

HORIZON 2020 Programme

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About the project

SMAFIN project, financed by H2020 European programme, aims 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.

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.

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



First results

SMAFIN consortium is currently working to record barriers and challenges that hinder implementation of energy efficient policies in each country, to collect financial models, relevant initiatives and best practices. Findings will be disseminated through the project platform and the roundtables. Stay tuned!



“Financing energy efficiency measures and deep renovation of public buildings in the Republic of Croatia”

Online RoundTable - 21 January 2021

The roundtable was organised as a collaboration between Interreg MED Efficient Buildings Community (MED EBC) and SMAFIN (REGEA) to discuss financing energy efficiency measures and deep renovation of public buildings in the Republic of Croatia.

The event gathered around 40 participants from ministries, cities and energy agencies and discussed about the new financing possibilities in the upcoming period, mobilisation of private capital and creating conditions for efficient energy renovation of public buildings using EPC model. A good starting point for future talks about energy efficiency in the building sector!



First round of SMAFIN Roundtables in Spring 2021

SMAFIN's first year's roundtables in the four participating countries, are foreseen for spring 2021. Please find more information on www.smafin.eu soon.



SMAFIN project was present at the following events:

• Smart and Energy Efficient Buildings – 29 October 2020

The SMAFIN project was presented at the “Smart and Energy Efficient Buildings” online event, organised by INZEB and GIZ on the 29th October 2020 on the occasion of the Renovate Europe Day 2020.

The online event discussed the prospects and the framework for smart and energy efficient buildings in Europe, as well as the strategies, political and technological developments in Greece. The event, with an impeccable line-up of panelists, presenters, and subject experts, brought together 222 attendees. The video of the event (in Greek) is available at INZEB's youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnEVVnWvNzG>), while the summary of the key points discussed is available here (<http://inzeb.org/wrap-up-online-event-smart-and-energy-efficient-buildings/?lang=en>).

• I am Saving – I am getting Autonomous – 4 December 2020

The Technical Chamber of Greece – Regional Department of Aitolokarnania, organised an online event on the occasion of the announcement for the national renovation scheme “I am Saving – I am getting Autonomous”.

Within the event context, INZEB was invited to participate and presented the EU Green Deal and the Renovation Wave Strategy as well as EU initiatives and projects and that could boost the energy efficiency financing. Among the presented projects was SMAFIN and an open call to the 162 participants of the event to join the SMAFIN community was made (<https://inzeb.org/διαδικτυακη-εκδηλωση-εξοικονομω-αυτ/>).

• MAPEI Academy - 16 December 2020

Within the frame of MAPEI Academy initiative, an online series of policy and educational events, INZEB delivered a presentation on the 16th December 2020 focused on the EU and national renovation policies.

Among the key points of the presentation, the SMAFIN project was presented where the connection of smart financing and renovation was highlighted. The online event was attended by 130 engineers.



Join the SMAFIN Community

SMAFIN is encouraging an ongoing dialogue among involved stakeholders. Within the e-Forum, interested parties will find guidance for identifying financial opportunities, B2B networking connections and market intelligence support.

Register at the <https://www.smafin.eu/forum/>

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