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UNECE Grants Committee Annual Report

2013

1. Foreword

The Grants Committee was established to provide recommendations to the Executive Secretary of UNECE on grant proposals in accordance with Guidelines established by the Executive Office of UNECE and approved by the Office of the United Nations Controller in December 2000. The purpose of the Grants Committee is to advise on proposals to use voluntary contributions or extra-budgetary resources received from donors.

The overall governance and guidelines of the Grants Committee and its related approval process were revised in coordination with, and under the direct approval of the UN Controller in 2013. These changes have brought about a more efficient and consistent approach to the grants committee approval process. The changes adopted focus more on best value for money, fairness, integrity and transparency, and more importantly, ensure that the interests of the UNECE are maintained.

2. Composition

The UNECE Grants Committee for 2013 has been established in line with the approved General Procedures. The Committee members had been appointed by the Executive Secretary on 6 December 2013 as follows;

- **Chairperson:** Ms. Zamira Eshmambetova, Director, Programme Management Unit, Office of the Executive Secretary
- **Alternate Chairperson:** Mr. Serhii Yampolskyi, Economic Affairs Officer, Programme Management Unit
- **Legal:** Mr. Markus Schmidt, Senior Legal Adviser, UNOG
- **Alternate Legal:** Ms. Stephaine Cochard, Legal Officer, UNOG
- **Financial:** Ms. Leslie Cleland, Executive Officer, Executive Office
- **Alternate Financial:** Mr. Michael Sylver, Administrative Officer, Executive Office and Mr. Joon Kong Tay, Senior Budget Assistant, Executive Office.

3. Meetings

There were eleven grants committee meetings held during the year 2013.

4. Grants

A total of forty-six grants, including four amendments, were submitted for review by the committee in 2013. All grants that were reviewed by the committee were approved during the reporting period. There was a significant increase in the number of grants reviewed by the committee in 2013 (46) as compared to 2012 (30) i.e. 16 additional grants or an increase of 53%.

5. Administrative Matters

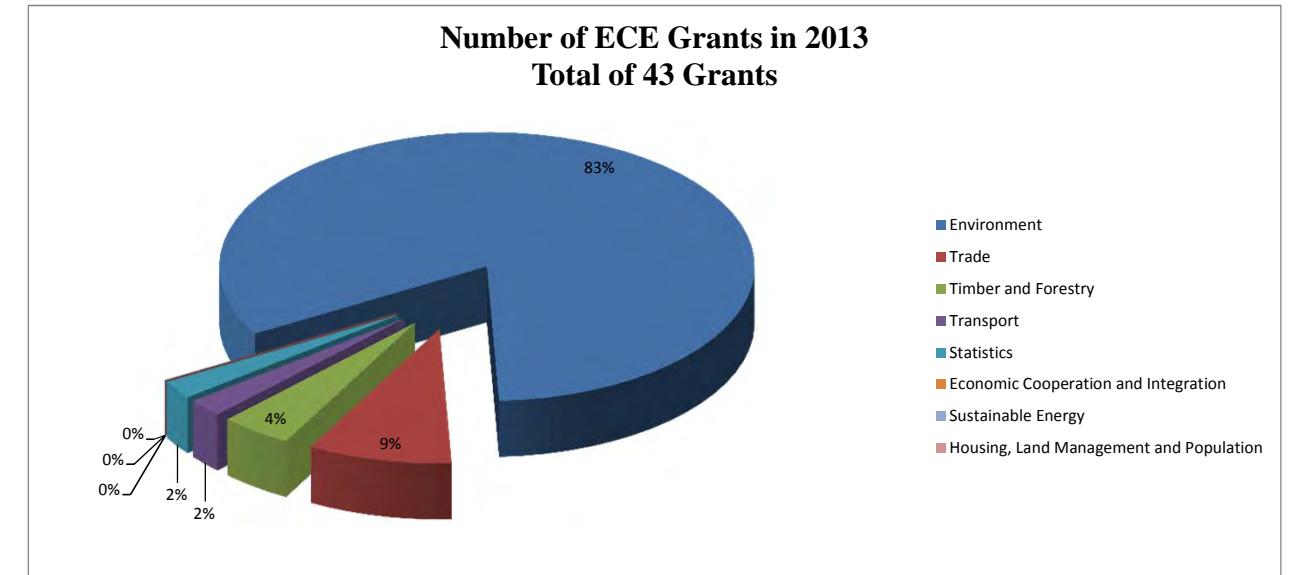
A new administrative tool has been provided to all divisions within ECE to assist with the grant preparation process. The tool, the new EO intranet site was launched in December 2013 to provide overarching guidance along with detailed explanations of the steps required in the processing of a grant application. This tool is being regularly updated to provide all programme officers with up-to-date information on the ECE Grants Committee.

