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INSTRUCTION TO READERS

More information on each of the listed events and activities can be found on the INOGATE website (<http://www.inogate.org>) with a 'documents' section where the following can be accessed as applicable:

- Concept Note, ToRs
- Agenda
- Participants' List
- Visibility Material
- Report
- Press Releases
- Photos and Videos

SUMMARY OF ALL COMPONENTS**Introduction**

During the 6th Interim period the project finalized the development of the new strategy for the project which would apply during an extension period until the end of April 2016. A contract addendum was signed on January 5th, 2015. The strategy changed the project's approach from being one that was driven by active demand for Technical Assistance from the Partner Countries to one involving activities being prepared and then implemented to execute the strategy.

The European Commission shared the new strategy with the Partner Countries in a communication of September 3, 2014 and also emphasised that there was a limited budget which would constrain the number of activities that could be implemented.

After the submission of the strategy, the project team started to draft a Regional Work Plan and Country Work Plans in line with the strategy. These work plans were sent out to the Partner Countries in the week before the October 22nd 2014 Annual Meeting of Country Coordinators in Brussels.

While the strategy was endorsed at the Annual Meeting, this event also served the purpose of being the first consultation with the Partner Countries on the Regional and Country Work Plans. During November and December the work plans were fine-tuned based upon comments received from Partner Countries and were then sent out for final observations with a deadline of January 12th, 2015.

The European Commission provided their final comments to the work plans and the accompanying budget in a meeting in Brussels on January 27th, 2015 after which 8 of them were finalized ready to be provided to Partner Countries in early February. Due to the difficult political situation, it has not yet been possible to finalise the Country Work Plan for Ukraine.

The work plans, which prioritise the activities (e.g. Priority 1 and 2) highlight the importance of working with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, also describe a number of activities involving Azerbaijan, Armenia and Belarus and offer support to countries in Central Asia by means of the Regional Work Plan activities. The work plans emphasise the significance of working in the electricity and gas sectors, on energy efficiency in the building sector as well as industry, promoting the use of renewable sources of energy and the continuation of technical assistance in energy statistics in order for all the Partner Countries to understand, appreciate and to the extent possible adopt European Union energy policies.

Major Achievements

The Annual Meeting held on 22 October 2014 in Brussels, comprising INOGATE Country Coordinators from the Partner Countries, important stakeholders like the International Energy Agency and the Energy Community Secretariat as well as directors from European Commission DG DECVO and DG Energy, European Commission project managers and ITS INOGATE project team members, was the major achievement of the reporting period following the finalization of the new strategy. The Annual Meeting confirmed the importance of INOGATE as a regional energy cooperation instrument between the Partner Countries and the European Commission and took note of the achievements of the project. In his speech Director Michael Köhler officially announced the extension of the project.

The Zagreb Energy Statistics meeting in November was another major achievement comprising senior representatives from all the Partner Countries, representatives from EUROSTAT, the International Energy Agency, and the Energy Community Secretariat, the European Commission programme manager, media representatives and ITS INOGATE project team members.

Work on monitoring the impact of INOGATE project activities continued during the reporting period and "success stories" were shared with the participants at the Annual Meeting and uploaded on the new INOGATE website which went live just before the Annual Meeting.

COMPONENT A – COMMUNICATION

The objectives of Component A are to ensure that communication about the project is clear, that visibility is high and that results are disseminated to all beneficiaries and stakeholders by means of the website, newsletter, media, conferences, seminars, and workshops.

Component A is managed by a Team Leader (Key Expert 1). Following the death of Mr. Albert Zweering (23 September 2014), the European Commission confirmed Mr. Adrian Twomey as new Key Expert 1 in November 2014; he will start working in February 2015.

The following main activities were carried out under Component A during the 6th Interim Period.

The Component provided significant support to organising the "INOGATE Annual Country Coordinators and Country Experts Meeting" already referred to above. The INOGATE Country Experts met back-to-back with the INOGATE Annual Meeting with the project team in Brussels for a full day work session in order to clarify pending issues on the implementation of project activities. The European Commission programme manager made a presentation to the Country Experts explaining their role and responsibilities seen from the European Commission's perspective.

