

Dear User,

Welcome to E-FIX's first newsletter!

If you want to know more about innovative financial instruments for energy sector the E-FIX newsletter is simply for you! There are multiple models for financing energy projects and they differ from country to country. With the help of our publication you will understand them and you will get better insight into 6 countries and their specifics. Find more information about Energy Financing Mix solutions in project dissemination materials.

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1. What is E-FIX about?

E-FIX is a three-year project financed with contribution from the EU Horizon 2020 program. The project started in March 2018 and lasts until February 2021. The consortium includes 14 Partners with financing and energy expertise from 6 countries from Central and South Eastern Europe (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland) and the Caucasus (Armenia and Georgia). Based on our long-term experience in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, we observed that both potential energy project developers and financers face barriers regarding the accurate assessment of energy projects' feasibility and achievement of investment security. Our goal is to trigger through the E-FIX project private investments by using a

mix of innovative financing mechanisms: credit lines for energy performance contracting, crowdfunding models and leasing models for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.



2. Country reports

We started the project with systematization of innovative financing mechanisms, together with identification of energy actors and financing gaps in partner countries. During this first activities all partners created country specific reports which include: - Financing & Energy Policy Baseline available here

- Case study analysis of alternative financing of energy projects available <u>here</u>

- Individual gap analysis for validating the preselection of innovative financing mechanisms available <u>here</u>



3. Evaluation Tools

Next phase of E-FIX project will focus on capacity building among Partners. As a result Toolbox will be created that will facilitate investors and energy project developers evaluation of sustainable solutions for the implementation of their investments.

a) Catalogue of evaluation methods for sustainable energy projects

Catalogue contains compile evaluation methods and feasibility criteria for energy investments. This document is available <u>here</u> b) Energy Financing Standard for National and Transnational Energy Efficiency Financing

This is a guideline for analyzing the energy and financial reporting criteria, needed to define common standards for financing of energy projects. The document is available here



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4. Knowledge transfer and project synergies

a) Bilateral Master Classes

E-FIX Project just finished the process of Bilateral Master Classes. Bilateral Master Classes represent key internal knowledge transfer activity organized in a forms of workshops between implementing Project Partners and expert Project Partners for respective piloted financing mechanism. We conducted three BMC's in the subjects of EPC, leasing and crowdfunding respectively in Poland, Armenia and Austria.

More information <u>here</u>



b) Project Synergies in Warsaw

ConPlusUltra and Mazovia Energy Agency represented project consortium on the Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings Transnational Workshops organized from Interreg Central Europe Project BOOSTEE-CEE on the 30th of September and 1st of October in Warsaw. During the workshops Mr Cosmin Capra, on behalf of E-FIX Leader, presented E-FIX approach, goals and developments. The workshop hosted also representatives from Interreg Europe project EMPOWER. Both INTERREG projects aim to reduce carbon output in public buildings by monitoring energy efficiency, and similarly to E-FIX, they also put a special focus on the use of innovative financial instruments.



More infromation here

5. Mid-term Conference in Zagreb

The Innovative Financing for Sustainable Energy Investments - E-FIX Midterm Conference was held on the 16th of October in Zagreb, Croatia, hosted by ZICER - Zagreb Innovation Centre. The event focused on project deliverables such as E-FIX Ambassadors and Ambassador Platform, EU energy efficiency policies and funding, challenges and opportunities for innovative financing in the energy sector (with focus on EPC, leasing and crowdfunding). The conference gathered key speakers from the European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Crowdfunding Network, as well as practitioners from regions that shared good practices, lessons learnt and future plans.



Stay tunned for more information on our website!

6. Ambassador Platform

Ambassador Platform launched on the 16th of October during E-FIX Mid-term Conference!

The Ambassador Platform is an online international network of knowledge exchange, linked to the E-FIX project website, where after registration Ambassadors will have access to among others:

- Toolbox and Strategies development process,
- invitations for upcoming trainings including access to materials and discussions,
- presentations, reports, publications in the topics of financial instruments, renewable energy, energy efficiency, EU funded projects from Partners internal database.

To become part of the Platform contact your national Project Partner!

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