

EU-Eastern Partnership STI Cooperation in Addressing Energy Research and Innovation

Policy Stakeholders Conference in Minsk, 12 - 13 October 2015
Venue: Renaissance Hotel, Praspjyekt Dzyarzhynskaha 1E, Minsk

PROGRAMME

12 October 2015

09:00-09:30 *Registration*

09:30-10:00 **Opening Session**

Welcome addresses

1. Alexander Shumilin, Chairman, State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus
2. Andrei Minenkov, Head of External Economic Relations and Science & Technology Policy, Department for Energy Efficiency, State Committee for Standardization of Belarus

Policy Stakeholders Conferences in the frame of the *IncoNet EaP* project: goals and expectations

George Bonas, Scientific Coordinator of IncoNet EaP, Managing Director, Centre for Regional and International STI Studies and Support (CeRISS), Greece

10:00-11:15 **Session I: International Policies, Initiatives and Programmes on Energy**

Moderator: Alexei Dick, Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere (BellSA)

Rapporteur: Hendrik Meurs, German Aerospace Center (DLR)

1. Important energy research related issues at the EU level, **Karina Firkaviciute, Policy Officer, Research and Innovation Directorate General of the European Commission**
2. The Role of the EaP Panel in Promoting Research and Innovation in the EaP Countries, **Zygmunt Krasinski, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, representative of the EaP Panel on Research and Innovation, Poland**
3. Achieving a sustainable and reliable energy infrastructure through increased support for south-south cooperation, **Adam Rogers, Senior Advisor and Head of Unit of the UN Development Programme, Geneva Office**
4. Best Policy Practices for Promoting Energy Efficiency in the UNECE Region, **Oleg Dzioubinski, Energy Efficiency Programme Manager, Sustainable Energy Division, UN Economic Commission for Europe**

Q&A

11:15-11:45 *Coffee break*



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11:45-13:15 **Session I: continued**

Moderator: Renáta Jaksa, International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG), Hungary
Rapporteur: Oguz OZKAN, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

1. Energy Efficiency Policies in EU-Eastern Partnership countries, **Steivan Defilla, Director, Energy Charter Secretariat, Belgium**
2. Energy Efficiency Act of Austria, **DI Gabriele Brandl, Project Manager, Austrian Energy Agency**
3. EBRD Initiatives and Programmes for Power&Energy Sector, **Olga Yeriomina, Senior Banker, Power&Energy Utilities, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**
4. KIC Inno Energy - An European Platform for Innovation in Energy, **Robert Gohla, Representative of KIC InnoEnergy Project, Senior Project Manager, Steinbeis Europa Zentrum of Steinbeis Innovation GmbH, Germany**
5. Support for Advanced Biofuels Stakeholders, **Peter Canciani, Project Manager at Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat, European Biofuels Technology Platform**
6. Geothermal District Heating in Iceland, **Baldur PÉTURSSON, Specialist of Orkustofnun National Energy Authority of Iceland, representative of Geothermal ERA-NET**

Q&A

13:15-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-18:00 **Session II: The IncoNet EaP Project and good practice examples of projects and studies involving the EaP countries**

14:30-16:00 **Panel I: Presentations of projects focusing on energy**

Moderator: Artur Voronych, Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas, Ukraine
Rapporteur: Mariam Keburia, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, Georgia

1. Bibliometric Analysis of EU-EaP joint publications in Energy, **Hanna Scheck, Project Manager, Center for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria**
2. Presentation on Twinning Grants, **Hendrik Meurs, DLR**
3. Synergies between various EU-Instruments related to the energy issues, **Piotr Swiatek, Representative of German National Contact Point for Energy in H2020**
4. Turkish renewable energy vision 2023 and Applied technological research activities of TUBITAK MRC Energy Institute, **Alper SARIOGLAN, TUBITAK**
5. Smart Energy Carriers for Smart Energy Technologies: Potential for EU-EaP Co-operation, **George Skevis, Principal Researcher, CPERI/CERTH, Vice-Chair of the H2020 European Project SMARTCATS, Greece**

Q&A



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16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-18:00 **Panel II: Presentations of EaP countries on energy**

Moderator: Ion Marin, Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Rapporteur: Tigran Arzymanyan, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS-RA)

1. Low renewable energy and energy efficiency in Azerbaijan, **Aydin Huseynov, Director, Technology Transfer Center, Azerbaijan State University of Economics**
2. Using Geothermal Deposits of Georgia As Renewable Energy Source, **George Melikadze, President of Georgian Geothermal Association, Vice-president of Georgian Geophysical Association**
3. Increasing role of civil society in local energy policies, **Dmytro Sakaliuk, Project Manager, NGO "Ecoclub ", Ukraine**
4. Current state of affairs in the area of Renewable Energy Development in Armenia, **Artak Hambarian, Assoc. Director, Engineering Research Center, American University of Armenia**
5. UNDP projects on increasing the energy efficiency of Belarus economy, **Alexandre Grebenkov, Project Manager, UNDP Office in Belarus**
6. Implementation of the state policies in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in the Republic of Moldova, **Denis Tumuruc, Deputy Director, Energy Efficiency Agency of the Republic of Moldova**

19.30-23.00 *Official Dinner, by invitation ("Bella Rosa" Restaurant, 3, Gikalo str.)*



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09:00-11:00 **Session III: The way forward**

Moderator: Olga Meerovskaya, BellSA

Rapporteur: Hanna Scheck, ZSI

1. Introduction of the INNOVER-EAST project by **Katalin Kurucz, Head of Department, Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd. for Applied Research**
2. Introduction of the ener2i project by **Gorazd Weiss, Research and Project Manager, ZSI**
3. County reports on energy, **Zsuzsanna Angyal, International Expert and Project Manager, Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development** and **Renáta Jaksa, Director, ICEG**

10:00-10:40

Quick statements and moderated Discussion

Ener2i Country reports and INNOVER-EAST national studies - policy related bottlenecks of innovation - expert's panel discussion. Discussion towards joint priorities (40 min)

Participants:

Moderator: Tigran Arzymanyan, Head of International S&T Programmes Department, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (tbc)

AZ Islam Mustafayev, Head of Laboratory Energy Saving Processes, Institute of Radiation problems, Azerbaijan

AM Artak Hambarian, Assoc. Director, Engineering Research Center, American University of Armenia

BY Tatyana Pospelova, ALC "ENECA"

GE George Abulashvili, Director, Energy Efficiency Centre Georgia

MD Mihai Tirsu, Director, Institute of Power Engineering of Academy of Sciences of Moldova

UA Artur Voronych, Head of Department of International Relations, Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas

10:40-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-13:00 **Closing Session**

Moderator: George Bonas, CeRISS

11:00-11:50 **Wrap-up of Conference**

Results from Session I

Hendrik Meurs, DLR

Results from Session I (continued)

Oguz OZKAN, TUBITAK

Results from Session II: Panel I

Mariam Keburia, SRNSF



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Results from Session II: Panel II

Tigran Arzymanyan, NAS-RA

Results from Session III: Moderated Discussions

Hanna Scheck, ZSI

- 11:50-12:20 **Discussion on the results from the Sessions**
- 12:20-12:40 **Closing Speeches**
Representative of the State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus
- 12:40-12:50 **Wrap-up of the discussion, Closing Remarks**
George Bonas, Scientific Coordinator of IncoNet EaP, Managing Director of CeRISS
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- End of Conference*



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