




MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

Evaluation Title:	Enhancing National Capacities for Development and Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in the UNECE Region		
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Recommendation 1:

Continue building the capacity and expertise of member States in EESB in a way that would ensure multiplier effects and system changes on a large-scale. This could be done through delivering multilevel workshops and seminars which would incorporate: generic information-sharing on certain research topics (at the first level); and more advanced technical workshops on a selected topic (e.g. energy auditing, monitoring energy performance, model situations in a specific country context, etc.);

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2019-2020, SED will continue building the capacity and expertise of member States in Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (EESB) by organizing workshops funded from RPTC budget; developing project proposals for funding of the second phase of the project; cooperating with Forests, Housing and Land Management Division on activities under the Joint Task Force on EESB.

Responsible: Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy; Scott Foster SED Director; programme officer for energy efficiency in SED.

Recommendation 2:

Assist the UNECE member States in taking practical steps toward addressing EESB through introducing an interactive format of workshops and seminars, incorporating group work practices on specific cases/assignments, and encouraging the participants to assess their national situations and developing country roadmaps along with S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound) indicators and targets to improve EESB

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Please refer to the actions proposed under recommendation 1 and 4.

Recommendation 3:

Continue cooperation with other UN agencies to organize workshops and share their real-case experience in implementing projects on EESB in UNECE countries (e.g. the projects implemented by UNDP/GEF) which would serve as a practical guide for attendees

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Please refer to the actions proposed under recommendation 1.

Recommendation 4:

Develop the results framework for each planned new project, along with S.M.A.R.T. indicators and targets, to measure and monitor the intermediate results and long-term impact of the UNECE project in relation to the accomplishments of the member States

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2020, SED will seek the support of the Programme Management Unit and will develop new projects with S.M.A.R.T. indicators and targets, to better measure and monitor the intermediate results and long-term impact.

Recommendation 5:

Introduce gender-responsive indicators and targets to measure and report the progress made regarding the gender mainstreaming agenda and continue to encourage active participation of female subject-matter experts in relevant activities.

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2020, SED will seek the support of UNECE Gender Focal Point to introduce gender-responsive indicators and targets in relevant projects and continue to encourage active participation of female subject-matter experts in relevant activities.

Recommendation 6:

Raise the awareness of the member States on the human rights dimension of the energy-efficient buildings and particularly emphasize this correlation through presentations and analytical papers (a linkage to relevant SDGs could also be useful in this regard)

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

SED takes note of the recommendation and will seek to increase references to the right to access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy (SDG 7) in future project proposal documents. Such projects are subject to approval by UNECE member States.

Recommendation 6:

Secure resources to completely roll out the online database of experts and further, advance it to the level of a self-sustainable knowledge hub which will allow experts not only to share information, but will also allow them to discuss ideas and opportunities and track the progress each country has made in relation to EESB, thereby, encouraging greater collaboration in the domain of energy efficiency. It is also recommended to develop a detailed blueprint (workplan) which would, inter alia, outline the resources needed to maintain and advance the database

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Request for funding this activity will be included in a project proposal for funding of the second phase of the project.

Responsible: Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy.