

FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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Background: The Energy Union Framework Strategy puts energy efficiency as one of its five dimensions and states it is to be treated as an energy source in its own right. The ambitious Paris climate agreement also underlines the importance of energy efficiency. Investments in energy efficiency have proven to be one of the most cost-effective ways to support the transition to a low-carbon economy. Not only does it help the EU in turning its climate ambition into climate action, it also brings a number of significant benefits for European citizens and companies in terms of environment, health, security of supply, lower energy bills, more jobs and sustainable growth.

To realise the full potential of energy efficiency, public funds will not suffice and private financing will have to be unlocked at scale. In that context, energy policy should create more favourable investment conditions, encourage demand for energy efficiency and help consumers undertake energy efficiency investments more easily.

This event aims to share best practice from across the Central and Eastern Europe and further on how energy efficiency investments can be financed. This includes the use of private funds and innovative financing instruments, notably in the building and industry sectors. Speakers will focus on practical experience in developing and structuring investment programmes and the event will allow time for debate.

During the plenary sessions, presentations will be presented and interpreted in English, Czech, Hungarian, Polish and German; during the parallel sessions, these will be presented and interpreted in English and in Czech.

Presentations, recordings and proceedings of the event will be published in English on the [event website](#).

This event is organised by the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) in the frame of the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums contract, funded under the EU Horizon 2020 programme.

Agenda

The event will be moderated by **Petr Holub**, Chance for Buildings.

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| 8:30 | Registration and welcome coffee/tea |
| 9:00 | Plenary session – European and national overviews |
| 9:00 | <p>Opening speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eduard Muřický – Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic <p>European policy in support to energy efficiency investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Hodson – Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, European Commission <p>European Structural and Investment Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radoslaw Liptak – European Commission, DG REGIO <p>Mobilisation of the financial sector on energy efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annie Degen-Neuville - Special Advisor Energy Efficiency Finance, UN Environment Finance Initiative <p>Support provided by the European Investment Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berna Topaloğlu - Energy Efficiency and Small-scale Energy Projects Division, Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank <p>Question and answer session</p> |
| 10:30 | <p>State of play of energy efficiency investments and financing schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vladimir Sochor – Director of Department of Energy Efficiency and Savings, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic• Miroslav Mariaš – Principal State Advisor of Department of International Energy Relations of Ministry of Economy, Slovakia• Marcin Janiak – Head of EU Funds Unit, Ministry of Energy, Poland <p>Question and answer session</p> |

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 Parallel sessions 1

Session 1.1: Home renovation loans

Moderator: **Ondřej Pohanka**, Czech Saving Bank

Lithuanian experience on financing instruments for energy efficiency

- **Vaida Lauruševičienė** – VIPA

Home renovation loans in Slovakia

- **Peter Gergely** – Housing Policy and Urban Development Division, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development

Czech experience at home renovations under Green Savings Programme

- **Jan Kříž** – Ministry of Environment

Session 1.2: supporting the development of the ESCO market

Moderator: **Ivo Slavotínek**, Czech Association of Energy Services Providers

Czech experience with energy performance contracts

- **Jaroslav Maroušek** – Czech Association of Energy Services Providers (SEVEN)

The experience of the Bulgarian Energy Efficiency Fund

- **Marko Markov** – Econoler

Standardisation and forfeiting of energy performance contracts in multifamily buildings in Latvia

- **Nicholas Stancioff** – Latvian Baltic Energy Efficiency Facility

Session 1.3: Financing energy efficiency in industry and SMEs

Moderator: **Bohuslav Čížek**, Director of Confederation of Industry of Czech Republic

Guarantees and other financial instruments by state bank

- **Jiří Jirásek** – Czech-Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank

EBRD's experience on energy efficiency in Slovakia

- **Lukas Kuzmiak** – European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Energy Efficiency – Industry Savings (PF4EE)

- **Petr Gross** – Komerční banka

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Parallel sessions 2

Session 2.1: Making energy efficiency investible

Moderator: **Adrien Bullier**, European Commission, EASME

Financing energy efficiency, JESSICA and the PF4EE guarantee

- **Petr Gross** – Komerční banka (Czech Republic)

The Investor Confidence Project Europe

- **Andreas Lindinger** – Denkstatt (Austria)

The DEEP database and EEFIG value and risk appraisal framework

- **Katarzyna Działamara-Rzudicło** – Regional Development Financing Institute (Poland), EEFIG member

The Green Mortgage Initiative in Romania

- **Steven Borncamp** – Romania Green Building Council

Session 2.2: Renovation of public buildings

Moderator: **Petr Vogel**, Czech Green Building Council

Energy Efficiency Renovation by EPC in Public Buildings in Czech Republic

- **Vladimir Sochor** – Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic

Energy Performance contracting on public buildings in Austria

- **Christine Öhlinger** – Upper Austrian Energy Agency

Role of Energy Services in renovation of public buildings in Slovakia

- **Marcel Lauko** – Association of Energy Services Providers

Session 2.3: Organising policy dialogue on sustainable energy investments

Moderator: **Andrew Deacon**, Climate Alliance

Enabling policy finance dialogue: learnings from the works of EEFIG

- **Annie Degen-Neuville** – Special Advisor Energy Efficiency Finance, UN Environment Finance Initiative

Sustainable Energy Financing Platform in Austria

- **Oliver Percl** – Energy Changes

The role of financial instruments in Czech renovation strategy

- **Ondřej Šrámek** – Knauf Insulation and Czech Green Building Council

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Closing plenary session

15:30 Short report of the session by moderators

Panel discussion with:

- ***Petr Gross*** – Czech Banking Association
- ***Václav Franče*** – Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic
- ***Ondřej Šrámek*** – Green Building Council
- ***Vladimir Sochor*** – Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- ***Paul Hodson*** – European Commission

Closing by the organisers

16:30 Networking Cocktail