

GEORGIA: KEY FACTS & FIGURES

FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

14

REGULATORY
DRAFTS
PREPARED

6

WORKING
GROUPS
ESTABLISHED

19

WORKSHOPS
AND MEETINGS
ORGANISED

81

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 Tbilisi on 9-10 November 2017, focused on accelerating the adoption of the new draft Law on Energy, which is the fundamental law for the transition of the entire energy sector to meet Georgia's obligations under the Energy Community Treaty. 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 the new reforms, promoting an accelerated adoption process in the country.

EU4Energy Governance

High-Level Policy Talks on the Electricity Market of Georgia
9 - 10 November 2017



At the regional level, the Energy Community Secretariat, through EU4Energy, provides a structured forum for Partner Countries to identify key regional energy infrastructure projects. The Secretariat supports the selection process of priority projects by applying a specific methodology and criteria to evaluate investments in electricity and gas infrastructure projects.

WORKING TOGETHER

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



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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

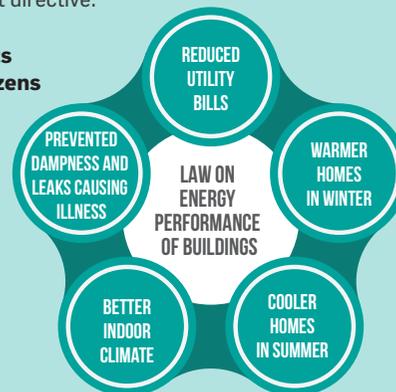
THE ENERGY COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT HELPS POLICYMAKERS IN FOUR WAYS



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Georgia's building sector accounts for over 40% of the country's energy consumption. Residential buildings are by far the most inefficient buildings in the country and the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. The EU4Energy Governance team supported Georgian authorities to develop the first ever Law on Energy Performance of Buildings and is working on related regulations in compliance with the EU's relevant directive.

Benefits for citizens



ELECTRICITY MARKET

Georgia's main challenge is the creation of an open, competitive and liquid electricity market. The EU4Energy Governance team is working closely with Georgian authorities to ensure a full opening of the electricity market including:

- Drafting a legal framework for a comprehensive set of licensing conditions
- Developing rules for supply of universal services and supplier of the last resort
- Developing electricity market rules, etc.

Benefits of electricity market reforms for citizens

Right to choose

Consumer protection

Security of supply



GAS MARKET

EU4Energy support in Georgia's natural gas market reform focuses on the development of terms and conditions for the operation, management and functioning of natural gas distribution networks in Georgia. This work will contribute to opening the gas market, attracting investments and increasing the security of gas supply in Georgia.



ENERGY - RELATED ENVIRONMENT

Reducing emissions of sulphur dioxide from the combustion of certain types of liquid fuels will have a direct positive benefit on Georgian citizens and their environment. With EU4Energy support, Georgian authorities developed rules for sampling, methods of analysis and inspection of certain liquid fuels and a template for fuel quality monitoring plans.