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## 1. FOREWORD

Dear Partners, Colleagues, and Friends,

We are delighted to share with you the final issue of the European Union-funded Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia (SECCA) project's Newsletter.

Covering the period from September 2025 to April 2026, this issue highlights the project's achievements and reflects on our shared journey over the past four years. Together, we have strengthened policy frameworks, advanced sustainable energy practices, celebrated dedicated professionals, enhanced public awareness of the benefits of sustainable energy and the clean energy transition, supported institutions and communities across Central Asia, and turned "what if" into "we did".

As the project comes to its conclusion, its impact continues through stronger institutions, enhanced capacities, and lasting regional cooperation.

We hope this final issue serves not only as a record of accomplishments but also as a source of inspiration for future progress. We thank you for being part of our journey and wish you continued success in advancing a sustainable energy future for Central Asia.

Sincerely,  
The SECCA Project Team

## 2. PROJECT NEWS & EVENTS

### 2.1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

#### 2.1.1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### SECCA and TEESB Projects Conduct Training Workshops on Sustainable Energy in Turkmenistan

On 22, 23, and 28 April 2026, the SECCA project and UNDP/GEF Project in Turkmenistan "Developing National Capacity

of Turkmenistan through Improving Regulatory Environment towards Energy Efficient and Sustainable Building Sector

(TEESB) organised a series of technical workshops in the Turkmen State Institute of Architecture and Construction aimed at sharing international experience in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green construction.

These events were held as part of SECCA's final mission and closing activities in Turkmenistan. Over 80 participants

representing the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan, State Electric Power Corporation "Turkmenenergo", as well as faculty members and students of the country's higher educational institutions attended the workshops.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Turkmenistan Approves Regulatory Document Governing Re-labelling of Power Plant Energy Equipment

On 25 March 2026, the Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan registered the "Rules for the Re-labelling of Primary Equipment at Power Plants of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan". This regulatory document was developed on the basis of the "Recommendations for the Re-labelling of Primary Equipment at Power Plants of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan", prepared by the SECCA project. The regulatory document defines the types of power plant equipment subject to re-

labelling, the reasons for re-labelling, the elements of technical characteristics (technological parameters) subject to change, the forms of documentation to be prepared for re-labelling and the procedures for its preparation, coordination, and approval in cases where operating parameters are modified.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Turkmenistan Adopts Regulatory Document Governing Fire Safety at Energy Enterprises

On 25 March 2026, the Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan registered the "Fire Safety Regulations for Energy Enterprises". These regulations were developed on the basis of the "Recommendations on Fire Safety at Energy Enterprises", prepared within the framework of the SECCA project, in accordance with the Laws of Turkmenistan "On Electric Power Industry" and "On Fire Safety". These Regulations

aim at ensuring fire safety at operating energy facilities of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan and establish key requirements for the safe operation of power plants, grid facilities, and auxiliary infrastructure.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## SECCA Presents Draft ESCO-Related Regulations at a Technical Meeting of the Inter-Institutional Working Group of Kyrgyzstan

On 10 February 2026, the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic, jointly with the EU-funded SECCA project, held a Technical Meeting of the Inter-Institutional Working Group (IIWG) on energy service companies (ESCOs) to review a package of draft regulatory documents developed with SECCA's technical assistance to advance the ESCO market and strengthen energy efficiency policies and practices in Kyrgyzstan.

The meeting additionally included a presentation of the results of SECCA's work on elements of national energy planning, specifically the modelling of Kyrgyzstan's power system development for the period 2024-2040, conducted as part of the project's regional energy modelling initiative.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## SECCA Tests a New Approach to Improving Energy Efficiency in Kazakhstan's Public Sector

SECCA experts, together with specialists from the Ministry of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan and

the Institute for the Development of Electric Power and Energy Efficiency, carried out on-site energy audits at two secondary

public schools in Astana – School No. 20 and School No. 29. This activity is being implemented within the framework of a proposed new 10-step approach aimed at more effective use of data from the State Energy Register and at conducting in-

depth analysis of public sector facilities prioritised in terms of energy efficiency improvement.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Turkmenistan Adopts Recommendations on Calculation and Analysis of Technological Electricity Consumption

The Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan has approved the “*Recommendations on the Calculation and Analysis of Technological Consumption of Electricity for Transmission through the Electric Networks of the Power System of Turkmenistan*”. The document was developed in accordance with the Law of Turkmenistan “On Energy Saving and

Energy Efficiency” with the support of the SECCA project. The Recommendations establish a unified approach to determining, calculating, and analysing technological losses of electrical energy during its transmission.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## SECCA Conducts a Practical Training on Energy Audits of Public Buildings in Kazakhstan



At the request of the Ministry of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Institute for the Development of Electric Power and Energy Saving, SECCA conducted a four-day practical training on energy audits of public buildings on 8-11 December 2025. Participants received an introduction to energy audits, as well as detailed explanations and practical examples of building energy efficiency assessment methods. SECCA experts guided the participants through key technical topics, including the specifics of auditing schools, hospitals, kindergartens and administrative buildings, as well as data collection, analysis, and reporting.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## A New Approach to Improving Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings, Developed in Kazakhstan, Presented in Kyrgyzstan

On 5 December 2025, SECCA experts held a series of technical meetings with representatives of relevant organisations in the Kyrgyz Republic on the topic: “*Improving the Energy Efficiency of Public Buildings: Approaches and Recommendations. Implementation of ISO 50001 at the National Level in Kazakhstan*”. During the meetings, SECCA presented a new approach being developed within the project for working

with data on public buildings. The purpose of presenting this approach was to share experience, demonstrate the project’s practical work, and help promote a more structured and systematic way of working with the public sector.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Third Meeting of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on ESCO Held in Kyrgyzstan

On 3 December 2025, the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic hosted the Third Meeting of the IIWG on ESCOs and

energy performance certificates (EPC) quality assurance. The first technical presentation offered a legal overview of the

current regulatory framework and highlighted the potential for implementing ESCO mechanisms in Kyrgyzstan. This analysis outlined existing regulatory gaps and provided recommendations

to support the emergence of an ESCO market.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Uzbekistan Approves New Measures to Develop the Energy Service Market

On 24 October 2025, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted Resolution No. 673 "On Measures for the Formation of the Energy Service Market and the Promotion of Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings". The key document within this resolution is Annex No. 3 – "Regulations on the Provision of Energy Services", developed by the National Energy Efficiency Agency under the Cabinet of Ministers taking into account proposals from international

organisations and experts. A technical assistance in preparing the document was also provided by the SECCA Project, which in June 2025 submitted to Uzbekistan's state authorities a comprehensive package of regulatory and methodological documents aimed at developing a modern energy service market in the country.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Central Asian and European Union Experts Examine Energy Labelling at a Conference in Tashkent



The Regional Conference on Energy Labelling took place on 21-22 October 2025 in a hybrid format, bringing together representatives of line ministries and enforcement authorities from Central Asia, as well as energy efficiency experts from the EU and its Member States, to exchange best practices on implementing energy labelling regulations. Organised by the SECCA project, the conference focused on the legal and regulatory aspects of energy labelling, as well as the implementation and enforcement of energy labelling measures.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

> Conference materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Second Meeting of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on ESCO Held in Bishkek

On 16 October 2025, the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic hosted the second meeting of the IIWG on the implementation of mechanisms for the operation of ESCOs. The SECCA project made key presentations where the following issues were examined in detail: objectives of a standard EPC contract and recommended sections for the Kyrgyz Republic; the development of an energy savings

measurement and verification (M&V) system; methodology for calculating energy savings and general principles for formulating ESCO policy in regulatory acts; Uzbekistan's experience in developing the ESCO market.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Turkmenistan Approves Instruction on Reducing Technological Electricity Losses Developed under the SECCA Project

On 2 October 2025 the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan approved "The Instruction on Reducing Technological Electricity Losses during Transmission through the Power Grids of

