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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Revision of the Programme of Work 2023

The Energy Charter Conference at its 33rd Statutory Meeting held on 22 November 2022 **approved** the attached revisions to the Programme of Work for 2023.

REVISION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK 2023

1. At its meeting on 14 December 2021, the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) approved the programme of work for 2022-2023 (see [CCDEC202126](#)).
2. The programme of work for the biennium 2022-2023 had been prepared on the basis of the continuation of activities which already existed in the programme of work of the previous years (2020-2021) taking into account the following elements:
 - The structure of the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) as described in document GOV 17 rev 5;
 - A total amount of EUR 3 907 460 for Budget Part I including national contributions and other resources for general use according to article 8(1) of the Financial Rules; as authorised by the Conference during its meeting on 10 December 2019;
 - The offer of a voluntary contribution of USD 25 000 for the development of five Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) regular country profiles¹ for 2022 and the absence of voluntary contributions for 2023;
 - The availability of two Working Capital Funds for 2022 (Knowledge Centre and Legal Affairs);
 - The continuation of the implementation of the 2019 Review under article 34(7) of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT); and
 - The temporary pause of expansion and outreach activities while negotiations on Modernisation are ongoing.
3. Following the receipt of the notification of the withdrawal of Australia from the ECT and the resulting absence of national contribution from Australia, the Conference agreed to revise the budget for 2022, to compensate the Australian contribution by an exceptional draw from the General Reserve Fund complemented by Voluntary Contributions. Therefore, no revision of the programme of work 2022 was necessary since the budget remained unchanged and only the source of financial resources changed.
4. On 19 June 2022, the Energy Charter Conference authorised the Secretary General to accept a voluntary contribution in-kind from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and extend its implementation period until the end of 2024 (see [CCDEC202207](#)).
5. On 20 June 2022, the Energy Charter Conference adopted the revision of the programme of work (see [CCDEC202209](#)) and the budget (see [CCDEC202208](#)) to include a new activity “Cooperation for restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure” under Budget Part II.
6. On 24 June 2022, the Energy Charter Conference reached an agreement in principle on the modernisation of the ECT.
7. On 24 June 2022, the Conference authorised the Secretary General to accept a voluntary contribution from the European Commission to finance the new activity “Cooperation for restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure”(see [CCDEC202213](#)) and on 24 October 2022,

¹ See document BC 402

the Budget Committee authorised the Secretary General to accept a voluntary contribution from the Republic of Türkiye for the same activity (see BC 426).

8. The programme of work for 2023 has been prepared taking into account the following elements:
- The current structure of the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) as described in document GOV 17 rev 5;
 - A total amount of EUR 3 688 690 for Budget Part I financed by national contributions and other resources for general use according to article 8(1) of the Financial Rules;
 - A draw from the General Reserve Fund of up to 10% of its value, EUR 257 033, to allow for flexibility in the implementation of Budget Part I;
 - An exceptional draw from the General Reserve Fund to compensate for the loss of the Australian national contribution, as it was the case in 2022, of EUR 214 602;
 - The possible availability of the two former Working Capital Funds in 2022 (Knowledge Centre and Legal Affairs) merged into a single Working Capital Fund “Secretariat”;
 - The continuation of the implementation of the 2019 Review under article 34(7) of the ECT and the possible extension of the mandate of the Working Group on Governance Issues beyond 2022;
 - The possible lifting of the temporary pause of expansion and outreach activities since the negotiations on Modernisation of the ECT have finalised, subject to a Conference decision;
 - The inclusion of a new activity “Cooperation for Restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure” in Budget Part II;
 - The vacancy of the posts of:
 - Head of Implementation at A3/A4 level;
 - one post of expert at A2/A3 level; and
 - one post of temporary official at C5/C6 level; and
 - The establishment of the International Energy Charter Foundations Partnership Network².

