



NOTES FROM THE EU4ENERGY ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, 5th of APRIL, PARIS

On April 5th, EU4Energy held its third Annual Steering Committee meeting, along with an Annual Statistics Network Meeting in Paris, France.

The meeting was attended by: European Commission (DG NEAR and DG ENER), Country Coordinators, Statistics Network Representatives, and Country Experts of the EU4Energy Focus Countries, the IEA, Energy Community Secretariat, Energy Charter Secretariat, EU4Energy Communications Project, and EU4Environment (OECD).

The meeting was chaired by: DG NEAR and the IEA.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss achievements to date, implementation of the third year work programmes and approval of the following year work programmes and events schedule. For Component 3 the purpose of the meeting was to discuss achievements to date, implementation of the second year work programmes, agree on third year work programmes and get an overview of the events schedule.

Opening: in the opening remarks the EU has highlighted the role of the EU4Energy programme as a key regional initiative; its encompassing approach to addressing the energy issues including EaP targets for 2020 and climate change has been stressed out.

Session on EU4Energy Data and Policy:

IEA for EU4Energy presented the work carried out by Data and Policy components, and the plan for year 4. Key highlights over the year 3 included: improved energy data dissemination with more data on national websites, policy discussions on a range of topics including but not limited to GIVAR, solar energy policy, cross-border power integration, phasing out energy subsidies, and energy efficiency in buildings, including country case studies, best practice highlights and interactive sessions. Seven events were held in total, including five policy fora and statistics training on CO2 emissions. Publication of IEA's 20 Renewable Energy Policy Recommendations to get more RES in energy mix from a policy perspective. Next steps for 2019-2020 include:

- Development of one country roadmap on one topic per each country where data and policy are intertwined.
- Carry out the peer reviews of energy policies (IDRs) in ten or eleven EU4Energy countries. Draft reports will be reviewed by each country and will be published in 2020-2021.

Countries provided a strong support for the data and policy components:

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 (Kyrgyzstan).
 [Redacted]
 [Redacted] (Moldova).
 [Redacted] Uzbekistan, [Redacted]
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- **Tajikistan** [redacted]
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- **Ukraine:** [redacted]
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[redacted]
- [redacted] (Moldova and Tajikistan Statistics offices).
- **Armenia** [redacted]
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- **Belarus** [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
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- **Azerbaijan** [redacted]
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- **Kazakhstan** [redacted]
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- **Georgia** [redacted]
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The IEA ([redacted]) [redacted]
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The ECS ([redacted]) [redacted]
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EU4Energy Communication Project gave a presentation about the communications project. It outlined the ongoing activities, such as social media contests, audio visual production, articles in leading national media of the EaP countries, and various thematic events. Separately, [redacted] focused on the work in progress for preparation for the European Sustainable Energy Week that will take place 17-21 June 2019. Following the presentation, there was a short question and answer session with the event participants.

- **Energy Community Secretariat** ([redacted]) [redacted]
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- **Uzbekistan** [redacted]
[redacted];
- **Moldova** [redacted]
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- **Ukraine** [redacted]
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Presentation EU4Environment (OECD)

██████████, Senior Programme Manager, Environment Directorate, OECD, presented EU4Environment initiative – a new regional programme in the Eastern Partnership framework. The programme will last from January 2019 till November 2022 and will be implemented through three contracts with five international organisations: OECD, UNECE, UN Environment, UNIDO, and the World Bank.

In the afternoon, while Component 3 (Energy Charter and Energy Community) presented on governance actions, the IEA for EU4Energy Data Component held the **6th Eu4Energy Statistics Network Meeting**. After an initial discussion on expanding the dissemination of energy data to a wider audience, the IEA launched energy efficiency data collection for the focus countries. At the end of the day, the statisticians and policymakers came together to look at why energy statistics are important for policymakers and examine concrete steps for cooperation.

Session on EU4Energy Governance in Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, including Regional dimension of EU4Energy Governance that covers also Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus:

This session started with the presentation of the main achievements and deliverables under the EU4Energy Governance project, carried out during the second year Work Programme (May 2018 – April 2019) by Energy Community Secretariat (the EnCS) in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. ██████████ gave examples of legal acts developed with support of the EU4Energy Governance Project in the beneficiary countries as well as presented the statistics on the project, including the number of meetings and workshops held, number of high-level events organised and the number of country officials trained. Further, the activities for the third country Work Programmes were presented to the stakeholders.

Also ██████████ presented the activity carried out on the identification of Projects of Eastern Partnership Interests (PEPIs). She informed that the methodology for projects evaluation has been developed and reiterated an invitation to the Regional workshop “Assessment of Energy Infrastructure Projects for Eastern Partnership Countries” which will take place on 10th April in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The presentation of the implementing agency was followed by roundtable discussions on progress, planned activities and key outputs under the EU4Energy Governance project. Countries expressed their gratitude to the EnCS for the provided support.

Session on EU4Energy Governance in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus:

The Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) (██████████) presented the results of their joint work with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus over the 2nd and 3rd years of the Programme on improving the legislative and regulatory frameworks and enhancing the investment climate.

Some feedbacks on the EU4Energy Governance component were received:

- **Belarus** ██████████
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- **Azerbaijan** ██████████
- **Moldova** ██████████
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- **Georgia** ██████████
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- **Ukraine** ██████████

Session on EU4Energy Data:

IEA for EU4Energy Data () gave a presentation on **Concrete cooperation steps for data and policy** highlighting the way the final deliverables (In-Depth Reviews and Road Maps) of the IEA- led components will be developed. The In-Depth Policy reviews will include the assessment of energy statistics. has also informed the audience about the upcoming event in Dushanbe (May 2019).

Closing: the meeting closed with the approval of the work programme for the year to come as well as the remark about positive feedbacks on the programme and countries active participation.