

EEW4 External Event Report

Title of the event: *Energy Efficiency Watch – Romanian roundtable*

<i>Date & location:</i>	28 th October 2020, online on Zoom
<i>Organiser(s):</i>	Energy Cities and Orase Energie Romania (OER)
<i>Summary of the event</i>	This online workshop replaced the physical workshop organised and cancelled last minute in March, in the framework of OER's annual conference. The event was focusing on buildings' deep renovation; seeking successful stories and municipal narratives and promoted learnings of the project 'Our Buildings', creating synergies between the two EU projects. The event took place in Romanian and English, EEW4 covered simultaneous interpretation via Zoom.
<i>Objective & main programme point</i>	The event was seeking to explore benefits and challenges; the huge impact of the 'Renovation Wave' on cities. The EC aiming to double the renovation rates in the next ten years; in parallel with the pandemic context represent an unprecedented opportunity to re-think the local 'business as usual' scenarios. This online event aimed to discuss the possible harmonisation of municipal renovation strategies with Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans, for reconsidering sustainability in local communities. The event overlooked at first nZEB Renovation Passports in Romania, presented some success stories and discussed potential positive narratives for local renovations in Romanian municipalities.
<i>Conclusions</i>	Romania will receive some 14 billion EUR from the <i>Recovery and Resilience Plan</i> , out of which 70% need to be engaged in investments in the following 2 years; Romania has approx. 500M m ² of buildings area to renovate which means jobs creation at the local level. To realise that, close cooperation between local and central authorities is needed. Projects bundling among municipalities would also be helpful to realise larger investments, but currently Romanian legislative context prevents municipalities from managing a common budget. There is a <i>lack of a national Energy Performance Certificates data base</i> which hinders quick renovations. On the <i>narratives side</i> , participants expressed via POLLS their willingness to shift from quick renovations with quick returns (short ROI) towards more complex refurbishments, with longer term returns. The main motivations for accelerated buildings renovations being <i>air quality and climate mitigation; as well as quality of homes and higher comfort</i> .



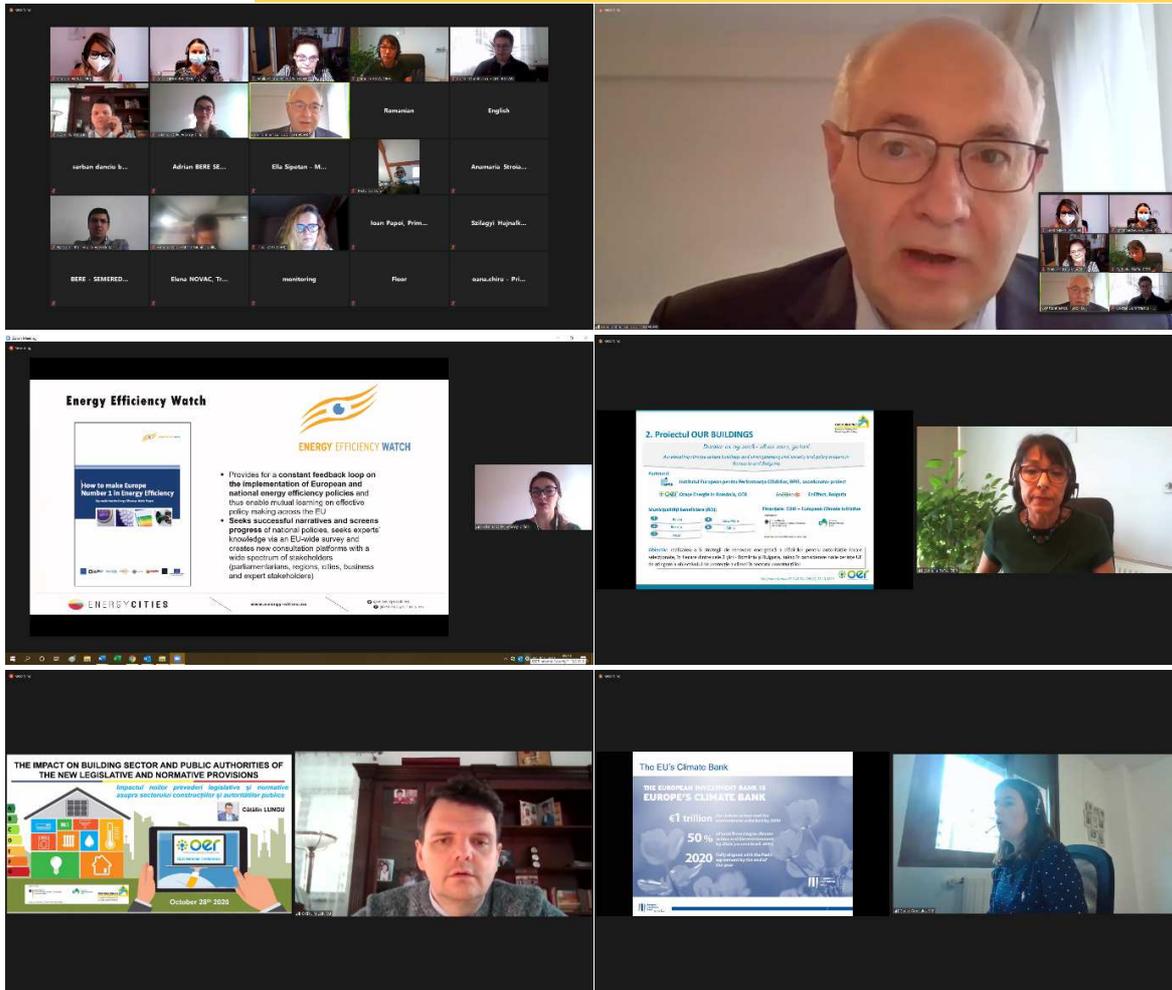
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09:00-09:15	Arrival, welcome and introduction
09:15-09:35	Tudor CONSTANTINESCU, DG Energy on municipal opportunities in the Green Deal
09:35-09:50	Kristina DELY, Energy Cities on Energy Efficiency Watch 4
09:50-10:05	Camelia RAȚĂ, OER on Municipal renovation strategies
10:05-10:20	CernaMLADIN, OUR BUILDINGS project on Energy Audits & Building Renovation passports conducted in Bistrița, Satu Mare and Sibiu
10:20-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-10:45	Cătălin LUNGU, REHVA vice-president & Romanian Chamber of Energy Auditors
10:45-11:00	Gaëla GONZALEZ ANGULO, EIB - Financing opportunities available for municipalities
11:00-11:45	Panel discussion and Q&A
11:45-12:00	Conclusions

Co-moderated by: Camelia RAȚĂ, OER & Kristina DELY, Energy Cities



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