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January	Meeting	
15-17 Warsaw, Poland	Regional Workshop on Gender and Labour Markets in Transition Countries *Focal point*: Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Tel: 917 16 98	
16(pm)-19	Working Party on Pollution and Energy *Focal point:* Juan Ramos Garcia, Tel: 917 19 98	
22	Gas Centre Advisory Board *Focal point:* Alexandre Chachine, Tel: 917 24 51	Review and approval of the budget and programme of work of the Gas Centre for 2001 (attendence restricted to the members)
23-24	Working Party on Gas *Focal point:* Alexandre Chachine, Tel: 917 24 51	Eleventh annual session (see agenda ENERGY/WP.3/2001/1)
25	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas *Focal point:* Alexandre Chachine, Tel: 917 24 51	Second annual session (see agenda ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2001/1)

March		
19	Ad Hoc Meeting on the Steel Market *Focal point*: Bernard Roux-Fouillet, Tel: 917 32 41	UNECE INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK The Annual Steel Market meeting will review the publication on the trends in the steel market in the world.
20	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Steel *Focal point*: Bernard Roux-Fouillet, Tel: 917 32 41	UNECE INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK The Ad hoc Group of Experts will review its programme of work for further hand-over to the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8).
20	Team of Specialists on Internet *Focal point*: Daewon Choi, Tel: 917 24 74	UNECE INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK The second session of the Team will agree on a programme of work for 2001-2002.
21-22	Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development, 2nd session *Focal point*: Mika Vepsäläinen, Tel: 917 31 97	UNECE INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK The second session of WP.8 will consider proposals made by member States and agree on a programme of work for 2001-2002.

23	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry *Focal point*: Howard Hornfeld, Tel: 917 32 54	UNECE INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK The Ad hoc Group of Experts will review its programme of work for further hand-over to the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8).
26-27	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments *Focal point*: Frederic Romig, Tel: 917 24 07	The UN ECE Energy Efficiency 21 Project Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be meeting to review progress and plan future activities of the UN Foundation supported work on energy efficiency investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
29-30 Istanbul	Workshop on Standardisation and Quality Control for SMEs *Focal Point:* Antal Szabo, Tel: 917 24 71	
June		
7-9 Sibenik, Croatia	International Conference "Economies in Transition Share their Experience in SME and in Entrepreneurship Development", combined with the 5th Conference on SME Development in Croatia Focal point: Antal Szabo, Tel: 917 24 71	Event organized jointly by UNECE, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises of the Republic of Croatia, Central European Initiative.
11-12 Moscow, Russian Federation	Workshop on "Women Entrepreneurship and SMEs" Focal point: Antal Szabo, Tel: 917 24 71	Organized by the Organization of the BSEC, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, UNECE and Centre for Contemporary Women.

13-15	COMMITTEE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, Fifth session Focal point: Virginia Cram-Martos, Tel: 917 27 45 or Iouri Adjoubei, Tel. 917 24 88	The Committee will open with a Roundtable on Services in Transition Economies with a distinguished international panel whose objective will be to generate a policy debate on this issue. Other important issues to be discussed include: approval of Recommendations coming from the preceding Forum on e-Services for Trade, Investment and Enterprise; follow-up to decisions made at the May 2000 ECE session; approval of strategic objectives and goals for the Committee as well as revised terms of reference; reports from the subsidiary bodies; the renewal or approval of revised mandates for a number of sub-groups; and approval of the programme of work for the coming year. All documents for the meeting
13-14	Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of Energy Reserves/Resources Terminology Focal point: Slav Slavov, Tel: 917 24 44	
14(pm) & 15(am)	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Natural Gas Resources Focal point: Alexandre Chachine, Tel: 917 24 51	

September

26-27 Istanbul, Turkey	BSEC Ministerial Meeting on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises *Focal point:* Antal Szabo, Tel. 917 24 71	Meeting organized by the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), UNECE, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Turkey.