The meeting was organized on the eve of the "Eastern Partnership Platform III meeting on Energy Security" that was held on 23 October 2014 in Brussels where Country Coordinators from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine represented the INOGATE Programme. For the first time, the Annual Meeting was **livestreamed**, with approximately 200 e-participants. This livestreaming received positive feedback from Delegations and beneficiaries as well as the remaining ITS project team as it enabled them to participate virtually in the meeting without the need to travel to Brussels. It is foreseen that future important INOGATE events will incorporate this feature.

During the reporting period, the ITS provided its consultative and administrative assistance to the International Energy Agency for the purpose of completion of the pre-final draft of the **Energy Policy Review of the INOGATE Partner Countries Report** based on the information collected during the peer review missions in 2014. As result, the pre-final draft of the above Report covers the assessment of the four priority areas (energy security, market convergence, sustainable development and investment

attraction) and includes sections on general energy policy and the energy balance (in the International Energy Agency format) of all 11 INOGATE Partner Countries. The report was completed in mid-January 2015 and sent to the Country Experts for their comments. The final draft of the Energy Policy Review will be ready for publication by the end of February 2015. Launch events for the publication of the Compendium will be organised jointly by the European Commission, the International Energy Agency and ITS in April 2015: first in Brussels (Belgium) on the 13th, then in Chisinau (Moldova) on the 15th, in Tbilisi (Georgia) on the 17th and in Astana (Kazakhstan) on the 24th.

During this reporting period, the **new, user-friendly bi-lingual INOGATE website** was launched in time for the INOGATE Annual Meeting in Brussels in October 2014. It should be noted that this website forms an archive of the **total history of INOGATE spanning a period of almost 19 years**. To achieve this archive, a large-scale migration of content from old websites to the new one was implemented successfully.

Regarding the **INOGATE Newsletters**, two quarterly newsletters were issued – a [September 2014 version](#) and a [December 2014 version](#). As of February 2015, the newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis in order to provide more timely information. As part of the website development, the newsletter has been changed to an electronic format and allows for sophisticated and targeted e-mail campaigns to the ITS database subscribers.

A **number of promotional materials** were produced and disseminated at the International Energy Statistics Conference in Zagreb in November 2014 and at the Seminar on Energy Audit, Lviv, Ukraine November 27th 2014. **Media work** was also carried out in this period, as three journalists from Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine were invited to attend the International Conference on Statistics in Zagreb with the aim of facilitating the promotion of the work carried out by INOGATE in energy statistics over the last three years. This resulted in several articles published in local media outlets and TV coverage on the Ukrainian 5TV Channel.

A **new Terms of Reference for the Communication work** was prepared and submitted to the EC for approval at the end of January 2015. The Terms of Reference reflects the communication needs for the extension period and includes a number of new publications –the INOGATE Multi-annual Report 2012-2014 (to be disseminated in Riga, during the Eastern Partnership Summit in mid-May 2015), thematic and country leaflets, as well as audio-visual materials.

In relation to the communication actions in this period, **INOGATE success stories** of past INOGATE activities and projects that brought tangible results in the Partner Countries were prepared. The stories were developed initially for monitoring purposes. They will now be transformed as stories for the INOGATE website to be featured under the spotlight section on the homepage and they will also be included in the Multi-annual Report 2012-2014.

COMPONENT B – ELECTRICITY and GAS

Working in all Partner Countries Component B comprises the largest (in scope and resources) part of the ITS project and encompasses activities aiming at the greater convergence of electricity and gas sectors, harmonisation of technical standards, enhancement of electricity and gas cross border cooperation and improvement of efficiency, security and reliability of energy infrastructure with a focus on main transit gas pipelines.

The Component is managed by a Key Expert who is supported by two long-term non-key experts and a number of international and national short term non-key experts for particular assignments.

During the reporting period the Component continued interaction with beneficiaries and stakeholders as well as members of the Technical Expert Groups on new applications for Ad Hoc Expert Facility (AHEF) support, implementation of approved AHEFs and reporting from completed AHEFs, conferences, seminars, studies and workshops.

The work of the Component has been organised in five strategic areas of assistance. Following are the main activities that were carried out under these areas during the 6th Interim Period.

Regulatory Issues/Market Rules: This area of assistance on the one hand looks at supporting the energy regulators in building their capacity to perform their energy regulation function as well as to strengthen their independence and on the other hand is about improving the Partner Countries electricity and gas markets by adapting legislative changes or amendments to their current legislation but also introducing new more advanced fair market rules.

