

### GIZ Ukraine - Establishment of Energy Agencies in Ukraine



Participants of the Energy Efficiency Training in Germany

Dear Reader,

The current issue of our Newsletter is dedicated to the latest developments and activities of our Project. Definitely, one of the main achievements within the recent months was the establishment of Odessa Municipal Energy Agency (OMEA) that was officially announced on 14 April 2015. Also, we offer a closer look at energy efficiency training for Ukrainian specialists held in Germany at the beginning of June. Finally, you will read about the unique Centre for Energy Efficient Technologies and the results of the working seminar on investing into energy efficiency projects in Odessa.

Your Project Team

#### Establishment of OMEA: first municipal energy agency in Ukraine

 A press conference on the presentation of the newly established Odessa Municipal Energy Agency (OMEA) took place in Odessa on 14 April 2015. OMEA was established by Odessa City Council on the basis of the communal enterprise "Agency for Development Programs of Odessa" with the technical support of our Project. Mr. Viacheslav Shandryk, Deputy Mayor of



Odessa, and Mr. Robert Kuenne, Project Director, delivered the keynote speeches and presented the concept of OMEA to media representatives and public.

Priority tasks of OMEA include the development of a municipal energy monitoring and energy management system, development of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) for Odessa, attraction of investments for the implementation of energy efficiency projects in order to reduce the city budget expenses and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Information campaigns for the public and business circles are another important area of OMEA's future activities.

#### Energy Efficiency Training in Germany

On 1-10 June 2015 Project partners took part in the training "Energy efficiency in commercial and public buildings" that

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was held at the Renewables Academy (RENAC) in Berlin, Germany. The delegation included representatives of the Parliament committees, Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine, State Agency on Energy



## Upcoming events

- **Study visit to Riga, Latvia**  
(27/07-01/08/2015)

Representatives of OMEA and Odessa City Council will pay a visit to Riga, where they will study the experience of Riga in the field of SEAP implementation, and also jointly work on the development of SEAP for Odessa City.

- **German weeks in Ukraine**  
(23/09-10/10/2015)

During this period a variety of interesting events will be held all across Ukraine with the support of the German Embassy in Kyiv.

- **6<sup>th</sup> European-Ukrainian Energy Day**  
(05/11/2015)



One of the most relevant and influential Ukrainian Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency event of the year, already in its sixth massively successful edition, will feature an extensive and interesting programme for all energy professionals, including law makers and developers, SMEs and large companies, IFIs, NGOs, donors and entrepreneurs, operating in Ukraine. This year energy democracy will be in focus of the event.

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The German partners prepared a highly topical and interesting programme for Ukrainian trainees that included not only theoretical lectures, but also practical workshops at RENAC Centre, and site visits to the buildings with the latest energy efficiency equipment. The acquired experience will help participants to implement the new knowledge and skills in their day-to-day professional activity.

### Centre for Energy Efficient Technologies in Odessa

The concept of the Centre for Energy Efficient Technologies (CEET) was presented to a wide public on 9 June 2015. Establishment of the Centre is a result of close cooperation between the Odessa National Polytechnic University, OMEA, and the Project. Starting autumn 2015, a demonstration center for energy efficiency and alternative methods of heat energy generation will be opened on the basis of CEET in one of the University buildings.



The main expected benefits of CEET are as follows:

- Students and experts will learn to apply innovative technologies and conduct research in energy sector;
- Residents of Odessa will be able to study innovative technologies and get professional consultations;
- Companies will have an opportunity to exhibit their innovative technologies;
- The buildings of Odessa National Polytechnic University will be heated

by using energy efficient innovative technologies.

### Seminar "Investing in a sustainable future: energy efficiency projects in Odessa City and Odessa Region"

Current status and prospects for energy efficiency improvement was the focus of the seminar "Investing in a sustainable future: energy efficiency projects in Odessa City and Odessa Region" organized by OMEA with the support of our Project on 16 June 2015. Over 40 participants gathered to discuss the most crucial issues related to energy saving, energy management and the ways of funding of projects.



Welcome speeches were delivered by Mr. Mykhaylo Shmushkovych, Head of Odessa Oblast Council, and Mr. Robert Kuenne, Project Director.

Representatives of international donors, namely the European Commission, NEFCO, International Finance Corporation and Heinrich Böll Foundation, provided an overview of their activities and projects in the field of energy efficiency in Ukraine. Ms. Yuliya Kirvas, OMEA Financial Manager, presented the concept, objectives and plans of the newly established agency. Mr. Yevhen Udod, Head of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Council, and Mr. Oleksiy Kaspruk, Mayor of Chernivtsi City, shared their practical experiences of energy efficiency projects implementation in their cities and regions.

Participants were also presented the energy monitoring system of Odessa Oblast and the Center for Energy Efficient Technologies. Finally, the attendees jointly discussed the situation in energy sector and planned energy efficiency investment projects in Odessa City and Oblast.

To find out more about the above mentioned events or to download presentations please visit our web site:

<http://eeau.org.ua>