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SMALL BIOGAS PLANTS FOR FARMS AS AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF INCOME

At the event organized by the German Organization for International Cooperation GIZ the advantages of becoming energy independent through the use of new technologies were presented to the local farmers

Novi Sad, 23 September 2015 – The introduction of biogas plants on the mid-sized farms in Serbia would generate additional income for the farmers and agricultural households, as was concluded today at the expert event dedicated to promotion of the use of biogas for the production of heat and electric power at the farms. At the event organized by the German Organization for International Cooperation GIZ, the farmers from Germany shared their experience and local farmers expressed huge interest in the application of the new technology.

Small biogas plants at farms involve the introduction of technology that uses raw material already at the disposal of farms that comes at no price. It includes the organic waste material, like animal manure from which biogas can be produced. It can be used to produce heat energy for the farm itself but also to produce electric energy that can be sold at privileged prices (feed-in tariffs defined by the state) thus generating additional income. The amount of earnings from the sale of electricity generated from biogas greatly depends on the size of the farm and number of animals.

“By using the electric energy from renewable sources Serbia is approaching the environmental standards of the European Union, the local level revenues are increasing and the farms are becoming energy independent which can play a big role in doing business and planning. Local farmers show great interest in the new technologies that we, as organization, are promoting and we hope that in the years to come we will have an opportunity to talk with the Serbian farmers about the improved wellbeing that biogas brings”, said Thomas Mitschke, “Project development” component leader within the GIZ programme “Development of a Sustainable Bioenergy Market in Serbia”.

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