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The technical meeting between the INOGATE experts and the representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic as well as other key energy stakeholders took place on 23 October 2013 at the premises of the Ministry. The discussion was focused on the possible areas of specific assistance that the INOGATE project can provide to the energy sector of the Kyrgyz Republic within the AHEF mechanism.

The participants indicated their interest in the areas such as: upgrading the electricity and gas tariff methodologies; creation the independent energy regulator; development of the rules in access to the electricity/gas networks; and harmonisation of energy standards. Within other components, INOGATE supports also activities in Energy Statistics and Sustainable Energy.

As was noted by the representative of the INOGATE project Mr. Nikos Tsakalidis, Kyrgyz Republic is a country with a good geographical location and great hydro potential which could attract foreign investment in the energy sector. However in order to achieve this there is a need for stable regulatory framework, cost reflective tariffs and an independent Energy Regulator. INOGATE project is ready to support the current challenges faced by the energy sector.

On 22 October, the INOGATE experts participated in the INOGATE Local Information Event for Kyrgyzstan devoted to the 50th Anniversary of the Scientific-Technical Centre of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic (KSTC "Energia"): "PATH TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PROVIDING SECURE, CLEAN, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY"

The INOGATE project has been launched in February 2012 within the framework of the EU funded INOGATE programme. The overall objective of the project is to build on the progress of the INOGATE Partner Countries in the achievement of the Baku Initiative and the Eastern Partnership objectives.