

## SEMISE AD HOC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TASK

**AHEF No.** KZ 19

**Project Title**

“Capacity building to the staff of the EE, Energy Saving and RES Dept. of the Ministry of Energy in view of new legislation on EE”

**Country (s)** Republic of Kazakhstan

**Timescale for implementation** April - September 2010

**Beneficiary(s)**

Original: Energy Efficiency (EE), Energy Saving and Renewable Energy Resources (RES) Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
Final: Divisions of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, Kazakhstan

**Main and specific objectives**

The **overall objectives** of this assignment were to support the newly established Department of Energy Efficiency (EE), Energy Saving and Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in dealing with its revised and additional functions to be required in the impending Law on Energy Conservation. The **specific objectives** of the assignment were to:

- Determine the functions and responsibilities of the department raising from the new legislation
- Identification of needs for organisational rearrangements in the Department
- Identification of training needs for the Department’s staff
- Drafting a plan for further prioritised actions

**Results achieved**

The SEMISE team conducted two missions in Astana for this task.

1<sup>st</sup> - To gather information, learn current status, conduct training needs assessment (TNA) and present preliminary suggestions.

2<sup>nd</sup> - To conduct more interviews and deliver two training seminars:

“Introduction to Energy Management & Environmental Sustainability”

“10 Steps to Determining Feasibility of EE/RES Projects: A Basic Economic Analysis Methodology”

The final, 25-page report, plus appendices, provides the following for both EE and RES departments:

Recommendations

- Programs
- Structure
- Functions & responsibilities
- Skills

Other results

- TNA results
- Training curriculum topics
- Expert profiles
- Answers to questions from Ministry

In summary, the report recommends how to build capacity, commitment and motivation, as well as how to learn from European policies and practices.

**Lessons learned**

After SEMISE accepted the application, the Ministry was reorganized. The original applicant (unit) was dissolved. SEMISE experts delivered the best technical assistance (TA) they could under the circumstances. Communication with the Ministry became poor, and it was difficult to deliver the report. It is not known how this TA benefited the Republic of Kazakhstan. It may have been better to request a new application from a new interested party before starting work.

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