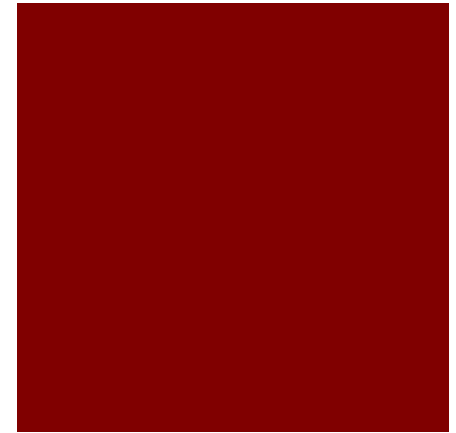




Brief presentation of study proposals under Platform3



High Quality Studies to Support Activities under the EaP
Platform 3 Plenary Meeting, Brussels, December 11, 2015



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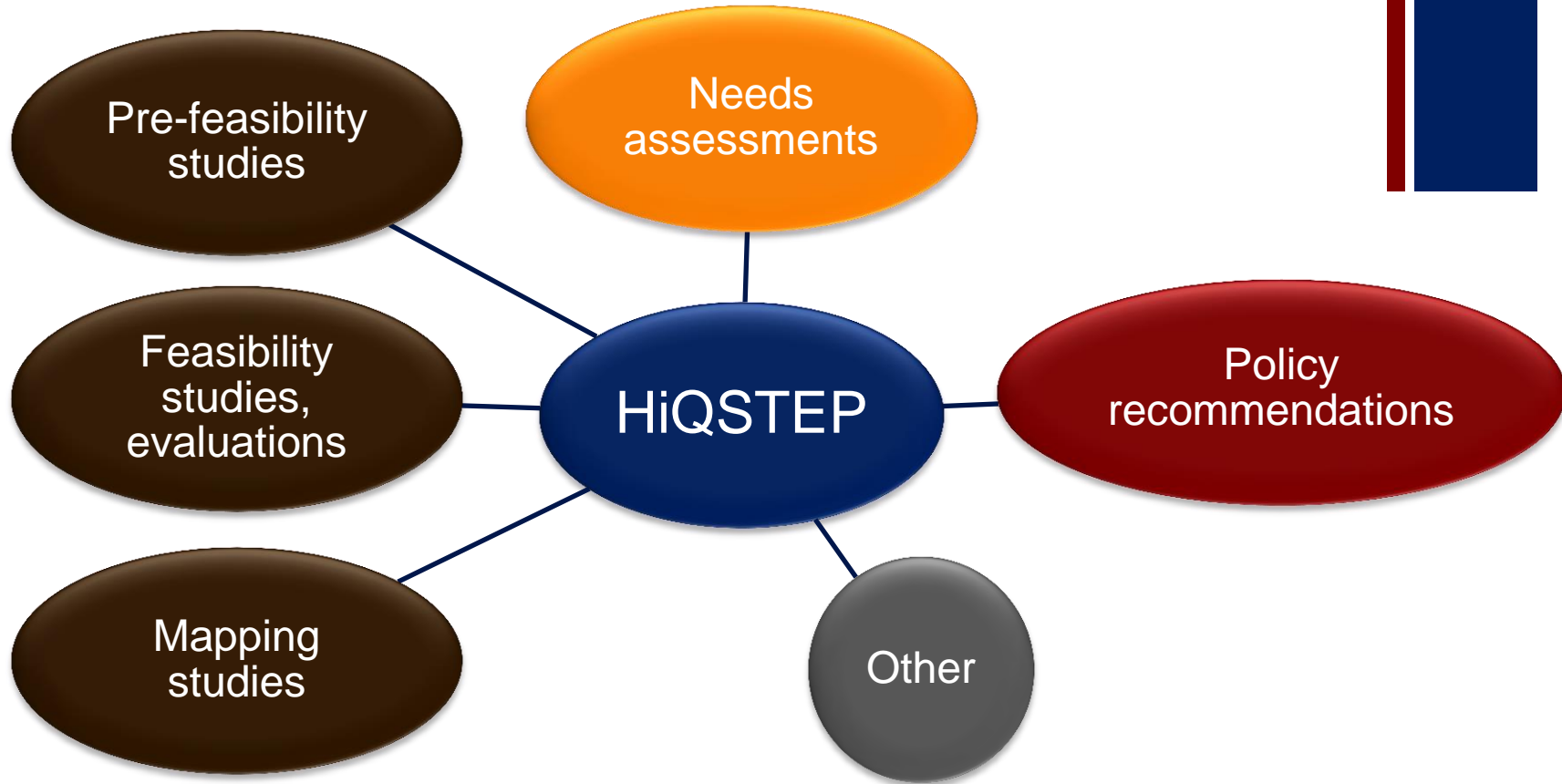
HiQSTEP

