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Getting our homes future ready
Essential skills & innovative solutions needed
for a fair energy transition

March 8th 2017 | 09:30 – 17:00

Venue: House of Dutch Provinces | 59 – 61 Rue de Trèves, 1000 Brussels

Moderator: Dr. Yamina Saheb, Senior Energy Policy Analyst, OPENEXP

09:30 Welcome and Opening

- Rob Van Eijkeren, Head of Office, House of Dutch Provinces, Brussels
- Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General, Housing Europe
- Johanna Ode, Chair, Housing Europe's Energy Construction and Standardisation Committee

09:45 Keynote Speech

Sebastien Delpont, Associate Director, Greenflex, presenting the Horizon 2020 project TRANSITION ZERO aiming to realise net zero energy refurbishments with an integrated approach

10:00 Session I: Making energy renovations financially attractive

Main speaker:

Annarita Ferrante, Associate Professor, University of Bologna, presenting the Horizon 2020 project ABRACADABRA making energy renovations a valuable investment based on buildings' additions

Discussants

- Björn Mallants, Director, Federation of Flemish Social Housing Associations
- Pierre-Paul Yerlès, Advisor, Confédération Construction, Belgian Construction Industry and Member of FIEC, the European Construction Industry Federation

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 Session II: Energy transition starts at home

Main speaker:

Jan Verheyen, Zonnige Kempen, presenting the EU funded project TRIME informing residents about energy savings and involving them in an Ambassador's programme to measure the energy saved

Discussants

- Therese Rydstedt, Energy Manager, Swedish Public Housing Association
- Dr. Atze Boerstra, REHVA Vice President and Managing Director, BBA Indoor Environment Consultancy
- Barbara Steenbergen, Head of EU Affairs, International Union of Tenants

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12:30 Lunch break

13:30 Session III: Escaping the procurement labyrinth

Main Speaker

Claudia Carani, Coordinator, presenting the Horizon 2020 project LEMON developing an innovative, bankable and aggregated sustainable energy investment scheme

Discussants

- Paul Sachot, Advisor Refurbishment, Est-Metropole Habitat, French Social Housing Association
- Christophe Milin, Project Advisor, EASME, European Commission

14:30 Session IV: A little less regulation, a little more production please

Main Speaker

Sonia Dunlop, Policy Advisor, Solar Power Europe, presenting the Horizon 2020 project PV FINANCING aiming at new business and financing models for photovoltaics installations

Discussants

- Ingrid Vogler, Policy Advisor, GdW, Federal Union of German Housing and Real Estate Associations
- Neil Clapperton, Chief Executive, Grampian Housing Association, Scottish Social Housing
- Karel Derveaux, Board Member, Ecopower, Green Energy Cooperative, Flanders

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 Policy Round table: How can the revised EU energy legislation deliver on skills and innovation?

Moderator: Dr. Veronika Schröpfer, Architects' Council of Europe

- Paula Rey Garcia, Team Leader, Building and Finance, DG ENER, European Commission
- Theresa Griffin, MEP
- Tjisse Stelpstra, Dutch Regional Housing Minister, Province of Drenthe, Alternate Member, CoR
- Jens Lautsten, Coordinator, Concerted Action EPBD
- Peter Op t'Veld, Coordinator, Horizon 2020 project PROF / TRAC
- Julien Dijol, Policy Coordinator, Housing Europe

17:00 The End of the conference



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Objectives

Achieving a clean energy transition in the housing sector is a hard nut to crack. Any viable strategy must aim to scale-up approaches that have already been tried and tested and not rely on targets alone. When it comes to actual practices that work on the ground, under the right conditions, public, cooperative and social housing providers are the ones that have taken the lead in getting the job done.

Between 2010 and 2015 it is estimated that these housing providers have invested more than 32,8 billion € in refurbishment projects in 1.843.000 dwellings generating a total of 506.550 full-time jobs.

We would like to invite you to our conference which following the publication of the winter package aims to inform EU policy by showcasing a wide range of initiatives already unfolding across Europe, solutions that are paving the way for the large scale uptake of tools and strategies for the modernization of the EU housing stock. The key question emerging is what are the essential skills and training needs to carry out energy renovation in the social housing sector?

We will address in particular lessons learned on

1. **Developing innovative business cases that work** for home owners, tenants and landlords
2. **Innovative procurement methods** which reduce the risk by ensuring higher quality
3. **Centralization of the citizens' perspective** in planning of works
4. **Paving the way for a real de-centralization** of energy ownership and production.
5. While progress is significant, making quality renovation affordable for all residents within in sector is an ongoing challenge for social housing providers. The cost of renovation and the various schemes and mechanisms to finance it are determining factors, too. Bringing down at the same time the cost of renovation and the cost of finance are crucial considerations for the policy debate.

The event takes place within the framework of the PROF / TRAC project, while it will feature inputs from other European Projects, such as Transition Zero, PV Financing and ABRACADABRA. [Find out more.](#)



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