



15 November 2023: PROSPECT+ Policy Dialogue webinar

## WHEN SUBSIDIES RUN OUT: FROM PUBLIC FUNDING TO INNOVATIVE FINANCING INSTRUMENTS FOR LOCAL ENERGY TRANSITION

Join us on 15 November for a Policy Dialogue webinar to discuss how cities can shift from relying on public funding to successfully using innovative financing instruments when subsidies are limited.

We are bringing together public authorities and municipal energy agencies with representatives of EU institutions and private investors to talk about cities' priorities, needs, and challenges that impact the speed of the energy transformation on the local level. We will highlight the findings from [Prospect+ consultations](#) on public authorities' attitudes to innovative financing instruments and to decreasing reliance on traditional subsidies. Speakers will explore the needs and the barriers cities face when public funding for their energy transition is limited. We will share recommendations, postulates, and successful examples of projects which, despite challenges, did not rely solely on subsidies. As part of the continuous dialogue, representatives of EU institutions and private investors will give an overview of support opportunities and initiatives under development.

### JOIN:

**DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 2023 (WEDNESDAY), 10:30-12:30 CET, ONLINE (MS TEAMS)**

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### SPEAKERS:



**KRIŽEVCI**  
Sanela Mikulčić Šantić



**DG ENER**  
Georg Houben



**VALLADOLID**  
Alicia Villazan Cabero



**BwB**  
Allison Lobb



**SELNICA OB DRAVI**  
Viasta Krmelj



**CARTIF**  
Miguel Á. García-Fuentes



**KRAKOW**  
Andrzej Łazęcki



**AMERSFOORT**  
Jolein Schorel

### AGENDA:

10:30-10:40

#### Welcome & Introduction

Results of the ongoing consultations under PROSPECT+ Policy Dialogue: overview of the priorities, needs and barriers public authorities have raised and their universality across Europe.

Sylvia Słomiak, Eurocities / PROSPECT+



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**10:40-10:55 Success stories and success factors**

Examples of projects implemented or tested with reduced dependence on subsidies, despite challenges.

- Miguel Á. García-Fuentes, EU Projects Coordinator, Cartif, Spain
- Sanela Mikulčić Šantić, Cooperative Manager, Križevci, Croatia
- Sandrine Deternay, City of Albertville, France (TBC)

**10:55-11:20 Panel Discussion: The reality on the local level.**

Recommendations for decision-makers to make innovative financing instruments more accessible to public authorities across Europe.

- Vlasta Krmelj, Mayor of Selnica ob Dravi and CEO of ENERGAP, Slovenia
- Alicia Villazan Cabero, Project Manager, Valladolid City Council, Spain
- Jolein Schorel, Municipality of Amersfoort, the Netherlands
- Andrzej Łazęcki, Director of Municipal Economy and Climate Department, Kraków, Poland

**11:20-11:35 Q&A and discussion:** comments from the audience and questions to the panellists.

**All attendees** (moderated by Sylwia Slomiak, Eurocities / PROSPECT+)

**11:35-12:05 Panel Discussion: Available and upcoming support programmes and the regulatory context.**

Latest support opportunities and the benefits of private capital for ensuring high impact of municipal projects.

- Georg Houben, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER)
- Allison Lobb, Executive Director, Bankers without Boundaries
- Representative of CINEA (TBC)

**12:05-12:20 Discussion with the audience:**

Opportunities to implement large-scale energy investments with reduced use of subsidies: situation on the local level.

**12:30 Wrap-up and closing**

## Organisers:

Eurocities on behalf of the PROSPECT+ consortium: Adelphi, ENERGAP, Energy Cities, ESV, Eurocities, Fedarene, IEECP, SEMMO, Tipperary Energy Agency, UPRC and Valladolid City Council.

**PROSPECT+** enhances public authorities' capacity and fosters dialogue about accelerating the energy transition, addressing the challenging scale of the needed climate action by focusing on innovative financing instruments.

**Contribute your input to the opening session and the broader consultations:** [www.h2020prospect.eu/policy-dialogue](http://www.h2020prospect.eu/policy-dialogue)

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