Turkmenistan's Energy System". The Instruction was developed within the framework of the SECCA project. The document was prepared in accordance with the Law of Turkmenistan

“On Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency” and aims to improve practical mechanisms for enhancing energy efficiency and reducing electricity transmission losses.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## SECCA Project Supports Kazakhstan in Improving Energy Efficiency of Public Buildings

On 24 September 2025, SECCA project met with representatives of the Department of Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan and senior management of the Institute for the Development of Electric Power and Energy Saving (EEDI). During the meeting, SECCA experts presented the outcomes of technical assistance

aimed at strengthening Kazakhstan's system for monitoring and improving energy efficiency in public buildings. The team introduced a new business process for EEDI, designed to enhance the collection, analysis, and prioritisation of data from the State Energy Register.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Kyrgyzstan and SECCA Experts Review Quality Assurance Framework for Building Energy Performance Certificates

On 18 September 2025, the Inter-Institutional Working Group (IIWG) established by the Ministry of Energy of Kyrgyzstan and the SECCA project experts met online to discuss structuring of bylaws that will enable the effective monitoring and quality assurance of building Energy Performance Certificates. The national experts, members of IIWG, representing government agencies and research institutions, and the SECCA experts reviewed the regulatory framework for energy efficiency

and building certification in the Kyrgyz Republic, the EU experience on independent quality control systems for energy certificates, and the structure of the draft Regulation on the procedure for monitoring and quality assurance of work performed on energy certification of buildings.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Inter-Institutional Working Group of Kyrgyzstan Holds the First Online Meeting on ESCO Development

On 11 September 2025, the members of the IIWG of Kyrgyzstan and the SECCA project experts gathered for the first online meeting to discuss the development of the energy service company (ESCO) market in Kyrgyzstan. At the meeting, the participants discussed the basic principles of ESCOs and Energy Performance Contracts (EPC), approaches to measuring and verifying energy savings, and aligning

ESCO/EPC requirements to the specific context of Kyrgyzstan. Participants also considered opportunities for financing and stimulating private sector involvement, as well as selection of pilot sites (schools, hospitals, municipal infrastructure).

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## The European Union Awards “Green Certificates” to the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan



The EU Delegation to Turkmenistan awarded “Green Certificates” to the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan (SEIT), recognising its commitment to sustainable and energy-efficient construction. The “Green Certificates” were presented by H.E. Ms Beata Peksa, EU Ambassador to Turkmenistan, during the official opening ceremony of the SEIT's new academic building in Mary. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan,

Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan, SEIT faculty and students, the EU, and other international partners.

SECCA experts provided technical recommendations during the design and construction phases of the new building, focusing on green and sustainable building standards in line with the EU best practices. Three certificates acknowledge

SEIT's commitment to implementing innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions in its new facilities, contributing to more sustainable use of resources and improved learning conditions.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.1.2 RENEWABLE ENERGY

### Uzbekistan and SECCA Project Conduct a Series of Technical Meetings on Rooftop Solar Development

The SECCA project supported the development of rooftop solar (RTS) in Uzbekistan through a series of technical meetings held in 2025 and early 2026. These meetings aimed to review the country's technical potential, address regulatory and infrastructure challenges, and evaluate economic viability of the RTS deployment.

The first meeting focused on presenting the results of a technical potential assessment conducted by the SECCA

experts. At the second technical meeting, SECCA presented its evaluation of a roadmap for increasing the use of Uzbekistan's solar potential developed by Uzbekenergonadzor. The most recent meeting, held on 18 February 2026, focused on the results of a comprehensive financial analysis of RTS deployment in Uzbekistan.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

### Technical Meeting on Rooftop Solar Development Held in Kyrgyzstan

On 2 December 2025, the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic hosted a Technical Meeting on the development of RTS in the country, bringing together members of the IIWG on the renewable energy strategy development, representatives of the governmental energy agencies, international projects, private energy companies and others.

