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Related documents: CC 610, Mess. 1386/17

DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: *Adoption by correspondence* – **Programme of Work for 2018-2019**

By document CC 610, dated 7 November 2017, the Conference was invited to approve the draft Programme of work for the years 2018-2019.

As specified by Rule 19 (b) of the Rules of Procedure concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, members of the Energy Charter Conference were informed that any delegation that wished to object the draft Programme of Work should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 25 November 2017.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 25 November 2017 the Conference **approved** the Programme of Work for the years 2018-2019.

Energy Charter Secretariat's Programme of Work for 2018 - 2019

Most of the activities are continuation of ongoing activities. (Link to PoW 2016-2017). The activities included in Part I are intended to be financed through the national contributions, while implementation of activities in Part II is subject to available external financing through voluntary contributions, fees paid by participants to events organised by the Secretariat and/or partnership with other organisations.

The estimated costs of Activities are given for the following budget items:

Budget item 2: "Official Travel"

Budget item 3.1: "Secondments"

Budget item 3.2: "Consultants and Research fellows"

This item includes interns, fellows, invited speakers, and external resources for organising meetings or other events, editing and printing of publications, website development, database management, etc.

Part 1: Activities financed by the core budget

Implementation Group

1. Transit Activities of Energy Resources	
Activities	<p>Developing a set of soft law instruments as an alternative solution to address the specific needs of the constituency related to the secure and reliable cross-border energy flows.</p> <p>Based on the analysis of transit regulations in different parts of the constituency, the Implementation Group will discuss and start negotiations on the following instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good governance/declaration on access to infrastructure and conditions for refusal; - Guiding principles on transit tariffs; - Update of the Model Agreements for Cross-border Pipelines and Electricity projects. <p>A technical sub-group will be created to support the Implementation Group in developing the set of soft law instruments.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Groundworks for negotiation on the soft law instruments are discussed and agreed by the Implementation Group.</p> <p>Conference decision approving proposed soft law instruments Improved security and reliability of the cross-border energy flows. (Priority #3 of the Romanian Chairmanship RD-1 of BC 9 June 2017)</p>
Deliverables	<p>Analytical papers analysing transit regulations in different parts of the constituency to address issues related to the access to infrastructure and transit tariffs.</p> <p>Zero draft version of proposed soft law instruments to start the negotiation process.</p>
External Partners	<p>All interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations, industry and research institutions.</p>
2Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 6 of PoW 2016-2017 Negotiations of a Multilateral Framework Agreement on Transit of Energy Resources.</p> <p>Activity 5 of PoW priorities for 2017</p> <p>Priority of the Romanian Chairmanship</p>
Estimated Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €15.000 Budget item 3.1 €18.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €25.500</p> <p>Total: €58.500 per year</p>

2. Policy Dialogue on Energy Transit

Activities	<p>Policy dialogue and exchange of information on policies, regulation and projects relevant for cross-border energy infrastructure.</p> <p>The Secretariat will further promote the exchange of information on cross border infrastructure projects, regulation and operational aspects with regard to interconnected systems on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">) technical, legal and regulatory aspects of new cross-border infrastructure projects;) operational features of existing transit and interconnected transportation systems;) industry guidelines and practices on operation of interconnected transportation systems. <p>The Secretariat will provide a platform for discussion of the potential of Ukrainian Underground Gas Storage Facilities (UGSF) for all stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">) Best practices and lessons learnt of the European companies;) Policy dialogue for regular exchange and coordination on a political and technical levels.
Expected Outcomes	Platform for information exchange and discussions such as forums, expert meetings, workshops and seminars.
Deliverables	Meeting reports and workshop materials
Link to PoW	Requested by Ukraine
Estimated Annual Cost	Budget item 3.2: €5.000 Total: €5.000 per year

3. Preparation for public launch of new flagship publication on Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA)	
Activities	Developing and publishing the Energy Charter EIRA flagship publication. Building on the work in 2016-2017, the geographical coverage of the EIRA project will be extended, the risk indicators and scoring method will be further refined and the country spotlights and comparative analysis will be strengthened as a tool for identifying and assessing policy, legal and regulatory risks in the energy sector. In 2018 and 2019 the respective EIRA publications will be presented publicly.
Expected Outcomes	Conference decision welcoming the first public EIRA Report in 2018. Conference decision welcoming the second public EIRA Report in 2019.
Deliverables	Publish the first public edition of the EIRA Report in 2018 (based on the EIRA pilot Report 2017). Publish the second public edition of the EIRA Report in 2019, depending on the decision of the Conference welcoming EIRA 2018. Contracting Parties, observers countries are to participate in the EIRA Reports on a voluntary basis.
External Partners	Industry Advisory Panel, Legal Advisory Task Force, business associations, law firms.
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 4 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 4 of PoW priorities 2017
Estimated annual Cost	Budget item 2: €25.000 Budget item 3.2: €35.100 Total: €60.100 per year

