

# 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.

The plenary sessions will be interpreted in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and German; parallel sessions will be interpreted in Czech.

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

# Agenda

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

8:30	Registration and welcome coffee/tea
9:00	Plenary session 1 – European and National Overviews
9:00	<b>Opening speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Speaker tbd</b> – Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic</li></ul> <b>European policy in support to energy efficiency investments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paul Hodson</b> – Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, European Commission</li></ul> <b>European Structural and Investment Funds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Speaker tbd</b> – European Commission, European Commission, DG Regio</li></ul> <b>Support provided by the European Investment Bank</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Berna Topaloğlu</b> - Energy Efficiency and Small-scale Energy Projects Division, Projects Directorate, European Investment Bank</li></ul> <b>State of play of energy efficiency investments and financing schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vladimir Sochor</b> – Director of Department of Energy Efficiency and Savings, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic</li><li>• <b>Miroslav Mariaš</b> – Principal State Advisor of Department of International Energy Relations of Ministry of Economy, Slovakia</li><li>• <b>Ilona Soltész</b> – Ministry of Interior, Hungary</li><li>• <b>Dr Helmut Hojesky</b> – Head of the Division for Air Quality and Climate Change Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria tbc</li><li>• <b>Marcin Janiak</b> – Head of EU Funds Unit, Ministry of Energy of Poland tbc</li></ul> <b>Question and answer session</b>
11:15	Coffee break

**Session 1.1: Home renovation loans**

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

**Lithuanian experience on financing instruments for energy efficiency**

- **Justinas Bucys** – VIPA tbc

**Home renovation loans in Slovakia**

- **Elena Szolgayová** – Housing Policy and Urban Development Division, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development tbc

**Czech experience at home renovations under Green Savings Programme**

- **Jan Kříž** – Ministry of Environment

**Session 1.2: Renovation of public buildings through energy performance contracting**

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

**Energy Efficiency Renovation of Public Buildings in Czech Republic**

- **Petr Holub** – Chance for Buildings

**Energy Performance contracting on public buildings in Austria**

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

**Sustainable Energy in Prešov Region**

- **Mrs. N. Chovancova** – Prešov Region tbc

### *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 experience

#### **Energy efficiency obligations in the industrial sector in Austria**

- **Petra Lackner** – Austrian Energy Agency tbc

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

#### **The Green Mortgage Initiative in Romania**

- **Steven Borncam** – Romanian Green Building Council

## *Session 2.2: 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 2.3: Organising policy dialogue on sustainable energy investments*

Moderator: **Andrew Deacon**, Climate Alliance

### **Sustainable Energy Financing Platform in Austria**

- **Oliver Percl** – Energy Changes

### **EEFIG national approach in Poland**

- **Marek Zaborowski** – Institute for Environmental Economics  
tbc

### **Czech strategy for building renovation**

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

15:15

Short break

15:30	Closing plenary session
15:30	<p><b>Short report of the session by moderators</b></p> <p><i>Panel discussion with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Petr Gross</b> – Czech Banking Association</li> <li>• <b>Václav Franče</b> – Confederation of Industry of Czech Republic</li> <li>• <b>Ondřej Šrámek</b> – Green Building Council</li> <li>• <b>Vladimir Sochor</b> – Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic</li> <li>• <b>Paul Hodson</b> – European Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing by the organisers</b></p>
16:30	End of the event