I. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT

Based on the Treaty establishing the Energy Community (Article 35) and following the concrete decision by the Ministerial Council from December 2007, the Energy Efficiency Task Force (EETF) was created and became effective upon the adoption of its mandate and election of its Chair\(^1\). Within the period of its existence, the EETF had six meetings all together.

At the end of the Task Force mandate, the Chair presented an implementation report at the 6\(^{th}\) Ministerial Council meeting in June 2009, on the 1\(^{st}\) work programme achievements.

Based on this, the Ministerial Council noted the good work performed by the Energy Efficiency Task Force and thanked the Donors’ Community for their support to the realization of the Task Force’s work programme.

The Ministerial Council agreed to extend the mandate of the Task Force till the end of 2010\(^2\), with the following scope of activities:

- Finalization of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs);
- Start of implementation and monitoring of the NEEAPs;
- Implementation of the Awareness Raising Campaign.

The EETF – following its mandate – is expected to periodically report on the progress with the realisation of its Work Programme.

The present report represents the preliminary progress report for the work of the Task Force – under the new mandate, from July to October 2009.

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\(^1\) See Conclusion 11 – Ministerial Council meeting, 18.12.2007.
\(^2\) See Conclusion 8 – Ministerial Council meeting, 26.06.2009.
THE 2nd WORK PROGRAMME – SUMMARY INFORMATION

The 2nd Work Programme of the Task Force entailed in particular four tasks (Annex1).

Task 1: Finalisation of the 1st National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs)

The Contracting Parties started the preparation under the Task Force’s 1st mandate and many of them are well advanced. The preparation of NEEAPs benefit from the technical assistance of the SYNERGY programme funded by USAID and the Hellenic Aid/CRES and of the Regional Open Fund – Energy, funded by GTZ. According to the Workprogramme, this task will be finalized by 31 December 2009.

Task 2: Monitoring of the Implementation of the NEEAPs. This will start as soon as the plans are finalized and should continue throughout the mandate of the Task Force; For this activity, a Template for monitoring will be prepared by 1 June 2010, and Implementation reports will be submitted by the Task Force members by 15 October 2010.


This task is closely related to the Decision expected to be taken by the Ministerial Council in its December 2009 meeting, with regards to the incorporation of these EU Directives in the Energy Acquis mandatory under the Treaty establishing the Energy Community.

For the purpose of harmonization of approach and to adoption and implementation of these, A Road map template will be prepared by 10 November 2009 and agreed with the TF members; Each Contracting Party will prepare its own Road Map based on the Template by 15 April 2010.

Task 4: Implementation of the Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign plan

This task is building upon the Task 4 of the previous Work programme, the preparation of a Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign plan. The Task has been accomplished by the preparation of the Plan that could be used by all Contracting Parties, with a concrete example of the Campaign currently implemented in Croatia. The Plan was presented at the 6th Task Force meeting in May 2009, in Vienna and the Task Force members have agreed to use this as a model.

The deadline for this task is 3 November 2010.

II. ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACQUIS – POSSIBLE EXTENSION IN THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY

The Permanent High Level Group, in its meeting on 24 September 2009, reviewed the proposed draft Decision concerning the implementation of energy efficiency legislation (Directive 2006/32/EC on energy end-use efficiency and energy services, Directive 2002/91/EC on the energy performance of buildings and Directive 92/75/EEC and the implementing Directives on the indication by labeling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by household appliances). Indicating the complexity of the issue, the PHLG agreed that the Contracting Parties provide to the Secretariat not later than 15.11.2009 written statements on the open issues they need to consider in the context of adequate implementation. On this ground, the Ministerial Council in December 2009 might take a principle decision on the implementation of the three mentioned Directives, with another decision on the details of adaptation to be taken by correspondence procedure, if necessary.
III. CONCLUSIONS

The first mandate of the Task Force had as main aim the preparation of the basis for enlarging the scope of the Treaty to include energy efficiency. With the second mandate, the Task Force entered into the implementation phase, that is exceptionally challenging.

Even with the progress registered in many Contracting Parties, significant implementation challenges, with respect to secondary legislation and institutional construction and capacity building are laying ahead to all the stakeholders in the Contracting Parties.

Therefore, in the Task Force’s opinion it is feasible to include the end use Directives in the Acquis enforceable under the Treaty establishing the Energy Community, through a relevant Decision of the Ministerial Council, with the time frame for implementation as proposed in the Decision. It is a view of the EETF that this decision should be taken as soon as possible – preferably in December 2009.

Only after making the end use Directives part of the Acquis under the Treaty, the actual work on transposition and enforcement would start. Furthermore, this way the technical assistance offered currently by many donors including the European Commission, EBRD, GTZ, USAID and Hellenic Aid, as well as the World Bank will have a valid and active partner in making the assistance most effective and complementary for the Energy Community.
ENERGY EFFICIENT TASK FORCE

2nd WORK PROGRAMME, 2009 - 2010

I. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TASK FORCE MANDATE

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| 1.  | Finalisation of the 1st National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs) | 31 December 2009 | - Each Contracting Party will prepare a final, 1st NEEAP, based on the preparatory work undertaken in the first Task Force mandate;  
- These will be sent to the Energy Community Secretariat, which will review them  
- The Task Force Chair will report to the PHLG meeting in March about the completion of the Task 1 | - 1st NEEAPs | The NEEAPs will be prepared with the technical assistance of the SYNERGY programme funded by USAID and the Hellenic Aid/CRES and of the Regional Open Fund – Energy, funded by GTZ  
Task leader: Mr. Krassimir Naidenov Stoyanov, Bulgaria |
|   | Monitoring of the Implementation of the NEEAPs | 15 October 2010 | - Prepare a monitoring tool for NEEAP implementation;  
- Identify progress with measures, projects and programmes that are on-going or new and will contribute to achieving the NEEAPs targets. | Template for monitoring the NEEAP implementation by 1 June 2010  
Implementation reports prepared by the Task Force members by 15 October 2010 | Task leader: Mr. Krassimir Naidenov Stoyanov, Bulgaria |
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| 3. | Preparation of a Road map for the implementation of the Directive 2006/32/EC  
Directive 2002/91/EC  
Directive 92/75/EEC and the associated implementing Directives | 15 April 2010 | - A Road map template will be prepared by 10 November 2009 and agreed with the TF members;  
- Each Contracting Party will prepare its own Road Map based on the Template by 15 April 2010. | Road Map template  
Road Maps of each Contracting Party  
Summary Report on the Road Maps | The summary report will be prepared by the Task Leader  
Task leader: Dejan Zrmanovski, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| 4. | Implementation of the Communication and Awareness Raising Campaign plan | 3 November 2010 | - Brochures, media spots, meetings, training seminars, etc. | Campaign | Each TF member will prepare a short report with the Campaign Plan and implementation activities  
Task leader: Borko Raicevic, Montenegro |
II. PARTICIPATION TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENTS

1. Active participation in the Energy Efficiency Task Force meeting.
2. Active contribution to the Agenda and speakers to the energy efficiency related events organised by the Energy Community.
3. Participation with presentations on the Task Force’s work and reports to the PHLG meetings.