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## **A. Proposed programme plan for 2025 and programme performance in 2023**

### **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 General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions, 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). ECE provides a regional intergovernmental platform to promote sustained economic growth and the sustainable use of natural resources, protect the environment, advance sustainable transport and mobility, strengthen the capacity for measuring sustainable development, foster innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships, accelerate trade and economic integration, improve access to affordable and clean energy, ensure the sustainable management of forests, build urban sustainability and address the implications of demographic trends.

#### **Strategy and external factors for 2025**

- 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. Our Common Agenda and any future commitments assumed by member States in this context, including the ones to be integrated into A Pact for the Future that would be adopted at the Summit of the Future, would guide the ECE agenda in accelerating the implementation of existing agreements, including the achievement of the Goals.
- 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 2025 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, with a specific focus on both central and local authorities, as well as other stakeholders, including civil society, youth representatives, academia and the business community. 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 demand-driven specialized and integrated policy advice, and capacity-building aimed at expanding the use by countries in the region of ECE 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. 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 Sustainable Development 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 the eight subprogrammes of the secretariat, the intergovernmental architecture and the broad expert community of the Commission. The designation of a high-level theme for the biannual Commission session is an important vehicle in this regard. In 2025, ECE will have completed its two-years focus on the theme “Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region”, selected for the seventieth session of the Commission, and will start delving into and collaborating on the new cross-cutting theme to be adopted for the seventy-first session.

- 20.5 In 2025, the programme will continue to provide support to its member States in addressing the economic and environmental challenges of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on the transition areas with significant catalytic and multiplier effects across the Goals that align to ECE mandated work areas, including energy, food systems, digital and green transformations, climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. ECE will actively contribute to the decade of action for the Goals in the ECE region, with an enhanced focus on localizing the Goals, and will follow up on the outcomes of the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit and of the 2024 Summit of the Future, as applicable.
- 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 to exchange knowledge, develop joint initiatives and enhance collective impact. Partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations, think tanks and the academic sector will be strengthened 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 further promote joint action and synergies 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. 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 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 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 2025 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 into 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 relating 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 2025 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.

### Legislative mandates

- 20.11 The list below, which was reviewed in the preparation of the proposed programme budget, provides all mandates entrusted to the programme.

#### General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want	74/4	Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly
67/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community	74/15	Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024
67/290	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development	74/122	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024	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
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development	74/144	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations	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
69/283	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030	74/231; 78/162	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development	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
70/217; 73/243; 76/217; 77/246; 78/163	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries	75/8; 77/15	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM
71/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization	75/9; 77/16	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
71/256	New Urban Agenda		
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		
73/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative		
73/195	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration		

<a href="#">75/12</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization	<a href="#">75/290 B</a>	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/305</a> on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
<a href="#">75/213</a> ; <a href="#">76/202</a> ; <a href="#">77/162</a>	Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21		Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions <a href="#">67/290</a> on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and <a href="#">70/299</a> on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
<a href="#">75/216</a> ; <a href="#">76/204</a>	Disaster risk reduction		
<a href="#">75/221</a>	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all		
<a href="#">75/233</a>	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	<a href="#">75/324</a>	High-level political forum on sustainable development
<a href="#">75/290 A</a>	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">72/305</a> on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council	<a href="#">77/21</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions <a href="#">67/290</a> on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and <a href="#">70/299</a> on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level	<a href="#">77/173</a>	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
	Economic and Social Council	<a href="#">77/181</a>	Women in development
		<a href="#">78/166</a>	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
		<a href="#">78/167</a>	South-South cooperation

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

36 (IV)	Economic Commission for Europe	<a href="#">2023/4</a>	Science, technology and innovation for development
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields	<a href="#">2023/11</a>	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission	<a href="#">2023/31</a>	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution <a href="#">75/233</a> on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">2013/1</a>	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe		

*Economic Commission for Europe decisions*

A (64)	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe	B (70)	Digital and green transformations in support of the sustainable development in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE	C (70)	Promotion of 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 SDGs in the ECE region	D (70)	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
A (70)	Economic and social effects of Russia's aggression against Ukraine		

**Subprogramme 1**  
**Environment**

*General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">2994 (XXVII)</a>	United Nations Conference on the Human Environment	<a href="#">62/68</a>	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm
<a href="#">47/193</a>	Observance of World Day for Water		

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64/200	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction	73/226	Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028
67/291	Sanitation for All		
69/172	Human rights in the administration of justice		
69/235	Industrial development cooperation	73/238	The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia
70/169	The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation		
71/222	International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028	75/212; 77/334	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; and Follow-up
71/313	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		
72/222	Education for sustainable development in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development		

### *Economic and Social Council resolution*

2023/21	Implementation of the rapid response mechanism for the protection of environmental defenders under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)
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### *Economic Commission for Europe decisions*

CEP/AC.13/2005/2	Report of the high-level meeting of environment and education ministries (2005) adopting the ECE strategy for education for sustainable development	ECE/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/2022/2/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/2022/2/Add.2	Nicosia 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 ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2022

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

ECE/EB.AIR/154 and Add.1	Report of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on its forty-third 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		



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/44 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on its twelfth 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*

58/9	Global road safety crisis	76/255	Integration of mainstream bicycling into public transportation systems for sustainable development
68/269; 72/271; 74/299	Improving global road safety		
70/197	Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors	77/286 77/330	World Sustainable Transport Day Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
72/212; 78/148	Strengthening the links between all modes of transport to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals	78/149	The pivotal role of reliable and stable energy connectivity in driving sustainable development

### *Economic and Social Council resolutions*

1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	2022/2	Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe
2013/7	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar	2023/5	Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

### *Economic Commission for Europe decisions*

ECE/AC.21/2014/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session	ECE/TRANS/274; ECE/TRANS/288; ECE/TRANS/294; ECE/TRANS/304; ECE/TRANS/316; ECE/TRANS/328	
ECE/TRANS/224; ECE/TRANS/236; ECE/TRANS/240 and Corr.1; ECE/TRANS/248; ECE/TRANS/254; ECE/TRANS/270;	Report of the Inland Transport Committee (seventy-fourth to eighty-fifth sessions)	B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing
		K (70)	Matters related to sustainable transport and mobility



### Decisions of the treaty bodies of United Nations transport agreements

E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3	1958 Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/147 and Corr.1	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its seventy-second session
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.2/157	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its seventy-seventh session (February 2022): AC.2, in line with annex 11, article 5, adopted the eTIR concepts and the eTIR functional specifications, including the amendments adopted by TIB at its first session. This provides a complete legal and technical basis for those countries that are willing to implement the eTIR 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/TIB/2	Report of the Technical Implementation Body (TIB) of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975, on its first session: TIB for eTIR implementation, adopted version 4.3 of the eTIR technical specifications and confirmed their alignment with version 4.3 of the eTIR concepts and the eTIR functional specifications
ECE/TRANS/ADN/CONF/10/Add.1	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways		
ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/125	Report of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 on its sixty-first session		

### Subprogramme 3 Statistics

#### General Assembly resolutions

68/261	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	71/313	Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
69/282	World Statistics Day		

#### Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2006/6	Strengthening statistical capacity	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)
2015/10	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme		
2016/27	Strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management	2023/325	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-fourth session (Statistical Commission decisions 54/101: Global indicator framework for SDGs and targets of the 2030 Agenda; 54/106: Economic statistics; 54/107: National accounts; 54/108: Business and trade statistics; 54/109: Regional statistical development; 54/110: Environmental-economic accounting; 54/111: Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; 54/113: Statistical capacity development; 54/116: Big data; 54/117: Price statistics; 54/118: Integration of statistical and geospatial information; 54/119: Data stewardship)
2019/210	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fiftieth session (Statistical Commission decision 50/116: Disaster-related statistics)		
2020/5	Strengthening coordination of the statistical programmes in the United Nations system		
2021/7	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system		
2021/224	Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-second session (Statistical Commission decisions 52/109 Migration statistics; 52/114 Household surveys)		

**Subprogramme 4**  
**Economic cooperation and integration**

*General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">76/213</a>	Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development	<a href="#">77/155</a>	Promoting investments for sustainable development
<a href="#">76/224</a>	Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners	<a href="#">77/320</a>	Impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets
<a href="#">77/150</a>	Information and communication technologies for sustainable development		

**Subprogramme 5**  
**Sustainable energy**

*General Assembly resolutions*

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

*Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

1997/226	United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities	<a href="#">2023/18</a>	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Management of Coal Mine Methane at National Level: Monitoring, Reporting, Verification and Mitigation
2004/233	United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources	<a href="#">2023/19</a>	United Nations Resource Management System Principles and Requirements
2011/222	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines	<a href="#">2023/20</a>	Request to strengthen the role of the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe in supporting member States in building resilient energy systems and modernizing resource management systems
2021/249	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Recovery and Use from Abandoned Coal Mines		
2021/250	Updated United Nations Framework Classification for Resources		

*Economic Commission for Europe decisions*

E (79)	Building resilient energy systems	F (70)	Decision to study finance for energy-related climate change activities in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe, particularly related to critical raw materials
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**Subprogramme 6**  
**Trade**

*General Assembly resolutions*

<a href="#">75/211</a>	Entrepreneurship for sustainable development	<a href="#">76/200</a>	Agricultural technology for sustainable development
<a href="#">75/231</a>	Industrial development cooperation	<a href="#">76/222</a>	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

*Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions*

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

### General Assembly resolutions

62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests	75/219	Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development
67/200	International Day of Forests		
71/285	United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030	76/223	Natural plant fibres and sustainable development
71/286	United Nations forest instrument	77/170	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
73/284	United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)	77/186	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

### Economic and Social Council resolutions

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

## Subprogramme 8 Housing, land management and population

### General Assembly resolutions

65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014	76/133	Inclusive policies and programmes to address homelessness, including in the aftermath of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
70/107	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development	77/190	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
75/131	United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)		

### Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

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)	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
		2020/19	Change of name and revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing of the Economic Commission for Europe
2016/25	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development	2023/15	Fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

### Human Rights Council resolutions

48/3, 54/13	Human rights of older persons
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### Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	ECE/HBP/190	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-eighth session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing		

**Part V Regional cooperation for development**

ECE/HBP/208; ECE/HBP/213	Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (eighty-second and eighty-third sessions)	ECE/WG.1/2023/2	Report on the sixteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing, which adopted the Programme of Work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing, 2023–2027
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

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

Table 20.1

**Cross-cutting deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>60</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>40</b>
1. The Economic Commission for Europe	13	10	–	13
2. Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the region of the Economic Commission for Europe	2	2	2	2
3. The ECE Executive Committee	45	21	25	25
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>
4. The Economic Commission for Europe	4	4	–	4
5. Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the region of the Economic Commission for Europe	3	4	3	3
6. The ECE Executive Committee	10	6	6	10
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	5	4	4
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>20</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>–</b>
12. Capacity-building seminars on advancement of gender equality for government officials	20	–	20	–
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
13. On gender equality and sustainable development	1	–	1	1
14. ECE annual report	1	1	1	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advice to and consultations with member States and United Nations country teams to facilitate implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework process in the programme countries in the region.				

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
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#### D. Communication deliverables

**Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:** promotional materials; information materials for United Nations Road Safety Fund advocacy campaign and awareness-raising material; and films on ECE activities.

**External and media relations:** ECE weekly newsletter; and news, approximately 200 press releases and news per year; 2 press conferences on ECE activities.

**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

- 20.13 The following evaluations completed in 2023 have guided the proposed programme plan for 2025:
- (a) Office of Internal Oversight Services evaluation of ECE subprogrammes 4 and 6;
  - (b) Office of Internal Oversight Services 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) Programme-level evaluation conducted by ECE on the role of ECE to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in the context of the United Nations development system reform.
- 20.14 The results and lessons of the evaluations referenced above have been taken into account for the proposed programme plan for 2025. For example, ECE is furthering the implementation of results-based management through improved identification of performance indicators, clearer articulation of roles and responsibilities, and reporting that better emphasizes the benefits of collaboration with other United Nations development system entities. ECE is also strengthening its technical cooperation approach by better monitoring and prioritizing member States' requests for assistance and is sustaining its cross-sectoral approach by promoting collaborations among its subprogrammes and with other United Nations organizations, for example, on the high-level theme adopted by the Commission.
- 20.15 A programme-level evaluation of ECE data use and information management approaches is planned for 2025.

### Programme of work

#### Subprogramme 1 Environment

#### Objective

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

#### Strategy

- 20.17 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 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 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, 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), including ensuring effective and inclusive access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice.

20.18 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;
- (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 2023**

#### **Increased number of United Nations Member States becoming parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)**

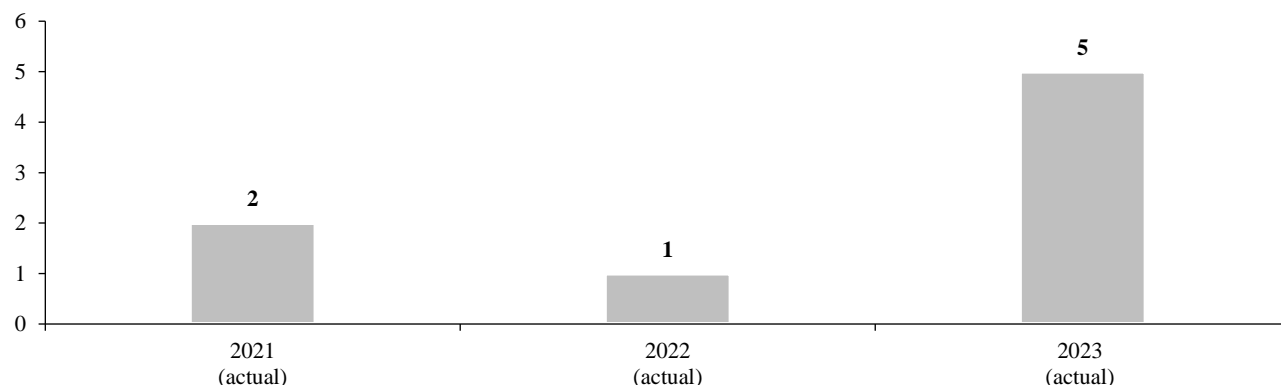
20.19 The Water Convention was originally negotiated as a regional framework for transboundary water cooperation for the pan-European region. Since March 2016, with the operationalization of the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of its text, the Convention is open to accession by all United Nations Member States. By acceding to the Convention, these countries introduced into their

national legislation key rules and principles, such as pollution prevention or sustainable water allocation, which ensure the sustainable management of water resources and pave the way to peaceful cooperation on shared waters. Several concrete actions were taken by new parties, such as initiating cooperation on shared groundwaters and the development of implementation plans. The ECE work on supporting the acceleration of the Convention's universalization also contributed to the impact of the 2023 United Nations Water Conference by catalysing action on water cooperation.

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

Figure 20.I

**Performance measure: number of new parties to the Water Convention (annual)**



## Planned results for 2025

### Result 1: strengthened industrial safety governance in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

20.21 The subprogramme's work contributed to sustaining national policy dialogues in Serbia, including through the organization of a stakeholder consultation and support for the development of the national programme for industrial safety. The target of sustaining national policy dialogues on industrial safety in five Central Asian countries was not met owing to the termination of a project to launch the national policy dialogues on industrial safety and the lack of a follow-up project for their implementation. However, interinstitutional working groups on tailings safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution were formally established in two Central Asian countries in January 2022 (Kazakhstan) and October 2022 (Tajikistan), and both countries organized the second meetings of their working groups on 15 March 2023 in Astana and 4 April 2023 in Dushanbe. Uzbekistan also organized a meeting on 27 April 2023, with ECE support, to consider the establishment of a similar working group in its country.

20.22 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.2).

Table 20.2

**Performance measure**

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
Serbia established a national policy dialogue steering committee	Serbian national policy dialogue meeting addressed issues of national	National policy dialogues were sustained and implemented by Serbia	National policy dialogues are sustained and implemented by Serbia	Action plan for the implementation of the national programme on



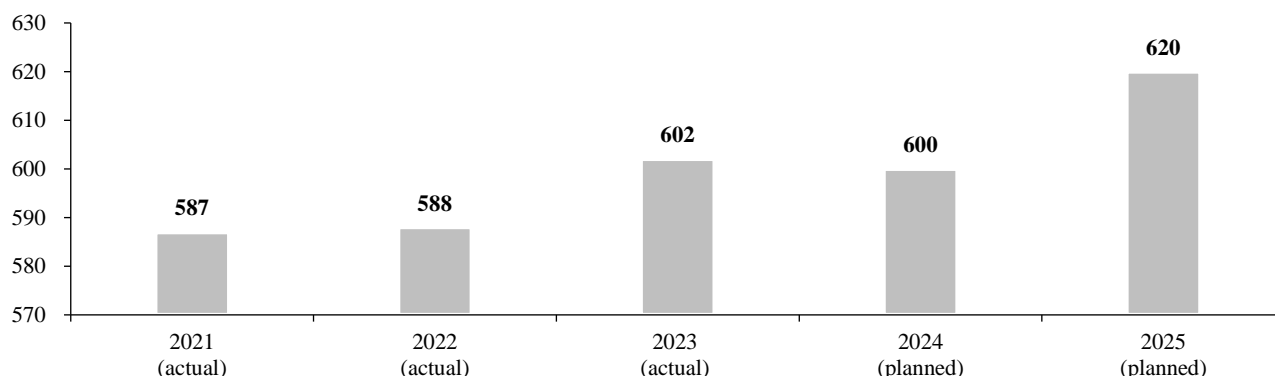
2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
Central Asian countries reviewed industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements	concern, involving relevant authorities  Finalization of review of industrial safety legislation to align with the Convention's requirements	Interinstitutional working groups were sustained in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan	Serbia finalizes the national programme on industrial safety	industrial safety in Serbia developed  Interinstitutional working groups are sustained and meetings held in at least two Central Asian countries

**Result 2: increased number of United Nations Member States becoming parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by the Economic Commission for Europe**

- 20.23 The subprogramme's work contributed to 602 United Nations Member States becoming parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by ECE, which exceeded the planned target of 593 parties.
- 20.24 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.II).

