

# Quarterly Newsletter (#8)





#### OUR 15<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On November 29, 2017, Unison Group celebrated an important milestone – the 15th Anniversary of the organization. This special event was held at Khan Tengri Restaurant, a part of Dasmia Ethnic Complex. It united more than 150 guests, among them the representatives of state authorities, agriculture, energy and construction sectors, donor and international organizations, business and non-governmental sectors. The venue was selected for a reason: the restaurant is the largest yurt in Kyrgyzstan, the symbol of hospitality and harmony between traditional and modern construction methods and technologies.

During the reception, memorable thank-you letters were awarded to the partners of Unison Group who supported the implementation of meaningful initiatives that play a very important role for the whole country: ITEC, CECRP, CANK and thank you letters to other partners of the organization. Opening speeches were held by Ms. Gulnura Toralieva, Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ms. Jyldyz Galieva, Senior Banker at EBRD, Mr. Aziz Saparaliev, Deputy Chairman of the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Maksat Amiraev, Head of the Development and Monitoring Department of the State Agency for Architecture, Construction, Housing and Communal Services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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## LET THERE BE LIGHT! UNISON GROUP IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF RURAL CITIZENS

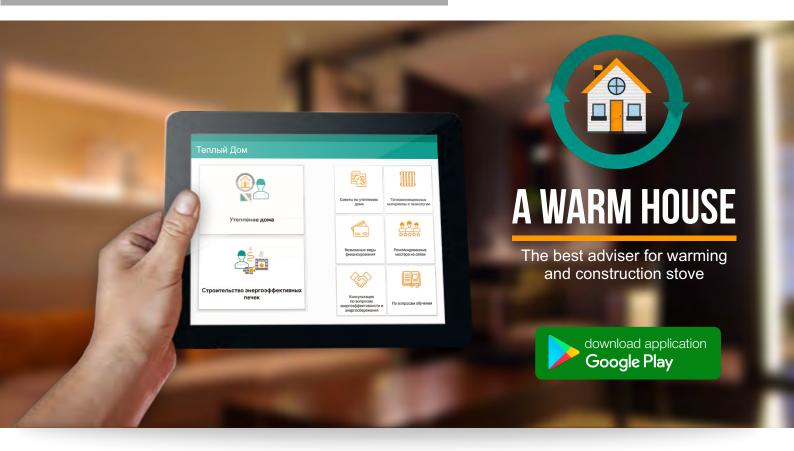
For its 15th anniversary, Unison Group installed modern street lighting on the central street of Emgek-Talaa village in Naryn Region.

In total 38 energy efficient street lamps, valued 350 000 soms, were mounted along Choroeva Street – and that allowed to achieve a fivefold reduction in the lighting costs for aiyl okmotu.

The citizens of Emgek-Talaa noted the increase of safety at nighttime and a positive influence on the social and cultural development of the village as young people are now motivated to implement similar initiatives.

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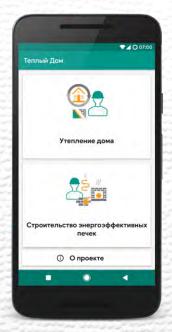


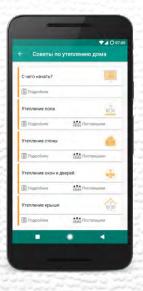


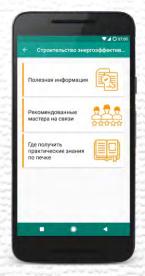
#### LAUNCH OF A MOBILE APPLICATION

A first-of-a-kind mobile application called "A Warm House" was launched in Kyrgyzstan. The application was created as a part of "Green Skills Training in Rural Areas (G-STAR)" project. The experts of AVEP Fund, CEEBA, AMETIS and Unison Group took part in its development.

The application aims to simplify the search of craftsmen and customers, to raise awareness of people on the implementation of high quality energy efficient measures. read more...













## COORDINATING COUNCIL ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY

On November 4, 2017, Unison Group participated at a meeting to discuss the coordination of activities carried out by stakeholders in the sphere of energy efficiency and energy saving in the Kyrgyz Republic, and to identify benefits, challenges and the necessity of the establishment of a coordinating council under the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil use of the Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting was chaired by the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil use of the Kyrgyz Republic.

