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CITYinvest focus country workshop

FRANCE

Innovative financing tools for energy efficiency in buildings in France : how to implement and replicate them?

French local authorities face strong budget constraints and reduction of national financial support which have an impact on their ability to invest and carry out projects tackling climate issues. At the same time, meeting international, European and national commitments in CO₂ emissions reduction and energy efficiency needs a huge investment that has to be made at the local level in the building sector, which could also help create jobs. Therefore it is important to increase the capacity of the municipalities and local authorities in identifying and applying alternative financing models, which would allow them to invest in their priorities, such as retrofitting projects.

The objective of the seminar which is organised in the frame of the H2020 CITYinvest European project, is to present existing case studies and give guidelines to local authorities on how to start creating and using the innovative financing instruments for energy efficiency in buildings. Representatives of organisations that have already developed those financing instruments in France and abroad will explain how they work and how to apply/replicate them. That will be followed by a discussion on how those financing instruments can be replicated and used on a wider scale and how to overcome existing investment barriers.

The workshop is co-organised by CITYinvest, Association Française du Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Europe with the support of Nantes Métropole in the context of Climate Chance Summit 2016.

Place : Centre des expositions de Nantes Métropole, 2 Cours du Champ de Mars, Nantes

Date : 27th September 2016 - 9h00-12h30

Programme:

Moderator: Alex Puissant

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome coffee

- 1. Introduction** - Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of CEMR,
- 2. Welcome speech** – Julie Laernoës, Vice-President of Nantes Metropole,
- 3. Presentation of the CITYinvest project**, Elise Steyaert , CITYinvest coordinator, Climate Alliance
- 4. General financial framework for buildings renovations in France**, Yves-Laurent Sapoval, Ministry of Housing, and sustainable homes
- 5. Case studies presentations:**
 - Picardie Pass Rénovation, Vincent Pibouleu, SPEE Picardie
 - Énergies renouvelables et efficacité énergétique de la Diputació de Barcelone, Albert Vendrell Roca, Province of Barcelona
 - ARTEE, David Dieumegard, Agence Regionale pour les Travaux d'economies d'energie
 - Questions and Answers

The focus of the case studies presentations will be particularly on replication possibilities and guidance for local staff.
- 6. Round table discussion on barriers preventing development of innovative financing models and possible solutions, examples and concerns**
 - Local barriers and how to overcome them + examples
 - National barriers and how to overcome them + examples
 - EU level barriers and how to overcome them + examples
 - **Experts:**
 - Anne Walryck, Bordeaux Métropole
 - Françoise Refabert, Vesta Conseil&Finance
 - Henri Mardegan, Johnson Controls ESCO
 - Pascal Lemonnier, Ministry of Housing, and sustainable homes
- 7. Conclusions**, André Sobczak, Vice-President of Nantes Metropole