 012.6 |
| Non-post | 28.9 | 36.4 | — | — | — | — | — | 36.4 |
| Total | 6 816.3 | 7 049.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 049.0 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 26 | — | — | — | — | — | 26 |
| General Service and related | | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| Total | | 38 | — | — | — | — | — | 38 |

Figure 20.XXVI

Subprogramme 2: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.163 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$2,566,400. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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.
- 20.164 The expected increase of \$295,400 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and related contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

**Subprogramme 3
Statistics**

- 20.165 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$5,016,600 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.30 and figure 20.XXVII.

Table 20.30

Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

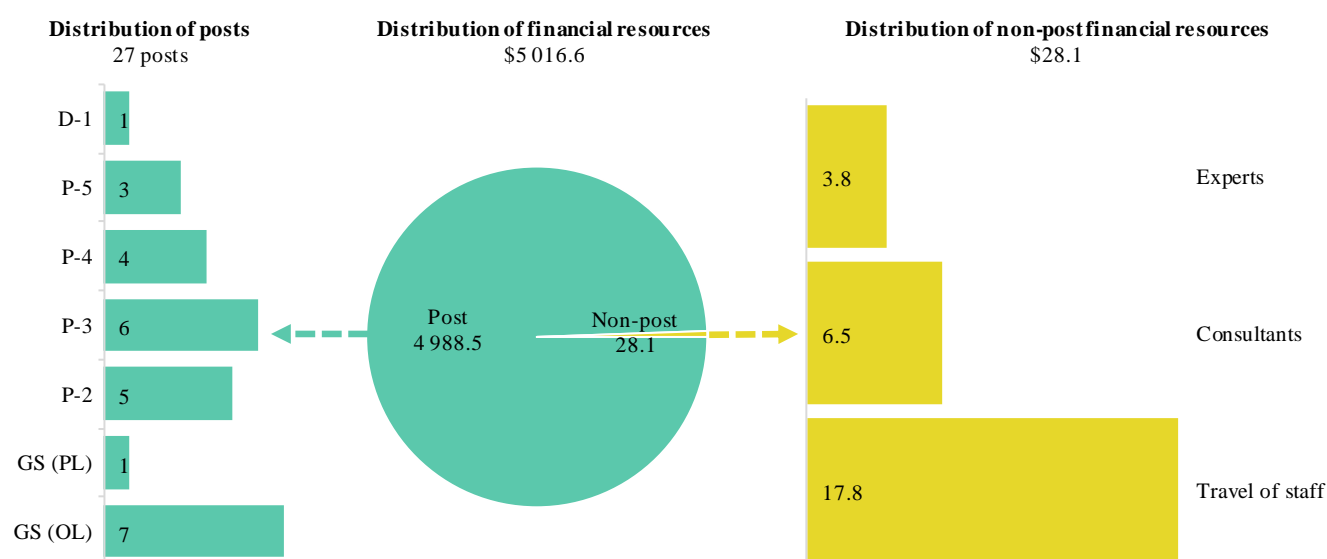
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 4 947.5 | 4 988.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 988.5 |
| Non-post | 21.2 | 28.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 28.1 |
| Total | 4 968.7 | 5 016.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 016.6 |

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | Total | Percentage | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | | | | |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 19 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 19 |
| General Service and related | | 8 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 8 |
| Total | | 27 | – | – | – | – | – | – | 27 |

Figure 20.XXVII

Subprogramme 3: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.166 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$289,500. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to 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 the 2008 System of National Accounts.
- 20.167 The expected increase of \$7,700 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and related contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 4 Economic cooperation and integration

- 20.168 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,182,100 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.31 and figure 20.XXVIII.