² See document CC 758

Table 1a Estimated use of human resources (officials) per position and per activity

The estimated use of human resources per activity has been calculated taking into account the current structure of the Secretariat as included in GOV 17 rev 5.

| <i>Units/positions</i> | <i>Posts</i> | <i>A1</i> | <i>A2</i> | <i>A3</i> | <i>B1</i> | <i>B21</i> | <i>B22</i> | <i>B23</i> | <i>B24</i> | <i>B3</i> | <i>B4</i> |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Secretary General's Office | 2 | 1.25 | | 0.15 | 0.25 | | | | | | 0.35 |
| Secretary General | 1 | 0.40 | | 0.15 | 0.25 | | | | | | 0.20 |
| Secretary | 1 | 0.85 | | | | | | | | | 0.15 |
| Deputy Secretary General's Office³ | 2 | 0.95 | | 0.35 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Deputy Secretary General | 1 | 0.30 | | 0.30 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Secretary | 1 | 0.65 | | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Legal Affairs | 4 | | 1.40 | | 2.40 | | | | 0.20 | | |
| General Counsel | 1 | | 0.20 | | 0.70 | | | | 0.10 | | |
| Legal Official | 1 | | 0.20 | | 0.70 | | | | 0.10 | | |
| Junior Legal Officials | 2 | | 1.00 | | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| Admin. and External Activities | 7 | 0.35 | | 3.55 | | | | | | 2.10 | 1.00 |
| Head of Unit | 1 | 0.10 | | 0.70 | | | | | | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Administrative Officials | 3 | 0.15 | | 2.85 | | | | | | | |
| Knowledge Centre Principal Coordinator | vacant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Knowledge Centre Official | 1 | 0.10 | | | | | | | | | 0.90 |
| Senior Expansion Official | vacant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expansion & Outreach Official | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1.00 | |
| Expansion & Outreach Official | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1.00 | |
| Implementation | 9 | 0.50 | | | 0.20 | 1.60 | 4.60 | | 1.85 | | 0.25 |
| Head of Unit | vacant | | | | | | | | | | |
| Senior Investment Official | 1 | 0.20 | | | | | 0.80 | | | | |
| Investment Official | 1 | 0.20 | | | | | 0.80 | | | | |
| Investment Officials | 3 | | | | | | 3.00 | | | | |
| Transit & Energy Security Official | 1 | 0.05 | | | 0.10 | 0.70 | | | | | 0.15 |
| Transit & Energy Security Official | 1 | | | | | 0.90 | | | | | 0.10 |
| Energy Efficiency, Climate & Renewable Energy Official | 1 | 0.05 | | | 0.10 | | | | 0.85 | | |
| Energy Efficiency, Climate & Renewable Energy Official | 1 | | | | | | | | 1.00 | | |
| Total | 24 | 3.05 | 1.40 | 4.05 | 2.95 | 1.70 | 4.70 | 0.20 | 1.95 | 2.25 | 1.75 |

³ The work of the office of the Deputy Secretary General has been redefined to take into consideration the vacancy of the Head of Implementation.

Table 1b Summary of the estimated use of human resources (officials) per activity

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>Posts Estab. Off.</i> | <i>Posts Temp. Off.</i> | <i>Total Posts</i> | <i>%</i> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <i>A Administration and Management</i> | 7.40 | 1.10 | 8.50 | 35.4% |
| <i>A1 Support to the Conference, its subsidiary & consultative bodies</i> | 2.95 | 0.10 | 3.05 | 12.7% |
| <i>A2 Legal Support</i> | 0.40 | 1.00 | 1.40 | 5.8% |
| <i>A3 Financial and Administrative Support</i> | 4.05 | | 4.05 | 16.9% |
| <i>B Programmes</i> | 7.60 | 7.90 | 15.50 | 64.6% |
| <i>B1 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty</i> | 1.95 | 1.00 | 2.95 | 12.3% |
| <i>B2 Implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty</i> | 3.65 | 4.90 | 8.55 | 35.6% |
| <i>B21 Implementation – Transit</i> | 0.80 | 0.90 | 1.70 | 7.1% |
| <i>B22 Implementation – Investment</i> | 1.70 | 3.00 | 4.70 | 19.6% |
| <i>B23 Implementation – Dispute Settlement</i> | 0.20 | | 0.20 | 0.8% |
| <i>B24 Implementation – Energy Efficiency</i> | 0.95 | 1.00 | 1.95 | 8.1% |
| <i>B3 Consolidation, expansion and outreach</i> | 1.25 | 1.00 | 2.25 | 9.4% |
| <i>B4 Promotion and Cooperation</i> | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.75 | 7.3% |
| <i>Total</i> | 15.00 | 9.00 | 24.00 | 100.0% |