In the previous periods the project team organised a regional seminar supporting energy regulators. In this reporting period this area has been addressed mostly by Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities since it addresses very specific issues in each Partner Country. Five Ad Hoc Expert Facility assignments have been completed in four Partner Countries: Armenia (2), Belarus (1), Moldova (1) and Kyrgyzstan (1). To mention few important results - the AHEF MD109 activity in Moldova resulted in improvement of the quality of service for consumers and contributed to fulfilment of the Energy Community Treaty requirements. The AHEF BY28 activity in Belarus improved grid connection procedures and thereby contributed to better facilitation of Renewable Energy System (RES) investments. In addition to the completed AHEF assignments work has been progressed on the four approved Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities in three Partner Countries – Georgia (1), Moldova (1) and Kyrgyzstan (2).

Development/review of tariff methodologies: The purpose of this area of assistance is to support Partner Countries to develop tariff methodologies allowing reflection of the actual costs involved in the production, transportation, distribution, and supply of electricity and gas.

A combination of regional activities (studies, seminars, etc.) and demand driven Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities, allowing ensuring the complementarity of the assistance, have been used in order to address this area.

The regional tariff study completed under the previous reporting period was shared with the Partner Countries. Feedback received from all Partner Countries (except Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Belarus) during the 6th interim period was incorporated into the new final draft report which is currently under final review. The study provides a comparison of tariff methodologies in Partner Countries with European Union practices and identifies gaps and methods to improve the current methodologies in force in the Partner Countries.

With respect to Ad Hoc Expert Facility related work the project team completed three activities in three countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Moldova while Terms of Reference for one Ad Hoc Expert Facility activity in Kazakhstan has been prepared and is now undergoing quality assurance.

Harmonization of electricity and gas standards: The main purpose of using the harmonised standards in all industries is to remove technical barriers to trade across the world. This applies to the energy sector as well.

The project team addressed all these issues at several levels starting from the top by assisting the Partner Countries to harmonise their legislative bases for standardisation and develop or strengthen their institutional framework bringing them close to European Union structures to the bottom by promoting European Union standards to the industry (electricity and gas) and building the capacity of the engineers working with the new harmonised standards. In order to help Partner Countries building

up their capacity to gradually harmonise their standardization system with European best practice work on Standardisation Road Maps and Action Plans has been carried out and will be completed during the next reporting period.

Cross-border Trade of Electricity and Gas: Increased cross-border trade allows for optimisation of energy resources at a regional rather than a national basis and this comprises economic, environmental and also security of supply benefits as suggested by the international and EU experience.

In this area, the project team has been using both methods of assistance - regional activities and Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities. In this reporting period focus was made on two Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities in two regions having considerable potential in cross-border trade, one combined Ad Hoc Expert Facility activity in Caucasus (Georgia & Azerbaijan) and one combined Ad Hoc Expert Facility activity for Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Efficiency of Electricity and Gas Infrastructure: The security, efficiency, and reliability of energy supply is largely a matter of the condition of the electricity and gas network infrastructure.

This area of assistance supports the Partner Countries by addressing the above mentioned issues. Under this area the project team successfully used both methods of assistance - regional activities and Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities. A regional study on European Union state of the art experience in gas losses detection and reduction methods has been produced in the previous reporting periods and was largely recognised and appreciated by the Partner Countries. During this reporting period the project team continued discussion with Technical Expert Groups on the implications of the findings of the study and its use. Finally, during this reporting period the project team finalised implementation of Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities in Georgia (3), Azerbaijan (1), Tajikistan (1) and Uzbekistan (1) which were highly appreciated by the beneficiaries.

Technical Assistance for Electricity & Gas metering, billing, and losses: The activity is primarily Ad Hoc Expert Facility based. During this reporting period progress has been made in processing the received applications from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

COMPONENT C – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

The objectives of Component C are to provide assistance to strengthening energy institutional governance in relation to sustainable energy and to contribute to an improved business climate for energy efficiency and renewable energy investments.

The Component is managed by a Key Expert supported by one long-term non-key expert and short-term international and national non-key experts for particular assignments. Following the resignation of Mr. Larry Good effective at the end of October 2014, the European Commission in December 2014 confirmed Mr. Wolfgang Lutz as the new KE starting in January 2015.

The following main activities were carried out under Component C during the 6th Interim Period:

In terms of Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities the Component completed two tasks and started the implementation of three more tasks in Georgia and Azerbaijan.

