

Evaluation of the project

“Enhancing National Capacities for Development and Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings in the UNECE Region”

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Agenda of the Presentation



- Project Background
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Project Background



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Project Goal: to improve energy efficiency in buildings and reduce global greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere in the UNECE region through best-practice guidance and standards.

Implementation Dates: July 2017 through March 2019.

Budget: USD 286,000

Targeted Countries: 56 member States of the UNECE; Particular focus on the countries in South-Eastern & Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Scope of the Evaluation, Goal & Results



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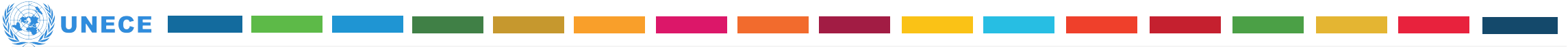
- **Goal:** To assess the extent to which its objectives were achieved and to determine the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of the Project.
- **Evaluation Timeframe:** April –July 2019.
- **Expected Results of the Evaluation:**
 - Contribute to enhancing cooperation with existing and potential partners.
 - Strengthen the impact of the activities of the UNECE’s Sustainable Energy Division.

Methodology & Stakeholders Interviewed



- Conducted in compliance with the UNECE Evaluation Policy, and Standards for Evaluation (2016) of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG).
- Applied the criteria of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, and impact and introduced by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- Reached out to 206 participants of the meetings of the joint task force and 10 subject-matter experts.
- 69 percent of respondents were male, and 31 percent were female.

Key Findings & Conclusions



- The Project's development was preceded with a series of intensive consultations and information-sharing among the relevant entities (UNECE and the member States).
- The Project was relevant to a great extent to the needs and priorities of the members States (and the target groups).
- The Project was designed & implemented to benefit the member States either through the direct participation of the relevant parties (primary stakeholders) or through the exchange and sharing of best practices and technical expertise among its member States.
- The Project greatly contributed to building the capacity of the participating parties in EESB with the adequate resources allocated.

Key Findings & Conclusions



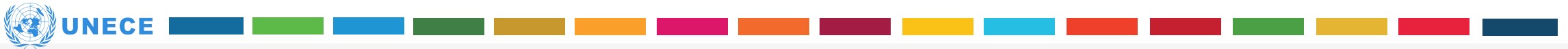
- The Project's achievement with regard to developing an online database was moderate due to the different levels of technical expertise (related to information technology) required during the design and implementation phase of this activity.
- The Project demonstrated a moderate focus on gender mainstreaming and human-rights dimensions. It served as an information-sharing platform that provided equal opportunities (participation and information sharing) for both female and male experts in the area of EES in buildings.
- The project applied a non-discriminatory and equal rights-based approach to benefit both female and male experts in the area of EESB, although, the presentations and mapping studies did not link EESB to relevant SDGs and the human rights agenda.

Recommendations and Follow up



- Continue building the capacity and expertise of member States in EESB in a way that would ensure multiplier effects and system changes on a large-scale.
 - ⇒ **Fully accepted by the management.**
 - ⇒ **Seminars and study papers under the Project “Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region” started in July 2020.**
- Assist the member States in taking practical steps toward addressing EESB through introducing an interactive format of workshops and seminars & encouraging the participants to assess their national situations and developing country roadmaps.
 - ⇒ **Fully accepted by the management.**
 - ⇒ **Workshops and seminars under Project “Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region.”**

Recommendations



- Introduce gender-responsive indicators to measure and report the progress made regarding the gender mainstreaming agenda.
 - ⇒ **Partially accepted (support was expected from the UNECE Gender Focal Point)**
 - ⇒ **Project “Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region” correspond to the strategic objectives specified in the UNECE Policy for Gender Equality & the Empowerment of Women.**
- Raise the awareness of the member States on the human rights dimension of the energy-efficient buildings and emphasize this correlation through presentations and analytical papers (a linkage to relevant SDGs could also be useful in this regard).
 - ⇒ **Partially accepted (subject to approval by the member States).**
 - ⇒ **The Project “Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region” took into consideration international frameworks with a clear gender component (SDGs, human rights instruments, etc).**

Recommendations



- Secure resources to completely roll out the online database of experts and further advance it to the level of a self-sustainable knowledge hub which will allow experts not only to share information, but will also allow them to discuss ideas and opportunities and track the progress each country has made in relation to EESB, thereby, encouraging greater collaboration in the domain of energy efficiency.
 - => **Fully accepted by the management.**
 - => **The Project “Enhancing national capacities to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for buildings in the UNECE region” maintained and updated the network of experts from public and private sectors on energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region.**

Thank you!

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