
The 7th International Exhibition “Energy Forum “Ukraine – 2006” (“Oil, Gas, Coal, Energy Sector”) - “Energy-efficient technologies for extraction (production) and usage” was held in Kiev, Ukraine, on 23 – 26 May 2006. It was organized by the Committee on issues of fuel-energy complex, nuclear policy and nuclear security of the Parliament of Ukraine, the Ministry of coal industry of Ukraine, the Ministry of fuel and energy of Ukraine, the Ministry of industrial policy of Ukraine, the National Agency of Ukraine on issues of ensuring effective usage of energy resources, “Naftogaz of Ukraine” NJSC and other state institutions and organizations.

The 9th International Conference “Energy Security of Europe of the XXI Century. Eurasian Energy Corridors” was jointly organized with the 7th International Exhibition and took place on 24 – 25 May 2006. In the course of the conference specialised seminars, presentations and round tables were held with the participation of high-level officials (the Adviser to the President of Ukraine, Directors of Departments of the Ministry of fuel and energy of Ukraine), representatives of leading energy companies (“Naftogaz of Ukraine” NJSC, “NEC Ukrenergo” SE), diplomatic corps (Embassies of Finland, Moldova and Iran) and scientific institutions (the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine).

The exhibition and the conference were aimed at forming scientific basis for energy security of Ukraine and Europe on the whole, developing an interstate dialogue in the energy sphere (Ukraine – EU, Ukraine – Russia, Ukraine – Countries of the Caspian Region), analysing the perspective for diversification of energy markets, assessing the peculiarities of Ukraine’s integration into the European energy system and Eurasian energy space, forming an energy-saving model for development of Ukrainian economy, supporting the state policy of structural-innovative renewal of the energy sector and modernisation of objects of the fuel-and-energy complex of Ukraine, as well as broad attracting domestic and foreign investments into the Ukrainian energy sector.
Main topics that were presented at the conference:

- Energy security: world trends and driving forces in the XXI century
- Energy security as a basis of the national and economic security of European countries
- Strategy of development of the fuel-and-energy sector of Europe and Ukraine for the period of up to 2030
- Integration processes in the European energy sector, the joint energy system of Europe
- Diversification of routes and sources of supply of energy resources to Europe and Ukraine: exporting potential of Ukraine
- Electrical energy associations on the territory of Eurasian continent
- Energy security of Ukraine as a constituent of energy security or Europe
- Ukraine's role in the world's system of fuel-and-energy resources transportation
- Peculiarities of Ukraine's integration into the European energy system and Eurasian energy space
- Development of the oil- and gas-transportation system of Ukraine
- Ukraine's nuclear energy and world trends in the nuclear industry, the nuclear-fuel cycle of Ukraine
- Development of power-generation facilities and electricity lines in Ukraine
- Innovation and investment projects in the fuel-and-energy complex
- Formation of energy-saving model for economic development of Ukraine

The INOGATE Programme was present at the 7th International Exhibition “Energy Forum Ukraine – 2006” with a separate booth, which was provided on a free basis by the organizing committee. The INOGATE booth was presented with the INOGATE map of oil and gas priority axes, INOGATE informational materials and flags of INOGATE participating countries. Additionally, during the four-day exhibition work, 4 video films demonstrating the INOGATE Programme activities were shown. The main goal of participation of the INOGATE Technical Secretariat in the Exhibition was to promote the INOGATE Programme in general and to bring
to the public attention the latest INOGATE achievements, as well as its further perspectives and plans for future. In this respect, the participation of the ITS was quite successful, since approximately 100 people visited the INOGATE booth in the duration of the exhibition. Visitors were provided with the information on INOGATE Programme and with informational materials, such as INOGATE brochure “INOGATE Developments 2001 – 2004 … and New Perspectives”, leaflet “INOGATE Technical Secretariat Kiev”, maps of priority axes of natural gas and crude oil pipelines and others. INOGATE maps “Projects of Pan-European Interest – Proposed Priority Axes for Natural Gas Pipelines” and “Projects of Pan-European Interest – Proposed Priority Axes for Oil Pipelines” were in a great demand. The visitors were mostly interested in possibilities of financing small-scale projects of energy sector at local or national level. They also asked about on-going INOGATE projects, specifically, about the 3rd phase of Gas Group and Odessa-Brody project.

The INOGATE Technical Secretariat participated also in the Conference by the presenting (with a slide-show) “INOGATE Technical Secretariat as coordination mechanism for enhanced energy cooperation in NIS”, the text of which was prepared by the Team Leader and agreed with the EC project manager.

The participation of the ITS in the event was fruitful, as we had one more opportunity to inform the wide circle of participants about our former, current and planned activities. For example, during the conference, our presentation met strong interest among scientists of the National Academy of Sciences, and they proposed to develop co-operation by involving their experts in the projects of INOGATE. The conference was also useful for information exchange with the state authorities dealing with energy and energy saving (ministries, agencies etc).