

EU funding opportunities in Ireland

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Agenda



- About Housing Europe
- Different programmes and their relevance
 - how funds might be accessed to greater effect
- Best practices-concrete project examples

About Housing Europe

European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing

- Established in 1988, it is a network of 43 national and regional federations which together gather 43.000 public, social and cooperative housing providers in 23 countries.
- Managing over 26 million homes, about 11% of existing dwellings in the EU.



Vision

Access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities which are **socially, economically and environmentally sustainable** and where all are enabled to reach their **full potential**.

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Stock owned as rental or cooperatives by CECODHAS members as % of the total housing stock in each country.

Which programmes?

Structural Funds



AMIF



The Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund →

EFSI



European Fund for Strategic Investments →

EIB, ELENA, EBRD, CEB loans



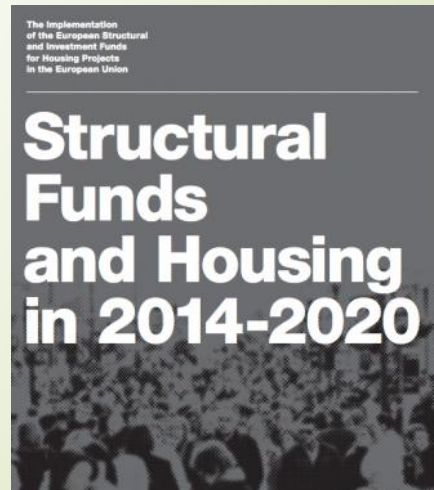
Structural Funds

- 3 relevant Funds (ERDF, ESF, CF)-More than € 350 billion
- Allocation on 2 priorities: Energy efficiency, social infrastructures and social inclusion
- Loans, grants, financial instruments
 - ERDF: €18-20 bn on energy efficiency for housing, public and industrial buildings
 - Eligible: housing infrastructure, regeneration of deprived urban areas (energy efficient construction/refurbishment, renewable energy)

An overview of related Operational Programmes, priorities and dedicated budgets per country

Key points:

- ✓ **Larger EU allocation than before**
- ✓ **Flexible use**
- ✓ **Support applies from individual householders to whole apartment buildings**



Relevant OPs in Ireland

- 2 adopted OPs focus on **energy efficiency** solutions in housing and revitalization of urban areas
- Main support: ERDF (50 %/project)

Border, Midland &
Western Regional OP:
Priority 4-low carbon
economy

Planned investment on
housing retrofit is €36m

S & E Regional OP: Priority 4 on
Low Carbon Economy-€133m
of total investment

2 separate schemes:

- 1.Social Housing retrofitting
2. Better Energy Warmer Homes Schemes aimed at privately owned houses at risk of energy poverty.

Italy (2015-2018)

- €15 million assistance for **energy investments in 622 private and public social housing dwellings**
- Mechanism: Project development assistance
- **combines different financing instruments:** ERDF, National financing, National incentive “Conto termico” and loans
- Two social housing associations of the Emilia Romagna Region, ACER Reggio Emilia and ACER Parma.
- The project will develop an innovative and aggregated sustainable energy investment scheme.



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European Strategic Investment Plan



- An opportunity to finance quick and cost-effective construction of new dwellings
- Long-term investment schemes (as loan)
- EIB cooperates with national public banks or other agencies

Project criteria

1. should be economically viable
2. reflect EU priorities
3. have a high risk profile with high socio-economic returns

More details

- 'intelligens finance for intelligent buildings'
- Applications continuously from all across the EU
- Written agreement of the Regional Assembly needed



- European Investment Project Portal: for EU project promoters who can show their projects to potential investors
- Criteria of admitting a project to the Portal:
 - have a minimum size of €10 million
 - falls under the EFSI
 - be expected to start within 3 years from submission to EIPP
 - the project promoter should be a legal entity established in a MS

France (2015-2019)



- Energy efficiency **refurbishment in residential buildings**
 - Beneficiary: Legal entities and local authorities (Final beneficiaries homeowners/homeowner associations)
 - Total Budget: €800 million (€400 million EIB loan ensured by local intermediaries such as public and public-private entities and commercial banks)
 - Activities: increasing energy efficiency of 40,000 flats and houses by improving their insulation, renovating the heating and ventilation systems.
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- Home-owners access: long-term loans and technical assistance +technical/administrative support
 - 6000 job creation during the construction phase, and in the long term energy consumption saving (10,000 households)