The discussion opened with a presentation on the promotion of RTS in the European Union and an overview of the SECCA

project's technical assistance in advancing RTS across Central Asia. It then continued with an analysis of the results of the modelling of the cost-effective deployment of RTS in Kyrgyzstan, and concluded with a presentation of results of the economic analysis for three payment schemes for grid-connected RTS systems.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

### Training Workshop on Integration of Solar and Wind Power Plants into Turkmenistan's Electric Power System Held in Ashgabat

A training workshop titled *"Development of Renewable Energy Sources in Turkmenistan: Features of Integrating Solar and Wind Power Plants into Electric Power System"* was held on 19–20 November 2025. The event was organised by the SECCA project with the support of the Ministry of Energy of Turkmenistan. Participants reviewed Kazakhstan's model for renewable energy development, including state policy and regulation, tariff setting, main challenges, and scenarios, as

well as mechanisms to support investors, the development of small-scale renewable energy projects, financial support for projects, and innovative models such as hybrid power plants, the use of renewables and energy storage systems, and hydrogen production.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## Kyrgyzstan and SECCA Discuss Renewable Energy Development and Rooftop Solar Potential

The IIWG for Renewable Energy Development established by the Ministry of Energy of Kyrgyzstan met on 26 September 2025 to discuss the Draft Programme on the Development of Renewable Energy in Kyrgyzstan for 2025-2030. During the meeting, SECCA experts presented the results of the Preliminary RTS Technical

Potential Assessment for various regions of Kyrgyzstan. The study provides an evaluation of the country's physical, geographical, and technical capacity for the use of RTS installations.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.1.3 ENERGY MODELLING

### SECCA Holds Second Regional Workshop on Country Energy Planning

The Second Regional Workshop on Elements of Country Energy Planning took place on 4-5 February 2026 as part of Phase II of the SECCA project's energy modelling initiative. The event brought together members of the Regional Group on Energy Modelling and project national coordinators. They

reviewed results achieved so far during Phase II and discussed approaches to regional cooperation in energy planning.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

> Workshop materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.1.4 ELECTRIC MOBILITY

### Technical Meetings on E-Mobility and Solar Water Heating Held in Dushanbe



On 12 November 2025, officials from the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan, representatives of the Association of Renewable Energy and other non-governmental organisations, as well as private companies attended the technical meetings on e-mobility and solar energy solutions in Tajikistan. At these meetings organised by the SECCA project, the project experts presented the results of technical assistance.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

### The European Union Project Supports Tajikistan in Promoting Electric Mobility

In April 2025, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan adopted a resolution introducing duty-free import for new (less than one year old) electric vehicles (EVs), while not providing benefits for used EVs. The SECCA project supported the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of

Tajikistan in developing a set of proposals aimed at optimising and regulating the e-mobility sector.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.1.5 EMISSIONS REDUCTION

### SECCA Project Presents Findings on the Impact of EU Methane Regulation on Kazakhstan's Exports

At a Roundtable on regulation of methane emissions held on 26 February 2026, the SECCA project presented the findings

of an analytical study assessing the potential impact of the EU methane regulation on the exports of the Republic of

Kazakhstan. The event brought together representatives of the Ministry of Energy of Kazakhstan, the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan, oil and gas companies, research institutions, and other key stakeholders. Drawing on the EU experience, the SECCA study puts forward a set of recommendations and

proposes an evolutionary scenario for Kazakhstan.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

> Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.2 HORIZON EUROPE

### SECCA at the Women Scientists Forum “SheScience 2025” in Tashkent

The SECCA project participated in the Women Scientists Forum “SheScience 2025” held on 27 November 2025. SECCA’s participation supported the forum’s focus on international research cooperation. SECCA Key Expert Ilze Purina presented on the project’s work in enhancing participation of Central Asian research institutions and universities in the EU’s Horizon

Europe programme and highlighted the opportunities offered by the programme. This input complemented the forum’s emphasis on expanding financing tools and strengthening regional and global scientific partnerships.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

