



# Capacity building workshops in the ten focus countries

Increasing capacities in cities for innovative financing in energy efficiency

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# 1. Introduction

With WP4 the CITYnvest project aims at setting up a capacity building programme in ten different European countries. One key element of the capacity building programme is the organisation of national events where innovative financing models are presented and their applicability is discussed with local experts and stakeholders.

The focus countries have been identified through joint efforts of the Climate Alliance Working Group on Financing and the experience gained by the consortium partners within the Covenant of Mayors initiative, and the capacity building needs identified. The ten selected focus countries are the following:

1. France
2. Italy
3. Hungary
4. Romania
5. Austria
6. Latvia
7. Lithuania
8. Belgium
9. Spain
10. Netherlands

Deliverable *D4.2 Capacity Building workshops in ten focus countries* summarises the workshops organised in the different countries.

This report includes a list of the events organised in the focus countries with some key information. All the details of the different events can be found on the CITYnvest website at <http://citynvest.eu/workshops/focus-countries>.

In total 16 events have been organised in the ten selected countries: 15 including workshops, roundtable discussions and brainstorming sessions and 1 webinar.

## 2. Workshops in the focus countries

### 2.1 France

The national event in France took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 in Nantes. The workshop was organised by CEMR in collaboration with the French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions with the support of Nantes Métropole. The event was attended by 41 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Innovative financing models for energy efficiency in buildings in France: how to implement and replicate them?*

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - France](#).

### 2.2 Italy

The national event in Italy took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 in Milan. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in cooperation with Alleanza per il Clima, Renovate Italy, Kyoto Club, Cariplo Foundation. The event was attended by 85 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Innovative financing for energy retrofits in Italy*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Italy](#).

A follow up webinar was organised on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. 66 people registered and some 40 attended the webinar (see participants list in annex).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [Italy webinar - Italia](#).

### 2.3 Hungary

The national event in Hungary took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 in Budapest. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in cooperation with REFLEX and MEHI. The event was attended by 118 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Energy efficiency retrofitting: do theory and practice meet?*

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Hungary](#).

A follow-up event was organised in the frame of the Climate Star Award Hungary in Sopron on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. The event was attended by 36 participants (see participants list in annex).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [Hungarian workshop follow up](#).

## 2.4 Romania

The national event in Romania took place on the 18th of October 2016 in Bucharest. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in collaboration with Finacon România. The event was attended by 60 participants.

The event title was: *Innovative Financing for Energy Efficiency Retrofits in Romania*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Romania](#).

## 2.5 Austria

The national event in Austria took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 in Knittelfeld. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in collaboration with Klimabündnis Österreich, 5 Steiermark, Energy Agency of Steiermark and Stadtgemeinde Knittelfeld. The event was attended by 100 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Innovative Finanzierungsmöglichkeiten für kommunale Sanierungsprojekte (Innovative financing opportunities for municipal renovation projects)*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Austria](#).

## 2.6 Latvia

The national event in Latvia took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2016 in Riga. The event was organised by CEMR in collaboration with the Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments. The event was attended by 69 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Inovātīvie finanšu mehānismi energoefektivitātes projektiem Latvijā (Exploring innovative financing in energy retrofits in Latvia)*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Latvia](#).

A follow-up event was organised in Riga on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. The event was attended by 32 participants (see participants list in annex).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [Latvia workshop follow up- Latvijā](#).

## 2.7 Lithuania

The national event in Lithuania took place on the 17th of May 2016 in Vilnius. The event was organised by CEMR in collaboration with the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania. The event was attended by 68 participants (see participants list in annex).

The event title was: *Innovative financing models for energetic retrofits of the municipal building stock*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYnvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Lithuania](#).

A follow-up event was organised in Vilnius on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2017. The event was attended by 25 participants (see participants list in annex).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [Innovative financing models for energetic retrofits of the municipal building stock](#).

## 2.8 Belgium

Belgium is the country of the pilot region Liege. Liege is located in the Walloon region. In order to cover the three different regional realities (and languages) in Belgium three events were organised.

### Brussels

The Brussels Capital Region event took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 in Brussels. The event was organised by GRE Liege in collaboration with IBGE (Brussels Institute for Environment Management).

The title of the event was: *l'efficacité énergétique un investissement intelligent pour toutes les communes (Energy efficiency smart investment for all communities)*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Brussels Capital Region](#).

### Flanders

The Flanders Region event took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2017 in Brussels. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in collaboration with REScoop.eu. The event was attended by 69 participants (see participants list in annex).

The title of the event was: *Lokale game-changes voor energie efficiëntie investeringsmodellen (Local game-changes for energy efficiency investment models)*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Flanders](#).

### Wallonia

The Wallonia Region event took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 in Marche-en-Famenne. The event was organised by GRE Liege in the frame of the Salon des Mandataires 2017. The event consisted of three main blocks: exhibition booth, networking drink (attended by some 30 people) and lecture (attended by some 50 people).

The title of the event was: *L'efficacité énergétique dans votre commune : outils de financement innovants (Energy efficiency in your city: innovative financing tools)*.

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [workshops in focus countries - Wallonia](#).

## 2.9 Spain

Spain is the focus country of the pilot region Murcia. The national event for Spain took place in Madrid on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. The event was organised by INFO Murcia in cooperation with

Climate Alliance and the Covenant of Mayors Office. The event was attended by 52 participants (see participants list in annex).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [Spain workshop - España](#)

## 2.10 Netherlands

The national event for the Netherlands took place in Delft on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2017. The event was organised by Climate Alliance in collaboration with Klimaatverbond Nederland. The event was attended by 13 participants. The event was organised in the form of a brainstorming session, where key local authorities and representatives from financial institutions were invited to discuss challenges and opportunities for energy efficiency financing in the Netherlands.

The event title was: Investeren in lokale duurzame energie (Investing in local sustainable energy).

All the information about this event can be found on the CITYinvest website: [Netherlands workshop - Nederland](#).