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INO GATE Expert Zone, Zhitomir

INO GATE takes part in European Sustainable Energy Week 2013 in Ukraine

INO GATE took part in a series of engaging and informative activities dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy implemented throughout Ukraine on 24-28 June under the framework of the European Sustainable Energy Week (SEW) which was organised by the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine in cooperation with the Zhytomir City council and other local authorities for the 3rd consecutive year in the country.

The opening ceremony took place on 24 June 2013 in Zhytomyr, where the [INO GATE Technical Secretariat \(ITS\)](#) project and [Energy Saving Initiative in Building Sector \(ESIB\)](#) project jointly organised the "Expert Zone" information on the issues of energy efficiency, sustainable energy development was provided to visitors.

INO GATE's goal was to raise awareness on sustainable energy issues among the general public that attended the events. INO GATE advocated for the personal responsibility of each citizen to use energy resources more efficiently. Experts explained - in a simple way - what energy efficiency is, putting it in the context of people's everyday lives and giving information, for example, on how to read energy labels and buy energy efficient appliances (see [leaflets](#) disseminated).

Another important event in the framework of the SEW in Ukraine was held on 27 June 2013 in Kiev. The ITS project organised [the INO GATE Local Information Event](#) to inform the project's beneficiaries on ITS activities in Ukraine and potential areas for further cooperation with Ukrainian stakeholders.

The SEW Events were held on the premises of the Water Museum, which gave the INO GATE Experts an opportunity to engage kids visiting the Museum and increase their awareness on sustainable energy through the organisation of a 'quiz' on how to save energy.

More information on Sustainable Energy Week in Ukraine can be found at the following links: [INO GATE SEW activities](#), [Official SEW web site](#)



Energy Labelling Leaflet



INO GATE Local Information Event



ITS Expert, Sasha Antonenko presenting renewable energy sources to children, Kiev

INOGATE and the International Energy Agency (IEA) join forces to issue new joint publication

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat issued its first annual [INOGATE Status Report](#) publication in 2012, reviewing the status of energy reforms carried out by the 11 INOGATE Partner Countries up to and including December 2011. For this year's INOGATE Status Report, INOGATE has joined forces with the International Energy Agency and adopted a new innovative approach using peer reviews in preparation of the report. The inclusion of Peer Governments in the review process has provided an excellent opportunity for information exchange and enhanced cooperation between the INOGATE Partner Countries.

The end of July marked considerable progress in the preparation of the INOGATE Status Report 2012 as the Peer Review Teams completed the data collection missions to eight countries – Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The remaining peer reviews of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan are scheduled for September – October 2013, while Ukraine will be performed as a desk study. The new INOGATE Status Report 2012 will be published before the end of 2013. The INOGATE Status Report 2011 is available [here](#).

INOGATE promotes the use of the harmonised European standards on electricity and gas

[The Regional Seminar on the Development of Harmonisation Road Maps and Action Plans, and Capacity Building recommendations](#) took place in London on the 8–11 July 2013 and was hosted by the British Standards Institution (BSI). The event combined a seminar with a study visit and the main objective was to encourage INOGATE Partner Countries to take concrete steps and prepare Road Maps and Actions Plans for the harmonisation of priority gas and electricity standards, in line with the international standards.

The study visit to BSI, the National Standards Body of the United Kingdom, helped to demonstrate the standardisation practices in an EU Member State. The study visit covered a number of key functions of the organisation and included a visit to the gas and electricity testing laboratories. *More information and presentations from the event are available [here](#).*

INOGATE assists Partner Countries in enhancing capacities in Sustainable Energy Banking

On 14-16 May 2013, the INOGATE Technical Secretariat implemented a combination workshop and a study tour on sustainable energy (SE) banking in Vienna, Austria. The Austrian banking sector has extensive experience in financing SE projects and the participants of the event had an excellent opportunity to gain new knowledge as well as learn from practical experience of European bankers. The Austrian Erste Bank, the event partner organisation in Vienna hosted the workshop and invited local Austrian banking and financing experts.

The event brought together 17 participants from six Partner Countries including representatives of local banks, ministries and regulatory agencies. The feedback of most participants showed that they will apply the acquired knowledge and experience to their work contributing to increasing investment in SE in their countries.



Peer review working meeting in Kyrgyzstan, 18 July



Seminar in London

INOGATE and Armenia to step up cooperation on energy statistics marking International Year of Statistics



Coordination meeting with Energy Community Secretariat to support work on Energy Statistics Action Plans

On 17 July 2013, the INOGATE Technical Secretariat, Armenia's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and National Statistical Service signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Statistical Cooperation, recognising the need to boost cooperation in the development of energy statistics in accordance with the international standards. By signing the MoU, the Armenian authorities approved and adopted the [Energy Statistics Action Plan \(ESAP\)](#) for the Republic of Armenia while INOGATE will provide targeted technical assistance for its implementation.

