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UNECE Grants Committee Annual Report

2014

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 the principles of 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 2014 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. Stephanie 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 2014.

4. Grants

There was a decrease in the number of grants reviewed by the committee in 2014: 33 as compared to 46 in 2013, i.e. 13 grants less or a decrease of 28%. The funding for the grants has also decreased: from US\$ 1,215,703 in 2013 to US\$ 965,694 in 2014, i.e by US\$ 250,009 or 26%. The most significant reduction in funding was in Forests, Land and Housing (US 167,325) due to the finalization of the large project on cross-boundary fire management funded by the German Government.

5. Training

A Grants Training session was held on 16 June 2014 for all ECE Programme and Project managers (PM's/PO's). 14 PM's/PO's attended this training session. The training material was also made available through the Executive Office intranet.

6. Administration

During the year 2014, the ECE Grants Committee further revised the Guidelines, Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference to ensure that they were compliant with OIOS recommendations and IPSAS standards.

7. Annexes

Annex I: Charts detailing grant performance during the reporting period

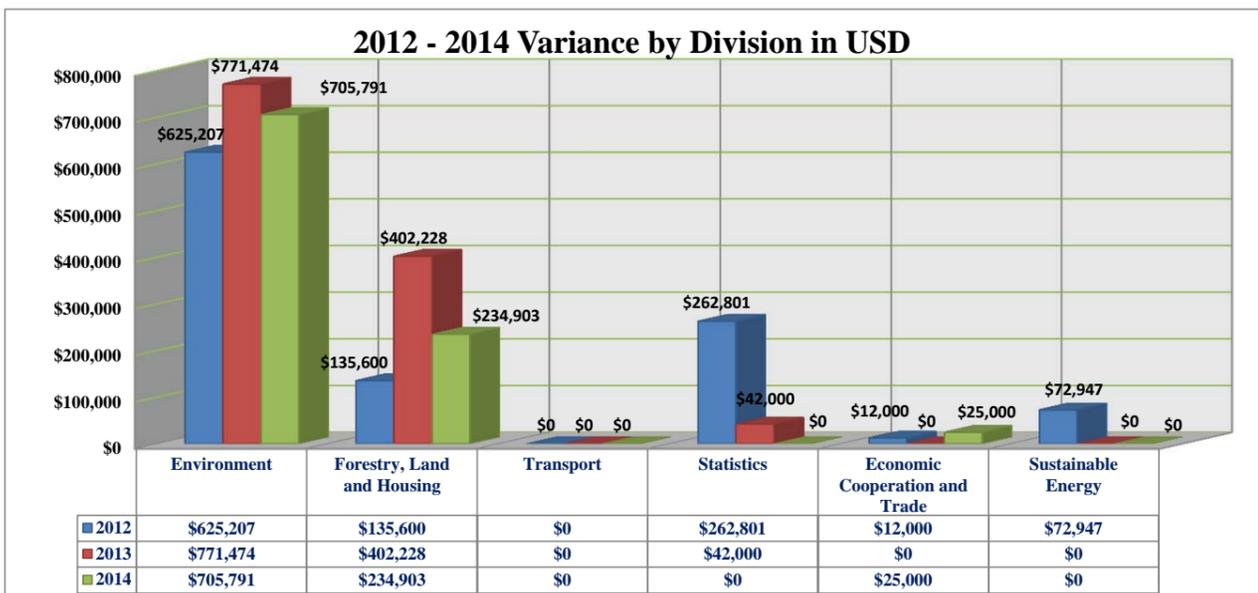
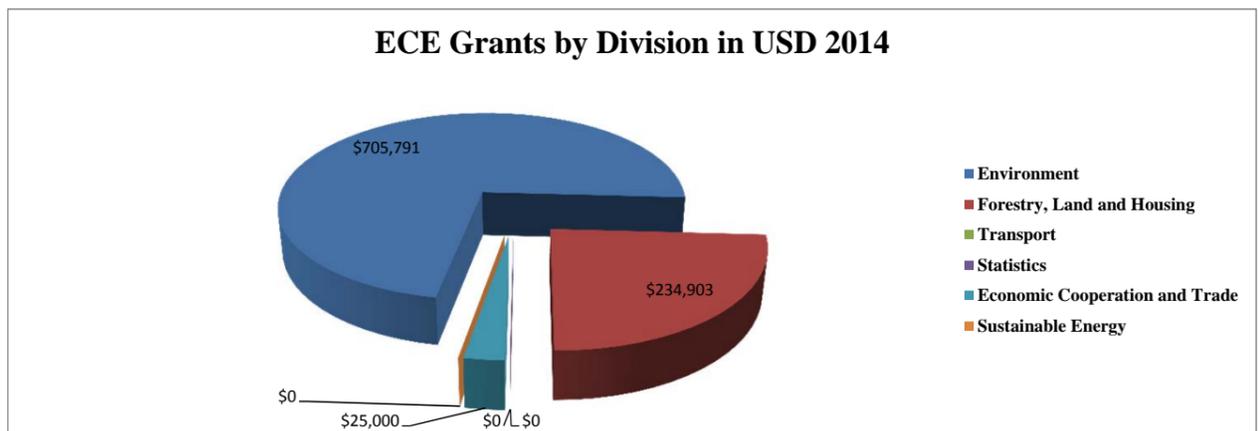
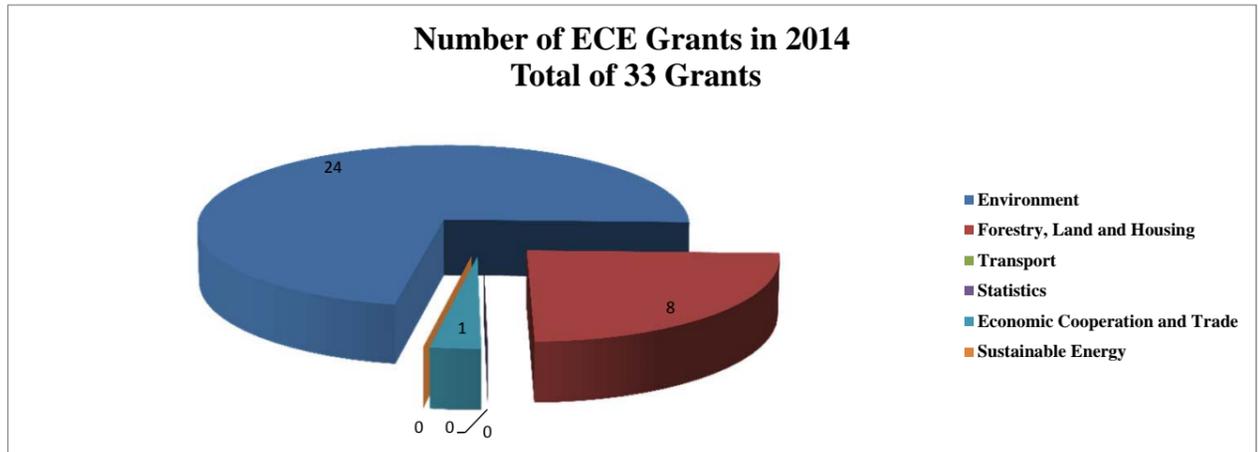
Annex II: Detailed list of UNECE Grants for the year 2014.

