

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INOGATE International Conference held to mark achievements in Partner Countries on energy statistics**

Zagreb – Energy statistics are critical for developing good energy policies and national energy strategies. The EU-funded INOGATE Programme is the first large-scale regional cooperation programme promoting practical skills and know-how to its 11 Partner Countries to develop energy statistics according to international standards. As a culmination of its work over the last two years, the INOGATE Technical Secretariat is organising an **“International Conference on the Achievement of Energy Statistics Action Plans (2012-2014) and Importance of Improving Data Quality for Energy Statistics, Balances and Planning”** on 26-27 November 2014 to mark the significant progress made by the Partner Countries in improving the quality and reliability of their energy statistics.

The overall aim of the conference is not only to present the achieved results of INOGATE activities on energy statistics since 2012, but also to facilitate sustained support from the Ministries and National Statistical Institutes with a view to discussing proposed follow-up activities for better data quality in energy statistics, balances and planning in the INOGATE Partner Countries.

The conference gathers high-level officials from European Commission, Eurostat, the International Energy Agency (IEA), National Statistics Institutes, Ministries responsible for policy and decision making in the energy sector as well as representatives of the INOGATE Energy Statistics Network from the INOGATE Partner Countries namely, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

INOGATE opened this new area of cooperation in response to the Partner Countries' requests and is working in close cooperation with Eurostat, IEA and the Energy Community Secretariat to avoid duplication of efforts and to ensure complementary and sustainable results.

The Eurostat representative at the conference, Mr. Michele Schivazappa, noted: *"The INOGATE programme's work on energy statistics started in February 2012 and has been supported by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in order to improve quality of energy statistics in the 11 partner countries. National Statistical Institutes benefit from the programme by enhancing their capacities of collecting, processing and disseminating good quality data that can form the basis for evidence-based policy making. Energy is a key policy domain with impact on the everyday life of people and policies in this area need to be based on reliable statistical information. Eurostat therefore, welcomes the progresses achieved within this regional co-operation programme."*

The conference will provide a forum for constructive dialogue between energy statisticians on how to further improve data quality, as more reliable, accurate and relevant data leads to increased use of energy statistics for planning purposes.

Visit the INOGATE web site for all the conference documentation.

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