

## EEW4 External Event Report

**Title of the event:** “The National Energy and Climate Plans & the EU Recovery Plan: The Finnish Green Vision”

<i>Date &amp; location:</i>	Thursday 24 September 2020, 9.00 – 13.00
<i>Organiser (s):</i>	EUFORES
<i>Summary of the event</i>	<p>On 24 September 2020, EUFORES organized a parliamentary workshop with Finland to discuss the National Energy and Climate Plan and the EU Recovery Plan.</p> <p><b>Session 1</b>, opened the workshop with speeches on renewable energies and energy efficiency as green elements of the Finnish Recovery Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Terhi Lehtonen, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Finland</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To tackle climate change, we need investments for better technology, ways of production and transport.</li> <li>• The Finnish government committed in May to designing economy recovery measures in line with the 2035 climate neutrality and circular economy goals.</li> <li>• The government has implemented €1.5 billion worth of measures this year – some include: increasing subsidies for energy efficiency, subsidies for wood construction, renewable energy subsidies.</li> <li>• Approximately half of the estimated €2.3 billion EU funding to be committed in 2021-2023 will be dedicated to the green transition.</li> <li>• Finland’s target is to become climate neutral by 2035.</li> </ul>



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**Saara-Sofia Sirén, MP Finland, Chair of the Energy Reform Group of the Finnish Parliament**

- The green recovery package should direct funding for this matter to support a green and smarter rebuilding. For this reason, funding should be spent on decisions that will reduce CO2 emissions.
- It is vital to invest vast amounts into renewables and green technologies because this will be the main vehicle for sustainable growth.

**Session 3** “EU Energy Efficiency Policy Implementation in Finland and the upcoming Renovation Wave” discussed success stories on the implementation of energy efficiency policies in Finland and good practices to stimulate investments in building renovation. The session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective efficiency policies.

**Daniel Becker, Director Guidehouse**

- With the Energy Efficiency Watch projects, since 2006 we have been examining energy efficiency policies across all Member States.
- In some country’s instruments work well because there is broad societal acceptance, a positive narrative that helps the implementation.
- There is a momentum to change the scene, positive narratives are needed to make the Green Deal and the Recovery Plan for RES and EE work. How can we convince influential groups to make them believe in the change?
- As a result of the Energy Efficiency Watch Programme, we are collecting example for stories and narratives that have worked.

**Päivi Laitila, Head of Energy Efficiency Unit, Motiva Oy**

- We have many means to promote energy efficiency and the renovation of buildings.
- There are some strategic goals in climate and energy policy that will help us achieve our targets.

**Session 4** is a discussion with Members of the Finnish Parliament and Members of the European Parliaments on enabling factors and barriers for Finland’s Energy Transition and implementing a Green Recovery Plan.



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Objective  
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The event aimed at presenting the current situation of renewable energies and energy efficiency in Finland and how it is addressed via the National Energy and Climate plans, considering the EU's Clean Energy Package, the European Green Deal and the EU Recovery Plan.

Conclusions

Finland has proved to be very ambitious with their targets to become climate neutral by 2035, 15 years before the rest of Europe. There seems to be a general agreement that the Renovation wave is necessary and important to achieve the Finnish goals.

Programme

## WORKSHOP

### *“The National Energy and Climate Plans & the EU Recovery Plan: The Finnish Green Vision”*

Thursday 24 September 2020

9.00 – 13.00 Helsinki time

(8.00 - 12.00 Brussels time)

Online Webinar (Zoom conference - will be recorded and the video published afterwards)

*Working language: English*

9.00 - 9.05 Introduction

Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

#### SESSION 1: HIGH LEVEL OPENING

9.05 – 9.45: Renewable Energies & Energy Efficiency as Green Elements of the Finnish Recovery Plan

