



## **Participants from Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan public and private institutions to learn about ISO 50001 standard**

**Yerevan, 21 November 2018:** A 3-day workshop on “ISO 50001:2018 – New Opportunities for the Development of Energy Management Systems” for about 35 participants from public institutions and private sector from Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan took place on November 19-21 in Yerevan. The workshop was organized by the regional project “Regulatory Framework to Promote Energy Efficiency in EAEU Countries” (financed by the Russian Federation and implemented by UNDP Armenia), jointly with **"Business Dialog" CJSC**.

The goal of the workshop was to equip the participants with knowledge on the 50001:2018 international standard with a focus on the modified requirements and cases of practical implementation. ISO 50001 supports public and private organizations to use energy more efficiently, through the development of an energy management system.

“We attach great importance to such workshops given the potential for energy saving and energy efficiency in the Republic of Armenia reaching up to 35%. This is a very serious index because the issue of cheap electricity sources exists, and the mentioned 30-35% is the cheap electricity we are looking for. Meanwhile, this index says that there is still little work done in the field and a serious work towards increasing of energy efficiency in Armenia should be carried out”,- said Tigran Arzumanyan, Deputy Minister of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia.

Marat Cholponkulov, Advisor to the Chairman of the State Committee for Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of Kyrgyz Republic, highlighted the importance of introducing the standard in Kyrgyzstan. He mentioned that wider audiences should be involved in such workshops adding that the subject seemed to be more difficult before it was introduced by a professional who is in this field for many years.

The experience of Kazakhstan was shared by Dzhanara Tamabayeva, Chief expert of the Department of Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency of the Ministry of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who mentioned that this workshop is a timely opportunity to learn about 50001:2018 international standard given that Kazakhstan plans to reduce the country's energy consumption for 25% by 2020 and introduction of this standard is very important on the way to this goal.

The importance of the topics was also highlighted by Elena Perko, Chief specialist of the department of environmental management of Novogrudok municipality (Belarus). “We have developed an action plan for sustainable energy (including climate component) development which is closely related to this standard exposing its importance for us”.

Video report of the seminar-training can be viewed at the YouTube channel of "Business Dialog" CJSC ([youtu.be/mbimO\\_12Wf8](https://youtu.be/mbimO_12Wf8)).