In addition to Armenia, eight other INOGATE Partner Countries, namely, [Azerbaijan](#), [Belarus](#), [Georgia](#), [Kazakhstan](#), [Kyrgyzstan](#), [Moldova](#), [Tajikistan](#) and Ukraine have also approved and adopted their Energy Statistics Action Plans, which is a strong indication of the huge interest in the further improvement of energy statistics and balances in these countries through regional cooperation. 2013 is recognised as the International Year of Statistics and INOGATE is helping Partner Countries push through reforms to produce reliable, timely, accurate, accessible and comparable energy statistics.

INOGATE shares the EU experience in cross-border gas trading



ITS Team Leader Ms. Lemlem Said Issa presenting INOGATE at GIE conference

On 22-24 May 2013, the INOGATE Technical Secretariat organised a Regional Seminar and Study Tour on gas cross-border trading. The 15 participants from 9 Partner Countries had a truly unique opportunity to take part in this 'multi-faced event' which included a regional seminar in Venice, a study tour to SNAM Dispatching Centre in Milan and participation in the 11th Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE) Annual Conference. Participants were provided technical information on creating gas markets; they were introduced to one of the newest and most modern centres for the control of the gas network and had the opportunity to meet with key gas players in Europe. The information about this event and presentations can be downloaded [here](#).

Communication Workshop on Sustainable Energy in Minsk, Belarus on 18 June 2013

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat (ITS) organised a communication workshop on sustainable energy in the Republic of Belarus with key stakeholders involved in awareness raising activities and information campaigns on sustainable energy in Belarus. The ITS is supporting the development and implementation of tailored sustainable energy campaigns in INOGATE Partner Countries and this workshop had the objective to identify the main direction of the awareness raising campaign for Belarus.

As a result of the workshop, it was concluded that there is a need to improve the understanding on energy efficiency measures and facilitate behavioural change. Ideas discussed included setting a public information centre on sustainable energy issues, development of websites, media and other information materials as well as educational materials for different target groups. The full report on the workshop can be downloaded [here](#).

Workshop on Financing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects in Tbilisi, Georgia

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat conducted a workshop on financing of energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy sources (RES) projects in Tbilisi, Georgia on 9-13 July 2013. This workshop was organized on request of the “Bank of Georgia”, one of the major commercial banks in Georgia to assist an increasing of awareness of the bank’s loan officers and credit analysts on the EU best practices in EE/RES financing and enhancing their capacities in new financing methods in the area of EE/RES.

A group of instructors of the INOGATE experts and an Austrian financing expert with extensive experience in EE/RES projects lead the workshop. They shared knowledge and experience with the participants on various aspects of RES/EE financing including identification and management of risks, financing tools and methods, project feasibility assessments. We hope that as a result of this event, more investments in sustainable energy will take place in Georgia.

All presentations and studies from the workshop are available [here](#).

“Ad-Hoc Expert Facility” (AHEF): 86 applications received for support

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat continues to provide demand-driven specialized technical assistance to INOGATE Partner Countries through the unique instrument “Ad Hoc Expert Facility” (AHEF). The current status of AHEF applications, including their evaluation and implementation status, can be found [here](#).

Eligible applicants such as ministries, energy companies and state institutions from the INOGATE Partner Countries can still apply for assistance. The ITS will continue to accept applications until early 2014. The guidelines for applications can be downloaded [here](#).



Next INOGATE Events

- **Technical Assistance Mission to the Republic of Belarus to implement the Energy Statistics Action Plan (ESAP) – 8-14 September 2013**
- **Technical Assistance Mission to the Azerbaijan Republic to implement ESAP – 15-28 September 2013**
- **Study tour to Germany on the Efficiency in Buildings – ESIB project – 23-28 September 2013**
- **Combination Training Course & Study Tour on Sustainable Energy Policy in Riga, Latvia and Vilnius, Lithuania – 23-28 September 2013**
- **INOGATE Energy Statistics Network Meeting – Brussels, 8 October 2013**
- **INOGATE Country Coordinators and Regional / Country Experts Meeting – Brussels, 9 October 2013**
- **Regional Event & Study Tour: Capacity building of Regulators – Vienna/ Bratislava, 8-12 October 2013**
- **Electricity and Gas Tariff Review Study for the INOGATE Partner Countries / Tariff Workshop – Budapest, Hungary, 28-31 October 2013**
- **Study Tour on Energy Statistics and Energy Balances with additional emphasis on surveys on final energy consumption – Sofia, 5-7 November 2013**

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