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES



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- **9.05 - 9.15: The National Climate and Energy Strategy and the Finnish position on COVID-19 Recovery Plan**  
Terhi Lehtonen, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Finland
- **9.15 - 9.25: Welcome Speech and Providing key measures and policies for an ambitious Green Recovery Plan**  
Saara-Sofia Sirén, MP Finland, Chair of the Energy Reform Group of the Finnish Parliament
- **9.25 - 9.35: The Recovery Plan and Europe's increased Climate objectives**  
Ville Niinistö, Member of the European Parliament

9.35- 9.45: Discussion with Members of Parliament

Questions from Participants

#### SESSION 2 NOT RELEVANT FOR EEW4

#### 9.45 – 10.45: Towards a Renewable Energy System and Energy Markets

*This session will discuss the trends of the new energy system and energy markets in Finland. Innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors will be presented to show how different actors are implementing solutions overcoming the challenges faced by the traditional energy system and thereby shaping the future Finnish energy system and markets.*

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **9.45 – 9.55: The Finnish Green Recovery plan: role and opportunities for Bioenergy**  
Harri Laurikka, Managing Director, Bioenergia – Finnish Bioenergy Association



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- **9.55 –10.05: The Finnish Green Recovery plan: role and opportunities for Wind Energy**

**Heidi Paalatie**, Director of Operations, Suomen tuulivoimay hdistys Ry - Finnish Wind Power Association

10.05 – 10.15: Discussion with Members of Parliament

Questions from Participants

- **10.15 – 10.25: Renewable Energies as part of a Green Recovery in Europe**

**Michaela Holl**, Policy Analyst, DG Energy, European Commission

- **10.25 – 10.35: How to speed up the Green Recovery and reach 100% Renewable Energy in Finland**

**Tapio Tuomi**, Executive Director, Suomen lähienergialiitto ry, Finnish Clean Energy Association

10.35 – 10.45: Discussion with Members of Parliament

Questions from Participants

10.45 – 10.55: Break

### SESSION 3

**SESSION 3 (Under Energy Efficiency Watch Project – Not reported)**  
**10.55 – 12.00: EU Energy Efficiency Policy Implementation in Finland and the upcoming Renovation Wave**

*This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Finland and good practices for boosting investments in the field of building renovation. Held as part of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective efficiency policies. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will form part of the discussion.*



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Moderator: Daniel Becker, Director, NAVIGANT

10.55 – 11.00: Introduction

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- 11.00 – 11.10: Preparing for the upcoming Renovation Wave: How to stimulate investments in Building Renovation?  
Päivi Laitila, Head of Energy Efficiency Unit, Motiva Oy
- 11.10 – 11.20: Optimising the Building Renovation Wave and the Renewable Energy Systems (RES) in Buildings  
Asa Wahlstrom, Sector Manager, CIT Energy Management AB

11.20 – 11.30: Discussion with Members of Parliament

Questions from Participants

- 11.30 – 11.40: Engaging with customers to develop fair District Heating Systems, the Finnish example  
Jussi Laitinen, Chairman, Finnish Energy & CEO, Tampereen Sähkölaitos Oy
- 11.40 – 11.50: Best practice: optimising District Heating and Cooling systems In Helsinki  
Maiju Westergren, Vice President, Helen Ltd

11.50 – 12.00: Discussion with Members of Parliament

Questions from Participants

## SESSION 4



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**12.00 – 12.55: Discussion with Members of the Finnish Parliament and Members of the European Parliaments on enabling factors and barriers for Finland’s Energy Transition and implementing a Green Recovery Plan**

**Chair:** Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

**Moderator:** Daniel Becker, Director, NAVIGANT

**Expert Panel**

- **Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Saara-Sofia Sirén**, Member of the Finnish Parliament
- **Otso Manninen**, Senior Economist, Bank of Finland
- **Maiju Westergren**, Vice President, Helen Ltd

