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 Kyiv on 9 June 2017, focused on accelerating the adoption of the draft Law on Energy Performance of Buildings. 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.
With EU4Energy support, Ukraine has developed new national energy efficiency targets for 2020 and 2030, which are set for approval under a new governmental decree. The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan to be developed with EU4Energy support will set the path to achieve these targets.

The calculations behind the new energy efficiency targets show that over 50% of the targets can be achieved through energy efficiency interventions in the residential sector. By adopting amendments to the draft Energy Performance of Buildings Law, prepared with EU4Energy support, Ukraine will not only bring this law into compliance with EU’s Directive 2010/31, but will contribute to meeting the new targets.

The gas sector is very important for Ukraine as it generates significant revenues for the country. Moreover, to secure stable transit of Russian gas after 2019 and competitive supply for its citizens, a stable, well-functioning and transparent gas market must be in place. The EU4Energy Governance team worked with authorities and prepared a draft law on unbundling of the state-owned gas monopoly, Naftogaz.

Breaking up the state-owned gas monopoly, Naftogaz, will:

- Increase competition
- Diversify energy supply
- Safeguard transit of gas to Europe
- Lower gas prices for consumers

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

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