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INOGATE helps to increase awareness on energy efficiency in Moldova

CHISINAU – More than 50 key energy players from Moldova came together today for the information event “**EU INOGATE Programme: Energy Cooperation Achievements in Moldova so far and the way forward in 2014**” which was jointly organized by the Ministry of Economy of Moldova and the EU’s INOGATE Technical Secretariat. The purpose of the event was to review INOGATE’s technical assistance support over the last couple of years and agree on how best to target upcoming assistance in 2014 for the benefit of Moldavian institutions.

Deputy Minister of Economy, Tudor Copachi in his welcome speech expressed thanks to the INOGATE Programme and noted that INOGATE’s work is very important for Moldova and especially in light of advancing cooperation with the EU.

The **main topics** of discussions included the cooperation between the INOGATE Programme and Moldova in the areas common activities in electricity & gas co-operation; EU experience in awareness rising on Sustainable Energy; experience of establishing SE Information Centres based on the European examples and with the view of establishing one in Moldova with INOGATE’s assistance; clarifications of the implementation of the EU Directive’s 3rd Energy Package with a focus on art. 27 and its implications for Moldova.

The **Deputy Director of the Energy Efficiency Agency of Moldova, Mr. Calin Negura** noted INOGATE’s support and contribution to the development of energy efficiency in Moldova by stating that “INOGATE has been helping our Agency significantly to build its capacity and achieve progress in the area of Energy Efficiency. The INOGATE’s assistance in enhancing energy efficiency techniques, developing guidelines and best practices as well as creating a viable information centre for greater awareness on sustainable energy will help us to advance sustainable energy in our country”.

The **main focus** was given to the point that INOGATE assists the Energy Efficiency Agency of Moldova, the key stakeholder in the area of energy efficiency to create an effective and viable sustainable energy information centre to increase awareness on sustainable energy in the country. The centre will be the focal point for informing and raising awareness of a broad range of groups including policy makers, investors and general public. This initiative will help to build synergies and solidify efforts for greater awareness on the benefits and importance of sustainable energy.

The participants included representatives from government, main energy companies, academic institutions, international financial organisations, local financial institutions and civil society representatives. Complete information on the event and all documentation can be found:

http://www.inogate.org/index.php?option=com_inogate&view=activity&layout=documents&pid=72&cid=337&Itemid=75&lang=en

New Leaflet “The INOGATE Programme and the Republic of Moldova”:

http://www.inogate.org/media/documents/Leaflet_Moldova_2014.pdf

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About INOGATE

INO GATE is an EU-funded programme promoting international energy co-operation between the European Union and the Partner Countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. It supports the EU policy framework of the Baku Initiative, the Eastern Partnership's Energy Security Platform, the Energy Community and the Central Asia Development Cooperation.

INO GATE' s activities focus in four key areas: 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 in energy (particularly in Sustainable Energy) projects of common and regional interest. INOGATE is one of the longest running EU programmes since 1996.