Horizon 2020

- 2015: €98.15 m for energy efficiency
- April 2016: Launch of European energy efficiency Platform
Organise all data related to thematic areas:
such as buildings and distribution (heating, cooling, electricity)
- Project search database: inspirational



**Consortium: min. 3
partners**
**Indicative budget : max
1,5-2 m €/project**

- Current calls

EE-13-2016: Cost reduction of new Nearly Zero-Energy buildings

Deadline Sept 2016

E 14 – 2016/2017: Overcoming the market failures and promoting deep renovation of buildings

EE 15 – 2017: Demand response and energy management in buildings

EE 17 – 2016/2017: Construction skills

Deadline Jan 2017

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Success story-Horizon 2020

Project Zero+, York, UK (2013-2019)

- Achieving near Zero and Positive Energy homes in Europe using Advanced Energy Technology
- Construction of 500 new family homes on the outskirts of York
- 44% reduction in CO2 emissions-high levels of insulation, a communal biomass boiler
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AMIF



The Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund →

Can be used

- to improve reception capacities
- to integrate migrants at local and regional levels.

Total budget: €2.4 billion for 2014-2020

Shared management (Member States-EU) through National Programmes.

Eligible areas

'Housing, accommodation, social integration and urban development with regard of asylum seekers should be further financed in order to avoid housing refugees.'

EIB loan



- The EIB does around 90% of lending is within the EU
- Provides 450 projects each year in over 160 countries

Why it contributes?

- An EIB priority: Social and affordable housing are key to integrated urban development,
 - Contribute to inclusive growth
 - Contributes to social and economic cohesion by enabling balanced growth
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- Info about application:
http://www.eib.org/projects/cycle/applying_loan/index.htm

1 billion GBP loan for UK social housing

- EIB provides a **30-year loan** to Housing Finance Corporation
 - + 1 billion government guarantee
- Affordable Housing Finance Programme will help accelerate the construction of new built social housing by housing associations
- **20000 new homes** will be built in at least 5 areas (Glasgow, Wigan, Bradford, Cambridge and Scarborough)
- **70 associations** have applied for financing



Project in the Netherlands (2016-2020)



- Beneficiary: Portaal Housing Corporation
- Total Budget: €200 million of EIB loan



- **First time that the EIB has entered into an agreement with a housing corporation.**
- Activities: energy efficient refurbishment and build new energy-neutral homes.
- The programme consists of more than 40 small-scale sustainability projects in the regions where Portaal operates
- involves nearly 5 000 homes.

EIB loan to tackle migration crisis

Germany (2015-2018)

- € 120 million loan for the **refurbishment/construction** of refugee accommodation in different parts of the country
- For 46,000 refugees
- 100 schemes are being implemented (by local authorities, social housing companies).



Expected impact:
improved integration of
refugees;
facilities created such as
student accommodation,
homes for the elderly or
educational centres

Loans of CEB



- finances **sustainable & affordable housing for vulnerable populations** having difficulty in accessing housing/can only do so under unfavourable conditions
- Application: **the request for a loan should come from the Ministry of Finance**
- Eligible activities: renovation, construction/refurbishment and conversion of existing buildings to residential use.
- Eligible projects: target access to property ownership, rented accommodation and associated infrastructure, provided under national or local government assisted schemes or regulated commercial programmes.
- **grants can be made available to subsidise interest rates and/or to finance technical assistance and/or part of the investment costs**
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Project in Portugal

- **Rehabilitating run-down neighbourhoods** and ensuring affordable housing
- Beneficiary: Government's Institute for Housing and Urban Rehabilitation
- Total Budget: € 15 million loan
- In 2014, the Portuguese government approved the programme for the rehabilitation of housing units built more than 30 years ago, located in urban rehabilitation areas and predominantly intended for residential use.



- Objective: co-financing the rehabilitation of urban areas to improve living conditions and provide affordable housing
- 1 500 households will benefit

More opportunities

ELENA



**ELENA – European Local
ENergy Assistance**

- helps cities/regions achieve energy efficiency potential by **providing technical assistance** for implementing projects
- Application through EIB
- Covers up to 90 % of costs

EBRD



European Bank
for Reconstruction and Development

- **Financing efficiency measures** in residential and public buildings and investments in public transport
- Civil Society Engagement Unit

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