

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY LABELLING

21-22 October 2025

Venue: Navruz Hotel, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Background

Energy labelling of electrical appliances is one of the main pillars of the European Union's energy efficiency policy; it has contributed to a market transformation towards more energy-efficient technologies, bringing economic and environmental benefits. Energy labelling aims to improve the energy efficiency of products, reduce their overall environmental impact, promote the free movement of energy-related products within the EU, and provide consumers with information allowing them to select more energy-efficient products.

The countries of CA demonstrated their commitment to improve energy efficiency through the development of respective policy and regulatory frameworks, however, the practical implementation of legal norms that would effectively lead to increased energy efficiency still needs to be strengthened. In all five CA countries, energy labelling of electrical appliances is considered an effective tool for promoting energy efficiency, but the level of development of the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms varies.

The project *Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia* (SECCA), launched by the EU in 2022, will organize a Regional Conference, which will allow the exchange of best practice in energy labelling regulation and enforcement mechanisms. The EU system will be explained in detail, covering regulatory framework in energy labelling, briefly exploring ecodesign and highlighting the prospects in change of the regulatory scenery in the nearest future. The enforcement mechanisms will be presented and discussed: market surveillance principles, main powers and enforcement measures, the specificities of e-commerce controls and import controls, as well as the use of AI tools. The CA countries will share their progress and lessons learned in the adoption of energy labelling regulations and implementation of enforcement systems.

The format will be hybrid: the representatives of the responsible ministries of the CA countries, enforcement authorities of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan will participate offline; while SECCA National coordinators, the representatives of the European Commission DG Energy and Danish Technological Institute will be participating online.

Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday, 21st October 2025

Legal and Regulatory Framework

Time	Theme	Name and position
<i>Moderator: Ilze Purina, Key Expert on Energy Sector Governance, SECCA</i>		
10:00-10:15	Welcome words	Agency for Strategic Reforms under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Andreas Unterstaller , Programme Manager, Delegation of the European Union to Uzbekistan
10:15-11:00	EU Regulatory framework on energy labelling	Linda Rinkule , Expert in Energy labelling, SECCA
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	

11:15-11:45	Energy labelling and ecodesign - instruments for energy efficiency and sustainability	Niels Ladefoged , European Commission, DG Energy (online)
11:45-12:45	Country specific presentations	Farhad Mukanov, Head Expert, Department of Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency Improvement, Committee of Industry, Ministry of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan Elvira Baigazyeva, Head Specialist, Standardization Department, Kyrgyzstandart Ravshan Ibragimov, Specialist, Department of Water and Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan
12:45-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-14:20	Country specific presentations	Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and/or National Agency for Energy Efficiency
14:20-15:10	Digitalization in energy labelling: - EPREL data base - QR codes and - Digital product passports	Linda Rinkule , Expert in Energy labelling, SECCA
15:10-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30-16:00	Ecodesign – legal framework and future prospects	Linda Rinkule , Expert in Energy labelling, SECCA
16:00-17:00	Questions and Answers, Conclusions	

Day 2 – Wednesday, 22nd October 2025

Implementation and Enforcement

Time	Theme	Name and position
<i>Moderator: Ilze Purina, Key Expert on Energy Sector Governance, SECCA</i>		
10:00-10:30	Market surveillance of Energy labelling regulations	Linda Rinkule , Expert in Energy labelling, SECCA
10:30-11:15	Implementation of energy labelling - country-specific presentations	Nurbek Kazbek, Head of the Department of Standardization and Country of Origin of Goods, Technical Regulations and Metrology Committee, Ministry of Trade and Integration of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nazgul Serkebaeva, Chief Specialist, National Information Fund of Technical Regulations and Standards, Standardization Department, Kyrgyzstandart Inspection for Control in the Power Sector (Uzenergoinspektsiya) of the Republic of Uzbekistan and/ or Uzbek Agency for

		Technical Regulation under the Cabinet of Ministers
11:15-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30-12:15	Enforcement of energy labelling in e-commerce	Ivars Jornins , Consumer Rights Protection Centre of Latvia
12:15-12:45	Testing of household appliances for energy labelling	Rasmus Borup , Danish Technological Institute (online)
12.45-13.15	Cooperation between MSAs and Customs authority in import controls	Linda Rinkule , Expert in Energy labelling, SECCA
13:15-13:30	Questions and Answers, Conclusions	
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.30-16.00	Transfer	
16.00-17.30	Visit to the conformity assessment laboratory in Uzbekistan	