

External evaluation of the project “**Enhancing National Capacities for Development and Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in the UNECE Region**” (August 2019)

Progress report as at 31 December 2019

#	Recommendation	Management response	Responsibility	Target date/ deadline	Date of implementation/comments
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.);	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>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.</p>	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2020	<p>In progress</p> <p>Training Workshop on High Performance Buildings was organized in Yerevan on 21-22 November 2019, see: http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=52433. Joint event with UNDP Armenia in partnership with International Passive House Association (iPHA) and Passive House Institute at the request of the Urban Development Committee of the Republic of Armenia. Target countries: Armenia and Georgia. Also participants from Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. Project proposal for funding of the second phase of the project has been submitted to the potential donor (Russian Federation).</p>
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,	<p>UNECE accepts this recommendation.</p> <p>Please refer to the actions proposed under recommendation 1 and 4.</p>	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2020	<p>In progress</p> <p>See response to #1 (Training workshop in Yerevan)</p>

	Relevant, Time-bound) indicators and targets to improve EESB.				
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.	Please refer to the actions proposed under recommendation 1.	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2020	In progress See response to #1 (Training workshop in Yerevan)
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.	UNECE partially accepts this recommendation. 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.	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2020	In progress Activity will be initiated in 2020
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.	UNECE partially accepts this recommendation. 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.	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2020	In progress Active participation of female experts in the Training workshop in Yerevan (see response to #1) has been encouraged
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	UNECE partially accepts this recommendation. SED takes note of the recommendation and will seek to	Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy	December 2021	In progress Activity will be initiated in 2020

<p>papers (a linkage to relevant SDGs could also be useful in this regard)</p>	<p>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.</p>			
<p>7 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</p>	<p>UNECE accepts the recommendation.</p> <p>Request for funding this activity will be included in a project proposal for funding of the second phase of the project.</p>	<p>Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy</p>	<p>December 2021</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>See response to #1. Request for funding this activity has been included in the project proposal for funding of the second phase of the project.</p>