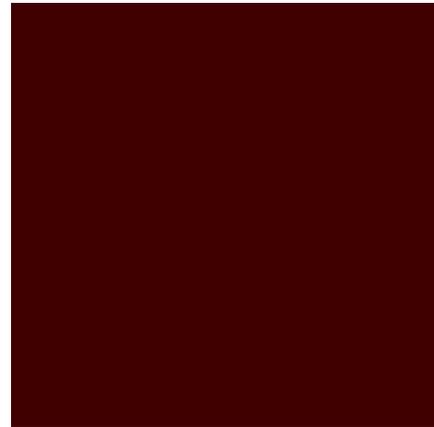
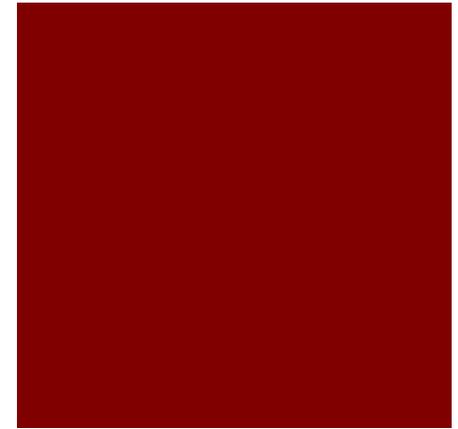




Update on the High Quality Studies to support the Activities under the Eastern Partnership (HiQSTEP)



Update on the studies for Platform 3

15th Meeting of Platform 3, Brussels, June 24, 2016



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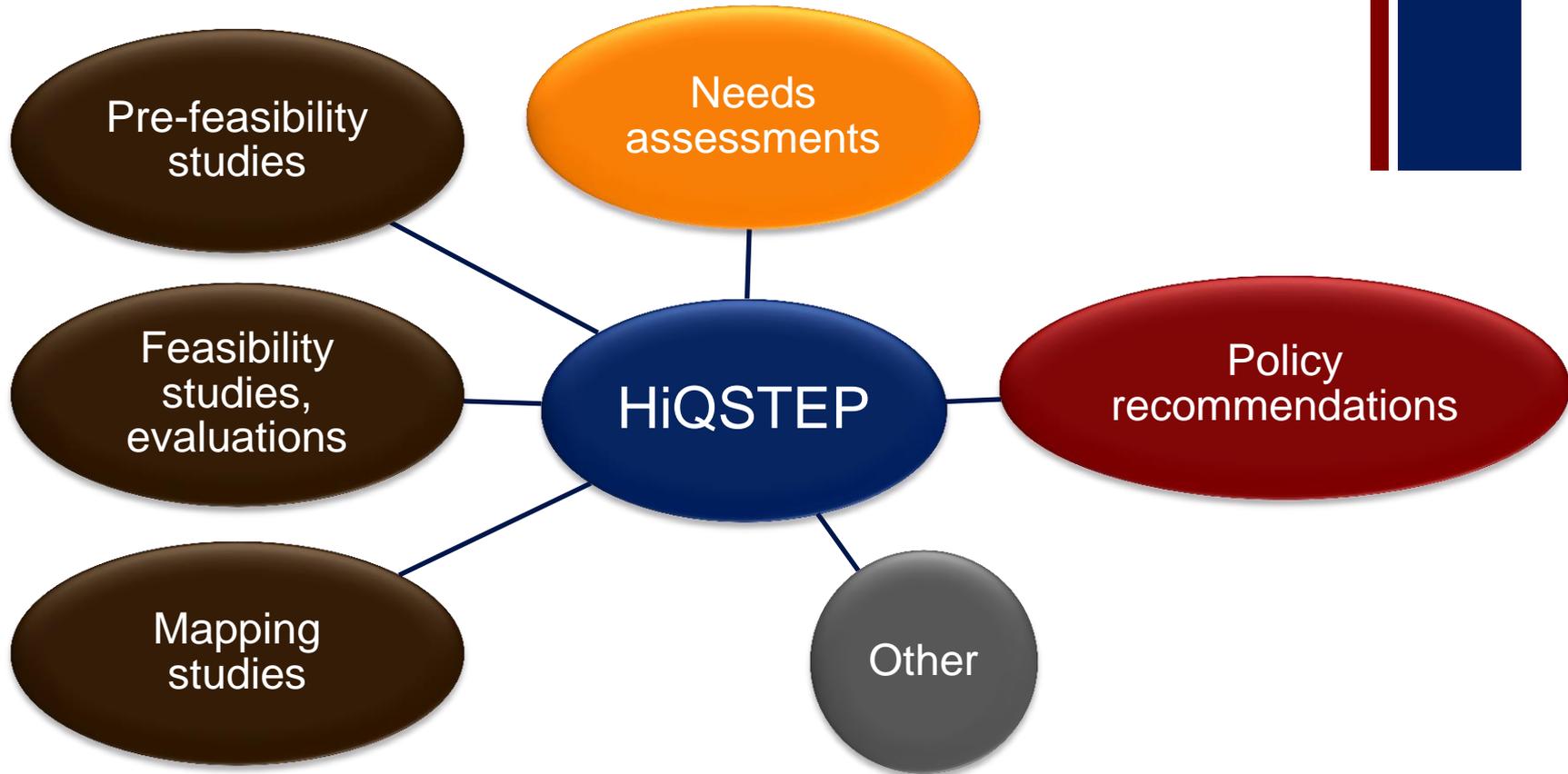
HiQSTEP