### Opportunities for Turkmenistan’s Participation in the EU’s Horizon Europe Programme Discussed in Ashgabat

On 18 November 2025, a roundtable titled “*Opportunities for Strengthening Turkmenistan’s Participation in Horizon Europe*” was held at the International University of Humanities and Development. The event was organised by the SECCA project with the support of the Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan. The event brought together representatives of the Ministry of Education, national contact points for the

programme, international experts of the SECCA project, and leading universities of the country. At the roundtable, participants discussed the results achieved and further actions to ensure the sustainability of these results and to expand Turkmenistan’s participation in Horizon Europe.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.3 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS 2025

Every year, the SECCA project hosts the EU–Central Asia Sustainable Energy Days (SEDs) campaign in the beneficiary countries. SEDs are a regional edition of the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), the largest annual event dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe, initiated in 2007 by the European Commission. SEDs have become

an important EU initiative across the region to enhance awareness about the significance and benefits of sustainable energy, the relationship between energy and climate change, as well as to promote clean energy and energy efficiency, and contribute to the implementation of climate-neutral solutions for communities, businesses and industries.

### 2.3.1 EUROPEAN UNION – TAJIKISTAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS

The Third edition of the European Union – Tajikistan Sustainable Energy Days took place in two parts in 2025. The second part was held on 13 November 2025 and featured:

- **A photo exhibition “The European Union – Tajikistan: Faces of Sustainable Energy Development Cooperation”** highlighting the citizens of Tajikistan – policymakers,

experts, researchers, engineers, and educators – who are powering the clean energy transition and turning the vision of a sustainable future into reality. These local stories were also complimented by a regional digital exhibition showcasing 38 inspiring portraits and stories from across all five Central Asian countries.



- **A greening action at the substation “Novaya”**, which resonated with Tajikistan’s National Programme “Green Country”, the State Programme for Greening the Republic of

Tajikistan for the Period until 2040, the republican movement “Plant a Tree!”, as well with the European campaign #ForOurPlanet, reflecting a commitment to cleaner air, greener cities, and a climate-resilient environment.

The first part of the campaign took place from 28 February to 5 March 2025 and featured **roundtables “Girls Education in Energy”**. Details of this activity are available in SECCA Newsletter [Issue 3](#).

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.3.2 EUROPEAN UNION – UZBEKISTAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS

The Third European Union – Uzbekistan Sustainable Energy Days were held on 23 October 2025 and featured:

- **A STEM4Her guided tour** at the Turin Polytechnic University with participation of 30 senior students from school №242 of the Tashkent city. During the event, the schoolchildren toured the University’s modern facilities and laboratories, getting first-hand exposure to research and innovation. Participants also engaged in an interactive session with successful female professionals, University leadership, and female students, learning from their experiences in advancing sustainable energy, science, and research in Uzbekistan.

- **A photo exhibition “The European Union – Uzbekistan: Faces of Sustainable Energy Development Cooperation”**, showcasing inspiring portraits of individuals driving the energy transition in Uzbekistan and across Central Asia.
- **Presentation of certificates from the EU’s Regional Media Contest “Energy Transition for a Better Tomorrow”**, held between 15 April and 14 May 2025. Among over 120 participating journalists, Doniyor Tukhsinov from Kun.uz received the third prize, while Aizada Amangeldiyeva from Anhor.uz was awarded a special diploma by the contest jury. This ceremony highlighted the vital role of media in raising public awareness about sustainable development.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)



## 2.3.3 EUROPEAN UNION – KYRGYZSTAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS

The Third European Union – Kyrgyzstan Sustainable Energy Days were held on 14-15 October 2025 and featured:

- **An official handover of the “Karakol-1 Small Hydropower Plant (SHPP) Pre-Feasibility Study”** from the SECCA project to the Green Energy Fund under the Cabinet of

Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic. Developed at the Fund’s request, the study represents a key step toward expanding renewable energy generation in Kyrgyzstan and promoting sustainable hydropower development.



