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INOGATE ENERGY WEEK IN BRUSSELS

A week of INOGATE events took place in Brussels from 12-15 October 2009 which brought together representatives of the EU and the INOGATE Partner Countries to discuss the work being carried out, in particular on reduction of gas losses in transit systems, harmonisation of gas standards, energy investment, and combating climate change.

INOGATE project leads the way on gas loss identification



A focal point of the week's events was the final conference of the INOGATE project '[Technologies and methodologies for reducing gas losses of the Central Asian gas transit system](#).' Amongst the achievements of this project was work undertaken to detect and measure gas losses on a pilot sample of 700 km of gas pipelines and at a gas compressor station, which identified annual losses valued at over €2.4 million. This demonstrates that modern methods and technologies for gas loss reduction not only benefit the environment but also offer an easy and profitable return on investment to gas companies. In addition, a sophisticated database was developed to enable beneficiary operators to manage and collate information on gas transit system leakage. For the conference report, please see [here](#).

INOGATE meets with International Financial Institutions

Representatives of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the World Bank and the German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) met the European Commission and experts of INOGATE projects involved in energy investment, to discuss means of cooperation and mutual information. Participants agreed upon the importance of collaborating to facilitate investments into energy efficiency and renewable energy in INOGATE Partner Countries including in the framework of INOGATE projects such as '[Support to Energy Market Integration and Sustainable Energy \(SEMISE\)](#)' and the forthcoming 'Energy Saving Initiative in the Building Sector (ESIB)'

INOGATE demonstrates progress on gas standards

The final conference of the project '[Harmonisation of standards and practices in the gas sector in Central Asia](#)' demonstrated the significant steps taken towards the adoption of common technical rules on gas transmission and metering, which can facilitate inter-regional connections of gas markets. Key milestones of the project were the creation of a regional working group of the participating countries and the countries' agreement on collaboration for further progress on harmonisation. The work of the project contributes towards INOGATE's objectives in energy market convergence. The conference report can be seen [here](#).

INOGATE meeting of energy and environment ministry representatives



[INOGATE Country Coordinators and members of the Working Group on sustainable energy development](#) met with their compatriots from the ministries in charge of environment representing the Focal Points of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in order to discuss new ways of cooperation, including in the context of the project '[Support to Kyoto Protocol Implementation \(SKPI\)](#)'. Moreover, the meeting featured an update on the progress made towards implementing the INOGATE Work Programme 2009-2010, which showed that INOGATE projects are on target, whilst important results have been achieved. Another central issue of the event was the launch of the SEMISE project's '[Ad Hoc Expert Facility](#)' (see below).

INOGATE launches call-off facility for expert support

The project '[Support to Energy Market Integration and Sustainable Energy \(SEMISE\)](#)' has announced the launch of its "Ad Hoc Expert Facility" (AHEF). Under this facility, certain organisations in the INOGATE Partner Countries may request support from SEMISE's pool of experts to address specific needs in the two thematic areas of energy market convergence and sustainable energy. The AHEF is now open to receive applications for support – the deadline for submissions is 16 November 2009. Guidelines on how to apply for assistance under the AHEF as well as the necessary application form can be found [on the INOGATE web portal](#).

Forthcoming INOGATE events:

- [INOGATE at the International Oil and Gas Forum 2009 Exhibition](#) 3-5 November, Kiev
- [ERRA Training Course on Energy Regulation in Transition Economies](#) 4-6 November 2009, Budapest
- [Boyarka Metrological Centre Study Visit to Netherlands and Germany](#) 9-13 November 2009
- [SKPI Sustainable Energy/CDM/JI Training Course 2](#) 17-18 November, Astana

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