

CEEC Appliance Policy project

Report & Action List Torino Workshop

This report presents a brief overview of a Project Interim workshop of the CEEC Appliance Policy project at City Hotel Torino, Italy on 29 & 30 September 2003, and a detailed list of agreed actions and tasks.

List of Participants

(in alphabetical order)

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Overview of the Workshop

Introduction

Frank Klinckenberg opened the workshop and welcomed all participants. Some participants (Holger Vogelsang, Deutsche Energie Agentur; Feliksas Zinevicius, Lithuanian Energy Institute, Tadeusz Skoczkowski, KAPE) had to cancel their participation, due to unforeseen problems. All have indicated that their interest in the project is unchanged and that they will participate in the further development of the project.

Status Quo of Appliance Energy Efficiency Policy in the Participating Countries

Martin Bella: Developments in the Slovak Republic

The Slovak Republic has adopted a new national strategy for interaction with the European Union, including working groups within ministries and national (expert) working groups to support the government in policy decisions. SEA has been appointed to support the ministry with the national expert working group and the representation in the Energy Labelling Regulatory Committee (ELRC).

There were some delays in the execution of energy policy, due to the replacement of the minister, but no changes in the policy. There are plans for a new energy efficiency act.

Vedran Krstulovic: Developments in Croatia

The transposition of the requirements of the Energy Labelling Framework Directive (ELFD) is ongoing. The transposition of the relevant European Standards (EN) is still to be arranged. Croatia has selected priorities for the transposition of the energy labelling implementing directives.

A new act is being prepared that will regulate (in general terms) the energy consumption of appliances, industry and the public sector.

Biliana Tchobanova: Developments in Bulgaria

The ordinance transposing the energy labelling framework directive and the associated implementing directives (including the recent ones) has been approved by parliament. There is some ongoing restructuring of government departments and agencies, but none directly involving appliance energy efficiency policy.

Antoinet Smits: Developments in the Netherlands

The rebate scheme for efficient appliances is stopped, and it is yet unclear what new policy will replace this scheme.

Emmanuel Bergasse: Developments at the IEA

The IEA prepares an update of the 'Energy Efficiency in Economies in Transition' paper, publications on district heating and efficient lighting and policy reviews on Hungary and Austria. A workshop on renewable energy in central and eastern Europe is planned in mid-October (Budapest).

A demo version of the best practices CD-ROM is available; this will be expanded to also cover worldwide policies and best practices. The final version will be available in December 03.

Status Quo of Working Group Activities (According to the 2003 Work Plan)

Frank Klinckenberg introduced the 2003 work plan, which was the basis for the working group activities. Participants discussed the work plan and indicated the progress made.

WG Legal Issues

The case study of the transposition process (Croatia) is completed, and the following questionnaire has been distributed. Information was received from all project partners, except Romania. The country information has been analysed and can provide input (issues) for the planned guidebook.

The other input for the guidebook is partially available. A new effort will be made to obtain information about EN standards and enforcement issues.

WG Market Issues

A questionnaire listing product & consumer related issues has been completed and distributed. Information was received from all partners except Poland and Romania. The country information has been analysed and can provide input for a data collection plan and a market information guidebook.

Information from Poland and Romania will be added to the report as soon as possible (available).

A best practice guide is being prepared (on CD-ROM). The structure and most of the textual information is incorporated, visual information will be added in the coming months.

WG Policy Issues

The discussion paper has been prepared, and some comments were received before the workshop. After discussion, the paper will be incorporated into a policy guidebook.

Website

The website has been developed and is being kept up to date. It contains general information about the project, working group pages and a library of relevant EU documentation. Interim reports will be placed on the website in 2 weeks time; these will be updated when new country information is available. In addition to the existing information, presentations about CEECAP will be added (starting with the open session and EEDAL presentations).

The participants express their appreciation of the good design of the website.