Figure 20.II

**Performance measure: number of parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by the Economic Commission for Europe (cumulative)**



**Result 3: modernized database on pollutants to enable responsive fact-based decisions**

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- 20.25 Digital modernization of the pollutant release and transfer registers, governed by the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, as a comprehensive database for decision-making and reporting for various processes is needed for effective policy decisions. The subprogramme strengthened the capacity of member States with regard to international and national reporting obligations, including advisory support, the preparation of materials and thematic events. Those efforts led to the recognition by member States of the pressing need to integrate data on different emissions into a single portal within a wider information system covering environmental, social and economic data.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.26 The lesson for the subprogramme was that pollution-related databases could be better integrated to improve the utility of the data. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will support preparation of a draft decision to integrate databases using technological advances and guidance to integrate pollutant release and transfer registers with other systems. The subprogramme will provide technical

assistance to enhance decision-making on pollution prevention, impact assessments, sustainability and a circular economy.

20.27 Expected progress is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.3).

Table 20.3

**Performance measure**

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
–	Background material on modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers considered by the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	Draft decision on modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers agreed by the Protocol's Bureau	Draft decision on modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers approved by the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopts a decision on modernizing pollutant release and transfer registers

**Deliverables**

20.28 Table 20.4 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.4

**Subprogramme 1: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>183</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>260</b>
1. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies	19	21	16	20
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	24	13	26	26
3. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies	4	2	15	2
4. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies	34	28	24	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	42	37	16	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	31	60	161
7. The High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies	3	3	3	3
8. The Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development	7	4	8	8

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2023 actual</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>236</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>243</b>
9. The Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies	30	32	26	28
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	39	44	47
11. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and subsidiary bodies	17	14	15	19
12. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and subsidiary bodies	31	34	27	23
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	42	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	70	63	65	84
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>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>68</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
17. Workshops on environmental issues for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region to improve environmental governance and performance	68	72	30	32
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>
18. On environmental issues and multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme	8	4	10	7
19. Progress reports and performance reviews on environmental issues	4	2	7	2
20. Multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme	1	–	1	–
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> 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.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> environmental performance review highlights and a brochure on assistance and cooperation programme under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents to facilitate broad dissemination of key messages and recommendations in the reviewed countries.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases on environmental issues.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> website of the subprogramme.				

## Subprogramme 2 Transport

### Objective

- 20.29 The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to advance an intraregionally and interregionally sustainable inland transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodality) system by making it safer, cleaner, more efficient, more inclusive and more affordable, both for freight transport and people's mobility.

## Strategy

20.30 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

- (a) Service the Inland Transport Committee and its 21 working parties and 13 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 61 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, digitization of customs and transport documents, and electric vehicles – and all legal instruments 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, and climate change mitigation and adaptation, among other matters, including through the adoption of strategies, action plans, high-level statements or resolutions on harmonized actions by member States and contracting parties in order to enable the full implementation of the Committee's mandate;
- (d) 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 within and beyond the ECE region;
- (e) Facilitate global improvements in road safety, through policy dialogue at Committee meetings, and by contributing to the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety and the operation of the United Nations Road Safety Fund, in cooperation with other international organizations, 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, and foster the functioning and development of national, regional and international inclusive transport systems and the implementation of the sustainable development agenda;
- (g) Promote knowledge-sharing and cooperation among Governments and key stakeholders, raise awareness of emerging issues and best responses, contribute to the improved monitoring and measuring of the Sustainable Development Goals, facilitate the adaptation of legally binding instruments and frameworks to new realities, and prepare new guidance materials.

20.31 The above-mentioned work is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 3, 5, 6 to 9 and 11 to 13 and result in:

- (a) Improvements in sustainable mobility, and in monitoring and measuring the Goals;
- (b) Improvements in inland transport, leading to safer, cleaner, more efficient, more inclusive and more affordable multimodal systems for contracting parties to the United Nations inland transport conventions;
- (c) Enhanced efforts towards net-zero emissions by 2050, guided by a strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in inland transport to be adopted by the Committee in February 2024;
- (d) More efficient and resilient cross-border flows of goods and people regionally and globally;

- (e) Enhanced intergovernmental cooperation in emergency situations and minimized disruptions to the continued implementation and updating of United Nations inland transport conventions.

## Programme performance in 2023

### Increased accession to legal instruments for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures

- 20.32 In response to inland transportation challenges in border crossing that arose during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the subprogramme intensified efforts to digitalize applications of relevant legal instruments and developed tools and applications to further promote accessions. Specifically, it: (a) interconnected the eTIR international system with customs systems of five countries and completed the gap analysis for three others; (b) prepared high-level architecture, concepts and functional specifications for future eCMR operations; (c) defined high-level architecture for the digitalization of the *carnet de passages en douane* (eCPD); (d) developed the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory; (e) developed Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators; and (f) continued to develop the e-learning platform LearnITC that was launched in 2022 to promote understanding of the United Nations inland transport legal instruments and their digitization.
- 20.33 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.5).

Table 20.5

#### Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)
164 accessions (cumulative) by Member States to legal instruments for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures	166 accessions (cumulative) to legal instruments for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures	170 accessions (cumulative) to legal instruments for the digitalization of transport and border-crossing procedures
	44 countries enrolled in LearnITC platform and 123 users registered on the platform	79 countries enrolled in the LearnITC platform and 330 users registered on the platform

*Note:* Accessions to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road, eCMR and the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (cumulative). Countries enrolled include the number of countries with at least one user enrolled in one or more e-courses; users include the number of persons registered on the LearnITC platform.

## Planned results for 2025

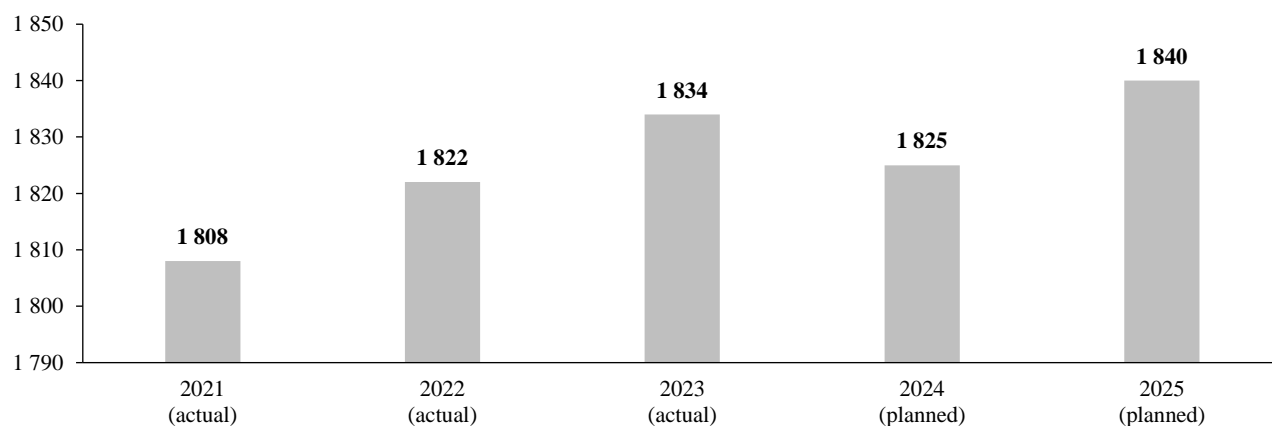
### Result 1: enhanced regulatory framework for sustainable inland transport systems

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.34 The subprogramme's work contributed to 1,834 contracting parties to United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by ECE, which exceeded the planned target of 1,813.
- 20.35 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.III).

Figure 20.III

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



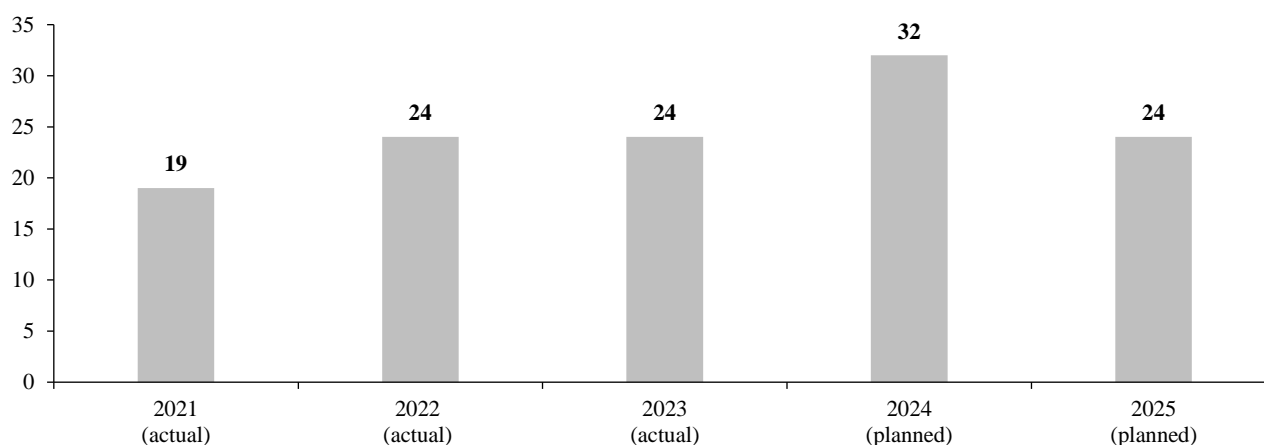
**Result 2: increased number of new and updated legal instruments strengthening the capacity of United Nations Member States to address climate change**

**Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 20.36 The subprogramme's work contributed to 23 updates to the existing legal instruments on vehicle regulations and one new legal instrument, which entered into force in 2023, which did not meet the planned target of 28 owing to a change in the methodology in which contracting parties requested rationalizing amendments for more regulatory continuity and robustness and bundling them on a fixed basis rather than discussing them individually at every session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/86/Rev.1, paras. 18–19). While with the new methodology the number of amendments is lower, each amendment may include multiple updates and can be considered more comprehensive.
- 20.37 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.IV).

Figure 20.IV

**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 (cumulative)<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> The figure reflects data since the 2015 Paris Agreement.

### Result 3: increased accessions to core road safety conventions as an initial step to contribute to fewer worldwide road accident fatalities and injuries

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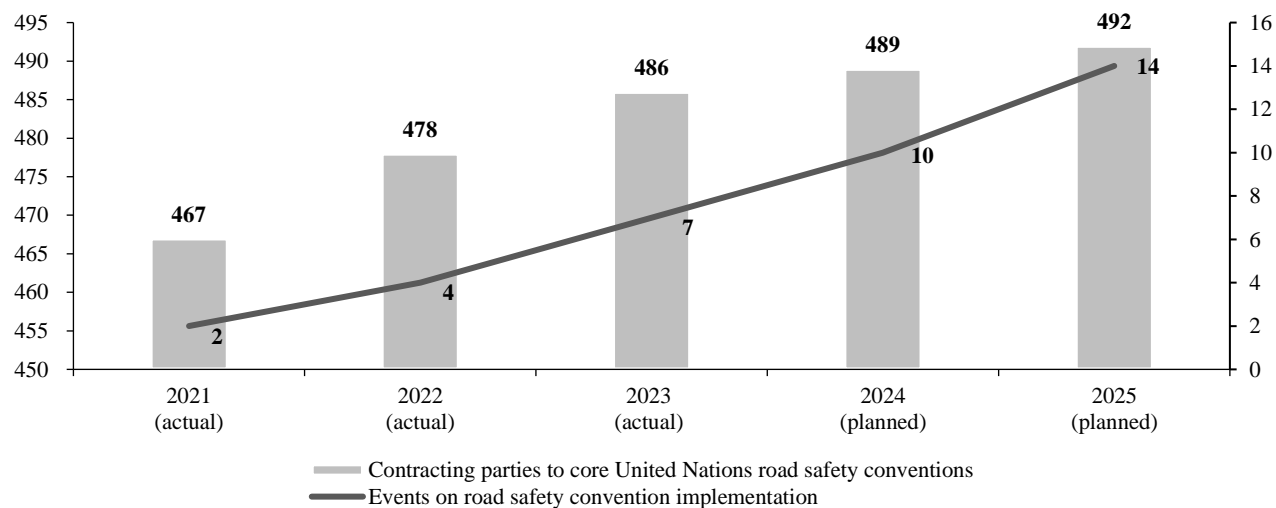
- 20.38 In 2020, the General Assembly proclaimed the Second Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, aiming to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent from 2021 to 2030 (see Assembly resolution [74/299](#)). The subprogramme's work contributed to 486 contracting parties to the eight core United Nations road safety conventions, which is the prerequisite initial step to supporting countries in building road safety systems.

#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.39 The lesson for the subprogramme was that scattered accessions to the conventions do not always contribute to effective national road safety systems. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will strengthen the provision of guidance on national road safety systems and intraregional and interregional assistance to support full accessions to all core road safety conventions and their subsequent implementation.
- 20.40 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.V).

Figure 20.V

**Performance measure: number of contracting parties to core United Nations road safety conventions and number of events during which member States share challenges and good practices on road safety convention implementation (cumulative)**



### Deliverables

- 20.41 Table 20.6 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.



Table 20.6

**Subprogramme 2: Deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2023 actual</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>1 266</b>	<b>1 186</b>	<b>1 145</b>	<b>1 155</b>
1. Documentation for the Inland Transport Committee				
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	31	45	31	31
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	500	523	550	550
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	33	32	33	33
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	214	206	160	160
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	28	28	23	28
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	14	14	14	14
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	28	31	15	26
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	40	19	22	20
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	30	34	30	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	15	18	12	12
k. Working Party on Inland Water Transport	47	50	45	45
l. Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	100	70	50	50
2. Documentation for the Economic and Social Council				
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	1	1	5	1
b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	150	88	120	120
c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	32	24	32	32
3. Documentation for the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	3	3	3	3
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>456</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>410</b>
4. Meetings of the Inland Transport Committee				
a. Inland Transport Committee and Bureau	16	16	16	16
b. World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations	111	112	121	121
c. Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	8	7	8	8
d. Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	68	58	58	58
e. Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics and subsidiary groups of experts	22	22	18	18
f. Working Party on Transport Statistics	6	6	6	6
g. Working Party on Road Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	30	28	12	24
h. Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety and subsidiary groups of experts	28	28	28	28
i. Working Party on Rail Transport and subsidiary groups of experts	30	30	24	30
j. Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics	12	12	6	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	30	50	40
5. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council				
a. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	–	–	1	–
b. Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	25	23	29	25
c. Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	10	10	10	10

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
6. Meetings of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	2	2	2	2
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
7. On the Trans-European North-South Motorway	1	1	1	1
8. On the Trans-European Railway	1	1	1	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
9. Workshops for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region and in contracting parties to legal instruments under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee on intelligent transport systems; transport statistics and trends; road, rail, inland water, intermodal and intersectoral transport issues; and vehicle agreements and regulations	9	16	10	5
10. Seminars for national coordinators, experts, customs officials and transport industry on the efforts to digitalize the inland transport conventions	1	5	3	6
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
11. On the transport of dangerous goods	3	3	2	3
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	3	5	4	4
14. On vehicle regulations	1	1	1	1
15. On statistics	1	1	1	1
16. On border crossing facilitation	-	1	1	1
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
17. Recommendations for performance evaluation of automated driving systems	—	1	1	1
18. Transport statistics – country profiles	1	1	1	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> 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.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> the International TIR Data Bank for users from more than 70 contracting parties of the TIR Convention; TIR and eTIR portals; the eTIR international system; the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory; the Sustainable Inland Transport Connectivity Indicators online user platform; the inventory of standards on inland water infrastructure; 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 smart and sustainable connectivity e-learning platform.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> information materials, including brochures on legal instruments and activities of the subprogramme for global and regional access.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases for the subprogramme.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> LearnITC and other digital platforms and multimedia content on sustainable transport and mobility; and website of the subprogramme.				

### **Subprogramme 3**

#### **Statistics**

#### **Objective**

- 20.42 The objective, to which the 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**

- 20.43 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 through 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.
- 20.44 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, to support modernization of national statistical offices and their changing role to become data stewards, and to promote the use of official statistics;
  - (c) Maintain and develop the ECE statistical database;
  - (d) Establish and strengthen partnerships between geospatial experts and statisticians to support the integration of statistical and geospatial information, in cooperation with statistical departments of other regional entities, as well as international specialized agencies active in the region;
  - (e) Facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices in population and housing censuses, price statistics and environment statistics, including adaptations that occurred during COVID-19 restrictions allowing for improved timeliness and granularity of official statistics;
  - (f) Provide support to countries in planning and conducting their census and developing their statistical capacity, including cross-cutting topics such as statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals, statistical legislation, data collection, integration and dissemination, and human resource management.
- 20.45 The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
- (a) Improved statistical methodology and capacity of member States to measure and monitor the Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) Improved capacity by member States to provide the statistics necessary to develop evidence-based policies to manage their post-pandemic recovery.

