

EEW4 External Event Report

Title of the event: *EEW4 Hungarian webinar: Financing energy efficient building renovations and supporting narratives*

<i>Date & location:</i>	10 th February 2021, on Zoom
<i>Organiser(s):</i>	Energy Cities with Energiaklub
<i>Summary of the event</i>	<p>This joint webinar of the eCentral and the Energy Efficiency Watch project was focusing on enabling energy efficient renovations by discussing financing and supporting narratives for energy efficiency.</p> <p>The webinar presented EU call for proposals and tenders available in Hungary in the next period, interesting innovative financing schemes and some pilot projects results. Learnings from the Energy Efficiency Watch project's survey were also shared and discussed; focusing on attitudes and potential narratives on energy efficiency and mirrored by a case study from a Hungarian local government. Ultimately, the event was also aiming at boosting knowledge sharing between participants in a virtual interactive discussion.</p>
<i>Objective & main programme point</i>	<p>Aim of the webinar was to present EEW4 survey's Hungarian results and gather feedback on the survey as well as further input for the narratives development. Key input factors for Hungary was presented by Energy Cities in Hungarian. Ajka, the first Hungarian EUCF beneficiary municipality was reacting and commenting on poll questions. These questions and comments have generated a lively discussion with the audience; whose feedback via the poll questions and the chat was valuable input for the narratives development.</p>
<i>Conclusions</i>	<p>Municipal energy efficiency investments in Hungary are largely motivated by three economic reasons: investments realised only where state subsidies available; most investments and EPC projects are inhibited by the state subsidised / artificially low energy prices and finally a strong centralisation by the central government led to decreased municipal revenues and hence reduced municipal financial autonomy. In this</p>



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context, municipalities struggle to keep day-to-day operation of their buildings, while controversial investments are made (eg. PV installed on almost all municipal roofs, as subsidies were available). Municipalities' key motivation is to reach their energy independence and spare resources for their operational tasks.

Programme:



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AGENDA:

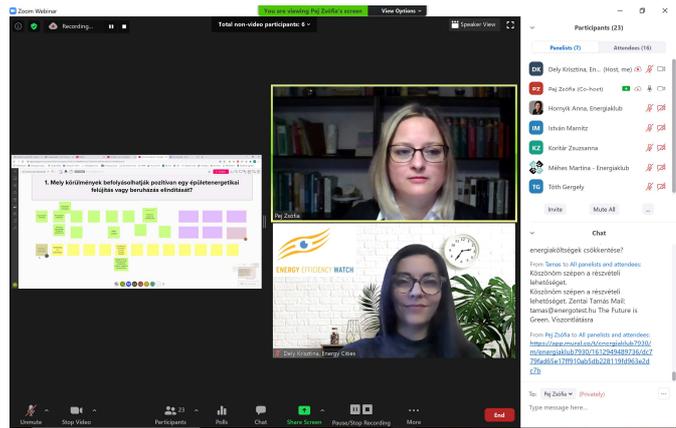
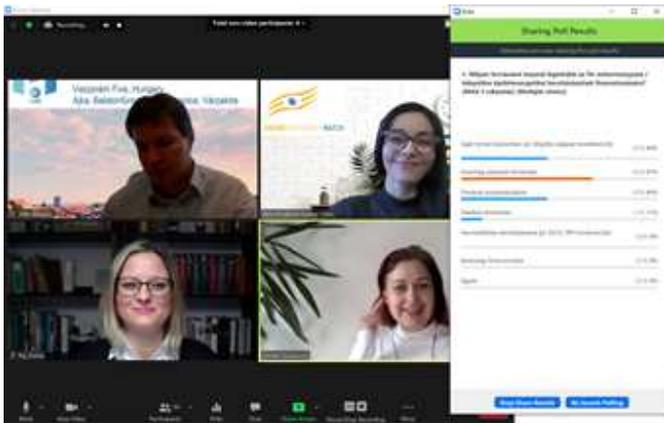
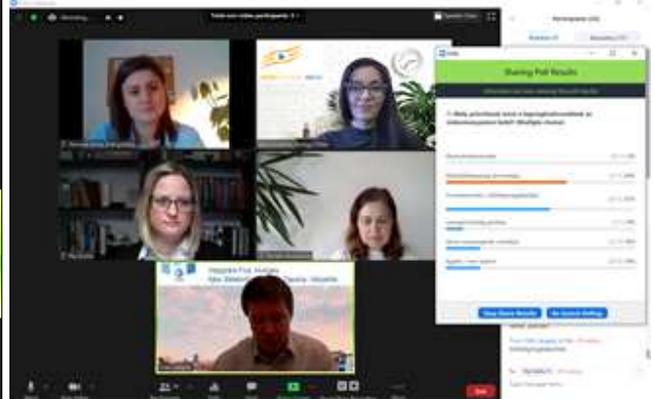
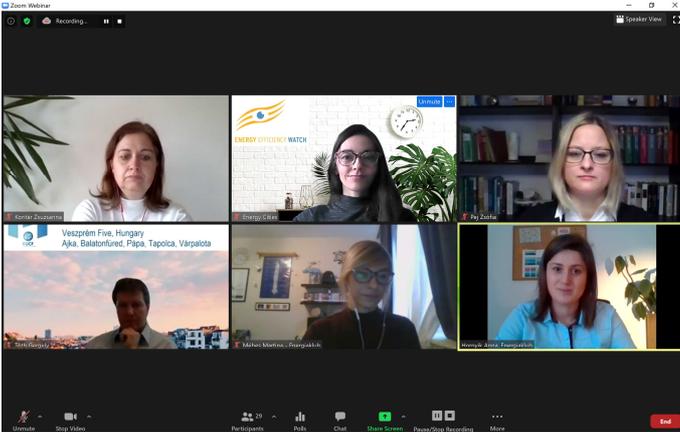
Time	Theme	Speaker
13:00-13:15	Welcome and agenda	<i>Martina Méhes</i> , executive director, Energiaklub
13:15-13:35	What supporting arguments for energy efficient renovations? Learnings from the EEW project	<i>Kristina Dely</i> , project manager, Energy Cities, Energy Efficiency Watch project
13:35-13:55	Financing opportunities for building renovations between 2021-2027	<i>Zsuzsanna Koritár</i> , executive director, Hungarian Energy Efficiency Institute (MEHI)
13:55-14:20	Learnings from the use of innovative financing for public building renovations (eCentral project)	<i>Zsófia Pej</i> , head of climate program, Energiaklub
14:20-14:45	Municipal cooperation and project bundling for large scale building renovations - good example from the first Hungarian EUCF winner municipality	<i>Gergely Tóth</i> , strategic and development coordinator, Municipality of Ajka
14:45-15:45	Q&A and Interactive discussion with the audience	
15:45-16:00	Conclusions	



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