

Energo-Pro Georgia streamlines management and enhances operational efficiency with IFS



Energo-Pro Georgia, the largest Georgian electricity producer, owns 15 small and medium-sized hydropower plants with a total capacity of 482 MW and a 110 MW gas-fired power plant.

Energo-Pro Georgia provides its services to over 1.2 million customers throughout its service area. The implementation of IFS in Energo-Pro Georgia integrated existing IT solutions and optimized key business processes.

First: Effective management

Energo-Pro Georgia is a leading hydropower operator in the South Caucasus. Its services effectively cover the energy needs of the region. The company focuses its operations on ensuring a reliable electricity supply, continuous investments in the development of power grids, increasing energy production and market efficiency, investments in modernization of existing power plants and support for the sustainable development of the energy sector.

Major business challenges facing Energo-Pro Georgia were effective and transparent management of business departments and resources, as well as effective implementation of its investment program. It was crucial for the company to have access to accurate data and information on its assets and to implement new infrastructure investments.

Before the implementation of IFS, the company used disparate IT solutions that were unable to meet the growing requirements of the company, especially in the scope of executing numerous projects in the field of maintenance, overhaul and infrastructure modernization. To be able to efficiently manage its operations, the company needed an integrated ERP system.

Integration and optimization of processes

The company started scanning the enterprise software market in 2013 by performing a detailed analysis of the solutions available. Representatives of Energo-Pro Georgia also made several reference visits, among others, to one of the biggest power companies in Poland. As a result, the board of Energo-Pro Georgia's selected IFS as it proved to be the best fit for the company in terms of its requirements, which mirrored actual market demands.

About Energo-Pro Georgia

JSC Energo-Pro Georgia is a subsidiary company of Energo-Pro a.s. and a member of the Energo-Pro Group, which owns and operates power plants producing and distributing electricity in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Slovenia and Turkey. The current market value of Energo-Pro Group's assets exceeds €650 million. The Group specializes in hydro power generation and focuses on expanding its operations in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as in the region of Black Sea and Caucasus. Energo-Pro Group has an installed capacity exceeding 860 MW and provides its services to over 2 million customers. The company has more than 8,000 employees. For more information please visit: www.energo-pro.ge



The functional capabilities of the solution were highly evaluated, especially in respect of maintenance and logistics, as well as project management. Another important factor in the selection of IFS was its long industry experience and positive feedback from IFS clients operating in the energy market.

In 2014, a contract was signed with IFS and implementation commenced. Energo-Pro created an implementation team comprised of people responsible for the most important areas of the company's operation, such as finances, logistics, maintenance and human resources. These key system users conducted training for its end users. Consultants from IFS Ukraine also took part in the implementation project. The system went fully live in 2017. Since then, each and every process of Energo-Pro Georgia has been supported by IFS.

"The implementation process was relatively long and involved the whole team, but considering the size of our company, the profile of our operations, and the broad implementation range, the project's time frame was optimal," comments Irakli Avaliani, Project Manager from Energo-Pro Georgia.

The implementation of IFS in Energo-Pro Georgia integrated its IT systems and optimized its key business processes. This translates into more effective operations in areas such as finances, warehouse management, maintenance and overhaul of machines and devices, human resources, and project management. The solution is used by 340 Energo-Pro Georgia employees.

Implementation benefits and development perspectives

IFS has provided the company with transparency into its business processes, enabling them to be optimized. Now all departments enter data into a single ERP system. Internal communication has improved, as has the quality of teamwork.

As the company has a large-scale investment program, it is crucial to ensure access to complete information related to its projects. The solution from IFS provided an opportunity to streamline basic operations and increase control over its project-related processes.

"At present, the biggest benefit we are deriving from the implementation is accurate data. We have continuous access to up-to-date data, which translates into full control of our extensive and complex infrastructure and enables us to effectively maintain it. We enhanced project management and reduced reaction times related to fault reports. What is important, we have access to up-to-date, centralized information on the inventory status of all our warehouses. In the future, we expect to see more benefits, among others, in the area of planning and budgeting," says Avaliani.

Mikheil Botsvadze, CEO in JSC Energo-Pro Georgia, concludes, "The implementation of IFS Application is a significant stage in our development. We are confident that it will have a positive impact on our future business operations and management of our company's assets. We still have to wait a bit for reliable results, though. We expect to see the final result in 2-3 years. We are aware that this result highly depends on us—it is our job to make the most of the system's potential in the future."

Benefits seen using IFS

- Effective finance management
- Effective project management
- Better inventory management
- Effective management of maintenance and repairs of machines and equipment
- Better in-company communication
- Better human resources management

Software

- IFS Financials™
- IFS Project™
- IFS Supply Chain™
- IFS Sales & Service™
- IFS Document Management™
- IFS Maintenance™
- Human Resources™
- IFS Payroll™

Number of users: 340

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