

Project Management Section (PMS)

Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)

Mandate

The Project Management Section was established on the decision of the 24th meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ECO Member States held on November 9, 2019 in Antalya, Republic of Türkiye (COM24). Existing until that time Directorate for Projects, Economic Research and Statistics (PERS – *please see PMS background on PMS web-page for more information*) turned into Project Management Section (PMS). In fact, due to the reform process two subsections – Projects Management Section (pl see <https://eco.int/elementor-6936/section-of-project-management/>) and Economic Research and Statistics section (pl see Economic Research and Statistics web-page: <https://eco.int/elementor-6936/economic-research-and-statistics/>) – were created.

The Project Management Section (PMS) of the Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) serves as the central coordinating entity for the planning, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of ECO projects and programs. Operating in accordance with the Treaty of Izmir (1996) and ECO Vision 2025, the PMS ensures that project activities are fully aligned with the strategic objectives and policy directives endorsed by the Council of Ministers (COM) and the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR).

Project Management Section is the central operational vehicle of ECO Secretariat for coordination of sectoral project activities and enabling the inter-agency coordination among ECO projects' partners.

Following the recommendations of the ECO's high-level decision making bodies, the Project Management Section (PMS) carries out the monitoring of the implementation of the ECO projects for compliance with project schedules, results-based project management (RBPM) outcomes and alignment with the Organization's strategy as well as international project norms, standards, and policies.

The PMS is also involved in ensuring project commitments, project fund replenishments and inter-agency coordination among the ECO's project partners. In this, the PMS does the planning, project reporting and handles a single window project management, monitoring and implementation system.

The PMS is committed to promoting sustainable economic development, strengthening regional cooperation and enhancing institutional capacities through a results-based and transparent approach to project management.

The project activities of the ECO Secretariat is overseen by the **Project Monitoring Group (PMG)** (*please see PMG info sheet on PMS web-page for more information*) – the ECO’s institutional structure established in 2010 to monitor progress status of ECO’s projects on a quarterly basis and adopt change control issues, as required. The PMG regularly reports to RPC and COM via CPR.

Project Monitoring Group (PMG) meetings are chaired by the ECO Secretary General and representatives of the Embassies of the ECO Member States based in Tehran and ECO Secretariat’s directing staff-members take part in the meetings of PMG.

Currently there are altogether 35 **projects** (*please see Projects on PMS web-page for more information*): some of the have just been completed, many of them are ongoing and some of them are at the stage of development.

Our Mandate

- To oversee and streamline the implementation of ECO’s projects and programs, ensuring coherence with the Organization’s priorities and international best practices.
 - To ensure that project activities contribute effectively to the realization of the ECO Vision 2025 and advance the objectives of regional economic integration and cooperation.
 - To serve as a single-window platform for project planning, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and resource mobilization.
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Strategic Objectives

- **Advance Results-Based Management (RBM):** Promote project design, implementation, and evaluation based on clear deliverables, measurable indicators, and sustainable outcomes.
- **Enhance Regional Integration:** Facilitate project initiatives that foster connectivity, trade, energy cooperation, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic development among Member States.
- **Strengthen Institutional Capacity:** Provide technical assistance, training, and knowledge-sharing platforms to build project management capacities within the ECO Secretariat and among Member States.
- **Ensure Transparency and Accountability:** Uphold high standards of financial management, project evaluation, and reporting.
- **Mobilize Resources:** Engage development partners, international financial institutions, and stakeholders to secure funding and technical support for ECO initiatives.

Key Functions

- **Project Planning:** Formulate and coordinate project proposals in consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Ensure continuous tracking of project implementation and conduct periodic evaluations to measure effectiveness, relevance, and impact.
- **Reporting:** Prepare comprehensive progress reports, impact assessments, and financial reports for submission to COM, CPR, and other governing bodies.
- **Coordination and Facilitation:** Serve as the Secretariat's hub for project-related communication, coordination, and collaboration.
- **Capacity Development:** Organize training workshops, seminars, and conferences aimed at enhancing project management expertise across the ECO region.
- **Knowledge Management:** Document and disseminate best practices, lessons learned, and success stories to enhance future project planning and execution.

Commitment to Excellence

The PMS remains dedicated to promoting a culture of results-oriented management, professionalism, transparency, and innovation. By ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of projects, the PMS plays a vital role in translating ECO's strategic vision into tangible benefits for the peoples of the region.

Through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence, the PMS endeavors to contribute meaningfully to the achievement of sustainable development, prosperity, and enhanced regional integration within the ECO framework.

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