

Press Release

A global education project supports the development of sustainable energy supplies in the Ukraine



Berlin, 08.12.2011 – This week, with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office, public and private representatives from Ukraine's energy sector dealing with energy efficiency and renewable energy met educational specialists from Germany's Renewables Academy (RENAC) in Kyiv to define training needs along the value chains. The bilateral talks formed part of RENAC's accomplished "TREE - Transfer Renewable

Energy & Efficiency" international training program, whose aim is to develop national strategies for training specialists in the development of sustainable energy supplies.

Through increased use of renewable energy sources and more efficient use of energy, Ukraine can reduce its long-term heavy reliance on energy imports. Currently, around two thirds of energy comes from imported sources; by 2030 this should be only 12% according to the national energy plan. At the same time, estimates have shown that Ukraine currently uses only about 2% of its renewable energy potential and huge unused potentials in energy efficiency in the generation sector, industry and commerce and building sector. One of the biggest challenges in leveraging this potential, is to equip professionals with appropriate technical expertise. In addition appropriate political and economic conditions must be created.

During the Ukrainian-German talks, the requirements and conditions for a training program on renewable energy and energy efficiency issues in the country's educational institutions and for different professional groups were defined, and strategies developed for their implementation in practice. To follow this up, RENAC is planning a series of training courses for policy makers, to be held next year, on creating effective policy frameworks for the development of a sustainable energy supply, together with other courses dealing with the implementation of the technologies in practice.

RENAC, based in Berlin (Germany), has already been supporting the development of the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector on an international scale over the last 3 years through its internationally recognized TREE education project. To date, with the support of the German Federal Environment Ministry, courses have been undertaken with participants from more than 50 countries. In November the German Federal Foreign Office took over promotion of the project. Ukraine has been included in the list of target countries requesting trainings in Russian language, together with others such as Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The TREE project has already won acclaim, both nationally and internationally, through a number of awards.

About RENAC: RENAC, based in Berlin, is an international provider of education and training and other services related to professional education in renewable energies and energy efficiency. Its range of services includes open and in-house courses, e-learning, consultancy and support of third parties in course design - from drawing up of curricula through to setting up training centers.

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