

# Development of the Fourth National Communication and the First Biennial Transparency Report of Montenegro to the UNFCCC

Review CEO Endorsement and Make a recommendation

## Basic project information

**GEF ID**

10741

**Countries**

Montenegro

**Project Name**

Development of the Fourth National Communication and the First Biennial Transparency Report of Montenegro to the UNFCCC

**Agencies**

UNDP

**Date received by PM**

11/26/2020

**Review completed by PM**

8/19/2021

**Program Manager**

Satoshi Yoshida

**Focal Area**

Climate Change

**Project Type**

EA

## **Expedited Enabling Activity req (CEO)**

### **Part 1: Project Information**

#### **Focal area elements**

**Is the enabling activity aligned with the relevant GEF focal area elements as indicated in Table A and as defined by the GEF 7 Programming Directions?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Yes.

#### **Agency Response**

##### **Project description summary**

**Is the project structure/design appropriate to achieve the expected outcomes and outputs as in Table B and described in the project document?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Aug 19, 2021: Comment cleared.

July 25, 2021: Yes, given the NC/BTR combined format and the context of the country. However, the project title does not match the title of the OFP's letter. Please address or revise the letter.

Agency Response August 19, 2021: The OFP's letter has been changed in order to reflect the name specified in the project document and EA Request.

**Co-financing**

**Are the confirmed expected amounts, sources and types of co-financing adequately documented, with supporting evidence and a description on how the breakdown of co-financing was identified [and meets the definition of investment mobilized, and a description of any major changes from PIF, consistent with the requirements of the Co-Financing Policy and Guidelines?]**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Aug 19, 2021: Comment cleared.

July 25, 2021: In-kind co-financing (e.g. staff time) is in general recurrent expenditure during the project cycle rather than investment mobilized, while noting the original co-financing comes from GIZ. Please confirm the type of co-financing.

Agency Response August 19, 2021: The type of in-kind co-financing is changed into Recurrent Expenditure (addressed in EA Request), as the IP, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism (MESPU), is dedicating significant staff time to the project. Furthermore, premises of the Project Implementation Unit will be in the MESPU.

**GEF Resource Availability**

**Is the proposed GEF financing in Table D (including the Agency fee) in line with GEF policies and guidelines?**

**Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.**

**Agency Response**

**Are they within the resources available from:**

**The STAR allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**The focal area allocation?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**The LDCF under the principle of equitable access**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**The SCCF (Adaptation or Technology Transfer)?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Focal area set-aside?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response

**Is the financing presented adequate and demonstrate a cost-effective approach to meet the project objectives?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Aug 29, 2021: Comment cleared.

Aug 19, 2021: Comment cleared. However, the budget table on the excel sheet is in line with GEF guidelines, the Annex A on the portal is not the same as the excel sheet.

Please revise the Annex A (please make it easy to read if the table becomes too wide: i.e. present the budget per component instead of per output).

July 25, 2021: Yes. On the budget, please specify some budget lines called "the Various miscellaneous expenses which are permitted by the rules" or reallocate to other expenses.

Agency Response

Aug 27, 2021: Annex A in the portal is replaced with the correct budget in line with GEF guidelines. As per suggestion in the review, the budget is presented per components instead of sub-components to make it readable in the portal.

August 19, 2021: Miscellaneous expenses have been reallocated to other budget lines (72500 ? supplies and 74200 ? audiovisual and printing production) within the same components.

## **Part 2: Enabling Activity Justification**

### **Background and Context.**

**Are the achievements of previously implemented enabling activities cited since the country(ies) became a party to the Convention?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

### **Agency Response**

#### **Goals, Objectives, and Activities.**

**Is the project framework sufficiently described?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Aug 19, 2021: Comment cleared.

July 25, 2021: As ongoing CBIT project is in the implementation, please briefly describe how this EA project will utilize capacity-enhancement on transparency of the country by the CBIT project. On the other hand, some planned activities (e.g. reassessment of EFs under GHGI) are not covered by the CBIT project while it is not clear how such activities would be achieved through this project.

Agency Response August 19, 2021: Additional explanations provided in EA Request, pg. 25/26.

#### **Stakeholders.**

**Does the project include detailed report on stakeholders engaged during the design phase?**

**Is there an adequate stakeholder engagement plan or equivalent documentation for the implementation phase, with information on Stakeholders who will be engaged, the means of engagement, and dissemination of information?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

### **Agency Response**

#### **Gender equality and women's empowerment.**

**Has the gender analysis been completed? Did the gender analysis identify any gender differences, gaps or opportunities linked to project/program objectives and activities? If so, does the project/program include gender-responsive activities, gender-sensitive indicators and expected results?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response  
**Monitoring and Evaluation.**

**Does the project include a budgeted M&E Plan?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response  
**Cost Effectiveness.**

**Is the project cost effective?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes.

Agency Response  
**Cost Ranges**

**If there was a deviation in the cost range, was this explained?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request N/A

Agency Response  
**Part III. Endorsement/Approval by OFP**

**Country endorsement**

**Has the project been endorsed by the country's GEF Operational Focal Point and has the name and position been checked against the GEF database?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request Yes. Please see the comment on the title in the above box.

Agency Response August 19, 2021: The OFP's Letter has been changed in order to reflect the project title specified in the project document and EA Request.

**Response to Comments**

**Are all the comments adequately responded to? (only as applicable)**

GEF Secretariat Comment

Agency Response

**Other Agencies comments?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Council comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**STAP Comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**Convention Secretariat comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**CSOs comments**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Agency Response

**GEFSEC DECISION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Is CEO Endorsement/approval recommended?**

Secretariat comment at CEO Endorsement Request

Aug 29, 2021: Comment cleared.

Aug 19, 2021: Please revise Annex A as described above.

July 25, 2021: Thank you for pursuing the NC/BTR modality as suggested. Please address the comments above.

SY, Jan 4, 2021: Please consider to apply for the BTR/NC modality instead of a stand-alone NC support as defined in the information note below to minimize the duplication of work between the two reports. (the support will be made available upon the submission of TBUR which is currently supported by the GEF funding, according to the paragraph 22 of the information note.)

<https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/information-note-financing-biennial-transparency-reports-developing>

**Review Dates**

	<b>Secretariat Comment at CEO Endorsement</b>	<b>Response to Secretariat comments</b>
<b>First Review</b>	<b>7/25/2021</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>	<b>8/19/2021</b>	
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		
<b>Additional Review (as necessary)</b>		

**CEO Recommendation**

**Brief reasoning for CEO Recommendations**