

## INOGATE Newsletter November 2012

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### New directions for INOGATE Programme agreed during the Meeting of the INOGATE Working Groups



The meeting of the INOGATE Country Coordinators and Working Group Members took place on 29-30 November 2012 with the aim of agreeing the main focus and new directions of the INOGATE Programme in 2013-2014. The Partner Countries welcomed the new focus of the INOGATE Programme and specifically, the new ITS project to deliver real and verifiable impact of its activities (e.g. investments made, jobs created, new legislation prepared, etc.). The Working Group members committed to assist the project team to the maximum extent in defining appropriate indicators for the activities and working with them to ensure that all activities would be translated into tangible results for the benefit of the citizens of the Partner Countries. New INOGATE Work Programme for 2012-2013 and other documents from the Event can be found [here](#).

### AHEF - Technical assistance instrument for INOGATE Partner Countries

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat continues to provide technical assistance to INOGATE Partner Countries through a special instrument, the "[Ad Hoc Expert Facility](#)". Ministries, Energy companies and State institutions from all beneficiary countries have already submitted more than 50 applications.



The European experts provided under AHEF will provide support in numerous issues such as: the reduction of Countries' dependency on fossil fuels and imports, improvement of the security of energy supply, mitigation of climate change, and attraction of investments in the field of sustainable energy. The results of successfully completed AHEF projects that were reached under a previous INOGATE project could be found [here](#). The call for new applications for technical assistance and the evaluation process of AHEF is on-going. For more information you may contact [Kiev office](#) or visit our web portal [www.inogate.org](http://www.inogate.org).

The first e-learning course on energy efficiency and sustainable energy development was organised by the EU-funded INOGATE Project "[Energy saving initiatives in the building sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#)" (ESIB).

About 50 participants were provided with personalised links to a web-platform and were able to see the presentations from their computers and to put their questions to the lecturers on the highlighted issues of legal opportunities for implementation of EE and constraints; energy efficiency potential of buildings (technical and economic); investment opportunities and pre-conditions for raising improving efficiency of buildings. For more information please visit [INOGATE web-portal](#).



### Attraction of investments in Bio-energy

A [Study Tour](#) organised by the INOGATE Technical Secretariat was linked to a Conference on the sustainable use of natural energy resources and took place 16-18 October 2012 in the small rural city of Banská Bystrica in central Slovakia. The participants from INOGATE Partner Countries included representatives from energy producers, suppliers and consumers, energy managers and entrepreneurs, energy service companies, state regional and municipal authorities, education and research institutes.

As a result of the information provided in this Bio-energy Study Tour, the participants will be better able to contribute to improving the investment climate for sustainable energy in the Partner Countries. In particular, the knowledge and skills obtained during the Study Tour will facilitate better investment decisions in the area of bio-energy in INOGATE Partners Countries.



### Support to energy statistical cooperation

An Energy Statistics Network has been created under the framework of the INOGATE programme. The aim of this network is to strengthen the capacity of national statistical institutes in the collection, processing and dissemination of more consistent energy statistics, balances and indicators; harmonise energy statistics in line with European and international standards; and to improve energy economic planning through enhanced use of energy statistics in policy and decision making. At the first [Meeting of the INOGATE Energy Statistics Network held in Brussels on 25-26 September, 2012](#), representatives from National Statistics Institutions and Ministries in charge of Energy from the Partner Countries were able to receive the comprehensive answers and practical advice from IEA, Eurostat and Energy Community Experts. It is envisaged that the energy statistics component of the project will significantly assist the Partner Countries to reach the Baku Initiative and Eastern Partnership objectives.

### Forthcoming INOGATE Event:

[Seminar: Support to National Technical Committees \(NTCs\). New EU approach in standardization, 29-30 January 2013, Brussels](#)

[Seminar: Electricity Cross Border Trading in the EU, 31 January – 1 February 2013, Brussels](#)

[Combo Study Tour on Sustainable Energy Financing, 5-7 February 2013](#)

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