The project Component continued to work with Partner Countries to promote the setting up of **Sustainable Energy Information Centres**. To date, four Partner Countries (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) have confirmed interest and have been engaged in this process to varying degrees. However, no real progress has been made as the sense of need and ownership in the Partner Countries is not yet sufficiently developed.

ITS continued concept development and preparation of the next **regional Combined Event** ("Combo") on awareness rising. The event will target the host organisations of the Sustainable Energy Information Centres in the Partner Countries, and help them to fulfil better their tasks in awareness rising for the wider public as well as for policy makers.

During this reporting period there was also continuation of the development of a **Web-Based Communication Toolkit "Energy Matters"**. The project team has worked on preparation of a special questionnaire for its local stakeholders in the Partner Countries to solicit their feedback and ideas on what information would be most interesting and useful for them to see in the toolkit and how it can be best used. Posting the toolkit on the new website with new features will be the final step to be completed by the end of the next reporting period.

While the project Component has now finalized investment and banking training for local commercial banks, development of a concept and preparation for a **regional workshop on Sustainable Energy investment** to be held in Kiev, Ukraine, has continued. The objectives are to improve investment climate, for energy efficiency and renewable energy and to make sustainable energy lending more attractive.

During the first project period 2012 – 2014 very valuable experience on how to train local commercial banks on assessing energy efficiency and renewable energy investment proposals have been gained. The training materials produced is deemed to be of great value for a wider group of local commercial financing institutions for which reason the project team has worked on a concept for how to **hand-over this material to International Financing Institutions** so that they may use it. At the same time possibilities of making the training materials available on an **e-learning platform** has been explored.

COMPONENT D – ENERGY STATISTICS

The objectives of Component D are to support the Partner Countries in improving energy economic planning through enhanced use and harmonisation of energy statistics in line with European practice and standards.

The Component is managed by a Key Expert who is supported by a long-term junior non-key expert, short-term international senior non-key experts, and short-term national non-key experts, the latter providing ad hoc assistance for specific activities. Following the resignation of Mrs. Gloria Aguinaldo effective at the end of January 2015, Mr. Nicolas Brizard was confirmed as the new Key Expert by the European Commission in December 2014. The new Key Expert will start in Brussels in February 2015.

During the reporting period the Energy Statistics Component implemented a number of activities of which the most important are briefly described below.

The International conference on the Achievement of Energy Statistics Action Plans (ESAPs) 2012-2014 and Improving Data Quality for Energy Statistics, Balances and Planning held in Zagreb November 26-27 2014 aimed at presenting the results achieved and the expected impact of the implementation of **Energy Statistics Action Plans** since the last international conference held in April 2013 in Copenhagen (International Conference on the Strategic Role of Energy Statistics for National and International Policies.) The focus of the Zagreb conference was to further improve data quality since the availability of more reliable, accurate, and relevant data increases the use of energy statistics for planning and policy monitoring purposes. Moreover, the conference sought to secure the support of Ministries and National Statistics Institutes in the proposed follow-up activities and recommendations which aimed to further enhance the quality of energy statistics, balances, and energy planning methods in the INOGATE Partner Countries.

The conference was held back-to-back with the Energy Statistics Network Meeting, which took place on November 25, 2014. During this meeting, Energy Statistics Network representatives provided an update on progress made in the field of energy statistics in their respective countries. A proposal for organisational and technological options for the establishment of a **Long Term Energy Statistics Network**, which will continue after the completion of the ITS INOGATE project, was also presented and was well received by the Partner Countries.

Both Zagreb events are deemed to have been very successful in terms of the high number of very active participants inclusive of representatives from the **Energy Community Secretariat, EUROSTAT** and the **European Commission** INOGATE programme manager and the quality of the presentations and the discussions which they generated. In this sense these events marked the conclusion of the energy statistics work which had started in 2012 by confirming that energy statistics is an important tool in energy policy making.

The project team organised a national meeting on the **importance of energy statistics for energy planning and the improvement of energy statistics through increased division of labour and data sharing** in **Ukraine** in October 2014 back-to-back with the 1st technical assistance mission to implement the endorsed Energy Statistics Action Plan for Ukraine. The objective of the mission was to provide assistance and support for the improvement of the existing energy data collection system, the development of statistics on energy prices and the analysis of options for the development of models dedicated to the compilation of energy efficiency indicators.

