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**COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Note by the secretariat

**Introduction**

This report outlines ECE cooperation with international organizations (section I) and by other international organizations with the ECE in the field of energy (section II). Also included, in section III, is a listing of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that are cooperating with ECE concerning activities under the Committee on Sustainable Energy or in whose activities ECE has cooperated. Section IV describes the cooperation with regional/sub-regional groupings and initiatives.

**I. COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**United Nations**

ECE participated in the activities of the following organisations:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) activities: Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Programme;
- United Nations Foundation and United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) in the field of climate change and energy efficiency;
- United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs with respect to the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development, Inter Agency Task Force on Sustainable Energy and sustainable energy indicators;

- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific regarding energy efficiency projects and electricity networks in the Russian Federation, the Republics of Central Asia and the Republics of the Caucasus.

ECE also cooperated with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Application of the UN International Classification for Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities, the harmonization of terminology for the evaluation of world energy resources and the development of sustainable energy indicators.

## **II. COOPERATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ECE ACTIVITIES**

### **European Commission**

The European Commission participated in the following ECE activities:

- Committee on Sustainable Energy, Eleventh session, 21-22 November 2001, Geneva;
- Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power, Fourth session, 19-20 November 2001, Geneva;
- Working Party on Gas, Twelfth session, 22-23 January 2002, Geneva;
- Gas Centre Task Force on Gate 2010 (TF2) (Transmission and Tariffs), seventh meeting, 12 March 2002, Geneva;
- Gas Centre Seventh High Level Conference on Reform and Restructuring of the Gas Industry in Economies in Transition, April 2002, Budapest, Hungary;
- First meeting of the Task Force (TF3) on the Security of Natural Gas Supply, 11 June 2002, Geneva;
- Gas Centre Task Force on the Implementation of the EU Gas Directive (TF1), fifth meeting, 8 October 2002, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- Gas Centre Task Force on Gate 2010 (TF2) (Transmission and Tariffs), eighth meeting, October 2002, Croatia.

### **Other organizations**

Cooperation and participation in ECE meetings of the following organizations is also noted: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Energy Agency, Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Secretariat of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Foundation, United Nations Foundation for International Partnerships, World Bank, Energy Charter and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

## **III. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Intergovernmental organizations**

- International Energy Agency
- Energy Charter

- Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
- Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and review of technical papers
- Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).
- Coal and Metal Community of the CIS

### **Non-governmental organizations**

World Energy Council

World Coal Institute

Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy (UNIPED)/EURELECTRIC)

International Committee for Coal Petrology

International Organization for Standardization

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

European Union of Natural Gas Industries (EUROGAS)

European Federation of Geologists (EFG)

International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers

International Gas Union (IGU)

Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)

World LPG Association

European LPG Gas Association (AEGPL)

Union for the Coordination of Transmission of Electricity (UCTE)

World Business Council for Sustainable Development

International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles

European Importers and Suppliers of Coal (EURISCOAL)

European Solid Fuels Association (CECSO)

Centre for Energy Efficiency (EnEffect)

Agency for Rational Energy Use and Ecology (ARENA ECO)

Alliance to Save Energy (ASE)

Black Sea Economic Co-operation (BSEC-PERMIS)

Black Sea Regional Energy Centre

World Petroleum Congress/Society of Petroleum Engineers (WPC/SPE)

In connection with the Gas Centre, cooperation took place with EU, Energy Charter, Eurogas, International Gas Union (IGU), Association de l'Industrie de Gaz en France (ATG) and Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME).

## **IV. REGIONAL/SUBREGIONAL GROUPINGS, INITIATIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The ECE secretariat has been providing technical back-up and support to the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) in the following projects: (1) Development of Interconnection of Electric Power Systems of the SECI Countries for Better Integration into the European System; and (2) Regional Transmission Planning in the SECI Member Countries.

The Regional Advisor on Energy has been managing the project on the Rational Use of Energy and Water Resources of Central Asia within the framework of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).