Table 20.31

Subprogramme 4: evolution of financial and post resources

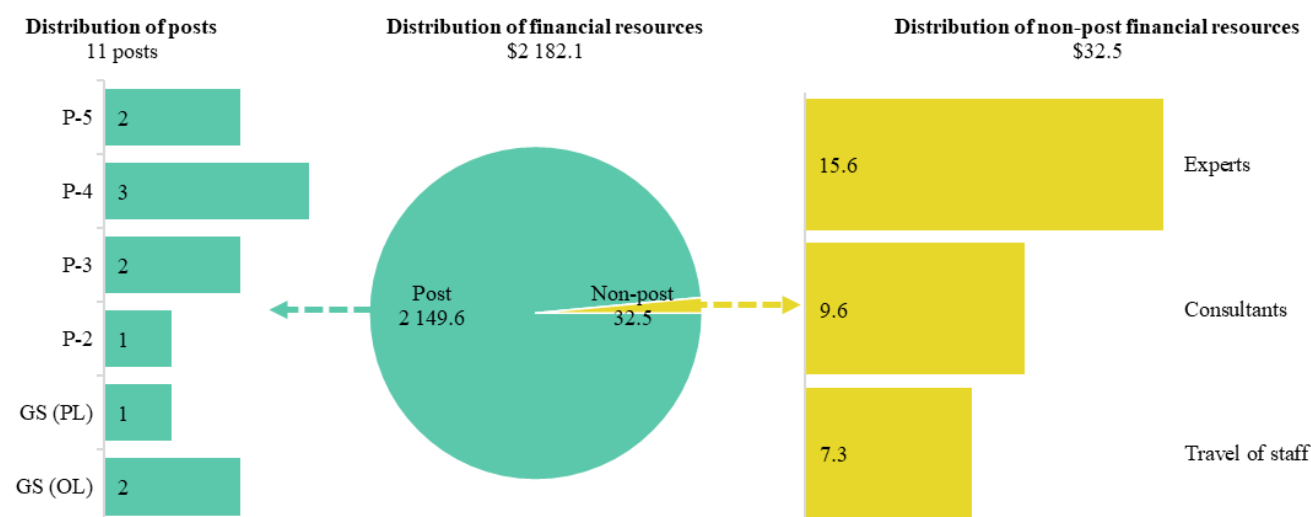
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|--|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 1 876.2 | 2 149.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 149.6 | |
| Non-post | 24.5 | 32.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 32.5 | |
| Total | 1 900.7 | 2 182.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 182.1 | |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 | |
| General Service and related | | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | |
| Total | | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | |

Figure 20.XXVIII

Subprogramme 4: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.169 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$1,354,000. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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.
- 20.170 The expected increase of \$112,400 is attributable mainly to increased requirements for projects, travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects, offset in part by a decrease in posts resulting from the abolishment of an Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) due to the completion of an extrabudgetary project during 2023.

Subprogramme 5 Sustainable energy

20.171 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$2,296,400 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.32 and figure 20.XXIX.

