

Press Release

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Energy Policy Talks to address market reforms and sustainable energy issues

Kiev – the EU funded INOGATE programme is presenting a series of high-level events on energy market reform and sustainability. Up to six policy talks, between November 2015 and March 2016, will open discussions on key issues of the moment for Ukraine. The policy talks will take the form of panel discussions and will be an opportunity for all important stakeholders, including government, civil society organisations, international financing institutions, donors to exchange views on the benefits, costs and challenges of implementing energy market reforms and sustainable energy policy.

The First Energy Policy Talk

On the **3rd of November at 15:00 am**, the first Energy Policy Talk will be held at the **Kyiv Hotel**. It will bring together Members of the Parliament, Government Officials, the EU Delegation, the Support Group for Ukraine of the European Commission (SGUA) and leading EU Energy Experts to discuss together with relevant stakeholders specific energy efficiency measures to be taken by the Government in the next 12 months and address needs of **vulnerable consumers**.

Based on the elements coming from the Roundtable held in the Rada on 15th June 2015 on how to support the vulnerable consumers through energy efficiency, the event will aim to provide recommendations to be taken by the Government to resolve issues addressing:

- how the Government can unlock the potential to implement incentives and benefits for greater energy efficiency improving the regulations and the measurement system;
- how Home Owners Associations can be strengthened to help to reduce energy consumption in their homes, if not, their buildings;
- how information campaign programmes can contribute to increase the awareness, among consumers, of the need to control and manage their energy use;
- how Municipalities can regulate, monitor but also promote the introduction of energy efficiency measures.
- how the Financial institutions can support the introduction of energy saving investments in case of difficult creditworthiness.

Energy Efficiency measures implies a variety of actions that requires an organized functioning system, once applied they produce benefits for end-users and the entire Country. The regulation role of the National Institutions is a central issue.



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You can find more information about this event, at the following link:

<http://www.inogate.org/activities/646?lang=en>

About INOGATE

INOGATE 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 works to support the EU policy frameworks of the Baku Initiative, the Eastern Partnership – Energy Security Platform, the Energy Community and the Central Asia Development Cooperation.

INOGATE works in four key areas: 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 is one of the longest running EU programmes since 1996.

Press and Media accreditation

Interested journalists should send an e-mail confirming their interest to participate in the Forum to the following e-mail address:

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