



## Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and Appliances: Harmonization and Implementation in UNECE Region.

### Second Meeting of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings

14-15 May 2018

Yerevan, Armenia

#### BACKGROUND NOTE

In the UNECE region, buildings are responsible for approximately one third of total energy consumption and account for almost 40 per cent of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from combustion. Standards are an effective instrument for addressing energy efficiency in buildings and to support the achievements of the targets set by several international commitments such as the Sustainable Development Goals related to energy and housing, the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, the New Urban Agenda and the Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing. To address the issue of improving energy efficiency in buildings, the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management and Committee on Sustainable Energy established the [Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings](#) in 2015 and extended its mandate for further two years in 2017. In 2017, [two projects](#) were launched with the financial support from the Governments of Denmark and the Russian Federation to assist with the implementation of activities of the Joint Task Force.

The [first meeting of the Joint Task Force](#) was organized on 30-31 October 2017 with the aim to operationalize the Joint Task Force and to discuss the approaches to a study on mapping existing energy efficiency standards in buildings in the UNECE region, which is the first output of the project. The Joint Task Force discussed and agreed on the proposed activities until 31 December 2018.<sup>1</sup>

This workshop aims to review a draft of the study on mapping energy efficiency standards in buildings in the UNECE region and validating its results. Participants will discuss the draft, provide their comments, reflect on the status of development and implementation of energy efficiency standards in buildings in their countries, and exchange experiences and lessons learned with a view of further improvement of standards and as a result improving energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region. This workshop is the second meeting of the Joint Task Force. It is organized jointly by UNECE and UNDP Armenia, with support of the Government of Armenia. The meeting participants will also discuss the next steps in the implementation of the tasks of the Joint Task Force.

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<sup>1</sup> The report of the meeting is available at:

[http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/projects/EE\\_in\\_buildings/Report\\_of\\_the\\_JTF\\_on\\_EE\\_in\\_buildings\\_1.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/projects/EE_in_buildings/Report_of_the_JTF_on_EE_in_buildings_1.pdf)



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NOTE: The workshops “Development, Harmonization and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling for Energy Appliances” and “Knowledge Sharing on Management and Financing of Energy Efficiency in Multi-Apartment Buildings” will be organized by UNDP Armenia and Green Climate Fund back-to-back with this workshop on 15 and 16 May 2018, respectively. Participants of this workshop are welcome to participate in the events on 15 and 16 May.

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