



## **The United Nations Development Programme Regional Centre for Public Administration Reform**

The Regional Centre for Public Administration Reform is a new five-year regional project launched by the United Nations Development Programme, Bratislava Regional Centre and primarily financed by the Hellenic Government. Through multi-country initiatives generated by network members and implemented in cooperation with UNDP country offices, the project aims at facilitating professional networking and cooperation between the countries in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Thematically, the Regional Centre focuses on strengthening capacities for policy-making and coordination; improving public finance management; enhancing organization and staffing in the public sector; and promoting public service delivery. UNDP sees the project as a major anchor for regional programming on public administration reform in the coming years.



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## **Regional Centre for Public Administration Reform** in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States



## Network of National Coordinators and Focal Points



Albania	Moldova
Armenia	Montenegro
Azerbaijan	Poland
Belarus	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Russian Federation
Bulgaria	Serbia
Croatia	Slovak Republic
Cyprus	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Turkey
Estonia	Tajikistan
Georgia	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Hungary	Turkmenistan
Kazakhstan	Ukraine
Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan
Latvia	Kosovo – UN Administered territory under UNSC 1244
Lithuania	

The network is one of the cornerstones of the Regional Centre for Public Administration Reform and it consists of practitioners, academics and other experts from the countries in the region. A systematic effort to expand the network is ongoing. In each country, the aim is to include a National Coordinator, normally from a government institution responsible for coordination of the

national public administration reform efforts, and a set of thematic Focal Points in each of the thematic areas. Although there is an emphasis on government entities, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions are also represented by Focal Points.

## Demand-driven Multi-Country Activities

### Thematic Area 1

Strengthening capacities for policy-making and coordination

### Thematic Area 3

Enhancing organisation and staffing in the public sector

### Thematic Area 2

Improving public financial management

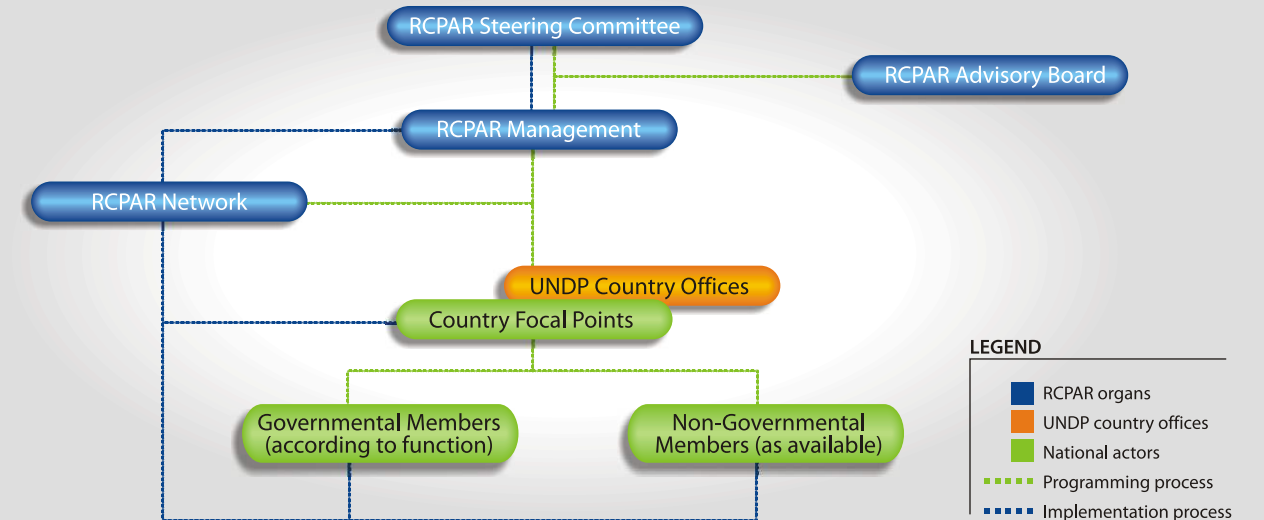
### Thematic Area 4

Promoting public service delivery

Through its philosophy, design and operational mechanisms, the project offers significant opportunities for countries in the region to engage in the formulation and implementation of multi-country initiatives funded by the Regional Centre. Network members are actively encouraged to propose ideas and develop proposals, involving a minimum of three countries in the region, within one of the thematic areas.

The funding available for each initiative is around US\$100,000, and the project aims at generating at least six initiatives per year. Guidelines and application templates are available at [www.rcpar.org](http://www.rcpar.org).

## Project Structure



## Resources

### Steering Committee

The project is directed by a Steering Committee. It is chaired by the Democratic Governance Team Leader of the UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre and it also includes representatives of the Hellenic Government. A representative of the countries covered by the Project will be added in the near future. The Steering Committee may decide to expand its membership as appropriate.

### Advisory Board

The Advisory Board consists of 15 internationally recognized scholars and practitioners from Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. They meet twice annually and provide strategic recommendations and substantive support on the programmatic framework and the general direction of the project. The Board also assists in the development of institutional partnerships with relevant organizations.

### Roster of Experts

The online Roster of Experts has been set up with the intention to progressively develop a reliable and up-to-date resource base of public administration experts and consultants, with strong representation from the region. The roster follows the UNDP vetting method. Interested candidates must be recommended by UNDP staff or a member of the Regional Centre's network.

### Online workspaces and documentation centres

Set up under the central UNDP online collaborative work platform, the project operates two workspaces. Their purpose is to provide a virtual meeting place for members of the Advisory Board and the Network of National Coordinators and Focal Points respectively. By enabling members to launch or participate in online discussions, and use a variety of tools to share experiences and documents, the aim is to produce a large base of documentation and knowledge, accessible on demand.