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Reducing Energy Poverty by Energy Efficiency
Projects in Residential Buildings:
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The Conference seeks to promote a better understanding of residential energy efficiency among EU policy makers; introduce improved and tailor-made EU level policy measures addressing energy poverty and security; and advance a clearer understanding of how investing into residential energy efficiency will contribute to reducing energy poverty in the Eastern European Western Balkans region. The Conference brings together a network of practitioners from the public, private, and NGO sectors as well as policy makers from Europe to discuss and share lessons, present project results and recommendations as well as adopt common approaches on addressing the issue of energy poverty and residential energy efficiency in Eastern Europe, also building on the experience of the Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households (REELIH) Project supported by USAID.

DAY I Monday, 24 April, 2017

- ▶ 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- ▶ 9.00 - 9.30 Introduction: Setting the scene

Moderated by **Gyorgy Sumeghy**, Advocacy Manager, Habitat for Humanity Intl.

- **Andrew Popelka**, Senior Energy Advisor, USAID
- **Steve Weir**, Senior Vice President, Global Programs, Habitat for Humanity International
- **Benedek Javor**, MEP, Greens/European Free Alliance

- ▶ 9.30 - 10.30 Keynote plenary session: Residential energy policies and their impact in Europe

Moderated by **Bob Archer**, former Senior Energy Advisor, USAID

- **Paul Hodson**, Head of Unit "Energy Efficiency", European Commission, DG ENER
- **Elena Szolgayova**, Director General of the DG Housing Policy and Urban Development at the Ministry of Transport and Construction, Slovak Republic
- **Judit Torokne Rozsa**, Head of Unit : Competence Centre Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, DG REGIO

Q&A

- ▶ 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

- ▶ 11.00 - 12.45 Learnings from the Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households (REELIH) project in Armenia and Bosnia and Hercegovina and from other residential energy projects in Eastern Europe and Western Balkans
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Short address by **Jerzy Buzek**, MEP, European People's Party, Chair of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) at the EP

Introduction by **Besim Nebiu**, REELIH Project Manager, Habitat for Humanity Intl.

Moderated by **Steve Weir**, Senior Vice President, Global Programs, Habitat for Humanity Intl.

Break-out session into 4 groups to learn about:

- Residential Energy Efficiency for Low-income Households (REELIH) in Armenia supported by USAID – **Luiza Vardanyan** and **Karen Asatryan**, Habitat for Humanity Armenia
- Residential Energy Efficiency for Low income Households (REELIH) in Bosnia and Hercegovina supported by USAID – **Jasmin Gabela** and **Marin Petrovic**, ENOVA
- Energy Efficiency for the Housing sector in Macedonia supported by USAID – **Zoran Kostov** and **Liljana Alceva**, Habitat for Humanity Macedonia
- Complex energy-efficient refurbishment of typical multi-family apartment buildings in the Ukraine – **Knut Holler**, Housing Initiative for Eastern Europe (IWO)

- ▶ 12.45 - 13.30 Lunch

- ▶ 13.30 - 14.10 Outlining the connection between residential energy efficiency and reducing energy poverty
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Moderated by **Marina Yoveva**, Associate Director of Program Effectiveness, Habitat for Humanity Intl.

Introduction to energy poverty by **Slavica Robic**, Chair of the Advisory Board, European Energy Poverty Observatory

The impact of residential energy efficiency programs on energy poverty in Central Europe by **Eva Gerohazi** and **Hanna Szemzo**, Metropolitan Research Institute.

- ▶ 14.10 - 15.00 How the current EU policies and the most recent Clean Energy Package respond to residential energy efficiency and reducing energy poverty?

Panel session moderated by **Julien Dijol**, Deputy Secretary General & Policy Coordinator, Housing Europe.

