



**Conference call
of the Bureau of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (GEEE)**

Geneva, 4 July 2018 from 14:00 to 15:00

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Bureau Meeting Report, 4 July 2018

Attendance

GEEE Bureau:

Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair

Mr. Benoît Lebot, Vice-Chair, International Partnership on Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)

Mr. Hannes Mac Nulty, Vice-Chair, Independent Expert

Ms. Ksenia Petrichenko for Ms. Gabriela Prata Dias, Vice-Chair, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency

Ms. Biljana Trivanovic, Vice-Chair, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Christian Noll, Vice-Chair, Germany

Mr. Zlatko Pavičić, Vice-Chair, Croatia

Mr. Stefan M. Buettner, Vice-Chair, EEP - Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production

Ms. Tea Avazashvili for Ms. Natalia Jamburia, Vice-Chair, Georgia

Secretariat, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (SED):

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski

Ms. Anna Piwowarska

Apologies received:

Ms. Antonela Solujic, Vice-Chair, Serbia

Mr. Samir Israyilov, Vice-Chair, Azerbaijan

Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Vice-Chair, Belarus

Mr. Valeriy Pysarenko, Vice-Chair, Ukraine

Mr. Martin K. Patel, Vice-Chair, University of Geneva

Mr. Burkhard Schulze Darup, Vice-Chair, Co-chair of the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings

Main discussion points

Item 1. Chair's welcome.

Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair of GEEE, opened the meeting, welcomed the participants, and thanked for their participation. He mentioned that there is going to be a busy post-vacation period with a lot of activities planned.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Chair proposed to approve the Agenda. Agenda was approved as presented.

Item 3. Status of implementation of the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2018-19.

Chair outlined the developments in the area of **Exchange of experience to improve significantly energy efficiency in industry sector** in response to requests from the member States. There is a desire to strengthen this area of activity and creation of the IEE Task Force will be an important step for this. Further discussion on the IEE Task Force is under agenda item 4.

Secretariat reported on several presentations where the publication “Overcoming Barriers to Investing in Energy Efficiency” has been promoted. The part on investments in IEE has been presented recently at the eceee Industrial Efficiency 2018 in Berlin in June, where Stefan Buettner, Hannes Mac Nulty and Oleg Dzioubinski were panellists, and the work of GEEE was specifically emphasized. Christian Noll and DENEFF were co-organizers of the event.

Chair highlighted significant progress in promoting GEEE activities and assured that the drive will continue.

Secretariat reported on the GEEE work in the area of **Exchange of experience on standards and guidelines to improve significantly energy efficiency in buildings**, which continues in the framework of the Joint Task Force on energy efficiency standards in buildings (JTF on EESB) activities:

- 1) The study on mapping the EESB in the UNECE region is close to being finalized. It is a comprehensive report containing country-specific information for 44 UNECE member States. The draft study was reviewed and validated at [a workshop in Yerevan](#) in May 2018.
- 2) The study on mapping the energy efficient technologies in buildings is starting. The consultants have been selected. The [Framework guidelines for energy efficiency standards in buildings](#) will serve as a benchmark for a gap analysis of standards and technologies used in the countries. A draft study will be presented at the Workshop on validation of the results - [Third Meeting of the JTF EESB](#) on 3 October 2018 in Geneva organized jointly with the Committee on Housing and Land Management back-to-back with its annual session.
- 3) In St. Petersburg on 5-7 September 2018, [a training seminar on High Performance EESB in UNECE region](#) will take place. Invitations have been sent, and nomination of relevant participants by GEEE Bureau members would be welcome. Limited financial support is available for participants from Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) member states and selected other UNECE member States (from South-Eastern and Eastern Europe and Central Asia that are not BSEC members).
- 4) [5th session of GEEE in Kiev](#) (in the framework of the Ninth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development), where both mapping studies will be presented at the Workshop on EE in buildings.
- 5) High Performance Building Initiative for which UNECE Executive Secretary [signed MOU with Pennsylvania State University](#). This initiative will bring into existence a consortium of universities that will strive to promote energy efficiency in buildings around the globe through dedicated training programmes and research. There is an expectation that this initiative can make more resources available for UNECE activities on EESB.

Secretariat reported on the GEEE work in the area of **Regulatory and policy dialogue addressing barriers to improve energy efficiency**:

- 1) Successful [meeting in Copenhagen](#) (in the framework of EE Global 2018) where the publication “Overcoming Barriers to Investing in Energy Efficiency” was launched and in which a number

of members of GEEE and its Bureau participated. Over 80 people participated in a 2-hour session.

- 2) Final report for the project “Financing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investments for Climate Change Mitigation” (FEEI) is being prepared and is expected to be finalized in July 2018. The report will be later converted into a publication that provides valuable insights on the status of energy efficiency and renewable energy financing in 11 countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, accomplished policy, legislative and institutional reforms and remaining challenges.

Item 4. Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency – next steps.

Hannes Mac Nulty provided an overview of the concept note and terms of reference for creation of the Task Force on IEE. The main purpose is to help companies in making them aware of existing resources and initiatives, to connect to industry in such a way that they better understand what is available to them. There is another linked initiative led by UNIDO that is built upon the Policy Maker Meets the Engineer workshop and aimed at a creation of a working group of companies that will be able to develop a common position and inform the governments. Potentially the IEE Task Force and this UNIDO working group can work effectively together in a complementary manner. Stefan M. Buettner mentioned that the Task Force means to identify the issues and that there is a need for more resources.

Secretariat informed that the document on the Concept Note and Terms of Reference of the IEE Task Force has been approved by GEEE by written procedure. The next step is its endorsement by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its 27th session in Geneva on 26-27 September 2018. The agenda item on industrial energy efficiency is scheduled on 27 September in the morning (approximately 45-minute slot). Participation of GEEE Bureau members in this session would be welcome.

Item 5. Preparations for the 5th session of GEEE and the 9th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development.

The 5th session of GEEE will take place in the framework of the Ninth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development to be held in Kiev on 12-15 November 2018. Oleg Dzioubinski will send to the Bureau the provisional agenda of the 5th session (currently under preparation). The session will include workshops on industrial energy efficiency, energy efficiency in buildings, role of utilities and big and geo-spatial data in energy transition (led by GEEE member Alisa Freyre (Yushchenko) who works with Bureau member Martin Patel at the University of Geneva and also with SIG, the Geneva utility), and overcoming barriers to financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects (jointly with the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy). Election of officers and of the Chair of the IEE Task Force will take place the beginning of the GEE session.

Item 6. Other upcoming events under GEEE and Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

This agenda item has been discussed under previous agenda items.

Item 7. Other business.

No other business was discussed under this agenda item.

Technical problems with audioconferencing facility prevented from a regular closing of the conference call but all agenda items have been discussed. The conference call was closed when all participants were disconnected by the system.