The INOGATE Programme continues to support the energy dialogue with Georgia within the context of the regional energy cooperation between the INOGATE countries and the European Union.

Increased attention is given to sustainable energy as the energy source of the future. This includes increasing investments to this sector by, for example, undertaking geospatial mapping of renewable energy sources and providing a visual tool to support an investment dialogue between policy makers, potential investors and the renewable energy supply chain. Support continues to initiatives such as the Covenant of Mayors, whereby cities are committing themselves to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% through the implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans. Seven Georgian cities (Tbilisi, Rustavi, Kutaisi, Batumi, Gori, Poti and Zugdidi) have already signed up to this ambitious initiative. A branch office of the Covenant of Mayors Secretariat financed by the EU is based in Tbilisi.

Tariffs are a key issue in energy market reforms and INOGATE will deliver a prototype study providing an overview of tariff setting methods in the Partner Countries and recommending appropriate revisions to tariff setting methodologies, in line with relevant EU practices. INOGATE continues to support energy supply security by providing a comprehensive study on state of the art technologies for the reduction of gas losses.

As of 2013, Georgia has applied to become a full member of the Energy Community and is considered a candidate country. INOGATE was instrumental in supporting Georgia’s efforts to move from an observer country to applying for full membership. In this respect, INOGATE is ready to continue to provide technical support to Georgia to undertake all necessary steps for the adoption of the EU rules on energy and for putting them into practice.

INOGATE in Georgia – upcoming activities

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What is INOGATE?

INOGATE is the energy technical cooperation programme between the European Union (EU), Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Initiated in 1995, two Energy Ministerial Conferences in Baku in 2004 and in Astana in 2006 set out the INOGATE framework and confirmed its four objectives of convergence of energy markets on the basis of the EU principles, enhancing energy security, supporting sustainable energy development, and attracting investment towards energy projects of common and regional interest.

INOGATE also supports the Energy Security Platform within the framework of the Eastern Partnership that was launched in 2009, and that gave further impulse to the energy dialogue between the EU and the countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus.

INOGATE is a regional programme, which also facilitates the exchange of experience with peers in the region. INOGATE aims at regional cooperation, complemented by demand-driven technical assistance that is tailored to needs of each of the Partner Countries.

The INOGATE Programme is implemented under the overall responsibility of the European Commission.

The INOGATE Programme is represented by the respective Ministries in charge of energy of the 12 Partner Countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat based in Kiev with branch offices in Tbilisi and Tashkent, is responsible for the overall coordination of the INOGATE Programme.

Why energy cooperation?

Energy policies directly affect the lives of each and every citizen. Within the framework of INOGATE, the EU and the INOGATE Partner Countries work together towards energy security strategies that balance economic development with environmental sustainability, whilst respecting social values.

The EU’s own commitments to creating a competitive internal energy market, to increase the use of renewable energy sources, and to move towards more efficient use of energy are reflected in the four INOGATE objectives. It is in accordance with these policy frameworks that the technical assistance of INOGATE is provided.

What INOGATE offers

INOGATE offers technical support to Partner Countries by:

- devising and implementing EU-funded technical assistance projects in the objective areas, including capacity building, transfer of technical know-how, information events, seminars, and policy support;
- promoting through active dialogue the goals and objectives of the Programme and the identification of priority issues;
- networking relevant stakeholders in the Partner Countries, the EU and third parties, including donors, international financial institutions and stakeholders in the private sector; and
- disseminating information on energy policies in the region via its web portal (http://www.inogate.org), publications, and presentations at EU and third party events.

Current and recent INOGATE support to Georgia includes:

- Energy security: Support to Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation in development and rehabilitation of the Gas Transmission Pipeline Network. Support to electricity cross-border trade.
- Sustainable energy: Enhancement of skills of local banks for more effective financing of sustainable energy projects using credit lines of International Financial Institutions.
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- Benchmarking progress: INOGATE, in cooperation with the International Energy Agency, is benchmarking the progress of Partner Countries toward the four objective areas of the Baku Initiative, and providing strategic recommendations for improving their energy sectors.