



3rd National Roundtable of the SMAFIN Expanded Project
“Supporting the Implementation of Smart Finance for Energy
Efficiency in Greece.2026”

Thursday, 28 May 2026

9:30 – 15:00

Stratos Vassilikos Hotel, Athens



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BACKGROUND

The **Social Climate Fund (SCF)** is a key financial instrument of the European Union designed to mitigate the socio-economic impacts arising from the extension of the **Emissions Trading System (ETS 2)** to the buildings and road transport sectors. Under Regulation (EU) 2023/955, Member States are required to prepare and submit a **Social Climate Plan** to the European Commission, following consultations with local and regional authorities, economic and social partners, and civil society stakeholders, in order to access available funding.

In this context, Greece submitted its Social Climate Plan to the European Commission in March 2026, outlining a comprehensive package of measures amounting to **€5.3 billion**. The proposed interventions focus on the energy upgrade of households and very small enterprises, the promotion of social housing, and investments in public and private transport, with the first actions expected to be launched within 2026. The development of the Plan was supported by an extensive consultation process involving market actors, local authorities, chambers, civil society organizations, ministries, and other relevant institutions.

Complementing this effort, the **Roadmap for Energy Savings in Buildings**, approved in July 2026, sets out Greece's strategic pathway for achieving the energy efficiency targets established in the updated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP). According to the Roadmap, final energy consumption should not exceed **15.2 Mtoe by 2030**, corresponding to an 8% reduction compared to the previous NECP target, while primary energy consumption is projected to reach **17.8 Mtoe**, representing a 13% reduction.

The Roadmap prioritizes cost-effective and mature interventions aimed at accelerating the energy transition while minimizing its economic burden. By promoting innovative financing approaches—particularly mechanisms beyond conventional grant schemes—it seeks to address persistent market barriers, increase the uptake of energy efficiency measures, and ultimately reduce energy costs for Greek citizens.

Against this policy backdrop, the **3rd National Roundtable of the SMAFIN Expanded project** provides a timely platform for dialogue on critical challenges, including the gap between investment needs and available public financing, the scaling-up of energy efficiency investments, awareness-raising on the multiple benefits of energy efficiency, and improved access to data to facilitate project financing.

The event, entitled **“Supporting the Implementation of Smart Financing for Energy Efficiency in Greece 2026”**, will open with a discussion on the current energy policy framework and will focus on two thematic pillars:

- **Energy efficiency financing for energy-vulnerable households and micro-enterprises**

- **Implementation of innovative financing mechanisms within the framework of the Roadmap for Energy Savings in Buildings**

The event will also mark the **official launch of the National Hub** under the **Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition**.

The Roundtable is organized by **CRES** in collaboration with **INZEB**.

AGENDA	
10:00 – 10:20	Registration
10:20 – 10:30	Opening Speech: Dimitris Tsiodras, Member of the European Parliament
10:30 – 10:40	"Presentation of the National Hub in the context of the energy efficiency financing coalition", Kiki Papadopoulou, National Hub chair, Energy Policy Division, CRES
10:40 – 11:40	National policy framework for financing energy efficiency
Moderator	Dimitris Kollias, Energy Transition Strategist, EU Climate Pact Ambassador
	Vicky Sita, Head of the General Directorate of Energy, Ministry for Environment and Energy
	V. Kiliass, Director for Energy Policy, CRES
	Panagiotis Chambesis, Head of Development Programs and ESG Unit, Hellenic Association of Banks (HBA)
11:40 – 12:30	Coffee break

1ST PARALLEL SESSION (120')

ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCING FOR ENERGY-VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND MICRO-ENTERPRISES

12:45 – 14:45	Moderator: Alice Corovessi , Managing Director, INZEB
	"Programs to support energy-vulnerable households and micro-enterprises within the framework of the Social Climate Fund" , Elena Taxeri, CRES
	"Assessment of RRF programs" , Zisis Ioannidis, Ministry for Environment and Energy
	"Renovate" Programme , Nena Papadopoulou, Ministry of National Economy and Finance
	<i>Discussion with the participation of experts</i>

2ND PARALLEL SESSION (120')

IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE FINANCING MECHANISMS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ROADMAP FOR ENERGY SAVING IN BUILDINGS

12:45 – 14:45	Moderator: Christos Tourkolias , Energy Policy Division, CRES
	"Roadmap for energy saving in buildings" , Dr Christos Tourkolias, Energy Policy Division, CRES
	"Examples of the application of white certificates and prospects for utilizing the repayment of energy saving actions through bills" , Vlasis Oikonomou, IEECP
	<i>Discussion with the participation of experts</i>

CONCLUSIONS (15')

14:45 – 15:00	Alice Corovessi , Managing Director, INZEB Christos Tourkolias , Energy Policy Division, CRES
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