

- COORDINATION GROUP FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY -

1. BACKGROUND

Based on the three Ministerial Council decisions adopted in December 2009¹, September 2010² and October 2011³, the following energy efficiency directives became part of the Energy Community *acquis*:

1. **Directive 2006/32/EC** on energy end-use efficiency and energy services;
2. **Directive 2010/31/EU** on the energy performance of buildings;
3. **Directive 2010/30/EU** on the indication by labelling and standard product information of the consumption of energy and other resources by energy-related products, as well as set of implementing directives/delegated acts.

While the overall deadline for transposition of Directive 2010/31/EU was 30 September 2012, deadline for transposition of directives 2006/32/EC and 2010/30/EU was 31 December 2011.

Energy efficiency is cross sectoral by nature, and the implementation of these Directives requires enhanced cooperation between line ministries (energy, buildings, and transport), specialised energy efficiency agencies and funds, where these exist, and local authorities.

The Contracting Parties have, in their large majority, transposed the first two Directives in their primary legislation and are working on implementation, through secondary legislation. With EPBD that came into force only in the last quarter of 2012, the work of transposition is not complete.

Between 2009 and 2012, their work was strongly supported at regional level by the activities of the Energy Efficiency Task Force, as well as by the valuable support of the donors' community.

Nevertheless, the simple transposition of the legal framework is not sufficient to have a significant impact on energy efficiency improvement in any Contracting Party. This impact is only achieved through investments that need financing through, both public funding and market oriented.

This is why, the cooperation of national authorities, the Secretariat with the International Financing Institutions (IFIs) and the grant making, and technical assistance providers is essential.

2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY COORDINATION GROUP

a. Scope of Work

At its 27th meeting in December 2012, the PHLG thanked the Energy Efficiency Task Force for its work and expressed its high support for the continuation with a coordinated and concerted approach to the implementation of the energy efficiency *acquis*, as well as to investments in energy efficiency.

¹Ministerial Council Decision 2009/05/MC-EnC of 18 December 2009 on the implementation of certain Directives on Energy Efficiency

²Ministerial Council Decision 2010/02/MC-EnC of 24 September 2010 amending Decision 2009/05/MC-EnC

³Ministerial Council Decision D/2011/03/MC-EnC of 06 October 2011 on adopting certain Delegated Regulations on energy related products

This Group will build upon the results achieved so far with the Task Force, and offer a structured platform for sharing experience in the implementation of the current energy efficiency acquis under the Treaty, as well as for discussing the adoption of the new Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU.

The Energy Efficiency Coordination Group is not proposed just as a continuation of the Task Force, but as a higher level of regional cooperation and experience sharing. It builds upon the experience of the Task Force, but its Work Programme is organised to respond to the current needs and is focussed more on the implementation of the *acquis*, and also on investment programmes. This is why the Donors' Community, which includes also the International Financing Institutions, was very keen to continue having a solid, reliable, regional counterpart in the Task Force, and respectively, the Energy Efficiency Coordination Group.

b. The mandate

The mandate of will be from March 2013 to December 2014 and will focus on the following areas:

- Implementation of the 1st National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs), with the emphasis on the promotion of the exemplary role of the Public Sector and the creation of the market for energy services
- Development of the monitoring and verification system and reporting on NEEAPs, in the framework of Directive 2006/32/EC: including the development of the energy data gathering and reporting system, setting up energy efficiency indicators, the use of the EU harmonised (top-down and bottom-up) measurement and verification methods
- Preparation of the 2nd NEEAP
- Assessment of the impact of the Energy Efficiency Directive, 2012/27/EU on the CPs; recommendation of adaptations of the Directive for adoption in the Energy Community in 2013
- Implementation of the Energy Performance in Buildings
- Implementation of further delegated regulations on energy using products (Labelling Directive)
- Implementation of the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme (REEP)
- Implementation of the Integrated Monitoring and Verification Platform (MVP) for Energy Efficiency Action Plans Implementation, supported by the GIZ ORF-EE
- Collaborate with other regional technical assistance programmes offered by the Donors' community, including USAID Low Emissions Development Strategy Programme, World Bank Programme on Scaling up Energy Efficiency in Buildings in the Western Balkans, INOGATE programme etc.

In principle the members will be the same as thoof the Task Force, in order to ensure continuity, unless the Ministry in charge nominates an alternative member. The Group will elect its Chair, in the first meeting, based on consensus.

c. The Work Programme

The Work Programme models the European Union Concerted Actions for Energy Services, respectively EPBD, and takes into account the work under the Regional Energy Efficiency Programme, which is in principle, an investment and technical assistance programme, implemented in the Western Balkans with funding from EBRD and DG Enlargement. With 20 Million Euro in technical assistance and 65 Million Euro in investments, REEP was designed in 2012, based on the principle of cooperation with the Secretariat and the Task Force/Coordination Group.

The Coordination Group Work Programme was developed to reflect activities that are both linked to the obligations under the Treaty, as well as the implementation of the above mentioned projects and programmes that are also highly contributing to fulfill the obligations and achieve energy efficiency improvements in the Contracting Parties.

Please find below the Summary of the Work Programme. The full document will be available on the Energy Community Website, after its adoption by the Coordination Group.