Table 20.32

Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources

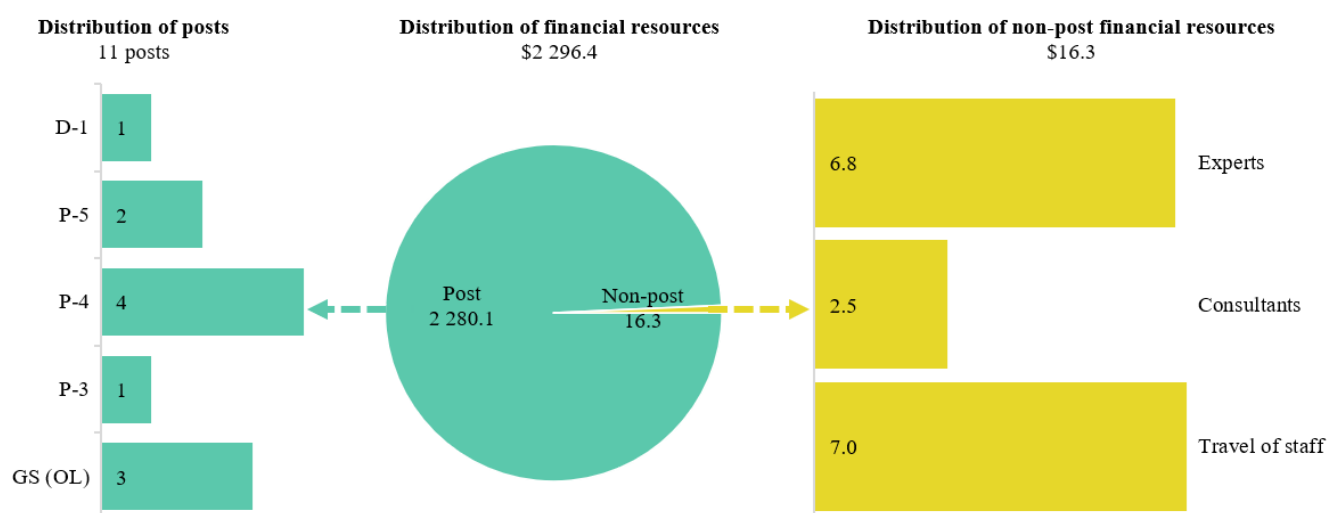
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | Changes | | | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 2 575.6 | 2 280.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 280.1 |
| Non-post | 12.8 | 16.3 | — | — | — | — | — | 16.3 |
| Total | 2 588.4 | 2 296.4 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 296.4 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| General Service and related | | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Total | | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | 11 |

Figure 20.XXIX

Subprogramme 5: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

20.172 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$825,500. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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, 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.

- 20.173 The expected increase of \$42,000 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and related contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 6

Trade

- 20.174 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$3,766,500 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.33 and figure 20.XXX.

Table 20.33

Subprogramme 6: evolution of financial and post resources

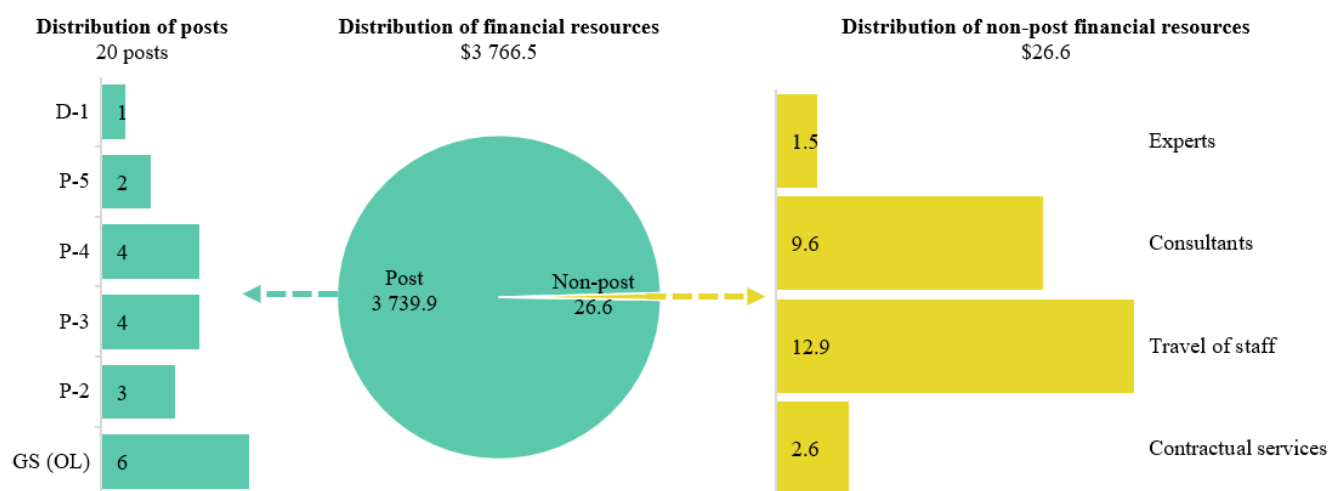
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | Changes | | | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 3 483.2 | 3 739.9 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 739.9 |
| Non-post | 21.9 | 26.6 | — | — | — | — | — | 26.6 |
| Total | 3 505.1 | 3 766.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 766.5 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 14 | — | — | — | — | — | 14 |
| General Service and related | | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Total | | 20 | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |

Figure 20.XXX

Subprogramme 6: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.175 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$1,280,800. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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 the promotion of the use of standards for sustainable development.
- 20.176 The expected increase of \$233,700 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Subprogramme 7
Forests and the forest industry

- 20.177 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,490,500 and reflects a decrease of \$72,700 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 20.142 above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.34 and figure 20.XXXI.

Table 20.34

Subprogramme 7: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

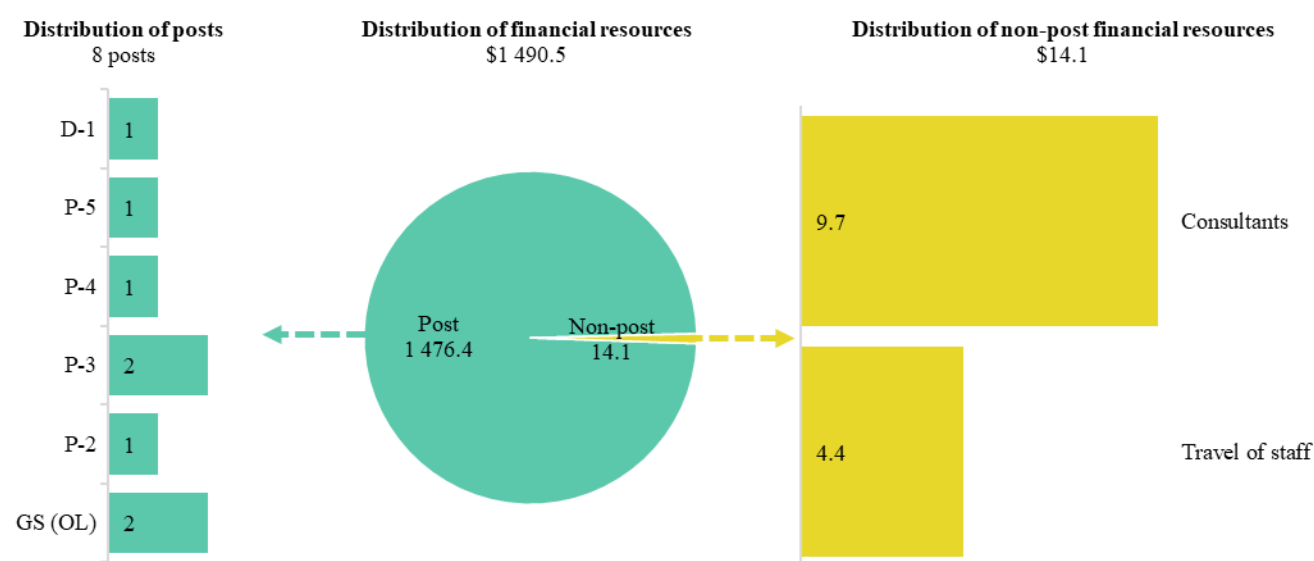
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 1 458.2 | 1 549.1 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (4.7) | 1 476.4 |
| Non-post | 10.7 | 14.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 14.1 |
| Total | 1 468.9 | 1 563.2 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (4.7) | 1 490.5 |

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 5 | — | — | 1 | 1 | 20.0 | 6 |
| General Service and related | | 3 | — | — | (1) | (1) | (33.3) | 2 |
| Total | | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |

Figure 20.XXXI

Subprogramme 7: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.178 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$142,300. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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.
- 20.179 The expected resource level reflects no change compared with the estimates for 2023.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

- 20.180 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$1,218,900 and reflect no change compared with the appropriation for 2023. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.35 and figure 20.XXXII.

