



Government-Industry Working Group on Energy Efficiency

Voluntary Agreements for Energy Efficiency

2nd MEETING – 9-10-11 February 2021

Online Event

About the Government-Industry Working Group on Energy Efficiency

The Government-Industry Working Group on Energy Efficiency (hereinafter simply referred as **Working Group**) aims to establish a “platform” for regular ongoing dialogue between Government and Industry¹ to jointly discuss and identify solutions to the challenges that implementation of the new Georgian Law on Energy Efficiency (and associated EU Directives) will pose to Government and to industrial companies and businesses.

The Working Group operates through periodic meetings between Government senior officials and industry representatives, facilitated by a secretariat and experts relevant to the topic(s) of debate. Time-bound work-programs with clearly defined scope, intended outputs and objectives are developed for specific topic(s) selected for work.

The Working Group started its operations at the beginning of 2020 by working on the development of a **Voluntary Agreement (VA) scheme between Government and industrial enterprises for energy efficiency implementation**. This initial scope of work was selected in view of “*Article 21. Additional Policies to Encourage Energy Efficiency in Industry*” of the Law of Georgia on Energy Efficiency.

The 1st meeting of the Working Group was hosted by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development (MoESD) on 19 February 2020 and attended by 18 participants, including representatives of 8 large enterprises as well as representatives of Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture, Ministry of Finance and Georgian parliament. The 1st meeting provided an overview of VA schemes for energy efficiency in industry and facilitated initial discussion on some key design elements such as type of energy efficiency interventions to support and type of incentives to include in a VA scheme. Presentations and protocol of the 1st meeting can be found here: <http://www.economy.ge/?page=economy&s=128&lang=en> .

This 2nd meeting of the Working Group aims to further discuss the following two key topics/elements of any future Georgian VA scheme:

1. Setting targets to be achieved by enterprises participating in the VA scheme
2. Incentives to be provided to enterprises participating in the VA scheme

The meeting will present also preliminary results of an energy efficiency survey being conducted between Georgian industrial enterprises.

The meeting will take place through 2-3 online sessions. Registration is required in order to attend. Please see following pages for agenda, registration and “logistic” information.

¹ The term “Industry” in the context of the WG wants to indicate companies from traditional manufacturing and processing sectors as well as from energy sector & other commercial sectors.



AGENDA

PRELIMINARY SESSION - Tuesday 9 February 2021, 10:50 – 12:10

This session is for stakeholders and other interested parties that did not attend the WG 1st Meeting.

- 10:50 – 11:00 [Checking-in – connecting to online video communication platform](#)
- 11:00 - 11:10 **Welcome and introductions** - Ms. Nino Lazashvili, National Project Manager, UNIDO
Mr. Marco Matteini, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO
- 11:10 - 11:40 **Summary and key takeaways from 1st Meeting** - Mr. Marco Matteini, UNIDO
- 11:40 - 12:00 **Questions and Answers**
- 12:00 - 12:10 **Wrap-up and adjourn**

SESSION 1 – Wednesday 10 February 2021, 10:50 – 13:00

- 10:50 – 11:00 [Checking-in – connecting to online video communication platform](#)
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Welcome of participants** by Mr. David Tvalabeishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Maia Tskhvaradze, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture
- 11:15 - 11:30 **Key findings and takeaways from WG 1st Meeting** - Mr. Marco Matteini, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO
- 11:30 - 11:50 **Preliminary results of Energy Efficiency Survey** - Ms. Nino Lazashvili, National Project Manager, UNIDO
- 11:50 - 12:00 [Short Break](#)
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Setting Energy Saving Targets** - Ms. Gabriele Brandl, Senior Expert, Austrian Energy Agency
- 12:30 - 12:50 **Questions and Answers**
- 12:50 - 13:00 **Wrap-up and summary**

SESSION 2 – Thursday 11 February 2021, 10:50 – 12:30

- 10:50 – 11:00 [Checking-in – connecting to online video communication platform](#)
- 11:00 - 11:10 **Welcome of participants** by Ms. Marita Arabidze, Deputy Head of Department of Energy Reforms and International Relations, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- 11:10 - 11:20 **Key points from Session 1** - Ms. Nino Lazashvili, National Project Manager, UNIDO
- 11:20 - 11:50 **Incentives for companies within a Voluntary Agreement scheme** - Mr. Marco Matteini, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO
- 11:50 - 12:20 **Questions and Answers**
- 12:20 - 12:30 **Wrap-up and next steps** Mr. George Abulashvili, Director, Energy Efficiency Centre of Georgia, and Mr. Marco Matteini, Industrial Development Officer, UNIDO



VENUE

Meetings will be online using the video communication/conferencing service ZOOM. An email invitation with links and instructions for connection will be sent by email to all registered participants in advance of each meeting.

WORKING LANGUAGE

Presentations and discussions during the meeting will be conducted in Georgian and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

ORGANIZATION

Please confirm your participation latest by Friday 5 February 2021 via e-mail to:

Ms. Nino Lazashvili, National Project Manager, UNIDO, at N.LAZASHVILI@unido.org

Please indicate in the e-mail:

- Name of company
- Full name and title of representatives attending
- Contacts of participants: email and phone number
- Optional: Expectations & questions for the meeting

For any other information, please contact:

Ms. Nino Lazashvili
National Project Manager
Energy System and Infrastructure Division
UNIDO
Email: N.Lazashvili@unido.org
Mob: +995 599 699 757