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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Revised Plan of Activities for 2019

By CC 640 dated 6 November 2018, the Conference was invited to approve the attached Revised Plan of Activities for 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 to the approval of the revised Plan of Activities for 2019 should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 26 November 2018.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 26 November 2018, the Conference **approved**, with immediate effect, the Revised Plan of Activities for 2019.

Budget Part I

Activities financed by the core budget

The Programme of Work financed by the National Contributions of the Members of the Energy Charter Conference (= Budget Part I) has been divided in 16 different activities. (Activity 2 is merged with Activity 1.)

Below is the summary of the estimated budget allocations to the Activities under Budget Part I.

All figures in Euros

Activity	Missions	Second.	Consult	Total
<i>Transit Activities of Energy Resources</i>	9 000	18 000	30 000	57 000
<i>Public launch of 2nd edition of flagship publication on Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA)</i>	24 000	10 000	70 000	104 000
<i>Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre</i>			0	0
<i>Investment Reports</i>	5 000	9 000	5 000	19 000
<i>Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects</i>	10 000	9 000	30 000	49 000
<i>Model of Dispute Management Protocol</i>	5 000		10 000	15 000
<i>Standardisation of Provisions in LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements</i>	4 000		6 000	10 000
<i>Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty</i>	10 000		51 000	61 000
<i>Implementation of the CONSolidation, EXpansion and Outreach policy (CONEXO)</i>	27 000	41 000	9 000	77 000
<i>Cooperation with International Organisations and Industry; Dialogue with Member Countries; External Events</i>	32 000	9 000	5 000	46 000
<i>Support for the Review under Art. 34(7) ECT</i>			10 000	10 000
<i>Conflict Resolution Centre</i>	4 000		5 000	9 000
<i>Standing Responsibilities of Legal Affairs</i>	5 000	9 000	40 000	54 000
<i>Promoting the visibility of the Charter Process, raising awareness on ECT issues through forums and seminars</i>	5 000		29 000	34 000
<i>Standing Responsibilities of Finance and Administration</i>	10 000 ¹		30 000	40 000
Total	150 000	105 000	330 000	585 000

A detailed overview of all activities is given below.

¹ *Miscellaneous costs related to official missions such as travel insurance are included in administration costs.*

Activity 1 Transit Activities of Energy Resources and Policy Dialogue

Developing an updated version of the Model Agreements for Cross-border Pipelines and Electricity projects as a soft law instrument to address specific needs of the constituency related to the secure and reliable cross-border energy flows.

Analysis of transit issues via soft law instruments not included in the list of modernisation topics based on the proposal of the Technical Sub-Group on Transit with a focus on:

- (a) Safety, Environmental and Operational Standards;
- (b) Cooperation of TSOs, Measurement and Reporting Procedures;
- (c) Emergency Response

The Secretariat will continue its work on promoting regional energy cooperation in Central and South Asia. This activity support the countries of the region in improving national laws, strategies, programmes and actions plans to enhance sustainable energy development.

Expected Outcomes

Conference decision welcoming updated Model Agreements.

Platform for information exchange and discussions such as forums, expert meetings, meetings of the Technical Subgroup on Transit, workshops and seminars.

Policy dialogue on promoting regional energy cooperation.

Comprehensive energy strategies discussed and approved at national level.

Improved primary and secondary legislation frameworks to support energy reforms.

Supporting the meetings of the Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation in Asia (RECA) established in 2007.

Deliverables

Updated version of the Model Agreements

Report analysing certain transit issues not included in the list of topics for modernisation.

Meeting reports and workshop materials, including Energy Market Overviews on countries participating in the 2nd Transit Questionnaire.

Meeting with the countries of the RECA Task Force and Recommendations for Governments on Energy and Investment Policies.

Detailed project proposal on technical assistance project for countries of Central Asia.