6. Attachments

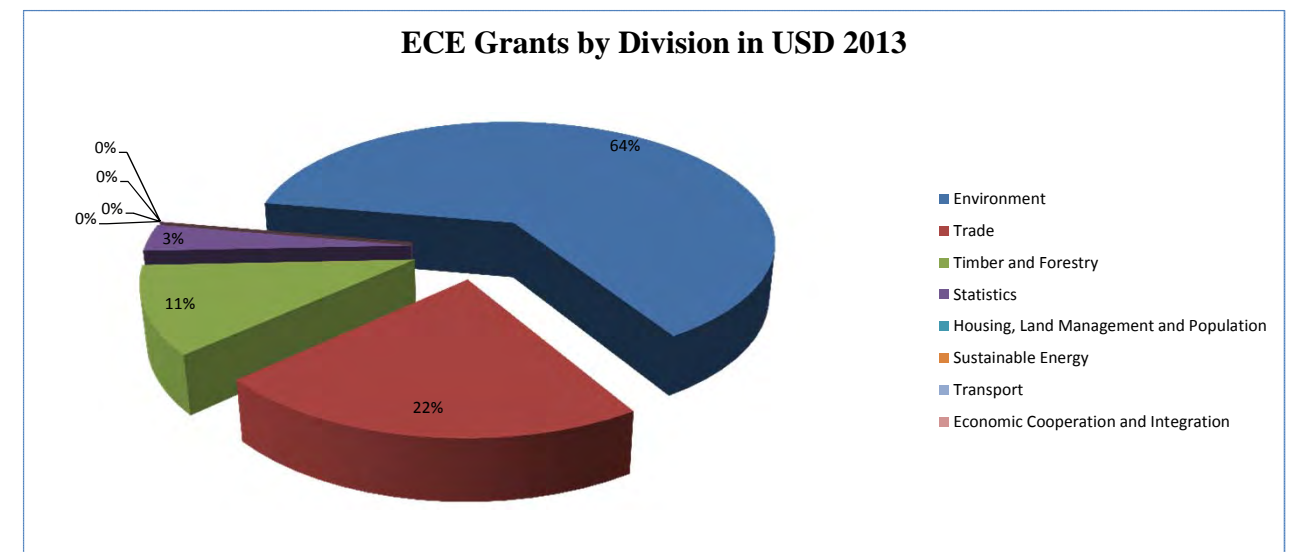
Annex I: Charts detailing grant performance during the reporting period

Annex II: Detailed list of UNECE Grants for the year 2013.

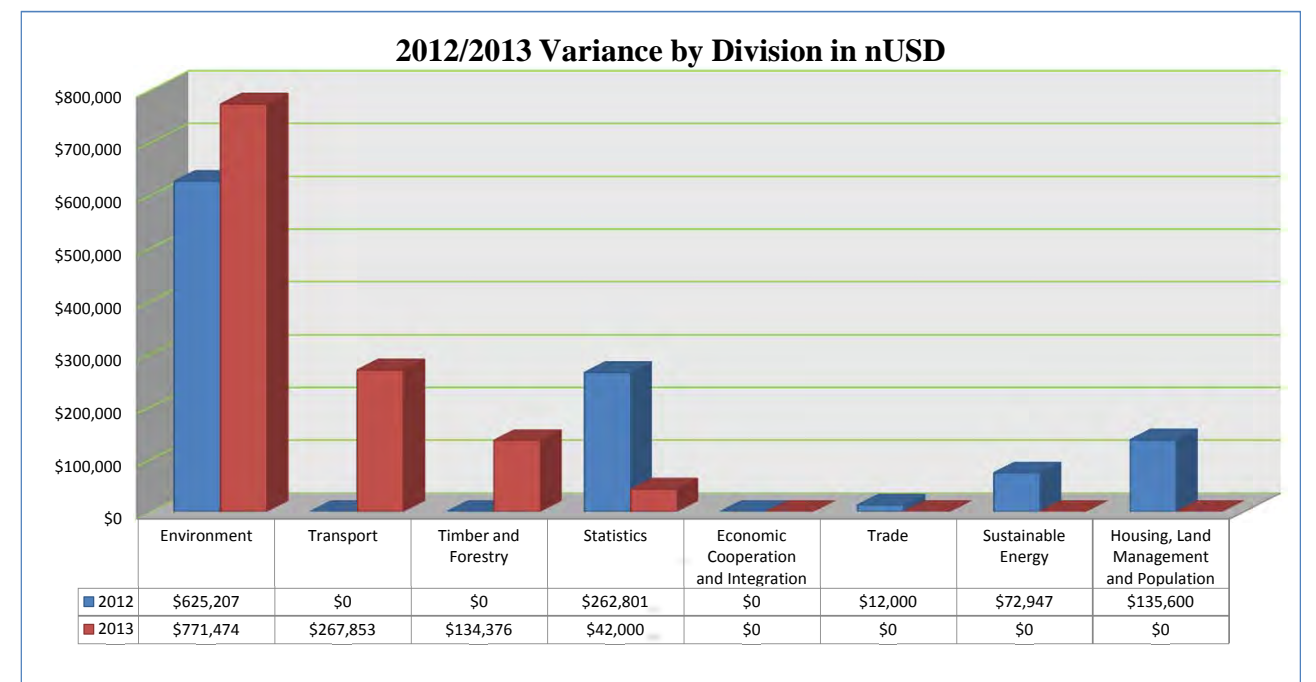
Division	# of Grants
Environment	38
Trade	4
Timber and Forestry	2
Transport	1
Statistics	1
Economic Cooperation and Integration	0
Sustainable Energy	0
Housing, Land Management and Population	0
Total:	46



