



Info Session **European City Facility & European Islands Facility**

Monday, 2 July 2018, 14:00 – 16:00
Centre Albert Borschette (room 3.D), rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels

Mobilising investment in energy efficiency and renewable energies is key for Europe's energy transition.

The European Commission is seeking to establish two distinct facilities (one focussed on cities and one on islands) which would be able, through rapid lump sum funding and other forms of assistance, to support cities and communities and/or islands in their pathway to prepare investment in sustainable energy.

Cities and communities, including islands, are leaders in economic, social and environmental transformation. In terms of compliance with national and European sustainable energy and climate targets, many have proven not only to commit to, but often to go beyond, their legal obligations through adoption of ambitious sustainable energy and climate action plans. However, despite tremendous potential, still too few of them succeed in developing and scaling up mature investment packages. A key gap is the lack of capacity of public authorities and/or local initiatives on islands to transform their overall long-term strategies and ambitions into credible investment concepts. In particular, they have limited resources to access the financial, technical and legal expertise needed to collect additional data, develop an investment programme of scale, and design finance strategies which demonstrate sufficient maturity to enable access to different finance routes. By mastering such investment concepts a large number of cities, communities and islands could start the process for mobilising investments in sustainable energy, which could be combined, where appropriate, with other EU financing streams and services to trigger the expected investment.

Established through two distinct Calls for Proposals, the European City Facility and European Islands Facility will provide support in this respect.

An [Info Session](#) in Brussels on 2 July 2018 will provide details.



Agenda

14:00 – 14:05	Welcome Vincent Berrutto, EASME
14:05 – 14:20	Policy context Margot Pinault, DG ENER
14:20 – 15:00	EE-17: European City Facility Anette Jahn / Björn Zapfel, EASME <i>Questions and answers</i>
15:00 - 15:40	ES-8: European Islands Facility Feilim O'Connor, DG ENER <i>Questions and answers</i>
15:40 - 16:00	Q&A session Moderated by EASME