

# INOGATE Newsletter September 2010

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## INOGATE Projects Resolve to give a New Priority to Communication



Team Leaders and communication experts from all INOGATE projects met in a two day workshop at Kiev in June, hosted and led by the [INOGATE Technical Secretariat](#) (ITS), during which intensive joint work and discussion centered on how to communicate INOGATE actions and successes to INOGATE stakeholders and the wider energy community so as to promote the programme's objectives. One highlight was an initial presentation and training on the use of the new INOGATE web portal which will be launched later this year, at the existing internet address <http://www.inogate.org>. The portal which has been completely redesigned will provide significantly easier navigation for users, enabling them to access details of all ongoing and past INOGATE

projects, and up-to-date information on energy policy and statistics in the INOGATE Partner Countries. News and information features on the website will also be improved. The ITS will be conducting a similar workshop with all the INOGATE Country coordinators in [Tbilisi, Georgia, on 19 October 2010](#).

## Covenant of Mayors is Expanding to the East

[The EU Covenant of Mayors](#) is a commitment by signatory towns and cities to go beyond the objectives of EU energy policy in terms of reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through enhanced energy efficiency and cleaner energy production and use. Already nearly 2000 European cities have joined the Covenant (including 12 from Ukraine and one each from Armenia and Georgia). Now, thanks to growing interest and enthusiasm, it is set to expand significantly by membership from cities of the European Union's Eastern neighbours. In Tbilisi on 21-22 October 2010, the INOGATE [SEMISE](#) project is assisting the organisation of a major high-level [Conference on the Covenant](#) with an expected participation of more than 50 cities from INOGATE Partner Countries hosted by the city of Tbilisi. Speakers at the conference will include mayors from various cities from the European Union and the INOGATE region, representatives of the European Commission as well as supporting structures to the Covenant of Mayors. The conference will be part of a week of varied actions by INOGATE in Tbilisi, including meetings of the [Energy Saving Initiative in Building \(ESIB\)](#) and [Harmonisation of Electricity Standards \(HES\)](#) projects, and well as of the INOGATE Country Coordinators, to review the updated INOGATE Work Programme.

## EPMOGI Project holds conference in Almaty

The INOGATE Project ['Enhancement of Environmental Protection Measures in the Oil/Gas Industry of the Central Asia'](#) (EPMOGI) held a Regional Steering Committee Meeting and International Conference "Environmental Protection in the Oil and Gas Industry of Central Asia" in Almaty, Kazakhstan involving more than 35 senior officials from ministries, state committees and national oil and gas companies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Issues discussed included comparative analysis of the environmental legislation of the EU and Central Asia countries, participation of CA countries in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and Kyoto Protocol, and best environmental practices in the European oil and gas industry.

## SEMISE Training Course in Baku

[SEMISE](#) organised its first 4 day training course on energy market convergence in Baku, Azerbaijan from 28 June to 1 July. The 28 participants included medium and senior level managers from electricity and gas companies and delegates from the Ministries of Energy and state agencies. The countries represented were those with less developed energy market structures without independent regulators, namely, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Topics included energy pricing and introduction of regulation. Great interest was shown in practical examples, such as the experience of Moldova in restructuring and privatization.



## Forthcoming INOGATE Events

- [Capacity Building for Regulators—Training Course: Renewable Energy Regulations](#). Minsk, Belarus, 13-15 September 2010
- [Harmonisation of Electricity Standards - Seminar: Methodologies for Harmonisation of Low and High Voltage Legislation](#). Minsk, Belarus 29 September– 1 October 2010
- [Energy Saving Initiatives in the Building Sector \(ESIB\) —Implementation Phase Kick-Off Meeting](#). Tbilisi, Georgia, 18 October 2010
- [Harmonisation of Electricity Standards - Second Technical Group Meeting](#). Tbilisi, Georgia, 19 October 2010
- [INOGATE Country Coordinators' Workshop - Communicating INOGATE](#). Tbilisi, Georgia, 19 October 2010
- [INOGATE Country Coordinators and Working Group 1 Meeting - Baku Initiative Monitoring Framework](#). Tbilisi Georgia, 20 October 2010
- [Conference on the Covenant of Mayors, supported by SEMISE project](#) — Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-22 October 2010

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