

# INOGATE Newsletter November 2010

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## **A Week of INOGATE Events in Tbilisi**

The week of 18th – 22nd October saw five major events in Tbilisi, Georgia organized by INOGATE, enabling extensive coverage of the INOGATE programme messages.

### **'Covenant of Mayors Going East' - International Conference on the Covenant of Mayors**

Tbilisi, the first capital city in the eastern neighbouring countries of the EU to sign the [Covenant of Mayors](#), hosted the International Conference on the Covenant of Mayors organised by the European Commission, with the support of the [SEMISE](#) project, on 21-22 October 2010. The Covenant of Mayors is a formal commitment by City Councils to a 20% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through energy efficiency and renewable energy actions. With the conference attracting more than 150 participants from over 45 cities of the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region, the Conference gave a strong sign that cities in the region wish to take an active role in addressing the growing energy concerns that directly affect the lives of their citizens. Documentation about the conference can be found on the [special SEMISE page](#) on the INOGATE website.



### **INOGATE Country Coordinators and Working Group 1 Meeting**

The [meeting of INOGATE Country Coordinators and Working Group 1 on 20th October](#) focused on the monitoring framework designed to assess progress on the Baku Initiative, and on its planned implementation. 42 participants, including representatives from all INOGATE partner countries and representatives of the European Commission discussed the framework, which will result in a draft report to be coordinated by the ITS and presented at the next working group meeting, planned for April/May 2011. The meeting also included a presentation on the findings of the Identification Mission on 'Energy Markets convergence and enhanced efficiency in the field of Electricity and Gas' for future support within the INOGATE framework under the 2011 budget. Presentations were also given on the ongoing INOGATE projects [Harmonization of Oil and Gas Standards](#), [HES](#) and [SEMISE](#).

### **INOGATE Country Coordinators Communication Workshop**



A special workshop designed for INOGATE Country Coordinators was conducted on 19th October in Tbilisi by the [INOGATE Technical Secretariat \(ITS\)](#). The goal of the Workshop was to generate more effective and integrated communication of the INOGATE Programme and its assistance to INOGATE Partner Countries in delivery of the objectives set out in the Astana Road Map. A communications manual prepared for the use of Country Coordinators was launched and discussed and the upgraded INOGATE web portal was also presented. The workshop discussed and agreed future communications actions in the Partner Countries to

be carried out by mid-2011, to be based on specific action plans to be prepared by the ITS and agreed with each partner country. In addition Partner countries were consulted on a new concept for the INOGATE framework.

### **'Energy Saving Initiative in the Building Sector (ESIB)'- Implementation Phase Kick-Off Meeting**

The Inception Meeting of the [ESIB project](#) took place in Tbilisi on October 18th. During the meeting, ESIB experts presented their assessment of the project potential and proposed a work plan for the project which was discussed and approved with the Partner Country representatives. The ESIB Coordination Group was established, to include all representatives present. The meeting also gave an opportunity for experience sharing; Armenia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine, gave absorbing presentations on the actions ongoing in their countries to promote energy efficiency in buildings.

### **'Harmonisation of Electricity Standards (HES)' —Second Working Group Meeting**

On October 19, 2010, in Tbilisi, Georgia, the INOGATE ['Harmonisation of Electricity Standards'](#) project held its Second Working Group Meeting, in which nine Working Group members from 11 project partner countries took part. Participants were updated on the project progress since the first meeting, (which took part in Kiev, in April 2010), and its current and forthcoming activities. Technical group members selected two pilot standards, on the basis of which there will be conducted a 2-day workshop aimed at transferring know-how on these high and low voltage European/IEC standards, and drafted a step-by-step handbook on harmonisation process.



### **Forthcoming INOGATE Events**

- [ERRA: Workshop on Regulatory Implications of District Heating](#), Kiev, Ukraine, 3-4 December 2010
- ['Harmonisation of Electricity Standards' Workshop, Low voltage EU/IEC Standards](#), Cisinau, Moldova, 9-10 December 2010
- ['Harmonisation of Electricity Standards' Workshop, Low voltage EU/IEC Standards](#), Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 13-14 December 2010
- [EPMOGI: Final Conference](#), Almaty, Kazakhstan 14-15 December 2010

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