

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 is providing assistance in drafting the secondary legislation to support the implementation of the draft Law on Energy and Water Supply. Legislation has been developed for licensing conditions, rules for supply of universal services and supplier of last resort, Distribution System Operator (DSO) compliance programme, and cross-border capacity allocation.

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

- Universal services: Households are supplied with a specific quality of electricity at non-discriminatory prices.
- The DSO compliance programme ensures transparency in the electricity market reform process.
- Cross-border capacity allocation: Stable supply of electricity at prices correlated with regional markets.

Energy Efficiency

The EU4Energy Governance project is assisting Georgia with the adoption of a new draft Law on Energy Performance in Buildings, and in preparing a series of building regulations. Assistance was provided in developing the regulation on Energy Performance Certification of Buildings, including the calculation methodology and national values for each class (A, B, C, etc.).

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

- Prospective owners or tenants will have information on the energy costs before investing in a home.
- Citizens will save money on their energy bills and improve their home comfort and environment.

Gas Market

Three pieces of secondary legislation were prepared: Natural Gas Distribution Network Code; Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Tariff Methodologies. Assistance was also provided for the development of the Gas Market Rules.

BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS

- Transparent calculation of costs so tariffs are designed in a fair manner for consumers.
- An open 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 also steer the discussion with stakeholders and provide answers to stakeholders' critical questions on energy reforms.

Two High-Level Policy Talks dedicated to energy efficiency, and electricity and natural gas market reforms were organised. The High-Level Policy Talks event on Natural Gas Market Design, organised in Tbilisi on 4-5 October 2018, addressed the ongoing and planned gas market reforms in Georgia, the next steps of opening the gas market and its impact on Georgian consumers.

The High-Level Policy Talks event on energy efficiency and electricity market reform (1-2 February 2019, Borjomi) targeted legislators and members of the Parliament of Georgia. Discussions during the event deepened the understanding of stakeholders on energy sector reforms and the new opportunities from the introduction of energy efficiency measures. The dialogue contributed towards building a consensus on the key legal provisions of the draft Energy Performance of Buildings Law and the draft Law on Energy and Water Supply.

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KEY FACTS & FIGURES ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Work Programme 1*	14	6	14	81
Work Programme 2**	8	3	18	199
Total to date	22	9	32	280
	LEGAL ACTS/ STUDIES	WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED	WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS ORGANISED	OFFICIALS TRAINED

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