Table 2 Estimated use of financial resources for the Programme of work 2023

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>All amounts in EUR</i> | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | <i>2022</i> | <i>2022 %</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2023 %</i> |
| <i>A Administration and Management</i> | 1 612 058 | 39.1% | 1 627 765 | 39.1% |
| <i>A1 Support to the Conference, its subsidiary & consult. bodies</i> | 727 348 | 17.7% | 702 465 | 16.8% |
| <i>A2 Legal Support</i> | 165 129 | 4.0% | 199 030 | 4.8% |
| <i>A3 Financial and Administrative Support</i> | 719 581 | 17.5% | 726 268 | 17.5% |
| <i>B Programmes</i> | 2 507 742 | 60.9% | 2 532 555 | 60.9% |
| <i>B1 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty</i> | 492 105 | 11.9% | 580 800 | 14.0% |
| <i>B2 Implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty</i> | 1 226 953 | 29.7% | 1 320 620 | 31.7% |
| <i>B21 Implementation – Transit</i> | 256 445 | 6.2% | 274 410 | 6.6% |
| <i>B22 Implementation – Investment</i> | 644 673 | 15.6% | 684 570 | 16.5% |
| <i>B23 Implementation – Dispute Settlement</i> | 40 707 | 1.0% | 45 130 | 1.1% |
| <i>B24 Implementation – Energy Efficiency</i> | 285 128 | 6.9% | 316 510 | 7.6% |
| <i>B3 Consolidation, expansion and outreach</i> | 384 223 | 9.3% | 318 190 | 7.6% |
| <i>B4 Promotion and Cooperation</i> | 404 461 | 9.8% | 309 700 | 7.5% |
| <i>Total</i> | 4 119 800 | 100.0% | 4 160 325 | 100.0% |

BUDGET PART I

A Management and Administration

A1 Support to the Conference, its subsidiary and consultative bodies

Description

In accordance with Article 35 (4) of the ECT, *the ECS shall provide the Conference with all necessary assistance for the performance of its duties and shall carry out the functions assigned to it in the ECT or in any Protocol and any other functions assigned to it by the Conference.*

The activity includes:

- (a) Implementation of the Conclusions of the 2019 review under Article 34(7) of the ECT;
- (b) Coordination with the Conference Chairmanship;
- (c) Coordination with the chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the Conference, its subsidiary and consultative bodies;
- (d) Management of meetings including support for logistics, interpretation, translations, technical aspects, speakers, invited experts and any other issues related to meetings;
- (e) Dissemination of information to the Conference (Delegates website);
- (f) Travel arrangement of ECS Officials to attend meetings, conferences, fora or other events outside Brussels as well as of speakers to attend meetings or events organised by the ECS;
- (g) Facilitation of the activities of the Industry Advisory Panel (IAP), including channelling policy advice from energy companies, international business associations and financial institutions to ECT constituency;
- (h) Initiate contact with international foundations in view of a partnership on specific projects linked with ECS activities;
- (i) Management of the Archives and the Library.

Deliverables

- Annual Conference meetings (Ministerial);
- Meetings of subsidiary and consultative bodies of the Conference including the IAP.
- Finalisation of revisions to existing internal rules

Bodies involved

- Conference and all groups and subgroups (including Management Committee and Subsidiary Bodies, once established)

Units involved

- SG's office
- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit
- Administration unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 2.95 posts
- Temporary Officials: 0.10 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 702 465 (16.8%)

A Management and Administration**A2 Legal Support**

Description

Provision of legal advice to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies and the ECS on the interpretation and application of the ECT, as well as on internal and administrative matters, and external agreements (including MOUs).

Deliverables

- Implementation of the Conclusions of the 2019 review under Article 34(7) of the ECT
- Legal support for the ECS/Conference (including preparation of conference decisions, revision of contracts, personnel matters, advice on procedural rules, etc.), the Legal Advisory Committee, as well as providing legal information to Members of the conference;
- Supervision of compliance with Manual on data protection;
- Relations with the Depository, drafting of MOUs and legal notifications 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 (estimated 1-2 p.a. subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT).