Table 20.35

Subprogramme 8: evolution of financial and post resources

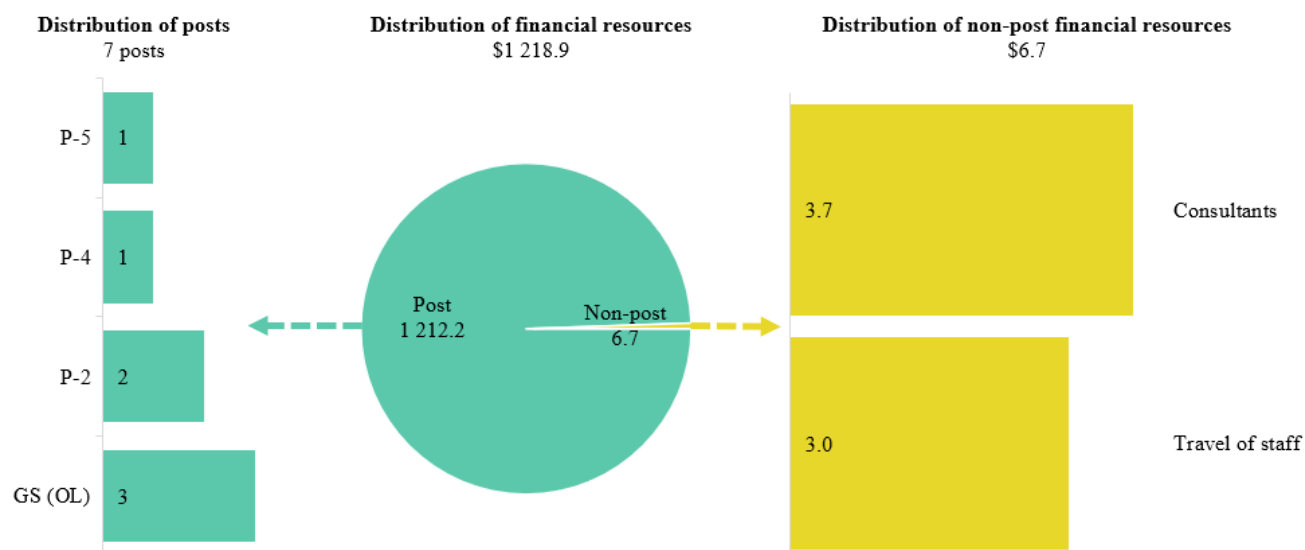
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Changes | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---|
| | | | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 1 294.4 | 1 212.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 212.2 |
| Non-post | 5.8 | 6.7 | — | — | — | — | — | 6.7 |
| Total | 1 300.2 | 1 218.9 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 218.9 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| General Service and related | | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Total | | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |

Figure 20.XXXII

Subprogramme 8: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Extrabudgetary resources**

- 20.181 Extrabudgetary resources for the subprogramme amount to \$329,700. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to support the projects on the development of smart sustainable city profiles and voluntary local reviews and support the implementation of the programme of work related to housing and land management, as well as population ageing.
- 20.182 The expected increase of \$82,600 is attributable mainly to increased requirements and expected contributions for travel, meetings and technical assistance workshops for existing projects.

Programme support

20.183 The Programme Management and Support Services Division carries out activities related to programme planning, oversight, technical cooperation support, administration and common services such as budget and financial management, human resource management, and information systems management and technology services for ECE. It also ensures compliance with organizational policies in these areas and liaises with Headquarters and the United Nations Office in Geneva, the designated service provider for ECE. The Division comprises the Office of the Director, which manages all aspects of programme planning, oversight and administration; the Programme Management Unit, under executive direction and management (explained in paragraph 20.150 above); and the Executive Office, which oversees and manages all aspects of administration, budget, finance, human resources and information systems.