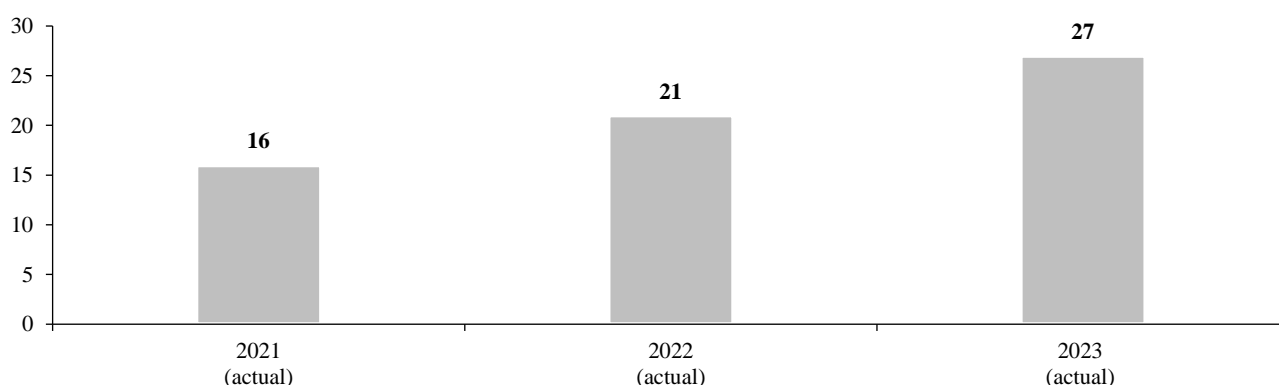
## Programme performance in 2023

### Improved measurement of economic globalization and of the activities of multinational enterprise groups

- 20.46 Economic globalization and the activities of multinational enterprise groups play a significant role in national economies. Measuring economic globalization and multinational enterprise activities is a challenge facing producers of official statistics. To this end, the subprogramme has developed recommendations and guidelines to assist countries in measuring economic globalization: the “Impact of globalization on national accounts” (2011); the “Guide to measuring global production” (2015); and the *Guide to Sharing Economic Data in Official Statistics* (2020). The subprogramme has also promoted the establishment in national statistical offices of specialized units responsible for multinational enterprise groups, so-called “large cases units”, to account for their activities more consistently across national and international economic statistics and to improve the measurement of economic globalization and of the activities of multinational enterprise groups.
- 20.47 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VI).

Figure 20.VI

**Performance measure: number of countries that have established large cases units (cumulative)**



## Planned results for 2025

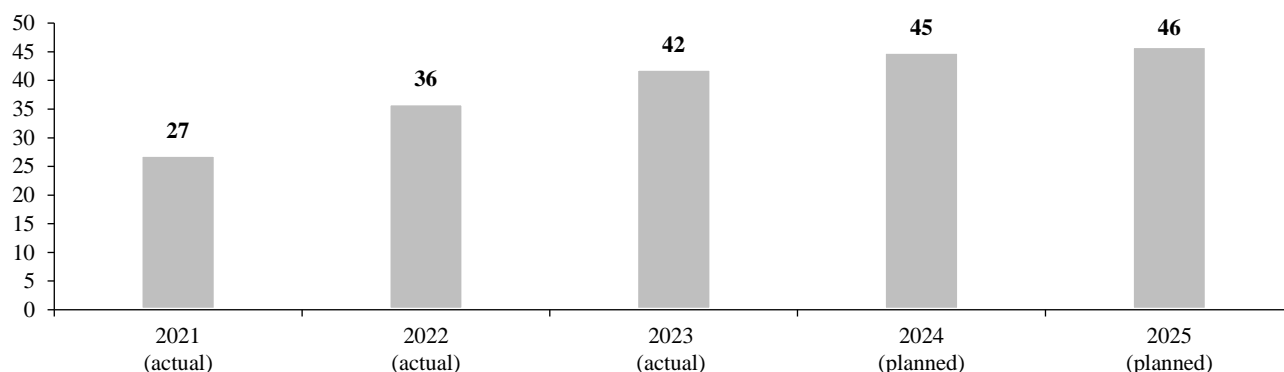
### Result 1: increased number of countries collaborating on developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.48 The subprogramme’s work contributed to 42 member States actively collaborating in developing and using machine learning techniques for the production of official statistics, which exceeded the planned target of 33 member States.
- 20.49 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VII).

Figure 20.VII

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



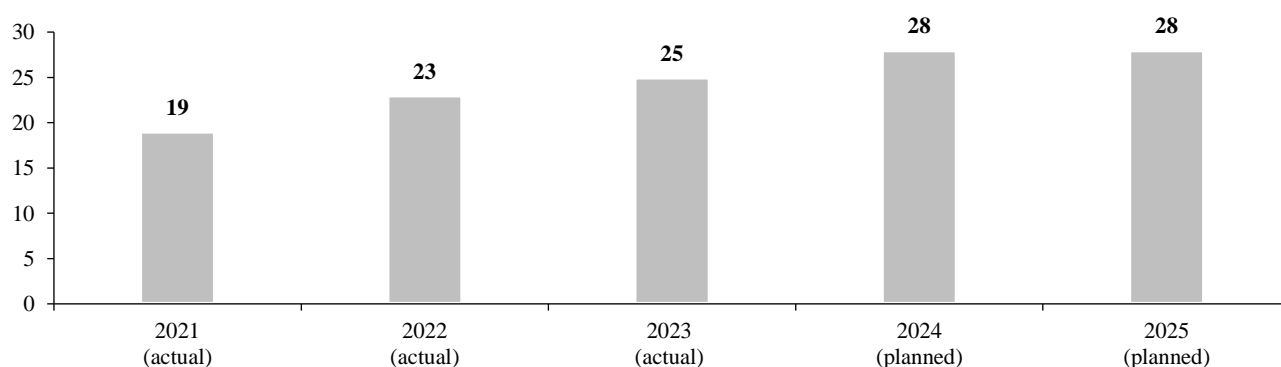
### **Result 2: improved environmental statistics and indicators in the Economic Commission for Europe region**

#### **Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 20.50 The subprogramme's work contributed to 25 member States actively improving environmental statistics and indicators through the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, which met the planned target.
- 20.51 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.VIII).

Figure 20.VIII

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



### **Result 3: Economic Commission for Europe statistical database for improved research and decision-making**

#### **Proposed programme plan for 2025**

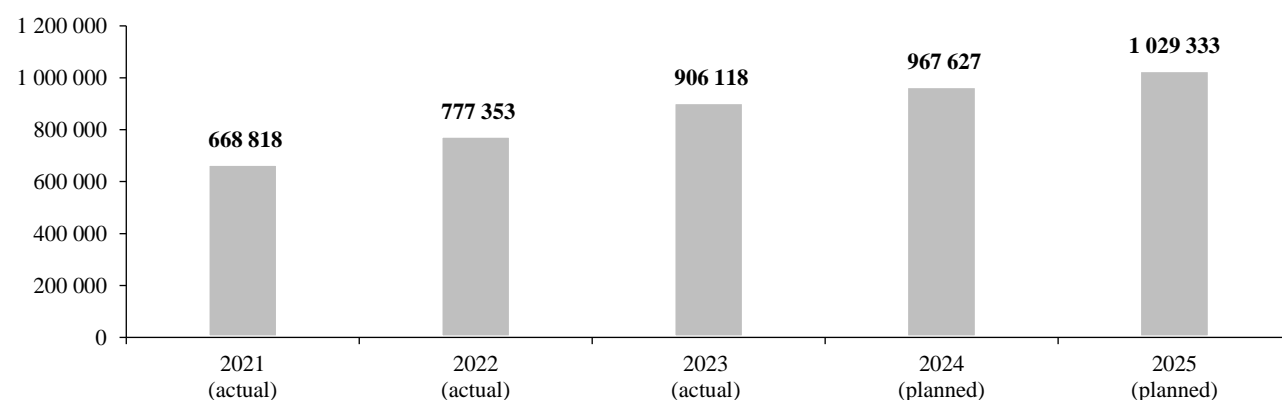
- 20.52 The ECE statistical database provides key economic indicators, population figures, and statistics on gender equality and migration. ECE helps member States to enhance the international comparability and quality of national statistics and facilitates access to policy-relevant numbers in the statistical database for all member States. In 2022, the subprogramme developed a new statistical data portal, which offers user-friendly access to data, with a focus on data visualizations.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.53 The lesson for the subprogramme was that further visualization of data and developing data stories could help to reach wider audiences and improve user satisfaction. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will conduct regular surveys to gather insights into what enhancements to data visualization would be most useful and will prioritize improvements based on feedback.
- 20.54 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.IX).

Figure 20.IX

**Performance measure: number of downloads from the Economic Commission for Europe statistical database (annual)**



*Notes:* The increase of downloads from 2021 to 2023 is understood as exceptionally high because of the launch and expansion of a new Sustainable Development Goals section of the database. No such expansion is foreseen for 2024 and 2025, and this is reflected in the values forecasted for those years.

## Deliverables

- 20.55 Table 20.7 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.7

**Subprogramme 3: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>81</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>
1. Documentation for the Conference of European Statisticians	43	43	43	43
2. Documentation for groups of experts on statistical issues	38	32	26	26
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
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	70	72	72
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	–
5. On social and economic statistics	1	1	1	–
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
6. Workshops on social and economic statistics	3	3	3	4

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
7. Workshops on innovating statistical production	3	3	3	3
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
8. On topics covering multiple statistical areas, including social, environmental and economic statistics	7	6	7	7
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advisory services for more than 100 government officials and other stakeholders of up to 4 programme countries in the ECE region on economic, social, demographic and environment statistics, statistics for the Sustainable Development Goals, geospatial statistics and institutional issues and modernization of official statistics.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> Maintaining 5 ECE data domains.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>External and media relations:</b> articles for the “UNECE Weekly” and “EnvStats” newsletters for regional access.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> interactive digital workspaces (wikis, including the ECE census wiki); and website of the subprogramme.				

## Subprogramme 4 Economic cooperation and integration

### Objective

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

### Strategy

- 20.57 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.
- 20.58 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- Support member States in creating a conducive business environment by developing good practices to inform innovation policy reforms in order to drive sustainable development, including through on-demand analyses of national innovation systems, policies and institutions; and through capacity-building workshops and seminars at the national and subregional levels;
  - 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:
    - The promotion of innovative modalities of financing, development and management of critical infrastructure;
    - The development of international guidelines and standards to design public-private partnership projects and legal and regulatory frameworks;
    - 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 SOURCE);<sup>1</sup>
  - (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.
- 20.59 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.
- 20.60 The above-mentioned work is 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.

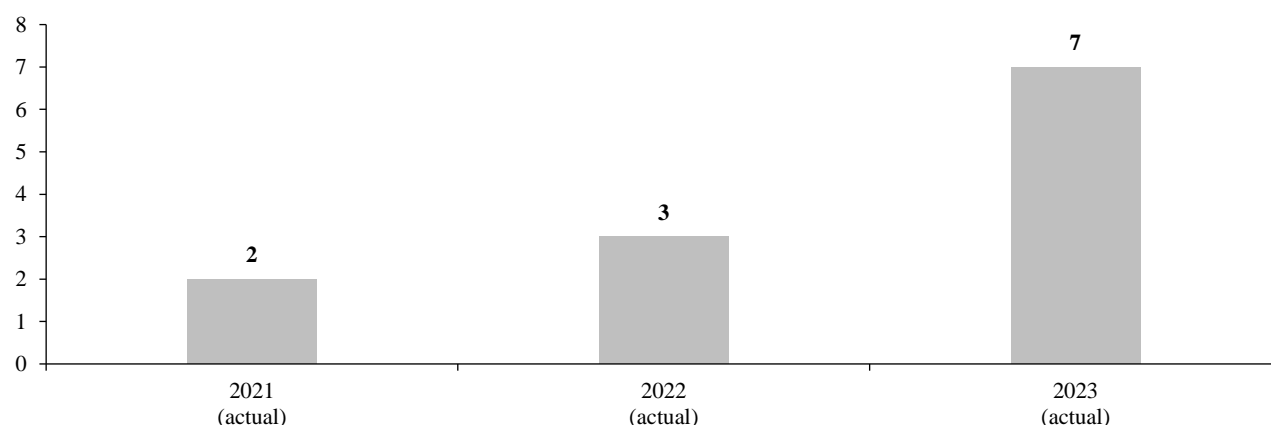
### Programme performance in 2023

#### United Nations programme countries in the Economic Commission for Europe region have improved their national policies in support of innovation for sustainable development

- 20.61 Innovation efforts of programme countries in the ECE region have been constrained by a lack of effective supporting policies. The subprogramme has supported programme countries in the ECE region (upon request) with in-depth analyses of their national innovation policies, resulting in detailed recommendations for policy reforms, and with tailored training programmes building the capacity of policymakers for implementing reforms.
- 20.62 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.X).

Figure 20.X

**Performance measure: number of programme countries in the Economic Commission for Europe region having implemented innovation policy reforms with Commission support (cumulative)**



<sup>1</sup> SOURCE is the multilateral platform for sustainable infrastructure.

## Planned results for 2025

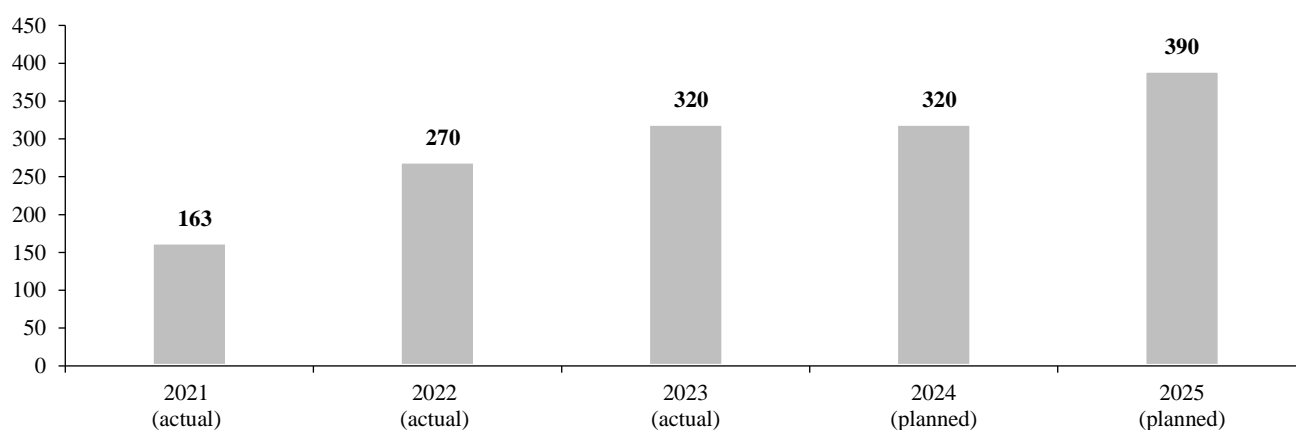
### Result 1: Improved capacity of member States in the development of infrastructure projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the circular economy

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.63 The subprogramme's work contributed to 320 policymakers from member States using the ECE standards and guidelines on public-private partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals, which exceeded the planned target of 300 policymakers.
- 20.64 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XI).

Figure 20.XI

**Performance measure: number of policymakers from member States that have used the 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 2: member States implement transformative innovation<sup>2</sup> policies and good practices for sustainable development

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.65 The subprogramme's work contributed to improving the evidence base for policymaking and to increasing the capacity of policymakers to promote transformative innovation, as demonstrated by member States endorsing 10 additional good practices on transformative innovation policy, which met the planned target.
- 20.66 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.8).

<sup>2</sup> 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)).

Table 20.8  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
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	At least 3 additional member States implement policies and good practices to stimulate transformative innovation for sustainable development

**Result 3: more public-private partnership infrastructure projects assessed as compliant with the Sustainable Development Goals**

**Proposed programme plan for 2025**

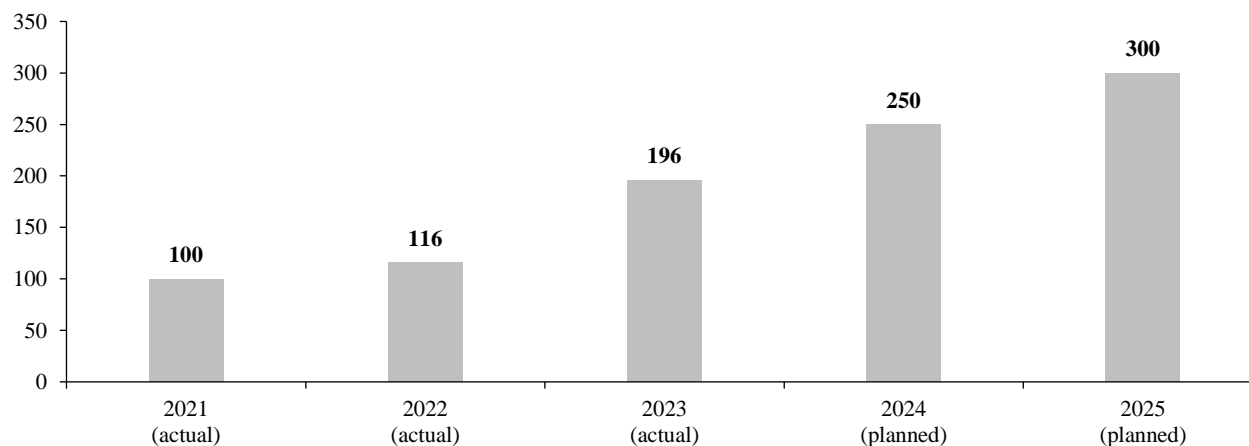
- 20.67 Scaling up investment in public infrastructure and mobilizing private sector finance and expertise can help to implement the 2030 Agenda. The subprogramme has developed a public-private partnership and infrastructure evaluation and rating system, a methodology for assessing infrastructure public-private partnerships on their contributions to sustainable development. The subprogramme is training policymakers and practitioners on using this methodology for self-assessments of public-private partnership projects, including in landlocked developing countries in Central Asia, as called for in the Vienna Programme of Action. The assessments reveal the degree to which proposed projects contribute to increased access and equity, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, economic effectiveness, replicability and stakeholder engagement. The results provide important insights into sustainability gaps and help to improve project proposals. Project proposals assessed to date have covered both economic and social infrastructure.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.68 The lesson for the subprogramme was that a thorough self-assessment took public-private partnership units up to 40 hours, generating delays in project implementation. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will offer to public-private partnership units additional technical assistance, with the aim of cutting the assessment time by 75 per cent.
- 20.69 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XII).

Figure 20.XII

**Performance measure: number of public-private partnership infrastructure projects assessed as Sustainable Development Goal-compliant using the public-private partnership and infrastructure evaluation and rating system methodology (cumulative)**



## Deliverables

20.70 Table 20.9 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.9

**Subprogramme 4: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18	18	18	18
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
2. Meetings of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships and its subsidiary bodies	18	19	18	18
3. Meetings of the Working Group on Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development	1	1	1	1
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	–
4. On innovation and competitiveness policies	2	2	2	–
5. On public-private partnerships	1	–	1	–
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
6. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on innovation and competitiveness policies for sustainable development	8	9	8	8
7. Capacity-building and policy advisory workshops, seminars and training on public-private partnerships	8	10	8	8
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
8. Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews	1	1	1	1
9. Comparative reviews on innovation policy and/or public-private partnership	2	2	2	2

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2023 actual</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>	<i>2025 planned</i>
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions</b> (number of missions)	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
10. Fact-finding missions for Innovation for Sustainable Development Reviews and public-private partnership needs assessments	3	1	3	3
<b>C. Substantive deliverables:</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> 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.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> database of public-private partnership case studies from approximately 15 member States.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables:</b>				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases and launch events for the above publications for regional, subregional and national access.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> website of the subprogramme.				

