

# PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> TRANCHE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT PROJECTS

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| <b>Project title</b>       | Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia |
| <b>DA project code</b>     | 1617X  |
| <b>Executing entity</b>    | UNECE and ESCAP  |
| <b>Reporting period</b>    | 01/17 - 12/17  |
| <b>Implementation rate</b> | 23%  |
| <b>Important issues</b>    |  |

## 1. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

National consultants from beneficiary countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan) conducted a baseline review of sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country in order to assess the existing gaps in data collection.

An international consultant conducted a baseline assessment of the gaps in existing sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country. The consultant prepared training materials and conducted high-quality two training courses with a focus on methods for collection, verification, aggregation and reporting of data, as well as statistical indicators relevant for monitoring of sustainable energy development.

The trainings increased knowledge of national experts for each beneficiary country on best practices on collection and monitoring of national data on sustainable energy in compliance with international standards. Based on knowledge acquired during trainings, national experts will be able to organize data collection in their countries in accordance with United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

## 2. REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND ACTIVITIES

Table 1 – Review of Performance Indicators

| Expected Accomplishment   | Indicator of achievement at the start of the project (T0)   | Indicator of achievement at the time period when the project is being reviewed (T1) <sup>1</sup>   | Comments  |
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| <b>EA1</b> Improved national capacity for data collection and monitoring of progress on energy related sustainable development goals          | <i>Beneficiary countries have not established national data collection systems on sustainable energy in compliance with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics</i>                            | <i>National experts from 5 beneficiary countries increased their knowledge on best practices on collection and monitoring of national data on sustainable energy in compliance with international standards.</i> | <i>Activities to achieve expected accomplishment have been implemented.</i><br><br>EA1 achieved |
|   | National experts responsible for data collection and monitoring from relevant line ministries do not poses enough knowledge of relevant best practices on collection and monitoring of national sustainable energy data | <i>Based on knowledge acquired during trainings, national experts are able to organize data collection in their countries in accordance with United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</i>   | <i>Activities to achieve expected accomplishment have been implemented.</i><br><br>EA1 achieved |
| <b>EA2</b> Strengthened national capacities to develop national action plans for sustainable energy based on the best international practices | There are no National Action Plans for sustainable energy in the countries  | N/A  | Will be implemented in 2018-2019  |

<sup>1</sup> Projects in their first year of implementation are exempt from providing information in this column if it is difficult to provide estimates due to the projects short implementation period.

**Table 2 – Review of Activities and status**

| Activities   | Activity status         | Comment  |
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| <p><b>A1.1</b> Conduct a baseline review of sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country in order to assess the existing gaps in data collection. Reviews will be prepared by national and international consultants and serve as a basis for the development by a consultant of training materials for sub-regional trainings.</p> | <p><i>Completed</i></p> | <p>National consultants completed national review of sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country.</p> <p>International consultant conducted a baseline assessment of the gaps in existing sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.</p> <p>Assessment is based on national reviews conducted by national consultants and served as a basis for the development by the consultant of training materials for sub-regional trainings.</p> <p>The consultant prepared training materials and conducted two high-quality training courses with a focus on methods for collection, verification, aggregation and reporting of data, as well as statistical indicators relevant for monitoring of sustainable energy development.</p> |
| <p><b>A1.2</b> Provide two sub-regional trainings to the national officials and experts responsible for sustainable energy data collection.</p>  | <p><i>Completed</i></p> | <p>The first training was held on 13 June in Astana, Kazakhstan. The training focused on methods for collection, verification, aggregation and reporting of data, as well as statistical indicators relevant for monitoring of sustainable energy development. The international consultant and trainer provided training to participants with focus on the UN Official Principles of Statistics and their relation to sustainable energy statistics as well as on Sustainable Energy Statistics in general. The role of energy statistics in achieving sustainability was presented by speakers from international organizations and private sector: IEA Energy Data Centre; Segment Reserves, British Petroleum; United Nations Statistics Division, UNDESA, SIG, Geneva, Switzerland.</p>               |

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|   |                               | <p>The second training was held on 11-12 September in Tbilisi, Georgia. The training increased knowledge of national experts on relevant best practices on collection and monitoring of national data on sustainable energy in compliance with international standards. National consultants from 5 beneficiary countries presented national reports on sustainable energy statistics in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. International consultant provided an analysis of the reports and related recommendations.</p> <p>The role of energy statistics in achieving sustainability was presented by speakers from international organizations: Austrian Agency of Statistics; United Nations Statistics Division, UNDESA; UNECE; UNESCAP, SIG, Geneva, Switzerland.</p> <p>The goal of the trainings was to increase knowledge of national experts on relevant best practices on collection and monitoring of national data on sustainable energy in compliance with international standards. Based on knowledge acquired during training, national experts will be able to organize data collection in their countries in accordance with United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</p> |
| <p><b>A2.1</b> Identify relevant best practices on sustainable energy for each beneficiary country. The studies prepared by national and international consultants will develop increased knowledge and understanding of what the best practices are throughout the UNECE region and an assessment of their applicability to the national circumstances of the beneficiary countries.</p> | <p><i>Not yet started</i></p> | <p>Will be implemented in 2018</p>  |

