

Part of the Hungarian Council Presidency events program

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Renovate Europe Day 2024 and Renovate Hungary Day 2024

Draft Programme – V14

Date: Wednesday 9th of October 2024
Location: Corvinus University Budapest [renovated Gellért Campus](#)
Site visit: Gellért Campus
Co-organisers: The Renovate Europe Campaign (REC) and the Hungarian Energy Efficiency Institute (MEHI)

08h30 Coffee and registration

9h00 Session I: European Perspective: policy uptake (energy renovation and climate objectives)

Adrian Joyce (Moderator), Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign

09h00 Welcoming remarks:

Adrian Joyce
Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign

09h05 High-level opening statements

Ditte Juul-Jorgensen – video address
Director General for Energy, European Commission (video message)
Attila Steiner
State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Hungary

09h25 Keynote address: International policy framework of Energy Efficiency

Barbara Botos
Climate Ambassador for Hungary

09h40 Roundtable discussion: Delivering ambitious building policies and programmes

Kamil Šaško
State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Slovak Republic
Viktor Horváth
Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Hungary
Noemi Ritea
Market Director for VELUX Hungary and Romania
Radek Bedrna
Managing Director for Knauf Insulation Eastern Europe and Middle East

10h30 Questions from Audience

10h45 Coffee break (30 minutes)



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11h15 Session II:

Hungarian Perspective (energy renovation and competitiveness, multiple benefits)

Welcoming by Anikó Pálffy, policy lead at the Hungarian Energy Efficiency Institute (MEHI)

Adrian Joyce (Moderator), Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign

11h20 High-level opening statements

Tatiana Bosteels

Senior Economist at the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Renáta Határ

Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Construction and Investment, Hungary

11h50 Roundtable discussion: Financing, Competitiveness, Affordability

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Senior Economist at the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Radovan Jelascity

Chairman and CEO, Hungarian Banking Association

Mario Giordano

Global Head of Public & Government Affairs, Signify

Andrzej Kielar

Managing Director, Central and Eastern Europe, Rockwool

12h45 Questions from Audience

13h00 Buffet lunch (60 minutes)

During the lunch break, participants will have the opportunity to visit the “Projects Corner” where examples of best practices in energy renovation will be displayed.

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14:00 Sessions III: Parallel discussions on Hungarian Perspective (in Hungarian, translated to English)

Participants will have pre-selected which break-out sessions they intend to join, and the organisers will ensure that each session has a relatively balanced representation of the audience for each session.

14h00-15h10	Renovation of Residential Buildings	Public Buildings	Youth Session (30 min) and Site Visit (40 min) (in Hungarian)
	<p>Led by MEHI, this discussion will seek to identify the best tools to be deployed in Hungary for the energy renovation of the residential building stock. The discussion will centre on financing, mandatory approaches, and fossil fuel phase out.</p> <p>Opening: Julien Tami, Policy Officer, DG Energy, European Commission</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Áron Horváth (moderator, MEHI) ▪ Viktor Horváth (Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Energy) ▪ Dávid Tibor (Head of Évosz-HET) ▪ Roland Papp (Head of Division, Ministry of National Economy) ▪ Zsuzsanna Koritár (Policy Lead, Habitat Hungary) ▪ András Pásztor, Fundamenta Home Savings Fund (value chain operations manager) 	<p>Led by Equilibrium Institute (EI), this discussion will centre around the challenges that face the HU State to achieve EU targets for the energy renovation of public buildings. Looking at the roles of municipalities and governance structures will inform the debate.</p> <p>Opening: Zoltán Magyar (Associate Professor BME (retired))</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dóra Csernus (moderator, Director for climate and environmental policies, Equilibrium Institute) ▪ Lajos Vass (Director for Development, ÉMI) ▪ Örs Ringhoffer (Head of Energy Efficiency Unit, Ministry of Energy) ▪ László Csőzik (Érd City Mayor) ▪ Gergely Turbucz (Elektro-Kamleithner Ltd.) 	<p>Starting with contributions of: Benjamin Benkő from the Corvinus University, Andra Kruna Ramsay from Croatia, and Nadia Gullestrup from Denmark who will each share their vision on energy renovation and the climate change challenge.</p> <p>These presentations will be followed by a guided tour of the renovated University Buildings, led by Márton Barta (Head of Strategy, Budapest Corvinus University) and Ágoston Flaisz (Planet Energy Hungary Ltd.). The site visit will be the opportunity to see first-hand how much can be achieved through ambitious action and will be the opportunity to ask any questions that participants may have.</p>

COFFEE BREAK (30 minutes)

15h40-16h50	Decarbonisation of Commercial Buildings	Financing/Energy efficiency Obligation Scheme	Youth Session (30 min) and Site Visit (40 min) (in English)
	<p>Led by Éva Beleznay, in partnership with the Hungarian Green Building Council, this discussion will inform the participants of the latest steps being taken in policy and in the market to achieve a real decarbonisation of buildings before the climate-neutral target year of 2050, with a focus on commercial buildings.</p> <p>Opening: Saint Gobain representative (tbc) Nelli Tóth (MN6, HuGBC)</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Éva Beleznay (senior sustainability advisor, moderator) ▪ Pál Baross (senior strategy advisor, CEO, Greenbors Consulting Ltd., HuGBC) 	<p>Led by MEHI, this discussion will bring knowledge on how to finance the renovation of the building stock, with a focus on the energy efficiency obligation scheme.</p> <p>Opening: Dávid Tibor (Head of ÉVOSZ-HÉT Masterplast Plc., President CEO)</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anikó Pálffy (moderator, MEHI) ▪ Gyula Szalai (Head of Energy Efficiency Office at MVM Next Plc.) ▪ Péter Vedres (Head of Sustainable Development Department at the Hungarian Energy and Public Utility Regulatory Authority) ▪ Zoltán Czinege (Alfaped Ltd, Director of R&D) ▪ Zoltán Uzonyi, dr. (ista Hungary Ltd.) 	<p>Starting with contributions of: Benjamin Benkő from the Corvinus University, Andra Kruna Ramsay from Croatia, and Nadia Gullestrup from Denmark who will each share their vision on energy renovation and the climate change challenge.</p> <p>These presentations will be followed by a guided tour of the renovated University Buildings, led by Márton Barta (Head of Strategy, Budapest Corvinus University) and Ágoston Flaisz (Planet Energy Hungary Ltd.). The site visit will be the opportunity to see first-hand how much can be achieved through ambitious action and will be the opportunity to ask any questions that participants</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ János Kocsány (CEO, Graphisoft Park, HuGBC)▪ Tamás Kovács (WING, HuGBC)▪ Miklós Szébenyi (Generali Real Estate Ltd.)	CEO)	may have.
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