



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
FOR IMPROVING ENERGY
EFFICIENCY

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Achieving a healthy balance between private and public sector represents a crucial challenge for both national and regional economies, both in times of economic growth and particularly in times of economic crises. Such a pragmatic mechanism responds adequately and timely to changes in economic circumstances, to shifts in regulatory framework, and to needs and priorities of society as the whole and consumers in particular. Accordingly, public-private partnerships (PPP) should be explored more in-depth.

Moreover, in today's globalized world energy and its efficiency attracts more and more concerns from local as well as international leaders. Despite fast economic expansions and advancement of technology, many countries fail to ensure stable energy supply at affordable prices. Furthermore, scarcity of traditional resources for energy production and limited available renewable resources combined with constant growth in prices and burden to environment, call for considerable attention and immediate actions from policy-makers, businesses and civil society.

Therefore, the purpose of the conference is to present and evaluate benefits and challenges of public-private partnerships for improving energy efficiency. The conference will attempt to find specific ways to face some of the biggest contemporary challenges in energy efficiency and opportunities provided by PPP as an effective tool.

Actions to increase energy efficiency can make a significant impact in squaring the circle between an increased demand for energy and environmental protection and ensuring a more sustainable energy future. Energy efficiency not only enables the business sector to save costs, improve its competitiveness and overall productivity but also opens opportunities to develop new businesses that enhance efficiency across countries and sectors.

Governments need to create a regulatory and policy environment that rewards energy-efficient choices and encourages innovation. The dissemination and transfer of best practices and efficient technologies, the capacity building, as well as enabling joint research and development on key energy technologies, in particular for application in developing countries, are issues of great importance to be addressed at the conference.



Draft programme

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

09.00 Welcome and Keynote Addresses

Welcome: Janez Podobnik, ICPE Acting Director General

Keynote Address: Dr. Hideo Hato, President of the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, Kawasaki

Keynote Address: Dr. Pradeep Monga, Director of the Energy Branch, UNIDO, Vienna

Welcome: Radovan Žerjav, Slovenian Minister of Economic Development and Technology

10.00 Energy efficiency and sustainable energy policy to be achieved through PPP and international cooperation (speakers proposed or invited)

Defining PPP Models and Assessing their Potential: Adam Sek, Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy, UN Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva

Miranda Groff Ferjančič, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia

Representative of World Bank, Washington

Representative of OECD, Paris

European Commission, Unit Energy Efficiency & Intelligent Energy, DG Energy, Brussels

Representatives from regional development banks (Inter-American Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank)

About the organizers

International Center of Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE) is an inter-governmental organisation based in Ljubljana, Slovenia, dedicated to efficient and productive public enterprise, promotion and development of entrepreneurship and efficient and socially responsible management with four decades of experience. The Center aims to ensure quality and win-win based cooperation among its both member states, and local and international partners.

The global mission of **Knowledge Economy Network – KEN** – is to motivate policy makers, as well as stakeholders, to play an active role in resolving practical issues of knowledge economy developments. The Network also aims to contribute to international cooperation in increasing the awareness of the critical importance of upgrading knowledge-based competitiveness through stronger partnerships in education, R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship.



11.30 Break

12.00 Presentation of Best Practice Cases, dealing with key aspects of PPP (selected cases to be confirmed later from those listed below)

Chair, Introductory Remarks: Anton Rop, Vice-President and Member of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

National Energy Strategy – German Federal Government Action Plan

Statoil Hydro and ABB (using Communication and Information Technologies to improve Energy Efficiency)

Japan Facility Solutions – TEPCO Group (providing Energy Efficiency as a service)

The National Business Initiative in South Africa (A partnership between the government and industry-wide businesses to foster overall energy efficiency)

ECO Fund, Slovenian Environmental Public Fund (Franc Beravs, Director, to be invited)

13.30 Lunch

15.00 Parallel Discussion Groups

A. Regulatory support and public incentives for effective PPP in energy sector (inclusive efforts for developing proper regulatory environment creating optimal conditions for initiation, development and management of PPP projects)

B. Strengthening international cooperation in the field of Public enterprise and PPP (learning from best practice cases through dialogue and networking, and creating knowledge alliances and centers of excellence)

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 Brief reports on conclusions of two Discussion groups by the rapporteurs

17.15 Adoption of Recommendations and Closure of the conference



Profile and structure of participants

60 – 80 participants are expected to come from:

- Senior executives from companies already experienced or interested in PPP;
- Policy makers and regulators from public authorities (national, regional, municipal) and their agencies responsible for energy efficiency;
- Financial institutions and regional development agencies;
- Research institutes specialized in the domain of energy efficiency;
- Experts from relevant international organizations and their specialized agencies and bodies);
- NGOs focusing on sustainable energy and energy efficiency.



Conference venue Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana

Preparatory materials (to be received two weeks in advance):

- *Select Bibliography (about 120 units, dated mostly since 2000);*
- *Analytical Compendium (about 30 pages of extracts from the most relevant documents, studies and reports);*
- *Draft Recommendations (about 20 - 30 specific, practical recommendations).*

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