

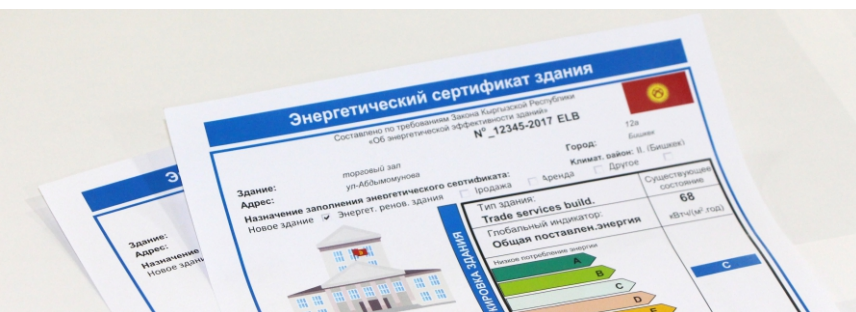
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LEGISLATIVE WORK

Experts of Unison Group continue to carry out legislative work to improve the bylaws of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Energy Efficiency of Buildings" and to ensure its effective practical implementation.

In particular, the experts of Unison Group have developed two Regulations on the State Register of energy certificates of buildings and on the qualification requirements for the certification of energy certification of buildings specialists and the periodic monitoring of the energy efficiency of boilers, heating systems, and hot water supply of buildings.

In addition, Unison Group together with the State Agency for Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (Gosstroy) and the State Committee for Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of the Kyrgyz Republic are working on the technical task of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The document is aimed at improving the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Energy Efficiency of Buildings" and the effective implementation of the Roadmap.

It should be noted that Unison Group pays particular attention to partnership with state bodies represented by the State Committee for Construction of the Kyrgyz Republic. The parties are linked by long-term fruitful cooperation, thanks to which a favorable investment climate has been created in Kyrgyzstan and all preconditions for further successful energy-efficient development are available.



AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

Experts of Unison Group participate in the promotion of 8 pilot projects developed earlier under the World Bank's urban development project implemented by ARIS. Two of them include street lighting and six - the introduction of energy-saving activities in secondary schools of the country.

This work is a continuation of the cooperation of Unison Group with the leading financial institution, which is aimed at energy-efficient development of small towns in Kyrgyzstan.



TRAININGS ON GREEN TECHNOLOGIES

On the initiative of Unison Group and with the financial support of the GlZ Support to Sustainable Economic Development program for entrepreneurs of Naryn, Osh and Jalal-Abad Oblasts, trainings on green technologies have been organized. The educational activities are aimed at increasing the capacity of rural businessmen who, due to geographical distance, do not have full access to useful Information on the use of modern technologies to improve their business.

In total, 15 trainings were held, covering more than 300 people. The villagers received valuable information on the energy saving for residential buildings, the introduction of resource and energy efficient measures using advanced technologies to expand their business.

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A NEW INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON GREEN SKILLS HAS STARTED IN CHUI REGION

Unison Group has launched a series of trainings on energy-saving for the population of 30 villages in the Chui Oblast as a part of a joint project with the AVEP PF, SEEBA PF, NGO AMETIS with the financial support of HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation.

The first series of training, organized in the summer-autumn of 2016, showed the relevance of the topic for rural residents. With the rise in energy costs, the population began to understand the importance of energy saving. Therefore, Unison Group, together with partner organizations, conducts outreach activities in this sphere. The villagers get information on quality of construction, benefits of using certified materials, methods of insulation, which can improve the quality of life of our fellow citizens.

15-ая ЮБИЛЕЙНАЯ
Международная
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29-31 Марта 2017
Манеж КГАФКиС
ул. Ахунбаева, 97

KyrgyzBuild 15



KYRSEFF AT BISHKEKBUILD

More than 400 consultations and three seminars held – these are the results of KyrSEFF representatives' work during the International Building Exhibition "KyrgyzBuild 2017", which was held in Bishkek on March 29-31. We provided information about the program to everyone who was interested, trying to make it as clear and accessible as possible. The topics of the seminars were green technologies, energy-efficient measures for houses and apartments, as well as the opportunities that the Sustainable Energy Financing Program in Kyrgyzstan - Kyrseff offers for multi-family housing.