## **Subprogramme 5**

### **Sustainable energy**

#### **Objective**

- 20.71 The objective, to which the 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**

- 20.72 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will support international policy dialogue and cooperation among Governments, energy industries and other stakeholders to foster sustainable energy development; develop and deploy ECE policy recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools on energy-related issues; and provide capacity-building and assistance to member States, at their request, through training programmes, advisory services and technical cooperation projects. Through its work, the subprogramme will contribute to ECE work on cross-sectoral collaboration areas and priorities relating to the circular economy. Specifically, the subprogramme will:
- (a) 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 deep transformation of the energy sector to meet future needs, ensuring the sustainable management of resources and assessing options to ensure energy for sustainable development;
  - (b) Promote policy dialogue and cooperation among member States, regional entities and other partners on sustainable energy issues;
  - (c) Provide technical assistance and guidance on energy transitions in the context of sustainable development, disseminate best practices and improve information-sharing;
  - (d) Promote collaboration among private and public stakeholders that are key to implementing national and regional policies, including with regard to normative instruments and their deployment and dissemination;
  - (e) Coordinate and promote efforts related to energy resilience across the ECE region and to 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 and low-emissions transformations and sustainable infrastructure projects;
- (g) Support countries across the ECE region in applying the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System to assure sustainable development of their natural resources, including critical raw materials;
- (h) Support ECE member States in enhancing their understanding of the benefits of low- and zero-carbon technology interplay for more resilient energy systems across the ECE region;
- (i) Support ECE member States in broadening and accelerating the deployment of energy efficiency measures across buildings, industry, transport and other end-use sectors while embracing sector-wide digitalization;
- (j) Support and guide ECE member States in their efforts to accurately measure and report methane emissions from the energy sector and the related extractive industries, and to effectively mitigate those emissions by detecting and repairing leaks from the installed infrastructure and by capturing and destroying or utilizing gas from active and abandoned coal mines;
- (k) Explore the notion of “just transition”, being an integrated approach to sustainable development, which brings together social progress, environmental protection and economic success into a framework of democratic governance; and increase ECE member States’ understanding of that concept and its complexity and improve their capacity to plan and implement transformation strategies in accordance with its principles.

20.73 The above-mentioned work is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 7, 12 and 13 and result in:

- (a) More effective integration of sustainable energy across national policies and normative frameworks in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement;
- (b) Enhanced dialogue and cooperation among energy actors to boost transformational investment in the energy sector and, consequently, accelerate the modernization of the energy system to meet countries’ sustainable development and climate commitments;
- (c) Improved access of member States to frameworks and tools required for integrated and sustainable resource management that aid the progress towards a more circular economy and contribute to the food-water-energy nexus;
- (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 critical raw materials needed for such transformations;
- (f) Improved capacity of ECE member States to design and implement policies setting up effective mechanisms for accurate measurement and reporting of methane emissions from the energy sector and the related extractive industries, as well as for their effective mitigation;
- (g) Improved understanding of a “just transition” concept and increased capacity of ECE member States for its effective application of national energy transition strategies, at the planning and implementation stages.

## Programme performance in 2023

### Global application of the United Nations Resource Management System to help member States to manage natural resources sustainably

- 20.74 Balancing resource use and conservation can be enhanced through innovation. The subprogramme supported the development of the United Nations Resource Management System to help member States to balance economic development, environmental sustainability and social responsibility. The System's principles and requirements were developed by the subprogramme and case studies and workshops were undertaken. The subprogramme enhanced member States' capacity to use the System through the development and dissemination of policy and technical briefs and the provision of technical support for its application.
- 20.75 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.10).

Table 20.10

#### Performance measure

<i>2021 (actual)</i>	<i>2022 (actual)</i>	<i>2023 (actual)</i>
Draft of the United Nations Resource Management System available	United Nations Resource Management System made available	Economic and Social Council endorsed the United Nations Resource Management System for global application  United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland tested the application of the United Nations Resource Management System for critical transition minerals

## Planned results for 2025

### Result 1: digitalization of the energy sector as an enabler of a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources

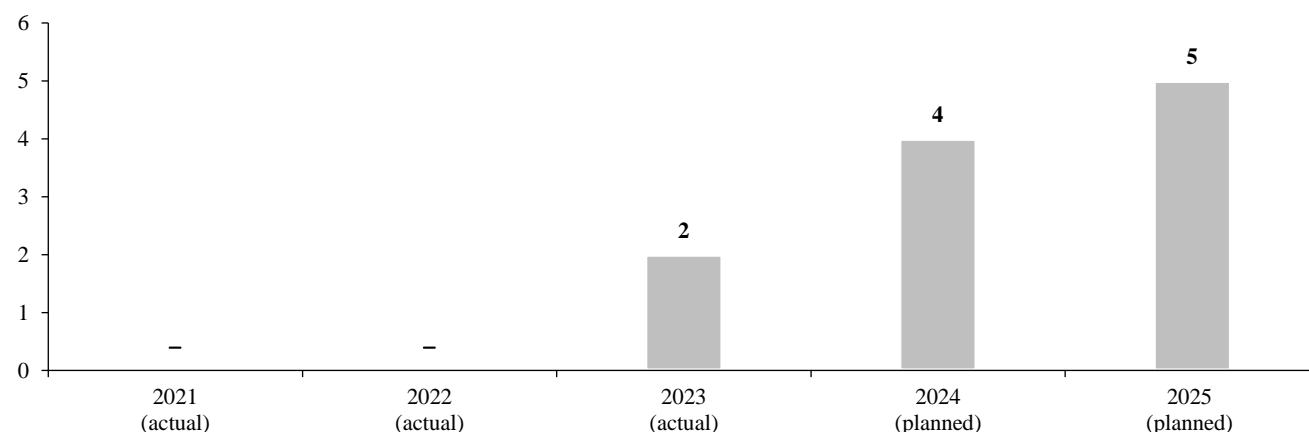
#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.76 The subprogramme's work contributed to the development of national case studies from two member States and the application of ECE recommendations on digitalization of the energy sector to them, which met the planned target.
- 20.77 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIII).



Figure 20.XIII

**Performance measure: number of member States applying Economic Commission for Europe recommendations on digitalization by developing national case studies (cumulative)**



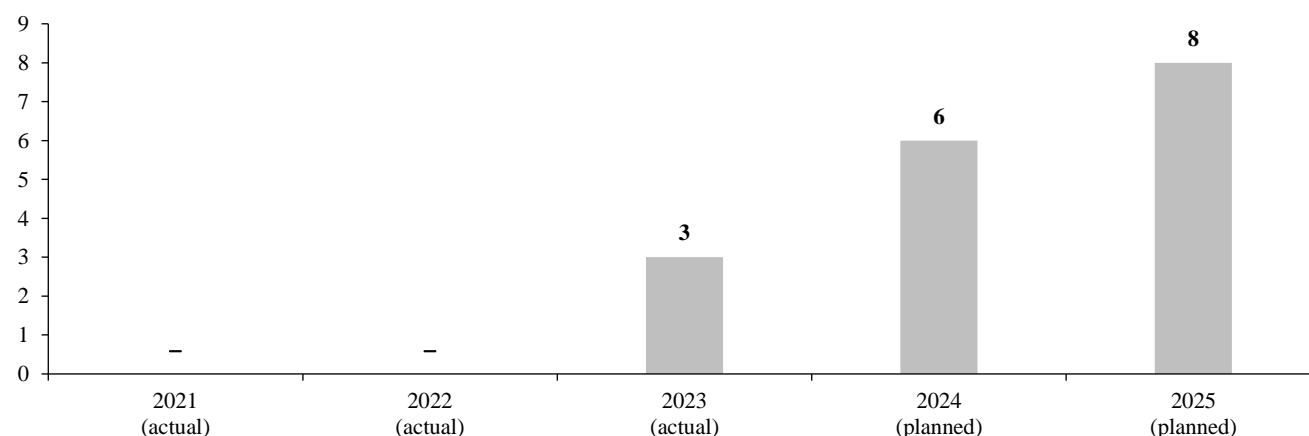
### **Result 2: enhanced resilience of energy systems in the Economic Commission for Europe region**

#### **Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 20.78 The subprogramme's work contributed to the application by three member States of mechanisms developed by ECE to enhance the resilience of energy systems and progress towards the attainment of the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 7, which met the planned target.
- 20.79 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIV).

Figure 20.XIV

**Performance measure: number of member States using Economic Commission for Europe mechanisms to enhance the resilience of energy systems in the Economic Commission for Europe region (cumulative)**



### **Result 3: more sustainable and resilient natural resource management based on the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources**

#### **Proposed programme plan for 2025**

- 20.80 The subprogramme provides technical assistance to member States to implement the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources for national resource management strategies and policies and to assess critical raw materials for the energy transition.

*Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.81 The lesson learned for the subprogramme was the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources could be more responsive to changing demands and expectations of member States, other stakeholders and regional contexts. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will organize workshops and dialogues, tailor its approach to various regions and sectors in collaboration with United Nations country teams, and engage with International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management.
- 20.82 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.11).

Table 20.11  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
International Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management established in the Russian Federation to deploy the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources in Eurasia	International Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management established in Mexico to deploy the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources in Latin America	United Nations Framework Classification for Resources included in European Union's Critical Raw Materials Act	Two additional International Centres of Excellence on Sustainable Resource Management established	Five additional countries adopt the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources guidelines
Economic and Social Council endorsed the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources for global application	African Union Heads of State endorsed adoption of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and United Nations Resource Management System as African Minerals and Energy Resources Classification and Management System	One bridging document between the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and Russia's petroleum classification updated and endorsed	Five countries adopt the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources guidelines	Ten Member States provide input to the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources knowledge hub
	Two bridging documents between the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and China's mineral and petroleum classifications developed and endorsed			

## Deliverables

20.83 Table 20.12 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.12

### Subprogramme 5: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Sustainable Energy and related subsidiary bodies	45	45	40	40
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>
2. Meetings of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, its Bureau and related subsidiary bodies	38	40	38	38
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
3. On sustainable resource management	3	3	2	1
4. On reducing the environmental footprint of energy	1	1	1	–
5. On accelerating transformations of the energy sector	3	3	1	1
6. On supporting member States in securing sustainable energy	2	2	1	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
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 and workshops on energy efficiency measures, accelerators and standards	2	2	4	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	3	3
11. Training and workshops on methane management	–	–	2	2
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
12. On hydrogen, the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources and the United Nations Resource Management System	2	2	1	1
13. On digitalization and on best practices in methane management	–	–	2	1
14. On resilient energy systems	–	–	–	1
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> booklets on sustainable energy and related topics, for regional access.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases, keynote speeches and articles on the activities of the energy subprogramme.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> website of the subprogramme.				

## Subprogramme 6

### Trade

#### Objective

- 20.84 The objective, to which the 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

- 20.85 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.
- 20.86 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;
  - (d) Strengthen regulatory cooperation and promote standards and best practices in regulatory frameworks, risk management, conformity assessment and market surveillance to facilitate a predictable and harmonized regulatory environment;
  - (e) Provide practical ways forward for standards bodies wishing to mainstream a gender perspective into standards. The subprogramme will further support capacity-building and dissemination on the use of standards and regulatory cooperation, notably with its standards for the Sustainable Development Goals portal (<https://standards4sdgs.unece.org/>) and its initiative on education on standards (<https://learnqi.unece.org>);
  - (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;
  - (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;
  - (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.

20.87 The above-mentioned work is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 2, 5, 8, 9, 12 and 17 and 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 procedures (e.g., progress towards the adoption of trade-related digital services such as Single Window) to support public and private sectors' efforts in member States to facilitate trade.

## Programme performance in 2023

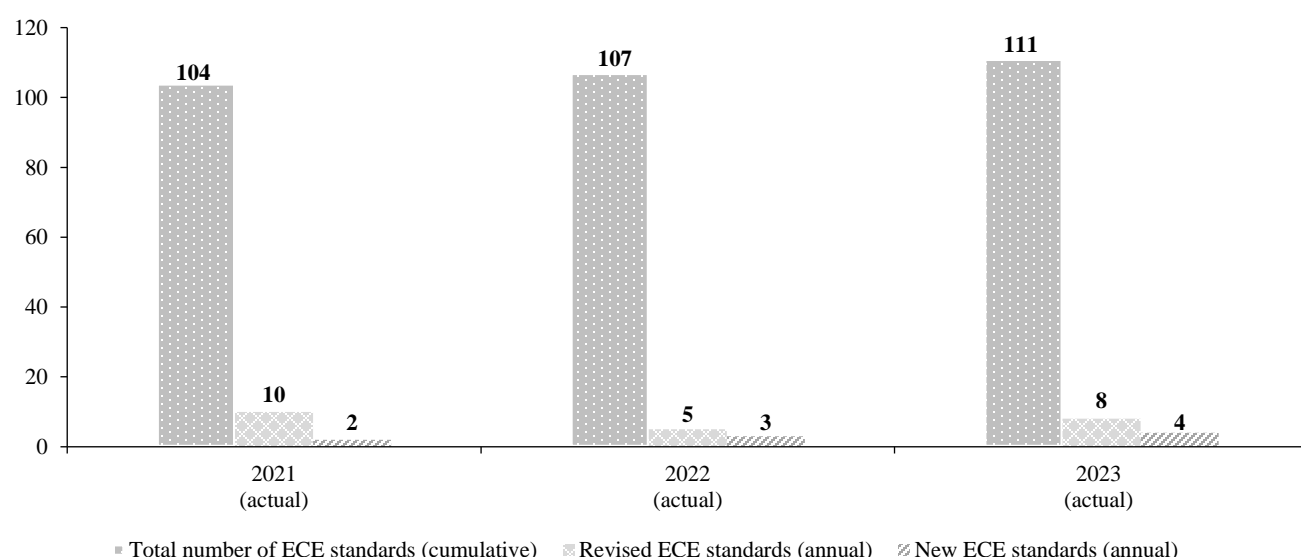
### Economic Commission for Europe agricultural quality standards enhance trade and preserves the livelihood of farmers

20.88 Under its Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards, ECE sets internationally agreed commercial quality standards for fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit and nuts, meat, egg, seed potatoes and cut flowers. The standards are used by traders and retail chains, enabling them to order with confidence, by authorities to check against rules and by producers to improve production and reach new markets. Between 2021 and 2023, several new standards were adopted, including those at the request of stakeholders in Central Asia. A 2022 a joint ECE/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development study found conclusive evidence of a positive impact of new or revised ECE agricultural quality standards on the trade in fresh fruit and vegetables. In 2023, the European Union updated its legislation on marketing standards for fresh fruit and vegetables, retaining the dynamic link (harmonization) with ECE standards. This means that, in European Union countries, ECE standards are mandatory for the 10 most traded fresh fruit and vegetables, corresponding to some 33 per cent of European Union imports of fresh and dried fruits, vegetables and nuts.

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

Figure 20.XV

**Performance measure: number of Economic Commission for Europe agricultural quality standards adopted**



## Planned results for 2025

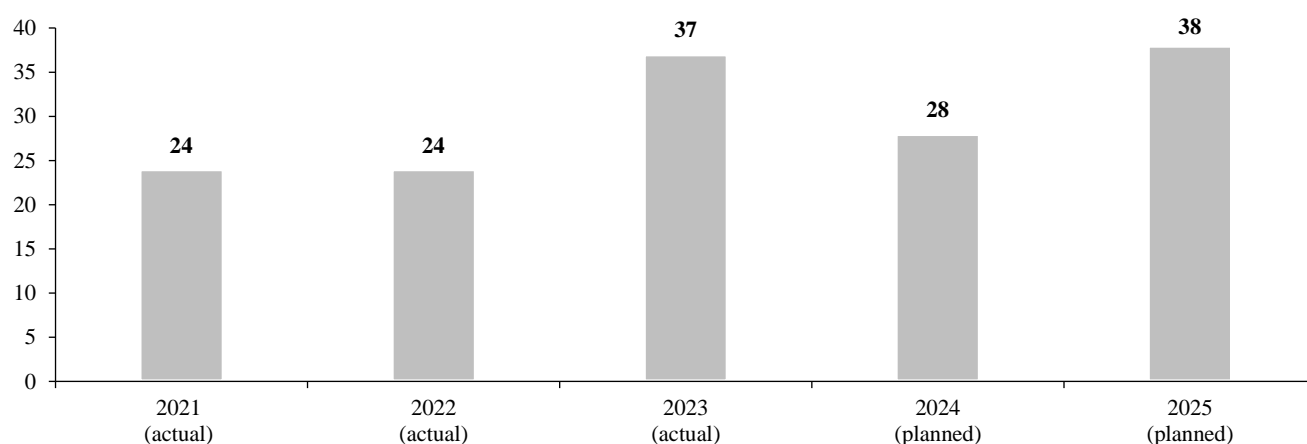
### Result 1: increased facilitation of agricultural trade through the adoption of agricultural quality and electronic business standards in Economic Commission for Europe member States

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.90 The subprogramme's work contributed to 37 ECE member States fully or partially implementing the Commission's standard for "electronic application and issuance of electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates", which exceeded the planned target of 28.
- 20.91 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVI).

Figure 20.XVI

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



<sup>a</sup> The data for 2022 are based on past progress as reflected in the 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.