- **Maarten De Groote**, Head of Research, Buildings Performance Institute Europe
- **Barbara Streenbergen**, Head of Liaison Office to the EU, International Union of Tenants
- **Orsolya Fülöp**, Policy Director, Energiaklub Climate Policy Institute
- **Sophia Lynn**, Project Manager Ukraine Residential Energy Efficiency Project, IFC

- ▶ 15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break
- ▶ 15.30 - 16.30 Debate in smaller groups discussing how investing into residential energy efficiency could lead to reducing energy poverty in Eastern Europe

Break-out session: 10 people in one group moderated by facilitators

- ▶ 16.30 - 16.45 Break
- ▶ 16.45 - 17.00 Feedback from groups at plenary moderated by **Connor Hanan**, Habitat for Humanity International
- ▶ 17.00 - 18.00 Reactions to Day 1 by key stakeholders (business actors, financing institutions and policy makers)

A panel session moderated by **Besim Nebiu**, Habitat for Humanity International

- **Ondrej Sramek**, Public Affairs Director, Knauf Insulation
- **Kurt Emil Eriksen**, General Secretary, Active House Alliance; VELUX A/S
- **Oleg Dzioubinski**, Economic Affairs Officer, Sustainable Energy Division, UN-ECE
- **Filip Vandeputte**, Senior Energy Efficiency Engineer, EIB
- **Nigel Jolland**, Associate Director, Policy and Climate Finance, EBRD
- **Oleksandr Antonenko**, Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Energy Charter Secretariat

- ▶ 18.00 - 20.00 Dinner reception

DAY 2 Tuesday, 25 April, 2017

- ▶ 8.30 - 9.00 Coffee
- ▶ 9.00 - 9.15 Energy Poverty in Europe – address by **Tamas Meszerics**, MEP
- ▶ 9.15 - 9.30 How to improve residential energy efficiency in SEE and CIS countries? Presenting policy paper by **Gyorgy Sumeghy** and **Zita Kakalejikova**, Habitat for Humanity International
- ▶ 9.30 - 11.00 Best practices for residential energy efficiency by governments in Central and Eastern Europe and in the Western Balkans

A panel session moderated by **Tamás Meszerics**, MEP

Contributions by government representatives:

- **Tanya Arzumanyan**, Government of Armenia, Head of Housing Fund Management and Communal Infrastructures Department of the Staff of State Urban Development Committee at the Government of the Republic of Armenia
- **Admir Softic**, Central government of Bosnia and Hercegovina, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations
- **Peter Gergely**, Government of Slovakia, Head of Department of Insulation Project for Family Houses, DG Housing Policy and Urban Development at the Ministry of Transport and Construction, Slovak Republic
- **Ljubisha Jovanovski**, Government of Macedonia, State Counselor for Housing, Communal Affairs and Infrastructure in the Macedonian Ministry of Transport and Communication
- **Ciprian Lucian Rosca**, Government of Romania, State Secretary at the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds
- **Esad Smajlovic**, Senior Energy Efficiency Advisor, GIZ

▶ 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

▶ 11.30 - 13.00 How the current EU policies and the most recent Clean Energy Package respond to residential energy efficiency and reducing energy poverty? Response by policy makers.

A panel session moderated by **Oliver Rapf**, Executive Director, Buildings Performance Institute Europe.

- **Benedek Javor**, MEP
- **Davor Kunc**, Programme Manager for Energy and Transport, European Commission DG NEAR
- **Valius Serbenta**, Director of State Agency for Housing and Energy Efficiency, Lithuania
- **Violeta Kogalniceanu**, Head of Infrastructure and Energy Efficiency Unit, Energy Community
- **John Dulac**, Buildings Sector Lead at the International Energy Agency (IEA)

▶ 13.00 - 13.15 Closing of conference

Moderated by **Susana Rojas Williams**, Director, International Shelter Initiatives, Global Programs Development, Habitat for Humanity International

- **Benedek Javor**, MEP
- **Torre Nelson**, Area Vice President, Habitat for Humanity International, Europe, Middle East and Africa

▶ 13.15 - 14.30 Lunch reception

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