

Sound Management of EU Funds for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects

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What is this course about?

This seminar focuses on the optimum use of EU funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, in particular the possibilities available under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF).

Looking ahead, by mobilising up to 177 billion euros of public and private investment per year from 2021, the 'Clean Energy Package' published on 30 November 2016, can generate up to a 1% increase in GDP over the next decade and create 900,000 new jobs. The package includes - among others- a proposal for a revised Renewable Energy Directive to make the EU a global leader in renewable energy and ensure that the target of at least 27% renewables is met by 2030. It also includes new and innovative energy efficiency measures, by which a new framework for improving energy efficiency in buildings; improving the energy performance of products (Eco-design); and informing consumers (energy labelling) is set. The proposed novelties into the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive will be covered as well.

How will it help you?

You will gain an insight into the legal structure of the EU's energy efficiency and renewable energy policy, including the 2016 novelties. Learn about the use of cohesion policy funding (through grants and financial instruments) for your projects on renewables and on energy efficiency. Best practices and how to write a proposal for the intermediate and final phases of a project, financial reporting, as well as learning how to prepare for audits and how to avoid errors. A representative of the European Court of Auditors will present its findings and recommendations in recent performance audits in these two areas – so you will master how to better plan, design and implement future energy projects financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), in particular the ERDF and the CF.

Who will benefit most?

Representatives of national energy authorities and representatives of Cohesion Policy Managing Authorities dealing with energy policy. It is open also to the private market and NGOs wishing to increase their understanding of the management of EU funds in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Programme

MONDAY 8 MAY 2017

- 09.00 **Welcome of participants and speakers**
Introduction to the programme and method of work
Participants' presentation to endorse networking
Gracia Vara Arribas, Expert and Project Leader, European Institute of Public Administration - EIPA Barcelona

Part I - The EU context and funding schemes

- 09.30 **Clean energy for all Europeans: introduction of the new Commission proposals**
Gracia Vara Arribas
- 10.00 **EU policies in the field of renewable energy: the views of the European Commission**
European Commission representative
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **The legal framework of energy efficiency within the EU: the Energy Efficiency Directive and more**
European Commission representative
- 12.30 Q&A session speakers and participants
- 13.00 Joint lunch
- 15.00 **The performance of EU cohesion policy measures for energy efficiency in the building sector – relevant audit findings and recommendations by the European Court of Auditors (ECA)**
Kurt Bungartz, Principal auditor, Transport and Energy - Performance Audit, European Court of Auditors
- 15.45 **The performance of EU cohesion policy measures for renewable energy – relevant audit findings and recommendations by the European Court of Auditors (ECA)**
Kurt Bungartz
- 16.30 Q&A session speakers and participants
- 17.00 **End of first day**
- 20.00 Welcome dinner

TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017

Part II - Experiences with the use of cohesion policy financial instruments and the European Fund for Strategic Investments dos and don'ts by means of real case examples:

- 09.00 **EU funding possibilities for energy efficiency and for renewable energy programmes**
Myriam Boveda, DG Regional and Urban Policy, Unit G.1 Senior Specialist–Smart and Sustainable Growth, European Commission

- 10.00 Q&A session speaker and participants

Programming and needs assessment: different experiences and lessons learned

- 10.30 **The experience of Austria**
Klaus Fruehmann, Head of Climate & Environment Dpt at Kommunalkredit Public Consulting in Vienna (AU)

- 11.30 Coffee break

- 12.00 **The example of Viladecans, Barcelona (tbc)**
Vilawatt - Innovative local public-private-citizen partnership for energy governance (innovative urban action)

The Energy Transition will be initiated by the creation of an Innovative Public-Private-Citizen Governance Partnership at Local level (PPCP). This new PPCP will be the central hub that will manage the new local tools for the transition: energy supply, energy currency, energy savings services, deep energy renovation investments and renewable energy production.

ERDF contribution: €4,3 million.

Timeframe (programming period-project duration start-end date): 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019.

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- 13.00 Lunch - Transfer

- 15.00 **The case of Hospital de San Pau, Barcelona**
Art nouveau World Heritage Site in Barcelona sustainably restored into cultural tourist attraction and Knowledge Centre

A strict adherence to sustainable building materials and techniques were applied to the restoration process. The project was able to attain a considerable amount of energy reduction and maximisation of water resources during the renovation. A geo-thermal system uses radiant floor heating, and sensors heat and cool the buildings based on demand. Three of the restored buildings achieved LEED silver certification (one of the most widely used green rating system).