For **Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan 2nd Technical Missions** were organised to provide technical assistance on a number of topics including energy consumption surveys, energy data collection methods, the compilation of energy balances, the submission of five joint International Energy Agency questionnaires, energy prices statistics, and methodologies for the development of energy efficiency indicators. An additional consultancy visit was organised to Georgia to provide technical assistance in the compilation of their first official energy balance for 2014.

The project team continued coordination with **EUROSTAT, the International Energy Agency, and the Energy Community Secretariat** and started translation, from English into Russian, of the instruction manuals for the completion of five joint International Energy Agency/Eurostat/United Nations Economic Commission for Europe annual energy questionnaires. The objective is to improve the quality of country submissions to the International Energy Agency by statisticians who for the most part are Russian speakers and not familiar with English terminology. The ITS INOGATE also funded the study visit for one specialist from the Ukrainian State Statistics Service to the International Energy Agency in Paris.

Finally the project Component worked on the **roadmap for monitoring** of the implementation of project activities as well as **national progress reports and mission reports**.

CONCLUSIONS ON THE 6TH INTERIM PERIOD

The major challenges for the project in this period have been the finalization of the new strategy to underpin the continuation of the project, the organisation of the Annual Meeting of the Country Coordinators in October 2014 and the drafting of the Regional Work Plan and the Country Work Plans on the whole, these challenges have been successfully completed. The project was without a Team Leader (Key Expert 1) for four months and a Key Expert 3 for almost three months but nevertheless managed to prepare and implement a number of activities to be approved by the European Commission. The approvals, given by the end of 2014, allow the project to sustain its momentum and it is now able to implement new activities in particular in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova. Another major achievement was the launching of the new website for ITS INOGATE.

MAIN EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE 7TH INTERIM PERIOD: 1ST February 2015 – 31ST July 2015**Component A**

The project and the **International Energy Agency** will start the joint preparation of the official launch of the **Energy Policy Review Publication** planned to take place in Brussels, Chisinau (Moldova), Tbilisi (Georgia) and Astana (Kazakhstan) during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of April 2015. The Energy Policy Review of the INOGATE Partner Countries Report will be made available to a wider readership through the International Energy Agency, the European Commission, and the INOGATE Energy Portal.

Drafting of the INOGATE Multi-annual Report 2012-2014 to be disseminated in Riga during the Eastern Partnership Summit in mid-May 2015 will be a high priority together with production of thematic and country leaflets, as well as audio-visual materials.

In line with the new Terms of Reference for communication, more **success stories** will be developed during this project period.

Aside from the communication activities, a small part of Component A work relates to **the preparation of sustainable energy investment targets**. The work on **Renewable Energy Sources mapping** in Georgia will commence in the next interim period with a first mission to Georgia planned for the second half of February 2015. Subject to confirmation of co-financing from the other Partner Countries who have confirmed interest in the mapping exercise, activities in these countries may start in the early summer of 2015.

Two Local Information Events, one in Belarus and one in Tajikistan (together with the European Commission's **Sustainable Energy Programme for Central Asia: Renewable energy sources & Energy Efficiency**), are foreseen, but not yet finally confirmed.

Component B

The Electricity and Gas Component of the project will continue to cover five strategic areas of assistance in line with the new ITS strategy: Regulatory Issues/Market Rules **and** Development/review of tariff methodologies **and** Harmonization of electricity and gas standards **and** Cross-border Trade of Electricity and Gas **and** Efficiency of Electricity and Gas Infrastructure.

A number of activities under these areas that have been foreseen in the Regional Work Plan and the Country Work Plans will be implemented. Work in progress on Standardisation Road Maps and Action Plans and the remaining Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities in many Partner Countries will be completed. In terms of geographical coverage focus will be on Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine. There is however some uncertainty as to how much can be implemented in Ukraine under the present circumstances.

In the next reporting period the project team will implement one regional seminar as part of the Regional Work Plan and six national events (seminars, workshops) in the framework of the activities included in Country Work Plans and ongoing Ad Hoc Expert Facility activities from the previous period.

The **Regional seminar on building the framework allowing optimal investment in energy infrastructure (focus on policies: tariffs, regulation licenses, permitting process, markets and monitoring)** will build capacity of Partner Countries on the infrastructure development in the European Union as it is provided for by Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council setting regulations allowing for optimal development of energy infrastructure.

