



Financing Energy Efficiency in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Lithuania

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Venue: Radisson Blu, ul. Grzybowska 24, 00-132 Warszawa

Organised by the European Commission in partnership with the Ministry of Energy of Poland, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFOS) 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 efficiency investments can be financed with focus on the Central and Eastern European market. 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 event presentations will be presented and interpreted in English and Polish. Presentations, recordings and proceedings of the event will be published on the [event website](#).

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

8:30 Registration

9:00 Energy efficiency finance: state of play

Welcome and introduction by Mr Andrzej Piotrowski, Under Secretary of State in the Ministry of Energy

EU Energy Efficiency Policy and the EU support to energy efficiency investments, Margot Pinault, Energy Efficiency Unit, Directorate General for Energy of European Commission

Mobilisation of the financial sector on energy efficiency, Martin Schoenberg, UN Environment Finance Initiative

Presentation of the Interim Report of the High Level Experts Group on Sustainable Finance, Mieczyslaw Groszek, Polish Bank Association and member of the High Level Experts Group on Sustainable Finance

State of play of energy efficiency investments and financing schemes

- Przemyslaw Kalinka, European Commission, DG REGIO
- Marcin Janiak – Head of Unit in the EU Funds Department, Ministry of Energy, Poland
- Vladimír 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 (to be confirmed)
- Agne Kazlauskaitė - Head of the Financial Instruments Unit, Ministry of Finance, Lithuania

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Parallel sessions 1

Session 1.1: Making energy efficiency investible

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, address the Energy Efficient Mortgages initiative and the PF4EE initiative.

Session 1.2: Making Energy Performance Contracting more attractive

This session will hear from Poland and other EU countries about the latest progress in deploying energy performance contracting (EPC) as a mechanism to attract investment. It should include presentation of the use of EPC on public building.

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Parallel sessions 2

Session 2.1: Energy efficiency financing in the buildings sector

This session should present initiatives of the Polish Energy Advisory Scheme in the building sector as well as initiatives to finance energy efficiency in buildings in Poland and in other EU countries.

Session 2.2: Energy efficiency financing in the industrial sector

Experiences, opportunities and good practice within the Polish industry sector will be shared, in the context of energy audits obligations.

16:00 Closing session

17:00 Networking cocktail