20.184 The proposed regular budget resources for 2024 amount to \$3,308,400 and reflect a decrease of \$72,700 compared with the appropriation for 2023. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 20.142 above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2024 are reflected in table 20.36 and figure 20.XXXIII.

Table 20.36

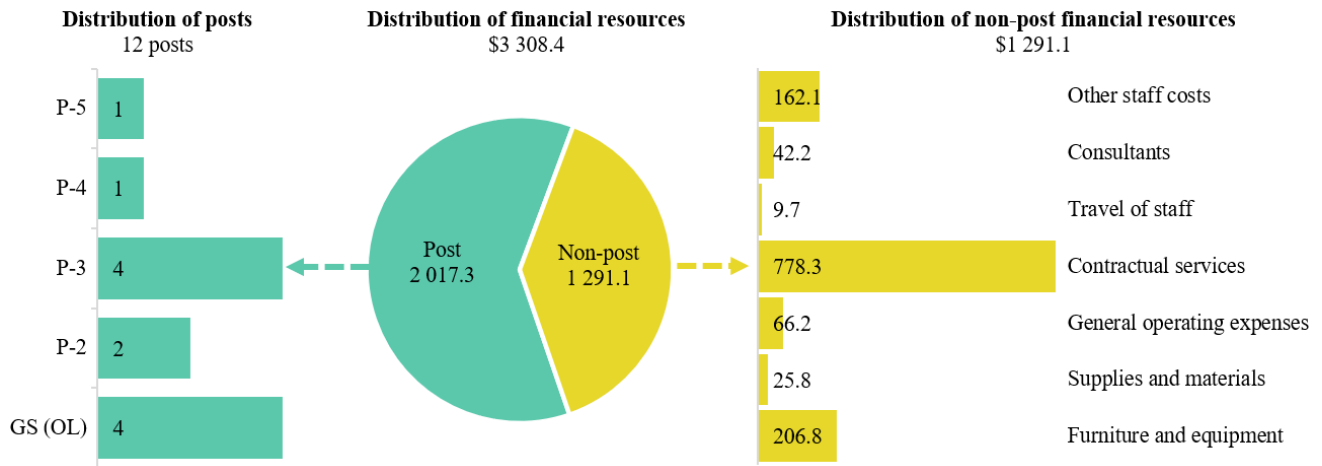
Programme support: evolution of financial and post resources

(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

| | Changes | | | | | | | 2024 estimate (before recosting) |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|---|
| | 2022 expenditure | 2023 appropriation | Technical adjustments | New/ expanded mandates | Other | Total | Percentage | |
| Financial resources by main category of expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Post | 2 184.7 | 2 090.0 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (3.5) | 2 017.3 |
| Non-post | 1 219.8 | 1 291.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 291.1 |
| Total | 3 404.5 | 3 381.1 | — | — | (72.7) | (72.7) | (2.2) | 3 308.4 |
| Post resources by category | | | | | | | | |
| Professional and higher | | 7 | 1 | — | — | — | 14.3 | 8 |
| General Service and related | | 5 | (1) | — | — | — | (20.0) | 4 |
| Total | | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |

Figure 20.XXXIII
Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2024 (before recosting)

