



## Looking Back at 2025, Looking Ahead to 2026

### *Reflections from the EEAP Steering Committee*

As the Energy Evaluation Asia Pacific (EEAP) community moves into 2026, the Steering Committee has shared a collective reflection on the past year, one marked by both global uncertainty and meaningful progress for the network.

Across the region and beyond, members acknowledged a challenging international context, including economic and geopolitical pressures. Yet the overall tone was clear: despite external volatility, EEAP has continued to build momentum and relevance. In 2025, this momentum was visible in expanding engagement, stronger partnerships, and a growing appetite for practical, evidence-informed dialogue on energy evaluation.

A major highlight was the continued interest from organizations seeking collaboration and learning opportunities through EEAP activities. Outreach to a broad range of institutions showed strong demand for webinars and knowledge exchange, signalling that EEAP is well-positioned to scale its impact in 2026. This confidence is further strengthened by newly secured funding support, which will reinforce the network's operational capacity and continuity in the year ahead.

The Steering Committee also reflected on the value of participation itself. Members who completed their first year described their first year in the committee as both professionally and personally enriching, with a shared desire to contribute more actively, not only through governance, but through direct engagement in webinars, podcasts, and country-level collaboration. This spirit of deeper contribution points to a strong foundation of commitment within the committee.

From an implementation perspective, 2025 was a productive year for EEAP programming. The network delivered 9 webinars and reached around 270 live participants (excluding recording viewers), demonstrating sustained interest across themes and geographies. EEAP also launched its podcast as a new learning channel, creating a promising platform for wider and more accessible knowledge sharing.

Looking to 2026, the Steering Committee's expectations combine realism with ambition. Priorities include:

- continuing the webinar series,
- strengthening the newsletter as a regular knowledge product,
- growing the podcast with new episodes and contributors,
- exploring the feasibility of a conference, and
- deepening engagement with global evaluation events and communities.

In short, EEAP enters 2026 with cautious awareness of the wider context, but with clear optimism about its trajectory. The year ahead offers an opportunity to consolidate what worked in 2025 and to broaden EEAP's role as a trusted platform for energy evaluation learning, collaboration, and regional leadership.