



#### EU Initiatives Sustainable Energy Investment Forums and De-risking Project

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Developers Investors

> Energy efficiency people

What we have

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Banks Finance people

Developers Investors

> Energy efficiency people

What we have

-325

## Sustainable Energy Investment Forums

- Supporting investment momentum in the EU
- Current levels of investment in sustainable energy are not enough to meet the EU's climate and energy goals for 2030.

How to increase the role of **private finance** in financing energy efficiency and small-scale renewables in the Member States, in particular in buildings and businesses.

## Sustainable Energy Investment Forums

Supporting the **Smart Finance for Smart Buildings** initiative which has 3 pillars:

1) More effective use of public funds

2) Aggregation and technical assistance to develop projects

3) De-risking

#### CONFERINȚĂ Regională

#### FINANȚAREA EFICIENȚEI ENERGETICE ÎN ROMÂNIA, UNGARIA ȘI BULGARIA

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Zoltan Nagy-Bege, Vice President, Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE)



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Anton Anton, Minister of Energy, Romania



Eliza Gheorghe, Manager Private Individual Customers Value Proposition, Raiffeisen Bank



The purpose of the Bank is to lend money responsibly

	STANDARD OFFER		GREEN MORTGAGE OFFER	
	First 7 years	Variable (> 7 y)	First 7 years	Variable (> 7 y)
Interest rate formula		ROBOR 3M+ 3.25%		ROBOR3M+ 2.5%
Index Rate		2.10%		2.10%
Analysis Fee	1,600 Ron			
Interest rate	5.50%	5.35%	4.75%	4.60%

Green Mortgage Raiffeisen BANK

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	Green Mortgage					
	EPC "B" rated apartment**	EPC "A" rated apartment**	Green Homes qualified apartment			
Net savings with Green HOMES*						
Sale price of 70 sqm apartment (€)	79,738	81,731	85,000			
Loan amount (€)	67,777	69,471	72,250			
Monthly mortgage payment (€)	417	427	412			
Cost of energy/apartment/month (€)	101	65	33			
Total cost of monthly						
ownership (€)	518	492	445			



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# Next events

 <u>https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/financing-energy-</u> <u>efficiency/sustainable-energy-investment-forums</u>

Webinar on 27 February on *Home Renovation in Europe: The User Perspective* 

and a SEI Forum (public event) in Sofia on 28 June.

The aim of Sustainable Energy Investment Forums (SEI Forums) is to work with national stakeholders in order to boost large-scale investment and financing for sustainable energy.

SEI Forums builds on the works of the <u>European</u> <u>Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group</u> (<u>EEFIG</u>).



established by DG Energy and UNEP FI in 2013



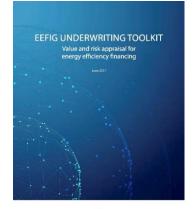
working group for public and private financial institutions, industry representatives and sector experts

interest in overcoming the challenges of obtaining long-term financing for energy efficiency for buildings and industry



## **EEFIG De-risking Project**

- Underwriting Toolkit
  - Input from EEFIG members
  - Specific input from > 20 Financial Institutions <u>http://valueandrisk.eefig.eu</u>



Energy Efficiency



- Launched November 2016
- > 10,000 projects and growing http://deep.eefig.eu





## Financial Institutions & EE – the why?

**Four reasons** why Financial Institutions should be active in energy efficiency:

- Large market opportunity
- Risk reduction reduced client risk through
  - improved cash flow and
  - increased asset value
- Achieving environmental objectives and CSR
- Growing interest from the regulators in climate change risks



## Financing Energy Efficiency – the how?

- Types of EE financing
  - Commercial/consumer loans
  - Green mortgages
  - Green bonds
  - Energy efficiency funds
  - Specialised energy services contracts e.g. EPCs
  - Property funds specializing in energy efficient/green properties
- Need to ensure that every day lending incorporates energy efficiency better than BAU

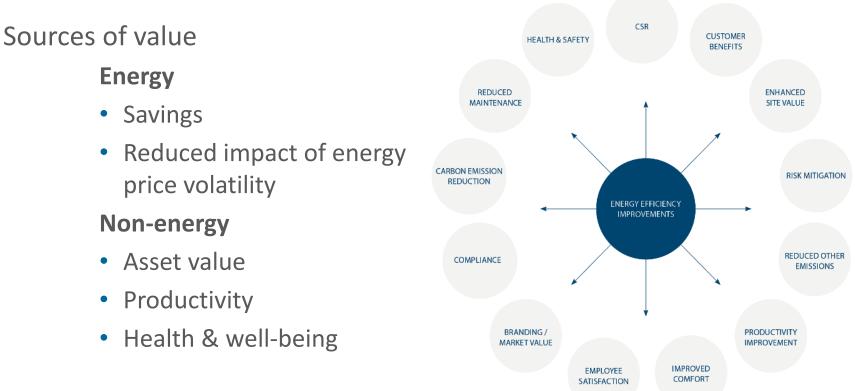


#### The Project Life Cycle

- Developers and financial institutions need to engage early in development process
- Need to create a common framework and language
- Need to standardize



## Value & Risk Appraisal - Value



- Non-energy benefits can be much more strategic and attractive to decision makers than just energy savings
- Financial appraisal needs to identify and value all benefits



#### Value & Risk Appraisal - Risk

- Acknowledge and understand all the risks
- Very little data linking energy performance to financial performance
- Financial institutions should tag Energy Efficiency loans and Green mortgages to enable risk analysis in future
- Better understanding of risk can bring more capital and product innovation





# Purpose of the EEFIG Underwriting Toolkit

To assist Financial Institutions in scaling up the deployment of capital into energy efficiency by:

- helping financial institutions better understand and evaluate value and risks.
- providing a **common framework** for evaluating energy efficiency investments and analysing the risks.
- helping developers and owners develop projects in a way that better addresses the needs of financial institutions.
- fostering a **common language** between project developers, project owners and financial institutions.

