

ACCELERATE INVESTMENTS IN BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN BELGIUM THROUGH BETTER ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPP/EPC)

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On 22 and 23 September 2021, the European Commission, in cooperation with the State Secretariat for Recovery and Strategic Investments, is organising a joint event on mobilising public and private finance to accelerate investment in buildings and infrastructure in Belgium. This event will present existing initiatives to be strengthened and best practices to be developed from the results of the first Round Table on Financing Energy Efficiency in Belgium and the Operational Working Group PPP on improving the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) policy model.

Improving access to finance for energy efficiency investments in Belgium

As part of the [Sustainable Energy Investment Forums](#) (SEI Forums), the Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) of the European Commission supported the organization of the first National Roundtable on Financing Energy Efficiency in Belgium. The objectives of this national roundtable are to foster a dialogue between key stakeholders on how to improve access to finance for energy efficiency investments, and to identify common objectives and potential improvements to the current policy framework and business practices. Under this roundtable, a series of four workshops co-hosted by the federal government and the federated entities have been organized in June 2021 with selected expert stakeholders.

Improving the public-private partnership policy model in Belgium

Under the former National Pact for Strategic Investments (NPSI), the Directorate General for Structural Reform (DG REFORM) of the European Commission supported the Operational Working Group PPP to improve the public-private partnership policy model in Belgium. The objectives of this reform project are to provide standardized principles for public-private partnerships (PPPs) and energy performance contracts (EPCs), as well as specific guidance on value-for-money (VfM) methodologies.

The joint event will showcase the key results and lessons learned from this work and highlight existing initiatives to be strengthened and best practices to be developed to accelerate investments in buildings and infrastructure in our country.

This event is aimed at all market players working in the field of financing, energy efficiency and PPPs. It will be held in French, Dutch and English with interpretation. Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak and in view of preserving public health, the event will take place online (Zoom platform) over the 2 days. **For registration, please visit [the SEIF website](#).**

We look forward to your participation!

Yours sincerely,

European Commission (CINEA) - the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums Team

AGENDA

22 SEPTEMBER 2021 - ZOOM

11:00-12:30 – Opening Plenary

Introduction

Lieven Vanstraelen, Senior Partner, Energinvest

Keynote speeches

Mr Thomas Dermine, State Secretary for Recovery & Strategic Investments

Mr Massimo Garribba, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG ENER

Mr Mario Nava, Director-General, European Commission, DG REFORM

SEIF National Roundtable on Energy Efficiency: key learnings from the dialogue

Jean-François Marchand, Senior Partner, Energinvest

Improving PPP policy model in Belgium: key results from the Operational Working Group PPP

Erik Paquay, Director, Rebel Group

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 – Breakout Session 1: Policy and financing frameworks for the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) in Belgium

Room 1: Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) for the renovation of public buildings

Introduction

Charles-Henri Bourgois, Senior Energy Consultant

Developing a PPP/EPC financing framework for the renovation of public buildings: key learnings from the SEIF National Roundtable

Lieven Vanstraelen, Senior Partner, Energinvest

Eurostat rules: what are the conditions to allow the treatment of PPPs/EPCs outside public accounts?

Miguel Casas, Senior Advisor, BELESCO

Federal government buildings: a DRFM model for accelerating renovation work through public-private financing

Mathilde Vermeire, Economic and Recovery Advisor, Cabinet Vincent Van Peteghem, Minister of Finance

Mobilising private sector finance for the renovation of public buildings: perspectives for 2030

Matthieu de Posch, Investment Manager, Federal Holding and Investment Company

Q/A session

Room 2: Principles and guidance tools for public-private partnerships (PPP) and energy performance contracting (EPC)

Introduction

Erik Paquay, Director, Rebel Group

Assessing Value for Money in PPPs and EPCs: an introduction

Wout Korving, Director, Rebel Group

Financing EPC via ESCO: contractual principles

Joost Declerck, Promotor Energy Efficiency, Belfius Bank

Public and private lessons learned: federal prisons case study

Johanna Van Hoylandt, Project Manager, Buildings Agency

Johan Van Den Broeck, General Manager, Eiffage Concessions

Panel discussion on key challenges and solutions in the Belgian PPP market

Moderator: *Erik Paquay, Director, Rebel Group*

16:00-16:15 – Conclusions and invitation to the 2nd day

Feedback from the breakout sessions by the moderators

Closing and introduction to the 2nd day

Zoé Wildiers, Senior Project Advisor, European Commission, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)

23 SEPTEMBER 2021 – ZOOM**09:00-10:30 – Breakout session 2: Developing financing mechanisms for the renovation of buildings****Room 1: Accelerating green mortgages deployment in Belgium****Introduction***Quentin Jossen, Senior Consultant, Climact***Green Mortgage: how does it work in practice and what does the customer proposition look like?***Isabelle Huens, Relationship Manager, Triodos Bank***Green Mortgages in Europe and Belgium: where do we stand and how to achieve the deployment?***Elisabeth Minjauw, Program Director for Legal Mandatory Credits, BNP Paribas Fortis/European Mortgage Federation***The Energy Performance Certificate, an essential pillar in the renovation strategy of buildings***Mieke Deurinck, Policy Advisor, Flemish Energy and Climate Agency (VEKA)***Q/A session****Room 2: One-stop-shops (OSS) and best funding practices****Introduction***Charles-Henri Bourgois, Senior Energy Consultant***Integrated support and financing services for building renovation: lessons learned of the French model of public-private third-party financing companies***Alain Kauffmann, Financial Instruments Advisor, European Investment Bank (EIB)***Energy Efficiency Financing Facility for Residential Buildings: the Polish banking integrated One-Stop-Shop model***Adam Hirny, Director Sustainable Development Programmes Bureau, Bank BNP Paribas***Financing Energy Efficiency in Ireland - the Electric Ireland SuperHomes 2030 project***Jillian Mahon, Independent Financial and Business Consultant and Associate with SustainabilityWorks***Q/A session****10:30-10:45 – Coffee break****10:45-12:15 – Breakout session 3: Future developments in the Belgian energy efficiency financing landscape****Room 1: Innovative financing schemes for buildings renovation****Introduction***Quentin Jossen, Senior Consultant, Climact***Property tax financing schemes for the energy renovation of buildings at local level: lessons learned of the European H2020 EUROPACE project***Eduard Puig MacLean, Chief Operating Officer, GNE Finance***Renovation of residential buildings via energy bill financing: lessons learned of the European H2020 Ren-On-Bill project***Paolo Michele Sonvilla, Senior Manager, Creara***SuperEcobonus 110%: the super Italian tax credit for property improvements***Gabriella Azzolini, Senior Researcher, Agenzia Nazionale Efficienza Energetica - ENEA***Q/A session****Room 2: Guarantee and refinancing schemes for energy efficiency investments****Introduction***Charles-Henri Bourgois, Senior Energy Consultant***Blending public & private finance to increase investments in energy efficient buildings renovation: key learnings from the SEIF National Roundtable***Jean-François Marchand, Senior Partner, Energinvest***How to make best use of European financial instruments for energy efficiency?***Tatiana Bosteels, Senior Economist, European Investment Bank (EIB)***Guarantee instruments and refinancing schemes for the energy efficiency market: first lessons from the H2020 Refine project***Klemens Leutgöb, Managing Director and Partner, e7 Energie Markt Analyse GmbH***Q/A session****12:15-12:30 – Conclusions****Feedback from the breakout sessions by the moderators****Closing***Zoé Wildiers, Senior Project Advisor, European Commission, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)*