Division	USD Amount
Environment	\$771,474
Trade	\$267,853
Timber and Forestry	\$134,376
Statistics	\$42,000
Housing, Land Management and Population	\$0
Sustainable Energy	\$0
Transport	\$0
Economic Cooperation and Integration	\$0
Total:	\$1,215,703



Division - USD Amount	2012	2013	Incr/(Decr)
Environment	\$625,207	\$771,474	\$146,268
Transport	\$0	\$267,853	\$267,853
Timber and Forestry	\$0	\$134,376	\$134,376
Statistics	\$262,801	\$42,000	(\$220,801)
Economic Cooperation and Integration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trade	\$12,000	\$0	(\$12,000)
Sustainable Energy	\$72,947	\$0	(\$72,947)
Housing, Land Management and Population	\$135,600	\$0	(\$135,600)
Total:	\$1,108,555	\$1,215,703	\$107,148



Grant title	Grant Number	BAC Number	Grant Budget US\$	Date of approval	Donor	Grant Recipient	Beneficiary Country /Countries	Programme Officer
Environment								
Support to the implementation of the Strategic Shared Vision for the Drin Basin	ECE/GC/2012/010 (Amendment 1)	2012-ECE-0872-E190-2142-220100	\$0	13 March 2013	The Government of Finland via the ENVSEC Trust Fund	The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development as host institute of the Secretariat of Global Water Partnership Mediterranean, Athens, Greece	Albania, Greece, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo (UN administered territory under UN Security Council resolution 1244)	Bo libert
Support the work of the inter-ministerial expert group and the development of a training module on Integrated Water Resources Management in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue in Turkmenistan	ECE/GC/2012/021 (Amendment 1)	2012-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100 2012-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$0	02 May 2013	Government of Norway and European Commission through OECD	Ynanc-Wepa Hojalyk Jemgyyeti	Turkmenistan	Bo Libert
Support to the work of the national expert group on water sector reform strategy and the national expert group on water legislation and to the organization of a Stakeholder Meeting and the Fourth Steering Committee under the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Tajikistan	ECE/GC/2012/026 (Amendment 1)	2012-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$0	09 April 2013	European Commission through OECD	Development Partners Association, Dushanbe, Tajikistan	Tajikistan	Bo Libert
Pilot project to monitor progress in achieving equitable access to water and sanitation in Ukraine	ECE/GC/2013/002	2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$31,315	26 March 2013	Government of France	The All-Ukrainian Environmental NGO MAMA-86, Ukraine (MAMA-86)	Ukraine	Francesca Bernardini
Support to the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment in Moldova	ECE/GC/2013/003	2013-ECE-0872-E118-2110-2201	\$10,000	15 April 2013		The regional Environmental Centre Moldova (REC MOLDOVA)	Government institutions dealing with the production of environmental assessment reports.	Mikhail G. Kokine
Organization of a national consultation in Georgia on water in the post-2015 development agenda and organization of a subregional workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health for countries of the Caucasus.	ECE/GC/2013/004	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100 2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$41,902	10 April 2013	Government of the Netherlands and the Government of Finland	National Water Partnership of Georgia	National Water Partnership of Georgia	Alisher Mamadzhonov
Preparation of a consolidated draft policy guidance document for small scale water supplies and sanitation	ECE/GC/2013/005	2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$24,824	15 May 2013	Government of Germany	Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), the Netherlands office	Countries from the pan-European region, with a particular focus on the Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian region (EECCA) region	Nicolas Bonvoisin
Organisation of national consultation in Tajikistan on water in the post-2015 development agenda	ECE/GC/2013/006	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$4,945	30 April 2013	Government of the Netherlands	Development Partners Association (DEPAS)	Ministries and government agencies (environment, water, agriculture, health, finance, economy, justice, public local administration) as well as representatives of national Parliament, National Academy of Science, selected municipalities, national non-governmental organizations etc.	Peep Mardiste