External Partners

All interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations, industry and research institutions, Legal Advisory Task Force and Industry Advisory Panel

Estimated costs:

Activity	All figures in Euros			Total
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	
Policy Dialogue on Energy Transit	9 000	18 000	30 000	57 000

Activity 2 Policy Dialogue on Energy Transit

(Merged with Activity 1)

Activity 3 Public launch of 2nd edition of flagship publication on Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA)

Developing and publishing the Energy Charter EIRA flagship publication 2019. Building on the work in 2016-2018, the geographical coverage of the EIRA project is to be extended. The 2019 edition will reflect strengths and areas of improvement regarding the policy, regulatory and legal risks in the participating countries. The intention is that the 2019 edition will take into account the evolution of investment risks in the individual countries which participate year-over-year. Like in 2018, EIRA 2019 will be presented publicly. Contracting parties and observer countries are to participate in the EIRA Reports on a voluntary basis.

Expected Outcomes:

EIRA Report 2019.

Deliverables:

The second public edition of the EIRA Report in 2019.

EIRA country profiles of Contracting Parties and Observer countries.

External Partners:

Industry Advisory Panel, business associations, law firms, international organisations, financial consultancy firms

Estimated costs:

All figures in Euros

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Public launch of 2nd edition of flagship publication on Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA)</i>	<i>24 000</i>	<i>10 000</i>	<i>70 000</i>	<i>104 000</i>

Activity 4 Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre

Creating awareness on the Investment Promotion Centre, which provides a platform for knowledge exchange and best practices on energy investments. It promotes the Energy Investment Risk Assessment and the Energy Charter Investment Facilitation Toolbox.

Supporting countries with implementation of the Investment Facilitation Toolbox.

Identifying and raising awareness on discriminatory and non-discriminatory barriers to investment in the energy sector. Formulate proposals on instruments to remove them.

Expected Outcomes:

Awareness on the Investment Promotion Centre.

Deliverables:

A workshop on the activities of the Investment Promotion Centre.

External Partners:

—UNCTAD, OECD, WBG, IEA; IRENA; G20 EE/IPEEC; EEFIG; SE4ALL, WAIPA

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre	0	0	0	0

Activity 5 Investment Reports

Conducting one Investment Climate and Market Structure (ICMS) report on a voluntary basis with an interested Contracting Party or observer country.

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.

Providing support for the elaboration of accession reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment.

Available budget is to be used based on a formal request for such reports.

Expected Outcomes:

Conference decision welcoming one ICMS report in 2019, approving the Policy Conclusions and Recommendations after consideration in the Implementation Group

Accession Reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment

Support to the Implementation Group meetings

Deliverables:

One ICMS report with approved policy recommendations in 2019.

Accession Reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment (estimated 1-2 reports)

External Partners:

Investors, industry and all interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations.

Peer reviewers for the ICMS reports.

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre	5 000	9 000	5 000	19 000

Activity 6 Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects

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) upon a formal request and depending on budget availability.

The Energy Efficiency unit will complement and contribute to the investment team and EU4Energy cross-cutting Programme of Work activities relating to policies, promotion and protection of investment in energy efficiency.

Providing support for the development of accession Reports on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects.

Expected Outcomes:

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)

Increased awareness of the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and the role of the International Energy Charter process in relation to promoting and protecting energy efficiency investment and promoting trade of energy efficient products and services.

Energy efficiency and demand-side management integrated in investment team activities as appropriate.

Observers accede to the ECT, implementing the PEEREA and improving energy efficiency

Support to the Implementation Group meetings

International visibility of the Charter in the area of energy efficiency

Deliverables:

EE/DSM contributions to Investment and EU4Energy Teams deliverables as appropriate e.g. EIRA; ICMS; Investment Facilitation Toolbox; Investment Promotion Centre.

In-Depth Reviews of the Energy Efficiency Policy (estimated 1-2 reports)

Accession Reports on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects. (estimated 1-2 reports)

Tirana Forum on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Supporting Albanian Chairmanship)

External Partners:

Member countries and International Organisations e.g. UNECE;

C2E2/SE4ALL; World Bank, World Bank Institute, IEA, IPEEC, EC, UNEP, UNDP among others.

Investors, industry and all interested stakeholders, including regional and international organisations.

Peer reviewers for the In-depth EE reviews.