International Seminar

The Slovak Energy Agency has prepared an outline for the seminar, which is ready for review. It includes a one-day seminar, for approx. 50 government and agency experts from all CEEC. SEA will distribute the proposal shortly, and partners will add their comments within one week. This should allow for a quick submission of the proposal to Taiex for support in organising of the seminar and travel arrangement for the participants.

Discussion of Interim Results

Case Study Transposition Issues

Vedran Krstulovic presented the case report on transposition of the EU appliance energy efficiency directives into Croatian law, and the information from country questionnaire. The case study Croatia and the analysis of the questionnaire results led to the conclusions that:

- There is a lack of measures for sanctioning the non-compliance in the energy efficiency regulations in Croatia
- Adoption of the relevant EN standards was only recently started in Croatia, and it has a priority;
- In most countries, there is a need to enable the relevant inspectorate or agency powerful means for compliance checking and enforcement of appliance energy efficiency policy;
- The verification and enforcement procedure has not been detailed into a practical approach in most countries.
- In all regarded countries, the legal situation is good and flexible. However, more attention is needed for practical matters.

Some items have proven to be a barrier in the transposition process:

- The complete requirements of the Energy Labelling Framework Directive;
- The relevant EN standards;
- A verification procedure for retailer compliance;
- A verification procedure for product compliance.

Given the limited capacity of many CEEC governments and the extend of the regulatory task imposed by the EU Acquis in this field, it was felt that short cuts would be needed for at least:

- Product compliance testing: possibly via accepting certified products or tests in other European countries;
- Checking technical data sheets: a simplified procedure for sharing information ('test according to standard and label class OK')

Suggestions for these (and possibly more) shortcuts will be included in the legal issues guidebook.

Items for the Legal Issues Guidebook

Guidebook requirements are:

- Fact-based, but not too detailed (referring to background information instead);
- Checklists for relevant items (based on aggregated information);
- Short cuts (practical solutions) for practical barriers to implementation.

Items in the guidebook should be:

- A differentiation between supplier and retailer issues;
- Guidelines for inspectors in shops (compliance testing);
- European initiatives to facilitate product compliance testing.

In 2003, a first version of the guidebook will be completed, based on the information now available. Task sharing: Assembling guidebook (VK, FK); Adding Slovak procedures (MB); Comments & contributions (all).

A completion of the guidebook is planned for the 2004 phase of the project, followed by a national translation and implementation activities (to be included in follow-up proposal).

Product Market Information Overview

All (included) countries have collected market information, but none has a complete overview of all aspects of appliances on their markets. Reference information from Germany (which also lacks some market information) shows that not all information (on all aspects) is needed for an effective policy. In general, saturation (ownership) level, yearly sales and energy efficiency distribution of the products are expected to be the most relevant items.

Essential for a comprehensive guidebook would be:

- A specific list of necessary information per appliance;
- Suggestions for data collection

This information will be included in the follow-up proposal, as a action plan for the collection of essential market data.

Consumer & Retailer Information Overview

All (included) countries have collected information about consumer aspects of appliance energy efficiency policy, but the available information about retail aspects is very limited.

The necessary items on market, consumer and retailer information will be listed in a market information guidebook. This guidebook will take a step-by-step approach to market information (where to start, what information is needed, how to collect the info, when to involve partners, how to involve the retail sector, etc). Task sharing: Assembling guidebook (AS, FK); Comments & contributions (all).

National implementation of the guidebook, including collecting market information, will be made part of the follow-up proposal.

Policy Issues Discussion Paper

The overview of the EU policy design process and the conclusions of its relevance to the CEEC was generally accepted.

The partners felt that a policy network could link the activities between working groups and between countries, and that a network should be built around the activities already planned.

Priority actions for policy working group are:

- The formal start of a network (e.g. via the CEECAP website);
- A directory of key actors in the European institutions, 'old' Member States and the CEEC;
- An EU policy design guide, including a summary overview of the items in the discussion paper.

