



Financing Energy Renovation of buildings in Italy, Croatia and Slovenia

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Location: Centro Congressi ABI, Via Olona 2, Milan

Organised by the European Commission in partnership with the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), the Italian Banking Association (ABI) and the UN Environment Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

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 on how energy renovation of buildings can be financed with focus on Italy, Croatia and Slovenia, in particular through the use of private funds and innovative financing instruments. Speakers will focus on practical experience in developing and structuring investment programmes and the event will allow time for debate.

During the event presentations will be presented and interpreted in Italian and English.

The event is organised in the frame of the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums contract funded by the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Union

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee/tea

9:00 Welcome and introduction

Sara Romano, Director General for the electrical market, renewables, energy efficiency and nuclear, Ministry of Economic Development

Giovanni Sabatini, General Manager of Associazione Bancaria Italiana

Plenary session 1: European and national policy contexts

EU policy initiatives to support finance for energy renovation of buildings

Claudia Canevari, Deputy Head of Unit for Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission

Mobilising the financial sector on energy efficiency

Speaker tbd, UN Environment Finance Initiative

Support available from the European Investment Bank

Speaker tbd, European Investment Bank

Strategy for financing energy renovation of buildings in Italy, Croatia and Slovenia

Mauro Mallone, Head of Energy Efficiency unit, Ministry of Economic Development

Speaker tbd, Croatian government

Speaker tbd, Slovenian government

Questions and answers

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Parallel session 1

Parallel sessions are designed to leave space for questions and answers so no more than 4 speakers in 2 hours. Each session will have a moderator, to guide discussion and to capture a summary of the discussions within each group.

A. Making energy efficiency attractive for the financial sector

This session will cover new approaches to standardisation, benchmarking and project aggregation, designed to make energy efficiency projects a more attractive investment proposition. It should cover recent developments from the Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group (EEFIG), the Investor Confidence Project, hear from the property market and address the Energy Efficient Mortgages initiative.

B. Renovation of public buildings through energy performance contracting

This session will hear from Italy, Slovenia and Croatia about the latest progress in deploying energy performance contracting as a mechanism to attract investment and explore approaches taken in different sectors (e.g. public buildings and hospitals).

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Parallel sessions 2

A. Home renovation

This session will present home renovation services across Europe and provide details of how specific renovation schemes operate to deliver a comprehensive service to homeowners from initial energy audits to supervision of the works and the supply of finance.

B. Supporting the ESCO market

This session will focus on support for the growth of ESCo markets and hear how support mechanisms such as [eQuad](#) and the [GREPCon tool](#) are helping to increase confidence and bridge the relationship between project developers and investors.

16:00 Closing plenary session

Short report from the parallel sessions by moderators

Panel discussion and closing by the organisers

16:45 Networking Cocktail