

Using innovative financing schemes for up-grading the energy efficiency of public buildings can be one key activity to fulfill the goals of the **European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive** on a municipal level. Alternative financing approaches such as **public private partnerships, energy performance contracting** and **crowdfunding** as well as the **ELENA-initiative** from the European Investment Bank provide new instruments to transform public buildings to nearly zero energy buildings and reduce the strain on public budget.

The acquired top-level speakers will introduce their **practical experiences** with different financing schemes, share **lessons learned** and will provide **recommendations for public authorities** on how to make best use of these alternative financing approaches.

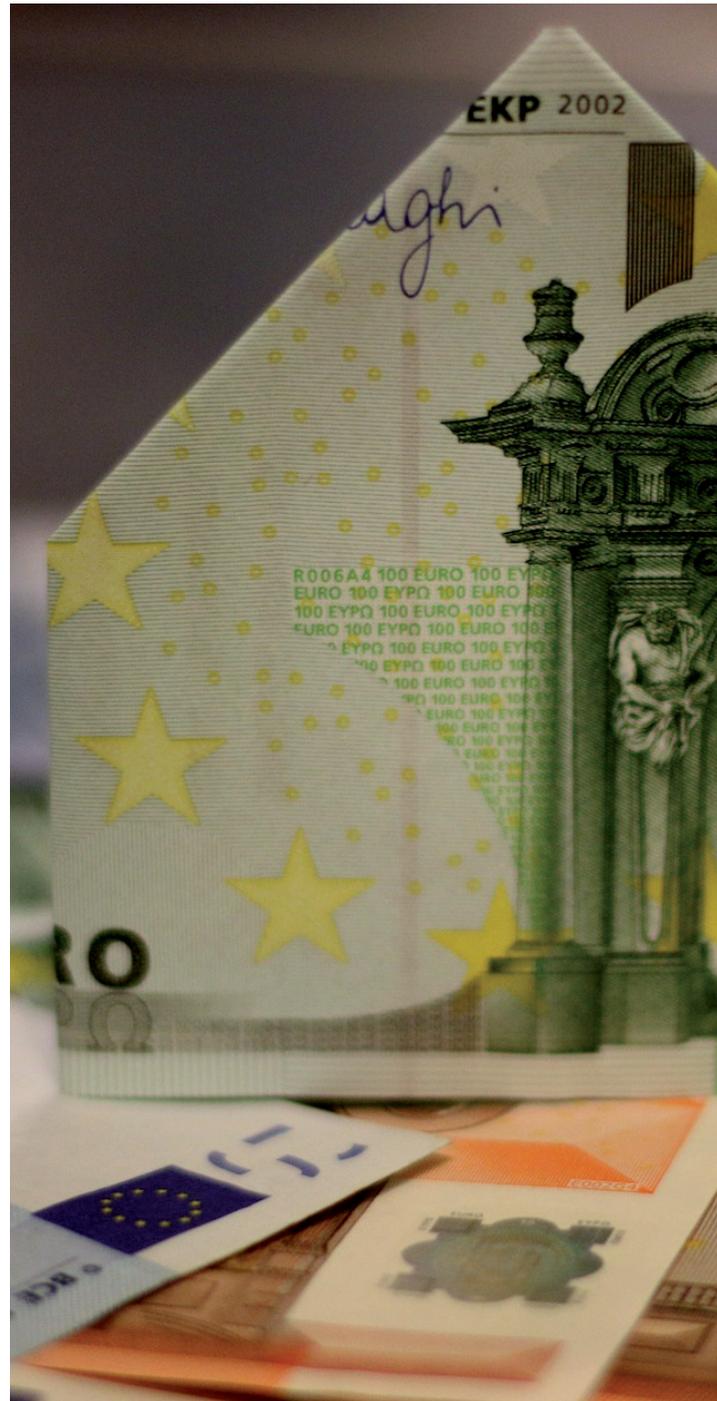
You are welcome to use this opportunity and get new insights.

Participation is limited!

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Background of this event: By improving efficiency in public buildings, public authorities can save energy and set an important example. The **eCentral project** will test various financial instruments designed to reduce energy use in nZEBs - nearly Zero Energy Buildings. It will also promote an energy efficiency certification programme, to ensure more energy aware construction and renovation of buildings. The project was funded within the Interreg Central Europe programme.



Innovative financing schemes for energy efficient public buildings

Symposium

Thursday, 13th June 2019

8:45 - 14:30

Nikolaiplatz 4, 8020 Graz

Seminar room of European Centre for Modern Languages

Programme

08.45-09.15 Registration

09.15-09.20 Welcome

Ing. Mag. Edgar Chum, CEO Energy Agency of Styria
Matija Vajdic, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Central Europe Programme

09.20-09.40 eCentral – project presentation & achievements

North West Croatia Regional Energy Agency, REGEA

09.40-10.00 Presentation of 3 pilot actions – renovation of public buildings with innovative financing schemes

- City of Sveta Nedelja – Public Private Partnership approach
- 18th District of Budapest – Energy Performance Contracting
- City of Velenje – Crowdfunding Approach

10.00-10.15 Discussion

10.15-10.40 How to make best use of EIB financing tools for sustainable energy investments for cities and municipalities

Reinhard Six, European Investment Bank

10.40-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.00 Energy Retrofit project City of Ljubljana

Špela Gregorin, City of Ljubljana

12.00-12.25 Energy Performance Contracting

Gerhard Bucar, Graz Energy Agency

12.25-12.45 Crowdfunding for public authorities

Wolfgang Deutschmann, Green Rocket Crowdfunding Platform

12.45-13.15 Interaction

13.15-14.30 Joint lunch and networking

Moderation: DI Christian Sakulin, Energy Agency of Styria

Presentations will be made in German and English. Translators will be available.



Speakers

REINHARD SIX SENIOR ENGINEER, ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLES, EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK



Reinhard Six is a senior engineer for energy efficiency and renewable energy at the Projects Directorate of the EIB. His main responsibilities are the appraisal of investment projects in the energy efficiency field concerning technical, economic, environmental and procurement aspects, as well as the management of the ELENA facility on behalf of the European Commission.

ŠPELA GREGORIN, CITY OF LJUBLJANA

In cooperation with the consortium of companies Petrol and Resalta, the City of Ljubljana is going to improve the energy efficiency in 49 public buildings. Comprehensive energy renovation is foreseen in 26 buildings, and in other 23 buildings partial energy renovation with the implementation of individual measures for more efficient use of energy is envisaged. The project started in 2017.



GERHARD BUCAR, GRAZ ENERGY AGENCY

Gerhard Bucar manages the department “consultancy and project management” with focus on energy concepts for buildings, building analyses, audits and contracting. The Graz Energy Agency has long-term experience in the field energy contracting, is member of DECA Austria (independent platform for the development of high-quality energy efficiency services on the Austrian market) and implemented several contracting projects in public buildings. Within the Interreg Central Europe funded projects FEEDSCHOOLS and ENERGY@SCHOOL they transferred their knowledge to other European regions.



WOLFGANG DEUTSCHMANN, MANAGING DIRECTOR GREEN ROCKET CROWDFUNDING PLATFORM

Green Rocket is the first European Crowdfunding platform, specialized on topics like energy, environment, mobility and health. Wolfgang Deutschmann is founder and CEO of one of Austria's most successful crowdfunding platforms, which managed to attract more than 10 million euros for over 45 crowdfunding projects since its foundation. The platform recently expanded its activities to Germany.

