

Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (GoE CMM)

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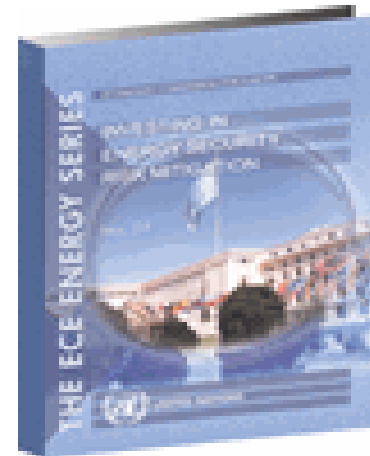
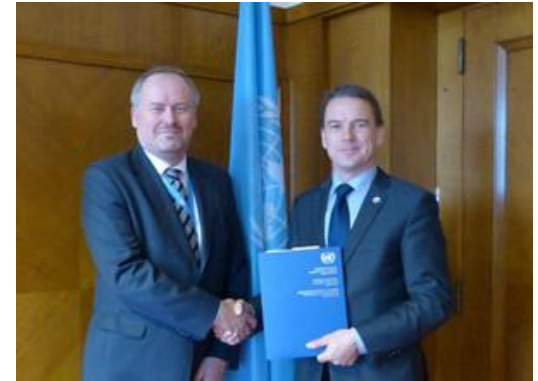
Recent Highlights

- Interest in methane growing
- Important role for delivering on and Climate Action
- Methane from extractive activities
- Role of fossil fuels in the future energy system
- Continued close cooperation with Global Methane Initiative (GMI)
 - GoE will participate in GMI Global Methane Forum, Washington, March 2016
 - Strategic alliance between UNECE and GMI being explored



Recent Highlights

- Establishment of an International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in Poland, October 2015
- EPA-funded extrabudgetary project “for dissemination of best practices in the emission abatement, recovery and use of CMM
- Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Recovery in Coal Mines
- Case studies
- Cooperation with ILO 



Efforts align with GoE CMM Work Plan for 2014 -2015 - concrete results highlighted in Tenth Session report (ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/2)

Current challenges and future outlook

- Growing role of and interest in methane management
- GoE on CMM unique forum
- Results-oriented. Delivers concrete outputs. Non-duplicative.
- Sustained interest from UNECE member countries with active coal mining operations
- **Challenges:**
 - Ambitious work plan for 2016-2017 (annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/2)
 - GoE relies heavily on significant voluntary contributions for delivery
 - Transition of traditional mining companies to integrated service companies and impact on energy for sustainable development
 - Completing substantive and administrative discussions in one day extremely challenging. GoE is requesting annual sessions over two days

Recommendations to Committee

- Report of GoE CMM tenth session (ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/2)
✓ **request Committee to take note**
- Support continuation of the ongoing work with active participation of experts
✓ **request endorsement by Committee of extension of mandate to 31 December 2017**
- Work Plan of the GoE CMM for 2016-2017 – Annex to ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2015/2
✓ **request endorsement by Committee**

Recommendations to Committee

- GoE CMM at Tenth Session recommended that the BPG on CMM be updated in 2016
 - ✓ **request endorsement by Committee**
- Challenge to complete all work during a one-day annual meeting. GoE CMM requests annual meetings be held over two days
 - ✓ **request support from Committee**

Thank you



<http://www.unece.org/energy/se/cmm.html>