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| <p><b>A2.2</b> Multi-stakeholder consultations with the participation of national officials/experts, UNECE, ESCAP, UNDESA, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (UNEP-DTU Partnership), SE4ALL secretariat and others to share best practices for the development of national sustainable energy policies in each beneficiary country. These consultations will help countries to assess best practices' applicability to the national circumstances and develop national models for improvement of sustainable energy policies.</p> | <p>In progress</p> | <p>Will be completed in 2018.</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder consultations were held in Geneva, on 29 September 2017 by UNECE with participation of national officials from all 5 targeted countries and experts from: Energy Agency of the Republic of Macedonia; Energy Charter Secretariat; Energy Community; Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency; Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, UNDP; SIG, Geneva, Switzerland; UNECE. Consultations were focused on several challenges/topics: similarities/differences between the various approaches; factors shape the development of national sustainable energy action plans; challenges in designing and implementing sustainable energy policies persist within and across countries; UNECE and UN ESCAP assistance to their member States to develop and implement effective policies; approaches used to develop national sustainable energy action plans for the five target countries; cross-learning across the countries; stakeholder engagement; experiences and data sources form the basis for the development of national action plans.</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder consultations were held in Minsk, Belarus on 10-13 October 2017 by UNECE with participation of national officials and experts, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (UNEP-DTU Partnership), UNDP, the World Bank, Delegation of European Union to Belarus, EBRD, and dena (German Energy Agency). The following government bodies participated in the consultations: Department for Energy Efficiency of the State Committee on Standardization, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Energy,</p> |
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|   |                               | <p>Beltopgaz, and Belenergo. Experts from a number of non-governmental organizations also participated in consultations.</p> <p>Consultations were focused on: a) successful examples of what Belarus has achieved or where it is on the way to achieving SE4All goals, which can be shared as best practices with other beneficiary countries of the project; b) challenges for Belarus where it can benefit from adapting best sustainable energy practices from other countries.</p> |
| <p><b>A 2.3</b> Development of a draft National Action Plan for each beneficiary country. The draft Plans will be prepared by national entities nominated by the relevant ministries, in close cooperation with the national and international consultants as well as UNECE, ESCAP and UN DESA to support country ownership and future endorsement and implementation. The Draft Action Plans will be further submitted for the governmental approval and inclusion into relevant governmental strategies for further implementation.</p> | <p><i>Not yet started</i></p> | <p>Will be implemented in 2019</p>  |

### 3. CHALLENGES/PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR

Table 3 – Challenges and actions

| Description of challenge | Action(s) taken to solve the issue, if any |
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| No challenges            |  |

### 4. SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

Table 4 – Financial Leveraging

| Donor | Purpose | Amount raised |         |
|-------|---------|---------------|---------|
|       |         | Cash (USD)    | In-Kind |
|       |         |               |         |

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| Government of Kazakhstan | Venue and interpretation for the training in Astana.  |  | In-Kind |
| Government of Georgia    | Venue and interpretation for the training in Tbilisi. |  | In-Kind |

**5. REVISIONS**

N/A

**6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

N/A

## 7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION <sup>2</sup>

| Object Class | Description   | A. Budget/Allotment (as per project document) (USD) | B. Revisions to allotments (if any) (USD) | C. Explanations of revisions to allotments (USD) | D. Total Expenditure (USD) |
|--------------|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|
| 015          | Other staff costs - General temporary assistance          | 0   | N/A                                       |  | 0                          |
| 105          | Consultants and expert                                    | 135,500   | N/A                                       |  | 62,876                     |
| 115          | Travel of staff   | 105,300   | N/A                                       |  | 19,481                     |
| 120          | Contractual services                                      | 75,000  | N/A                                       |  | 0                          |
| 125          | General operating expenses                                | 5,200   | N/A                                       |  | 35.00                      |
| 130          | Supplies and materials                                    | 0   | N/A                                       |  | 0                          |
| 135          | Furniture and equipment                                   | 0   | N/A                                       |  | 0                          |
| 145          | <i>Workshops / Study tours</i> (Grants and contributions) | 243,000   | N/A                                       |  | 46,858                     |
|              | Total   | 564,000   | N/A                                       |  | 129,250                    |

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| Implementation rate 23 (%) | $129,250 = \frac{\text{Total expenditure (D)}}{\text{Total budget (A)}}$ |
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<sup>2</sup> While IMIS object classes were still in use when the 9<sup>th</sup> tranche Development Account projects were allotted, every effort should be made to report the requested information using the UMOJA object classes reflected in the table.