4. Energy Charter Investment Facilitation

Activities	<p>Establishment of the Investment Promotion Center, which substantiates a multilateral platform for knowledge exchange and best practices on energy investments and promotes the Energy Charter Investment Facilitation Toolbox, which will complement the work of other international organisations by providing energy-specific analyses on investment promotion and facilitation.</p> <p>Identifying and raising awareness on remaining discriminatory and non-discriminatory barriers to the establishment of energy investments. Formulate further proposals on instruments to remove them.</p>
Expected Outcomes	1. Establishment of the Investment Promotion Centre and 2.during the review 2019, update of the Investment Facilitation Toolbox will be considered.
Deliverables	<p>Investment Promotion Centre</p> <p>Investment Facilitation Toolbox</p>
External Partners	UNCTAD, OECD, WBG, IEA; IRENA; G20 EE/IPEEC; EEFIG; SE4ALL, WAIPA
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 2 of PoW 2016-2017</p> <p>Activity 2 of PoW priorities for 2017</p>
Estimated annual Cost	

5. Investment Reports	
Activities	<p>Conducting Investment Climate and Market Structure (ICMS) reports on a voluntary basis with interested Contracting Parties and observer countries (finalize Afghanistan ICMS report in 2018 (started in October 2017), max. 1 report in 2019). In cooperation with other relevant fora, international organisations, donors and IFIs, follow up and support the implementation of the policy recommendations, stemming from ICMS reports and related regional policy discussions.</p> <p>Providing support for the elaboration of accession Reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Conference decisions welcoming ICMS report for Afghanistan in 2018 and ICMS reports in 2019, approving the Policy Conclusions and Recommendations.</p> <p>Accession Reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment.</p>
Deliverables	<p>Afghanistan ICMS report in 2018.</p> <p>Max. 1 ICMS reports and policy recommendations in 2019.</p> <p>Publications and reports on Investment relevant to the advancement of the Energy Charter Process.</p> <p>Accession Reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment. (estimated 2 reports per year)</p>
External Partners	<p>Investors, industry and all interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations.</p> <p>Peer reviewers for the ICMS reports.</p>
Link to PoW 2016-2017	#5 of PoW priorities 2017
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €6,000</p> <p>Budget item 3.1: €9.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €10.000</p> <p>Total: €25.000 per year (in case the secretariat is requested to produce the report.)</p>

6. Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects

Activities	<p>The PEEREA review process, based on regular and in-depth energy efficiency reviews, provides a unique platform of international analysis and discussion on efficiency and environmental issues. The Secretariat will continue conducting in-depth energy efficiency review (IDR) on request.</p> <p>The Energy Efficiency unit will complement and contribute to investment team activities (cross-cutting PoW activities relating to investment) in order to promote the ECT's contribution to promotion and protection of investment in energy efficiency and promotion of trade of efficient products and services.</p> <p>Providing support for the development of accession Reports on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Peer guidance to Governments in developing and implementing their energy efficiency policies, for example, to eradicating energy poverty by encouraging energy efficiency solutions. (Priority #1 of the Romanian Chairmanship)</p> <p>Increased awareness of the International Energy Charter constituency of the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), and the role of the International Energy Charter process more broadly, in relation to promoting and protecting energy efficiency investment and promoting trade of energy efficient products and services.</p> <p>Energy efficiency and demand-side management integrated in investment team activities as appropriate.</p> <p>Observers accede to the ECT, implementing the PEEREA and improving energy efficiency.</p>

6. Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects

<p>Deliverables</p>	<p>In-depth EE review publications</p> <p>In partnership with the Romanian Presidency, the design and delivery of the conference (to be held mid-April 2018 in Bucharest): “<i>Mobilising Energy Efficiency for addressing energy poverty and to alleviate access to energy</i>”.</p> <p>Conducting of detailed analysis of the provisions of the ECT in relation to investment protection and trade regarding energy efficient products and services, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying whether and how the ECT/PEEREA might be modernised to better enable demand-side (EE) investment, and investigating current situation of investment in cross-border assets, particularly in relation to investment protection; and - publishing and disseminating a high-level guide on the role of the International Energy Charter in facilitating trade, investment and finance in energy efficiency. . <p>EE/DSM contributions to Investment Team deliverables as appropriate e.g. EIRA; ICMS; Investment Facilitation Toolbox; Investment Promotion Centre.</p> <p>Accession Reports on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects. (estimated 2 reports per year)</p>
<p>External Partners</p>	<p>Member countries and International organisations e.g. UNECE; C2E2/SE4ALL; World Bank among others.</p> <p>Investors, industry and all interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations.</p> <p>Peer reviewers for the In-depth EE reviews</p>
<p>Link to PoW 2016-2017</p>	<p>Activities 2, 4, 8, 18, 19 and 17 of PoW 2016-2017.</p> <p>Activity 6 of PoW priorities for 2017</p>
<p>Estimated annual Cost</p>	<p>Budget item 2: €1.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.1: €18.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €38.000</p> <p>Total: €67.000 per year</p>

7. Model of Dispute Management Protocol

Activities	As agreed at the September 2017 meeting of the Implementation Group, the Secretariat will develop a model of dispute management protocol.
Expected Outcomes	Conference decision welcoming the model dispute management protocol in 2019.
Deliverables	Model dispute management protocol
External Partners	Task force consisting of external experts and government officials
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Related to Activity 1 of PoW 2016-2017 (amicable dispute settlement) and Activity 1 of Pow priorities for 2017 (Recommendations to assist governments in their efforts to facilitate effective investment mediation).</p> <p>Based on point 5 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) ECT requiring more emphasis on amicable dispute resolution.</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 3.2: €9.000</p> <p>Total: €9.000 per year</p>

8. Standardisation of Provisions in LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements

Activities	<p>Following point 3.1 of the Tokyo Declaration ('...we believe that a well-functioning, transparent and competitive global gas market including LNG trading hubs should be further developed and destination clauses should be abolished') the Secretariat prepared in 2017 a report identifying current problems and gaps regarding LNG contracts. Based on the findings of such report, the Secretariat will work in 2018 on a set of standardised provisions for some of the items in LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements to assist market participants.</p> <p>Continuation of this activity in 2019 is subject to the conference decision in 2018.</p>
Expected Outcomes	Conference decision welcoming the standard provisions in 2018 or in 2019.
Deliverables	Standard provisions for LNG contracts
External Partners	Task force consisting of LNG experts and industry
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Related to Activity 3 of PoW 2016-2017 (model agreements.) Based on point 22 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) ECT encouraging model agreement.</p> <p>Link to the Tokyo Declaration 2016</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €4.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €9.000</p> <p>Total: €13.000 per year</p>

Strategy Group

9. Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty	
Activities	<p>The Strategy Group decided to enter in 2018-2019 into further discussions on which provisions of the ECT (if any), could be improved/updated by way of joint interpretations or by amending the ECT.</p> <p>As mentioned by some Contracting Parties, modernisation of the investment provisions would require a comprehensive review of the whole ECT since they were negotiated as a whole. Therefore, the discussion on potential update/modernisation would extent to the whole ECT.</p> <p>The process would take place in two phases: (i) first clarifying in 2018 some provisions by way of a joint declaration and identifying a close list of potential topics for potential amendment (process without prejudging the outcome); (ii) based on the conclusions of the 2019 review, starting discussions on</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>2018: - Identification of ECT provisions that could be clarified by way of a joint declaration.</p> <p>- In case it is concluded that there should be a clarification: Zero draft version of a joint declaration.</p> <p>- Initial closed list of topics that could be considered for a potential amendment.</p> <p>2019: - Approval of the joint declaration.</p> <p>- Final identification, within the review under art. 34(7) ECT, of a closed listed of provisions (if any) that could be amended</p>
Deliverables	<p>2018: - Zero draft version of joint declaration (if any).</p> <p>- Initial closed list of provisions that could be considered for amendment (if any)</p> <p>2019: - Joint declaration (if any);</p> <p>- Final identification of provisions to be amended (if any) and mandate</p>
External Partners	Open consultation
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Continuation of Activity 1 of the PoW priorities for 2017. Based on point 6 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) ECT. Point 5.2 of the Tokyo Declaration.
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €3.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.1: €27.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €40.700</p> <p>Total: €70.700 per year</p>

