

Summary information on the implementation of Project № BG05SFOP001-2.012-0001-C01 „Enhancing the analytical capacity of the Energy and Water Regulatory Commission“ under Operational programme Good Governance

The project entitles EWRC as beneficiary and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) as contractor and is implemented on the basis of a Project Implementation Support Services Agreement between EWRC and EBRD for providing support of projects in the regulatory activity. The project is aimed at enhancing the analytical and technical capacity of the regulator and improving the regulation of prices and the efficiency of the electricity market, in particular the efficiency of electricity network enterprises and the quality of network services provided by them. The total cost of the project is BGN 1 300 000, of which BGN 1 105 000 grants from the European Social Fund and BGN 195 000 - national co-financing and the project duration is 18 months. The project activities started in October 2019 and ended in April 2021.

Main activities implemented under the project:

Draft normative acts have been developed in connection with new powers of EWRC to monitor the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1227/2011 (REMIT):

- Draft ordinance, methodologies, instructions and rules related to market monitoring and investigation of REMIT violations;
- Internal rules for EWRC investigative expert;
- Three trainings were conducted for EWRC experts on the exercise of EWRC powers under Regulation (EU) № 1227/2011.

Aiming to improve price regulation and electricity market efficiency in Bulgaria, the following documents have been prepared:

- Draft rules for conducting single regulatory accounting for the electricity distribution system operators (DSOs);
- Draft methodology for assessment of capital and operating expenses of DSOs;

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- Draft methodology for linking of regulated revenues of distribution network operators with indicators of efficiency and quality of services.

14 analytical and methodological documents were prepared and a total of 65 man-trainings were carried out within the project.

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