



**UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE)
Bureau Meeting
Kiev, 13 November 2018, 13:00 – 14:00**

Bureau Meeting Report, 7 December 2018

Attendance

GEEE Bureau:

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair
Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair, Belarus
Ms. Branka Knezevic for Ms. Biljana Trivanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Vice-Chair
Ms. Tea Avazashvili for Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Vice-Chair, Georgia
Mr. Boris Melnichuk, Vice-Chair, Russian Federation (elected at the 5th session)
Mr. Kostiantyn Gura, Vice-Chair, Ukraine (elected at the 5th session)
Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair, Mac Nulty Consulting
Mr. Stefan M. Buettner, Vice-Chair, EEP - Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production
Mr. Zlatko Pavičić, Vice-Chair, Croatian Inventors Network
Mr. Romanas Savickas for Ms. Ksenia Petrichenko, Vice-Chair, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (elected at the 5th session)
Ms. Alisa Freyre, Vice-Chair, Services Industriels de Genève (SIG) (elected at the 5th session)
Mr. Andres Jaadla, Vice-Chair, Co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (elected at the 5th session)

Secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (SED):

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski
Ms. Stefanie Held

Apologies received:

Ms. Nurangiz Farajullayeva, Azerbaijan, Vice-Chair (elected at the 5th session)
Mr. Christian Noll, Vice-Chair, Germany
Mr. Alfredo Pini, Vice-Chair, Italy (elected at the 5th session)
Ms. Antonela Solujic, Vice-Chair, Serbia
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

Main discussion points

Item 1. Chair's welcome.

Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair of GEEE, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He congratulated newly elected members of the Bureau.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

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

Item 3. Status of implementation of the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2018-19.

Chair and the secretariat informed the Bureau that implementation of the current Work Plan is on track. The ongoing 5th session of GEEE reviews the GEEE activities and is very productive.

Discussion continued on the ways to have GEEE and its Bureau more involved in the cross-cutting issues of the Sustainable Energy programme in UNECE, as energy efficiency spans over the whole energy sector and the knowledge can be shared with other Groups of Experts. In particular, it was discussed how GEEE can be involved in the projects on Modernization of Infrastructure and on Pathways to Sustainable Energy. For now, the involvement is at a personal level and Aleksandar Dukovski is the GEEE focal point for both projects. There is a need for more resources for broader involvement.

It was suggested that GEEE can formulate the key questions on energy efficiency to which the modelling group of the Pathways to Sustainable Energy project can provide answers by. It was proposed that a 1-2-page paper is prepared by a Pathways project manager, so it can be sent to GEEE members to ask their opinions.

Item 4. Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings – next steps.

Chair and secretariat informed the Bureau of the upcoming activities: finalization of the study on Mapping of existing technologies to enhance energy efficiency in buildings; preparation of the study on Compendium of best practices on standards and technologies for energy efficiency in buildings; and development of a database of experts in this area. More detailed information is provided at the GEEE session. Next steps include submission of a project proposal for the next phase of activities of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in 2019-2020. Additional fundraising activities are needed. Effective cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management should continue.

Item 5. Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency – next steps.

Chair congratulated Hannes Mac Nulty and Stefan Buettner with their election as Co-chairs of the newly established IEE Task Force. It was emphasized that fundraising for the activities of the Task Force are necessary, and a project proposal should be developed by the secretariat in coordination with the Co-Chairs of the Task Force. In the meantime, promotion of the Task Force should be pursued at various fora and cooperation with other international organizations, in particular UNIDO, should be continued.

Item 6. Other GEEE activities – next steps.

Members of the Bureau confirmed the need to continue activities in exploring the role of big data and geo-spatial data in energy transition and the role of digitalization in improving energy efficiency. Continuation of work on overcoming barriers to improving energy efficiency was also supported. Secretariat informed of a planned webinar jointly with the Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency on the topic of Overcoming barriers to investing in energy efficiency.

Item 7. Process of preparation of the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2020-21.

Secretariat informed that UN is moving from the biennial to annual budget. However, at least for now the Work Plans remain biennial. As the next session of GEEE will take place after the session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, the Work Plan will need to be approved by GEEE by written procedure. Chair and other Bureau members expressed their interest in having a draft Work Plan distributed to the other Groups of Experts and if there is a similar interest from them – to receive their draft Work Plans. If there are interconnections between Work Plans of various Groups of Experts, they can be formalized. GEEE can also be consulted by other Groups of Experts on energy efficiency in their work.

Item 8. Other business.

Oleg Dzioubinski informed the Bureau that he has been selected for the position of the Regional Adviser at the Sustainable Energy Division. Until his previous position is filled on a regular basis, Stefanie Held, Chief of Sustainable Energy Section and secretary of the Committee on Sustainable Energy will act as an interim secretary of GEEE.

Andres Jaadla, Co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings, expressed his appreciation for joining the Bureau of GEEE and proposed to use opportunities to work on energy efficiency in buildings, including in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management. He informed of the upcoming meeting on Evidence-based policies for sustainable housing and urban development on 13 December 2018 in Brussels organized by The UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management, in collaboration with UN-Habitat and the European Committee of the Regions: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=50331>.