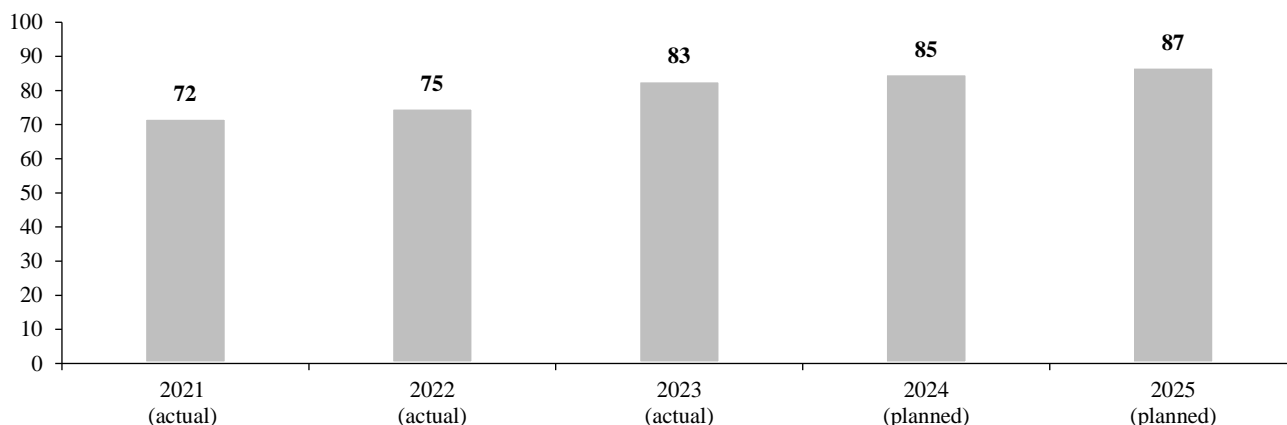
### Result 2: mainstreaming a gender perspective into standards development organizations

#### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.92 The subprogramme's work contributed to 83 standards development organizations that have committed themselves to implementing the ECE Declaration for Gender Responsive Standards and Standards Development, which exceeded the planned target of 80.
- 20.93 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVII).

Figure 20.XVII

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



### **Result 3: enhanced digitalization of trade**

#### **Proposed programme plan for 2025**

- 20.94 Facilitating trade through increased digitalization of trade processes such as the simplification and dematerialization of trade processes, the adoption and harmonization of international standards and guidelines and the promotion of interoperable digital systems are a priority of the subprogramme. To date, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business has produced more than 40 policy recommendations on trade facilitation, 400 electronic business standards, and several training and guidance materials, which are available freely to the global trading community. This normative work, along with policy guidance, technical assistance and capacity-building activities, are geared towards greater digitalization of trade to help to facilitate trade, reduce the cost of trading and, in turn, increase competitiveness.

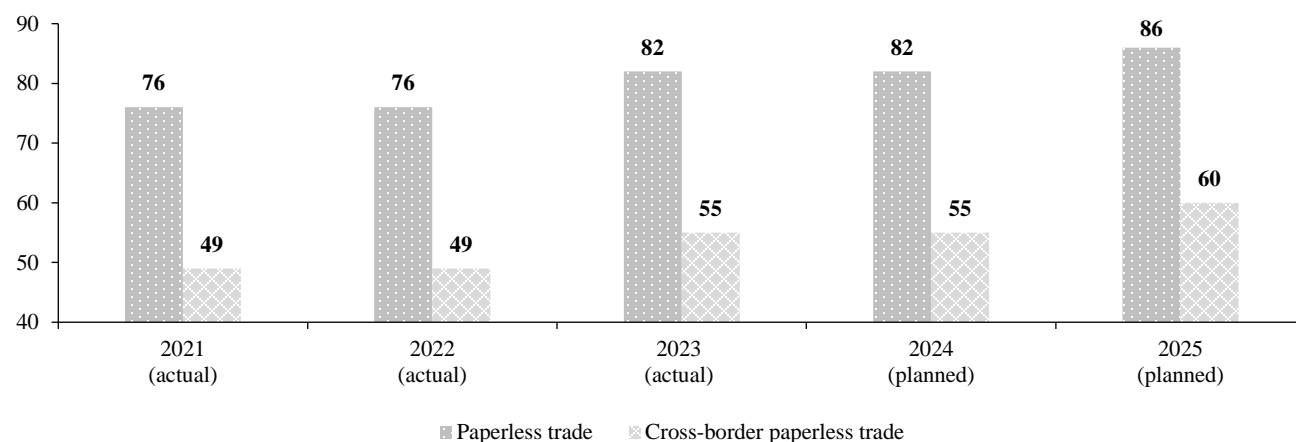
#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.95 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a growing demand to integrate cross-cutting themes, such as digitalization, a circular economy and resource efficiency, into trade-related work. For example, electronic traceability systems will increasingly be used to provide proof of the origin, content and sustainability of traded goods. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will expand work on cross-cutting issues, with a focus on the minerals, textiles and agri-food sectors. For example, the ECE Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy will develop digital standards for product circularity data and for environmental, social and governance traceability in critical minerals.
- 20.96 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XVIII).

Figure 20.XVIII

**Performance measure: average implementation rate of trade facilitation measures in the Economic Commission for Europe region**

(Percentage)



## Deliverables

20.97 Table 20.13 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.13

**Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>108</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>102</b>
1. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards	10	11	13	13
2. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies	14	14	14	14
3. The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards	60	61	60	60
4. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business	24	25	20	15
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>96</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>96</b>
5. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and its Bureau	4	4	7	4
6. The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, its Bureau and related expert bodies	13	21	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	53	53	53
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
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 reduction in agriculture supply chains	1	—	1	1
11. On trade facilitation	3	3	3	3



Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
12. 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	2	4	6	6
13. Seminars for standardization and inspection agencies and other stakeholders in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on ECE agricultural quality standards	6	6	3	3
14. 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	6	7	9	9
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
15. On regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in a country to be decided	1	1	1	1
16. On trade standard guidance in the following areas: quality infrastructure, risk management, education and sustainable development	1	1	2	2
17. On mainstreaming a gender perspective into standards	3	2	2	1
18. On agricultural trade, supply chains and food loss and waste	–	–	1	1
19. On trade facilitation recommendations, standards and strategies	5	3	5	4
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
20. Guidelines on cross-border trade	1	1	1	1
21. Training material and guidelines on trade standards and/or regulatory cooperation	2	2	2	2
22. Standards and guidelines on agricultural quality	4	4	4	4
23. Training material on trade facilitation and electronic business	1	3	1	1
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigating missions</b> (number of missions)	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
24. Fact-finding missions on trade facilitation and electronic business, agricultural quality standards, regulatory cooperation and standardization, and regulatory and procedural barriers to trade	3	3	3	3
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> 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.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> databases for e-business standards and codes.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> booklets, promotional materials, fact sheets and information brochures reaching at least all programme countries in the ECE region and for more than 1,000 public and private sector experts.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases, publication launch events and articles in external newsletters intended for government officials and experts working on trade.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> website of the subprogramme.				

## Subprogramme 7 Forests and the forest industry

### Objective

- 20.98 The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen the sustainable management of trees and forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development, climate action and biodiversity in the ECE region.

## Strategy

- 20.99 The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of core interlinked functions, namely, analytical and normative work, international policy dialogue, capacity-building and communication.
- 20.100 To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:
- (a) Promote cooperation for sustainable forest management, forest landscape restoration, 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 exchange of national and subnational experiences and best practices and monitor progress on achieving sustainable forest management, which will help member States to measure progress towards achieving the relevant Sustainable Development Goals and 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 solutions for more resilient economies.
- 20.101 The subprogramme will carry out its work in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant organizations and processes.
- 20.102 The above-mentioned work is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 7, 11–13 and 15 and result in:
- (a) The ability of ECE member States to sustainably manage healthy forest ecosystems 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 sustainable use of natural resources;
  - (c) The integration of forest resources and products into planning and recovery from economic, health and environmental shocks, to increase the resilience of member States and their most vulnerable persons.

## Programme performance in 2023

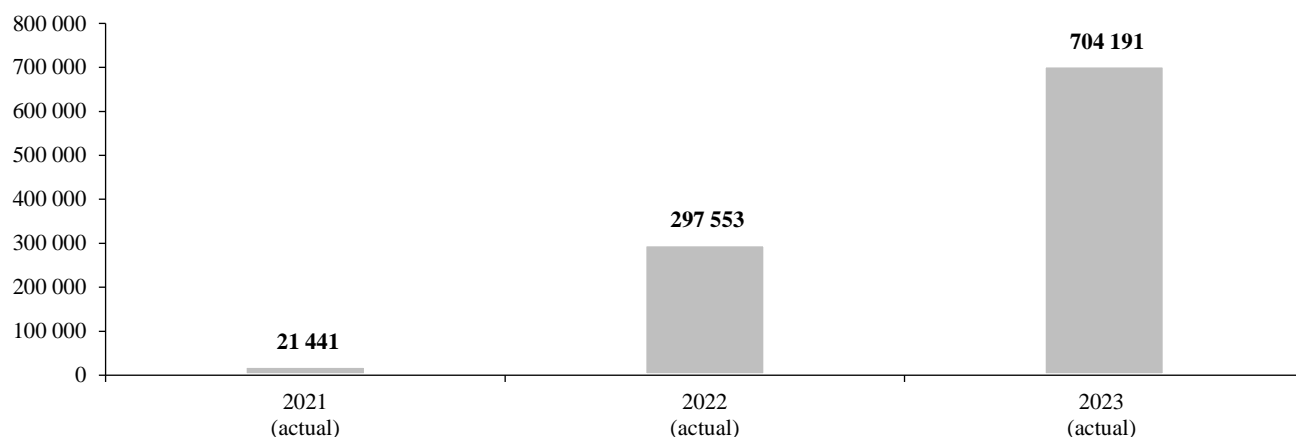
### Increased access to knowledge for evidence-based policymaking for management of forests and the forest industry

- 20.103 Communicating effectively within and outside the forest and forest products sector can help to promote evidence-based decision-making for sustainable management of the forest sector and forest industry. The subprogramme has strengthened the dissemination of information resulting from the implementation of the programme of work, developing a diverse set of communication products to enhance the subprogramme's capacity to reach stakeholders in the sector, including policymakers and experts and the general public. This has included policy briefs, press releases, a quarterly information billboard, videos and podcasts, among other formats. Efforts to amplify the outreach of the subprogramme's work also include actively engaging on social media channels and the Forest Information Billboard.
- 20.104 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XIX).

Figure 20.XIX

**Performance measure: social media reach (cumulative)**

(Number of impressions across social media platforms managed by the subprogramme)

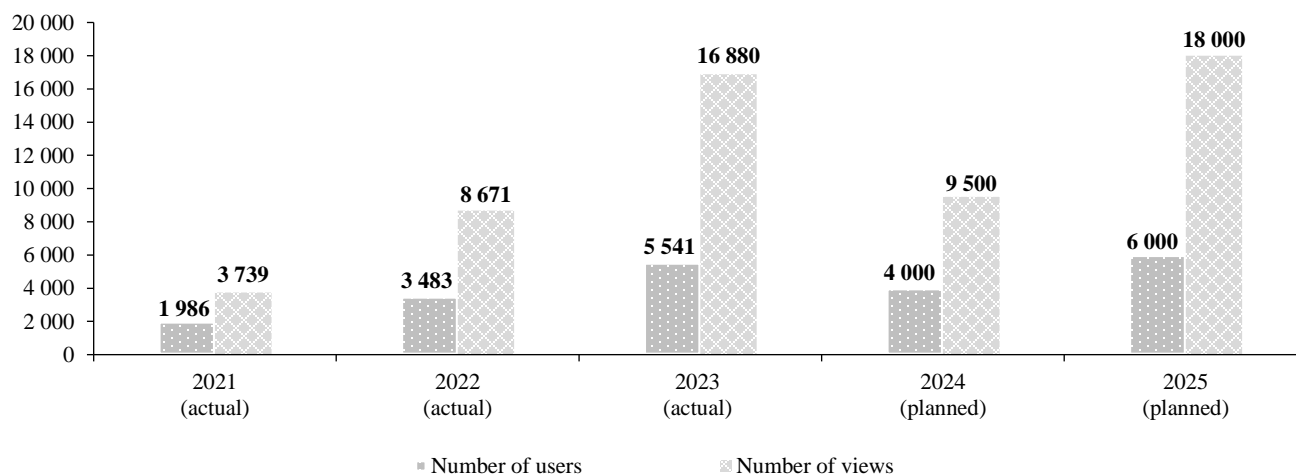

**Planned results for 2025**

**Result 1: 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 2023 and target for 2025**

- 20.105 The subprogramme's work contributed to 16,880 views by 5,541 users, which exceeded both the planned target of 6,000 views and of 2,500 users.
- 20.106 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XX).

Figure 20.XX

**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)**


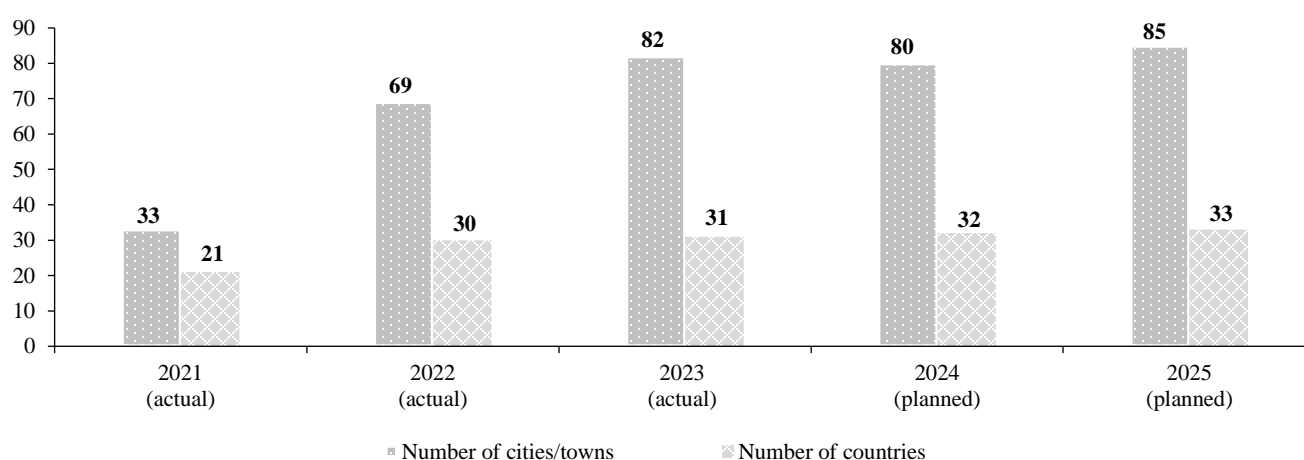
## Result 2: cities and towns commit themselves to expanding sustainable urban and peri-urban forest cover

### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.107 The subprogramme's work contributed to a cumulative total of 82 cities from 31 countries that made pledges and commitments to increasing sustainable urban tree and forest cover, which exceeded the planned target of 75 cities and met the planned target of 31 countries.
- 20.108 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XXI).

Figure 20.XXI

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



## Result 3: evidence-based planning and action for the sustainable production and consumption of forest products

### Proposed programme plan for 2025

- 20.109 Sustainably produced wood is a global commodity used widely for many products. ECE member States account for approximately 40 per cent of global forest resources and more than 60 percent of wood harvested globally for wood products manufacturing (excluding wood energy).<sup>3</sup> The subprogramme contributes to increased access to forest products information by collecting data annually from member States on their production, trade and consumption of wood and wood-based products and developing technical and policy-oriented reports and assessments.

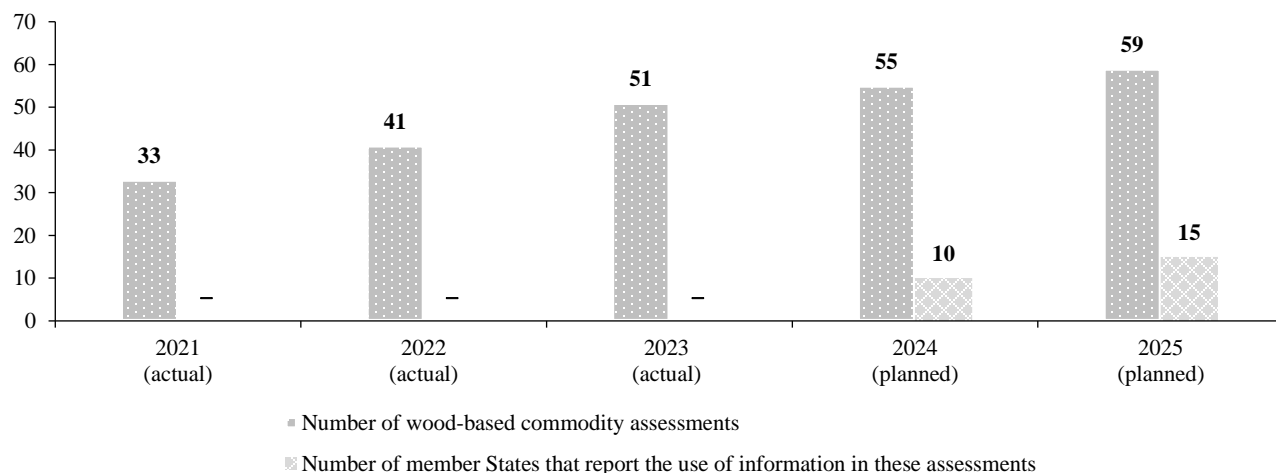
### *Lessons learned and planned change*

- 20.110 The lesson for the subprogramme was that there was a strong demand for timely information on forest products from within the forest industry and that there were knowledge and awareness gaps outside of the forest sector and industry such as the role that forest products could play in meeting Sustainable Development Goal 12. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will provide information on forest products, including tailored formats to enhance outreach.
- 20.111 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see figure 20.XXII).

<sup>3</sup> See United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe, and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2022–2023* (Geneva, 2023).

