

Online Stakeholder Workshop: Friday 5th November 2021

REFINE



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WHEN: FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2021, 10:00 TO 12:15 CET WHERE: ONLINE CONFERENCE (MS TEAMS)

REGISTRATION: VIA EMAIL TO MARIE.ARMBRUSTER@E-SIEBEN.AT

The REFINE project is delighted to invite you to attend its online stakeholder workshop on Friday 5th November from 10:00 to 12:15 (CET).

This workshop will bring together key stakeholders in the energy efficiency sector from across Europe and introduce best practice, examples and the core concepts developed in the REFINE project, including rating systems and contract templates. It's an opportunity to network and discuss the practical application of refinancing instruments involving core stakeholders from the Energy Efficiency Service (EES) market as well as from financial institutions.

Core target groups that will benefit from this workshop include:

- > EES Providers
- > Financial institutions with a focus on green financing
- > Facilitation service providers in the EES market
- > EE policy makers

The workshop will present an expert panel of presentations with a case study from partners of the REFINE project. This will be followed by moderated discussions amongst attendees in a breakout session format and a conclusion with a Q&A session.

To register for this workshop, please send an email to Marie.Armbruster@e-sieben.at stating your name, organisation and location. All registered persons will receive an MS Teams-Link for participating in the event.



AGENDA

| TIME (CET) | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
|------------|---|---|
| 10:00 | Introduction: Financing Limits in the EES Business - how refinancing approaches can help | Klemens Leutgöb (e7) |
| 10:10 | Refinancing EES projects - insight into good practice from the Czech Republic | Richard Čada (ČSOB) |
| 10:35 | Useful tools to mainstream the application of refinancing in EES projects: Templates for refinanceable EES contracts Ratings on refinanceability | Klemens Leutgöb (e7) |
| 11:00 | Breakout sessions | Moderators/Rapporteurs from REFINE team |
| 11:45 | Summary of results from breakout session & conclusion | Moderators/Rapporteurs from REFINE team, Klemens Leutgöb (e7) |



OVERVIEW OF THE REFINE PROJECT

REFINE is an EU-funded Horizon H2020 project that consists of 11 project partners representing 10 different European countries. The 3-year project kicked off in June 2020 and aims to improve the supply of financing sources to energy efficiency investments in Europe by promoting the development of a European energy efficiency market. The project contributes to the European Union's ambitious climate goals for 2030 including the EU Renovation Wave and Green Deal.

The goal of REFINE is to contribute to the supply of sufficient and attractive financing options for energy efficiency services (EES) in Europe. The project's core objectives are enhancing the refinanceability of EES projects and amplifying the use of refinancing schemes in EES business practice.

For the European Union to achieve its energy and climate goals by 2030, significant investment is required to make energy efficiency projects more attractive for potential investors and financial institutions. The European Union has therefore identified the promotion of an energy efficiency service (EES) market in Europe as a priority for the future. In that context, the REFINE project has identified the lack of attractive financing options for EES projects as a major barrier to the development of a functioning, robust EES market in Europe.

Partners in the REFINE project conducted extensive market research including case studies on existing refinancing instruments in Austria, Czech Republic, Belgium and Latvia. Additionally, the project's partners produced a thorough market assessment report into existing sources for financing in nine countries across Europe. Following this research, REFINE partners have now begun to work on developing new tools to simplify and streamline the process of refinancing for energy efficiency projects. Full results can be explored here.

> REFINE aims to promote the development of a European energy efficiency market.



- > REFINE will develop new schemes to make it easier to finance energy efficiency investments including standardised contracts and rating systems.
- > The REFINE project consists of 11 partner countries from across Europe with expertise in financing and energy efficiency.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to the workshop. Kind regards,

The REFINE Team

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