

## **Minutes of the START-ED team (“Education on Standardization”) meeting**

**(Geneva, 3 November 2015)**

Present

*From UNECE secretariat*

L. Jachia, Secretary to WP.6 (Regulatory Cooperation programme)

S. Kouzmine (Transport programme)

A. Kulish (Regulatory Cooperation programme)

T. Kangur (Regulatory Cooperation programme)

G. Hamilton (PPP programme)

O. Dzioubinski (Sustainable Energy programme)

D. Carriero (Housing programme)

V. Ivanova (Inland Navigation programme)

*Experts from START-ED Group*

From the Academy of Standardization, Metrology and Certification, Moscow, Russian Federation

G. Pankina, Director of the Academy, Moscow, Russian Federation

N. Makarov, director, Academy’s branch in the city of Nižni-Novgorod, Russian Federation

A. Iashin, Director, Academy’s branch in the city of Kazan, Russian Federation

T. Guseva, Vice Rector, Moscow Mendeleev Technological University, Moscow, Russian Federation

T. Vlasova, Professor, Moscow State Regional University, Moscow, Russian Federation

I. Mijatovic, Professor, University of Belgrade (Serbia) and vice chair of EURAS

S. Bogh, Consultant, Danish Standards Agency

*Excuses received*

T. Egyedi, Director, DIRoS, Netherlands

M. Orviska, Professor, Matej Bel University, Slovakia

E. Bogdanova, Director, Institute of international business and Law, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

O. Pavlenko, Professor, Ukrainian Customs and Finance Academy (city of Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine)

V. Shevchenko, Rector, Belarus Institute of standardization, metrology and quality, Minsk, Belarus

## Summary of discussions

The meeting started with the “tour de table” during which participants explained their involvement in standards and education related issues.

The participants shared views on the UNECE-ISO-IEC workshop "Using and referencing ISO and IEC standards to support public policy" that was held on 2 November 2015. Interesting and high level of presentations was noted. Among ideas for the follow-up, it was suggested to look more into details on countries' experiences on having and providing access to national and international standards to domestic companies and users. In this context it was suggested to invite other WP and Committees of the UNECE to share their relevant practices in this area and also consider a feasibility to elaborate a new recommendation by WP6 on the accessibility to standards issues. Some experts noted also that from their conversations with delegates from the developing countries during the workshop, it seems that they need education and awareness building on standards and at the same time they are unaware of the current UNECE activities in this area. More promotion efforts are suggested on education issues.

On behalf of the Danish Standards Agency a new publication “a world built on standards” was presented. Participants noted the importance of such training materials and requested secretariat (with a relevant permission from the authors) to place this publication or reference to it at the UNECE webpage on education.

Ms T. Guseva recalled that in 2014 the Russian Academy of Standardization prepared three modules under the UNECE model programme on benefits of standards; standards in the WTO context and on management standards. As a follow-up and at the request of the secretariat a special presentation in English on management standards was prepared and presented to the Team by Ms. Guseva. In the presentation a specific reference was made to ecological, energy efficiency and social responsibility issues. The participants noted its applicability and that that such module will be useful for promoting these standards among students and among experts and policy makers. It was noted that in recent years new international standards have been adopted (for example, in environmental and food safety areas) and in this context a proposal was made to review the UNECE model programme and may be to add to it additional modules.

During the further exchange of views participants shared their relevant education experiences and stressed that in their countries there is an interest and need in standards and regulatory related issues both in the framework of high education and of vocational training of technical experts and of governmental officials. Comments and views were provided from the Academy of Standardization (Russian Federation), Mendeleev University (Russian Federation), Moscow Regional University (Russian Federation) and University of Belgrade (Serbia). On behalf of experts which were not able to come to the meeting, information was provided on latest developments in teaching standards at the Matej Bel University (Slovakia), at the Institute of international business and law (Russian Federation) and at the Ukrainian Customs and Finance Academy (city of Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine).

Members of the UNECE secretariat representing different programmes dealing with standards (Energy efficiency, Sustainable housing, PPP) presented their activities and noted an interest in

working with the standardization experts from “Education on Standardization” group. The mutual benefits of a closer intra-secretariat cooperation on standardization issues were stressed.

In the conclusion the participants agreed to continue an exchange of information and experiences and thanked the UNECE secretariat for an assistance provided to the educational establishments.