



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





Objective:

Produce high quality studies on specific subjects as defined by the Eastern Partnership Platforms and Panels, to support their activities in specific areas.

Started on 13 January 2014

Duration 4 years

Budget 5M EURO

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Studies so far:

Platform 1:

- **Public Administration Reform progress** since 2012 in the EaP 6
- **Women in Power and Decision Making**

Platform 2:

- **Skills Anticipation and Matching in the Labour Market** in the EaP 6
- **Environmental Integration into Sector Policies** in the EaP
- **Harmonisation of Digital Markets** in the EaP 6
- **Women Entrepreneurship** in the EaP 6

Platform 4:

- **Audio-visual Industries** in the EaP



Potential Studies – Conditions

- **Be thematically within the objectives of EaP in the energy sector and the agreed Work Programme of Platform III**
- **Have regional dimension (at least two EaP countries covered)**



Potential Studies under Platform 3 - Examples

- **Policy recommendations and technical outlook for development and use of Decentralized Alternative Energy in Sustainable Rural Development Planning in the EaP countries**

- **Analysis of licensing frameworks for concession agreements**
 - ❖ **comparison with EU licensing access practices and/or**
 - ❖ **fiscal aspects of licensing**



- ✓ **The Project is open and available to hear and discuss the development of ideas to Studies, thematically within the objectives of EaP in the energy sector and the agreed Work Programme of Platform III**



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