Figure 20.XXII

**Performance measure: number of assessments of wood-based commodities, regarding their production, trade and consumption, and number of member States that report the use of information from these assessments (cumulative)**



## Deliverables

20.112 Table 20.14 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.14

**Subprogramme 7: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory**

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>
1. Documentation for the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission	18	25	10	18
2. Documentation for the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management	6	6	6	6
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
3. The Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry/European Forestry Commission	8	8	6	8
4. The Bureau of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry	2	3	2	2
5. The Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management and of Teams of Specialists	14	14	12	12
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	—	—	—	<b>1</b>
6. Safeguarding forest management in the ECE region	—	—	—	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
7. Training events for policymakers, experts and relevant stakeholders from countries in the ECE region on topics related to the ECE/FAO integrated programme	12	15	12	12
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
8. Forest Products Annual Market Review	1	1	1	1
9. On sustainable forest management and forest products	6	6	6	4

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
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### C. Substantive deliverables

**Consultation, advice and advocacy:** advisory services, forest policy dialogues at the request of countries and support for forest policy issues, for up to 3 member States.

**Databases and substantive digital materials:** ECE region databases on forest policies and institutions; forest products; production, consumption, removals and trade, including prices; and wood energy for global access; ECE regional databases on forest resources and forest ownership.

### 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.

**Digital platforms and multimedia content:** website of the subprogramme; social media accounts; and videos and other media on forest-related topics.

## Subprogramme 8 Housing, land management and population

### Objective

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

### Strategy

- 20.114 The subprogramme comprises two components: (a) housing and land management; and (b) population.
- 20.115 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.
- 20.116 To contribute to the objective, the housing and land management component of the subprogramme will:
- (a) Support member States' national, regional and local governments 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, exchange of experiences and best practices and policy advice on: affordable climate-neutral and decent housing for all; housing finance; smart sustainable cities, digitalization in cities and innovative financial mechanisms for cities; land administration and management, including informal settlements; and urban strategies and programmes that integrate climate change measures and promote the climate neutrality of buildings;
  - (b) Support local governments in the development of the 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 the United Nations system-wide urban monitoring framework; and in the preparation of smart sustainable cities profiles and Sustainable Development Goals voluntary local reviews based on the assessments of achievement of the Goals;

- (c) Provide assistance to national and local governments 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) Subject to approval by the ECE Executive Committee, organize the fifth Forum of Mayors to discuss the challenges for sustainable housing and urban development.
- 20.117 To contribute to the objective, the population component of the subprogramme will:
- (a) Continue to facilitate cooperation among member States, regional agencies and other partners;
  - (b) Support national and regional review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy by providing a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing, and facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations;
  - (c) Coordinate data collection on 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;
  - (d) Support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through policy discussions, policy briefs and the showcasing of good practices from member States.
- 20.118 The above-mentioned work in the area of housing and land management is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 and, to a lesser extent, Goals 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12, and 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, including those developed and shared by the Geneva UN Charter Centres of Excellence, and the action plan titled *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 based on thematic studies and capacity-building activities in land administration and management;

- (e) More effective local urban development and housing policies and related resilience plans, in particular for people living in informal settlements.
- 20.119 The above-mentioned work in the area of population is expected to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3–5, 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17 and result in:
- (a) Demonstrated progress by member States in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;
  - (b) Enhanced capacities of member States in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;
  - (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.

### Programme performance in 2023

#### Enhanced city-to-city cooperation and multilevel governance to strengthen cooperation with national Governments to address city-level challenges

- 20.120 To address pressing urban challenges such as urban sprawl, air pollution, a lack of affordable and decent housing urban infrastructure, and extreme weather events, cities can exchange experiences and best practices and cooperate with one other and with their national Governments through multilevel governance approaches.
- 20.121 Following an independent evaluation requested by member States, ECE created the Forum of Mayors as a formal subsidiary body of the Commission, a team of specialists to promote both city-to-city and local government-to-national Government cooperation.
- 20.122 Progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.15).

Table 20.15  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)
–	Second Forum of Mayors brought together 250 participants, including leaders from 44 cities, and resulted in increased city-to-city cooperation to address city-level challenges	Third Forum of Mayors brought together 300 participants, including leaders from 61 cities, and resulted in enhanced city-to-city cooperation and multilevel governance to strengthen cooperation with the national Governments to address city-level challenges

### Planned results for 2025

#### Result 1: acceleration of the city-level implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

##### Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025

- 20.123 The subprogramme's work contributed to the development of the smart sustainable cities profile for Almaty, Kazakhstan, and Ålesund, Asker, Bærum, Rana and Trondheim, (Norway, using evidence-based approaches, which met the planned target.
- 20.124 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.16).



Table 20.16  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
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	Six smart sustainable cities profile 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	One additional country/city profile/voluntary local review using evidence-based approaches developed  Four cities implementing recommendations contained in the profiles and voluntary local reviews

**Result 2: acceleration of the city-level implementation of best practices in housing and land management and urban development****Programme performance in 2023 and target for 2025**

- 20.125 The subprogramme's work contributed to the implementation of one country profile for Albania (as requested by the Government, the profile combined a country-wide analysis with cities' analysis), which met the planned target.
- 20.126 Progress towards the objective and the target for 2025 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.17).

Table 20.17  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
—	<i>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</i> adopted by member States	One country profile (Albania) implemented 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	Four countries/cities implementing recommendations contained in the thematic policy briefs and guidelines on housing, land management and urban development

### Result 3: more age-sensitive and inclusive policies to respond to the opportunities and challenges of individual and population ageing

#### Proposed programme plan for 2025

- 20.127 The demographic transition to population ageing calls for societal adaptation. The subprogramme has been working with countries to develop and monitor ageing-related policies aligned with the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its regional implementation strategy across its diverse activities.

#### Lessons learned and planned change

- 20.128 The lesson for the subprogramme was that enhanced information-sharing on ageing-related policies was needed. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will develop a database to facilitate the sharing of good practices across the ECE region. It will contribute to monitoring the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its regional implementation strategy and provide an important information resource supporting countries in mainstreaming ageing, adjusting to demographic change while mainstreaming a gender perspective, and creating an environment that is conducive to the full realization of the individual and societal potential of longevity.
- 20.129 Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see table 20.18).

Table 20.18  
Performance measure

2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (actual)	2024 (planned)	2025 (planned)
—	Development of an ageing policies database was included in the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing	Member States agreed on the scope and design of the ageing policies database	Ageing policies database is accessible	At least 15 member States share ageing-related policy updates for inclusion in the ageing policies database

### Deliverables

- 20.130 Table 20.19 lists all deliverables of the subprogramme.

Table 20.19  
Subprogramme 8: deliverables for the period 2023–2025, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>
1. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	11	11	11	11
2. The Working Party on Land Administration	7	7	—	7
3. The Standing Working Group on Ageing	5	5	5	5
4. The regional conference on population and development issues	2	3	—	—

Category and subcategory	2023 planned	2023 actual	2024 planned	2025 planned
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>
5. The Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, its Bureau and expert bodies	14	15	18	14
6. The Working Party on Land Administration and its Bureau	10	10	6	10
7. The Standing Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau	9	9	9	9
8. The regional conference on population and development issues	4	4	–	–
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
9. Country profiles on urban development, housing and land management	1	1	2	1
10. Road maps on mainstreaming ageing	1	–	1	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
11. Workshops, seminars and training on urban development, housing and land management (including real estate)	8	9	8	8
12. Workshops and policy discussions on population ageing issues	2	2	2	2
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
13. Country profiles and studies on urban development, housing and land management	4	4	4	4
14. On population	2	2	2	2
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
15. Technical guidelines on urban development, housing and land management	2	2	2	2
16. Toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing	2	2	1	1
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions</b> (number of missions)	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
17. Fact-finding missions for policymakers in preparation for and follow-up to the country profiles on urban development, housing and land management	1	1	1	1
18. Fact-finding missions to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes	1	1	1	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> advisory services for up to 4 countries regarding the country profiles on urban development, housing, land management; “generations and gender programme” advocacy to support evidence-based policymaking; and advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> ageing indicators data set for global access and database on ageing-related policies.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> booklets and fact sheets.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases and social media posts.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> websites of the subprogramme and Active Ageing Index wiki.				

## B. Proposed post and non-post resource requirements for 2025

### Overview

- 20.131 As a part of its 2025 budget submission, ECE undertook a spending review in line with paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution [77/262](#). Detailed staffing tables along with the related organigramme featuring the reporting lines of all staff have been reviewed by all subprogramme managers, accompanied by justifications for the continuing need for each position, including any updates to functions, as appropriate, in line with the approved programme of work. The workforce review has been further enriched with detailed information for each subprogramme regarding current composition across a number of dimensions, including the distribution of staff per grade, the projected retirements by level and by year up through 2050, and current vacancy rates by count and by level in order to comprehensively review the changing nature of the workforce and identify any current or future opportunities to optimize or enhance organizational structures. The review also involved an analysis of opportunities to strengthen future skill requirements, including in areas such as data analytics and management, digital transformation, strategic communications, innovation, strategic foresight and behavioural science, in order to fully consider and reflect, if appropriate, these requirements in the underlying job descriptions. While the spending review did not lead to proposed changes in the distribution or grades of existing posts, the results of the spending review will enable ECE to improve the existing post profiles to become more effective in delivering mandates in the future by rejuvenating the workforce through the use of retirement projections and strengthening workforce capabilities in the aforementioned areas.
- 20.132 ECE encountered limited opportunities to leverage greater efficiencies in its non-post budget, given that the majority of non-post resources are dedicated to the basic support costs of the organization, such as corporate email accounts and software licence packages, as well as equipment such as laptops and monitors for staff. Given the non-discretionary nature of these costs, there was little room to seek further improvements or optimize utilization when the resources are only sufficient to provide for these basic requirements. While subprogramme managers conducted a review of consumption against their non-post budgets for the past five years, the analysis resulted in minimal changes to resource distribution. Of note, a number of subprogrammes placed renewed emphasis on the importance of face-to-face meetings with member States, and proposed the redeployment of resources from experts or consultants to the travel of staff. Furthermore, due to the relatively small nature of non-post resources, ECE programme managers across all subprogrammes reiterated that they regularly seek to collaborate, plan and align events across ECE subprogrammes as well as with external partner entities, including United Nations common system organizations. This includes leveraging support from partners wherever possible. In addition, other measures for increased efficiency, such as arranging meetings in a back-to-back manner or merging meetings wherever appropriate or feasible to make the most efficient use of resources by reducing costs in terms of travel and number of meeting days, while at the same time seeking to maximize participation, are regularly pursued by ECE programme managers. In addition, in efforts to reduce electronic information purchasing costs, under programme support, resources are proposed to be redeployed from supplies and materials to general operating expenses related to library-related subscription fees for the United Nations System Electronic Information Acquisition Consortium.
- 20.133 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025, 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	2023 expenditure <sup>a</sup>	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Posts	36 173.2	37 726.2	193.6	—	—	193.6	0.5	37 919.8
Other staff costs	161.5	605.6	—	—	—	—	—	605.6
Hospitality	5.5	5.7	—	—	—	—	—	5.7
Consultants	153.2	169.9	(21.0)	—	(11.8)	(32.8)	(19.3)	137.1
Experts	69.7	40.0	—	—	0.2	0.2	0.5	40.2
Travel of staff	156.0	188.0	—	—	11.7	11.7	6.2	199.7
Contractual services	774.0	824.8	—	—	(0.1)	(0.1)	—	824.7
General operating expenses	65.5	69.0	—	—	12.0	12.0	17.4	81.0
Supplies and materials	29.1	40.6	—	—	(12.0)	(12.0)	(29.6)	28.6
Furniture and equipment	211.5	200.6	(3.9)	—	—	(3.9)	(1.9)	196.7
Other	4.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>37 804.1</b>	<b>39 870.4</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>40 039.1</b>

<sup>a</sup> 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 published by 31 March 2024.

Table 20.21

**Overall: proposed posts and post changes for 2025**

(Number of posts)

	Number	Details
Approved 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)
Post changes	–	–
Proposed for 2025	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)

Table 20.22

**Overall: proposed posts by category and grade**

(Number of posts)

Category and grade	Changes				2025 proposed
	2024 approved	Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	
<b>Professional and higher</b>					
USG	1	–	–	–	1
D-2	1	–	–	–	1
D-1	8	–	–	–	8
P-5	23	–	–	–	23

*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.

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Category and grade	2024 approved	Changes				2025 proposed
		Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	
P-4	35	—	—	—	—	35
P-3	39	—	—	—	—	39
P-2/1	21	—	—	—	—	21
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>General Service and related</b>						
GS (PL)	3	—	—	—	—	3
GS (OL)	57	—	—	—	—	57
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>188</b>

20.134 Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in tables 20.23 to 20.25 and figure 20.XXIII.

20.135 As reflected in tables 20.23 (1) and 20.24 (1), the overall net resources for 2025 amount to \$40,039,100 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of \$168,700 (or 0.4 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2024. Resource changes result from technical adjustments. 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	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes				2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total Percentage	
A. Executive direction and management	5 177.8	5 130.3	(21.0)	—	—	(21.0) (0.4)	5 109.3
B. Programme of work							
1. Environment	6 340.4	6 531.8	—	—	—	—	6 531.8
2. Transport	7 050.3	7 462.5	—	—	—	—	7 462.5
3. Statistics	4 863.8	5 347.6	—	—	—	—	5 347.6
4. Economic cooperation and integration	2 056.7	2 327.3	—	—	—	—	2 327.3
5. Sustainable energy	2 477.4	2 697.2	—	—	—	—	2 697.2
6. Trade	3 658.7	4 014.9	—	—	—	—	4 014.9
7. Forests and the forest industry	1 509.8	1 589.9	96.8	—	—	96.8 6.1	1 686.7
8. Housing, land management and population	1 167.4	1 296.2	—	—	—	—	1 296.2
<b>Subtotal, B</b>	<b>29 124.4</b>	<b>31 267.4</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>96.8 0.3</b>	<b>31 364.2</b>
C. Programme support	3 501.9	3 472.7	92.9	—	—	92.9 2.7	3 565.6
<b>Subtotal, 1</b>	<b>37 804.1</b>	<b>39 870.4</b>	<b>168.7</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>168.7 0.4</b>	<b>40 039.1</b>

## (2) Extrabudgetary

Component/subprogramme	2023 expenditure	2024 estimate	Change	Percentage	2025 estimate
A. Executive direction and management	2 610.5	2 285.8	243.2	10.6	2 529.0
B. Programme of work					
1. Environment	11 691.3	12 829.6	469.1	3.7	13 298.7
2. Transport	2 318.8	2 349.9	(56.8)	(2.4)	2 293.1
3. Statistics	416.2	373.2	–	–	373.2
4. Economic cooperation and integration	1 089.7	1 026.6	(494.0)	(48.1)	532.6
5. Sustainable energy	1 466.0	1 714.1	147.8	8.6	1 861.9
6. Trade	599.9	1 331.5	109.3	8.2	1 440.8
7. Forests and the forest industry	311.9	354.0	–	–	354.0
8. Housing, land management and population	860.6	4 245.6	(3 720.8)	(87.6)	524.8
<b>Subtotal, B</b>	<b>18 754.4</b>	<b>24 224.5</b>	<b>(3 545.4)</b>	<b>(14.6)</b>	<b>20 679.1</b>
C. Programme support	1 351.6	1 491.3	36.1	2.4	1 527.4
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>22 716.5</b>	<b>28 001.6</b>	<b>(3 266.1)</b>	<b>(11.7)</b>	<b>24 735.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 520.6</b>	<b>67 872.0</b>	<b>(3 097.4)</b>	<b>(4.6)</b>	<b>64 774.6</b>

Table 20.24

**Overall: proposed posts for 2025 by source of funding, component and subprogramme**

(Number of posts)

## (1) Regular budget

Component/subprogramme	Changes					2025 proposed
	2024 approved	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
<b>Subtotal, B</b>	<b>153</b>	–	–	–	–	<b>153</b>
C. Programme support	12	–	–	–	–	12
<b>Subtotal, 1</b>	<b>188</b>	–	–	–	–	<b>188</b>

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

<i>Component/subprogramme</i>	<i>2024 estimate</i>				<i>Change</i>	<i>2025 estimate</i>
A. Executive direction and management	8				—	8
B. Programme of work						
1. Environment	27				2	29
2. Transport	8				(1)	7
3. Statistics	—				—	—
4. Economic cooperation and integration	2				(2)	—
5. Sustainable energy	2				1	3
6. Trade	3				—	3
7. Forests and the forest industry	—				—	—
8. Housing, land management and population	—				—	—
<b>Subtotal, B</b>	<b>42</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>42</b>
C. Programme support	7	—	—	—	—	7
<b>Subtotal, 2</b>	<b>57</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>245</b>

Table 20.25

**Overall: evolution of financial and post resources**

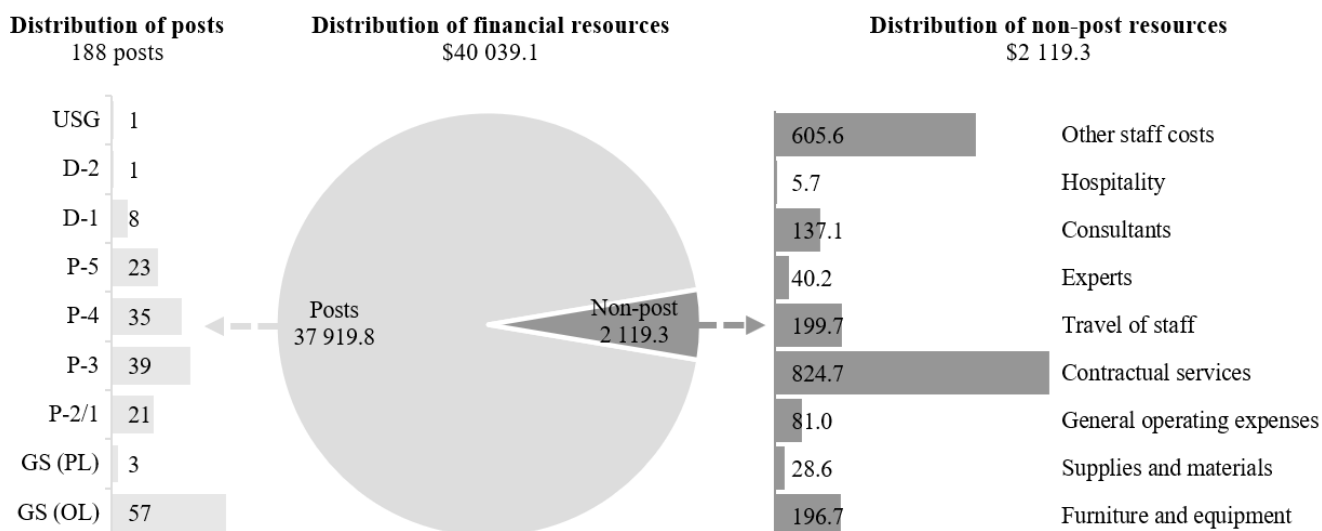
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	36 173.2	37 726.2	193.6	—	—	193.6	0.5	37 919.8
Non-post	1 630.9	2 144.2	(24.9)	—	—	(24.9)	(1.2)	2 119.3
Total	37 804.1	39 870.4	168.7	—	—	168.7	0.4	40 039.1
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		128	—	—	—	—	—	128
General Service and related		60	—	—	—	—	—	60
Total		188	—	—	—	—	—	188



Figure 20.XXIII  
**Distribution of proposed resources for 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



### Explanation of variances by factor, component and subprogramme

#### Overall resource changes

##### Technical adjustments

20.136 As reflected in table 20.23 (1), resource changes reflect a net increase of \$168,700, as follows:

- (a) **Executive direction and management.** The decrease relates to the removal of non-recurrent non-post provisions under consultants (\$21,000) for the advance preparation of analytical reference materials (in 2024) for 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;
- (b) **Subprogramme 7, Forests and the forest industry.** The increase of \$96,800 relates to the higher provision at continuing vacancy rates for the Data Analyst (P-3) post established in 2024 pursuant to the General Assembly resolution [78/252](#), which was subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate in accordance with the established practice for newly established posts;
- (c) **Programme support.** The net increase of \$92,900 reflects the increase of \$96,800 relating to the higher provision at continuing vacancy rates for the Management and Programme Analyst (P-3) post established in 2024 pursuant to the General Assembly resolution [78/252](#), which was subject to a 50 per cent vacancy rate in accordance with the established practice for newly established posts, and the decrease of \$3,900 under furniture and equipment relating to the discontinuation of the one-time provision for equipment approved for 2024, which is not required for 2025.