High Quality Studies for the Eastern Partnership



An EU-funded Project

+ Project Objective



- The objective of the Project is to provide **short-term expertise** which can be mobilised at short notice in order to carry out different types of studies
- The Project started on 13 January **2014**. It runs for 4 years (**2017**).
- The **Budget is 5M EUR** and it is funded by the EU (DG NEAR)

+ Studies Implemented so far

Platform I

- ✓ Public Administration Reform in the EaP - progress since 2012
- ✓ Women in Power and Decision Making

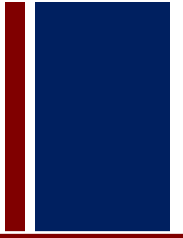
Platform II

- ✓ Skills Anticipation and Matching in the Labour Market in the EaP
- ✓ Environmental Integration into Sector Policies in the Eastern Partner Countries
- ✓ Harmonisation of Digital Markets in the Eastern Partner Countries
- ✓ Study on women entrepreneurship in the Eastern Partner Countries

Platform IV

- ✓ Mapping Study on Audio-Visual Industries in Eastern Partner Countries

+ Proposed Studies under Platform III



	Title	Relevant activity in the context of the 2014-2017 WP	Regional dimension
1	Analysis of licensing and fiscal frameworks for concession agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approximation of the regulatory framework. ✓ Development of electricity, gas and oil interconnections and diversification of supply. ✓ Conventional and unconventional oil and gas resources. 	✓
2	Analysis of the Use of Decentralized Alternative Energy in Sustainable Rural Development Planning in the Eastern Partner countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approximation of the regulatory framework. ✓ Stakeholder dialogue in energy efficiency and renewable energy 	✓
3	Effect of the placement of solar panels on the buildings for the purpose of increasing energy security and energy efficiency and developing the clean energy <i>(Proposed by GE)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approximation of the regulatory framework ✓ Stakeholder dialogue in energy efficiency and renewable energy 	✓



