

SMAFIN Expanded: Three Years of Collaboration, Knowledge and Impact

After three years of dedicated collaboration, knowledge exchange and stakeholder engagement, **SMAFIN Expanded successfully concludes its journey**, bringing together key actors from across Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania and Slovenia to advance smart financing for energy efficiency.

Building on the foundations established by the SMAFIN Roundtables, the project expanded the dialogue to address the financing needs of **buildings, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and the tertiary sector**. Over the course of the project, national stakeholders, EU policy makers, public authorities, financial institutions, Energy Service Companies (ESCOs), homeownership associations, industry and construction representatives, as well as consumer and citizen organisations, came together to identify challenges, exchange experiences and explore practical solutions for accelerating energy efficiency investments.

At the heart of SMAFIN Expanded were **15 National Roundtables**, supported by **30 National Working Group** and **25 Thematic Working Groups meetings**, and **3 Cross-Country Labs**. These activities created spaces for in-depth discussion of policy measures, financial models and national programmes, while encouraging the exchange and upscaling of successful practices across countries.

Through its facilitating platform, the project further strengthened connections between stakeholders and supported the dissemination of relevant news, initiatives and solutions. The Cross-Country Labs provided an additional opportunity to connect national experiences with European practices, fostering mutual learning and contributing to a more integrated approach to energy efficiency financing.

As SMAFIN Expanded reaches its successful conclusion, its legacy goes beyond the activities delivered. The project culminates in **national recommendations for effective policy measures and financial frameworks at both national and European level**, providing a foundation for the **National Hubs of the Energy Efficiency Financing Coalition**, EU initiative, continuing cooperation towards unlocking investment in energy efficiency.

Stay tuned—there is much more to come!

- ▶ **National Roundtables:**
<https://www.smafin.eu/>
- ▶ **Thematic Working Groups:**
<https://www.smafin.eu/country-factsheets/>

- ▶ **Cross Country Labs:**
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- ▶ **Library:** <https://www.smafin.eu/library/>
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