October

1	Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment (IPR) *Focal point:* Andrei Maevski, Tel. 917 32 96	The 3rd annual session will review the progress in the implementation of the AG programme of work, consider guidelines for the operation of the UNECE Advisory Groups involving representatives of business community and approve a new work programme for the next year. Web site: http://www.unece-ipr.org/

4-5 Minsk, Belarus	Workshop on Practical Aspects of Trade Finance in CIS Countries with Special Reference to Problems Encountered by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises *Focal point:* Iouri Adjoubei, Tel. 917 24 88	Proceedings of the Workshop will be published.
4-5 Bucharest, Romania	UNECE Conference on Digital Economy Development for South East Europe and Romania *Focal point:*Daewon Choi, Tel. 917 24 74	Team of Specialists on Internet Enterprise Development in collaboration with the Romanian Government.
8-10 Minsk, Belarus	UNF/UNFIP Energy Efficiency Investment for Climate Change Mitigation Project Second session Training Course on Business Planning and Financial Engineering *Focal Point:* Frederic Romig, Tel. 917 24 07	Expected output: six business plans for energy efficiency investment projects in Belarus to be presented to sources of financing including the World Bank. Web site: http://www.ee-21.net/
10-12 Minsk, Belarus	UNF/UNFIP Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation Project Workshop on Energy Efficiency and Energy Security in the CIS *Focal point:* Evgeniy Nadezhdin, Tel. 917 13 90	Expected output: first of three workshops of experts from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine and international counterparts to examine energy forecasts to 2010 and discuss the national investments needed to achieve high energy efficiency scenarios, ultimately for a publication on this subject. Web site: http://www.ee-21.net/
22	Forum of Women Entrepreneurs *Focal point:* Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Tel. 917 16 98	Women-headed businesses are in many UNECE countries one of the most dynamic sectors. The purpose of the Forum is to integrate women-entrepreneurs within the UNECE region and strengthen their network. Further details
23-26	Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, 99th session *Focal point:* Poul Hansen, Tel. 917 32 58	The Working Party will review the status of the 14 United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, which are administered by the Working Party. In particular, the Working Party will consider a new annex on efficient border crossing procedures to the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, a new Convention for Customs transit by rail and the progress in the current revision of the TIR Convention as well as a large number of issues relating to the application of the TIR Customs transit procedure. Web site

23	Forum on Best Practice in Development of Entrepreneurship and SMEs in Countries in Transition: The Polish Experience *Focal point:* Antal Szabó, Tel. 917 24 71	The aim of the Forum is to present the development of SMEs and entrepreneurship in Poland covering most of the business sectors in the country. Further details
24	Forum on Best Practice in Development of Entrepreneurship and SMEs in Countries in Transition: The Belarus Experience *Focal point:* Antal Szabó, Tel. 917 24 71	
25-26	Expert Meeting on Best Practice in the Creation of Quality Assurance Systems for Enhancing Competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises *Focal point:* Antal Szabó, Tel. 917 24 71	The aim of the Meeting is to present the best practice of quality assurance systems for enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises. Further details
29	Team of Specialists on CHEMISEED *Focal point:* Bernard Roux-Fouillet, Tel. 917 32 41	
November		
Radenci, Slovenia	International Conference on Global Tourism and Entrepreneurship in the CEI Region *Focal point*: Antal Szabó, Tel: 917 24 71	The purpose of the conference is to present the entrepreneurial approach in marketing the tourist products in the Central European countries as well as in the countries of the European Union, in the sense of support of the national, regional and local subjects of the entrepreneurial development. The Conference is organized by the Slovenian Government in cooperation with the EC, UNECE, World Tourism Organization and OECD. Detailed programme and registration form are available at http://www.pcmg.si/pcmg/eindex.htm
7 Bucharest, Romania	UNECE Side Event on Building a Gender Sensitive Information Society *Focal point*: Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Tel: 917 16 98	The Round Table aims at mainstreaming gender into WSIS preparatory process. It will draw on the positive experience and best practices of the UNECE countries in improving women's access to ICT provided by governments, civil society and private sector. The Round Table is expected to raise the awareness on region specific gender concerns in the process of building Information Society, establish partnership among stakeholders and recommend concrete follow-up activities.

