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**INOGATE at the "Energy Week" in Chisinau, Moldova, 3-6 October**

During the first week of October several energy events took place in Chisinau in relation to Moldova's energy cooperation with the European Union, as well as with countries in the wider eastern region. On 3rd October two energy events were co-organised by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova, the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) and the INOGATE Technical Secretariat (ITS) - the INOGATE and Energy Community Information Event and the Round Table on Energy Efficiency and Renewables in Moldova. Both events gave the opportunity for information exchange to reinforce Moldova's participation in the INOGATE Programme and the Energy Community, and to assist Moldova's efforts to develop policies and actions for increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. The Information event was addressed by Deputy Minister Illarion Popa and Mr. Dirk Scheuibel, Head of the EU Delegation in Moldova. The many participants included key energy stakeholders in Moldova. The results of the discussions will feed into further INOGATE development. See here for further details.

On 5 October, INOGATE also participated in the Eastern Partnership Platform 3 (Energy Security) Meeting where a presentation on the INOGATE Status Report, currently being prepared by the ITS, was made. Furthermore, during the meeting the new INOGATE Secretariat project was presented, highlighting the important role that INOGATE plays in achieving the objectives under the Eastern Partnership, the Energy Community and the Baku Initiative.

**INOGATE at the KAZENERGY Forum and Kazakhstan Information event, 6 October**

On 6 October, following INOGATE participation in KAZENERGY Eurasia Forum VI, the Ministry of Oil and Gas and the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of Kazakhstan coorganised with the ITS an INOGATE Information Event in Astana. Participants, who included leading energy stakeholders in Kazakhstan, received detailed information on INOGATE present and forthcoming actions, with a focus on Kazakhstan. The issues raised in discussion will help to develop INOGATE actions further. At the KAZENERGY Forum itself on the 4-5 October, the ITS participated in the Round Table on ‘Energy efficiency and ecological safety’ and disseminated INOGATE materials.

**Launch of ‘Covenant of Mayors’ Project, 10 October**

The new project ‘Supporting Participation of Eastern European and Central Asian Cities in the “Covenant of Mayors”’ has now commenced. The two year project will encourage towns and cities throughout the INOGATE Partner countries to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, committing to increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories.

**SEMISE supports Moldovan Regulator on Tariff Reform**

Experts of the INOGATE SEMISE project have worked closely with the Moldovan national energy regulator (ANRE) to develop tariff strategies for electricity generated from renewable energy resources, including recommendations for amendment to the Renewable Energy Law and to conduct sectoral studies. The study found close conformity with EU best practice and this augurs well for the future.

**ERRA Workshop, ‘Regulatory Aspects on Energy Efficiency’, Almaty, Kazakhstan 14-16 September**

The programme of the workshop carried out by the project ‘Capacity building for sustainable energy regulation’ by the European Regional Regulators’ Association (ERRA) addressed case study presentations illustrating EU strategies on energy efficiency, and energy and climate change policy. Documents and presentations from the workshop can be downloaded here.

**SEMISE ‘Combo Course’ on Sustainable Energy, Slovakia and Austria 13-16 June**

23 participants from the INOGATE partner countries took part in this study tour visit providing detailed hands-on experience of EU member states on institutional choice in sustainable energy policy. Detailed documentation is available from the INOGATE webportal.

**ESIB Study Tour to Czech Republic and Poland, September 25-October 2**

A study tour to Poland and to the Czech Republic on Social Protection of Consumers was organised by the project Energy Saving in the Building Sector (ESIB) from September 25th to October 2nd 2011. The study tour informed decision makers from relevant ministries in the INOGATE Partner Countries about social protection of energy consumers in relation to Energy Efficiency Programs in the Housing Sector, and enabled them to learn from the experience of these two EU Member states.

**Forthcoming INOGATE Events**

- ESIB Energy Audit Training in Tajikistan, 26-28 October 2011
- Closing Conference, SKPI Project, Moscow, 10-11 November 2011
- Closing Conference, Boyarka Feasibility Study Project, Kiev 12 December 2011
- INOGATE Country Coordinator and Working Group Members Meeting, Kiev 13 December 2011
- Closing Conference, SEMISE Project, Kiev 14-15 December 2011
- Closing Conference, INOGATE Project ‘Capacity building for sustainable energy regulation’, Kiev, 15 December
- ESIB Project - Technical Meeting, Kiev, 16 December

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