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SMAFIN Roundtables

During the first semester of 2021, the first SMAFIN Roundtable has taken place in each of the four participating countries in Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece and Romania with the valuable participation of 453 stakeholders in total, from important bodies of the political, financial, business, construction and academic sector.

Discover all the highlights, the key takeaways and the conclusions that have been gathered and presented in the Factsheets of the SMAFIN Roundtables:

- **Bulgaria**, “Climate and energy: policies and financial mechanisms for sustainable development in the new planning period”
<https://www.smafin.eu/factsheet-of-the-1st-national-roundtable-in-bulgaria/>
- **Croatia**, “Financing energy efficiency measures and deep renovation of public buildings in the republic of Croatia”
<https://www.smafin.eu/factsheet-of-the-1st-national-roundtable-in-croatia/>
- **Greece**, “Supporting the implementation of smart financing for energy efficient buildings in Greece”
<https://www.smafin.eu/factsheet-of-the-1st-smafin-national-roundtable-in-greece/>
- **Romania**, “Financing solutions for the energy renovation of buildings”
<https://www.smafin.eu/factsheet-of-the-1st-national-roundtable-in-romania/>



Upcoming Roundtable in Croatia

SMAFIN next roundtable event in Croatia is on the way and this time the focus is on financing energy efficiency measures in multi-apartment buildings, family houses and industry. This virtual event will take place on the 29th and 30th of September and will gather representatives of Croatian ministries, industry, commercial banks and building managers to discuss the possibilities of scaling up the energy renovation in the upcoming period. More information as well as the registration page will be available on the **SMAFIN** website in the coming weeks, so stick around and join us.



First results

Policy making is a repetitive process and as unlocking private financing for energy efficiency investments is still a challenge that many countries face, the continuation of the dialogue is essential for new policy and financial instruments to be holistically designed, as well as to redesign the existing instruments. During the last few months, SMAFIN consortium has researched, explored and interviewed dozen of key stakeholders to get a better grasp on the current state of affairs in the field of energy efficiency investment in each SMAFIN country. Detailed findings will be soon available on SMAFIN platform but we're bringing you sneak peek of the results.

More information: <https://www.smafin.eu/2nd-smafin-newsletters-highlights/>



SMAFIN upcoming events

- **The 2nd Working Group meeting in Greece** is organised to take place online on **Thursday, 23rd of September 2021**. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the activities of the 1st SMAFIN Roundtable, which took place on May 20, 2021, with the participation of 99 experts and to further discuss proposals and ideas for the better formulation of existing policies and programmes which will be the basis and the precursor - along with the following two events - of the 2nd National SMAFIN Roundtable in the spring of 2022.
- **On Thursday, 21st of October 2021**, within the frame of the Renovate Europe Day 2021 – a Greek online national event is organised by INZEB and GIZ in partnership with SMAFIN H2020 Project, to examine the potential of “**National Recovery and Resilience Plan - Investing in Buildings’ Renovation for a Climate Neutral Future**”, aiming to highlight the importance of building renovation to achieving the EU’s long-term objective of a climate-neutral economy by 2050. Attention will be also given to elements that can support the EU objective through the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilient Plan. More details regarding the agenda soon on the project website.
- **An upcoming event is also scheduled for November 2021**, as the H2020 funded projects **Triple-A** and **SMAFIN** are jointly organising a concise **roundtable discussion** with national field experts aiming to identify the ways to overcome the barriers and minimise the risks to increase the investment rates for energy efficiency projects in Greece. In addition, the national policies and available financial private and public funding schemes will be examined, and enhancement proposal will be evaluated and discussed.

Stay tuned!



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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