

UNECE PPP programme in support of the SDGs



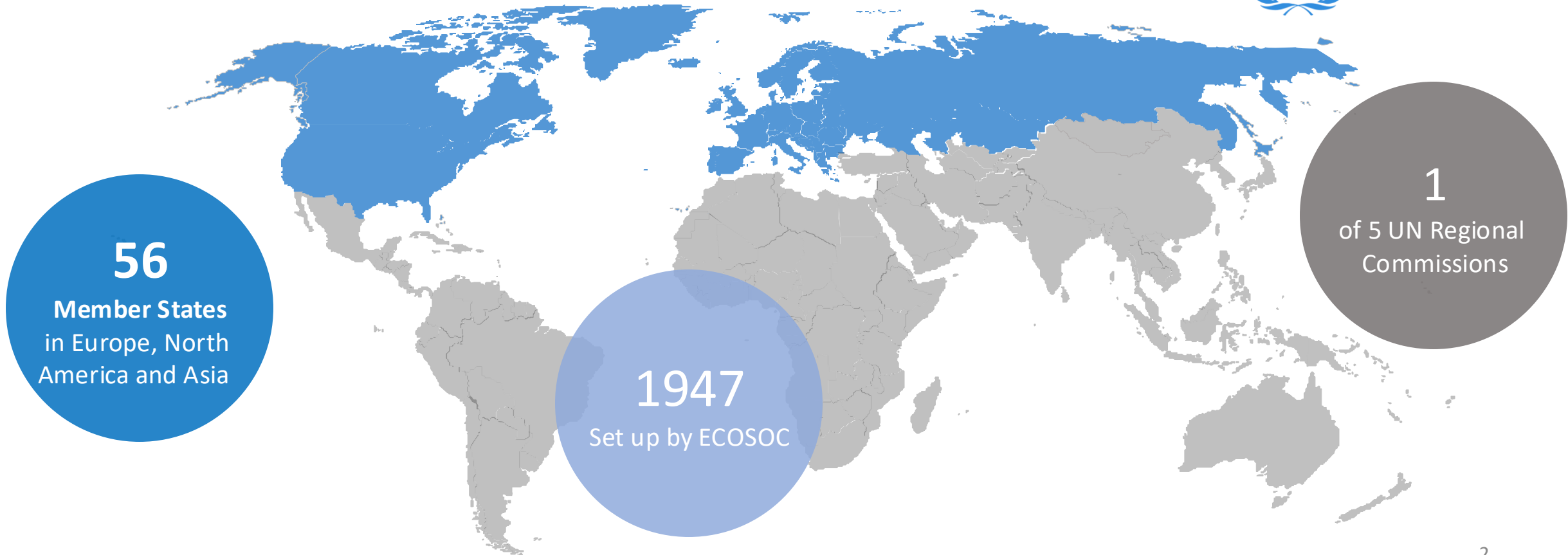
PPP: cross-border projects & success stories
Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

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Member States
in Europe, North
America and Asia

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of 5 UN Regional
Commissions

Regional cooperation

Key ingredients



Some key ingredients:

- Information sharing and exchange of experience (through participation in reputable international and regional events such as the UNECE International PPP Forum, International PPP Conference in Bishkek, and Istanbul PPP Week)
- Intergovernmental structures (such as UN SPECA)
- Joint projects (cross-border projects, such as the Almaty - Issyk-Kul road project)

Cross-border PPPs

Examples



Examples of cross-border projects:

- Channel tunnel, 1994
- Mozambique-South Africa N4 toll road, 2000
- Gordie Howie International Bridge, 2025

Cross-border PPPs

Crucial steps



Few crucial steps for cross-border PPPs:

- Comprehensive intergovernmental treaties;
- Transparent negotiations mediated by international organisations;
- Strategic alignment with regional and national priorities; and
- Robust frameworks for ongoing cooperation, risk mitigation, and sustainability measures

Cross-border PPPs

Success criteria



Cross-border PPPs are inherently complex, but:

- Careful planning;
- International/regional cooperation; and
- Transparent governance...

... can enhance their success, economic viability and regional integration.

Cross-border PPPs must also contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Importance of partnerships in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



- In 2015, the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** and its 17 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** were adopted.
 - General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1 adopted on 25 September 2015
- The 2030 Agenda calls for a stronger **commitment to partnerships** and cooperation to achieve the SDGs:
 - SDG 17 is both a goal and a cross-cutting transversal mean of implementation.
 - Need to mobilize efforts of **governments, the private sector and civil society** to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The UNECE PPPs for the SDGs approach



SDG-compliant PPPs in infrastructure and the delivery of public services that achieve:



“Value for Money”



“Value for People”



“Value for the Planet”

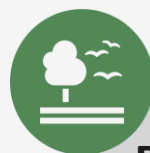
5 desirable outcomes that derive from the SDGs as it concerns infrastructure:



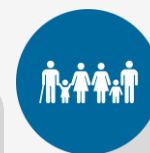
**Access and
Equity**



**Economic
effectiveness
and fiscal
sustainability**



**Resilience and
environmental
sustainability**



**Stakeholder
engagement**



Replicability



What is the PIERS methodology?

- PIERS is a powerful capacity-building tool that enables users to ...
- ... self-assess the sustainability of their projects using 95 indicators measuring contributions towards the SDGs.
- Not just about infrastructure...
- ... it is about ensuring that projects generate ‘value for people’ and ‘value for the planet’, focusing on the world’s most vulnerable communities.



- Since its launch 3 years ago, the PIERS methodology has empowered stakeholders around the world to assess the sustainability of their PPP and infrastructure projects.
- Here's a snapshot of its global impact:
 - 284 projects assessed
 - Worth 118 billion US dollars
 - Across 60 countries
 - Spanning 24 sectors

PIERS online platform

Key features



Key features of the PIERS digital platform:

- Free of charge
- Secure
- User-friendly and interactive
- Integrated user guide
- Assessment reports
- Automatic feedback to improve projects

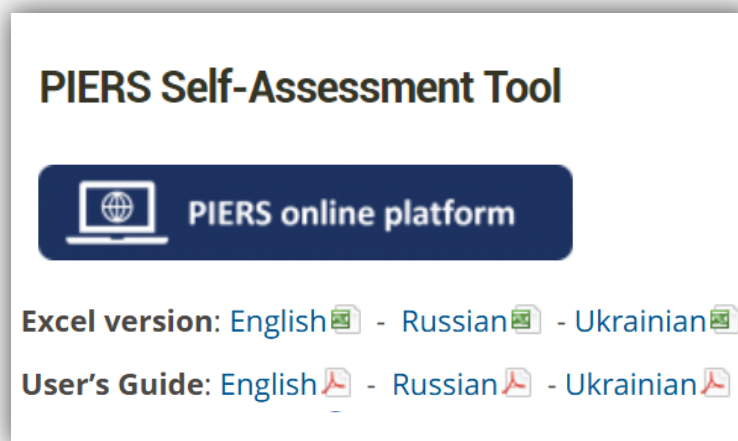
Resources

Using PIERS



Resources available on the UNECE website (*in English and Russian*)

<https://unece.org/ppp/em>

A screenshot of the PIERS Self-Assessment Tool page. The page has a white background with a dark blue header. The header contains the text "PIERS Self-Assessment Tool" in bold black font. Below the header is a dark blue button with a white globe icon and the text "PIERS online platform". Underneath the button, there are two lines of text: "Excel version: English 📄 - Russian 📄 - Ukrainian 📄" and "User's Guide: English 📄 - Russian 📄 - Ukrainian 📄".

PIERS Self-Assessment Tool

 PIERS online platform

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