



## National workshop on Energy Efficient Housing in Georgia

19 September, 2013,

Seminar room at Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia (tbc),  
Tbilisi, Georgia

### Introduction

The UNECE regional Action Plan for Energy-efficient Housing, adopted by the Committee on Housing and Land Management at its seventy first session, recommended to develop national action plans on energy efficiency in the residential sector: “National governments, in collaboration with relevant international and national stakeholders, should devise national plans and strategies for energy-efficient housing”. National action plans on energy efficiency provide national governments with country-specific recommendations for actions to be taken in order to create enabling conditions for energy-efficient investments in residential housing stock. The “National Action Plan of Montenegro for Energy Efficient Measures in the Residential Sector” developed with the support of the UNECE secretariat in 2012.

The Government of Georgia has submitted an official request for the development of its National Action Plan in 2012.

The workshop, which is organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Housing and Land Management Unit and Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, will explore possibilities for the development of the national action plan on energy efficiency in housing sector as requested by the Government of Georgia. The workshop will bring together Georgian key players in the fields of energy efficiency and housing.

It is expected that as an outcome of this workshop, an outline of the National Action Plan on Energy efficiency in the residential sector will be elaborated and after the workshop a consultation with ministries and stakeholders will be organized.

This national workshop is organized back to back with the Fourth international Energy Forum, which will take place on 17 – 18 September at Sheraton Hotel Conference Hall, see more on the forum at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=32843>. The workshop participants are strongly encouraged to attend the forum and especially its Workshop 2 “A Road Map to Energy Efficient Residential Sector, which will take place on 18 September” because the discussion at the workshop on 19th September will be based on the presentations of experiences and best practices at the Energy Forum.

### For further information on the workshop, please contact at UNECE

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## **Format of the workshop**

The workshop is composed of four sessions. The duration of each session is approximately 1,5 hours.

### **Workshop draft agenda – version 21 August 2013**

**Chair of the session:** Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Mr. Mikheil Janelidze

**Facilitator:** Ms. Doris Andoni, UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit

**Rapporteurs:** Karine Melikidze, SDAP, Georgia; and Michael Milligan, UNECE

#### **9:00 – 09:15 Introduction**

- Welcome by Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Mr. Mikheil Janelidze
- Introduction by Ms. Doris Andoni, UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit

#### **9:15 – 10:30 Session 1. Key challenges and activities in energy efficiency in housing in Georgia**

Presentations by representatives of Georgian authorities and stakeholders of the main challenges in the field of energy efficiency in housing and steps undertaken by the Georgian Government to address them

- Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry
- NGOs, academia, private sector

#### **10:30 – 11:00 Break**

#### **11:00 – 12:30 Session 2. International experiences in the preparation of national action plans**

**11:00 – 11:30 Ms. Jaroslava Zapletalova** Presentation of the case of Slovakia step-by-step:

- Getting political commitment;
- Policy and legislative reform;
- Standards, norms and regulations;
- Building trust and rising awareness;
- Support to homeowners to get organized;
- Building-up financial schemes;
- Roles, responsibilities and stakeholders involved;



## Implementation

11:30 – 13:00 Session 3. Setting priorities for future actions

## Round table discussion of international experiences and setting priority targets for the future actions

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 16:00 Session 4. Development of the recommendations for actions in Georgia**

The participants are divided into four working groups.

Each group shall work on one of the following themes: (a) policy reform, legislation and regulation; (b) financial challenges and affordability of energy efficiency in new constructions and retrofitting of existing stock; (c) management and rehabilitation of the housing stock; (d) technology and know-how (e) and Institutional framework, capacity building and awareness.

**16:00 – 17:00 Concluding session. Deciding on targets and activities**

Groups' rapporteurs will report on the discussions in the groups and will present proposals for possible national action plan targets and activities, as by areas:

- Policy reform and legislation
  - Financial framework for energy efficient housing and investments' affordability
  - management and rehabilitation of the housing stock
  - Technology and know-how
  - Awareness rising, training and education.

Conclusion by Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Mr. Mikheil Janelidze

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