



Invitation:

Workshop on energy cooperatives in Georgia

Towards fossil-free, safe & affordable energy

Rural Communities Development Agency
Women International for a Common Future – WECF / WICF

Sunday 8th – Tuesday 10th November 2015

Mtskheta, Georgia

RCDA resource center, Village Misaktseli,

General objectives:

General objective is to develop alternative models for renewable energy and energy efficiency and to consider whether and how these forms in Georgia are feasible and useful, both technically and with regard to the current legal and economic conditions. Decentralized energy production with citizen's participation, financed through energy cooperatives, creates jobs and income, increasing the share of renewable energy and creates local value added. Thus, the economic vulnerability is reduced on imported forms of energy.

The follow up of the workshop foresees practical and legal assistance in setting up one or more energy cooperatives, probably based on existing service providers on renewable energy and energy efficiency, which have been established in previous pilot projects. A follow up workshop will be organized 14th and 15th of December.

Participants:

Employees of Resource Centres / RE & EE service providers, WECF Partner of Energy-Projects, 5 selected municipalities (Akhaltstike, Khobi, Khoni, Mtskheta, Sagarejo), Georgian association of cooperatives, Georgian NGOs, dealing with energy production and energy efficiency, national Energy and Climate stakeholders, Covenant of Mayors.

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Trainers:

- Katharina Habersbrunner,
 - Board member of Bavarian Association: Bürgerenergie Bayern e.V.,
 - Board member of energy cooperative Bürgerenergiegenossenschaft eG
- Johanna Eichermüller, WECF Germany
- Rostom Gamisonia – Rural Communities Development Agency
- Levan Dadiani – Oxfam Georgia – ENPARD coordinator
- David Niguriani - Ethic Finance (Georgian credit cooperative)
- Maia Gachechiladze - Ethic Finance (Georgian credit cooperative)
- Giorgi Misheladze – Agricultural Cooperative Development Agency
- Anna Samwel, WECF Georgia

Practical information:

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Programm:

| Time | Programme | Who |
|---------------|---|---|
| 8.11.2015 | Moderation Sunday | Anna Samwel |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Welcome and introduction | Anna / Katharina WECF |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Energy situation in rural areas of Georgia: opportunities citizen's participation and decentralized production. Energy costs and energy saving – Results of energy projects | Anna, Rusudan Simonidze |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Legal situation of energy cooperatives in Georgia | Ethic Capital (EC) |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | 3:30 – 4:30pm Coffee break | |
| 15:30 – 17:30 | Energy cooperatives in Western Europe and Germany and their impact on the energy transition Meaning for Georgia | Johanna Eichermüller, Katharina Habersbrunner |
| Sunday | 20:00 Dinner | |
| 9.11.15 | Moderation Monday | Katharina |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Wrap up | Anna |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Report of representative of agricultural cooperative: Experience | Levan Dadiani Giorgi Misheladze |

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| 11:00 – 11.45 | Possible models about energy cooperatives - presentation | Rostom Gamisonia/ Katharina |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | Coffee break | |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Workshop (2-3 Workshop groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible models for energy cooperatives in Georgia: opportunities and risks • Which resources are needed? • Legal framework? | Katharina, EC, Rostom |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch | |
| 14:30 – 17:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of workshop • Presentation of workshop results • Discussion | All |
| 19:00 | Dinner | |
| 10.11.15 | Tuesday; moderation: | Rostom |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Wrap up | Katharina |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Advantages of an energy cooperative | David / Katharina |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | Planning for establishment of the energy cooperatives / <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business model - Establishment - Financial models - Member acquisition / Marketing - Organization (management, staff, etc.) - Prototype of statute with targets, etc. | Katharina, Rostom, EC |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Homework for Workshop part II – Concrete steps and commitment | All |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Resolution from the workshop – Q&Y | EC, Katharina |

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