

# Energy Efficiency Retrofitting: do theory and practice meet?

## *National Workshop Hungary*

12 May, 2016, Budapest

Venue: Europe Point (H-1024 Budapest, Lövőház u. 35.)

Timeframe: 9:00 – 16:00

The potential for energy efficiency retrofits is significant in Hungary: around 40% of total energy consumption is attributable to the building stock while two thirds of this consumption is resulting from the heating and cooling demand. Most of the energy used comes from natural gas, which needs to be imported. Buildings, often multi-family residential buildings, from the era 1946 to 1980 show a significant low performance in energy efficiency. The main reason for retrofitting not being done, to the necessary extent, seems to be often a financial threshold; high upfront investments and long-term payback periods. The energy services market will grow extensively in the coming years and financial solutions are now being implemented in Hungary and across Europe. Often, the main driving forces are the local authorities, mobilising the entire value chain and tapping into the local potential. Being supported by European and national financial programs, together with capacity building and tailored guidance; local authorities are leading by example and are scaling-up the energy efficiency market.

The Horizon2020 project [CITYnvest](#) is therefore acting together with MEHI and inviting local authorities as well as all other stakeholders including building associations, ESCOs and other stakeholders to get inspired and engaged at a national workshop and actively discuss on this topic.

The workshop aims at:

1. Raising awareness and deepening knowledge of existing innovative financing instruments and inspiring case studies from other European countries
2. Exploring Hungarian best practices and discussing concretely how these innovative financing instruments could be applied in the participating local authorities
3. Identifying recurrent barriers for innovative financing instruments in energy efficiency retrofitting and finding ways to overcome them



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#### 4. Encouraging partnership-building between different stakeholders and levels of government

The workshop will not only encourage networking of local stakeholders but also serve as a knowledge sharing platform where best practice examples will be visualized and an understanding on innovative financing instruments will be gained. The objective is to support and encourage local authorities and their stakeholders to feel empowered to launch their retrofitting projects after this event with the new approaches learned on innovative financing. The national workshop will be followed-up by tailored recommendations and participants will be invited to make active use of CITYinvest guidance also after the event.

For registration please go to: <http://mehi.hu/rendezveny>

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