



Session 6: Review of the TCP Request for Extension Mechanism

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- Invite TCPs to provide their detailed input for how the Request for Extension mechanism can be improved (in accordance with the CERT Review's proposal) to be as useful as possible for the TCPs themselves as well as the governance of the TCPs.
- Pre-read material: *Guiding principles for revision of the Request for Extension mechanism* (Attachment 3)

- TCPs view the Request for Extension (RfE) mechanism as an **important self-assessment**
- Some TCPs noted that the process of preparing the documentation represents a **significant administrative burden**. Others argued that the documentation needed is **justified and should not be reduced**.
- Some TCPs also noted that the **strategic feedback** given by senior government officials through either the CERT or Working Parties was **sometimes rather limited**, and that their **feedback often arrived too late** in the RfE process.
- Revision of the RfE guidelines has the potential to clarify the involvement and role of the CERT and Working Parties in relation to the TCPs' development and extension process. It would also provide an opportunity to find ways to simplify the administrative process for the benefit of both the TCPs and the Working Party responsible for their oversight.

- **Alignment with IEA Ministerial mandates**, in particular showing how the TCPs will help contribute to supporting countries in the global effort to attain net zero GHG emissions in the energy sector by mid-century while ensuring global energy security.
- An expectation that TCPs have **sufficiently broad participation from governments around the world**, ideally including contracting parties from **at least five countries**.
- A **sustainable funding model** for the TCP's operation and planned activities that is managed efficiently and transparently.
- A **communication plan and a regularly updated website** with information about the TCP's activities or potential interests.
- A **proven record of co-ordination with other TCPs and other multilateral initiatives**, to ensure complementarity, including systematically informing other relevant TCPs when initiating new tasks.
- **Proper and correct use of the Technology Collaboration Programme branding** in external communication, in a manner that clearly communicates the distinction between the IEA Secretariat and the TCP.

- To simplify the process for both the TCP and the reviewers, the CERT Task Force is invited to **suggest improvements to the supporting documentation used for the RfE process, e.g. the End-of-term report, the Strategic work plan and the Questionnaire**. Working Party cabinets should be consulted on the need for revisions to the Working Party feedback form.
- All Working Parties may initiate a **mid-term report for each TCP** (if not already in place) to ensure an opportunity for the Working Parties to provide strategic feedback earlier in the process.
- To ensure better and more timely input to the TCP's RfE process, an **informal “peer review group”** could be set up after the mid-term report to support the TCP in preparation of the next RfE.

- What is your view on the proposals?
- Where do you see most value in the RfE process? What is useful and what is not? Is there anything essential missing?
- How could it be improved to bring more value to both TCPs and governments (CERT, WP delegates)?