

The EU4Energy Governance Project

The EU4Energy Governance Project is a technical assistance project funded by the European Union, under the EU4Energy Initiative. It targets policymakers working in the energy sector of Eastern Partner countries and helps them strengthen their legislative and regulatory frameworks as well as identify investment opportunities in key energy infrastructure projects.

Within this project, the Energy Community Secretariat is delivering technical assistance to three Eastern Partner countries: Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine that are members of the Energy Community. Regional activities of the project also involve Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus.

A well-functioning energy sector needs clear rules and regulations that ensure both competition and legal certainty. With such rules and regulations in place, consumers, businesses and industry can expect the following benefits:

-  Lower energy bills
-  Improved reliability and safety of energy supply
-  Improved quality of service
-  Reduced environmental damage
-  Reduced energy poverty

EU4Energy Initiative

The EU4Energy Initiative covers all EU support to improve energy supply, security and connectivity, as well as to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewables in the Eastern Partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. It does this by financing projects and programmes that help to reform energy markets and to reduce national energy dependence and consumption. Over the longer term, this makes energy supply more reliable, transparent and affordable, thus reducing energy poverty and energy bills for both citizens and the private sector.

Working together

In order to secure the commitment and ownership of the Eastern Partner countries, EU4Energy works in close collaboration with authorities of the countries to identify priority areas for support. By setting up dedicated working groups of all involved institutions for each sector of work, the EU4Energy Governance team ensures that appropriate follow-up is taken for all new legislation developed. At the same time, training and exchange of experience and best practice is provided to the working group members to facilitate the implementation of new legislation.



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Overview of project activities (2018-2019)

Electricity Market

The EU4Energy Governance project prepared the secondary legislation that will support the implementation of the Electricity Law, which includes the following: draft methodology for the calculation of market operator tariffs; draft wholesale electricity market rules; and draft network codes (grid connection of generators, grid connection of high voltage direct current systems and direct current-connected power park modules; demand connection).

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

Wholesale electricity market rules will ensure a transparent trading environment and security of electricity supply.

Networks codes set the clear legal framework for grid connections, ensure system security and allow more efficient use of the network and resources, for the benefit of consumers.

Energy Efficiency

The EU4Energy Governance project supported Moldova in improving the Energy Performance of Buildings legislation and aligning it with the requirements of Directive 2010/31/EU. The methodology for the calculation of the energy performance of buildings was updated, and the minimum energy performance requirements were developed.

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

Energy efficient buildings will help citizens save money on their energy bills and pay lower building maintenance fees.

By using less energy in buildings, greenhouse gas emissions are reduced which help fight climate change.

Gas Market

Four network codes were prepared that will support the implementation of the Gas Market Law: Inter-operability and Data Exchange Rules; conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks; capacity allocation mechanisms in gas transmission systems; and harmonised transmission tariff structure.

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

Network codes ensure a well-functioning gas market enabling consumers to benefit from competitive prices.

A competitive gas market will attract investments and secure a stable gas supply for consumers.



Consensus Building on Energy Sector Reforms

Through the High-Level Policy Talks, the need for specific reforms is addressed at the highest levels to ensure a clear understanding of each new piece of legislation proposed and accelerate the pace of adoption. The High-Level Policy Talks events also steer the discussion with stakeholders and provide answers to stakeholders' critical questions on energy reforms.

Two High-Level Policy Talks focusing on the Ukraine-Moldova electricity market integration were organised. A High-Level Policy Talks event was held on 20 July 2018 in Lviv, Ukraine where Moldovan and Ukrainian stakeholders discussed the process of reforming their wholesale electricity markets, access to the transmission capacities of cross-border interconnections, and perspectives on synchronization with ENTSO-E countries.

The second High-Level Policy Talks event, organised in Odessa, Ukraine on 14 June 2019, focused on the remaining challenges faced in the market integration between the two countries and the next steps forward. Inter-transmission system operator's (TSO) cooperation was in the spotlight, including cross-border capacity calculation and joint capacity allocation rules, as well as a joint mechanism for compensation of unintended deviations, and cross-border balancing.

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KEY FACTS & FIGURES ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Work Programme 1*	8	6	22	210
Work Programme 2**	11	4	15	153
Total to date	19	10	37	363
	LEGAL ACTS/ STUDIES	WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED	WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ORGANISED	OFFICIALS TRAINED

*May 2017 – May 2018
**June 2018 – April 2019