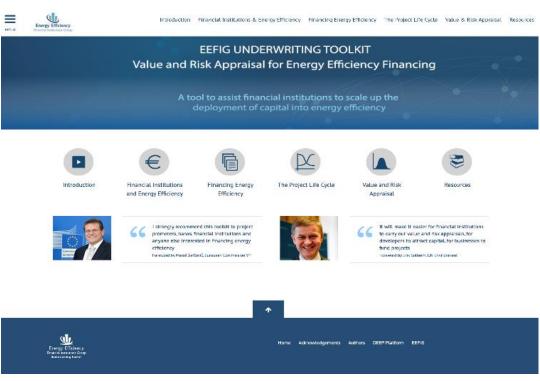
#### AUDIENCES

- Banks senior management
- Valuation and risk teams
- Investors & project developers



## The EEFIG Underwriting Toolkit

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#### Market reaction

"The launch of this guidance for underwriting energy efficiency projects is greatly appreciated by the financial community. This is a useful tool which helps us better understand both the value and the risks of energy efficiency investments. This also provides a needed framework to improve our products and services and make them more competitive and attractive on the market."

Raiffeisen Bank Romania



#### Resources

- An on-line living document
  - Energy efficiency basics
  - Examples of financial products
  - Processes for establishing products
  - Benefits and risks checklists
  - Investor Confidence Project resources
  - DEEP

http://valueandrisk.eefig.eu/resources



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APPROVAL DOCUMENTS SUMMARY

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RESERVE AND REPORT

INVESTOR CONFIDENCE PROJECT (ICP) RESOURCES

The Investor Confidence Project (ICP) provides a framework for energy efficiency project development, which standardises projects into verifiable project classes in order to reduce transaction costs associated with technical underwriting and increase reliability and consistence of nergy savings. The ICP's certification system. Investor Ready Energy Efficiency<sup>144</sup> (IREE<sup>145</sup>) assembles best practices and existing technical standards into a set of Protocols that define a clear roadinap for developing projects, determining savings estimates, and documenting and verifying results.

#### The benefits of $\mathsf{IREE}^\mathsf{TM}$ are as follows:

Building owners get a standard that they can use to source energy efficiency projects they can believe in

Investors achieve reduced due diligence costs thanks to third-party review of each project before certification
Standardised approach to developing projects enables aggingation of projects into high performance particulas.

The IREE <sup>14</sup> process is shown below.



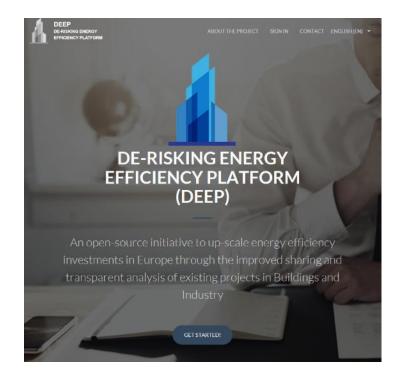




#### The De-risking Energy Efficiency Platform (DEEP)

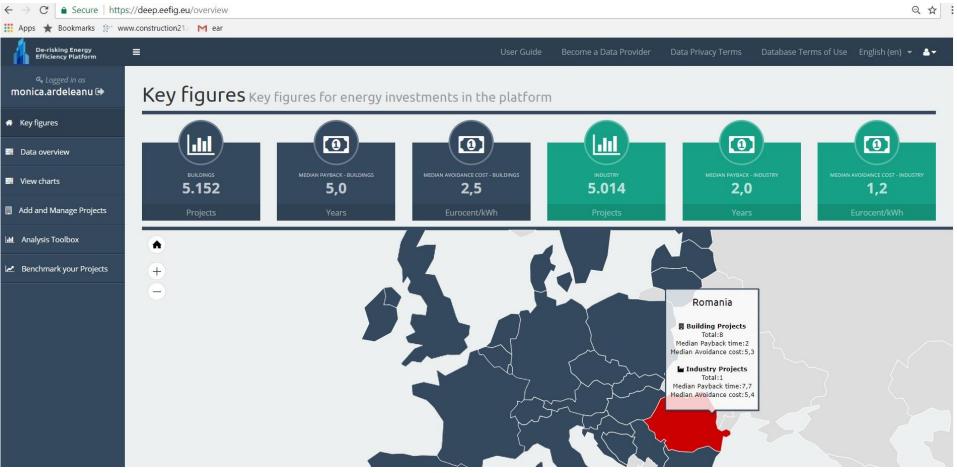
- An open source database for energy efficiency investments performance monitoring and benchmarking.
- Objective: to improve the understanding of the real risks and benefits of energy efficiency investments based on market evidence and track record.
- Includes 10,000+ energy efficiency projects in buildings and industry from 28 data providers (September 2017).
- Access through: <u>http://deep.eefig.eu</u>

















- Enhance your understanding of and access to energy efficiency finance related business
- Streamline underwriting procedures through the development and use of a common language for energy efficiency underwriting
- Decrease due diligence and transaction costs
- Better risks assessment through high quality and credible data framework



#### Become a data provider

- Contribute to creating of European evidence base which is key to "get the EE policy and market story right"
- Acknowledgement and visibility as data contributor
- Benchmarking your project performance versus others
- Connect your data investors
- Influence the industry best practice













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