Implementation of activities under legislative advice on SEA for the Republic of Moldova, a project under component 2.3.1 "Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework" of the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP-GREEN) programme	ECE/GC/2013/007	2013-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$6,680	30 April 2013	European Commission	International Association of River Keepers (hereafter referred to as Eco-TIRAS), Republic of Moldova	The Republic of Moldova	Tea Aulavuo
Implementation of activities under legislative advice on SEA for the Republic of Moldova, a project under component 2.3.1 "Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework" of the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP-GREEN) programme	ECE/GC/2013/007 (Amendment 1)	2013-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$0	23 August 2013	European Commission	International Association of River Keepers (hereafter referred to as Eco-TIRAS), Republic of Moldova	The Republic of Moldova	Tea Aulavuo
Support to implementation of the project: River basin management and climate change adaptation in the Neman river basin, phase 2	ECE/GC/2013/008	2013-ECE-0872-E183-2142-220100	\$30,000	07 May 2013	Sweden (through ENVSEC)	Zoi Environment Network	Belarus, Lithuania, Russian Federation	Sonja Koepfel
Strengthening the capacity of Interstate commission for sustainable Development of Central Asia to improve sub-regional environmental cooperation in Central Asia	ECE/GC/2013/009	2013-ECE-0872-E173-2142-220100	\$30,857	04 May 2013	Government of Germany	Executive Board of the International Fund for the Saving the Aral Sea, Almaty, Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Marco Keiner
Support to the organization of a national capacity building seminar on international water law in the Kyrgyz Republic	ECE/GC/2013/011	2013-ECE-0872-E173-2142-220100	\$15,200	17 June 2013	Government of Germany	The Institute "Vodavtomatika and Metrologiya"	Kyrgyzstan	Iulia Trombitaia
Workshop: "Get your right to a healthy community" - Subregional Workshop on the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) in South-Eastern Europe, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina 28-29 May 2013.	ECE/GC/2013/012	2013-ECE-0872-E104-2112-220100	\$18,686	27 June 2013	Multiple Donors through Aarhus Convention	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo (under UN Security Council Resolution 1244), Israel and Turkey.	Ella Behlyarova
Development of a draft methodology for identifying and quantifying the benefits of transboundary water cooperation, including a typology of benefits and methods for quantifying these benefits	ECE/GC/2013/013	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$0	Cancelled	Bulgaria, Estonia and Switzerland	Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)	Countries from the pan-European region	Chantal Demilecamps
Safety Management System as a part of Safety Report	ECE/GC/2013/014	2013-ECE-0872-E191-2109-220100	\$5,650	29 October 2013	ENVSEC	Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental protection	Serbia	Virginia Fusé
Capacity building to enhance development and evaluation of the safety reports	ECE/GC/2013/015	2013-ECE-0872-E191-2109-220100	\$7,362	23 September 2013	ENVSEC	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Virginia Fusé
Support to the organization of the First Steering Committee meeting in Astana under the National Policy Dialogue in Kazakhstan, June 2013	ECE/GC/2013/016	2013-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$6,170	14 June 2013	European Commission	Public Fund "Water Initiatives Center"	Kazakhstan	Peep Mardiste
Project to enhance capacity in checking safety management system in inspections	ECE/GC/2013/017	2013-ECE-0872-E191-2109-220100	\$3,500	22 November 2013	ENVSEC	Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental protection,	Croatia	Virginia Fusé
Chu and Talas Outreach Material Project	ECE/GC/2013/020	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-210100 2013-ECE-0872-E183-2142-210100 2013-ECE-0872-E174-2142-210100	\$22,035	20 August 2013	Multiple Donors through the Water Convention trust fund	Zoi Environment Network	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	Annikka Lipponen