Estimated costs:

All figures in Euros

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects</i>	<i>10 000</i>	<i>9 000</i>	<i>30 000</i>	<i>49 000</i>

Activity 7 Model Instruments on Investment Dispute Prevention and Management

In 2018, the Secretariat finalised the Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Management, which was welcomed by the Implementation Group and put forward for approval by the Conference. In 2019, the Secretariat expects to complement it with a Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Prevention and to conduct a series of workshops.

Expected Outcomes:

Conference decision on the Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Prevention in 2019.

Deliverables:

Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Prevention

Workshop on the Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Prevention

Provide technical assistance and capacity building for Governments wishing to implement a document based on the Model Instruments

External Partners:

International Mediation Institute, World Bank, UNCTAD, AALCO, UNCITRAL, ICSID, government officials from different countries

Estimated costs:

All figures in Euros

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Model Instruments on Investment Dispute Prevention and Management</i>	<i>5 000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10 000</i>	<i>15 000</i>

Activity 8 Standardisation of Provisions in LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements

The Secretariat started in 2018 consultations with the EU-Japan LNG Workshop and with the industry on standard destination flexibility/cargo diversion and profit sharing clauses for LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements. Based on those consultations, the Secretariat expects to finalise standard destination flexibility/cargo diversion and profit sharing clauses that could be accepted generally by the market, and that could help to facilitate and simplify the completion of LNG SPAs between applicable counterparties.

Expected Outcomes:

Conference decision in 2019 on the standard destination flexibility/cargo diversion and profit sharing clauses.

Deliverables:

Standard destination flexibility/cargo diversion and profit sharing clauses.

External Partners:

Taskforce led by Baker Botts, EU/Japan LNG Workshop, industry

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
Standardisation of Provisions in LNG Sale and Purchase Agreements	4 000	0	6 000	10 000

Activity 9 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty

The Conference is expected to approve in 2018 a list of topics for the potential modernisation of the ECT. After that, the Subgroup on modernisation is expected to confirm how to deal with each topic in the list, as well as the preferred policy option for each topic: (a) in case of topics identified for a joint declaration, a draft declaration is expected to be finalised in 2019; (b) the topics considered for negotiation of potential amendments to the ECT will be included in the review under Art. 34(7) ECT to confirm a mandate by the conference to start such negotiations in 2020.

In case of a mandate of the Conference to start negotiations, a timeline and a set of procedural issues for such negotiations will also have to be confirmed by the Conference

Expected Outcomes:

Support to the Subgroup on Modernisation

Draft joint declaration (if any)

Mandate of the conference for starting negotiations in 2020, together with a timeline and a set of procedural issues for the negotiations

Deliverables:

Draft Joint declaration (if any);

Mandate of the conference to start negotiations on a list of topics in 2020, together with a timeline and a set of procedural issues for the negotiations.

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty	10 000	0	51 000	61 000

Activity 10 Implementation of the CONSolidation, EXpansion and Outreach policy (CONEXO)

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.

The Secretariat will assist member countries to engage with the EC Process and provide overall coordination with consolidation and acceding countries.

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.

Expected Outcomes:

Review and update of the CONEXO Policy 2012-2018. Adoption of the “Enlargement Policy” for 2019-2024.

Overall coordination and further engagement with consolidation, acceding countries.

Advanced cooperation with key expansion countries and international organisations.

Coordination of activities directed to ratification of the ECT and signing of the International Energy Charter.

Jordan Investment Promotion Conference in 2019 and potential Chairmanship of the Energy Charter Conference for a future date.

Support to the Strategy Group meetings

Deliverables:

Completion of Accession Reports for two countries

Supporting the accession to the ECT of Bangladesh, China, Eswatini, Uganda through joint activities

Signings of International Energy Charter

External Partners:

DG DEVCO of the European Commission, Donor agencies and countries

Estimated costs:

All figures in Euros

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Implementation of the CONsolidation, EXpansion and Outreach policy (CONEXO)</i>	<i>27 000</i>	<i>41 000</i>	<i>9 000</i>	<i>77 000</i>

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

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.

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.

