

Innovation audits

The main goal of the NoGAP project is fostering innovation and technology transfer in the field of renewable energy in countries of the European Union's Eastern Partnership.

One of the guidelines observed during the project referred to working with the stakeholders "in the field" in order to get in touch with their real and concrete, every day, challenges. For this purpose, a complex activity was dedicated to performing an innovation audit study upon a significant number of organizations from each EaP country involved in the project.

UTC-N has prepared, with the support of SEZ, an audit questionnaire adapted to the specific of the studied region. In cooperation with the local partners, UTC-N has piloted two innovation audits in Georgia, two in Ukraine and two in Belarus.

These activities allowed the project partners, and the public, from the EU to get firsthand knowledge of how companies and other organizations operate with regards to innovation and what is their potential in this direction. Also, the partners from these countries have refined their innovation audit skills and have prepared plans to complete the activity according to the project specifications.



In consequence, a number of 20 additional audits on innovative capabilities of stakeholders was carried out by NIP Ukraine, ICARTI Georgia, and RCTT and BSATU in Belarus, at the stakeholders in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy. In total, 26 audit questionnaires resulted, containing quantitative and qualitative assessments of the interviewed organizations. UTC-N together with GTU took on the task to process and analyze all of these reports in order to create a more detailed and larger picture of innovation in the EaP.

A report has been produced that highlights the findings of the NoGAP team, draws conclusions and makes recommendations ([Link to deliverable D3.6 on the website](#)).

Among the strong points identified, the innovative products/services stand out for all of the three countries. Some aspects that require improvement concern innovation related processes and organizational capability to generate these processes.

The main recommendation of the report for organizations from these countries is to keep expanding their professional, technical and business support network and to enter more collaborations with European partners, for a natural and beneficial transfer of innovation culture and knowledge.

The good results of the innovation audits practical training was seen specially in Ukraine where was realized two Business Plans.

Some pictures taken during the innovation audit activities.



Belarus



Georgia



Ukraine