



Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency

Room B, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Tuesday, 8 October 2019, 12:30-13:30

Report of the meeting

Introduction

The Meeting of the Bureau of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE) was held on 8 October 2019, 12:30-13:30, at Room B of the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, in the framework of the sixth session of GEEE during the Tenth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development.

Attendance

GEEE Bureau:

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair (Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency);¹

Ms. Nurengiz Farajullayeva, Vice-Chair (Azerbaijan);

Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Vice-Chair (Georgia);

Mr. Boris Melqvist, Vice-Chair (Russian Federation);

Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair *ex officio*, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency (Mac Nulty Consulting);

Mr. Stefan M. Buettner, Vice-Chair *ex officio*, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency (Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production (EEP));

Ms. Alisa Freyre, Vice-Chair (Services Industriel Genève);

Mr. Romanas Savickas, Vice-Chair (UNEP-DTU Partnership, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency); *

Mr. Piyush Verma, Vice-Chair (International Energy Research Centre). *

* elected at the sixth session of GEEE

Secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division:

Mr. Igor Litvinyuk;

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski.

Apologies received:

Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair (Belarus)

Mr. Christian Noll, Vice-Chair (Germany)

Mr. Alfredo Pini, Vice-Chair (Italy)

Ms. Antonela Solujic, Vice-Chair (Serbia)

Mr. Kostiantyn Gura, Vice-Chair (Ukraine)

Mr. Benoit Lebot, Vice-Chair (International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC))

Mr. Martin K. Patel, Vice-Chair (University of Geneva)

Mr. Zlatko Pavicic, Vice-Chair (Croatian Innovators Network)

Mr. Burkhard Schulze Darup, Vice-Chair *ex officio*, Co-Chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (Germany)

Mr. Andres Jaadla, Vice-Chair *ex officio*, Co-Chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (Estonian Union of Housing Cooperatives)

¹ By electronic means of communication.

Agenda items

1. Approval of the Agenda
Agenda of the meeting was approved as presented.
2. Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings – next steps
Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair, welcomed the participants and informed them on the results achieved by the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings of the ECE Region in 2018-2019. The publication under the auspices of the Joint Task Force, scheduled to be finalized by December 2019, was highlighted. The Chair outlined the future activities as per the Group of Experts' Work Plan for 2020-2021, which was endorsed by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its 28th session, and specifically stressed the review of Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and workshops and train-the-trainer seminars on high performance energy efficiency standards in buildings in line with these Framework Guidelines. Continuation of cooperation with the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management was strongly supported. A need for additional funding was also acknowledged.
3. Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency – next steps
Mr. Stefan M. Buettner and Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency, reported on the Task Force's activities in 2018-2019, and outlined further practical steps for implementing its activities for 2020-2021 (which are mainly subject to extrabudgetary funding), namely: identification of the key operational policy priorities in industry for member States and provision of platforms for collective action; identification of minimum industrial energy efficiency standards for important individual industry sectors to promote best policy practices; identification of best available techniques for increasing energy efficiency in industry sector in the UNECE region and promotion of exchange of information and data between the member States; organization of information sharing activities (workshops, seminars, roundtables, etc.) for exchange of experience on energy efficiency best practices, measures, and policies in industry, and; finalization of an industrial energy efficiency action plan based on the completed work activities. Mapping of actors in the area of industrial energy efficiency was also highlighted among the thematic priorities.
4. Practical steps for implementation of the Work Plan of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2020-2021
Attention was given to "Energy consumption and emissions of Electric Vehicles" activity of the Group's 2020-2021 Work Plan. Namely, possible collaboration with the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division on transport-related emissions was discussed (based on the information delivered by Ms. Alisa Freyre) concerning the potential project on developing a method for stating energy consumption / emissions of electric vehicles. The idea of establishment of a thematic joint task force was generally supported. Yet the scope of its work should be clearly specified, as the discussion featured a debate on defining 'electric vehicles', 'electric transport' and 'electric mobility', as well as on their linkages to manufacturing, policymaking, and the topic of smart cities in general. Issues related to recycling and circular economy in the context of this project were also touched.
5. Other business
There were no issues raised under this item.