10. Implementation of the CONSolidation EXpansion Outreach policy (CONEXO)

Activities	<p>Consolidation stands for addressing original signatories of the ECT with efforts to consolidate their status by ratification of the ECT. Expansion means the process to upgrade the status from Observer to full Contracting Party.</p> <p>The Secretariat will assist member countries to engage with the EC Process and provide overall coordination with consolidation and acceding countries.</p> <p>Through the Outreach process the ECS will continue to work with countries interested to become Observers to the Energy Charter Conference by signing the International Energy Charter / European Energy Charter: based on their interest, available external resources and the conclusions of the CONEXO policy review, taking into account the ECS's limited resources.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Review and update of the CONEXO Policy 2018-2019</p> <p>Overall coordination and further engagement with consolidation, acceding countries.</p> <p>Advanced cooperation with key expansion countries and international organisations.</p> <p>Coordination of activities directed to ratification of the ECT and signing of the International Energy Charter.</p>
Deliverables	<p>Completion of Accession Reports.</p> <p>ECT accession and signing IEC.</p>
External Partners	<p>EU DEVCO, Donor agencies and countries</p>
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 11 of PoW 2016-2017</p> <p>Activity 8 of PoW priorities for 2017</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €30.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.1: 18.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €29.200</p> <p>Total: €77.200 per year</p>

11. Cooperation with International Organisations and Industry; Dialogue with Member Countries; External Events

Activities	<p>Development and delivery of coherent narrative/messages for the International Energy Charter. In all areas of activity described in the Programme of Work, the Secretariat will strive to ensure that its activities are complementary with those of other relevant international organisations.</p> <p>Channelling policy advice from energy companies, international business associations and financial institutions to ECT Constituency on energy investment and the functioning of energy market through the Industry Advisory Panel.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Well coordinated international energy-related activities with minimised overlap. Effective communication of coherent and consistent narrative and messages that ensure full incorporation of International Energy Charter added value to international energy activities.</p> <p>Promotion of the ECT as a multilateral platform for a long-term cooperation between countries and investors based on complementarities and mutual benefits.</p> <p>Raise awareness of the International Energy Charter Process, and facilitate exchange of opinions and further expansion of the ECT.</p>
Deliverables	<p>IO (international organisation) representation in inter-governmental meetings.</p> <p>Regular IAP meetings, IAP engagement in the trainings and seminars hosted by the Energy Charter Secretariat, IAP contribution in the publications and analytical projects of the Energy Charter Secretariat.</p> <p>Co-hosting events or providing panel contributions or presentations for international events.</p>
External Partners	<p>Organisations/initiatives concerned:</p> <p>G20, UFM, UNECE, OECD, IEA, SE4ALL/C2E2, UNFCCC, CEM, IEF, IRENA among others.</p> <p>Members of the Industry Advisory Panel</p>
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 10 of PoW priorities for 2017</p> <p>Activity 15 of PoW for 2016-2017</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €9.500</p> <p>Budget item 3.1: €4.500</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €10.000</p> <p>Total: €54.500 per year</p>

12. Support for the Review under Art. 34(7) ECT (Five-year activity)	
Activities	Assisting the coordinators of the Review process, all subsidiary bodies and the Conference in conducting the Review under Article 34 (7) ECT Assisting in preparation of the ECT review in 2018 and support in conducting the review in 2019 under the authority of the conference and under the guidance/coordination of a group of Contracting Parties
Expected outcomes	2018: Conference Decision approving the proposal on how to conduct the review. 2019: Review under Art. 34(7) ECT
Deliverables	Conclusion of the review
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Link to Article 34(7) of ECT
Estimated annual Cost	Budget item 3.2: €9.600 Total: €9.600 per year