Implementation of activities under legislative advice on EIA for Georgia, a project under component 2.3.1 "Revision of the existing national regulatory and legislative framework" of the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP-GREEN) programme	ECE/GC/2013/021	2013-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$5,700	21 August 2013	European Commission	Environmental Information and Education Centre, Georgia	Georgia	Tea Aulavuo
Implementation of a national training workshop on SEA under component 2.3.2 "Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures" of the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP-GREEN) programme	ECE/GC/2013/022	2013-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$14,900	08 August 2013	European Commission	Resource & Analysis Center "Society and Environment" (RACSE)	Ukraine	Tea Aulavuo
Support to the work of the national expert group on water legislation of Tajikistan	ECE/GC/2013/023	2013-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$12,695	29 August 2013	European Commission	Development Partners Association (DEPAS)	Tajikistan	Peep Mardiste
Workshop on Guidelines and Practices for Oil Terminals	ECE/GC/2013/025	2013-ECE-0872-E106-2109-210100	\$46,301	11 August 2013	Government of Germany	Mama-86-Odessa	Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, with participation of Romania	Nikolay Savov
Organization of a workshop on Risk assessment of Industrial accidents and Enforcement of Cross-border Obligations (RIECO)	ECE/GC/2013/026	2013-ECE-0872-E106-2109-210100	\$45,023	12 August 2013	Multiple Donors through the Industrial Accidents Trust Fund	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Moldova, The State Hydrometeorological Service	Non-EU countries within the UNECE region	Nikolay Savov
Development and testing of a nexus assessment methodology	ECE/GC/2013/027	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-210100	\$53,240	25 November 2013	Finland and Switzerland	Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm	Countries in Central Asia, Caucasus and Eastern Europe as well as other countries in the UNECE region and some countries from outside the pan-European region	Annikka Lipponen
Improved information exchange on water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia based on the Central Asian Regional Water Information Base: support to the network of Russian speaking water management organizations and organization of a water information workshop in Baku	ECE/GC/2013/028	2013-ECE-0872-E167-2142-220100	\$22,000	15 September 2013	Government of Russia	The Scientific Information Centre, International Commission for Water Coordination, Uzbekistan, (SIC-ICWC)	Countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan	Bo Libert
Support to regional cooperation in Central Asia on the safety of hydrotechnical installations including the development of a text-book for capacity building activities	ECE/GC/2013/029	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100 2013-ECE-0872-E166-2142-220100	\$50,000	30 August 2013	The Eurasian Development Bank	Executive Board of the International Fund for the Saving the Aral Sea, Almaty, Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Bo Libert
Provision of support in the implementation of the project on target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health in Armenia	ECE/GC/2013/030	2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100 2014-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$53,450	07 October 2013	Finland	Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)	Armenia	Alisher Mamadzhonov
Organization of a subregional workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health for countries of Central Asia	ECE/GC/2013/031	2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$31,129	18 October 2013	Finland	Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Alisher Mamadzhonov
Provision of support to the project on the "Implementation of targets and target dates set under the Protocol on Water and Health in the Republic of Moldova"	ECE/GC/2013/032	2013-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100 2014-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$63,100	07 October 2013	The Government of Switzerland	International Association of River Keepers (Eco-TIRAS)	Republic of Moldova	Alisher Mamadzhonov

