



Side event
Energy efficient and affordable housing for low-income population

Date: 17 March 2016

Time: 12:30 to 14:00

Venue: Club H (first floor), Prague Congress Center

Language: English

Background and the side event objectives

The main focus of this side event is to present and discuss the latest developments in implementing energy efficiency measures in affordable housing projects in Southern-Eastern Europe and share the experiences with other countries, with a particular focus on cost effectiveness of investments for low-income families and financing mechanisms for energy efficiency. The event will provide a forum for policy makers and experts to discuss implementation of the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs) as well other new initiatives, including new innovative financing schemes, main stakeholders and the role of housing associations, condominium associations, local authorities, private sector in promoting energy efficient affordable housing.

Specific objectives include:

- a. To discuss the major challenges in enhancing the energy efficiency of the housing sector, with particular attention to housing for low and medium income families
- b. To identify policy instruments which address those challenges
- c. To exchange experiences from other countries which have developed policy instruments for energy efficient and affordable housing
- d. To highlight the importance of affordable financing for energy efficiency in new housing projects and retrofitting of the existing ones, and
- f. To discuss on the role of international organisations in enhancing the knowledge on energy efficiency policies and identify potentials for regional partnerships.

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Moderator: Ms. Doris Andoni, Director General, National Housing Agency of Albania (Albania)

12:30 – 12:50

Introduction and Keynotes (7-9 minutes)

- **Ms. Eglantina Gjermeni** – Albanian Minister of Urban Development (7 min)
- **Mr. Marco Keiner**, Acting Director, UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division (7 min)

12:50 – 13:20

Panel discussion on the approaches by member States (7-9 minutes)

- **Ms. Doris Andoni** – Executive Director of National Housing Agency (Albania) (7 min)
- **Mr. Gjergji Islami** – Vice Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tirana Polytechnic University (Albania) (7 min)
- **Mr. Michal Kohout** – Institute of Building Science, Faculty of Architecture (Czech Republic) (7 min)

13:20 – 14:40

Interventions from UN Agencies/Programmes (5-7 minutes)

- **Domenica Carriero**, Housing and Land Management Unit, the UNECE (5 min)
- **Fernanda Lonardoni**, Housing Unit, Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch, UN-HABITAT (5 min)
- **Mr. Joao Carvalhosa** - Chair of Social affairs working group, Housing Europe (5 min)

Discussion (20 minutes)

Conclusions by Mr. Joao Carvalhosa (tbd) (5 minutes)