High Quality Studies for the Eastern Partnership



An EU-funded Project

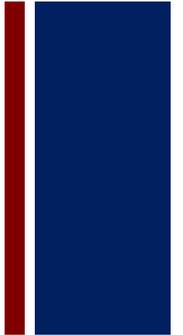
+ Project Objective



- ❑ 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 (January **2018**).
- ❑ The **Budget is 5M EUR** and it is funded by the EU (DG NEAR)



Current status of HiQSTEP studies under Platform 3



- In the December 2015 meeting of Platform 3, two studies were approved.
 1. Effect of the placement of solar panels on buildings to increase energy security and energy efficiency and develop clean energy.
 2. Analysis of licensing and fiscal frameworks for concession agreements

- A third study was proposed in January/February 2016

- The Terms of Reference (ToRs) for all three studies have been prepared and approved by the European Commission.

- All studies will have a duration of 6-9 months and will be starting successively as of mid July.

+ ToR 1 – Solar Panels

Overall Objective

The effect of the placement of **solar panels on rooftops** in Eastern Partner countries

Purpose

Increase **energy security** and **energy efficiency** and developing clean energy sources

C o m p o n e n t s

- **Component 1:** Stock-taking of EU baseline policies, rules, regulations, tools and schemes towards the promotion of solar panels on buildings;
- **Component 2:** Assessment of existing policies, rules, regulations and tools towards promotion of solar panels on buildings in the six Eastern Partner countries;
- **Component 3:** Development of cost-benefit analysis for the staged development of building PVs in all Eastern Partner countries;
- **Component 4:** Formulation of recommendations on how to enhance PV penetration in the six Eastern Partners;
- **Component 5:** Quantification of the impact of building PV penetration to the overall energy mix and greenhouse gas emission reduction.

+ ToR 2 – Concession Agreements

Overall Objective

Rationalizing and streamlining beneficiaries' PPP frameworks in the **energy sector** with particular emphasis to **concession agreements**.

C o m p o n e n t s

- **Component 1:** Assessment of the PPP legal framework at Eastern Partner Countries with particular emphasis on energy related PPP projects ;
- **Component 2:** Assessment of the PPP units established in Eastern Partner Countries;
- **Component 3:** Development of a standardized procedure for the procurement and award of concession agreements;
- **Component 4:** Development an online portal specifically for PPPs in Eastern Partner Countries

+ ToR 3 – Energy Efficiency



C o m p o n e n t s

- **Component 1:** Review of EU existing policies, rules, regulations and tools on energy efficiency and energy savings in various industries, such as food, chemical, metallurgical, mechanical and building materials industries and agricultural product processing, in large and medium-sized enterprises;
- **Component 2:** Mapping and assessment the existing policies, rules, regulations and tools towards the implementation of energy efficiency measures in the industrial sectors of Georgia and Azerbaijan;
- **Component 3:** Development of feasibility studies for the implementation of energy efficiency measures in typical industries belonging to at least four of the aforementioned industrial sectors of Georgia and Azerbaijan;
- **Component 4:** Formulation of recommendations on how to further enhance industrial EE in Azerbaijan and Georgia;

+ Contributing to the current Workplan

WP 2014-2017

regulatory
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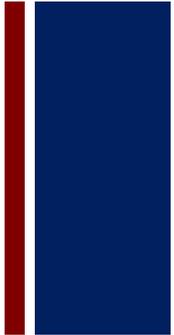
nuclear safety

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The 2014-2017 Work Programme of Platform envisages other possibilities of profiting from the HiQSTEP:

- Encouragement for the implementers of activities to benefit from services offered by the HiQSTEP
- An inventory of EU and EU Member States cooperation activities at bilateral and regional level with Eastern partner countries should be considered to be carried out by the HiQSTEP as it would contribute to transparency, **information sharing and effective coordination of activities**

+ Contributing to the current Workplan



Findings and recommendations of the studies should lead to concrete actions or projects in the Eastern Partner Countries.



Thank you

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