Bodies involved

- Conference and all groups and subgroups (including Management Committee)

Units involved

- Legal Affairs

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 0.40 post
- Temporary Officials: 1.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 199 030 (4.8%)

A Management and Administration**A3 Financial and Administrative Support**

Description

Provide support to the Conference, its subsidiary and consultative bodies and the ECS on internal financial and administrative issues:

- (a) Implementation of the Conclusions of the review under Article 34(7) of the ECT;
- (b) Internal financial management, budgeting, financial and fiscal reporting and other financial and fiscal procedures;
- (c) Preparation of financial statements and cooperation with the external auditor;
- (d) Management of national and voluntary contributions;
- (e) Human resources management, including recruitment, posting, advancement, benefits and other related personnel matters;

- (f) Registration of officials with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and related procedures including identity cards;
- (g) Building management, including premises, furniture, and other related matters;
- (h) Cloud services management (IT, Phone);
- (i) Contracts management, including tendering, evaluating and issuing contracts;
- (j) Daily office operations, including utilities, office supplies and all related matters;
- (k) Belgian visa procedures for officials, non-officials (interns, fellows, secondees), chairpersons, speakers, invited experts, etc. to join the ECS or attend meetings.

Deliverables

- Financial Statements 2022 audited by the external auditor
- Final and progress status reports of the programmes of work for 2022 and 2023;
- Eventual revision of the budget and the programme of work for 2023;
- Reporting to the Budget Committee and the Conference;
- Smooth administrative operations of the ECS.

Bodies involved

- Energy Charter Conference
- Working Group Governance Issues
- Budget Committee
- Management Committee

Units involved

- SG's Office
- DSG's Office
- Administration unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 4.00 posts
- Temporary Officials: 0.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 726 268 (17.5%)

B Programmes

B1 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty

Description

On 24 June 2022, the Conference reached an agreement in principle on the Modernisation of the ECT. The Conference is expected to adopt the amendments at its annual meeting on 22 November 2022. The Secretariat expects to provide support to Contracting Parties in 2023 for the ratification of the amendments. This activity is considered as a priority.

Deliverables

- Support the ratifications of the amendments to the ECT.

Bodies involved

- Energy Charter Conference
- Modernisation Group

Units involved

- SG's Office
- DSG's Office
- Legal Affairs
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Ongoing activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 1.95 posts
- Temporary Officials: 1.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 580 800 (14.0%)

B Programmes**B2 Implementation of the Treaty****B21 Transit (Part II of the ECT) and Energy Security****Description**

Policy papers, suggestions, best practices examples (pending requests by Members).

Analysis of transit and energy security issues, including those via soft law instruments, based on proposals of the Implementation Group.

Deliverables

- Regular presentation of policy papers and deliverables to the Implementation Group (based on specific requests by delegations); and
- Promotion and dissemination of transit and energy security related deliverables at international events (industry and academic conferences) and with ECT member states and observers, and in conjunction with country chairmanships.

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 0.85 post
- Temporary Officials: 0.90 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 274 410 (6.6%)

B Programmes**B2 Implementation of the Treaty****B22 Investment (Part III of the ECT)****Description**

In the context of investment promotion, when appropriate, the ECS will continue joint preparation of in-depth reviews on Investment Climate and Market Structure (ICMS) in the energy sector of the interested Member and Observer countries. ICMS country in-depth reviews are usually subject to the peer-review of two Contracting Parties and are concluded by policy recommendations aimed at improving the national investment climate. The practice of considering ICMS country in-depth reviews, of peer-reviews, and of policy recommendations

allows the Conference to maintain a constant political focus among Members and Observers on domestic investment climate.

Providing support for the development of accession reports on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment of acceding countries, subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT.

Awareness raising activities to promote the Investment Facilitation Toolbox, when appropriate.

Developing and publishing the International Energy Charter publication #EIRA2023. Starting 2022, the EIRA editions are taking into account methodological improvements as approved by the Conference in 2021 and in May 2022. Countries are expected to participate in EIRA on a voluntary basis.

Deliverables

- ICMS report with approved policy recommendations: no new report expected in 2023, finalisation of reports for Afghanistan and Jordan when appropriate;
- Accession Report on Investment Climate and Exceptions to National Treatment (estimated 1-2 p.a. subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT);
- Implementation of the investment facilitation toolbox in a contracting party, on a voluntary basis (estimated: for 1 contracting party p.a.), when appropriate;
- Publication of #EIRA2023; and
- Update of the web-resource of regulatory documents relevant to the energy investment climate.