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

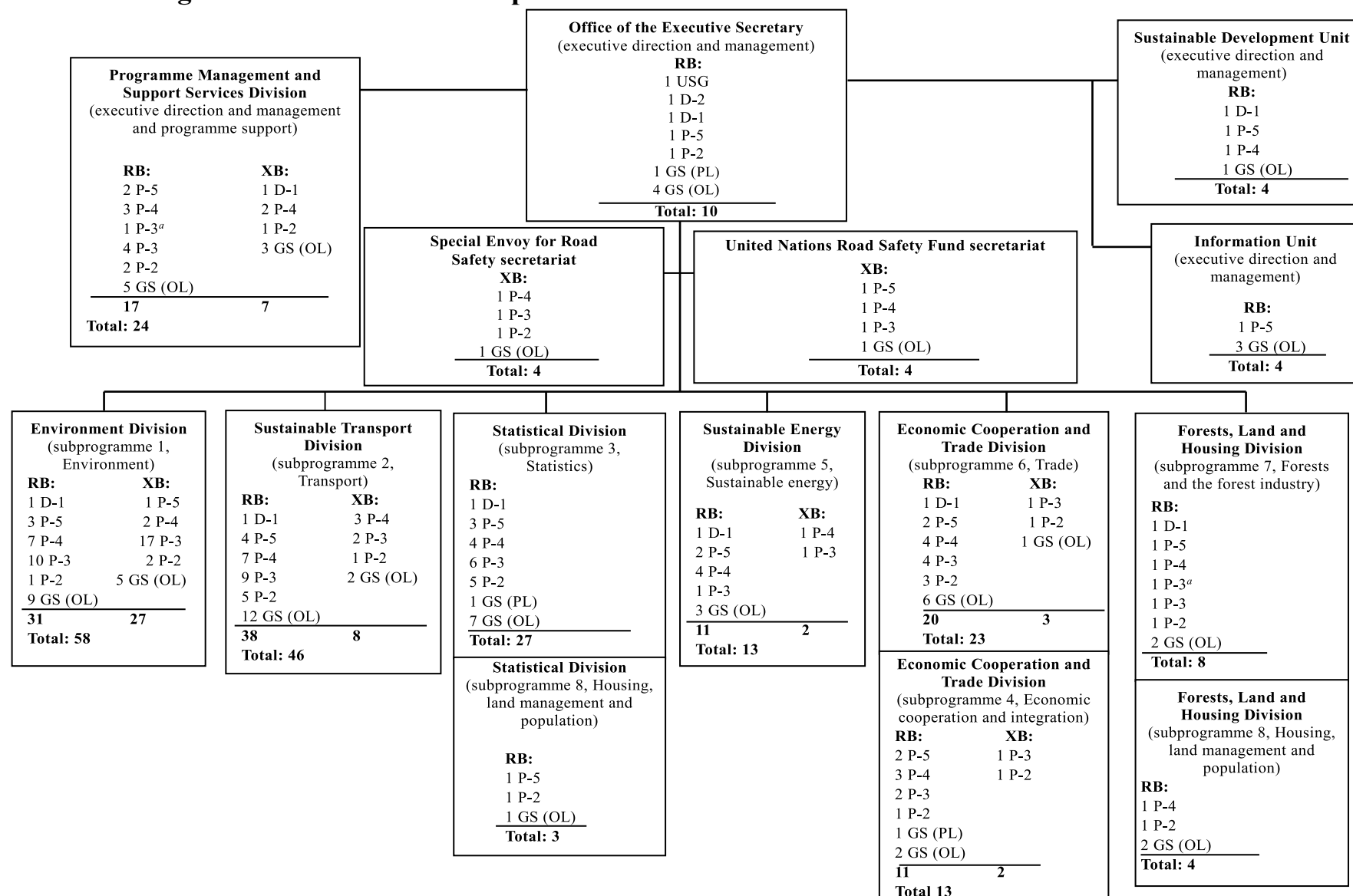


Extrabudgetary resources

- 20.185 Extrabudgetary resources for programme support amount to \$1,782,900. The resources would complement regular budget resources and 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.
- 20.186 The expected resource level reflects no change compared with the estimates for 2023.

Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for 2024



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

^a Establishment.

Annex II

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

Brief description of the recommendation

Action taken to implement the recommendation

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

The relevant recommendations from the nexus publications were 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.

At the eighteenth session of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, held on 18 and 19 October 2021, note was taken of the information and recommendations presented in the nexus report titled *Measuring and Monitoring Progress Towards the Sustainable Development Goals* and encouraged its members to review and possibly apply the recommendations of the report nationally (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/2, para. 27(h)).