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## TRAINIG ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

On December 6, 2017, on the premises of the State Agency of Architecture, Construction, Housing and Communal Services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Unison Group held a training for the Agency's employees. The training is a part of the organization's consulting and capacity building support of the governmental institution.

The participants of the training discussed the issues of harmonization of the requirements towards the energy efficiency of buildings during project documentation drafting process and buildings commissioning.

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## TECHNICAL SEMINAR FOR THE ENGINEERS OF ARIS

On December 22, the engineers of Unison Group held a technical seminar called "Energy Efficient Technologies Implemented in the Kyrgyz Republic" for the employees of ARIS.

The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness of its participants on existing technologies in the construction and energy efficient spheres. read more...





#### A NATIONAL CONTEST AMONG MASS MEDIA AND BLOGGERS STARTED

On November 23, 2017, Kyrgyz Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (KyrSEFF) with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development launched a national contest among the representatives of mass media, online news agencies, and bloggers devoted to the coverage of the topic of energy and resource efficiency in Kyrgyzstan.

Television and radio broadcasting companies, news agencies, online and print media, journalists of local and national newspapers, television and radio corporations, news agencies, and bloggers are invited to take part in the contest.

The contest consists of several rounds; the final one will take place in May 2018. read more...



## KYRSEFF AT THE 7<sup>™</sup> CENTRAL ASIAN TRADE FORUM

**On October 19, 2017,** Ms. Nurzat Abdyrasulova, President of Unison Group, spoke at the session called "Advanced Technologies" held during the 7th Annual Central Asian Trade Forum "Future Growth: Trade, Transport & Horticulture". She shared the outcomes of Kyrgyz Sustainable Energy Financing Facility – KyrSeff – in mobilizing the private sector.

The forum united more than 500 participants: company managers, representatives of the government, industry experts from Central Asia and Europe. read more...



## KYRSEFF AT THE ANNUAL POWERKAZAKHSTAN 2017 EXHIBITION

On October 25, 2017, KyrSEFF team attended the annual Exhibition PowerKazakhstan 2017 that took place at Atakent Exhibition Complex in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The exhibition is one of the leading events in the electrotechnical sphere in Central Asia. Read more... read more...





#### CAN EECCA COMMUNICATION MEETING

On October 16-19, 2017, Ms. Aidai Berdibekova, Unison Group Communication Manager, attended the communication meeting of the Climate Action Network - European Caucuses & Central Asia (EECCA). The event took place at La Costesti recreational complex located 20 km from the city of Kishinev.

The meeting was devoted to the discussion of the most efficient ways of communicating information on climate change to the public as well as different forms of media materials that help establish contact with the audience. In addition to Kyrgyzstan, the meeting was attended by representatives of Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Belorussia, and Moldova. read more...



## DISCUSSION OF A GRADUAL PHASE-OUT OF HCFC

Ms. Nurzat Abdyrasulova, President of Unison Group, participated at a thematic consultation between the coordinators of Ozone Centers and climate experts from Europe and Central Asia to discuss plans and initiatives to ensure the gradual phase-out of hydrochlorofluorocarbon. The meeting took place in in Tbilisi, Georgia. read more...



## PARTICIPATION AT THE 48<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

On December 6-8, Mr. Bakyt Askarbekov, representative of Unison Group, took part at the 48<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning in Belgrade, Serbia. read more...





KYRGYZ SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FINANCING FACILITY (KYRSEFF) STATISTICS

320 consultations provided

168
projects considered

161 grants approved



STATISTICS ON UNISON GROUP INFORMATION NEWSLETTERS

12 Energy Efficiency 11 Climate Change Energy Sector Management Initiative

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#### REPRESENTATIVES OF UNISON GROUP AWARDED WITH CERTIFICATES OF HONOR

Each of our achievements is the result of a persistent team work and contributions made by every member.

We are honored to know that our employees were awarded with certificates of honor from the State Agency of Architecture, Construction, Housing and Communal Services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use. read more...



## ANNUAL TEAM RETREAT: RESULTS AND PLANS

On December 7-9, Unison Group team attended a KyrSEFF retreat. Three days were devoted to the assessment of outcomes and the discussion of ways to improve the efficiency of work. The retreat took place at the picturesque area of Kara-Bulak. read more...

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AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY, UNISON GROUP HAS PUBLISHED A SUMMARY REPORT AND A SERIES OF VIDEOS TO TELL ABOUT THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.



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