You can always contact us to get advice and learn more about the KyrSEFF program, about energy and resource efficiency for your home and business, and about the benefits that you will get from implementing the recommended activities.



KYRSEFF SUPPORTS RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On March 1, 2017, a joint press conference was held in Bishkek with the participation of Nurzat Abdyrasulova, National Manager of the Sustainable Energy Financing Program KyrSEFF +, Arzymat Aldayarov, Adviser to the Director General - Commercial Director of Gazprom Kyrgyzstan and Gulnara Shamshiyeva, General Manager of Bai- Tushum. They told reporters about the launch of a special gas supply program for Kyrgyz citizens. The program is a joint loan product, accompanied by a 20% grant from the European Union. As part of the KyrSEFF + program, residents of Bishkek and settlements in Chui Oblast can receive funding to carry gas to their households. Until the end of 2017, it is planned to provide gas supply for 17 residential areas in Bishkek, 5 settlements in the Chui oblast - more than 20 thousand households.

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ENERGY EFFICIENT POTENTIAL OF THE CITY OF NARYN

The representative of Kyrgyzstan Sustainable Energy Financing Program (KyrSEFF) in Naryn oblast, Aibek Askarbekov together with Naryn Heat Supply Company ME conducted a quality control of thermal insulation of apartment and public buildings in Naryn. The data were submitted to local authorities for inclusion in the city's energy-efficient development program. By conducting the quality control of thermal insulation of residential and municipal buildings, the KyrSEFF team provides support to local authorities in obtaining a real picture of the existing energy saving potential in the city of Naryn.

A team of specialists surveyed 5 objects: a building of a kindergarten, schools, public buildings and apartment buildings.

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TRAINING PARTNER BANKS

With the launch of the expanded Sustainable Energy Financing Program KyrSEFF +, a series of trainings for partner banks - KICB, Demirbank, Bai-Tushum, Finca, Optima, Kompanion and the First MicroCredit Company - resumed.

With the expansion of the KyrSEFF program, which now, apart from energy saving, covers a new direction - resource efficiency, the team of consultants has a new task to increase the capacity of loan officers in the field of water conservation, installation of wastewater treatment systems, waste-recycling using green technologies.

During the first quarter of 2017, KyrSEFF representatives conducted 8 trainings in all regions of Kyrgyzstan, with a strong focus on informing the new partner banks Kompanion, Optima and the First MicroCredit Company.



UNISON GROUP JOINED THE JURY OF THE SAINT-GOBAIN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION

"Urban Regeneration of a community in Madrid " is the name of the 2017 multi-comfort house student contest edition organized by Saint-Gobain.

Unison Group participates every year in this contest, because the company is globally recognized as a promoter of energy efficiency in the construction sector in Kyrgyzstan. Hence, thanks to our experience we select for that competition the works and designs created by the students. On March 4th, 2017, the selection of the projects at the national level took place in the building of the Kyrgyz State University of Construction and Architecture. The professional jury, after long and intense debates, eventually granted the first prize to the following young people:

The first place was awarded to Marat Bekov and Iskra Moldalieva, 5th year students of KSUSTA, the second to Daru Turmagambetov and Adilet Alymbekov, respectively 4th and 5th year students of KRSU and the third to Regina Tsoi and Maria Minenko, 4th year students of KRSU.

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PLANT A TREE! CAMPAIGN

Representatives of Unison Group joined the "Plant a Tree!" campaign which was held on Sunday, March 26, 2017, in Ak-Bosogo Residential Area.

Azamat Temirkulov came up with the initiative of planting trees. After consulting with specialists, the choice was stopped on ash tree, willow and poplar seedlings. More than 200 young trees were planted.

