

THIRD TRANSNATIONAL FORUM OF REHABILITE PROJECT

Energy renovation: context and the innovative financing tools to help the energy transition

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CONCLUSIONS

The Third Transnational Forum of the Rehabilita project brought together about 70 participants from Portugal, Spain and France to analyze the energy efficiency policies adopted in Portugal, as well as the existing financial solutions to finance actions in this area, with the objective of promote the exchange of good practices and successful experiences among public and private professionals and institutions in the area of energy efficiency.

OPENING

José Luís Gaspar, Mayor of Amarante (Portugal)

He emphasized the urgency of the topic being discussed at the Forum: "Energy is on the table, in any discussion, because it has to do with everything: with comfort, with sustainability, with the climate. It is something that concerns us all, especially for those who have children and thinks that their generation is compromised by us and by those who have gone before us who have not had this environmental concern. Today, cities have been reflecting and reversing the cycle and hence the importance of financing the rehabilitation of buildings to accelerate this inversion process".

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – EVALUATION METHODS

The evaluation system LiderA

Manuel Duarte Pinheiro, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geo-resources, Instituto Superior Técnico – Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)

Manuel Duarte Pinheiro presented the LiderA evaluation system, a multifunctional system to support the search for sustainability and well-being.

The PassiveHouse standard

João Marcelino, President of Passivhaus Portugal Association (Portugal)

João Marcelino presented the PassiveHouse standard, an efficient, comfortable, accessible and ecological building solution.

The Rehabilita Project

Fernando Collado Bermudo, Energy Efficiency Technician, AGENEX – Agencia Extremeña de la Energía (Spain)

Fernando Collado Bermudo presented the Rehabilita project, REHABILITE is a project approved by the Interreg Sudoe Programme, whose objective is to modify the regional policies of supporting energy renovation in buildings in the SUDOE space (Spain, France and Portugal) through innovative Financial Instruments (FI).

Interest of Financial Instruments for the management of public funds, opportunities and difficulties

Ricardo Pedraz González, Senior Consultant of the Public Finance Department, AFI – International Financial Analysts (Spain)

Ricardo Pedraz González presented an introduction about the differences between financial instruments and grants. Definition of each type of financial product and financial instrument, Loans, Equity and Guarantees. Risks associated to each type of financial instrument and product Loans, Equity and Guarantees. Intervention about logic of each financial product.

THE FINANCING OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY INTERVENTIONS

The example of the city of Almada: Almada Less Carbon Climate Fund

João Cleto, Technician, AGENEAL – Agência Municipal de Energia de Almada (Portugal)

João Cleto presented the fund created by the Municipality of Almada to support municipal investment in energy efficiency - Almada Less Carbon -, an example of success in energy rehabilitation in public buildings.

Investor Confidence Project Europe

Jorge Rodrigues de Almeida, European Director, Investor Confidence Project (Portugal)

The difficulties associated with lack of standardization of energy efficiency projects with regard to access to investment were the focus of Jorge Rodrigues de Almeida, who stressed the role of Investor Confidence Project Europe in unlocking this access, by standardizing the development and documentation of projects.

PF4EE – Private Finance for Energy Efficiency

Ana Rodrigues Uhlfelder, Project Manager BPI/BEI Energy Efficiency, Business Products and Services Department, Banco BPI (Portugal)

Ana Rodrigues Uhlfelder presented the financing line PF4EE - Private Finance for Energy Efficiency, an EIB-managed program supported by the European Union under the LIFE Program (Program for the Environment and Climate Action 2014-2020), and which has the objective of making financing available for investments in energy efficiency that promote the reduction of energy consumption, under pricing and advantageous terms.

IFRRU 2020 – Financial Instrument for Urban Rehabilitation and Revitalization

Maria Albuquerque, Technician, Board of Directors – Management Structure IFRRU 2020 (Portugal)

The Forum was closed by Maria Albuquerque with a presentation on IFRRU 2020 - Financial Instrument for Urban Rehabilitation and Revitalization, a financial instrument that provides loans under the most favorable conditions to support urban rehabilitation throughout the Portuguese national territory .

CLOSURE

Gonçalo Rocha, Vice-President of the Intermunicipal Council of the Comunidade Intermunicipal do Tâmega e Sousa (Portugal)

He stressed the importance of urban regeneration and energy efficiency, especially for those who have responsibilities in the public domain. In his speech, Gonçalo Rocha also recalled the reasons that led the CIM of Tâmega and Sousa to join the Rehabilita consortium: "to make known to the Tâmega and Sousa community the mechanisms and lines of support that exist and the importance of rehabilitating our edified. In fact, we had many years in which building new was important, but

today it is fashionable to rehabilitate. And today we have a golden opportunity to rehabilitate our building and to follow a latent concern: the decarbonization of urban centers. This is a generational goal that will mark our territory and the whole country. "