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 1.75 posts
- Temporary Officials: 3.00 posts
- Estimated Costs: EUR 684 570 (16.5%)

B Programmes

B2 Implementation of the Treaty

B23 Dispute Prevention and Management (Part IV of the ECT)

Description

The Conflict Resolution Centre of the ECS 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 dispute prevention and management (including investment mediation).

Based on the Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Management, the ECS shall provide technical assistance if requested.

Deliverables

- Legal support, advice and assistance in dispute prevention and management if requested. Support to conflict resolution [CCDECs 2014 (06) para. 5; 2015 (11) Rule 9; 2016 (12) para. 2; Article 19.2 and Annex D of the ECT]
 - Assistance with good offices, mediation and conciliation, if requested and with the agreements of the parties;
 - Provide neutral, independent legal advice and assistance in dispute prevention/resolution, and participate in pre-trial proceedings between Contracting Parties (before they revert to the mechanisms contained in Art. 27 ECT or Annex D).
- Access to “travaux préparatoires”;
- Joint accreditation training with International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and International Mediation Institute (IMI) for investment mediators – 1-2 p.a.;
- Workshops and seminars on investment mediation – 1-2 p.a.; and
- Annual training on dispute resolution – 1 p.a.

Bodies involved

- N/A

Units involved

- Legal Affairs

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 0.20 post
- Temporary Officials: 0.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 45 130 (1.1%)

B Programmes

B2 Implementation of the Treaty

B24 Energy Efficiency (Protocol on EERE)

Description

The Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEERA) 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. Peer guidance to Governments in developing and implementing their energy efficiency policies. Providing support for the development of accession reports on PEEERA, subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT.

Increasing awareness of the provisions of the ECT and the role of the ECS in supporting the clean energy transition while ensuring energy security, by promoting and protecting energy efficiency investment and trade of energy efficient products and services.

Deliverables

- In-Depth Reviews of the Energy Efficiency Policy (estimated 1-2 reports p.a.);
- Accession Reports on PEEERA (estimated 1-2 p.a. subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT);
- Raising awareness to promote energy efficiency, climate neutrality and sustainable development in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement;
- Organisation or co-organisation of one public event related to the role of the International Energy Charter in achieving clean energy transition while ensuring energy security; and

- Follow up on the Report on the role of the ECT in achieving clean energy transition while ensuring energy security.

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group

Units involved

- DSG’s Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 1.00 post
- Temporary Officials: 1.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 316 510 (7.6%)

B Programmes

B3 Consolidation, Expansion and Outreach

Description

The Secretariat will primarily assist the Conference in finalising the Review of the CONEXO policy and propose to the Conference for its consideration in early 2023 a set of key principles (which may supersede the previous iteration of the CONEXO policy), which will guide and orientate the work of the Secretariat towards expansion countries. This position takes into account the fact that the Conference decided at its 30th Meeting in December 2019 to institute a temporary pause on issuing invitations to accede to the ECT. It is envisaged that lifting of this pause, subject to a Conference decision, might occur once the Modernised ECT is adopted.

In this context, the ECS will continue to focus on preparing relevant reporting and other supporting inputs aimed at facilitating the efforts of the Conference to finalise the conclusions of the 2019 Review under article 34(7) of the ECT applicable to CONEXO, as well as to further improve the implementation of the CONEXO policy.

Additionally, the ECS will provide assistance to select Observer countries already embedded in the ECT accession process in various ways, as well as other Observer countries to the degree allowed by the limitations placed upon accession by the Conference.

This could include, but should not be limited to, providing capacity building services to ECT accession countries, raising awareness about the ECT amongst Observers, and responding to enquiries about ECT ratification, including by the four countries already invited by the Conference to accede to the Treaty as well as the those which requested an invitation to accede prior to the pause imposed in December 2019. It is anticipated that the ECS will likely engage with countries already in the process. The ECS may also respond to countries with an expressed interest in signing the International Energy Charter, in the event that such interest materialises.

