

## MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE

### HARD TALKS IN UNECE COUNTRIES

GERE, jointly with relevant local ministries and with the support of key partners including, among others, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21), the German Energy Agency (dena), the Revelle Group, organizes Hard Talks on renewable energy related issues in UNECE member countries.

The Hard Talks bring together major stakeholders from public and private sector to identify existing barriers for RE uptake and recommend concrete solutions and priorities to boost investments and, overall, increase the uptake of RE in the energy mix.

In 2016-2017, Hard Talks in Georgia, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan led to fruitful results, addressing countries difficulties in RE deployment.



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## UNECE WORK ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

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## UNECE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

Established in 2014, the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy (GERE) is committed to carrying out result-oriented, practical activities to increase the uptake of renewable energy (RE) in the 56 UNECE member States.

GERE is a multi-stakeholder platform for collaborations and information exchange that aims to:

- Increase the share of RE in the global energy mix
- Facilitate regulatory and policy dialogue
- Support member States meet SDG7
- Implement the commitment of the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Agenda.



Contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goal on Energy - SDG7, GERE work on RE focuses on tracking progress, the facilitation of regulatory and policy dialogue, sharing best practices and investment promotion. Since the SDGs are closely interlinked and benefit from synergies in their deployment, GERE is taking active steps to promote coordination with a nexus approach and integrated planning of interlinked resources across sectors, towards the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## GERE KEY ACTIVITIES

GERE contributes to speeding up the changes needed to increase RE uptake.

Key GERE activities include:

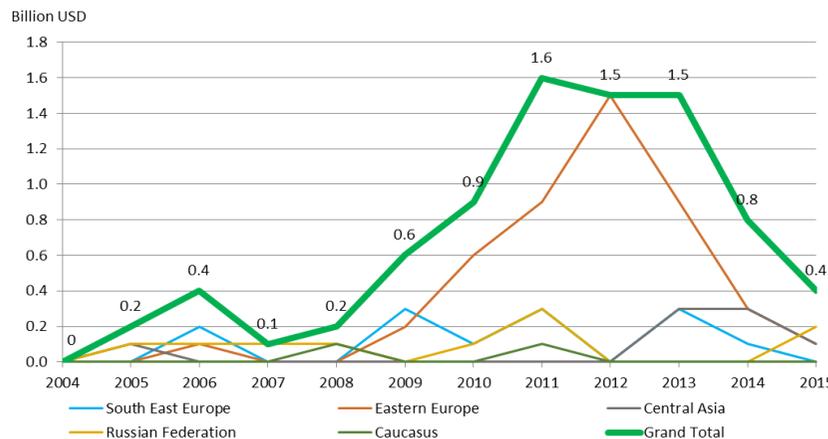
- Tracking progress of the uptake of RE sources: REN21 UNECE Renewable Energy Status Reports
- Exchange of experiences and good practices on how to increase the uptake of RE: dena's project on RE-Uptake
- Coordination with UNECE member States to exploit untapped potential: IRENA's Assessment of RE potential
- Matchmaking to support RE investments: EU-DEVCO/EU-TAF; Cooperation with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)
- Cross-cutting cooperation to strengthen integration of RE in future sustainable energy systems, together with other Group of Experts, including on United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) application to RE, water-energy nexus and public-private partnerships.



## UNECE RENEWABLE ENERGY STATUS REPORT 2017

Launched at the 8th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Astana, Kazakhstan, June 2017, and jointly produced with the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21), with contribution of the International Energy Agency (IEA), the report tracks and updates the status of renewable energy in 17 selected countries of South East and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and the Russian Federation.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS - REVERSING THE DECLINING TREND



The 17 UNECE countries only received 0.2 percent or USD 0.4 billion of global renewable energy investment in 2015.

Attracting investment remains a key challenge in these countries, even with advanced support schemes and policies.