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On 3 December 2019, Uzbekistan will host the final conference of the **PRO HOUSE** project

TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT – PREPARATION FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS

Radisson Blu Hotel,
88, Amir Temur Street
Tashkent

The conference is organized by the Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO), Berlin, Germany (coordinator), Association of Professional Managers and Housing Services Organizations (Uyushmasi P.B.H.K.T), Tashkent, Uzbekistan (project partner) with the support of the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In recent years, significant steps have been taken in Central Asia towards reforming the housing management sector, most notably through the development of new draft laws and amendments to existing laws. **PRO HOUSE** project partners actively participated in this process by improving the housing legislations. The Legislative Chamber of Uzbekistan adopted the Law "On the management of apartment buildings" on August 6, 2019, which were approved by the Senate on October 11, 2019. The Draft Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Amendments and Additions to Some Legislative Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Housing and Communal Services" is still under discussion in the Parliament.

Many residential buildings in Central Asia, same as most building in the post-Soviet countries, are in urgent need of energy efficient refurbishment. The professionalization of housing management is the key to increasing the pace and standards of energy efficient refurbishment. By supporting small and medium-sized enterprises providing housing services it is possible to develop a growing and potential economic market.

The professional associations that represent the interests of their members are important for the development of skills and capacities in housing management. Therefore, three years ago the partners of the **PRO HOUSE** project identified their key tasks:

- to increase professionalism, and the organizational and institutional capacity of housing and energy efficiency associations;
- to support the participation of professional associations in policy dialogue with local and national authorities, encouraging them to take an active part in decision-making processes in housing policy.



At the conference, the organizers will present the results of the **PRO HOUSE** project, as well as the way the partner countries solved the set tasks, what problems and challenges they faced and how they jointly overcame them.

Experts from Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Lithuania and Ukraine will take part in the conference. They will present their countries' experience in reforming the housing and utilities sector and discuss with the colleagues from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan the successes, achievements, problems, and their possible solutions.

This exchange of experience is very important for establishing a partnership network between countries from European Union, Eastern Europe and Central Asia in housing legislation, management, maintenance and energy-efficient modernization of the housing fund, involvement of homeowners in the process of common property management, development of professional management of multi-apartment buildings.

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