Expected Outcomes:

- Well coordinated international energy and investment-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, investment, transit and trade activities.
- Promotion of the ECT as a multilateral platform for a long-term cooperation between countries and investors based on complementarities and mutual benefits.
- Raise awareness of the International Energy Charter Process, and facilitate exchange of opinions and further expansion of the ECT.

Deliverables:

- Representation of the organisation in inter-governmental meetings.
- Co-hosting events or providing panel contributions or presentations for international events
- 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.

External Partners:

- Organisations/initiatives concerned:
- G20, UFM, UNECE, UNCITRAL, UNCTAD, OECD, IEA, SE4ALL/C2E2, UNFCCC, CEM, IEF, IRENA, ECO among others.
- Members of the Industry Advisory Panel

Estimated costs:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Cooperation with International Organisations and Industry; Dialogue with Member Countries; External Events</i>	<i>32 000</i>	<i>9 000</i>	<i>5 000</i>	<i>46 000</i>

Activity 12 Support for the Review under Art. 34(7) ECT (Five-year activity)

Support in conducting the review in 2019 under the guidance/coordination of a group of Contracting Parties

Expected Outcomes:

Approval by the Conference of the Conclusions of the Review under Art. 34(7) ECT

Deliverables:

Conclusion of the review

Estimated costs:

<i>All figures in Euros</i>				
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Support for the Review under Art. 34(7) ECT</i>	0	0	10 000	10 000

Activity 13 Conflict Resolution Centre (neutral, independent, legal advice and assistance in dispute resolution)

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 "*travaux préparatoires*" of the ECT.

At the same time, it will continue providing the successful accreditation training for investment mediators, as well as workshops and seminars on investment mediation/conciliation.

Expected Outcomes:

Support to conflict resolution amongst states or between states and investors.

Access to "*travaux préparatoires*"

Joint accreditation training with ICSID and IMI for investment mediators.

Workshops and seminars on investment mediation/conciliation

Deliverables:

Legal support, advice and assistance in dispute resolution.

Joint accreditation training with ICSID and IMI for investment mediators.

Workshops and seminars on investment mediation/conciliation

External Partners:

ICSID and IMI for accreditation training.

Estimated costs:

<i>All figures in Euros</i>				
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Conflict Resolution Centre</i>	4 000	0	5 000	9 000

Activity 14 Standing Responsibilities of Legal Affairs

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).

Raise awareness on Dispute Resolution, in particular amongst government officials and companies.

Maintaining an online database on disputes under Art. 26 ECT, including information on compliance with awards granted; keep preparing summaries of published awards; and finalising a Digest of published investment arbitration cases under the ECT.

Providing support for the elaboration of the Accession Reports on compatibility of the domestic system with the ECT

Legal trainings

Expected Outcomes:

Standing responsibilities

Support to the Strategy Group meetings

Deliverables:

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

Relations with the Depository, drafting of MOUs and legal notifications under the ECT

Preparation of conference decisions

Energy Charter Legal Forum in 2019 jointly organised with ICISD, SCC and PCA.

Finalise the Digest of published investment arbitrations under the ECT

Publish a second compilation of summaries of published awards under the ECT

Maintain and translate into other languages the dedicated online website and database

Accession Reports on compatibility of the domestic system with the ECT

Legal trainings.

External Partners:

ICSID, SCC, or PCA for the Legal Forums

Estimated costs:

All figures in Euros

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Missions</i>	<i>Secondment</i>	<i>Consultants</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Standing Responsibilities of Legal Affairs</i>	<i>5 000</i>	<i>9 000</i>	<i>40 000</i>	<i>54 000</i>

Activity 15 Promoting the visibility of the Energy Charter Process, raising awareness on ECT issues through forums and seminars

Promoting the visibility of the Energy Charter Process amongst all relevant external stakeholders at the global level through information spreading activities.

Expected Outcomes:

Raise stakeholders' awareness of the International Energy Charter.

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 stakeholders.

Deliverables:

Forums, Trainings and Seminars on ECT

- Technical training on the ECO countries' electricity market with the ECO Secretariat in Tehran

- Policy training on energy infrastructure in East Africa supported by the government of Kenya and the Kenyan Pipeline Company
- Annual training on dispute resolution in association with the Legal Affairs Unit
- Energy Charter Tashkent Forum in Association with the State Investment Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Relevant Energy Charter Political Declarations following high level forums.

