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Smart Financing
Implementation
for Energy Efficient
Balkan Buildings**



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BACKGROUND

Recently the European Commission published the new Renovation Wave strategy by aiming for “at least double renovation rates in the next 10 years and making sure renovations lead to higher energy and resource efficiency.” Succeeding this direction, the **H2020 SMAFIN project** is setting up the prosperous ground to connect smart financing with energy efficient Balkan buildings’ renovation and to create a complete roundtable methodology.

Following the Sustainable Energy Investment Forums’ past and fruitful experience, **SMAFIN** is planning the upcoming 3 years to organize 12 national roundtables in the project’s 4 participating Balkan countries – Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Romania – in order to bring together EU policy makers, national and local authorities, financial, enterprise, construction and academic sector and facilitate thoroughly energy efficiency investments in renovation.

The national roundtables will encourage structural dialogue with key stakeholders that will define barriers for wider investments and promote the use of energy efficient financing according to national priorities and opportunities. The roundtables will be constantly supported by established Working Groups that will endorse available financial schemes and tools and by a facilitating platform that will assist in the dissemination of news, initiatives and in upscaling existing best practices in the field of smart financing in buildings’ renovation.

SMAFIN will also focus on reinforcing energy efficiency investments by contributing to the development of national recommendations for effective policy measures or financial frameworks at national and European level.

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of **SMAFIN** project is to support smart financing implementation of energy efficiency investments mainly in private and public buildings but also SMEs, industry and infrastructure by setting up national roundtables.

MAIN BENEFITS

- 💡 Stakeholders from all **SMAFIN** target groups will have the opportunity to discuss among them the barriers and experiences and find win win solutions.
- 💡 Stakeholders from the financing sector will gain a better understanding of the benefits and risks of energy efficiency investments and will increase their confidence and capacity on handling these issues.
- 💡 Public authorities will improve capacity to design policies that boost investments in energy efficiency in a large scale.
- 💡 ESCOs and market actors will find appropriate ways to play a catalytic and profitable role in the energy efficiency market.
- 💡 All stakeholders will increase confidence and knowledge on energy efficiency investments by using the proposed platforms and tools.

TARGET GROUPS

- ➡ Banks, other funding bodies and ESCOs.
- ➡ National public authorities, referring mainly to Ministries of Finance, Economy, Energy, Public Works and Managing Authorities.
- ➡ Local and Regional authorities.
- ➡ National Associations, namely construction associations, SMEs and industry associations, consumer associations and various service providers.
- ➡ Think Tanks and Academia.
- ➡ General public and citizens.
- ➡ Media.

