



«ENERGY GLOBE AWARD KYRGYZSTAN 2016»











KyrSEFF - обладатель национальной награды «Energy Globe Award Kyrgyzstan 2016»

KyrSEFF awarded national Energy Globe Award 2016



The Kyrgyz Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF), developed by EBRD with the grant support from the European Union and implemented by Unison Group in consortia with D'Appolonia and GFA Consulting Group, has received the «Energy Globe Award Kyrgyzstan 2016».

N. Abdyrasulova, President of Unison Group, KyrSEFF National Manager:

"It is symbolic to receive «Energy Globe Award Kyrgyzstan 2016» in the lead up to Phase II of KyrSEFF. This event reaffirms the fact that our initiatives and efforts are highly valued and recognized at the international level. We would like to thank all our partners and friends who constantly support us and help to promote energy saving projects in Kyrgyzstan. It is our mutual award!"

Energy Globe is one is one of today's most prestigious environmental awards. The winners are selected by a strict jury panel among more than 1500 projects from 177 countries. read more...



UNISON GROUP SUPPORTS GOSSTROY IN DEVELOPMENT OF A ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



On the 16th of June an expert group comprised of Unison Group representatives and international experts, Johann Zirngibl and Jana Bendzalova, held a meeting with employees of the State agency of architecture, construction, housing and communal services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Nurzat Abdyrasulova, president of Unison Group, told about the aims of the roadmap implying the development of efficient mechanisms to ensure the successful implementation of the legislation on energy efficiency in the Kyrgyz Republic. A similar meeting was held at the Ministry of Economy.

The parties discussed joint collaboration to develop an action plan or a so called roadmap to improve and optimize the legislation in the sector of energy efficiency of buildings in Kyrgyzstan. The work is carried out within the "Policy Dialogue on Energy Efficiency in Kyrgyzstan" project as a part of the Kyrgyz Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF), Phase II, developed by EBRD with the support and funding from the European Union Investment Facility for Central Asia (IFCA).

The group of experts, coordinated by Unison, will need to harmonize existing by-laws and buildings energy efficiency requirements during the design, construction, exploitation, and maintenance stages. "At times of economic hardship, when we do not possess resources to construct new facilities and we face energy deficit in winter, there is only one way out – energy saving. Development of the roadmap will support the implementation of the law on "Energy efficiency of buildings" and bringing into life the governmental program on energy saving and energy efficiency policy planning in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2015-2017", - said Nurzat Abdyrasulova.

"We are very grateful to EBRD for the technical support provided to promote this important document that plays a huge role in further energy efficient development of our Republic. There is still much work to be done to eliminate the existing legislation gaps", - Narima Raisova, Head of technical standardizing unit within Gosstroy, pointed out. In the long-term, the roadmap will allow to create favorable conditions to remove legal, standardizing, technical, and financial barriers that limit the increase in energy efficiency of buildings. This measure is relevant in light of the goals set for the construction industry in terms of improvement of construction quality and safety, decreasing energy consumption, increasing energy efficiency of buildings.

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UNISON GROUP CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN TAJIKISTAN







On the 7th ant the 29th of June Unison Group representatives held a workshop for staff members of national offices and organizations within the Committee on Architecture and Construction under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The seminar was supported by GIZ.

This event was preceded by a study visit of the governmental delegation of Tajikistan to Bishkek in February 2016. The guests had an opportunity to review the legislative experience of Kyrgyzstan in the energy efficiency sector, as well as to get information on the promotion of energy-saving projects under the Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF).







After that, experts of Unison Group, who were directly involved in drafting the law "On energy efficiency of buildings", were invited by the Committee for Architecture and Construction to visit the neighboring country with the support of GIZ to share experience.

It should be noted that amendments to the Law on energy saving in Tajikistan were introduced in 2013. As no by-laws were developed to support the implementation of the law, it is restricted in practice. The law states development of 16 regulatory instruments; 10 of them fall within the construction sector. Recommendations proposed by Unison Group were evaluated positively by the participants, who endorsed them as the necessary steps towards the implementation of the existing legislation. read more...

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PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SMALL URBAN SETTLEMENTS OF KYRGYZSTAN



In June 2016 a series of seminars for Toktogul, Sulyukta, and Balykchy mayor's offices representatives was held to present long-term energy efficient development plans drafted by Unison Group. These seminars were one of the final milestones of the Urban Development Project, that was supported by the World Bank and coordinated by the Community Development and Investment Agency (ARIS). Unison Group carried out a technical assessment of energy efficiency of Balykchy, Toktogul, and Sulyukta towns. The collected data was processed using the TRACE international program.

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GREEN SKILLS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY TRAININGS



From June to December 2016 AVEP Public Foundation together with Unison Group, CEEBA Public Foundation, MEETCA Public Association will be implementing the "The Green Skills Training in Rural AReas (G - STAR)" project, financed by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation.

