



## **UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE)**

### **Bureau Meeting**

**Geneva, 1 November 2017, 9:00 – 10:00**

### **Bureau Meeting Report, 8 November 2017**

#### **Attendance**

##### **GEEE Bureau:**

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Ms. Biljana Trivanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Vice-Chair (elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> session)  
Mr. Christian Noll, Vice-Chair, Germany  
Ms. Antonela Solujic, Vice-Chair, Serbia  
Ms. Gabriela Prata Dias, Vice-Chair, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> session)  
Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair, BG Energy Consulting  
Mr. Stefan M. Buettner, Vice-Chair, EEP - Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production

##### **Secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (SED):**

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski

##### **Apologies received:**

Mr. Samir Israyilov, Azerbaijan, Vice-Chair (elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> session)  
Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair, Belarus  
Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Vice-Chair, Georgia  
Mr. Zlatko Pavičić, Vice-Chair, Croatia  
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  
Mr. Burkhard Schulze Darup, Vice-Chair, Co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> session)  
Mr. Marko Nokkala, Vice-Chair, Co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (elected at the 4<sup>th</sup> session)

#### **Main discussion points**

Notes on Bureau meeting 1 November 2017

##### **Item 1. Chair's welcome.**

Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair of GEEE, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He mentioned that it was a good opportunity to have a meeting at the time of GEEE session. He proposed that communication between members of the Bureau should be more frequent, e.g. by skype.

## **Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.**

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

## **Item 3. Outcomes of the fourth session of GEEE.**

Bureau members confirmed the value of the current session, commented on good representation from member States and other stakeholders and exchanged views on the ways to make sessions of GEEE, as well as other events under GEEE more productive and valuable for the participants. The following ideas were presented:

- Less speakers and more discussions. Discussions bring the best value.
- Countries should provide comments in writing and/or explanation on what countries are doing. Countries need to be engaged.
- On particular matters, issue paper(s) from countries and/or secretariat would be helpful.
- Consideration needs to be given to the interest from countries.
- Each agenda item should have a key presentation.
- Sessions need to be planned in advance.
- Experts and officials need advance notice.
- There should be shared responsibility between Bureau members in pursuing speakers who would be of value for the session.

## **Item 4. Practical steps for implementation of the Work Plan of GEEE for 2018-2019.**

All Bureau members supported the Work Plan. They expressed the opinion that it provides good roadmap for implementation of practical steps by GEEE in improving energy efficiency in the region. Next session is tentatively planned at the Ninth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Kiev in fall 2018 pending confirmation from Ukraine.

Bureau members emphasized that additional efforts are needed to give GEEE more exposure. There is a need to show that the Group is doing what others are not. This may include use of new media (social networks). There is also a need to show where GEEE fits into the overall work on energy efficiency. Graphic representation on this might be helpful. There was a proposal to go proactively to member States with briefing notes. A short paragraph should be prepared on what GEEE is doing. Official UNECE communication channels (twitter, facebook, etc.) can be used.

## **Item 5. Other business.**

A question was raised on whether UNECE Sustainable Energy Division participates in COP 23. Secretariat informed that two staff members from the Division will attend but in events unrelated to energy efficiency. On energy efficiency, Vice-Chair Hannes Mac Nulty was instrumental in providing input to the official side event *The United Nations system, Industry 4.0 and its potential for climate solutions* on 12 November 2017 (joint UNIDO, ITU, and UNECE). There was a suggestion to promote this event and UNECE/GEEE role in it through press releases via UNECE and other channels, e.g. DENEFF as proposed by Vice-Chair Christian Noll.