Publications and reports on topics relevant to the advancement of the International Energy Charter Process.

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
<i>Promoting the visibility of the Energy Charter Process, raising awareness on ECT issues through forums and seminars</i>	5 000	0	29 000	34 000

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

Activity 16 Standing Responsibilities of Finance and Administration

Provide support to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, the IAP and the Secretariat on internal administrative issues.

Undertake administrative tasks such as internal financial management, budgeting, financial reporting, and other financial procedures.

Preparation of financial statements, cooperation with auditors, management of national and voluntary contributions, financial reporting and administrative support to the Budget Committee.

Administrative support for the Charter Conference and the Review under Art. 34(7) of ECT.

Expected Outcomes:

Standing responsibilities.

Deliverables:

Preparation and organisation of the meetings of the Budget committee

Financial Statements in 2018

Progress and final status report of the Programme of Work 2018-2019

Smooth administrative operations of the Secretariat

Estimated costs:

Activity	<i>All figures in Euros</i>			
	Missions	Secondment	Consultants	Total
<i>Standing Responsibilities of Finance and Administration</i>	10 000		30 000	40 000

Budget Part II
Activities financed by Voluntary Contributions

Activity 17 Regional Energy Cooperation in Eastern Neighbourhood and Western Balkans Countries (EU4Energy)

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 International Financial Institutions in partner countries

Estimated costs:

Total Budget of EUR 1 122 637 for the period 1 May 2017 – 20 June 2021.

External Partners:

USAID, EU

Activity 18 Regional Energy Cooperation in Central and South Asia

(Merged with Activity 1)

Activity 19 Facilitating Transfer of Technologies

Facilitating transfer of energy technologies.

Enhancing the cooperation framework for filling the technology gap between countries and regions.

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.

Expected Outcomes:

Energy technologies transferred.

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.

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

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.

Regional energy cooperation meeting to be hosted by Iran

Deliverables:

Meetings with countries in the region.

Recommendations for Government on Energy and Investment Policies.

Regional Task force.

Activity 21 Regional Energy Cooperation in Middle East and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

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

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

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 process 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

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

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 of the International Energy Charter and supporting ECT accessions.

Activity 24 Regional Energy Cooperation in Central America and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

The Secretariat will continue to cooperate with Central American countries, bilaterally as well as in the framework of the multilateral cooperation jointly with other organisations.

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, preparing ECT accession reports.

Activity 25 Energy Cooperation in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Region and Promoting Accession to Energy Charter Treaty

The Secretariat will continue to raise interest in SAARC countries where some countries are in the ratification stage of the ECT and some are preparing accession reports.

Expected Outcomes:

Strengthening the relationship with selected 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.

Supporting accessions to the ECT. Signing the IEC.

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

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 selected ASEAN countries (Indonesia, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam) 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

Activity 27 Regional Energy Cooperation in the North East Asia region

The Secretariat will continue cooperating with countries in North East Asia and assisting relevant regional projects such as NAPSI (North Asia Power System Integration project). The Secretariat is a member of the NAPSI Technical Assistance steering committee headed by the Asian Development Bank to foster energy integration in North East Asia. The Energy Charter Secretariat was invited to be a member of the steering committee by Mongolia and the Asian Development Bank to set up, validate and guide the NAPSI Technical Assistance Project.

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.

Recommendations for Governments on Regional Energy Cooperation.

Signing the International Energy Charter and supporting ECT Accessions.

Sustainable partnership with the International Energy Charter - China Electricity Council - Joint Research Centre in Beijing.

Establish MoU with relevant organisations.

External Partners:

China Electricity Council, Global Energy Interconnection and Development Organization, China Academy of Social Sciences, ADB, UNESCAP, KEPCO, Renewable Energy Institute

Estimated costs:

Administrative costs of the Research Centre are covered by in-kind contribution of the China Electricity Council in Beijing

Covered by VC (Poland, Netherlands and various Chinese institutions)