Task sharing: Start of a network (to be included in Bratislava workshop); Assembling directory of key actors (MB, FK); Preparing EU policy design guide (MB, FK); Comments & contributions (all).

Preparation of the Follow-up Proposal

A follow-up proposal will be needed for further national implementation of legal, market and policy issues. This proposal should include the completion of guidebooks and other tools (where relevant), as well as support for the national execution of the recommended actions. External funding should be part of the follow-up proposal, to complement national commitments (in-kind contributions).

Elements of the follow-up proposal are:

Legal Issues:

- Completion of the legal issues guidebook (new issues)
- National translations of the guidebook
- National implementation of the practices and procedures (awareness raising, training of government agency / inspectorate)

Market issues:

- National translations of the guidebook
- Implementation of the market information guidebook (training for energy agency staff, awareness raising retail sector)
- National data collection (essential items only)

Policy issues:

- Completion of national policy design guide (including best practices)
- Establishing & maintaining policy network

General:

- Project website (maintenance, new items)
- Project team meetings & CEEC workshops
- Project management / coordination

The drafting starts with an outline, to which legal, market and policy aspects will be added. It will then be distributed for commenting by current and prospective project partners. The final version will be sent to prospective sponsors of the programme and will be presented to a wider audience during the planned CEECAP international seminar. Task sharing: Drafting outline, merging proposal (FK); Adding legal, market and policy issues (VK, AS, MB); Contributions & comments (all).

Action List October – December 2003

<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible party</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1	2	3	4
WG Legal Issues	Obtain overview of relevant EN Standards	KAPE	31 Oct 03
	Obtain info on enforcement practices	KC / dena	31 Oct 03
Legal issues guide	Assemble guidebook (draft)	EIHP / KC	15 Nov 03
	Submit info Slovak procedures	SEA	15 Nov 03
	Contributions & Comments	all	30 Nov 03
WG Market Issues	Submit country information	KAPE, ARCE?	31 Oct 03
	Include additional info in report	Novem	15 Nov 03
	Contribute best practises	all	31 Oct 03
	Complete best practises CD-ROM	IEA	15 Nov 03
Market information guide	Assemble guidebook (draft)	Novem / KC	15 Nov 03
	Contributions & Comments	All	30 Nov 03
Policy planning guide	Prepare directory of key actors	SEA / KC	
	Assemble guidebook (draft)	SEA / KC	15 Nov 03
	Contributions & Comments	All	30 Nov 03

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CEECAP Website	Update website w. interim reports	EnEffect	15 Oct 03
	Add section 'Communication' (presentations)	EnEffect	15 Oct 03
	Submit presentations, links & logo for site	all	15 Oct 03
	Add map & links to partner organisations	EnEffect	31 Oct
International seminar	Circulate seminar proposal	SEA	8 Oct 03
	Contributions & Comments	All	15 Oct 03
	Discuss proposal with Taiex officer	SEA	15 Oct 03
Follow-up proposal	Draft outline proposal	KC	15 Oct 03
	Adding legal, market, policy issues	IEHP / Novem / SEA	31 Oct 03
	Merging proposal	KC	15 Nov 03
	Contributions & Comments	All	30 Nov 03
	Discussions with prospective national sponsors (government)	All	31 Dec 03
	Discussions with prospective international sponsors	IEA / KC	31 Dec 03
General	Contacts Ministries & Agencies in Poland & Romania	IEA	15 Oct 03
	Prepare mini-leaflet about CEECAP	IEA / Novem / KC	31 Oct 03

Overview of the responsible parties			
LEI	Lithuanian Energy Institute	IEA	International Energy Agency
KAPE	Polish National Energy Agency	Novem	Novem
SEA	Slovak Energy Agency	dena	Deutsche Energie Agentur
EIHP	Energy Institute 'Hrvoje Pozar'	KC	Klinckenberg Consultants
EnEffect	EnEffect	ARCE	Romanian Energy Agency
All parties not indicated in the lists contribute to the tasks by providing national information on request and by commenting on (draft) products.			