

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States
and
International Renewable Energy Agency

The Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereafter «EPC CIS») and the International Renewable Energy Agency («IRENA»), hereinafter individually referred to as a «Party» and collectively as the «Parties»;

taking into account that EPC CIS within the Commonwealth of Independent States carries out joint and coordinated actions of the Commonwealth member states in the field of electric power to ensure stable and reliable power supply of the economy and population of the CIS member states on the basis of effective functioning of the interconnection of electric power systems of the CIS member states;

taking into account that IRENA is the global intergovernmental organization mandated to promote the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all types of renewable energy and to support countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future;

sharing the necessity to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals No. 7 «Ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources for all» and No. 13 «Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts»,

have reached the following mutual understanding:

Article 1

The purpose of cooperation

1. In accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding between the EPC CIS and IRENA (hereinafter referred to as the Memorandum), the Parties agree to cooperate within the framework of their mandate in the field of renewable energy, including sustainable energy, energy efficiency, environmental protection and other agreed areas.

2. The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide a framework for cooperation between IRENA and EPC CIS for the implementation of activities of mutual interest in the area of renewable energy.

Article 2

Areas of cooperation

1. Specific areas of cooperation covered under this MoU include, but are not limited to:

- a. Cooperating in the dissemination of information and best practices on various aspects of renewable energy development and deployment relevant to the countries of common interest;
- b. Exploring collaboration in supporting the countries of common interest in their efforts towards strengthening policy, regulatory, technical and institutional frameworks that promote renewable energy investments;
- c. Jointly organising capacity building and knowledge sharing activities in the context of the regional programmes and initiatives of IRENA and/or EPC, as relevant;
- d. Collaborating in convening regional advocacy events to undertake joint outreach and engagement with renewable energy stakeholders from governments, the private sector and civil society, particularly in the context of raising awareness on IRENA and/or EPC's regional initiatives and activities;
- e. Exchanging and updating data and analysis to support renewable energy deployment in the countries of common interest.

2. The list of areas of cooperation is not exhaustive and can be supplemented by the Parties at any time by mutual agreement.

Article 3

General responsibilities of the Parties

1. Joint activities by the Parties within the framework of this Memorandum requiring allocation of financial or human resources should be carried out on the basis of separate written agreements that specify the type of joint activity or project, the Parties' obligations, sources of financing, intellectual property rights, and the procedure for resolving disputes.

2. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as granting or transferring the intellectual property rights or interests of the Parties.

All issues related to intellectual property and its protection will be addressed in the agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. This Memorandum does not oblige any of the Parties to fulfill financial or personnel obligations. The provision by each Party of financial and human resources for each agreed activity or project should be reflected in the agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. Neither Party may in any way use the name, emblem or official seal of the other Party or any abbreviation of the other Party's name in connection with a joint activity or project of the Parties in accordance with this Memorandum or in other cases without the relevant permission of the other Party in writing.

5. All press releases or public statements relating to this Memorandum or its application must be approved in advance by both Parties in writing.

6. The Parties will refrain from any actions that may adversely affect the interests of the other Party, and will fulfill their responsibilities in full compliance with the terms of this Memorandum.

Article 4

Legal Status of the Memorandum

1. This Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create rights and obligations governed by international law.

2. This Memorandum is a jointly agreed statement of intent of the Parties and does not impose any financial and legal obligations on the Parties. The memorandum does not regulate the rights and obligations of the Parties provided for by other similar agreements, as well as the right of the Parties to enter into such agreements.

3. Nothing in this Memorandum should be considered as a waiver, express or implied, of any privileges and immunities of IRENA and the Executive Committee of the EPC CIS.

Article 5

Contacts

1. The main contact persons from each of the Parties are:

From IRENA:
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or such other person that may be appointed by any of the Parties by written notice to the other Party.

2. Any notices required by this Memorandum must be provided in writing and shall be deemed duly and properly given if and when sent by hand, certified mail, overnight courier, or email to the Parties' contact persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. A notice delivered by email, when related to the amendment, renewal or termination of this MoU, shall be deemed to have been received when the recipient acknowledges receipt of such notice by an email or other form of written notice to the sender in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Article.

4. The Parties will maintain close working contacts to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum, as well as inform each other about all the organized events. The parties will hold regular consultations to assess progress in the implementation of this Memorandum.

Article 6

Final provisions

1 This Memorandum comes into force on the date of its signing by the Parties.

2. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by giving written notice of termination to the other Party not less than three months prior to the proposed termination date of this Memorandum. The day of termination of this Memorandum is the day specified in such notice.

In any such case, the Parties shall take all necessary actions for the timely and orderly termination of any joint activity or project carried out in accordance with this Memorandum.

3. Any changes and additions to this Memorandum shall be made by mutual consent of the Parties by signing an appropriate additional protocol and shall be an integral part of this Memorandum.

4. The Parties shall settle disputes arising as a result of the application and interpretation of this Memorandum, through direct negotiations.

This Memorandum is concluded in four originals, two in English and two in Russian. In the event of inconsistencies between the English and the Russian version, the English version will prevail.

**From the International Renewable
Energy Agency (IRENA):**

**From the Electric Power Council of
the Commonwealth of Independent
States (EPC CIS):**

Francesco La Camera

Alexander Novak

Director- General

President

Date:

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