Deliverables

- Implementation of the Conclusions of the 2019 Review under article 34(7) of the ECT;
- Assisting the Strategy Group in finalising the Review of CONEXO and improving its implementation;
- Providing limited support for Observers in accession to the ECT through capacity building and awareness raising about the ECT on a selected basis, based on Members’ prioritisation;

- Possibly overseeing and coordinating the completion of accession reports for countries that have already commenced accession, drafted an accession report or have notified the Secretariat of their intention to accede (estimated 1-2 p.a. subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT);
- Responding to enquiries about ratification of the ECT by countries already invited by the Conference to accede (Pakistan, Mauritania, Eswatini, Burundi), to countries which have officially requested an invitation to accede (i.e., Uganda) as well as other observer countries; and
- Responding to countries which express interest in signing the International Energy Charter where feasible.

Bodies involved

- Strategy Group
- Implementation Group

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 1.15 posts
- Temporary Officials: 1.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 318 190 (7.6%)

B Programmes

B4 Promotion and Cooperation

Description

In order to achieve the development and delivery of coherent narrative/messages, the ECS, in all areas of activity described in this programme of work, will strive to ensure that its activities are broadly supported by Members and complementary with those of other relevant international organisations. The ECS shall provide relevant policy advice, based on these activities and international best practices, to Members on energy investment and the functioning of energy market.

Promoting the visibility of the ECT amongst all relevant external stakeholders at the global level through information spreading activities like trainings, seminars, publications and research tasks. Activities related to raising awareness of the ECT are co-funded by voluntary contributions and non-governmental participants of the trainings.

The ECS will continue its work on promoting regional energy cooperation in Central and South Asia, and in West and East Africa. This activity supports the countries of the region in improving national laws, strategies, programmes and actions plans to enhance sustainable energy development, regional markets and interconnection.

Deliverables

- Representation of the organisation in inter-governmental meetings;
- Meetings with high-level representatives of Members and Observers;
- Organising meetings of the Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation in Asia (RECA) established in 2007 (1 p.a.);

- Co-hosting events or providing panel contributions or presentations for international events;
- Communication and public affairs related tasks;
- Administration of the public website;
- Annual report;
- Organisation of International Energy Charter Forums - 1 p.a., topics and place to be determined in cooperation with Chairmanships;
- Trainings; 1 p.a. execution of trainings on ECT, PEEREA, energy governance, energy security and clean energy transition in ECT Member and Observer Countries (preferably by videoconference and subject to available resources);
- Preparation, organisation, and active participation at seminars, workshops on ECT and related issues; and
- Outcomes of research tasks: editing and publication of occasional papers.

Bodies involved

- Energy Charter Conference
- Strategy Group
- Implementation Group

Units involved

- SG's Office
- DSG's Office
- Administration unit
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Estimated Resources (annual)

- Establishment table: 0.75 post
- Temporary Officials: 1.00 post
- Estimated Costs: EUR 309 700 (7.5%)

BUDGET PART II

The Conference authorised the ECS to draw up to 10% of the value of the General Reserve Fund to finance activities already included under Budget Part I for which there would not be enough appropriations. The General Reserve Fund cannot be used to finance activities under Budget Part II. Thus, the amount of the draw has been included in Budget Part I.

The ECS also receives other resources from financial operations (interests received, profit on currency exchange, etc.). These resources will be used to compensate expenses on financial operations of the same nature.

Table 4 Summary of the estimated resources available per activity (excluding the draws from the General Reserve Fund included in Budget Part I)

| | | <i>All amounts in Euros</i> | |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Activities | | resources 2022 | Estimated resources 2023 |
| <i>C10</i> | <i>Other Income⁴</i> | <i>1 000</i> | <i>-</i> |
| <i>C12a</i> | <i>EIRA regular country profiles</i> | <i>22 204⁵</i> | <i>remaining 2022</i> |
| <i>C12b</i> | <i>EIRA extended country profiles</i> | | <i>VC requested</i> |
| <i>C12c</i> | <i>Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre</i> | | <i>VC requested</i> |
| <i>C21</i> | <i>Regional Energy Cooperation and promoting accession to the ECT</i> | <i>26 284</i> | <i>VC requested</i> |
| <i>C31</i> | <i>WCF Secretariat⁶</i> | <i>34 564</i> | <i>remaining 2022</i> |
| <i>C32</i> | <i>Communication and Research Centre</i> | <i>4 516</i> | <i>VC requested + remaining 2022</i> |
| <i>C33</i> | <i>Cooperation for Restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure</i> | <i>154 800</i> | <i>remaining 2022</i> |
| Total | | 238 568 | VC requested + remaining 2022 |

⁴ The item “C10 Other Income” does not correspond to any activity, thus has been deleted from the list of Activities. The associated income (interests received) will be used under Budget Part I to reduce the costs related to budget item “6.10 Financial Services”.

