ACCELERATING REFORMS AND INVESTMENTS

Through 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. The first such talk held in Chisinau on 29 March 2018, focused on accelerating the adoption of the new draft Energy Efficiency Law, which will bring major energy savings for consumers and industry alike. By explaining what compliance entails, the benefits it can bring as well as sharing experience and best practice from the EU, the Energy Community Secretariat helps to create a wider understanding and acceptance of new reforms, promoting a faster adoption process in the country.

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.

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**WHAT**
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.

**WHO & WHERE**
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.

**WHY**
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

**WHEN**
The EU4Energy Governance Project runs for four years from June 2016 to June 2020.

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**ELECTRICITY MARKET**
Energy security is a major concern for Moldova given its almost complete reliance on imports of Russian gas. With citizens paying almost 40% of their monthly salaries for electricity, the country is in need of urgent electricity sector reforms. Working closely with the EU4Energy Governance team, Moldovan authorities have drafted a new ground-breaking concept for the operation of the wholesale electricity market, which ultimately aims to reduce end-user prices through increased competition.

**GAS MARKET**
To boost Moldova’s energy security and role as a gas transit country, market rules must be in place. In line with the EU’s Third Energy Package, cross-border gas transmission networks must operate under rules that provide for a transparent and clear governance of the system. An important element in making the cross-border gas trade economically viable is to have well-defined tariff policies. With EU4Energy support, Moldovan authorities are adopting a new methodology for calculating tariffs at the entry and exit points of the natural gas transmission system.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
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The benefits will primarily come through savings in the industry sector and in public buildings. The EU4Energy Governance team is helping to implement the current Law on Energy Performance in Buildings by developing related regulations in compliance with the EU’s best practice.

Once implemented, citizens will be empowered to take actions to help reduce their utility bills, keep their homes adequately warm and stay healthy by reducing poor indoor climate.