

Financing Sustainable Energy Action Plans: How to combine EU
Structural and Cohesion Funds with innovative financing instruments
and Energy Performance Contracting?

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REGISTRATION before the 4th of October

Venue: Mundo-B, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, 1050 Bruxelles

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Who should participate?

Associations or networks of local authorities (general and specialized in energy and climate issues), Covenant of Mayors Territorial Coordinators and Supporters, informal clubs or clusters of local and regional authorities interested in sustainable energy policies, local and regional authorities and any other interested actors.

What is the networking meeting about?

It is about meeting your peers and exchanging with them on the latest 'EU hot topics' during one day event specifically dedicated to you!

Why should you participate?

New knowledge and contacts will help you enhance your network's activities related to up-to-date information dissemination, preparation of capacity building events, facilitation of exchange of experiences and good practices, communication, lobbying, etc.

PROGRAMME

Hot topic

Energy and climate policies are getting more and more important and sustainable energy transition is becoming a burning issue for your members/local authorities on your territories - many of them signatories of the Covenant of Mayors. Furthermore, in 2014-2020 programming period, 20% of the EU budget will be earmarked for climate-related measures. More developed EU regions will have to spend at least 20% of their **European Regional Development Fund** allocations to energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. For less developed regions it will be 12%.

European Social Fund will support the shift towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient, resource-efficient and environmentally sustainable economy, through reform of education and training systems, adaptation of skills and qualifications, up-skilling of the labour force, and the creation of new jobs in sectors related to the environment and energy.

Objectives of the networking event

These funds offer non-negligible sums to local authorities, regions and their associations. How to spend them efficiently? Could local authorities use them in form of grants or innovative financing instruments? Could it be a combination of both?

<p>09:00- 09:20</p>	<p>Opening of the networking event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives of the event - EU Cohesion & Energy policy 2014-2020 - Getting know the speakers & participants 	<p>Facilitation:</p> <p>Jana CICMANOVA Energy Cities</p> <p>Kinga KOVACS Energy Cities</p>
<p>09:20- 09:50</p>	<p>The EU Cohesion policy 2014-2020: Preparation of future Member States' Operational Programmes and innovative financing tools</p>	<p>Mathieu FICHTER European Commission, DG REGIO</p>
<p>09:50- 10:10</p>	<p>Inspirational projects co-financed via EU Structural Funds in the current programming period 2007-2013</p>	<p>Julien DIJOL Housing Europe</p>
<p>10:10- 10:40</p>	<p>Innovative financing tools tested by cities and regions thanks to technical assistance initiatives ELENA-EIB, ELENA-KfW and EEEF</p>	<p>Roman DOUBRAVA European Commission, DG ENER</p>
<p>10:40- 11:10</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	

11:10-11:40	Innovative financing tools tested in the framework of the JESSICA Holding Fund in Lithuania	Ms Junona BUMELYTE European Investment Bank
11:40-12:10	Innovative financing schemes: an overview of projects benefitting from Intelligent Energy Europe technical assistance initiative MLEI-PDA	Adrien BULLIER EACI
12:10-12:30	DISCUSSION	
12:30-13:30	Lunch – Buffet	
13:30-15:00	Networking sessions: innovative financing instruments used by local and regional authorities <i>Format: 3 x 30 min sessions (13.30-14.00, 14.00-14.30, 14.30-15:00)</i>	
	Soft loans provided by the Bruxelles-Capitale region for energy retrofitting of buildings <i>(13.30-14.00)</i>	Françoise ONCLINCX Bruxelles Capitale (BE)
	Energy savings in municipal buildings in South Østerdal: EPC as an efficient tool in municipalities with limited resources. Cooperation and project bundling to optimize the efforts and results. <i>(13.30-14.00)</i>	Alf Kristian ENGER Regional Council for South Osterdal (NO)
	Renovation of the public building stock via an ESCO-model & The Cooperative Investment Fund <i>(14.00-14.30)</i>	Patrick BOUCNEAU Province of Limburg (BE)
	Cooperatives: could they be supported by local authorities and the Structural Funds? <i>(14.00-14.30)</i>	Dirk VANSINTJAN RESCOOP
	Almada’s “Less Carbon Climate Fund” and sustainable energy projects co-financed via Structural Funds <i>(14.30-15.00)</i>	João CLETO City of Almada (PT)
	Electric bicycles scheme co-financed via Structural Funds <i>(14.30-15.00)</i>	Gil NADAIS City of Agueda (PT)
	15:00-15:30	Conclusions