⁵ Voluntary contribution from the Islamic Development Bank of USD 25 000 (see BC 402) initially estimated at EUR 21 660 and actually received as EUR 22 204.

⁶ The activities “C31 WCF Knowledge Centre” and “C41 WCF Legal Affairs” have been merged in a single activity “C31 WCF Secretariat”

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the Treaty
C12 Investment
C12a EIRA country profiles

Description

Developing additional EIRA regular country profiles to be included in #EIRA.

Deliverables

- 5 EIRA regular country profiles

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Resources available

- 2022: VC Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)⁷ of EUR 22 204
- 2023: Balance of previous year + **Voluntary contributions requested**

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the ECT
C12 Investment
C12b EIRA extended country profiles

Description

Developing and publishing extended EIRA country profiles, depicting the policy, legal and regulatory risk for investment in the energy sectors of participating countries. Depending on specific needs, such profiles contains detailed strengths, areas for improvement and, in comparison with regular EIRA country profiles, more in-depth and tailored recommendations.

Deliverables

- Extended country profile publications, including their presentation.

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group
- Donor country, organisation or institution

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

⁷ The amount of the voluntary contribution from the IsDB is USD 25 000. The exchange rate used at the time of the agreement gave an amount of EUR 21 660. The actual amount received at the payment is EUR 22 204.

Planning

- One-time activity per financed country
- Deadline: to be defined

Resources available

- None

Requested resources (annual)

- Voluntary contribution of EUR 15 000 requested per extended EIRA profile

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the ECT
C12 Investment
C12c Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre

Description

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, where appropriate.

Deliverables

- Supporting the Implementation of the Energy Charter Investment Facilitation Toolbox, where appropriate.

Bodies involved

- Implementation Group
- Donor country, organisation or institution

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- One-time activity per financed country
- Deadline: to be defined

Resources available

- None

Requested resources (annual)

- Minimum voluntary contribution of EUR 15 000 requested per country

C Other and Extra Programmes
C2 CONSolidation, EXpansion and Outreach policy
C21 Regional Energy Cooperation and Promoting Accession to the ECT

Description

The Secretariat will continue supporting the involvement of Member as well as non-Member countries by means of accepting seconded experts from accession countries and/or organising various events and trainings to enhance capacity building in matters related to the ECT and its implementation.

This activity can be divided in as many sub-activities as necessary depending on the geographical scope of the projects:

- Country level;
- Central Asia;
- North East Asia;
- South Caucasus;
- Middle East;
- Maghreb;
- West Africa;
- Sub-Saharan Africa;
- East Africa;
- South America;
- Central America;
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC);
- ASEAN Region;
- etc.

Deliverables

- Studies and reports on energy projects and policies in the region concerned;
- Training and capacity building for seconded/national experts;
- Workshops and studies related to the ECT and its implementation;
- Recommendations for governments on Regional Energy Cooperation, Energy Efficiency and Investment Policies, EIRA Extended profiles, etc.;
- Signings of the International Energy Charter and supporting accession to the ECT (subject to a decision of the Conference to resume the work on accessions to the ECT).

Bodies involved

- Strategy Group
- Implementation Group
- Donor country

Units involved

- DSG's Office
- Implementation unit

Planning

- One-time activity per financed country or region
- Deadline: to be defined

Resources available

- Working Capital Fund (WCF) Nigeria: possibility of remaining funds, if not fully used in 2022

Requested resources (annual)

- Minimum voluntary contribution of EUR 15 000 requested per country/region

C Other and Extra Programmes
C3 Promotion and Cooperation
C31 WCF "Secretariat"

Description

The Working Capital Fund "Secretariat" has been created by merging the two former Working Capital Funds, "Knowledge Centre" and "Legal Affairs".

