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# Options for a long-term regional network to promote statistical cooperation in the INOGATE Partner Countries

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# Agenda



1. Why a regional Energy Statistics Network - ESN?
2. Organisational and governance options
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# 1. Why a regional Energy Statistics Network – ESN?

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# What is the Long-Term regional ESN about?



- The ESN was created in September 2012:
  - As a platform for exchange of knowledge and experience
  - 2 annual meetings held in Brussels in 2012 and 2013
- The primary purposes of the ESN are:
  - To increase regional cooperation on Energy Statistics
  - To facilitate the diffusion of “best practices”
  - A better harmonisation with European / International standards
- Why a Long Term Regional Energy Statistics Network?
  - Allow you to take ownership of the ESN beyond 2015
  - Collectively tackle challenges faced by all or several PCs
  - Lobbying international and European statistical organisations
  - Improve coordination and visibility with donors

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# What concrete objectives for the Long Term ESN?



- Encourage direct communication between PCs
  - Inform your colleagues about your projects and achievements
  - Send requests for help (or assistance!)
- Share relevant data & methodologies
  - Surveys: biomass, industry, services, households...
  - Calculation and use of HDDs and CDDs
  - Regional benchmark indicators
  - Energy Efficiency Indicators, etc.
- Pool resources when common interests are identified
  - E.g. Translation into Russian of manuals and reports
  - Ensure representation of region at international level (UNSD, Oslo Group, EU, IEA, etc.)
  - Inform donors about needs (staff training, study visits, etc.)

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## 2. Organisational and governance options

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# Proposed Governance and Organisation



- PCs participate to the ESN on a voluntary basis
- Each PC nominates a focal point for ESN activities
- Establish a 6-month or 1-year rotating chair
- Role of Chair country
  - Collect proposals and needs from other PCs
  - Select 1 or 2 work activities for the year (or semester)
  - Spearhead discussions and ensure follow-up of action points
- All members of the ESN should participate and communicate proactively so as to make the ESN a success
- Participation to activities by PCs also on a voluntary basis
- The work programme should not be unnecessary heavy

# Practical considerations and communication tools







- The ESN should have zero or very low maintenance costs
  - The ESN can function effectively without face-to-face meetings
  - Make use of simple and user-friendly communication tools
  - Telephone, e-mails, Skype, free online applications
- The ESN is a collaborative tool and is not meant to cover confidential issues and discussions
- Administration of communication tools is simple but would benefit from a degree of centralisation:
  - Division of work between PCs: e.g. one PC manages the mailing lists, another maintains Dropbox...
  - Task could be attributed to specific PCs for periods longer than 1 year



# Make use of simple and free communication tools!



tools	Use it to ...	Pros & Cons
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform other ESN members</li> <li>• Circulate documents</li> <li>• Discussion threads</li> <li>• Sub-groups possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free, well adapted to low intensity networks</li> <li>• Simple mailing lists also an option</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start and follow conversations</li> <li>• Share documents of interest</li> <li>• Sub-groups possible</li> <li>• See who is online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free if all addresses have same domain name (@inogate.org)</li> <li>• Better adapted to high intensity networks</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create online documents</li> <li>• Create questionnaires and forms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free</li> <li>• Collaborative work possible</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a library of key documents</li> <li>• Synchronisation and storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free</li> <li>• Collaborative work possible</li> </ul>

➔ *All these applications can be used in Russian*





## 3. Proposed next steps



# What's next?



1. Let us know your interest for the establishment of a Long Term ESN
2. Tell us how what you would like this network to do, how it should be organised & operated
3. Please fill in the short questionnaire
4. If there is sufficient interest, the ITS can accompany the ESN during its first year (2015)
  - Needs assessment and prioritisation
  - Setup of communication tools
  - Joint moderation and joint management of the ESN with the first Chair
  - Start working on concrete issues!

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**Спасибо!**  
**Thank you!**

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