

IEA Energy in Buildings and Communities (EBC) Technology Collaboration Programme

Working Group on Building Energy Codes

Session Objectives

- 1) To review the Building Energy Codes Working Group (BECWG) work plan
- 2) To agree to the content of the work plan

Bonus: To have leads and contributors for every activity/output included in the work plan

Background

- ❑ Building energy codes (or building performance requirements in construction standards) are an effective policy tool for improving the energy efficiency of buildings.

- ❑ However, even in communities with extensive history, building energy codes and standards are facing key issues, including:
 - The need for faster and easier methods to check compliance
 - The need for greater reliability in the evaluation of code compliance
 - The gap between building codes, and research and technology breakthroughs
 - The challenge of incorporating energy efficiency into major retrofits
 - The need to meet ambitious policy objectives
 - The challenge of integrating various distributed energy resources

BECWG Objectives

- To enhance understanding of impactful options and practices regarding building energy codes across different countries
- To provide methods for cross national comparison that lead to meaningful information sharing
- To foster collaboration on building energy code issues that leads to enhanced building energy code programs by incorporating new issues and practices

Activities

- 1. Exchange on Building Energy Code Practices**
- 2. Comparative Analysis**
- 3. Dissemination**

Exchange on Building Energy Code Practices

The objective of this activity is to provide regular opportunities for countries to exchange information on their building energy code systems

Activities/Outputs:

- *Webinar Series*
- *Annual Building Energy Code Symposium*

The objective of this activity is to provide information on how building codes are handled in different countries.

Proposed topics include:

- Information on how building energy codes link to targets
- Case studies of how new technologies impact and are integrated into national codes
- Analysis on the benefits of net-zero energy buildings
- Report on implementation practices
- Joint study to measure key parameters of compliant buildings
- Building energy codes in existing buildings

Activities/Outputs:

- *Survey and glossary of terms on building energy codes*
- *Overview report comparing building energy codes in working group countries*
- *Topical Reports:*
 - *Linking codes to targets*
 - *Benefits and pathways for net zero energy buildings*
 - *Building energy codes in existing buildings*
 - *Compliance best practices*
- *Case studies and report on integrating new technologies into building energy codes*

The objective of this activity is to share our findings

Activities/Outputs:

- *BECWG website*
- *BECWG newsletter*
- *Include information from reports on IEA website*
- *Publication of findings*

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Thank you!