##### Extrabudgetary resources

20.137 As reflected in tables 20.23 (2) and 20.24 (2), extrabudgetary resources amount to \$24,735,500. The resources would complement regular budget resources and would be used mainly to provide for 57 posts (1 D-1, 2 P-5, 12 P-4, 21 P-3, 6 P-2, 15 GS (OL)) to perform mainly the functions required to deliver technical cooperation projects and activities approved by ECE governing bodies. In addition,

non-post resources would be used for capacity building and technical support in relation to the ECE programme of work.

- 20.138 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.

### **Executive direction and management**

- 20.139 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.

- 20.140 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 ECE 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.

- 20.141 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.

- 20.142 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.

- 20.143 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.
- 20.144 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.
- 20.145 In 2025, 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 2025 annual exchange on evaluation will foster the use of evaluation results to improve programme planning and internal processes, which will be documented in the 2024 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 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit and of the 2024 Summit of the Future, as applicable, 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 2025 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 2024 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 2025–2026, which will continue to act 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 ECE work, by reporting on the implementation of the ECE disability inclusion action plan for 2024 and planning for 2026.
- 20.146 In accordance with the 2030 Agenda, 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 will continue to collaborate with the United Nations Office at Geneva on sustainability reporting and will highlight its sustainable practices in its formal reports.

- 20.147 Information on the timely submission of documentation and advance booking for air travel is reflected in table 20.26. The compliance rate of 96 per cent in 2023 for the timely submission of documentation relates to ECE meetings organized through the Division of Conference Management of the United Nations Office at Geneva and marks a slight decrease compared with the prior period. The compliance rate of 67 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 2023 through the Travel and Logistics Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and represents an increase when compared with 2022. ECE will continue to work closely with the travel and logistics counterparts on early planning to improve compliance rates in 2024 and 2025.

Table 20.26  
**Compliance rate**  
(Percentage)

	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Actual 2023</i>	<i>Planned 2024</i>	<i>Planned 2025</i>
Timely submission of documentation	94	98	96	100	100
Air tickets purchased at least 2 weeks before the commencement of travel	51	52	67	100	100

- 20.148 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$5,109,300 and reflect a decrease of \$21,000 compared with the approved budget for 2024. The proposed decrease is explained in paragraph 20.136 (a) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.27 and figure 20.XXIV.

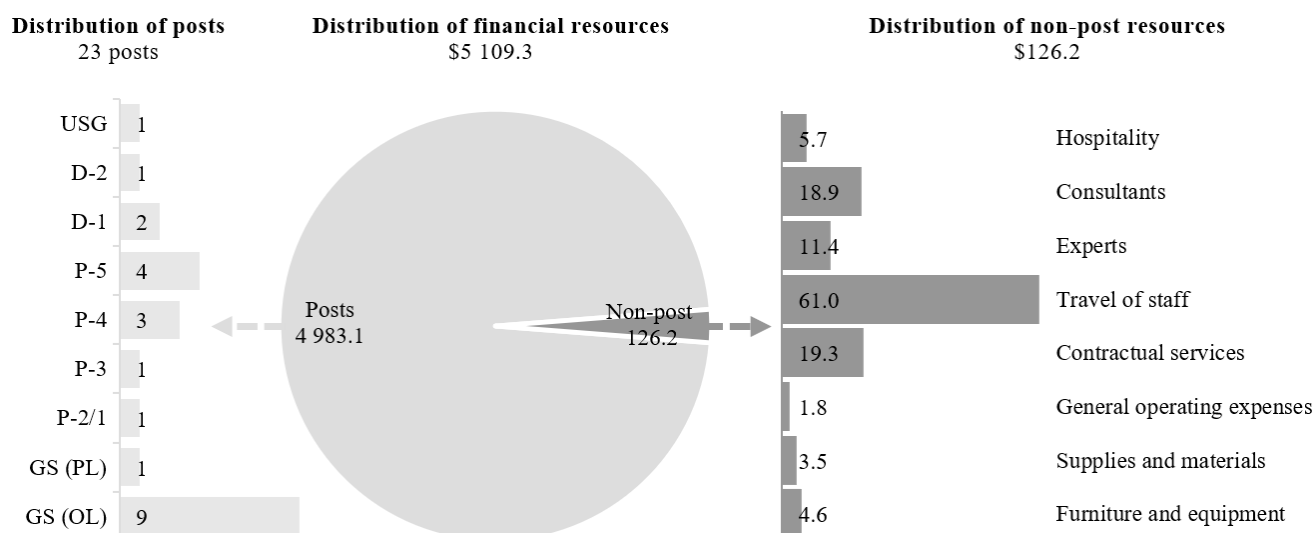
Table 20.27  
**Executive direction and management: evolution of financial and post resources**  
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	4 996.5	4 983.1	—	—	—	—	—	4 983.1
Non-post	181.3	147.2	(21.0)	—	—	(21.0)	(14.3)	126.2
Total	5 177.8	5 130.3	(21.0)	—	—	(21.0)	(0.4)	5 109.3
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Programme of work****Subprogramme 1  
Environment**

20.149 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$6,531,800 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.28 and figure 20.XXV.

Table 20.28

**Subprogramme 1: evolution of financial and post resources**

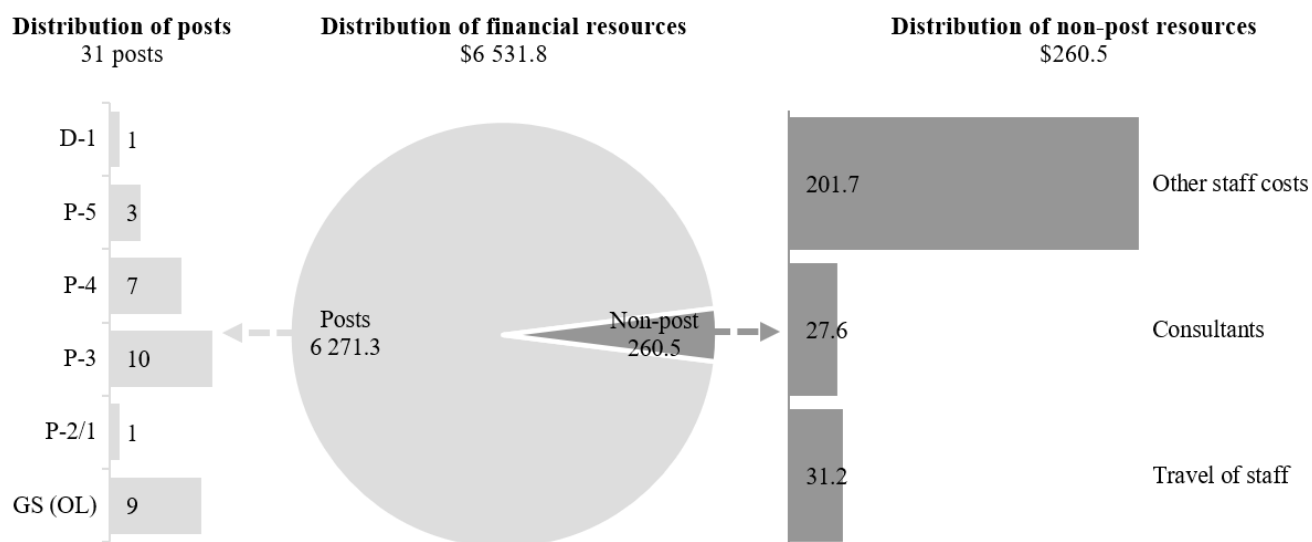
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes				2025 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	6 318.5	6 271.3	—	—	—	—	—	6 271.3
Non-post	21.9	260.5	—	—	—	—	—	260.5
Total	6 340.4	6 531.8	—	—	—	—	—	6 531.8
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



**Subprogramme 2  
Transport**

20.150 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$7,462,500 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.29 and figure 20.XXVI.

Table 20.29

**Subprogramme 2: evolution of financial and post resources**

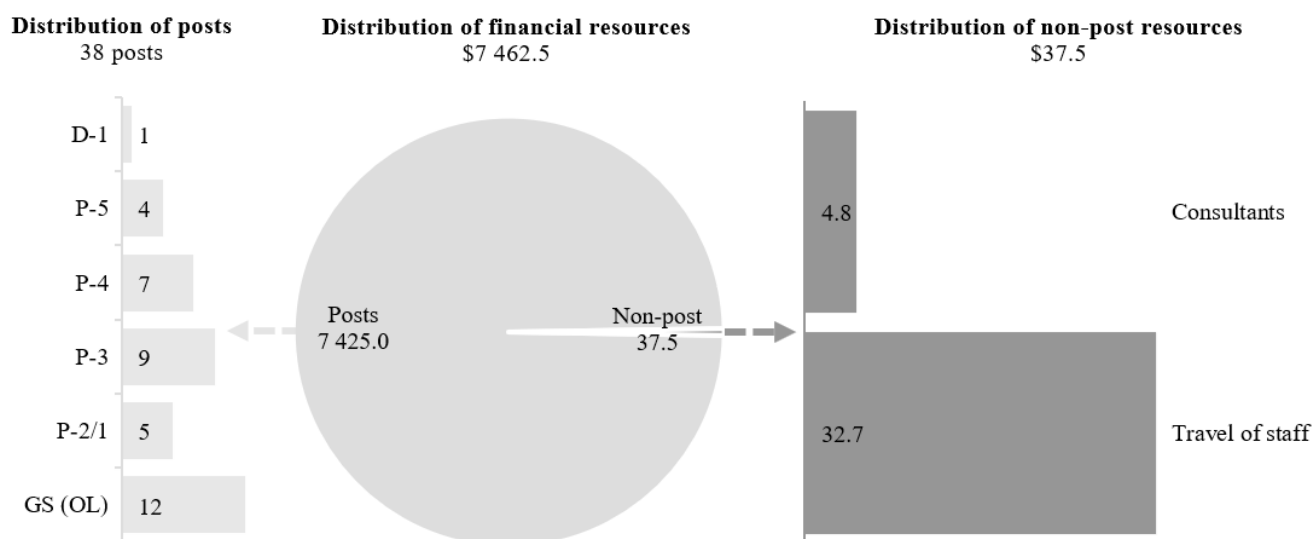
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	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	7 018.3	7 425.0	—	—	—	—	—	7 425.0
Non-post	32.0	37.5	—	—	—	—	—	37.5
Total	7 050.3	7 462.5	—	—	—	—	—	7 462.5
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Subprogramme 3  
Statistics**

20.151 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$5,347,600 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.30 and figure 20.XXVII.

Table 20.30

**Subprogramme 3: evolution of financial and post resources**

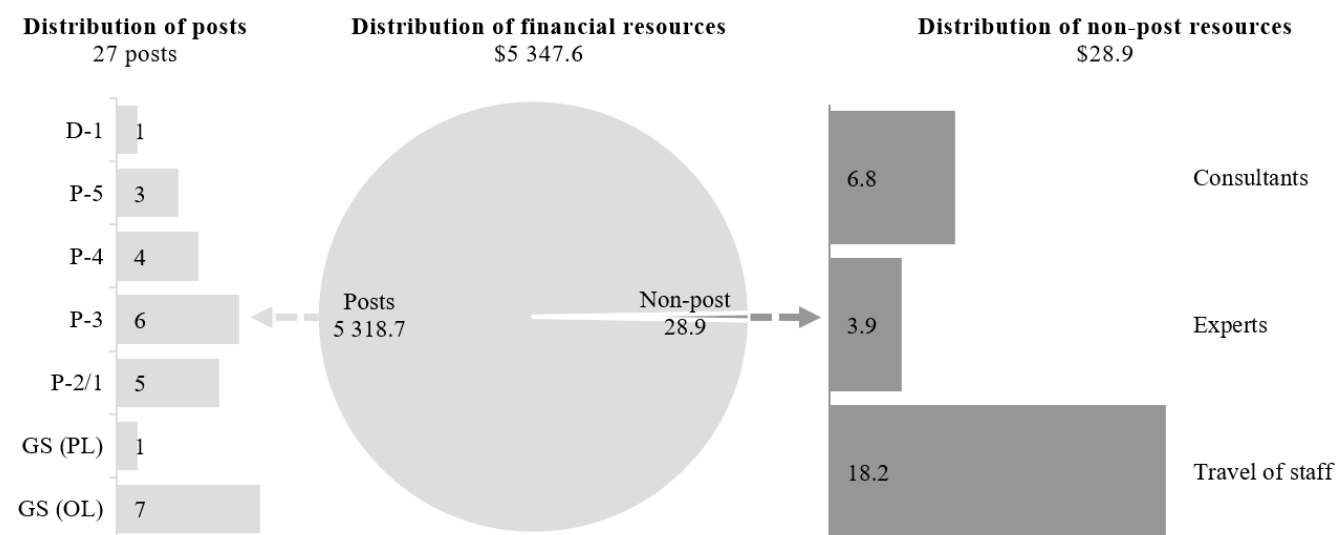
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	4 843.5	5 318.7	—	—	—	—	—	5 318.7
Non-post	20.3	28.9	—	—	—	—	—	28.9
Total	4 863.8	5 347.6	—	—	—	—	—	5 347.6
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



**Subprogramme 4  
Economic cooperation and integration**

20.152 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$2,327,300 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 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)

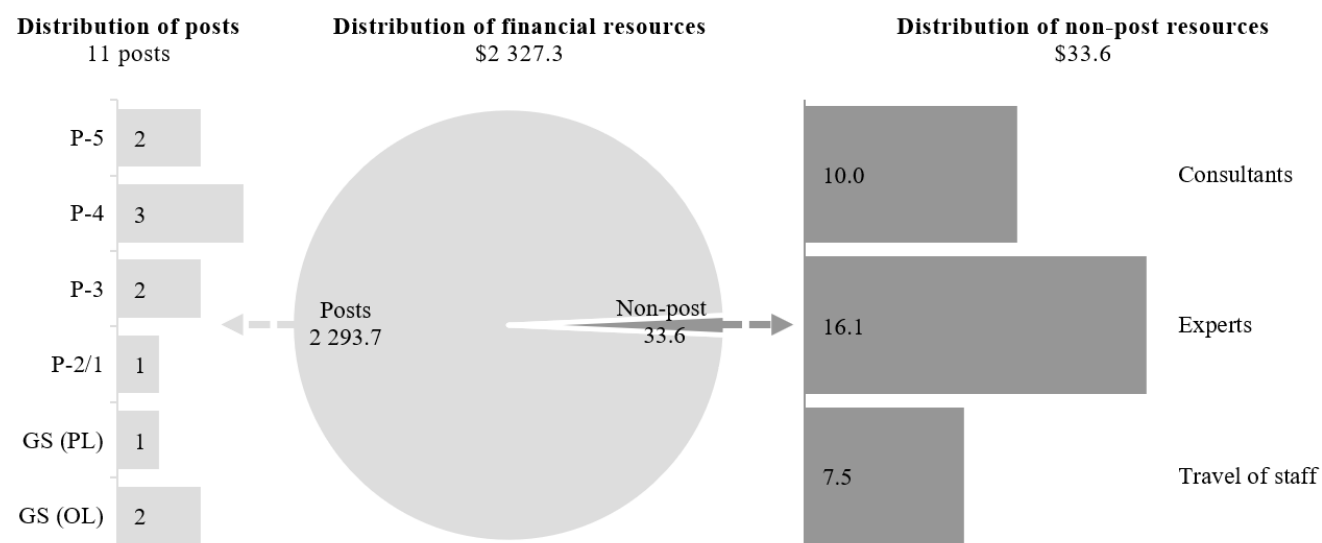
	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	2 027.3	2 293.7	—	—	—	—	—	2 293.7
Non-post	29.4	33.6	—	—	—	—	—	33.6
Total	2 056.7	2 327.3	—	—	—	—	—	2 327.3
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)


**Subprogramme 5  
Sustainable energy**

20.153 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$2,697,200 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.32 and figure 20.XXIX.

