

Workshop “Strengthening national capacity in applying sustainable energy policies and practices based on the recommendations of the Environmental Performance Reviews”

Online via Zoom platform

30 June 2021

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CEST)

Objectives of the workshop:

- Review and analysis of the recent Environmental Performance Review (EPR) recommendations on energy and environment and reminder of the main conclusions of the workshop in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan in 2017
- Sharing of experiences by selected countries on the implementation of recommendations drawn from EPR chapters on energy and environment
- Tools and instruments to support sustainable energy, including draft National Sustainable Energy Action Plans
- Identification of common priorities for technical assistance
- Discussion on the way forward

Working language: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

Provisional programme

08:45 – 09:00	Please connect to the online meeting platform 30 minutes ahead of the meeting start time to test your audio and video connections.
09:00 – 09:10	Opening and welcoming statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE member State representative (TBC) • UNECE (TBC)
09:10 – 09:15	Introduction to the programme, <i>Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UNECE</i>
SESSION 1:	Priority issues for the transition to sustainable energy
	<u>Moderator: (TBC)</u>
09:15 – 09:25	Common issues, challenges and proposed recommendations towards transition to sustainable energy, as identified in the EPRs, including addressing relevant SDGs, <i>UNECE (10 min)</i>
09:25 – 10:10	Sharing of experience on the implementation of EPR recommendations related to energy and environment: Presentations by country representatives (<i>one from each subregion, 7 min per presentation</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • , South-Eastern Europe • , Eastern Europe • , Caucasus • Central Asia
10:10 – 10:20	Q&A and discussion

SESSION 2: Opportunities and challenges for development of sustainable energy policies. Tools and instruments to support transition to sustainable energy

Moderator: (TBC)

10:20 – 10:35 UNECE work in support of transition to sustainable energy
Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Regional Adviser on Energy, UNECE
Instruments to increase share of renewable energy in energy mix
Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE

10:35 – 11:15 Identification of key barriers to implementing EPR recommendations related to energy and environment and possible actions to overcome them:

- Policy tools – Strategic Environmental Assessment, Espoo Convention Secretariat (confirmed)
- Business Models with participation of Public and Private Stakeholders for Low Carbon Technologies implementation – *Mr. Romanas Savickas*, Senior Advisor for Energy, UNEP-DTU Partnership, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency (recorded)
- Key challenges for development of sustainable energy policies in Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, and Uzbekistan – *Mr. Oleksandr Antonenko*, Head of Energy Efficiency Unit or *Ms. Özlem Duyan*, Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Energy Charter Secretariat
- Information and awareness – *Mr. Sergey Tulinov*, Economic Affairs Officer, Energy Division, UNESCAP

Q&A, interactive discussion

11:15 – 11:45 Panel Discussion. Sharing good practices, success stories and challenges of developing and implementing sustainable energy policies in UNECE subregions (with specific focus on minimizing environmental impact from energy and reduction of emissions from energy)

- *Ms. Evis Cano*, Head of Energy Planification, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, National Agency of Natural Resources of Albania (AKBN)
- *Mr. Mikhail Malashenko*, Deputy Chairman of the State Standardization Committee of the Republic of Belarus – Director of the Department for Energy Efficiency
- *Mr. George Abulashvili*, Director, Energy Efficiency Centre (EEC) Georgia
-Central Asia

Q&A, interactive discussion

SESSION 3: Ways forward and Closing

Moderator: (TBC)

11:45 – 12:00 Interactive discussion on the ways forward
The Chair will close the workshop. The summary of the discussions and the list of participants will be finalized by the UNECE secretariat for circulation to the participants after the workshop.