

Press Release

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Energy Policy Talks to address market reforms and sustainable energy issues

The Ministry of Energy and the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia are co-hosting two High-Level Policy Talks on energy market reform and sustainability. The first event was held on February 25. The second one will be held April 5. Both Talks will take the form of targeted presentations and panel discussions and be an opportunity for all the National Stakeholders involved in the energy sector, including government, civil society organisations, international financing institutions, and donors to exchange views on the benefits, costs and challenges of implementing energy market reforms and sustainable energy policy.

The Talks will be prepared and implemented by the INOGATE Technical Secretariat, a project which is funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (DG NEAR).

The Second Energy Policy Talk

On the **5th of April at 10:30 am**, the second Energy Policy Talk will be held at the **Courtyard Marriot Hotel**. The event will be co-chaired by Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia Mrs. Mariam Valishvili and Janos Herman, Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia.

It will bring together Government Officials, the EU Delegation, leading EU Energy Experts to discuss together with Georgian national stakeholders energy efficiency and renewable energy as being among the most important strategic energy policy directions of the Government of Georgia and how the improvement of energy efficiency and development of renewable energy sources can significantly enhance the competitiveness of local products on international markets, attract new investments, create new jobs and improve energy security of the country. The national stakeholders will also have possibility to discuss and learn experience and practices of the Baltic states in the implementation of EU Directives after joining the Energy Community. At this second Policy Talk there will be special focus on how to stimulate the interest to invest in energy efficiency measures and how this may be implemented in practice.

There will be media and press briefing at 10.30 – 10.50 where Mariam Valishvili and Ambassador Janos Herman are available for questions.

You can find more information about this event, at the following link:
<http://www.inogate.org/>



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