Within the framework of the project youth, unemployed people, and potential migrants, possessing construction skills, will be able to improve their competence and learn more about energy efficiency practices and energy saving. read more...

MAKING A RIGHT CHOICE WHEN PURCHASING COAL FOR RURAL SCHOOLS



In April and May Unison Group held a large-scale campaign aimed to inform school directors in rural areas about technical specifications of coal and correct composition of requests for public procurement.

Administrations of 926 schools attended informational meetings. The participants enhanced knowledge about the heaters, received recommendations on the choice of coal, it will be easier for them to resolve all disputed matters with suppliers and local administrations.

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CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK OF KYRGYZSTAN INTENDS TO ESTABLISH AN ECOCLUB



On the 30th of May 2016, Unison Group representatives took part in the general meeting of the Climate Action Network of Kyrgyzstan. The meeting was held to summarize the outputs of the work, as well to plan and discuss initiatives that will be implemented by the Network. One of the key topics of the discussion was the idea to establish an environmental club that could serve as a platform to exchange opinions, receive feedback, raise important issues.

Another important part of the meeting was devoted to the development of informational and environmental centers to promote information about climate change among the local population.

Some of the initiatives will be realized in the nearest future.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUSINESS IN KARAKOL



On the 18th of May 2016, KyrSEFF specialists visited Karakol to meet with hotel owners. The support in the organization of the meeting was provided by BAS consultant Almaz Kemelov. Businessmen were interested in investments in the area of energy saving that are offered within the program. They have mentioned that the existence of a grant component serves as a good motivation during the financial crisis.

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LET'S PRESERVE THE ECOSYSTEM OF THE ISSYK-KUL LAKE



On the 20th of April 2016 in Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul region, an environmental seminar run by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development took place. The KyrSEFF team presented their activities.

"Sanatoriums in the Issyk-Kul region will gain a unique opportunity to improve wastewater treatment equipment with the investment provided within the second phase of the Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF)", - said Nurzat Abdyrasulova, the national KyrSEFF manager, in her speech.

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EUROPE DAY: KyrSEFF IN ACTION



On the 13th of May 2016, the Day of Europe was celebrated in Bishkek – the annual celebration of peace and unity.

Among the successful projects presented during the event – the Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF), that was launched in Kyrgyzstan in April 2013 with the grant support provided by the European Union. The guests had an opportunity to learn more about the projects implemented with the support of the European Union Delegation in Kyrgyzstan.

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UNISON GROUP AT THE 4th FESTIVAL OF EDUCATION



On the 23rd of April 2016, at the peak of the construction season, the invitation to attend the exhibition organized by the "Roza Otunbayeva Initiative" IPF was a good opportunity for the KyrSEFF team. There were a lot of citizens of Bishkek and guests, eager to learn more about insulation of their houses. During the day more than 100 people received consultations and KyrSEFF brochures.

KyrSEFF AND «AIYL-AGRO 2016»



Unison Group representatives visited the IV International agricultural exhibition "Aiyl-Agro 2016" that took place in Bishkek from the 25th until the 27th of May 2016. They were holding informational meetings, exchanged contacts with all stakeholders.

More than 7.5 thousand participants – among them, farmers, agrarians, and agricultural producers – came to Bishkek from different regions to get acquainted with the exhibition items.

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STATISTICS ON THE UNISON GROUP PROGRAMMES

More than 150 consultations were provided by KyrSEFF specialists during the second quarter of 2016. We keep receiving phone calls from the citizens of different regions wanting to learn more about proper insulation and selection of energy efficient technologies.



Consultations on consumers' rights protection that can be provided by our experts are still in high demand.

Among the most frequently asked questions are the following: -How to verify the correct billing for energy consumption? -What responsibilities do energy companies have to their customers? -What are the steps to obtain a permission to connect to a three-phase current?

60 Consultations, among them:



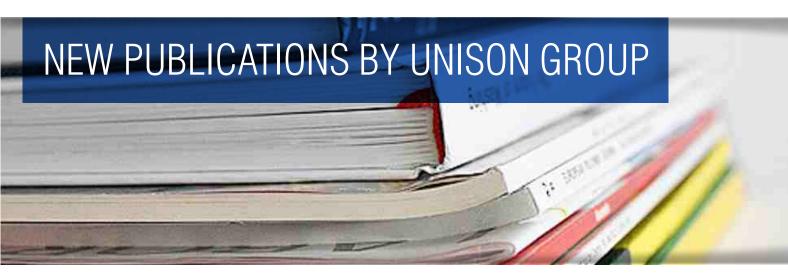
The number of visitors of the Unison Group portal for energy consumers is increasing. The portal energy.unison.kg was started in March 2016. The visitors are mostly interested in the legislation, energy efficient technologies and measures, and the latest energy news.

