



Success Story: Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Regulatory and Energy Assistance Project (REAP)

Parliamentarian decision-makers better understand energy sector and its reform

More informed parliamentarian speed up country reform

What difference does it make in the lives of Bosnia-Herzegovina citizens if parliamentarians gain sufficient knowledge about the energy sector and its complicated reform process? Simply put: well informed decision makers are likely to protect independent energy regulators, to prevent monopoly in the sector and provide continuity in reform, all of which attracts investors and creates new jobs and business opportunities.

Recent sessions of the BiH Federal Parliament proved that well informed parliamentarians can do their job in a more professional and independent way: at the House of Representatives, the representatives unanimously supported the Federation regulator’s annual report, and after delay because of the lack of understanding of the necessity of regulatory independence, the appointment of a commissioner was finalized. This occurred the day after the USAID Regulatory and Energy Assistance Project (REAP) organized a sector presentation for Parliamentarians.

After discussion with several parliamentarians and others, USAID REAP developed and implemented an information session for Federation Parliamentarians, in cooperation with the Parliamentary Energy Committee.

This was the first time that representatives from the two State owned energy companies, the Federal and State Regulatory Agencies, State Ministry Representatives, and the Directorate for European Integration were present on the same stage before the Federal Parliament. USAID/REAP provided Technical Assistance to each of the presenters to ensure that all presentations were in simple, common and understandable language for the non-expert



Presentation of the Energy Sector in the Parliament of Federation of BiH

audience, of Parliamentarians and members of the press who also attended. The presenters provided information on the goals of energy sector reform, current European standards, progress and status of current reforms, future reforms, and the importance and need for an independent regulator

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