



## ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

### SUPPORTING COUNTRIES' COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



#### Adapting support to pandemic challenges

Field projects to support governments' [COVID-19 response](#) were launched, covering transport and trade connectivity, social protection, mobilizing financial resources for development, and supporting the resurgence of the MSME sector.



#### Ensuring a gender-responsive recovery

UNECE stepped up to support a [gender-responsive recovery](#), by strengthening gender statistics, analysing impacts on the care economy, building the ICT skills of women entrepreneurs, providing policy guidance to address gender gaps in ageing societies, and mobilizing 76 standard-setters through our Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative.



#### Facilitating transport

The [Observatory on Border Crossings Status](#) facilitated the transport of critical goods.



#### Improving access to water and sanitation

The [Protocol on Water and Health](#) supported countries to step up efforts to uphold basic human rights to water and sanitation – a key defence against the pandemic.

### HELPING COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT THE SDGs



#### Monitoring SDGs progress in the region

[UNECE's SDGs report](#) showed that if the region follows current trends, it will achieve only 23 of the 169 SDGs targets by 2030, calling for strengthened commitment.



#### Decarbonizing energy for climate action

To accelerate the decarbonization of energy intensive industries UNECE issued a [technology brief on Carbon Capture, Use and Storage](#). This complements the new UNECE-led [partnership to improve energy efficiency of the building supply chain](#) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia; and [guidance to tackle emissions of methane](#) from fossil fuels.



#### Promoting the circular economy

At the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission, governments announced commitments to [strengthen measures for circularity](#) and sustainable resource use.



#### Engaging with cities

UNECE's first [Forum of Mayors](#) shared experiences of COVID-19 response and recovery from 41 cities, highlighting the critical need for resilient and sustainable urban development to reach the SDGs.



#### Supporting green and healthy transport

The [Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion](#), aims to double cycling in the region by 2030 to prevent 30,000 premature deaths and generate indirect economic benefits of €78 billion per year.