Total cost: €78 million (ERDF contribution €22,5 million).

- 16.00 **Interactive working group: lessons learned discussion**

Participants will work with details of the presented projects, and discuss in groups under the supervision of the speakers of the day

- 16.30 Q&A session speakers and participants

- 17.00 **Concluding remarks and closure of the seminar**

Experts

(in order of appearance in the programme)

Gracia Vara Arribas, EIPA

She is an Expert at the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA Barcelona). As a lawyer and LLM in European and International law, she has more than 15 years of experience in research, consultancy and training on EU Law, policy making, transposition and implementation, with a focus on Multilevel Governance. Under her direction, several impact assessment and evaluation studies have been carried out, commissioned by the EU Presidencies (UK 2006 and EU Law SE 2009) and different Member States. During the period 2009-2012 she coordinated several research projects for the Dutch Ministry of Interior and the Committee of the Regions. Together with Martin Unfried she has undertaken a number of research and training activities in the field of environmental policy.

Kurt Bungartz, European Court of Auditors

He joined the European Court of Auditors in 1999 where he devoted the first ten years to conducting performance, compliance and financial audits of EU external action and development cooperation programmes – with a special focus on Central and Eastern Europe, the countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as Northern Africa and the Near East. Since 2009, he has been leading various performance audit tasks in the field of EU energy policy and expenditure programmes (mainly co-financed by the Cohesion policy and Structural Funds instruments, Trans-European Networks, IFI financed programmes, and research programmes (Research Framework programmes and Horizon 2020). Prior to his time as a senior Auditor at the Court, Mr Bungartz commenced his EU career at the European Commission in 1995 and had, previously, worked for the German Ministry of Finance. Mr Bungartz has comprehensive knowledge of and experience with EU policies, procedures and institutions, notably in the field of budget policy as well as in the policy areas of external action/development cooperation; cohesion, regional, structural and investment funds (including implementation in the Member States); energy; climate; environment; transport; research; and customs and fiscal policies.

Myriam Bovéda, European Commission

She is Senior Expert within the 'Sustainable Growth' Competence Center and Team Leader in the Unit 'Spain' of the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy since February 2012, where she manages the National Spanish Operational Programme for 'Sustainable Growth' (Programa Operativo de Crecimiento Sostenible). She has worked as Head of European Affairs in a research consultancy specialized in Energy and Climate Change ED (Paris, France) (2009-2012). As head of European Affairs for Toulouse City Council, she has managed European projects in the field of Transports, Energy and Environment. Myriam Bovéda studied Law at the 'Université Toulouse I' and at the University of West London. She holds a Master degree in European Law.

Klaus Frühmann, Consulting Fund Management

He is an Engineer in Physics, and a Doctor in Technical sciences from the Technical University in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Frühmann is, since 2013, the Head of Department at Consulting Fund Management, where he works in the department 'Climate & Energy'. He is responsible for providing services in technical and economical project evaluation prior to the subsidisation, and for monitoring project results of environmental measures in Austria (and abroad) with focus on renewable energies and energy-efficiency. He is also in charge of the development and design of funding strategies and operational processes for fund managing.

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General Information

Seminar venue

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Working language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Fee

EIPA members' fee*: €900
Regular fee: €1000

The participation fee includes documentation, two coffee breaks, two lunches, a welcome dinner, the transfer to Hospital Sant Pau (one way) and a certificate of attendance. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expenses of the participants or their administration. For more information, please visit EIPA's website: <http://seminars.eipa.eu> (Training courses - Discount policy)

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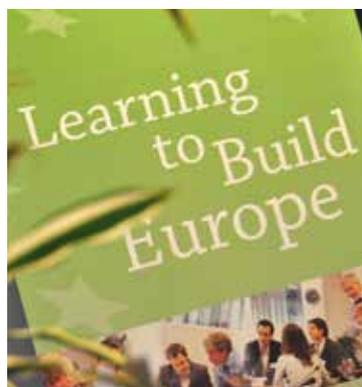
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