Division	# of Grants
Environment	24
Forestry, Land and Housing	8
Transport	0
Statistics	0
Economic Cooperation and Trade	1
Sustainable Energy	0
Total:	33

Division	USD Amount
Environment	\$705,791
Forestry, Land and Housing	\$234,903
Transport	\$0
Statistics	\$0
Economic Cooperation and Trade	\$25,000
Sustainable Energy	\$0
Total:	\$965,694

Division - USD Amount	2012	2013	2014	Incr/(Decr) *
Environment	\$625,207	\$771,474	\$705,791	(\$65,683)
Forestry, Land and Housing	\$135,600	\$402,228	\$234,903	(\$167,325)
Transport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statistics	\$262,801	\$42,000	\$0	(\$42,000)
Economic Cooperation and Trade	\$12,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sustainable Energy	\$72,947	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$1,108,555	\$1,215,703	\$965,694	-\$250,009

* Incr/Decr refers to the variance between 2013 and 2014.



Grant Title	Grant Number	BAC number	Grant Budget USD \$	Date of Approval	Donor	Grant Recipient	Beneficiary Country/Countries	Programme Manager
Forests, Timber and Housing Division								
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Tajikistan	ECE/GC/2014/001	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$39,750	03 March 2014	UN Development Account	Youth Ecological Center - Tajikistan	Tajikistan	Maria Teresa Pisani
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Kyrgyzstan	ECE/GC/2014/002	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$14,000	03 March 2014	UN Development Account	Kyrgyz Association of Forest and Land Users-Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	Maria Teresa Pisani
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Kazakhstan	ECE/GC/2014/003	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$49,900	03 March 2014	UN Development Account	Water Initiative Center	Kazakhstan	Maria Teresa Pisani
Follow-up of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management	ECE/GC/2014/004	2014-ECE-3634-E198-2785-220100	\$63,503	03 March 2014	Government of Germany	Max Planck Institute for Chemistry	Countries with economies in transition; other UNECE member states, in particular those with severe forest fire problems	Dominique Reeb
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Armenia	ECE/GC/2014/006	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$14,000	06 April 2014	UN Development Account	Armenia Tree Project - Armenia	Armenia	Maria Teresa Pisani
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Georgia	ECE/GC/2014/007	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$39,750	06 April 2014	UN Development Account	The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus - Georgia	Azerbaijan	Maria Teresa Pisani
Capacity building for sustainable forest management for a greener economy in Azerbaijan	ECE/GC/2014/008	ROA-2015-3634-2944-6875-3908	\$14,000	06 April 2014	UN Development Account	Ecological Monitoring and Education Public Union-Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Maria Teresa Pisani
Awareness raising on the potential of forests for more sustainable fashion	ECE/GC/2014/023	2015-LTA-E909-3634-6365-3908	\$0	Not approved	UN Development Account	Cittadellarte - Fondazione Pistoletto	UNECE Member States	Maria Teresa Pisani
Subtotal of Forests, Timber and Housing Division			\$234,903					
Environment Division								
Sava River Basin Nexus Assessment	ECE/GC/2014/005	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100 and 2014-ECE-0872-E183-2142-220100	\$37,154	03 March 2014	Government of Switzerland and Finland	International Sava River Basin Commission	Sava River Basin countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia	Annukka Lipponen
Development and testing of a nexus assessment methodology	ECE/GC/2014/009, Amendmt 1 of ECE/GC/2013/027	2013-ECE-0872-E133-2142-210100	\$53,240	06 April 2014	Finland, Switzerland	Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm	Countries in Central Asia, Caucasus and Eastern Europe as well as other countries in the UNECE region	Annukka Lipponen
Organization of a national workshop on the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan	ECE/GC/2014/010	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$25,614	06 April 2014	Government of Norway	Water Initiatives Center	Kazakhstan	Peep Mardiste
Organizing of NPD Steering Committee meetings in Tajikistan (February 2014)	ECE/GC/2013/034 (Amendment 1)	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$7,765	24 March 2014	European Commission	Development Partners Association (DEPAS)	Tajikistan	Peep Mardiste
Organization of trainings for water operators in the Republic of Moldova	ECE/GC/2014/011	2014-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$48,565	01 May 2014	Government of Switzerland	International Water Association (IWA)	Republic of Moldova	Alisher Mamadzhonov
Pilot trainings for water managers in Turkmenistan (phase 2)	ECE/GC/2014/012	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$11,843	01 May 2014	Government of Norway	" Ynance-Wepa" Hojalyk Jemgyyeti	Turkmenistan	Nataliya Nikiforova
Organization of regional environmental and water information management meeting and support to dam safety training	ECE/GC/2014/013	2014-ECE-0872-E173-2142-220100 and 2014-ECE-0872-E190-2142-220100	\$46,000	01 May 2014	Government of Germany and ENVSEC	International Fund for the saving the Aral Sea, Almaty	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Bo Libert
Organisation of capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the ECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Azerbaijan. (Phase 1)	ECE/GC/2014/014	2014-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$34,371	30 May 2014	OECD	Reginal Environmental Center Caucasus Branch-Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Elena Santer