2013				2014			
1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
ACTIVITY 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENERGY SERVICES DIRECTIVE							
CORE TOPIC 1 – 2ND NEEAP AS A POLICY TOOL							
Task 1 : Preparation of the draft 2 nd NEEAP Task 2: Mapping of Stakeholders; in – country presentations of the concept	Task 1: Review of the 2nd NEEAP by EGS and finalization by EECG Task 2: Design of web application & web platform layout	Task 2: Design of web application & web platform layout Task 2: National competition on EE finalisation	Task 2: Design of web application & web platform layout	Task 2: Trainings for web application use	Regional exchange of best experiences		
CORE TOPIC 2 – PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY: INITIATIVES AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL							
	Task 1: Review of the public procurement legislation Task 2: identification and Report on Best practices in CPs and EU	Task 2: to be continued Task 3: Proposal for energy efficiency procurement codes	Task 3: to be continued Task 2: Regional dissemination workshop	Task 3: Energy efficiency procurement codes developed on CPs	Regional exchange of best experiences		
CORE TOPIC 3 – ENERGY COMPANIES AND ENERGY SERVICES							
	Task 1: Current situation analysis and producing recommendations-guidance for improvements Task 1: Prepare secondary legislation (draft model)	Task 1: Prepare secondary legislation (cont)	Task 2: Report on good practices Task 3: Develop financing products that can finance ESCO EE projects Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising	Task 3: Prepare minimum two EnPC investment programmes	Task 3: Prepare minimum two pilot EnPC investment programmes	Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising	
CORE TOPIC 4 – FUNDS AND FINANCING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY							
	Task 1: Mapping of all financing mechanisms available	Task 2: Analysis of their effectiveness	Task 3: Report and dissemination of showcases				
CORE TOPIC 5 – SUPPORTING NEEAP IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH ENERGY SUPPLY UTILITY PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS ENERGY TARIFF REFORM, ENERGY METERING AND BILLINGFUNDS AND FINANCING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY							
	Task 1: Current situation analysis and producing recommendations	Task 1: Preparation of recommendations	Task 2: Report on good practices and recommendations Task 3: finalise country engagement Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments (cont)	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments (cont)	Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising
ACTIVITY 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE IN BUILDINGS DIRECTIVE							
CORE TOPIC 1 – ENERGY PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ COST-OPTIMAL LEVEL							
Task 2: Development of reporting template Task 1: Draft regulation and steps needed for energy performance of buildings and cost-optimal level calculation	Task 2: Submission of Report on calculation and results in line with EPBD requirement by 30 June 2013	Task 2: Dissemination of best practices (workshop)	Task 1: National methodology and software for calculating the energy performance of buildings developed and introduced in the participating countries		Task 2: Submission of 2nd progress Report on calculation and results		
CORE TOPIC 2 – SUPPORT SCHEMES FOR RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS/ USE OF EPC/ESCOS							
Task 1: Development of reporting template	Task 1: Submission of Report on national support schemes in line with EPBD requirement by 30 June 2013	Task 1: Dissemination of best practices (workshop) Recommendations for further developments and setting up of national or regional financial support programmes.	Task 2: Building renovation Project pipelines	Task 2: Develop financing products that can finance building renovation projects	Task 2: Reporting on implementation of building renovation projects		
CORE TOPIC 3 – NEARLY ZERO ENERGY BUILDING CONCEPT/ACTION PLAN							

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1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Task 1: Exchange of information and best practices (workshop)	Task 1: Recommendations for Nearly-zero energy building definition and development of the NZEB concept on national level Task 2: Development of the NZEB Action Plans (including template)		Task 1: Reports by EECG on development of the NZEB concept	Task 2: Regional Action Plan and measures for increase of NZEB			Task 1: 2nd Reports by EECG on development of the NZEB concept
CORE TOPIC 4 - CERTIFICATION OF BUILDINGS AND INSPECTIONS OF SYSTEMS							
Task 1: Exchange of information and best practices on regulation and procedures (workshop)		Task 2: Procedures for the establishment and management of National Control Systems/Registries	Task 1: Progress report by CPs on regulation development				Task 1: Progress reports by CPs
ACTIVITY 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LABELING DIRECTIVE AND DELEGATED REGULATIONS							
CORE TOPIC 1 – ENERGY PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS/ COST-OPTIMAL LEVEL							
Task 1: Gap analysis of the current regulation in CPs and further steps	Task 1: Development of regulation and progress reports Task 2: Analysis of new EU regulation/ recommendations	Task 1: Development of regulation and progress reports (cont.)		Task 2: Implementation of recommendations for development of new regulation			
CORE TOPIC 2 – IMPLEMENTATION PRACTICES							
Task 1: Questionnaire on the current status and best practices with labeling schemes in CPs Task 1: Best practices from EU presented at EECG meeting	Task 1: Reporting by EECG based on questionnaire, recommendations	Task 2: Market surveillance system – exchange of best practices and recommendations	Task 2: Market surveillance system established		Task 1/2: Implementation of ELD – regional workshop		
CORE TOPIC 3 – PUBLIC PROCUREMENT CODES – APPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE GUIDELINES							
	Task 1: Current situation analysis and producing recommendations	Task 1: Preparation of recommendations	Task 2: Report on good practices and recommendations Task 3: Finalise country engagement Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments (cont)	Task 3: Assist countries with policy developments (cont)	Task 4: Workshop and awareness raising
HORIZONTAL AND CROSS CUTTING ISSUES							
NEW EU DIRECTIVE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY – ANALYSIS AND RECOMANDATIONS FOR ADOPTION IN THE ENERGY COMMUNITY							
Analysis of Directive	Proposal for the PHLG						
DONORS' ACTIVITIES IN THE ENERGY COMMUNITY							
EBRD'S REGIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME (REEP)							
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GIZ – OPEN REGIONAL FUND FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY: INTEGRATED MONITORING AND VERIFICATION PLATFORM (MVP) FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLANS IMPLEMENTATION							
Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
THE WORLD BANK: SCALING UP ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS – 2013-2014							
Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
USAID FUNDED: ENHANCING CAPACITY FOR LOW EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REGIONAL PROGRAM (EC-LEDS)							
Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
INOGATE + EASTERN PARTNERSHIP							
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