

Deadline for Receipt of Abstracts:
15 June 2006

All authors will be notified of the decision of the Selection Committee by the end of July.

Authors will also receive specifications for the preparation of the final contribution for the conference proceedings. All presentations accepted will be published in the CD conference proceedings.

The final contribution must be submitted until 31 October 2006.

Conference information

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Conference

“Retrofitting of Social Housing: Financing and Policy Options”

Thessaloniki, Greece

7&8 November 2006

First Announcement and Call for Presentations

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About the Event

Social housing conditions vary considerably in the EU (especially between the old and the new Member States) and Accession countries. However, retrofitting of existing social housing buildings is high on the agenda in most of the countries. Local and national initiatives are complemented by financial support from the European level e.g. through the Structural Funds as well as within the European Communities' Intelligent Energy – Europe Programme (IEE).

The target of this event is to provide a forum for exchange of experience on retrofitting of social housing and in particular on related financing mechanisms and incentives. This exchange is expected to stimulate the debate between social housing companies, financing institutions, public authorities and other stakeholders across Europe. It should contribute:

- to highlight important benefits as well as barriers for retrofitting of social housing;
- to identify policies and financing tools that encourage (further) retrofitting of social housing programmes and projects; Furthermore,
- to promote energy services and innovative financing schemes for retrofitting of social housing; and
- to increase the networking among the target groups.

The event will be held on 7-8 November 2006 in Thessaloniki (GR), in connection with the General Assembly of CECODHAS, the European Liaison Committee for Social Housing. It will consist of plenary as well as parallel sessions.

Topics of Interest

- Current European status for retrofitting of social housing
- Experiences with existing supporting incentives and programmes for retrofitting of social housing
- Financial and institutional barriers for retrofitting of social housing
- Design of innovative policy & financing schemes.
- Retrofitting of Social Housing & Structural Funds
- The perspective of Energy Services and the role of ESCOs
- The tenants' experience
- Retrofitting of social housing in the new EU-10 and the Accession countries
- Fuel poverty programmes
- The impact of the European Directives for the Performance of Buildings & Energy Services

Target Group

Social housing associations, governments and Local authorities, financing institutions, associations of tenants and building owners, utilities, energy service companies, construction and renovation companies, architects & engineers, energy agencies, consultants.

Information for Authors

Authors wishing to make a contribution at this conference should read the following instructions carefully and send an abstract to the address given below.

The abstract should be submitted in English or Greek and English and should state:

- Full title
- Author's full name, affiliation, address, tel/fax/e-mail
- Topic of Interest addressed
- Outline of the presentation and experience to be shared

The abstract should be single spaced and no longer than one page (size A4, 210x300mm). It should be sent to:

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