

# FINANCING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: THE NATIONAL RENOVATION PLAN AND THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

17 March 2026 r. Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia Hall

## Draft programme

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:40	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b> <i>Tanya Hristova, Chair of the Board of EcoEnergy</i> <i>Dragomir Tzanev, EnEffect</i>
09:40 – 10:40	<b>THE NATIONAL RENOVATION PLAN</b> Moderator: Dragomir Tzanev, EnEffect
09:40 – 10:00	<b>EUROPEAN POLICIES AND TARGETS ON BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b> <i>Silvia Rezessy, DG Energy, European Commission</i>
10:00 – 10:20	<b>VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE EXISTING BUILDING STOCK</b> <i>Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works (invited)</i>
10:20 – 10:40	<b>THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL DECARBONISATION FUND</b> <i>Ministry of Energy (invited)</i>
10:40 – 11:00	<b>NEED FOR ENHANCED INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION OF POLICIES IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIROMENT</b> <i>Julian Popov, Minister of Environment and Water (invited)</i>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
Panel Session 1:	<b>REFORMS AND NEW INSTRUMENTS TO STIMULATE BUILDING RENOVATION</b> Moderator: Dragomir Tzanev, EnEffect
11:20 – 11:35	<b>CHALLENGES FOR BUILDING RENOVATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NATIONAL RENOVATION PLAN</b> <i>Ivaylo Aleksiev, SEDA</i>
11:35 – 11:50	<b>REFORMS IN THE RENOVATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING STOCK</b> <i>Tzveta Naniova, BACC</i>
11:50 – 12:00	<b>REFORMS IN THE RENOVATION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS</b> <i>Kamen Simeonov, EnEffect</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <i>With the participation of Dora Yankova, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
PARALLEL SESSION 1	<b>THE NET ZERO CITIES INITIATIVE AND THE EU MISSION ON CLIMATE ADAPTATION</b> Moderator: Kamelia Georgieva, NTEF Sofia Hall

13:30 – 13:45	<b>EUROPEAN POLICIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION</b> <i>Svetlana Zhekova, Member of the Board of the EU Mission on Climate Adaptation</i>
13:45 – 14:00	<b>THE ADAPTATION HUBS INITIATIVE AS A TOOL FOR COORDINATING POLICIES AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES</b> <i>Dragomir Tzanev, EnEffect</i>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b> <i>Gregor Thenius, Austrian Energy Agency</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<b>NET ZERO CITIES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF NEW BULGARIAN MUNICIPALITIES</b> <i>Maria Minkova, National Trust EcoFund</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<b>BETTER FUNDING DIALOGUES: AN INITIATIVE LED BY NET ZERO CITIES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE STRUCTURING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b> <i>Jayashiree Elango, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management</i>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>DISCUSSION: INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION, FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MUNICIPAL PROJECTS</b>
<b>PARALLEL SESSION 2</b> <b>Serdika Hall</b>	<b>MODERNISATION OF DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEMS AND LOCAL HEATING AND COOLING PLANS</b> <b>Moderator: Antoniya Novakova, EnEffect</b>
13:30 – 13:45	<b>REHEATEAST PROJECT</b> <i>Antoniya Novakova, EnEffect</i>
13:45 – 14:15	<b>EXAMPLES FROM ROMANIA</b> <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eng. Paula Unguresan and Prof. Mugur Balan Technical University of Cluj-Napoca</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<b>GOOD PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN BULGARIA</b> <i>Eng. Dimitar Kuyumdjiev, Bulgarian Energy and Mining Forum (BEMF)</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<b>APPLICATION OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN DISTRICT HEATING</b> <i>Eng. Nikola Sechkaryov, Geothermal Energy Association</i>
14:45 – 15:00	<b>MUNICIPAL PROJECTS FOR LOCAL HEATING NETWORKS</b> <i>Todor Popov, Municipality of Gabrovo</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Discussion</b>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:00</b>	<b>CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ECOENERGY MUNICIPAL NETWORK</b> <b>Chair: Tanya Hristova, Mayor of Gabrovo Municipality</b>



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