Organization of a workshop on the accession to and implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in the Kyrgyz Republic	ECE/GC/2013/033	2013-ECE-0872-E173-2142-220100	\$12,500	23 October 2013	Government of Germany	BIOM Ecological movement	Kyrgyz Republic	Nikolay Savov
Organizing of NPD Steering Committee meeting in Tajikistan (February 2014)	ECE/GC/2013/034	2013-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100 2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$7,765	18 October 2013	European Commission	Development Partners Association (DEPAS)	Tajikistan	Peep Mardiste
Implementation of a national training workshop on SEA under component 2.3.2 "Capacity building on SEA/EIA procedures" of the Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood (EaP-GREEN) programme.	ECE/GC/2013/035	2013-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$11,300	30 October 2013	European Commission	ECOGLOBE, Non-governmental organisation	Armenia	Elena Santer
Support to the International Donor Conference under the IFAS Chairmanship of the Republic of Uzbekistan	ECE/GC/2013/038	2013-ECE-0872-E173-2142-220100	\$36,640	Not yet signed by grantee	Government of Germany	The Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	Iulia Trombitciaia
Organizing of NPD Steering Committee meeting in Kazakhstan (March 2014)	ECE/GC/2013/039	2013-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100 2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$16,605	11 November 2013	European Commission	Public Fund "Water Initiatives Center"	Kazakhstan	Peep Mardiste
Development of water legislation in Georgia	ECE/GC/2013/040	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$12,000	02 December 2013	European Commission	National Water Partnership of Georgia	Georgia	Peep Mardiste
Organizing of NPD Steering Committee meeting in Kyrgyzstan (March 2014)	ECE/GC/2013/041	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$11,000	03 December 2013	European Commission	Institute "Vodavomatika and Metrologiya"	Kyrgyzstan	Peep Mardiste
Support to the implementation of the Strategic Shared Vision for the Drin Basin	ECE/GC/2013/042	2013-ECE-0872-E190-2142-220100	\$7,000	02 December 2013	The Government of Finland via the ENVSEC Trust Fund	The Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development as host institute of the Secretariat of Global Water Partnership Mediterranean	Albania, Greece, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo (UN administered territory under UN Security Council resolution 1244)	Bo Libert
Subtotal Environment Division			\$771,474					
Transport								
Subtotal Transport Division			\$0					
Statistics								
High-level Seminar on Population Censuses and Migration Statistics	ECE/GC/2013/019	2013-ECE-0884-E203-2136-220100	\$42,000	17 July 2013	Government of Russia	Information and Publishing Centre "Statistics of Russia"	CIS countries	Andres Vikat
Subtotal Statistics Division			\$42,000					
Economic Cooperation and Integration								
Subtotal Economic Cooperation and Integration Division			\$0					
Sustainable Energy								
Tajikistan national case study for promoting energy efficiency investment" An Analysis of the Policy Reform Impact on application of energy efficient light bulbs"	ECE/GC/2013/001	2013-ROA-0036-0870-6875	\$0	Cancelled	UN Development Account	State Scientific Institution « The scientific research Institute of Industry	Tajikistan	Viktor Badaker
Subtotal Sustainable Energy Division			\$0					
Trade								
Improving the system of seed potato certification in the Russian Federation	ECE/GC/2013/010	2013-ECE-0892-E160-2050-220100	\$12,000	13 July 2013	Government of Russia	The Federal Research Station Changins-Wädenswil ACW (Agroscope ACW), Switzerland	Russian Federation, other CIS countries	Serguei Malanichev
Establishing a pilot system of traceability in the poultry sector in the Russian Federation	ECE/GC/2013/024	2013-ECE-0892-E160-2050-220100	\$52,500	22 August 2013	Government of Russia	All-Russia Research Institute for Poultry Processing (VNIIPP) of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences	Russian Federation, other CIS countries	Serguei Malanichev
Upgrade and maintenance of the UNECE Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG)	ECE/GC/2013/036	2013-ECE-0892-E144-2049-220100	\$20,353	20 September 2013	Government of Sweden	International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO)	All UN countries	Tom Butterly
Support to the Implementation of the National Trade Facilitation Strategy for Greece – Customs segment (2013-2015)	ECE/GC/2013/037	2013-ECE-0892-E199-2046-220100	\$183,000	28 November 2013	European Commission	World Customs Organization (WCO)	Greece	Markus Pikart
Subtotal Trade Division			\$267,853					
Timber and Forestry								
Substantive preparatory work to the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management	ECE/GC/2013/018	2013-ECE-3634-E198-2785-220100	\$104,303	29 July 2013	Government of Germany	Max Planck Institute for Chemistry (MPIC), Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)	Countries with economies in transition; other UNECE member states, in particular those with severe forest fire problems.	Dominique Reeb
Preparatory work to and implementation of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management	ECE/GC/2013/045	2013-ECE-3634-E198-2785-220100	\$30,073	14 November 2013	Government of Germany	Max Planck Society, represented by the Max Planck Institute for chemistry (MPIC)	Countries with economies in transition; other UNECE member states, in particular those with severe forest fire problems.	Dominique Reeb
Subtotal Timber and Forestry			\$134,376					
Housing, Land Management and Population								
Subtotal Housing and Land Management			\$0					
Grand Total			\$1,215,703					