Conflict Resolution Centre and standing responsibilities of Legal Affairs

13. Conflict Resolution Centre (neutral, independent, legal advice and assistance in dispute resolution)	
Activities	<p>The Conflict Resolution Centre of the ECS, chaired by the General Counsel, will continue providing neutral, independent legal advice and assistance in dispute resolution (including good offices, mediation, neutral legal expert reports (if requested by the arbitral tribunal), as well as access to the <i>travaux préparatoires</i> of the ECT.</p> <p>Support to UN Investment Support Programme LDCs which are members or Observers</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Support to conflict resolution amongst states or between states and investors.</p> <p>Access to <i>travaux préparatoires</i></p> <p>Joint accreditation training with ICSID and IMI for investment mediators</p>
Deliverables	<p>Legal support, advice and assistance in dispute resolution.</p> <p>Joint accreditation training with ICSID and IMI for investment mediators.</p>
External Partners	<p>ICSID and IMI for accreditation training.</p> <p>UN and IDLO for UN Investment Support Programme for LDCs</p>
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Continuation of Activity 12 of PoW 2016-2017 and Activity 1 of POW priorities for 2017 (accreditation training).</p> <p>Based on point 5 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) ECT requesting the Secretariat to place more emphasis on amicable investment dispute settlement; the assistance of the Secretariat with good offices, mediation and conciliation; and the provision of neutral, independent legal advice and assistance in dispute resolution and participate in pre-trial proceedings between Contracting Parties.</p> <p>Based on point 25 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) ECT to assist with request on <i>travaux préparatoires</i>.</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €3.000 (mission Travel to participate and help organising the accreditation training).</p> <p>Administrative and travel costs for good offices expected to be covered from the parties involved in the conflict.</p> <p>Total: €3.000 per year</p>

14. Standing Responsibilities of Legal Affairs

Activities	<p>Provision of legal advice to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies and the Secretariat on the interpretation and application of the Energy Charter Treaty, as well as on internal and administrative matters, and external agreements (including MOUs).</p> <p>Raise awareness on Dispute Resolution, in particular amongst government officials and companies.</p> <p>Maintaining an online database on disputes under Art. 26 ECT, including information on compliance with awards granted; keep preparing summaries of published awards; and preparing a Digest of published investment arbitration cases under the ECT.</p> <p>Providing support for the elaboration of the Accession Reports on compatibility of the domestic system with the ECT</p> <p>Legal trainings</p>
Expected Outcomes	Standing responsibilities
Deliverables	<p>Legal support for the Secretariat/Conference, the Legal Advisory Committee and the Legal Advisory Task Force, as well as providing legal information to Members of the conference</p> <p>Relations with the Depository and drafting of MOUs and legal notifications under the ECT</p> <p>Preparation of conference decisions</p> <p>Energy Charter Legal Forums in 2018 and in 2019 hosted by ICSID, SCC, or PCA.</p> <p>Establish a dedicated website, introduce user-friendly search engine for the online database of investment arbitration cases under the ECT, create and update online digest and summaries of published awards under the ECT.</p> <p><i>Accession Reports</i> on compatibility of the domestic system with the ECT</p> <p>Legal trainings</p>
External Partners	ICSID, SCC, or PCA for the Legal Forums
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Continuation of Activities 12, 14 of PoW 2016-2017</p> <p>Based on point 25 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) to provide regular overview of cases and awards.</p> <p>Continuation of Activity 12 of PoW 2016-2017.</p> <p>Based on point 27 of the conclusions of the 2014 Review under Article 34(7) to promote awareness on the Energy Charter Treaty and in particular of the investment dispute settlement system.</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €7.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €39.600</p> <p>Total: 46.600 per year</p>

Knowledge Centre

15. Promoting the visibility of the Energy Charter Process, raising awareness on ECT issues through forums and seminars	
Activities	<p>Promoting the visibility of the Energy Charter Process amongst all relevant external stakeholders at the global level through information spreading activities. In this context the Secretariat will be active in organising a number of focused public events in 2018-19. Such events will likely draw upon established formats of work, including existing brands such as Energy Charter Investment Forums, specialised information and training workshops on the ECT, Legal Forum on Dispute Resolution, and other similar formats. It is expected that such activities will also continue to provide support for the Secretariat's expansion efforts.</p> <p>The Secretariat will develop a number of studies and host a number of Fellows through the Knowledge Centre in line with some of the activities already outlined above. In 2017 as well as in previous years of work, the KC has developed such studies in relation to countries from different Energy Charter target regions in Asia, Africa and South America in support of the CONEXO program. It is anticipated that this trend will be further developed during 2018-19.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Raise stakeholders' awareness of the International Energy Charter and thus help point them towards the ECT; focus on high level stakeholder awareness raising where possible, inclusive of media component.</p> <p>Strengthen the expansion process through the training of government officials. Improved knowledge and understanding of the Energy Charter and its role in global energy policy/governance issues amongst large numbers of junior-to-mid-level officials in stakeholder countries; similar outcome in relation to private sector/energy industry.</p>
Deliverables	<p>Forums and Seminars on ECT. Knowledge Centre Certificate of Excellence to participants, post-event reports, strong network of officials in key state (energy/MFA) ministries across the world. Relevant Energy Charter Political Declarations following high level forums.</p> <p>Publications and reports on topics relevant to the advancement of the International Energy Charter Process.</p>
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 10 of PoW priorities for 2017</p> <p>Activity 15 of PoW for 2016-2017</p>
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €5.000</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €32.500</p> <p>Total: €37.500 per year</p>

