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The EU's INOGATE Programme holds event to mark 18 years of energy cooperation between Kazakhstan and the EU

ASTANA –The Ministry of Oil and Gas of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in co-operation with the INOGATE Technical Secretariat, will co-organise an *Information Event* entitled **“INOGATE as a Successful EU Energy Cooperation Programme: Achievements in Kazakhstan and Way Forward in 2014”** on 18 June 2014 in Astana.

Ahead of the meeting, Ambassador Aurelia Bouchez said: *“I am delighted to take part at the INOGATE Information Event, particularly because it was Astana that hosted the signing ceremony of the milestone document – Astana Ministerial Declaration in 2006. Through this declaration the INOGATE Programme’s expanded scope and objectives were formally adopted by all the countries involved. Europe shares with Kazakhstan the conviction that our citizens need a secure supply of energy at internationally competitive prices. That is why we seek to exchange our know-how and experience on creating competitive energy markets offering quality service, on developing the use of renewable energy, and on fostering economic growth with lower consumption of energy. Kazakhstan has been and remains a key partner of the EU’s INOGATE Programme since its inception in 1996, having benefited from 41 of INOGATE’s 69 projects.”*

The event will be co-chaired by **Ambassador Aurelia Bouchez, the Head of the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan, Mr. Magzum Mirzagaliyev, the Vice-Minister of Oil and Gas, and Mr. Bakhytzhn Jaxaliyev, the Vice-Minister of Industry and New Technologies.**

The information event looks at lessons learned from the 18 years of successful cooperation in the energy sector and new perspectives for expanded cooperation in the years to come. Participants include a wide range of Kazakh institutions and key energy stakeholders who will have the opportunity to exchange views on how to reinforce Kazakhstan’s participation in the INOGATE Programme.

A highlight of the meeting is a special discussion on international experience on the issue of tariff setting for production, transmission and distribution of electricity and methods of comparative analysis. More information on the event is available on the INOGATE [website](#) and the background on the energy cooperation is presented in the INOGATE [leaflet](#).

NOTE FOR EDITORS

Journalists and media representatives are welcome to participate at the opening panel **from 10:00 to 10:30 on 18 June 2014**. Registration starts at 09:30. Place of the event: **Park Inn by Radisson Astana, Sary Arka 8A, Astana, Kazakhstan**

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