



Webinar

EU-backed Investment Platforms: A tool to boost investments in energy efficiency

09 November 2021, 14.00 – 16.00 CET

Background: Investment Platforms backed by EU funds are investment facilities which typically pool smaller and/or higher-risk projects by geographic location or sector. This helps to better share risk, makes it easier to attract private investors and eventually unlock financing for individual projects. By aggregating investment projects, Investment Platforms also reduce transaction and information costs. The platforms itself can then provide loans and/or equity financing to the underlying projects. Investment Platforms are being specifically promoted by the European Commission and the EIB as a valuable feature to boost investments.

This webinar will showcase some good examples of EU-backed Investment Platforms. The webinar will be conducted in English and will be moderated by Adrien Bullier from CINEA.

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Agenda

- 14.00 Opening remarks**
Adrien Bullier, Senior Project Adviser, CINEA

- 14.05 The main characteristics of EU-backed Investment Platforms**
Jean-François Marchand, Senior Partner, Energinvest

- 14.15 The catalytic role of Investment Platforms: how can EIB help set up IPs for energy efficiency?**
Goetz von Thadden, Head of Unit for Financial Instruments in the Baltic Sea & Northern Europe department, European Investment Bank
Q&A

- 14.40 The Italian Green Bond Fund: an investment fund providing innovative debt financing, in the form of mini bonds to smaller renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Italy**
Diomidis Dorkofikis, Partner, Foresight Group
Q&A

- 15.05 The Bulgarian Urban Investment and Advisory Platform: a co-investment facility providing long term preferential loans for municipal energy efficiency and small infrastructure projects**
Iva Petkova, Director of Department, Fund for Local Authorities and Governments
Q&A

- 15.30 The Czech EPC Investment Platform: a financing facility providing long-term financing to energy service companies (ESCOs) for the renovation of public buildings through EPC**
Čestmír Hrdinka, ELENA project coordinator, Národní Rozvojová Banka
Q&A

- 15.55 Closing remarks**
Adrien Bullier, Senior Project Adviser, CINEA