Activities under the Knowledge Centre will be partly funded by voluntary contributions and participants of the trainings and forums.

Budget Committee and General Administration

16. Standing Responsibilities of Finance and Administration	
Activities	<p>Provide support to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, the IAP and the Secretariat on internal administrative issues.</p> <p>Undertake administrative tasks such as internal financial management, budgeting, financial reporting, and other financial procedures.</p> <p>Preparation of financial statements, cooperation with auditors, management of national and voluntary contributions, financial reporting and administrative support to the Budget Committee.</p> <p>Administrative support for the Charter Conference and the Review under Art. 34(7) of ECT.</p>
Expected Outcomes	Standing responsibilities
Deliverables	Budget committee meetings and related financial and program documents.
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Continuation of Activity 14 of PoW 2016-2017
Estimated annual Cost	<p>Budget item 2: €1.500</p> <p>Budget item 3.2: €6.800</p> <p>Total: €38.300 per year</p>

Part II: Activities financed by Voluntary Contributions

17. Regional Energy Cooperation in Eastern Neighbourhood and Western Balkans Countries (EU4Energy)	
Activities	Provide technical support to Armenia, Belarus and Azerbaijan in accordance with agreed country work programmes (adapted on annual basis)
Expected Outcomes	Operationalisation of the agreed policy proposals from Component 2. More efficient and effective procedures including cross-ministerial cooperation and public consultation process. Greater Technical, institutional and Administrative capacity in key energy ministries and agencies
Deliverables	Policy proposals Proposals for changes of the legislative and regulatory framework Draft legislative and regulatory acts Meetings, workshops and training sessions. Policy dialogue roundtables organised for members of parliament/high-level decision makers.
External Partners	IEA, Energy Community, donors and IFIs in partner countries
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 18 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 12 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	Until June 2020 projected budget 1.122.637 Euro, funded by a grant contract with EU DG NEAR (including project staff cost, travel, equipment, studies, research, consulting, publications, workshops, visibility actions)

18. Regional Energy Cooperation in Central and South Asia (RECA)

Activities	<p>The Secretariat will continue its work on promoting regional energy cooperation in Central and South Asia. This activity includes support to the meetings of the Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation in Central and South Asia established in 2007.</p> <p>Provide technical support to the countries of the region in improving national laws, strategies, programmes and actions plans to enhance sustainable energy development.</p>
Expected Outcomes	<p>Policy dialogue on promoting regional energy cooperation.</p> <p>Comprehensive energy strategies discussed and approved at national level.</p> <p>Improved primary and secondary legislation frameworks to support energy reforms.</p>
Deliverables	<p>Meeting with the countries of the Task Force and Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies.</p> <p>Developing a technical assistance program in energy and development in Central and South Asia area.</p>
External Partners	USAID, EU, UNESCAP, ADB
Link to PoW 2016-2017	<p>Activity 16 of PoW 2016-2017</p> <p>Activity 11 of PoW priorities for 2017</p>
Voluntary contribution	

19. Facilitating Transfer of Technologies

Activities	<p>Facilitating transfer of energy technologies.</p> <p>Enhancing the cooperation framework for filling the technology gap between countries and regions. (Priority #2 of the Romanian Chairmanship)</p> <p>Developing business to business cooperation for attracting smart technologies capable to improve the present production transportation and distribution of energy resources, addressing the environmental hazards and impact. Focus on highly efficient technologies for production and storage and environmental friendly technologies.</p>
Expected Outcomes	Energy technologies transferred.

