



Regional Conference on Financing Energy Efficiency in the Baltic States

Riga, 11th November 2016

Organised by the European Commission and the Ministry of Economics of Latvia

Venue: Radisson Blu Latvia hotel, Elizabetes iela 55, Riga

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 from across the Baltic region and more widely in Europe on how energy efficiency can be financed. 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.

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



Agenda

8:30 Registration

9:00 Energy efficiency finance in the Baltic region: state of play

Welcome and introduction by the Chairperson

Dzintars Kauliņš, Director for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Economy of Latvia

EU Energy Efficiency Policy and the EU support to EE investments

Paul Hodson, Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, European Commission

Support provided by the European Investment Bank

Götz von Thadden, Head of Unit, Financial Instruments Baltic Sea & Northern Europe, European Investment Bank

State of play of energy efficiency investments and financing schemes in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia

Madis Laaniste, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications in Estonia

Mindaugas Stonkus, Ministry of Energy of Lithuania

Dzintars Kauliņš, Ministry of Economics of Latvia

10.30 Coffee break

11:00 Concessional loans and guarantees

Session chaired by Gergana Miladinova, DG REGIO, the European Commission

Concessional loans: renovation of multifamily buildings in Estonia

Lauri Suu, KredEx

Energy performance contracting and ESCOs

Ivan Gerginov, Econoler (Bulgaria)

Concessional loans and guarantees to ESCOs for public building renovation in Lithuania

Violeta Greičiuvienė, Head of EU assistance division, Ministry of Economy of Lithuania

Panel discussion

12:45 Buffet lunch

13:45 Private sector investment in energy efficiency

Energy performance contracting for multifamily buildings in Latvia

Harijs Švarcs, Member of the Board of the Latvian Baltic Energy Efficiency Facility and representative of the SUNSHINE project

EBRD's experience on EE in industry in the region

Toivo Miller, Principal Product Development Manager, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Team, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Support provided by the European Energy Efficiency Fund (eeef)

Matthias Benz, Investment Manager of eeef, Deutsche Bank

Panel discussion

15:20 Closing session by the organisers

15:30 End of the conference

The conference will be conducted in English.

Registration to the event can be made via the following link (by 4 November at latest):
<https://goo.gl/forms/BzWQAYUX4jWj2NQq1>

The attendance to the event is free of charge for all attendees. Note that attendees will have to cover travel and accommodation costs themselves.

As event attendee, there is a possibility to receive a special offer from the hotel by sending an e-mail to latvija.sales@radissonblu.com or by calling to +371 6772345 and providing the code sentence "Regional Conference on Financing Energy Efficiency in the Baltic States". The offer is EUR 79.00 for a single room per night incl. breakfast.

In case registrations are above the room capacity, participants will be selected to allow a balanced representation of stakeholders.

For any questions on the event, please contact:
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