

**To: Members of the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**

**From: Iva Brkic, Dario Liguti**

**Call of the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**

Via Teams – 15:00 CEST, 31 August 2023

**MINUTES**

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

- **Bureau Members in attendance:** Chokan Laumulin (Kazakhstan, Chair), Margalita Arabidze for Romeo Mikautadze (Georgia), Juergen Keinhorst (Germany), Farhod Bilolzoda (Tajikistan), Yaroslav Demchenkov (Ukraine), Emily Grubert (United States), Stefan Buettner (Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency – GEEE), Francisco de la Flor Garcia (Group of Experts on Gas – GEG), Karen Hanghoj (Expert Group on Resource Management), Kostiantyn Gura (Group of Experts on Renewable Energy), and Jim Robb (Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Systems – GECES).
- **UNECE Secretariat staff in attendance:** Iva Brkic (Secretary), Michal Jacek Drabik, Oleg Dzioubinski, Charlotte Griffiths, Dario Liguti (Division Director), Igor Litvinyuk, Branko Milicevic, Gianluca Sambucini, Slavko Vekoslav Solar, Harikrishnan Tulsidas
- **Unable to attend:** Emir Farhadzada (Azerbaijan), Pawel Pikus (Poland), Admir Softic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**II. PROPOSED AGENDA:**

1. Update since the last Bureau Call
2. Planning the 32nd session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy
  - Update on official documents
  - Update on sessions
  - Update on conclusions and recommendations
3. Update on upcoming UNECE and international events
4. AoB

**Documents shared:**

- Draft CSE-32/2023/INF.4 Conclusions and Recommendations

## Notes

### **Item 1. Update on the follow up activities from the last Bureau call (10min)**

*Jürgen Keinhorst and Dario Liguti*

- **Highlights from the International Events**

- 4 July: *2nd Edition of the European Regional Forum on «Climate Initiatives to Finance Climate Action and the SDGs» (Frankfurt)*
- 10-15 July: *HLPF in New York*
  - Launch of “Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report”
  - Policy Brief on Advancing SDG7 in the UNECE Region; (ii)
  - UN-Energy Policy Brief on Power System Connectivity in Support of SDG7.(iii)
  - UN-Energy Policy Brief on aligning critical raw materials (CRM) development with sustainable development.
  - UNECE side-event at HLPF on The Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus amid Climate Change in the UNECE Region – Regional Strategies for a Sustainable Future

- ***July EXCOM – 2 projects tabled***

- **Approved:** Strengthening national capacities to reduce coal mine methane emissions from active (CMM) and abandoned (AMM) coal mines and to measure and manage methane emissions across the natural gas value chain (*US EPA, budget 249,500 USD*)
- **Pending approval:** Dissemination of best practices in coal mine methane monitoring, reporting, capture, abatement, and use for the purpose of strengthening national capacities for safe and environmentally responsible management of methane from state owned coal mines (*Clean Air Task Force, budget 80,000 USD*)

### **Item 2. Preparations for the 32nd session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (60min)**

*Jürgen Keinhorst*

- Update on sessions and roles of CSE Bureau members and review of the session as per table below
- Review of the document that have been submitted and posted on the event [website](#)
- The Bureau approved drafted Conclusions and recommendations that were shared with member States on 1 September 2023, in preparation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy

13 September	14 September	15 September
10h00 – 13h00 – <b>Launch of the Platform on Building Resilient Energy Systems</b> Chair: Juergen Keinhorst All Bureau members contribute	10h00 – 13h00 – <b>Energy Connectivity in the UNECE Region</b> Chair: Jim Robb EGCES, GEEE, GEG, GERE and Romeo Mikautadze	10h00 – 13h00 – <b>Methane Management and Just Transition</b> Chair: Raymond Pilcher GECMMJT and GEG
13h00 – 15h00 free for lunch and <u>bilaterals</u>	13h15 – 14h45 – <b>Lunch session on Strategic Foresight for Resiliency: How to Better Prepare for Change Using Ideas about the Future?</b>	13h00 – 15h00 free for lunch and <u>bilaterals</u>
15h00 – 18h00 – <b>Session on Critical Raw Materials</b> Chair: Karen <u>Hanghøj</u> EGRM and Chokan Laumulin in the lead	15h00 – 18h00 – <b>Systemic Efficiencies and Digitalization in Energy</b> Chair: Stefan Buettner GEEE and Farhod <u>Bilolzoda</u>	15h00 – 18h00 – <b>Administrative segment: adoption of official documents, election of officers and adoption of the report</b> Chair: Juergen Keinhorst
18h00 – 20h00 Reception	19h00 – 21h00 Dinner with CSE Bureau Members	

## Item 6 – Any other business

To propose a call mid of November 2023