More than 1355 people visited the portal during the second quarter of 2016.



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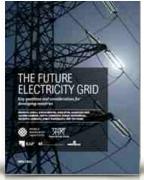
COAL HEATING



The "Coal heating" handbook was developed specially for directors and stewards of schools with coal heating. It contains short and broad oversight of issues connected with fuel supply and heating of schools. The process of purchasing coal is highlighted, covering a variety of topics: budget development, fuel delivery, heating equipment operation and maintenance. You can find more information here...

THE FUTURE ELECTRICITY GRID

Unison Group Participated in Preparation of the World Resources Institute Analytical Report "The Future Electricity Grid: Key Questions and Considerations for Developing Countries"



The research was based on a situation analysis of the state of electric grids in Brazil, China, India, and Kyrgyzstan. The report is aimed at decision-makers in the energy sector and provides a better understanding of the processes.

The aim of the report is to initiate a discussion among sector stakeholders – regulators, system operators, planners, utilities, and policymakers – about key issues to consider as developing countries plan for their future grids.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT A B C D E F G





Unison Group and CAMP Ala-Too have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation. The organizations share similar vision and objectives in the field of energy saving and energy efficiency.

The new format of the bilateral partnership aims to jointly implement projects on energy saving, as well as to promote economical use of electric power among the population. Another important part of the partnership will be to build the capacity of specialists working for construction companies in energy efficiency.

Both organizations expressed their readiness to hold different meaningful events together – conferences, seminars, working groups meetings and consultations – to exchange experience and practical knowledge and skills in the area of energy efficient construction.

HELPING OLDER PEOPLE



Unison Group on a pro bono basis carried out the audit of a day care center for elderly in Balykchy.

On the 23rd of May 2016, a ceremony of awarding with a certificate containing results of the energy efficiency audit took place at Unison Group office. The certificate was handled to Svetlana Bashtovenko, the head of the Resource Center for Elderly. Together with the document 500 USD, raised by staff members, were given to support the renovation of the Center.

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS



Unison Group team has paid out the debt for electricity of a family in need in the Issyk-Kul region. Mass media and social networks rose the issues of Sultashevs' family from the city of Karakol several times. There are 4 small children and 4 disabled people. The debt for consumed electricity was more than 40 000 soms.

Unison Group experts have thoroughly studied the details of this case, having requested all the necessary information from Vostokelektro to make sure that the debt is legitimate. After a short discussion the Unison Group team took a unanimous decision to cover the debt of Sultashevs' to

Vostokelektro. Except for the payment the team has also bought some basic amenities (oil, flour, sweets for children) totaling 3000 soms. read more...



OUR NEWS







On the 31st of May, 2016, Unison Group marked its 14th birthday. We are grateful to everyone who believed in us and supported throughout these years. We are proud of our team and of the results achieved by us. We are not going to stop, and we will keep striving to get to new heights on the way to our mission. Let us remind you that Unison Group's mission is to promote a sustainable development of Kyrgyzstan through knowledge transfer and innovative approaches in protecting nature, facilitating a green economy, increasing human capital, and strengthening a constructive dialogue between the government, society and business.

Our professional team can work well, but we also do not forget about our physical and mental development.

Qigong helps us to achieve that. The word "qigong" can be translated as "work with the Qi energy". This is an ancient and very powerful yet simple system of self-control and skills improvement in any area of work. Our trainer is Alexey Kensin who has many years of practical experience.





Some staffing changes took place in Unison Group during the second quarter of the year.

Unison Group served as an excellent springboard for career growth: Samat Sukenaliev and Nurgul Esenamanova left our team to start working at leading positions in international organizations. We wish them well in their new endeavors.

We keep attracting and developing new professional personnel.



During the quarter our team has recruited a new prospective personnel member.

Melis Toktomushev graduated from the Nankai University (China, International economics and trade).

"I am really glad to become a part of professional Unison Group team. I especially enjoy the friendly atmosphere. In my work, I aim to strictly follow the goals set by the management, learn from my colleagues, and build my capacity in the sphere of energy saving and promotion of RES."

Unison Group team was also joined by a young and energetic member Nurbolot Ryskulov. He has graduated from the commercial economic college. Despite his young age, he is very responsible and fulfills given tasks before deadlines.

"It is very important for me at the moment to learn and to get practical experience. I like that Unison Group is working in different areas, and each of them is interesting in its own way. I think that here I will be able to gain professional skills and knowledge that will help me in my future career."







Unison Group - is an umbrella organization, established in 2002 with a thematic focus on sustainability and energy issues. Unison works at the level of policymaking, analytical research and practical activities at national, regional and local level. Unison Group promotes a sustainable development of Kyrgyzstan through knowledge transfer and innovative approaches in protecting nature, facilitating a green economy, increasing human capital, and strengthening a constructive dialogue between the government, society and business.



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