

## Dear User,

#### Welcome to E-FIX's fourth newsletter!

E-FIX is entering its final phase! Below you will receive an update on the latest project developments and activities. Take a look at our website if you want more information on the different innovative financing mechanisms we are testing.

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#### 1. What is E-FIX about?

E-FIX is a three-year project financed by the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. The project will last until June 2021. The consortium is made up of 14 partners, specialized in energy and finance, based in 6 countries in Central and South Eastern Europe (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland) as well as the Caucasus (Armenia and Georgia). It is obvious that both potential energy project developers and financers struggle with accurately assessing the feasibility of energy projects and ensuring their investment security. This is a barrier that we are addressing in our project through the development of different tools and strategies. Moreover, it is our goal to trigger private investments by applying energy performance contracting, crowdfunding and leasing models to energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. All of these are innovative financing mechanisms, which can help boost energy efficiency projects in the EU and the Eastern Neighbourhood.



## 2. Second Ambassador Trainings

The Project Partners have successfully conducted the second series of Ambassador Trainings in their countries on the innovative financial instruments "Energy Performance Contracting", "Leasing" and "Crowdfunding". The purpose of these trainings is to prepare participants to later act as E-FIX Ambassadors in their regions, by promoting innovative energy financing mechanisms in the future. More information about the national trainings below.

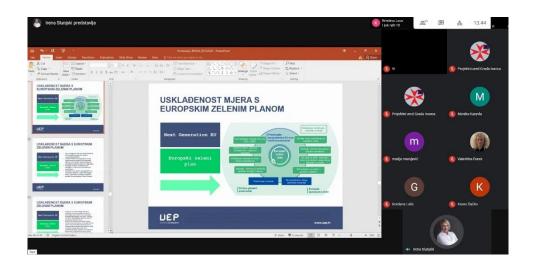
## a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador Training in Austria

On 22.04.2021 and 29.04.2021, the Austrian partners hosted their second Ambassador training in the form of a webinar. The seminars focused on crowdfunding. In particular, it looked at the different project types suitable for crowdfunding and the main criteria to be met for a crowdfunding project to be viable. During the meetings the newly established crowdfunding platform "crowd17.at" was presented. More information here



## b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador Training in Croatia

2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassadors training was held online and combined with 3 other EU projects- eCentral, Accelerator for Cities and MED Renewable Energy. The aim of this training was to provide answers to questions about which key priority areas will be funded in the next financial period, with how much and in what way. More information <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>



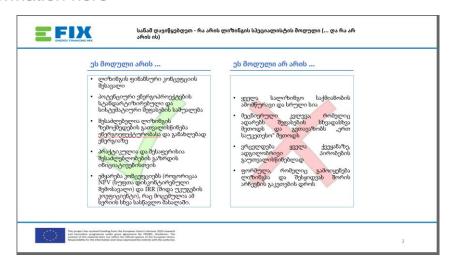
## c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ambassador Training in the Czech Republic

Due to the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic in the Czech Republic, the Ambassador's meeting was held in a hybrid form, being both physical and online. The meeting focused on examples of crowdfunding campaigns. More information <a href="https://examples.com/here">here</a>



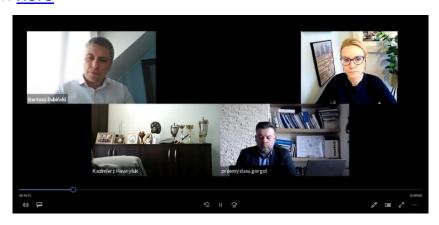
## d) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador Training in Georgia

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Caucasus University together with its partner organizations conducted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador Training. The meeting consisted of theoretical and practical activities on the topics such as the project mission and aims, leasing advantages and the financial modules. More information here



e) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambassador Training in Poland

The 2nd Ambassador training in Poland took place online on February 18th, 2021. Around 30 attendees came mainly from public authorities, SMEs in the sector of energy and financing as well as from local sectoral agencies. The sessions focused on EPC, ELENA and another innovative financial instrument called EUCF (European City Facility). More information here



### 3.E-FIX second webinar

Join us during E-FIX's 2nd webinar titled "E-FIX Case studies". On the 21st of May, Project Partners from Armenia, Croatia, the Czech Republic and Poland will present their most successful pilots triggered by the E-FIX project financed from EPC, Leasing and Crowdfunding.

Registration available **here** 



#### 4. E-FIX Final Conference

We are pleased to invite you to our E-FIX Final Conference on Innovative Financing for Sustainable Energy Investments! The conference will offer an opportunity to look at current trends in the green financing sector including EU strategic priorities. It will also allow the E-FIX project partners to present the main results of their innovative financing campaigns related to Energy Performance Contracting, Crowdfunding and Leasing. Fresh and experience-based information will be shared from *Austria, Armenia, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Georgia and Poland.* The conference will include a panel discussion with distinguished experts on the future of innovative energy financing in Europe.

Date: 02.06.2021

Time: 09:00 am to 1:15 pm (CEST)

Location: Online

You can find the conference agenda and complete the registration process here: E-FIX - Energy Financing Mix. The event is part of EU Green Week 2021 and participation is free of charge.

We look forward to seeing you at our final conference on 02.06.2021!



#### 5. Ambassador Platform

The Ambassador Platform is growing! We are still uploading new items and reflecting on the Toolbox. As a reminder, the Ambassador Platform is an international online network of knowledge exchange linked to the E-FIX project website. Upon registration, Ambassadors have access to a range of products including:

- An online Toolbox with useful background information and learning material on innovative energy financing mechanisms
- The E-FIX Roadmap and Strategy development process,
- Invitations to upcoming trainings as well as access to presentations and discussions,
- Presentations, reports, publications related to topics such as financial instruments, renewable energy, energy efficiency and EU funded projects.

# Contact your national Partners and find out how to become a member!