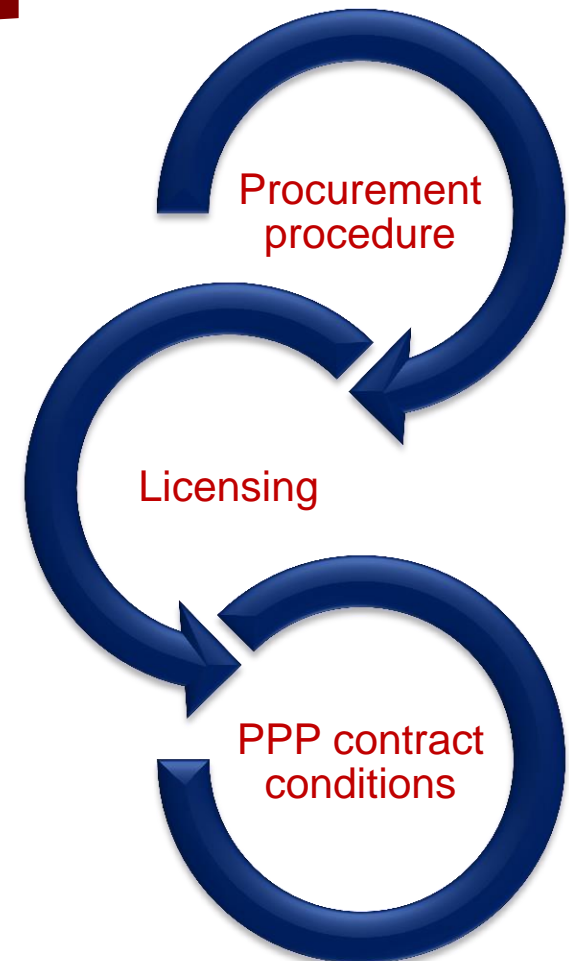
Proposed Study 1

Analysis of licensing and fiscal frameworks for concession agreements



Topics to be covered

- ❖ A review of **EU practices** with respect to the *procedure of procuring PPP contracts* for production, transmission, distribution, gas storage and/or generation capacity if applicable, including the *licensing* process, the terms and *conditions* of PPP agreements and a review of the relevant fiscal policy.
- ❖ A similar review as above for the **Eastern Partner countries**.
- ❖ Identification of a **Best Practice** framework applicable to Eastern Partner countries.
- ❖ A proposal for a streamlined procedure for PPP licensing, including concessions, based on the Best Practice identified above.



+ Proposed Study 2

Analysis of the Use of Decentralized Alternative Energy in Sustainable Rural Development Planning in the Eastern Partner countries

Topics to be covered

- ❖ A review of **selected EU practices** towards the promotion of EE and RES in the agricultural sector
- ❖ A review of the **current legislative framework of Eastern Partner countries** targeted to RE and EE programmes in the agricultural sector.
- ❖ An assessment of **EE & RES support instruments** and development mechanisms for rural areas.
- ❖ Development of **a roadmap** towards specific actions for the deployment of RES and Energy Efficiency Programmes in rural areas of Eastern Partner Countries & policy recommendations.

Energy efficiency

RES fuel
production/processing

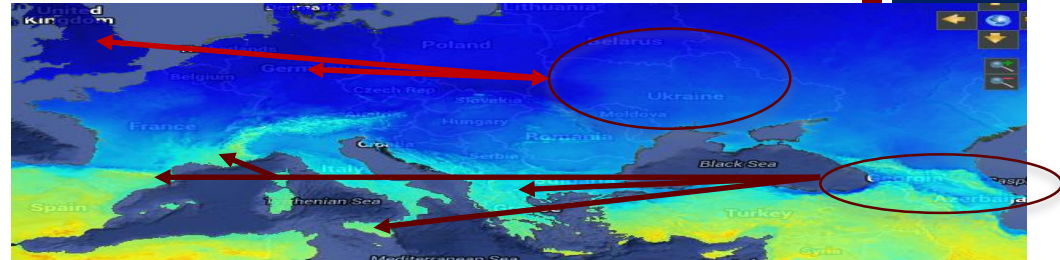
RES generation
(Installations/infrastructure)

+ One suggested Study

Effect of the placement of solar panels on the buildings for the purpose of increasing energy security and energy efficiency and developing the clean energy

Solar Map from HelioClim3v4-MC
<http://irena.masdar.ac.ae/#>

Rationale



- ❖ **The EU experience** on rooftop solar panels and other building integrated or non-integrated photovoltaics (energy security, energy efficiency, decrease of GHG emissions).
 - **Latest developments** in solar energy production including storage. Pros and cons.
 - **Commercial relationships** (owners of the building, owners of solar panels etc)
 - **Regulatory issues** (access to the distribution network, net-metering, Feed in Tariffs and other schemes)
 - **Incentives** for development of solar energy sources and required legislation.
- ❖ **Solar energy sources deployment** in the Eastern Partnership countries.
- ❖ **Policy recommendations**

+ The way towards implementation

Two proposals by the Commission and one suggestion from an Eastern Partner Country are on the table

- ✓ Each proposal touches upon two or more activities included in the EaP WP 2014-2017.
- ✓ All proposals have a regional dimension (relevant to at least two, most likely to all Eastern Partner Countries).

The way forward

Proposal(s)
approved by
the Platform

Preparation of
ToR for each
study

The EC
approves the
ToR

HiQSTEP
undertakes to
implement the
studies.

...meanwhile more studies can be proposed



Thank you

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