

Investing in Energy Efficient Renovations for Europe's Regions **Afternoon Debate, Committee of the Regions** **9th October 2013**

First Session: Public Funding

Mathieu FICHTER, DG REGIO, European Commission



Mathieu has worked, since 2008, at the European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy. He was first a policy analyst in the field of environment and sustainable development and currently he works as a Team Leader on sustainable growth. His previous positions include a post in the European Parliament as climate change & energy adviser and earlier a position as business analyst and marketing project manager in a major international company.

Mathieu holds a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and a Master of Science in Economics & Sociology from the Université Marc Bloch in Strasbourg with studies in Bayreuth (Germany).

Mirja ADLER, KredEx, Estonia



Graduated in economics in 1990 at the University of Tartu, Estonia and as Master of Business Administration in 1999 from the European School of Management, Berlin, Mirja is licensed to deliver energy labelling of buildings and maintenance management for buildings.

Since 2000 she has been working as Head of the Housing and Energy Efficiency Division in the KredEx Fund in Estonia. She has been involved in developing Estonian Housing policy and is responsible for implementing those policy measures in Estonia. Mirja was involved in negotiations with the European Commission on the use of European Structural Funds in Housing in an innovative revolving fund scheme.

In 2010 Mirja was involved in Assigned Amount Unit (AAU) trading and in the grant scheme for refurbishment of apartment buildings that started in September 2010 in KredEx. Following this, in 2012, KredEx opened a similar measure for private detached houses. Mirja was one of the developers for these schemes and is now responsible for their implementation.

In addition, Mirja has been responsible for the Energy Efficiency Competence Centre in KredEx from 2006 to 2009, where her main activities have been focussed on awareness raising campaigns, seminars, consultations etc.

Second Session: Public-Private Funding

José LOPEZ, EnergiesPosit'IF



José Lopez has been Director of Energies Posit'IF since January 2013. Immediately prior to that he was a consultant to the Ile-de-France Region in the setting up of "Energies Posit'IF", a third party financing company based on mixed public-private funding sources.

From 1997 to 2011, he occupied the post of Project Director, then Director General of ICE-Group Burgeap, specialised in consultancy and technical assistance to national and local governments in the fields of sustainable energy and climate change.

His background is in economics and finance and he has worked as a consultant on the development of financial expertise in the field of support programmes and energy projects for various regions and associations (Regions, Departments, EPCI, ADEME, AFD, FFEM, CDC, etc) as well as French and international organisations (European Commission, World Bank, EBRD, CEENU, PNUE-GEF, etc).

He previously worked for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in the department of Energy Efficiency as associated banker and for ADEME where he successively occupied the post of Project Director for Central and Western Europe and as a Long Term Expert in charge of the implementation and management of the TACIS Centre for Energy of the European Commission in Moscow.

Zarpana MASSUD-BAQA, Assistant Vice President, Fund Manager - European Energy Efficiency Fund



Zarpana Massud-Baqa has been working on the European Energy Efficiency Fund, an investment vehicle dedicated to financing of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in EU Member States. In this assignment she has been engaged with the sourcing, evaluating and selecting of various investment opportunities in the PPP sector. She joined the team in 2009 after having served with DB Asset Finance & Leasing's Portfolio Management for two years. She was involved in transaction management services for various asset classes such as Aircraft, Shipping and Rolling Stock.

In addition, Zarpana was responsible for the sustainable investment portfolio at DB Finance and Leasing, thereby implementing an innovative day-to-day management process for the world's first securitisation of subordinated microfinance credits with external rating "db Microfinance-Invest Nr. 1".

Having joined DB after her apprenticeship in 2000, Zarpana worked in DB's Credit Risk Management as a credit analyst for midcap corporate clients. Thereafter she pursued her university degrees.

Zarpana holds a Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Applied Sciences, Mainz. She also holds a BA (Honours) in International Business from the Leeds Metropolitan University (UK).

Third Session: Private Funding

Chiel BOONSTRA, Trecodome



The career of Chiel Boonstra combines architecture and energy in an innovative way.

He obtained his degree in Architecture at Delft University and his career developed into becoming an expert in the field of low energy building and the application of passive solar techniques. He worked on a variety of innovative projects in the field of city planning, new buildings and renovation projects in The Netherlands and in the United Kingdom.

Chiel Boonstra has given an impressive number of lectures and presentations at national and international forums and he is the author of three books in the field of solar and sustainable building. He runs his own company called Trecodome, providing advice to design teams for low energy projects in housing, renovation and school buildings. He is also an expert partner in several European Commission supported research and implementation projects. He is technical coordinator

of Treco, a European network of social housing organisations in, who exchange experiences in low energy building in practice.

He is a Board Member of the International Solar Cities Initiative, an independent international body aiming to build a bridge between research and cities to achieve sustainable greenhouse gas emissions in cities throughout the world.

Moderator

Peter Schilken, Energy Cities



Peter Schilken is Senior Project Manager at Energy Cities. He possesses all the technical skills required (and an experience of more than 30 years) for energy auditing and certification of buildings, integration of renewable energy in buildings and in renewable energies in general.

During the last twenty years and, in particular, during his period on the staff of Energy Cities he has developed a good knowledge of the European Commission's energy programmes and close contacts with the European institutions.

Before joining Energy Cities in 1996 Peter was the Managing Director of a small energy consultancy office in Hanover and guest lecturer at the Leipzig University of Hannover. Since 2004 Peter is coordinating the European Display® Campaign.