**12.45 – 12.55: Discussion with Members of Parliament**

**Questions from Participants**

**12:55 – 13.00: Closing Remarks**

**Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES



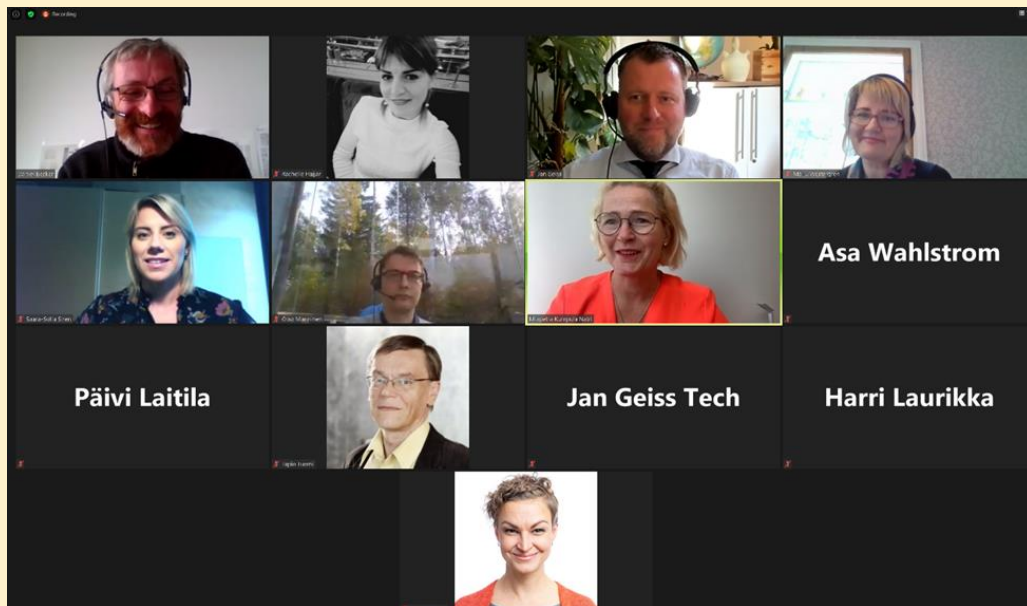
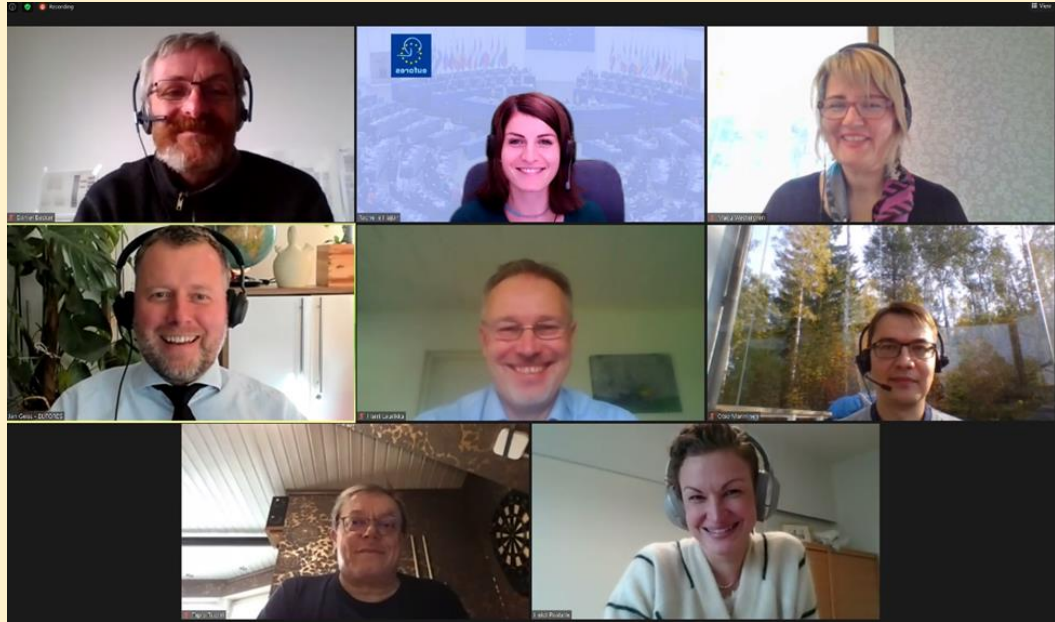
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