Table 20.32

**Subprogramme 5: evolution of financial and post resources**

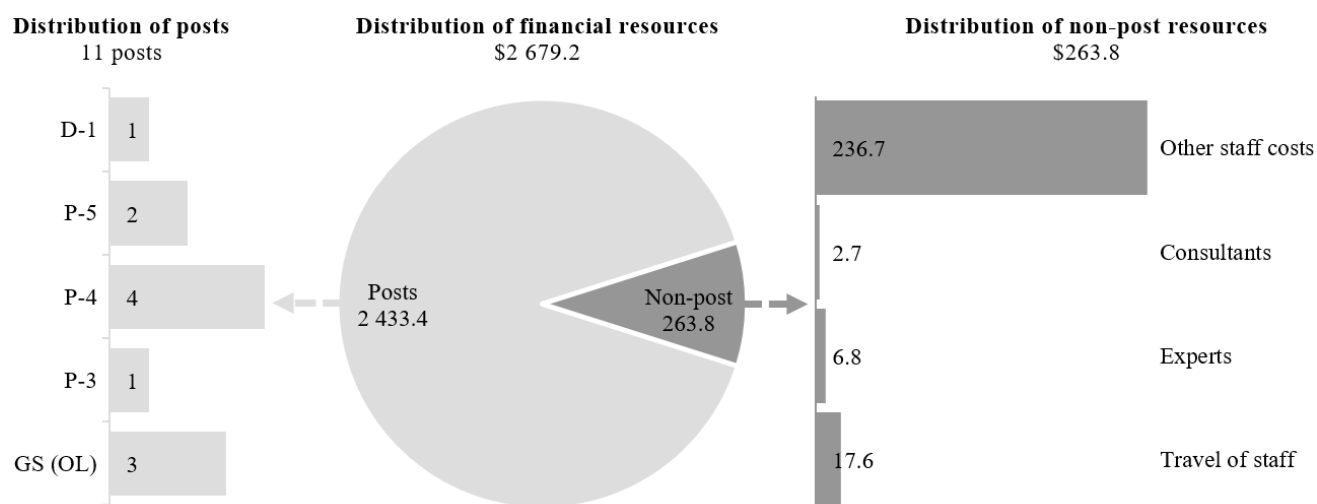
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	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes				2025 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	2 462.3	2 433.4	—	—	—	—	—	2 433.4
Non-post	15.1	263.8	—	—	—	—	—	263.8
Total	2 477.4	2 697.2	—	—	—	—	—	2 697.2
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



**Subprogramme 6  
Trade**

20.154 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$4,014,900 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.33 and figure 20.XXX.

Table 20.33

**Subprogramme 6: evolution of financial and post resources**

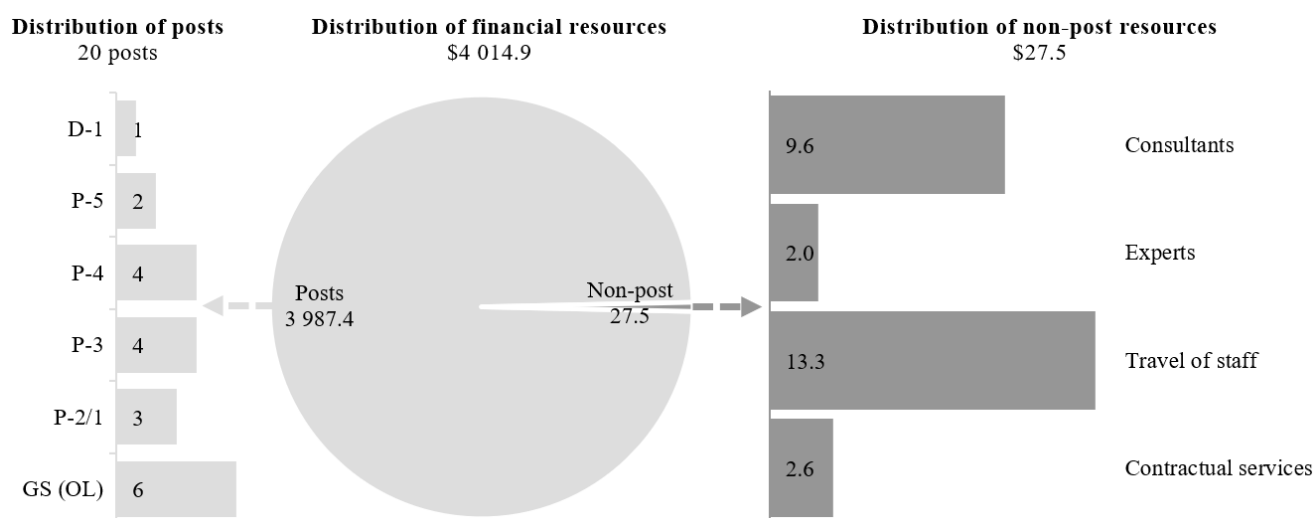
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	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes				2025 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	3 635.8	3 987.4	—	—	—	—	—	3 987.4
Non-post	22.9	27.5	—	—	—	—	—	27.5
Total	3 658.7	4 014.9	—	—	—	—	—	4 014.9
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)


**Subprogramme 7  
Forests and the forest industry**

20.155 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$1,686,700 and reflect an increase of \$96,800 compared with the approved budget for 2024. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 20.136 (b) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.34 and figure 20.XXXI.

Table 20.34

**Subprogramme 7: evolution of financial and post resources**

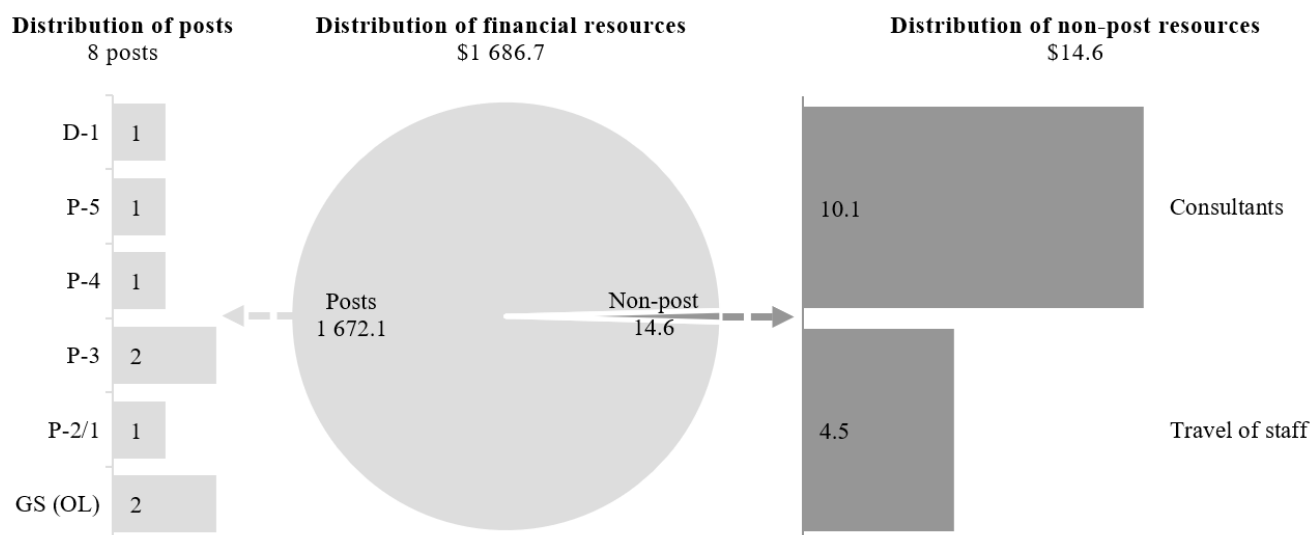
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	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	1 496.7	1 575.3	96.8	—	—	96.8	6.1	1 672.1
Non-post	13.1	14.6	—	—	—	—	—	14.6
Total	1 509.8	1 589.9	96.8	—	—	96.8	6.1	1 686.7
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		6	—	—	—	—	—	6
General Service and related		2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total		8	—	—	—	—	—	8

Figure 20.XXXI

**Subprogramme 7: distribution of proposed resources for 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



**Subprogramme 8  
Housing, land management and population**

20.156 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$1,296,200 and reflect no change compared with the approved budget for 2024. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 are reflected in table 20.35 and figure 20.XXXII.

Table 20.35

**Subprogramme 8: evolution of financial and post resources**

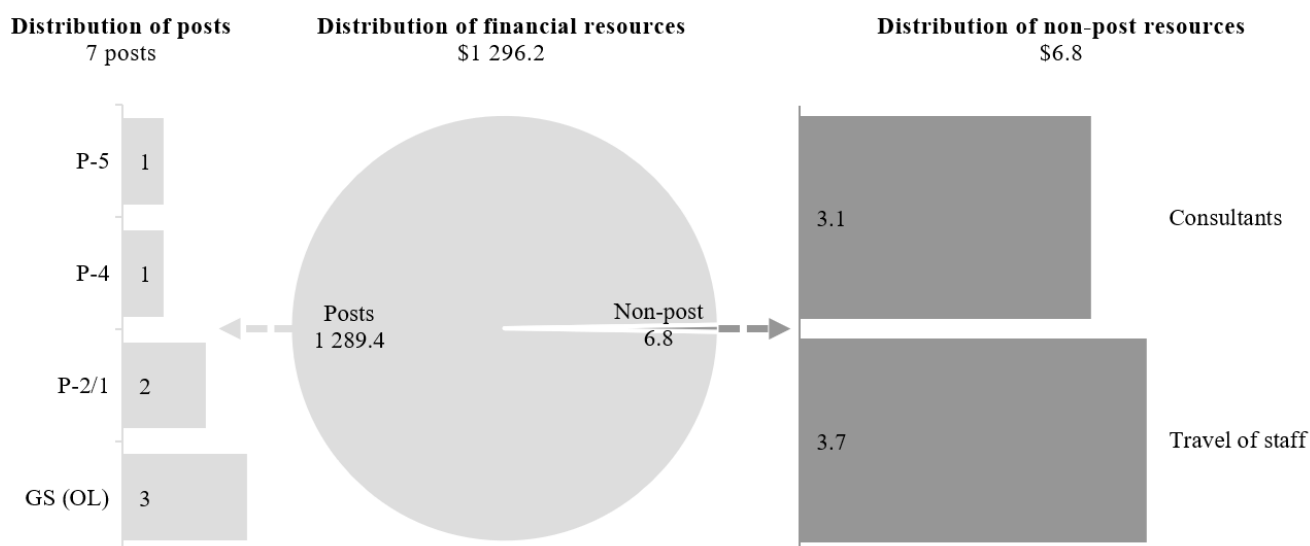
(Thousands of United States dollars/number of posts)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	1 163.7	1 289.4	—	—	—	—	—	1 289.4
Non-post	3.7	6.8	—	—	—	—	—	6.8
Total	1 167.4	1 296.2	—	—	—	—	—	1 296.2
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 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)

**Programme support**

20.157 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 at 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 20.142 above); and the Executive Office, which oversees and manages all aspects of administration, budget, finance, human resources and information systems.

20.158 The proposed regular budget resources for 2025 amount to \$3,565,600 and reflect an increase of \$92,900 compared with the approved budget for 2024. The proposed increase is explained in paragraph 20.136 (c) above. Additional details on the distribution of the proposed resources for 2025 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)

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes					2025 estimate (before recosting)
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total	Percentage	
Financial resources by main category of expenditure								
Posts	2 210.7	2 148.9	96.8	—	—	96.8	4.5	2 245.7
Non-post	1 291.2	1 323.8	(3.9)	—	—	(3.9)	(0.3)	1 319.9
Total	3 501.9	3 472.7	92.9	—	—	92.9	2.7	3 565.6

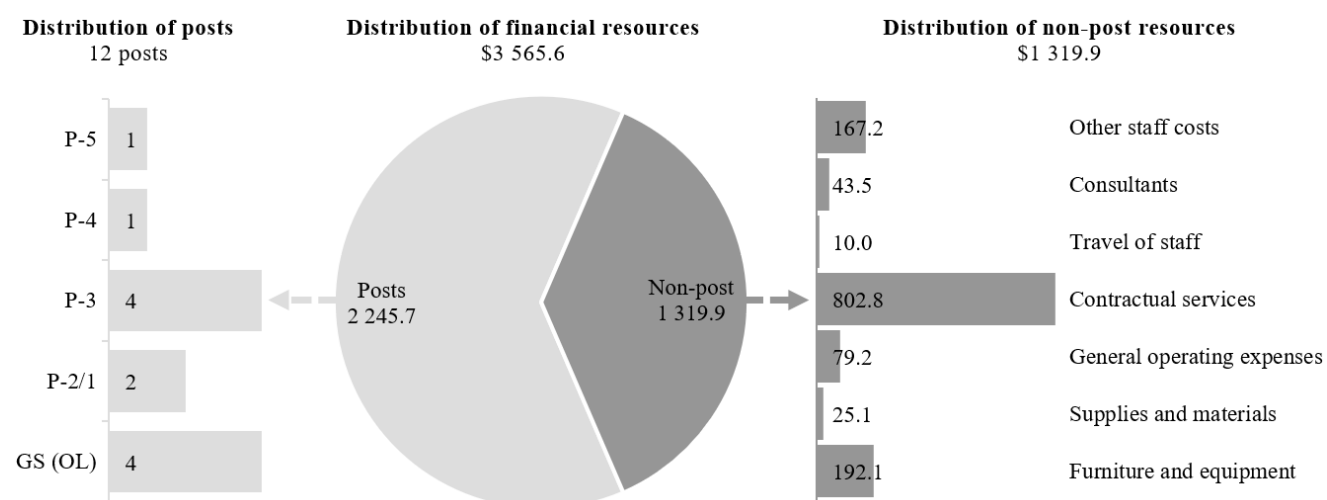
**Part V Regional cooperation for development**

	2023 expenditure	2024 approved	Changes				2025 estimate (before recosting)	
			Technical adjustments	New/expanded mandates	Other	Total		Percentage
Post resources by category								
Professional and higher		8	—	—	—	—	—	8
General Service and related		4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Total		12	—	—	—	—	—	12

Figure 20.XXXIII

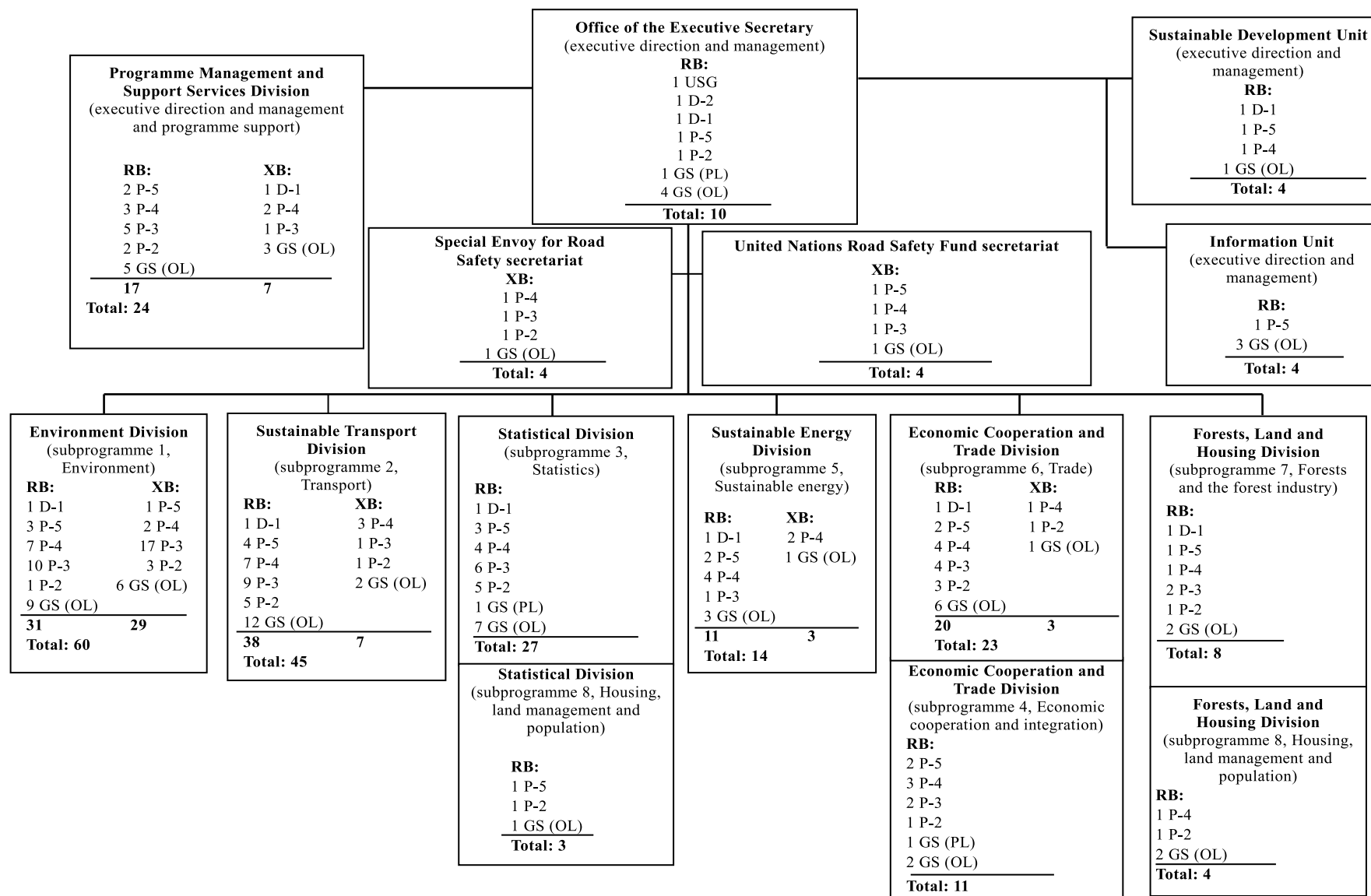
**Programme support: distribution of proposed resources for 2025 (before recosting)**

(Number of posts/thousands of United States dollars)



## Annex

## Organizational structure and post distribution for 2025



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