ENERGY SECURITY AND ENERGY UNION PERSPECTIVES FOR MOLDOVA

Main achievement – signing and ratification of the EU-Moldova Association agreement

Development of the renewable energy sector is a new and competitive industry for sustainable development in Moldova, which has already some basis in a number of localities in the country (Minister of Foreign Affairs, speech on annual UN conference 2015).

Main steps

- Development of the program of measures for the implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement
- Preparing of project files in order to support developed program
- Planning of energy security activities on local level and including relevant issues in plans for local social and economic development

Development of new legislation

- Energy issues to be included in relevant amendments according provisions of the EU energy union
- Strategy on climate change and energy issues as an adaptation tool
- Strategy on energy security (final discussions)
- Projects aimed at involvement of the civil society institutions in decision making on different issues of energy management

Public participation

- Involvement in the development of local plans for social and economic development
- Access to information and technical capacities
- Cooperation with EU institutions
- Involvement in the development of sectoral strategies (agriculture, energy, public health etc)
- Critical issues to remain involvement in EIA, SEA, participation in development of different strategic documents in energy security
- Tools for public involvement should be improved through development of the different projects, programs etc aimed at implementation of provisions of energy union

Strengthening cooperation with EU

- Development of common projects with EUmember states (bi/three lateral) projects. Total estimated in 2014 – 50 mln euro (mainly infrastructure)
- Common actions on regional level
- Plan for adoption of national legislation with EU as a part of the association agreement and reporting
- Reports on energy sector development made by civil society institutions

Recommendations

- Continue capacity building of the civil society organizations in different domains
- Strengthen of interregional cooperation in the frame of the EaP and EU
- Creation of relevant networks for participation in development of different programs and plans
- Strengthen administrative capacities of public institutions