Elaboration of norms and standards for small-scale water supply and sanitation systems in the Republic of Moldova	ECE/GC/2014/015	2014-ECE-0872-E150-2142-220100	\$29,805	01 May 2014	Government of Switzerland	Women In Europe for a Common Future	Republic of Moldova	Alisher Mamadzhonov
Organisation of capacity-building activities to support the implementation of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedures in Georgia (Phase 1).	ECE/GC/2014/016	2014-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$33,330	30 May 2014	OECD	Environmental Information and Education Center, Georgia	Georgia	Elena Santer
Organisation of capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the ECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Armenia. (Phase 1)	ECE/GC/2014/017	2014-ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$18,395	03 July 2014	OECD	Eco-Goble	Armenia	Elena Santer
Support to the organization of the Regional Meeting for Dam Safety Cooperation in Central Asia (Autumn 2014)	ECE/GC/2014/018	2014-ECE-0872-XXX-2142-220100	\$37,000	06 August 2014	Government of Russia	Institute Vodavtomatika and Metrologiya	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Bo Libert
Strengthening cooperation on hydrology and environment between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya basin	ECE/GC/2014/019	2014-ECE-0872-E188-2142-220100	\$44,000	03 July 2014	Government of Russia	Zoi Environmental Network	Tajikistan and Afghanistan	Albena Karadjova
Organisation of capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the ECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Azerbaijan. (Phase II: SEA Pilot)	ECE/GC/2014/020	2014 -ECE-0872-E200-2112-220100	\$40,860	06 August 2014	OECD	Reginal Environmental Center Caucasus Branch-Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	Elena Santer
Preparation and facilitation of workshops on emission inventories in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Uzbekistan	ECE/GC/2014/021	2014-ECE-0872-E196-2111-220100 and 2015-ECE-0872-E196-2111-220100	\$42,000	03 July 2014	European Commission	Environmental Agency Austria	Azerbaijan, Georgia and Uzbekistan	Alina Novikova
Workshop – Improving delivery of the Regional Environmental Action Plan for Central Asia	ECE/GC/2014/022	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100 and 2015-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$20,589	07 March 2014	Government of Norway	Scientific Information Center of the ICSD, Tajikistan	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Bo Libert
Initiate the implementation of the recommendations of the UNECE/FAO Regional Forum on Cross-boundary Fire Management	ECE/GC/2014/025	2014-ECE-3634-E198-2785-220100	\$18,570	03 July 2014	Government of Germany	Max Planck Institute for chemistry (MPICh)	Countries with economies in transition; other UNECE member states	Alicja Kacprzak
Development of irrigation sector strategy for Tajikistan	ECE/GC/2014/026	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100 and 2015-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$24,500	06 August 2014	European Commission	Development Partners Association	Tajikistan	Peep Mardiste
Support to the network of Russian speaking water management organizations and organization of a water information conference in Bishkek, autumn 2014	ECE/GC/2014/027	2014-ECE-0872-E221-2142-220100	\$22,000	15 October 2014	Government of Russia	Scientific Information Centre, International Commission for Water Coordination, Uzbekistan	Countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	Bo Libert
Organizing of NPD Steering Committee meetings in Kazakhstan (April, November 2015)	ECE/GC/2014/028	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100 and 2015-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$14,014	22 October 2014	European Commission	Water Initiatives Center	Kazakhstan	Peep Mardiste
Nexus assessment of the Isonzo/Soca and Syr Darya River Basins	ECE/GC/2014/030	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$29,376	22 October 2014	Governments of Finland and Italy	Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan; Italy, Slovenia	Annukka Lipponen
Study on suitable irrigation technologies for Kyrgyzstan	ECE/GC/2014/031	2014-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100 and 2015-ECE-0872-E174-2142-220100	\$15,000	22 October 2014	European Commission	Institute "Vodavtomatika and Metrologiya"	Kyrgyzstan	Peep Mardiste
Workshop for the Syr Darya River Basin Nexus Assessment	ECE/GC/2014/032	2014-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$27,800	22 October 2014	Government of Finland	Kyrgyz Water Partnership	Syr Darya River Basin countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan	Annukka Lipponen
Building capacities on transboundary water cooperation in Lebanon and Jordan	ECE/GC/2014/033	2015-ECE-0872-E133-2142-220100	\$24,000	03 December 2014	Government of Switzerland	Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med).	Jordan and Lebanon	Chantal Demilecamps
Subtotal Environment Division			\$705,791					
Transport Division								
Subtotal Transport Division			\$0					
Statistics Division								
Subtotal Statistics Division			\$0					
Economic Cooperation and Trade Division								
Breeding and testing new soybean varieties	ECE/GC/2014/024	2014-ECE-0892-E160-2050-220100	\$25,000	06 April 2014	Government of Russia	Agroscope, Institute for Plant production IPV	Russian Federation, Switzerland, CIS countries	Serguei Malanichev

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Subtotal Economic Cooperation and Trade Division			\$25,000					
Sustainable Energy Division								
Subtotal Sustaniable Energy			\$0					
Grand Total			\$965,694					