It is used to account for income and expenditure related to activities which are not eligible under Budget Part I. In particular, it includes (i) participation fees to attend trainings or events organised by the ECS, (ii) expenses related to these trainings, (iii) income related to work done by the Secretariat and invoiced to third parties, and (iv) expenditure linked to participation in, or organisation of, events.

Deliverables

- Organisation and delivery of trainings, seminars, roundtables, conferences, etc. ; and
- Publications on dispute prevention and management.

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| <p>Bodies involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <p>Units involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All |
| <p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurring activity • Deadline: 31 December 2023 | <p>Resources available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of the previous year (2022): the WCF amounts to EUR 41 225 at 31 August 2022 • Fees or other income received during the year <p>Requested resources (annual)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum voluntary contribution of EUR 25 000 requested for a dedicated training for officials and/or stakeholders of the donor country/region |

C Extra Programmes
C3 Promotion and Cooperation
C32 Communication and Research Centre

Description

The Research Centre will deepen and share the knowledge of the International Energy Charter through research and public activities. The Centre will promote the ECT and its principles worldwide.

The activities of the Centre will be focused on ECT main provisions: Energy Trade, Energy Transit, Energy Efficiency, Energy Investment Promotion & Protection, and Energy Investment Dispute Settlement. In addition, the Centre may conduct studies on Energy Transition and Market Reforms.

Deliverables

- Training and capacity building for seconded/national experts
- Workshops and studies related to the Energy Charter Process

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| <p>Bodies involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donor country | <p>Units involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSG’s Office • Administration unit |
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Planning

- Ad-hoc activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Resources available

- WCF Poland: EUR 4 516 (if not used in 2022)

Requested resources (annual)

- Minimum voluntary contribution of EUR 10 000 requested

C Extra Programmes**C3 Promotion and Cooperation****C33 Cooperation for Restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure****Description**

Following the request of Ukraine, a task force will be established to assist the Ukrainian government in the cost-effective restoration of energy infrastructure, taking into account the clean energy transition while ensuring energy security.

The members of the task force are:

- Members and Observers of the Energy Charter Conference;
- The Energy Community Secretariat;
- International organisations and foundations such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the World Bank (WB);
- Seconded experts from the Ukrainian Ministry of Energy, other state bodies as well as the state-owned energy sector companies;
- Other Ukrainian stakeholders, including specialised NGOs and the private sector;
- External experts and consultants (based locally in Ukraine as well as internationally) depending upon the needs and requirements of the deliverables; and
- The International Energy Charter Industry Advisory Panel.

Deliverables

- assess the state of pre-war energy infrastructure in Ukraine;
- undertake a sectoral damage assessment;
- identify the coping mechanisms implemented to manage the energy crisis;
- assess the level of investment needed to restore damaged Ukrainian energy infrastructure;
- develop an action plan for the restoration of damaged energy infrastructure while taking into account the objectives of clean energy transition and energy security;
- undertake missions to Ukraine and other missions related to the scope of proposed deliverables; and
- organise or co-organise public events related to post-war restoration of the energy infrastructure.

Bodies involved

- Donors
- Budget Committee

Units involved

- SG’s Office
- DSG’s Office
- Implementation Unit
- Administration Unit

Planning

- Ad-hoc activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2023

Resources available

- WCF “Cooperation for Restoring Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure” initially financed by a voluntary contribution of the European Commission of EUR 150 000

Requested resources

- Voluntary Contributions

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| C Extra Programmes C3 Promotion and Cooperation C34 Foundations Partnership Network |
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Description

The Foundations Partnership Network (FPN), to be established by the Energy Charter Conference, is a new supporting body of the Conference. The FPN is a platform bringing organisations together to promote cooperation in the energy field in accordance with the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT).

Its purpose is to strengthen the analytical and research capacities and enhance the relevant expertise of the Secretariat in the areas of energy investment (renewable energy production, transmission and storage, energy efficiency, carbon dioxide reduction and capture, green financing, and others at the forefront of the clean energy transition), transit and energy efficiency. The FPN will support the effective implementation of the ECT in the mentioned areas.

Deliverables

- To be determined (depends on Foundations)

Bodies involved

- Donor Foundations

Units involved

- All units

Planning

- Ad-hoc activity
- Deadline: to be determined

Resources available

- EUR 0

Requested resources (annual)

- EUR 10 000 per Member