The most important activities from the Country Work Plans are a **Workshop on gas infrastructure and European standard EN 1594** in Georgia targeting to Georgian stakeholders but will be also open to participants from MD and UA, a **Seminar on mechanism of capacity allocation on interconnectors at**

the Georgian-Turkish border (for electricity) also in Georgia addressing the key issue of capacity allocation in the interconnectors and serving to identify the constraints currently faced by the market players in Georgia and finally a seminar in Moldova **On support in harmonization of electricity and gas legislation with Energy Community Treaty requirements** because it is crucial for **Moldova** to show how determined the country is to reform its energy sectors in line with the acquis.

Component C

For the 7th interim period, activities of **the Sustainable energy Component** will be planned and implemented in line with INOGATE strategy.

The development of **Sustainable Energy Policies and Strategies**, which are in line with the requirements of the Energy Community Treaty and Accession Agreements (in the Partner Countries concerned), is a priority of the new INOGATE strategy. In practice, this means that national legislation and regulatory frameworks should reflect the requirements of EU Directives in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy, in particular Directives 2010/30/EU (on energy labelling), 2010/31/EU (on the energy performance of buildings), 2012/27/EU (on energy efficiency) and 2009/28/EC (on promotion of renewable energy). In line with these priorities, the Component intends to implement the following activities related to the Development of SE Policies and Strategies in the 7th interim period:

- Capacity building of the personnel of **energy service companies** and development of proposals for the improvement of **legislation of ESCO** (approved and ongoing) in Armenia;
- Development of a roadmap for introduction of an **energy performance certificates scheme** in the building sector, including support to further development of institutional and legal framework in Armenia (approval pending);
- Technical assistance on the improvement of the **legal framework on energy efficiency of the district heating sector** in Azerbaijan (approved and on-going);
- Technical assistance in the formulation of **secondary legislation** and related procedures for the development of **wind power plants** (approval pending) in Georgia;
- Development of a methodology and guidelines for conducting **energy audits in Combined Heat and Power Stations and District Heating Systems** (approved) in Moldova;
- Technical assistance to the **Energy Efficiency Agency on operational framework for Energy Service Companies** (approved) in Moldova;
- Development of a concept of **mandatory audits of public industrial enterprises** which are planned to be fully or partially privatised in 2015-2016 (request for approval in the final stages of preparation) in Ukraine.

Following the ongoing work with Partner Companies on ITS assistance to the development and implementation of **Sustainable Energy Information Centres**, the Component intends to focus on those Partner Countries who have confirmed their interest, notably Georgia and Moldova, while the corresponding activities in Armenia and Azerbaijan have been classified as a second priority. The confirmation of interest from Ukraine is currently pending and clarification is needed. In addition to the follow-up with individual countries, it is expected that the **Combined Event on Sustainable Energy Awareness Raising** to be held in Dublin, Ireland in April 2015 will be implemented and will strengthen the willingness of Partner Countries to establish national centres.

Building on the successful implementation of various training events for the financial sector, the project plans to implement two **regional capacity building events**, which will mark the finalisation of this line of

activities, one in Kiev for those Partner Countries which have not yet participated in these workshops, and a hand-over event on **Bankers’ Training for Sustainable Energy Credit Lines** with the time and venue still to be confirmed.

In order to provide an additional support to the development and implementation of Sustainable Energy Policy, ITS plans to **publish a Guideline on Sustainable Energy Policy** for decision makers in INOGATE Partner Countries for publication on the INOGATE web portal and distributed to participants at INOGATE events.

Component D

The Statistics Component plans to organise **two regional events** and a number of Technical Assistance missions to the Partner Countries, some of which will be organised back-to-back with the regional events in order to make the best of available resources.

The first regional event will be a workshop dedicated to the **use of energy statistics, balances, and energy efficiency indicators for energy planning** and is foreseen to take place in Moldova during May or June. Emphasis will be given to **energy policy development** through credible forecasts and scenario analysis, **policy impact quantification methods** and the setup of a strong institutional framework for energy planning. Quality management and reporting on energy statistics could also be added to the agenda of this workshop.

A second regional workshop planned for July aims to provide **additional training and guidance on the development of energy efficiency indicators** by Partner Countries. Since the topics are highly related, the project also intends to cover end-user surveys during the same workshop. It should also be possible to provide additional assistance to Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan on Energy Efficiency Indicators back-to-back with this workshop. This second regional workshop could take place either in Ukraine or Belarus as a back-up option.