

MOLDOVA: KEY FACTS & FIGURES

FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

10

REGULATORY
DRAFTS
PREPARED

6

WORKING
GROUPS
ESTABLISHED

24

WORKSHOPS
AND MEETINGS
ORGANISED

210

OFFICIALS
TRAINED

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.



WORKING TOGETHER

In order to secure the commitment and ownership of the Eastern Partner countries, EU4Energy works in close collaboration with Moldovan authorities 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.

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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GOVERNANCE PROJECT



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

EU4ENERGY GOVERNANCE PROJECT

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.

TYPES OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

THE ENERGY COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT HELPS POLICYMAKERS IN FOUR WAYS

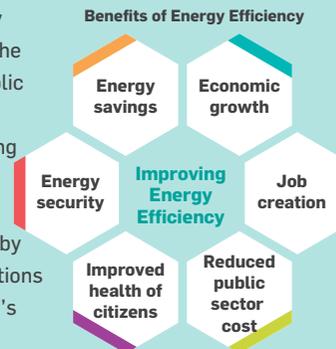


ENERGY EFFICIENCY

In February 2018, Moldova took a first big step in adopting the new Law on Energy Efficiency that was prepared with EU4Energy technical assistance. This new draft law is now in compliance with the EU's energy efficiency legislation and will bring multiple benefits for the country.

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.

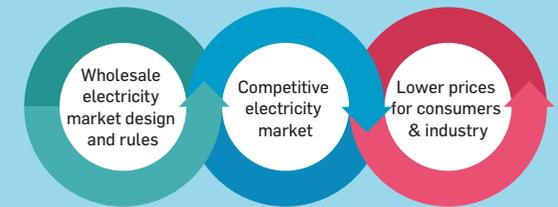
Once implemented, citizens will be empowered to take actions to help reduce their utility bills, keep their homes adequately warm and stay healthy by reducing poor indoor climate.



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.

Importance of wholesale electricity market design



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 - RELATED ENVIRONMENT

By reducing the emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and dust from fossil fuel fired combustion plants, substantial health and environmental benefits can be achieved. To move toward this target, the EU4Energy Governance team supported the development of the 'Regulation on the limitation of emission of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants' in line with the EU's relevant directive.