19. Facilitating Transfer of Technologies

Deliverables	Experts workshop(s) to analyse possibilities for facilitating transfer of technologies, innovation activities and quality of infrastructure through west-east, north-south, and south-south collaboration, including its legal aspects .
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Proposed by Art 34(7) Review and by the International Energy Charter. Link to Priority #2 of the Romanian Chairmanship
Voluntary contribution	

20. Regional Energy Cooperation in South Caucasus and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Activities	Following the flagship initiative of the Georgian Chairmanship in 2015, the Secretariat will support regional electricity cooperation in the South Caucasus. The Secretariat will aim to establish a regional Task Force to promote further cooperation and market integration.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the countries in the region and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Meeting with countries of the region. Recommendations for Government on Energy and Investment Policies. Regional Task force.
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 17 of PoW 2016-2017
Voluntary contribution	

21. Regional Energy Cooperation in Middle East and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty	
Activities	The secretariat will continue supporting the involvement of Middle East countries in the International Energy Charter Process by means of accepting seconded experts from accession countries to the Secretariat and organising various events and training to enhance capacity building in matters related to the Energy Charter
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the countries in the region and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy
Deliverables	Training and capacity building for seconded experts. Recommendations for Governments on Energy Efficiency and Investment Policies. ECT Accession and signing of the International Energy Charter
External Partners	Iran's Niroo Institute, Iranian National Oil Company, Union for the Mediterranean, League of Arab States
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 24 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 15 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	

22. Regional Energy Cooperation in Africa and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty	
Activities	The Secretariat will continue supporting the accession of African countries to the Energy Charter Treaty by means of accepting seconded experts from accession countries to the Secretariat and organising training to enhance capacity building in matters related to the Energy Charter.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the countries in the region and supporting the expansion of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Training and capacity building for seconded experts Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies, ECT Accession and signing of the International Energy Charter.
External Partners	European Commission (DG Development and Cooperation) + other international donors

22. Regional Energy Cooperation in Africa and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 19 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 13 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	

23. Regional Energy Cooperation in South America and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Activities	The Secretariat will continue developing relations with Latin American countries through specific workshops and studies related to Energy Charter matters.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the countries in the region and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Training and capacity building for seconded experts Workshops and studies related to Energy Charter matters Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies. Signing the IEC, ECT Accession.
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 20 of PoW 2016-2017
Voluntary contribution	

24. Regional Energy Cooperation in Mediterranean Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Activities	The Secretariat will continue to cooperate with Mediterranean countries, bilaterally as well as in the framework of the multilateral cooperation jointly with other organisations.
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24. Regional Energy Cooperation in Mediterranean Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty	
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the countries in the region and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Training and capacity building for seconded experts. Workshops and studies related to Energy Charter matters. Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies, Signing the IEC, ECT Accession.
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 21 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 13 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	

25. Energy Cooperation in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty	
Activities	The Secretariat will continue to raise interest in SAARC countries for the Energy Charter.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the SAARC countries (Pakistan, India, Bangladesh) and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Bilateral visits and participation in workshops. Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies. Accession to the ECT. Signing the IEC.
External Partners	
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 22 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 14 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	

26. Regional Energy Cooperation in the ASEAN Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Activities	The Secretariat will continue cooperating with the ASEAN countries, individually as well as with ASEAN and ASEAN Centre for Energy. Focus will be on accepting seconded experts and demonstrating to prospective countries the potential relevance of the ECT, such as regional energy connectivity and investment promotion.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with the ASEAN countries and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Trainings for seconded experts and interns. Publications of reports and studies. Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies. Signing the IEC and ECT Accession.
External Partners	ASEAN, ASEAN Centre for Energy
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 23 of PoW 2016-2017
Voluntary contribution	

27. Regional Energy Cooperation in the North East Asian Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

Activities	The Secretariat will continue cooperating with countries in North East Asia.
Expected Outcomes	Strengthening the relationship with countries in the Northeast Asian Region and supporting the expansion process of the CONEXO policy.
Deliverables	Studies and reports on energy projects and policies in North East Asia including China. Recommendations for Governments on Regional Energy Cooperation. Signing the IECh and ECT Accession. Operation of International Energy Charter - China Electricity Council - Joint Research Centre. Establish MoU with relevant organisations.

27. Regional Energy Cooperation in the North East Asian Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

External Partners	China Electricity Council, Global Energy Interconnection and Development Organization
Link to PoW 2016-2017	Activity 24 of PoW 2016-2017 Activity 15 of PoW priorities for 2017
Voluntary contribution	Administrative costs of the Research Centre are covered by in-kind contribution of the China Electricity Council in Beijing. Activities related to the Research Centre will be partly funded by VC from Poland (EUR 30.000).