- **Celebration of the winner of the EU's Regional Media Contest "Energy Transition for a Better Tomorrow"**, held between 15 April and 14 May 2025. Among over 120 participating journalists, Kyrgyz photojournalist Vlad Ushakov from photo.kg received the 1st prize.
- **A photo exhibition "The European Union – Kyrgyzstan: Faces of Sustainable Energy Development Cooperation"**

presenting the stories and portraits of leading Kyrgyz experts, educators, and policymakers contributing to a more sustainable and greener future, complemented by a regional video presentation featuring 38 inspiring individuals from all five Central Asian countries.

- **A STEM4Her event** for senior students of school №65 of the Bishkek city, where they joined discussions with role models from the energy sector about education and careers in STEM and energy. Women leaders, including Nurzat Abdyrasulova, President of UNISON Group, and Eleonora Kazakova, Chairperson of the "Renewable Energy Sources in the Kyrgyz Republic" Association, and Ilze Purina, the SECCA Project Key Expert in Energy Governance, shared their stories of breaking barriers and building careers in sustainable energy.

> Read more about the Launch: [English](#), [Russian](#)  
 > Read more about the STEM4Her event: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.3.4 EUROPEAN UNION – TURKMENISTAN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAYS

The Third European Union – Turkmenistan Sustainable Energy Days took place on 30 August – 4 September 2025 and featured:

- **A photo exhibition "The European Union – Turkmenistan: Faces of Sustainable Energy Development Cooperation"** showcasing inspiring individuals from Turkmenistan who are driving transition toward a more sustainable energy system.
- **An International Conference "Sustainable Energy – Energy of the Future: International Experience in Advancing and Implementing Innovative Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technologies in Residential and Public Buildings"** featuring presentations by international consultants and national experts on the EU experience in integrating RES technologies in buildings, improving EE in social facilities, the prospects for green energy development in Turkmenistan, as well as opportunities under the EU's Horizon Europe programme for advancing EE and RES technologies.
- **A Training Workshop "Development of Renewable Energy Sources in Turkmenistan: Features of Operation and Maintenance of Solar and Wind Power Plants in the Climatic Conditions of Turkmenistan"** presenting the experience of Kazakhstan in the development of solar and wind power, as well as its experience in the operation and maintenance of solar and wind power plants.

- **A STEM4Her event** with participation of over 150 senior schoolgirls from School No. 28 in Mary and over 40 first-year students from the State Energy Institute of Turkmenistan. The girls learned about green energy, the prospects for renewable energy and energy efficiency deployment in Turkmenistan, and education and career opportunities in STEM and energy fields.



> Read more about the International Conference: [English](#), [Russian](#)  
 > Read more about the STEM4Her event: [English](#), [Russian](#)  
 > Conference materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)  
 > Training Workshop materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.4 PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



On 7 April 2026, the SECCA project organised the fourth and final Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting. Held in a hybrid format, this closing event brought together officials from Central Asian countries – members of the PSC designated by their respective governments, representatives of the European Union and its projects. The event marked the culmination of four years of regional cooperation aimed at advancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable energy policies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Participants gathered to celebrate achievements, reflect on lessons

learned, and explore pathways for continued collaboration beyond the project's conclusion.

SECCA Key Experts presented on the project outcomes, focusing on the work done to enhance regulatory frameworks, promote climate and energy planning, develop energy services market, energy audits, quality control of energy performance certificates of buildings, as well as deploy rooftop solar, small-scale hydropower energy projects and e-mobility projects, and other. They shared information about the project efforts to strengthen capacities of beneficiary countries' research and academic institutions for more active participation in the EU's Horizon Europe programme and enhance research cooperation between the EU and Central Asia. The experts also highlighted the work dedicated to raising awareness about the importance and benefits of sustainable energy among the stakeholders and general public, including women and youth, achieved through various events and activities, and most importantly through "The European Union – Central Asia Sustainable Energy Days" campaigns and the "Energiya Joly" Podcast.

- > Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)
- > Meeting materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 2.5 CLOSING ROUNDTABLES

During February–April 2026, the SECCA project held Closing Roundtables in all beneficiary countries to present results and lessons learned from its work in every country and in the region. These roundtables were attended by key stakeholders: representatives of line Ministries and government agencies, the EU Delegations, non-governmental organisations, academia and research institutions, private sector, international organisations, and international financial institutions.

