

EU4Energy: Enhancing impact of civil society in monitoring reforms in line with the Association Agreement

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Brief Description

Monitoring Ukraine's journey towards an Association Agreement with the EU helps keep the country's reforms on track. An EU-funded project is supporting this ambition by following developments in energy and environment and communicating progress to citizens.



Objectives

Why is this needed?

The EU-funded project “*Enhancing impact of civil society in monitoring and policy dialogue on energy and related sectors reforms in line with the Association Agreement*”, recognises the importance of involving stakeholders in sectoral change. The project brings together energy companies, NGOs and consumer groups to identify priorities and challenges along the path to reform. Civil society involvement, believes the EU, is vital for new policies to truly benefit citizens and businesses.

Actions in brief

How is the project helping?

Dialogue involving stakeholders takes place on a range of issues. Six task forces made up of independent experts participate in roundtable discussions and consultations covering gas, electricity and nuclear safety; energy efficiency and social issues; environment and renewables; oil; and business climate. A system of monitoring benchmarks has been developed by each of the task forces to ensure that key reforms are kept on track.

Monthly progress reports are published in Ukrainian and English and widely circulated among key stakeholders, experts and journalists. The six task forces also report publicly about progress that has - or has not - been made. Events such as media briefings and roundtable discussions are held to ensure that citizens are kept abreast of developments.

What results have been achieved?

Thanks in part to the contributions made by the task forces, framework laws in almost all sub-sectors of energy and environment have now been adopted. Stakeholders too have benefitted by getting a better understanding of the overall aims and objectives of EU energy and environment policy. For example, the coalition of task forces advocated the adoption of the Law on Energy Regulator, which was voted in October 2016 and signed by the President in November 2016. Following a gas task force roundtable discussion in April 2017, a working group on fuel and energy was established by a member of parliament to develop legislation on managing state-owned gas distribution networks.

Project taskforce members have also been involved in developing laws on the electricity market of Ukraine, energy efficiency, commercial metering and the energy efficiency of buildings, as well as preparing the new draft of the Energy Strategy of Ukraine.

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