At the sixth Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals, held on 5 and 6 May 2022, the above-mentioned nexus report was considered, and it was agreed that the ECE Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs and the task teams with the support of the secretariat would continue to provide guidance for implementing the recommendations of this report (ECE/CES/2022/14/Add.14, para. 9).

At the seventy-third session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics, held from 15 to 17 June 2022, note was taken of the information and recommendations contained in the above-mentioned nexus report and its members were encouraged to review and possibly apply the recommendations of the report nationally (ECE/TRANS/WP.6/183, para. 26).

OIOS recommended also that ECE set targets for regional advisers to complete national action plans for their respective programme countries to optimize and tailor ECE support to the specific needs of each Member State (para. 2).

At the forty-third session of the Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management, held from 15 to 17 June 2022, note was taken of the information and recommendations provided in the above-mentioned nexus report and its members were encouraged to review and possibly apply the recommendations of the report nationally (ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2022/2, paras. 75–76).

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

In March 2022, ECE revised its internal directive on the management of the regular programme of technical cooperation, clarifying the role of the regional advisers as “ECE focal points for ongoing engagement with Resident Coordinator Offices and UNCTs to identify potential areas for developing technical cooperation activities in the programme countries”.

Further to the issuance of that directive, a template has been agreed for country briefs, based on the signed United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework of a country, and reflecting programmatic opportunities for ECE in the country.

The delivery of the 17 country briefs was sequenced throughout 2022. A total of 5 were delivered in May 2022, for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, while the last 12 were finalized on 1 December 2022, for Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine.

These documents are shared with government officials during high-level visits and with United Nations counterparts in the United Nations country teams. They will be updated regularly in the future by the relevant regional advisers.

Annex III

Summary of proposed post changes, by component and subprogramme

| <i>Component/subprogramme</i> | <i>Posts</i> | <i>Grade</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Reason for change</i> |
|---|--------------|--------------|---|--|
| Subprogramme 7 Forests and the forest industry | (1) | GS (PL) | Abolishment of 1 post of Senior Statistics Assistant (GS (PL)) | The abolishment is proposed because the post no longer responds to the requirements of the subprogramme, given that data analysis- and assessment-related work has become more complex, and the post now requires specific skills that are not commensurate with a GS (PL) level. The proposal to abolish this post is contingent upon the establishment of the following Data Analyst post (P-3). |
| | 1 | P-3 | Establishment of 1 post of Data Analyst (P-3) | The proposed establishment of 1 Data Analyst post (P-3) (\$97,300) responds to the requirements of the subprogramme to provide insight on forests and forest products to member States and senior management by analysing data and turning it into information to enable data-driven planning and evidence-based decision-making, in line with the Data Strategy of the Secretary-General for Action by Everyone, Everywhere. In addition, the post will collect, identify and communicate facts, trends and patterns through reports and data visualization methods to senior officers, as well as representatives and officials of national Governments, and other counterparts. |
| Programme support | (1) | GS (PL) | Abolishment of 1 post of Senior Administrative Assistant (GS (PL)) | The abolishment is proposed because the post no longer responds to the requirements of the section, given that the work of programme support has become more strategic and data-driven. The post requires specific skills that are not available at the GS (PL) level. The proposal to abolish this post is contingent upon the establishment of the Management and Programme Analyst post (P-3). |
| | 1 | P-3 | Establishment of 1 post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-3) | The proposed establishment of one post of Management and Programme Analyst (P-3) (\$97,300) responds to the increasing need for analysis and metrics to enable senior management decision-making and provide strategic support, oversight and control in various areas, including monitoring and performance management, delegation of authority and strategic organizational change. The post requires professional analytical skills and knowledge in results-based management and the development of key performance indicators to better inform planning and identification of risks for mitigation. In addition, the post requires regular interaction and communication with senior management within ECE and other United Nations counterparts. |

Abbreviation: GS (PL), General Service (Principal level).