The project provided a targeted technical assistance, policy advice, and capacity-building support, contributing to the following key results: 1) strengthened legal and regulatory framework for deploying sustainable energy; 2) enhanced institutional capacities for energy governance, strategic planning, and data-driven decision-making; 3) improved regional research cooperation to advance Central Asia's participation in the EU's Horizon Europe research and

innovation programme; and 4) increased public awareness about the benefits of sustainable energy and clean energy transition.

Participants also discussed priorities for future cooperation and opportunities for continuity and further support beyond SECCA. The roundtables reaffirmed the European Union's long-term commitment to supporting Central Asia's sustainable energy transition, in line with the countries national policies and objectives.

- > Kazakhstan Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)
- > Kyrgyzstan Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)
- > Tajikistan Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)
- > Turkmenistan Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)
- > Uzbekistan Roundtable materials: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 3. SECCA PODCAST “ENERGIYA JOLY”

At the end of October 2024, the SECCA project launched its video podcast “Energiya Joly” on YouTube to communicate the key sustainable energy developments in Central Asia, explore the current most pressing opportunities and challenges in the energy sector, and highlight the EU best practices and energy policies.

As of end of April 2026, the podcast channel on YouTube [@EnergiyaJoly](#) has over 8,500 subscribers and more than 440,000 views.

In the present period, the project produced six new episodes:

1. [Energy Efficiency in Action: Public Sector in Focus of the Energy Saving Institute](#)
2. [Renewable Energy Today and Tomorrow](#)
3. [Engineers of Wind: Operation and Maintenance of the Wind Park](#)
4. [The Path of Young Energy Professional: From Research Work in Kazakhstan to International Projects](#)
5. [Future of Gas-Fired Generation: Resources, Pricing, and Energy Security](#)
6. [Electric Power Sector: Reforms and the Role of Women](#)

## 4. SECCA REPORT “GENDER AND ENERGY NEXUS: AN OVERVIEW FROM CENTRAL ASIA”

On the 2026 International Day of Women and Girls in Science, celebrated under the theme “From Vision to Impact: Redefining STEM by Closing the Gender Gap”, the SECCA project published its report “*The Gender and Energy Nexus: A Regional Overview from Central Asia*”. This report provides an in-depth look at present gender considerations in national energy and green transition policies, access to electricity and clean fuels, girls’ education in STEM, and women’s employment

in the energy sector across Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. By combining regional analysis with country-specific insights, it identifies promising practices and entry points for strengthening gender-responsive energy policies and programmes.

> Read more: [English](#), [Russian](#)

## 5. ABOUT SECCA & PROJECT CONTACTS

### THE EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONNECTIVITY IN CENTRAL ASIA (SECCA)

In line with **the European Green Deal, the European Union Strategy on Central Asia, and the Global Gateway Team Europe Initiative on Water, Energy and Climate Change in Central Asia**, the European Union (EU) is committed to support the countries of Central Asia (CA) in their current energy transition efforts by building upon the region’s potential in renewable energy (RE) and capability for improving energy efficiency (EE), as well as promoting sustainable energy connectivity in the region.

The EU launched a four-year project “The EU Support to Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia (SECCA)” in March 2022. **The mission of this project was to promote a more sustainable energy mix in the CA region in line with the EU best practices.**

Specifically, the SECCA project aimed to strengthen and enhance a more inclusive policy, regulatory and institutional

framework for the transition to a sustainable energy system within a regional context and focused on contributing to the fulfilment of international human rights commitments in the CA countries, including equal access to energy and supporting gender-responsive policies and legislation for EE and RE deployment.

**Priority areas for consultation and cooperation included development of RE, improvement of EE, regional cooperation in the field of sustainable energy, promotion of integrated energy and climate planning, integration of gender and rights-based considerations into energy policy and targeted energy programmes and enhancement of public awareness of sustainable energy.**



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