

New joint project with USAID

Prykarpattyaoblenergo has initiated diagnostics and enhancement of its information security in collaboration with the USAID “Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructure in Ukraine” project.

Amid rapid technological advancement and ongoing challenges in the digital sphere, JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo” is strengthening its international cooperation by launching a new stage in adopting advanced approaches to information systems protection. The company has commenced a 10-month project aimed at introducing innovative ideas and technologies that will enable JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo” to achieve its business objectives more efficiently and enhance the reliability of electricity distribution services for consumers in the Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Thanks to the support of the USAID Project "Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure of Ukraine", the company initiated cooperation in the field of diagnostics and improvement of information security, applying the methods and recommendations of the NIST CyberSecurity Framework standard (the US National Institute of Standards and Technologies is a leading body in the field of information protection standards).

As Andriy Grabchuk, head of the strategic planning and audit department of JSC “Prykarpattyaoblenergo”, notes, the project involves the diagnosis of key processes in order to determine the current state of security of the information environment and increase the maturity of the Company's business processes. As part of the project, recommendations for the implementation of best management practices will be implemented in accordance with the NIST CyberSecurity Framework. The standard focuses on the implementation of the concept of continuous improvement in the Society. Implementation of recommendations will help to analyze potential threats and risks more effectively, understand vulnerabilities better and make reasonable decisions on improving various elements of the management system.

This initiative aims to strengthen the protection of electricity grids, and therefore to improve the quality and reliability of services provided to electricity consumers. The implementation of NIST requirements and recommendations is an important strategic step for the development of a company that actively conducts international cooperation, successfully participating in the related ELECTRON and eFORT projects, with the support of the European Union within the framework of the HORIZON 2020 and HORIZON EUROPE programs.

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