9 Bucharest, Romania	UNECE Side Event on E-Policy and E-Regulation in Transition Economies at the WSIS Pan-European Regional Conference *Focal point*: Daewon Choi, Tel: 917 24 74	This workshop provides a synthesis of the discussions undertaken by the UNECE on e-Policy and e-Regulatory Framework for the Information Society at the national, regional and global levels. It aims to contribute to the WSIS 2003 by summarizing main issues currently being addressed at the global fora, explore major implications for the Pan-European region and underline future directions capitalizing on recommendations put forward by regional and international experts. The debate also aims to understand how to establish enabling legal environment for the Information Society by means of appropriate regulatory approach taking into full consideration new technology development and the regional context.
13-15 Skopje, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Round table sessions on Women's Entrepreneurship at the Central European Initiative (CEI) Summit Economic Forum *Focal point*: Ewa Ruminska-Zimny,Tel: 917 16 98	UNECE will organize four Round Table sessions at the CEI Summit Economic Forum. The sessions will discuss partnership among stakeholders and new initiatives supporting women's entrepreneurs in CEI countries, with focus on information technology and financial support, initiatives of municipalities and women's business associations. The results of the first training course for women entrepreneurs organized by CEI, ITCE/WIFI and UNECE will be evaluated. The sessions will conclude with the discussion of projects and follow up activities in 2003. The sessions on women's entrepreneurship became an annual event at CEI Economic Summits in response to the growing interest of CEI members.
14-15	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Energy Reserves/ Resources Terminology *Focal point*: Slav Slavov, Tel: 917 24 44	The Ad Hoc Group of Experts should carry out a methodology for evaluating the energy reserves/resources (petroleum, natural gas, coal and uranium) on a common basis. This methodology will be used by all countries worldwide when providing information for the purpose of the WEC Survey on Reserves/Resources.
18-19	High-level Task Force on Valuation and Capitalization of Intellectual Assets *Focal point*: Andrei Maevski, Tel: 917 32 96	The first meeting aims at identifying the most important challenges and obstacles faced by the public and private sectors of the member States in their efforts to effectively utilize intellectual assets to the benefit of development and social progress and, therefore, to sustain the innovation process. It also aims at enabling members of the Task Force to set up work priorities. Web site
18-22	Meetings on Sustainable Energy	

18-19 (am)	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power *Focal point*: Charlotte Griffiths, Tel: 917 1988	The fifth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will assess the status of coal industry restructuring in the transitional economies, with particular emphasis on economic and social impacts. Technological innovations for reducing greenhouse gases from the use of coal as an energy source will also be discussed, together with coal's role in sustainable development, particularly in the light of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. Web site
19	Task Force on Reforming Energy Prices for Sustainable Development *Focal points*: Mikhail Kokine, Tel. 917 23 47 & Slav Slavov, Tel: 917 24 44	A joint Environment/Energy Group to elaborate guidelines to policy making on (a) adapting energy prices in transition countries to market level; and (b) gradual removal of energy subsidies. Development of guidelines on reforming energy prices and subsidies as a joint contribution by the Committees on Sustainable Energy and on Environmental Policy to the Kiev Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (May 2003). Web site
19 (pm)	Joint Workshop on Carbon Sequestration – Pathway to a Sustainable Future for Fossil Fuels in a Carbon Constrained World *Focal point*: Charlotte Griffiths, Tel: 917 1988	This Workshop, via a panel of expert speakers, will provide a basic introduction to carbon sequestration, together with an overview of the current status of international collaborative efforts to develop carbon sequestration technologies. Carbon sequestration offers significant potential to reduce greenhouse gases from fossil fuel use at costs and impacts that are economically and environmentally acceptable – as such, an assessment of the current costs and economic considerations will also be provided. Web site
20-22 (am)	COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY *Focal point*: Frederic Romig, Tel: 917 24 07	This annual session includes a Round Table on Energy Security with the Secretary General of OPEC; energy price reforms, a review of technical assistance, networking and Internet applications and follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD). Also see / Sustainable Energy.
21 (pm)	Energy Efficiency 21 Project – European Commission SAVE Programme E-GRIDS Project *Focal point:* Sead Vilogorac, Tel. 917 24 62	In relation to the annual session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy the results of this joint UNECE – European Commission project 'Enhancing Government Regulatory Energy Measures Impact and Diffusion Speed Appraisal Method' will be presented by the authors and sponsors at a special 'break out session' meeting. Also see http://www.ee-21.net/ /Library.
22 (pm)	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnection *Focal point*: Frederic Romig, Tel: 917 24 07	This annual session will review the regulatory aspects of opening up electricity markets, reliability of electric power systems in a liberalised market and developments in sub-regional interconnection in south Eastern Europe, the CIS and the Baltic states. Also see: /Sustainable Energy

25-28 Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan	Project Working Group "Energo" – 10th session; Project "Rational and efficient use of energy and water recourses in Central Asia" *Focal point*: Evgeniy Nadezhdin, Tel: 917 13 90	A first version of the Strategy on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia will be discussed. Report on creating Energy and Water Efficiency Demonstration Zones in the cities of Bishkek and Almaty will be presented. A preliminary agenda of the session is available