INOGATE in Moldova – upcoming activities

The INOGATE Programme continues to support the energy dialogue with Moldova 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 energy efficiency/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. Ten Moldovan cities (Calarasi, Cantemir, Cimişlia, Drochia, Festelita, Ocniţa, Orhei, Soroca, Târgovişte and Ungheni) have already signed up to this ambitious initiative. Covenant community is also assisted at the national level by the Ministry of Economy of Republic of Moldova.

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INOGATE is the oldest energy technical cooperation programme between the European Union (EU), Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Initiated in 1996, two Energy Ministerial Conferences in Baku in 2004 and in Astana in 2006 set out the INOGATE framework and confirmed its four objectives: 1) convergence of energy markets on the basis of the EU principles; 2) enhancing energy security; 3) supporting sustainable energy development; and 4) 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 the 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.

INOGATE actions in Moldova

Moldova was a founding member of the INOGATE Programme, and has been a beneficiary of over 30 of the 62 INOGATE projects carried out since 1996.

Current and recent INOGATE support to Moldova includes:

- **Energy Markets:** Capacity building for development and review of tariffs methodologies in electricity and gas in line with EU practices. Facilitating transfer of best practices of the EU member countries on independent regulation and consumer protection in electricity and gas sectors.

- **Technical Standards:** Preparation of Road Map and Action Plan for the harmonisation of standards. Support to Technical Committees.

- **Sustainable energy:** In collaboration with the Energy Efficiency Agency, one of the leading stakeholders in energy efficiency in Moldova, INOGATE provided support to enhance skills of a diverse group of professionals in energy audit analysis for bankable projects. Over 50 energy auditors, designers, engineers, representatives of authorities and municipalities as well as teachers from educational institutions strengthened their professional standing through learning new techniques and best practice for effective energy audit analysis. Solid skills and profound knowledge among professionals will contribute to increasing effectiveness of energy efficiency measures in Moldova.

- **Energy Efficiency in Buildings:** Conducted a comprehensive comparison analysis of the entire Moldovan regulatory framework including national legislative compliance with the requirements of EU Directives as well as interrelations and contradictions between laws, regulations and technical norms.


- **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.

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 commitment 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 this policy framework that the technical assistance of INOGATE is provided.

**What INOGATE offers**

- 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.