Local residents, LTA, members of the Climate Action Network of Kyrgyzstan (NGO AgroLead PA, MoveGreen PA, EKOIS, Unison Group) took part in the action as well as representatives of other organizations and initiative groups. Workers of the Local Territorial Administration will provide care for the trees.

After planting the trees, an Acceptance Certificate was drawn up between the initiative group of citizens and the responsible workers of the LTA, according to which LTA will undertake the responsibility to provide appropriate care and watering for the plants.

Photos from the event are available [on the page of the Climate Action Network of Kyrgyzstan on Facebook](#).



IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Unison's Group team is always looking for new opportunities and tries to expand its range of services. We are happy to announce that some of our employees have successfully obtained the international certification ISO 50001: 2011, which allows them to implement energy management systems that will meet the international standards requirements. It will benefit our clients and partners.

An energy management system rationalizes the use of energy resources, leading to a positive economics outcome and allowing energy savings. This is especially interesting for significant industrial and production facilities that seek to improve their energy efficiency and security.



NEW VOLUNTEER FROM FRANCE

Unison Group has a new member in the team: Arthur Boulenger, a volunteer and native from France. He is a student of Paris-Dauphine University and currently doing his first year of Master in Management.

"I have been interested in green technologies, climate and energy issues for quite a long time. I have been highly interested in the various activities of Unison Group and decided to apply for an internship. Now that I am here, I am looking forward to getting strong insights on green technologies, to expand my network, and to improve my Russian. I also chose Kyrgyzstan because I love adventure and find unique the beauty of the wilderness in the country, I really love the mountains," Arthur said.

Unison Group is attracting many young professionals. We receive motivation letters from different countries. Future interns undergo a rigorous selection process and only the most qualified and motivated people can eventually become members of the team.



STATISTICS ON KYRGYZ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FINANCING FACILITY KYRSEFF

300

Consultations Provided

41

Loans Approved

12

Grants Approved



STATISTICS ON ENERGY CONSUMERS' RIGHTS PROTECTION

During Quarter I of 2017, 8 consultations were provided, including:

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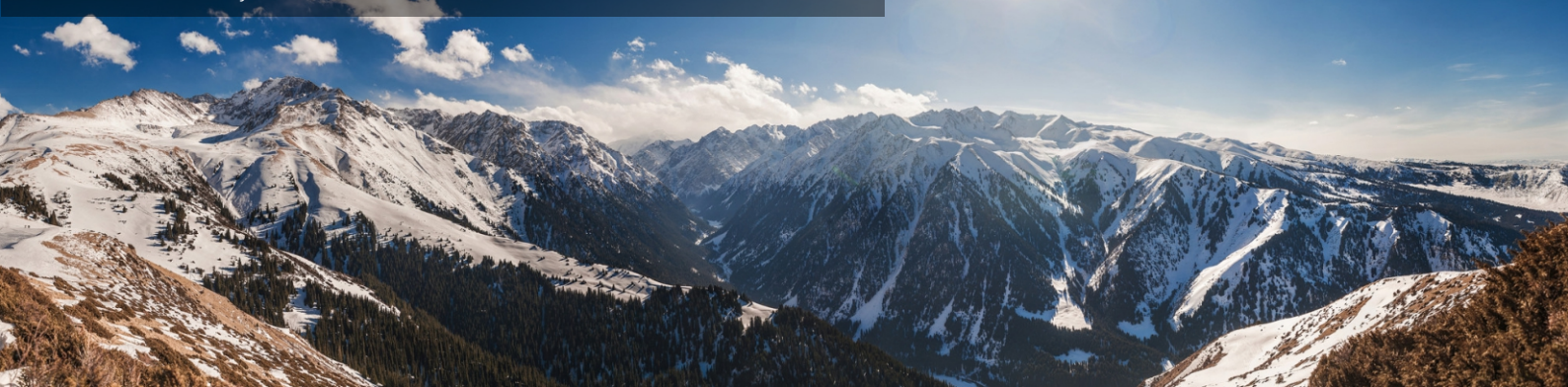
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