



**UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE)
Bureau Meeting
Astana, 14 June 2017, 8:00 - 9:00**

Bureau Meeting Report, 29 June 2017

Attendance

GEEE Bureau:

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Vugar Jabbarov, Vice-Chair, Azerbaijan
Mr. Zlatko Pavičić, Vice-Chair, Croatia
Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Vice-Chair, Georgia
Mr. Aleksandar Puljevic (on behalf of Ms. Antonela Solujic, Vice-Chair, Serbia)
Mr. Tim Farrell, Vice-Chair, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency
Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair, BG Energy Consulting
Mr. Stefan Buettner, Vice-Chair, EEP - Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production

Secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (SED):

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski

Apologies received:

Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair, Belarus
Mr. Christian Noll, Vice-Chair, Germany
Ms. Gabriela Prata Dias, Vice-Chair, Portugal
Mr. Valeriy Pysarenko, Vice-Chair, Ukraine
Mr. Benoît Lebot, Vice-Chair, International Partnership on Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)
Mr. Martin K. Patel, Vice-Chair, University of Geneva

Main discussion points

Item 1. Chair's welcome.

Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair of GEEE, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Chair proposed to approve the Agenda as presented. Agenda was approved as presented.

Item 3. Status of implementation of the Work Plan for 2016-2017.

Chair opened discussion on the Status of implementation of the Work Plan for 2016-2017. Members of the Bureau supported approval of the Status of implementation of the Work Plan for 2016-2017. Several activities were proposed to be added as they took place in the framework of the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Astana, including workshops Energy

Efficiency in Buildings: Framework Guidelines (12 June 2017), Creating Business Case for the Industrial Energy Efficiency (13 June 2017), and Towards Smart Sustainable Cities – Integrated Approaches (14 June 2017) and launch of the UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report 2017, to which GEEE contributed on the Energy Efficiency chapter. The Bureau approved the status of implementation of the current Work Plan. Revised version of the document is attached to this report.

Item 4. Outcomes of the Energy Ministerial and Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and their implications for GEEE.

Chair opened discussion on the outcomes of the Energy Ministerial and Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and their implications for GEEE. Members of the Bureau view the Ministerial Statement, a non-binding document adopted at the Ministerial Conference in Astana on 11 June 2017 as a guideline for the Group of Experts to promote access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. Energy efficiency plays a decisive role in this. GEEE should focus on specific activities that can bring tangible results. These include *inter alia* establishing contacts between governments, businesses and international organizations for improving energy efficiency in industry and promoting framework guidelines for energy efficiency standards in buildings that will bring significant improvements in building energy efficiency for both new and refurbished buildings.

Item 5. Discussion on the draft Work Plan for 2018-2019.

Chair opened discussion on the draft Work Plan for 2018-2019. The draft Work Plan was prepared by the Chair with support from the secretariat, reviewed by the Bureau with comments provided, and distributed to the Group of Experts for consideration by written procedure as stipulated in the Report of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency on its third session. The deadline for submission of comments is 27 June 2017. Bureau members supported the draft Work Plan (attached to this report).

On Activity A, Exchange of experience to improve significantly energy efficiency in industry sector, it was noted that further workshops, both at the international and national levels, bringing together governments and companies would be useful. GEEE should participate in a working group on industrial energy efficiency led by UNIDO once it is established. The working group is primarily for companies to discuss most pressing issues and to provide feedback to governments as well as to serve as an interface with governments. A possibility of case study on multiple benefits was discussed and supported. It was proposed to include an item on the role of utilities and energy service companies (ESCOs) in promoting energy efficiency in Activity A, as the biggest potential is in industry. A specific language will be proposed by the Chair.

Activity B, Exchange of experience on standards and guidelines to improve significantly energy efficiency in buildings, will involve close collaboration with the Committee on Housing and Land Management and its secretariat under the auspices of the Joint Task Force. Funding received for the project on energy efficiency standards in buildings from Denmark and the Russian Federation will allow starting implementation of activities. Further funding will be sought. Framework guidelines on energy efficiency standards in buildings will be proposed for endorsement by the Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Committee on Housing and Land Management.

Activity C, Regulatory and policy dialogue addressing barriers to improve energy efficiency, should focus on dissemination of best policies and experiences that successfully address barriers to improving energy efficiency. Cooperation with other organizations and initiatives, particularly with

RISE and GTF, is seen as important. Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency and EEP - Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production were identified as important partners in this activity.

It was noted that while in this Work Plan there is no separate Activity on Global Energy Efficiency Accelerator Platform, three accelerators (Industry Accelerator, Buildings Efficiency Accelerator, and Finance Accelerator) are supported by Activities A, B, and C respectively.

Item 6. Other business.

Tim Farrell has informed the Bureau that he was finishing his contract with the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency on 19 June 2017 and returning to Australia. He suggested that he would be represented on the Bureau by Gabriela Prata Dias who replaced him at the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency and no longer represents Portugal. Members of the Bureau and the secretariat expressed their gratitude to Tim Farrell for his service as the first Chair of GEEE and member of the Bureau and wished him success in the future endeavours.