

ACE-Retrofitting Conference

How can local and national governments accelerate energy retrofitting in condominiums?

Brussels, 22 November 2019, 10:00-16:00

AGENDA

Municipalities and regions play a key role in encouraging energy retrofits in condominiums. Although European local authorities are tackling the residential sector as part of their climate action, many of them still ignore the specific challenges and needs of condominiums. What are key measures, both from a policy and an operational point of view, for accelerating condominium upgrades? And how can a local government link the different stakeholders for effective implementation and measurable success?

Policy-makers and city practitioners will discuss and share learnings from the Interreg ACE-Retrofitting (Accelerating Condominium Energy Retrofitting) project around strategies and tools to overcome the legal, socio-psychological and financial barriers of building improvements in condominiums.

Target audience:

- Local authorities from Belgium and North West Europe
- Co-owner associations
- Syndics
- Local energy agencies
- Building professionals

Conference languages:

English and French (simultaneous translation)

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Watch out! In order to get access to the venue, you need to [register also to the Belgian professional fair «Salon de la copropriété»](#).

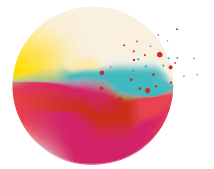


Venue

Brussels-Expo Palais 1
Place de Belgique 1
1020 Laeken – Brussels
Room Mezzanine



This conference takes place during the 3rd edition of the Belgian fair trade on condominiums (Salon de la copropriété).



9:30-10:00 Coffee and registration

10:00-10:30 Welcome and introduction

10:30 -12:00 **Political debate**

Moderator: Claire Roumet, Energy Cities

10:30 -11:15

 **Supporting condominiums in Belgium**

How to design policies that meet the specific needs of condominiums ?

- **Thierry Van Cauwenberg** - Energy Consultant, Cabinet of Philippe HENRY, Vice-President of the **Wallon Government and Minister for Climate, Energy and Mobility**
- **Sandrine Galet** - Vice-President of the Belgian **Association of Syndics and Real Estate Administrators**
- **Olivier Hamal** - President of the National **Federation of Condominium Owners**
- **Roel Vermeiren** - Coordinator long-term strategy for dwelling renovation and Policy officer social energy policy, **Flemish Energy Agency (VEA)**
- **Vincent Spruytte** - Vice-President of the **French-speaking Union of Syndics**

11:15-12:00

 **Condominiums in the European policy landscape**

Policy-makers from EU institutions and cities outside of Belgium will do a roundup of existing and needed policy instruments for facilitating condominium retrofits.

- **Emmanuelle Causse** - Director of European Affairs, **International Union of Property Owners**
- **Antoine Guéguen** - Project Director «Eco-rénovons Paris», **City of Paris**

Other speakers to be confirmed

12:00-14:00

Networking lunch and stroll through the trade fair

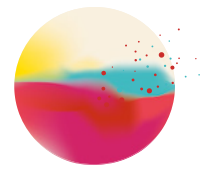
Participants will get a voucher for lunch on the spot.



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14:00-15:30

City expert session



Coaching and connecting homeowners and building professionals: One-stop-shops for condominiums

Moderators: **Christiane Maurer** and **Ian Turner**, **Energy Cities**

Public authorities are trustful partners in an energy retrofit project, both for the demand and the supply side. Based on their experiences within the ACE-Retrofitting project, city and research delegates will reveal how they designed and implemented specific support schemes for condominiums.

Their very practical learnings include the services provided, time and budget needed, their starting point and ambitions, their local context and overarching policies in the field, digital and non-digital tools used, methods for follow-up and tracking progress.

- **Béatrice Bienenfeld** - Responsible for territorial mobilisation, **Paris Climate Agency**
- **Véronique Biquet** - External Relations and **Marc Schlitz** Environmental Expert, Strategic Division, **Liège**
- **Sara Cameron** - Senior Domestic Energy Officer, Energy Management Team, **Aberdeen**
- **Jonas Geissler** - Municipal Energy Agency, **Frankfurt**
- **Barbara de Kezel** - Energy Advisor ACE-Retrofitting and **Jan Meuleman**, Coordinator Energyhouse Antwerp, **Antwerp**
- **Rianne van der Krogt** - VvE Coordinator, VvE Energiebalie Maastricht and **Weike Medendorp** - Senior Policy Maker Sustainability, **Maastricht**
- **Ian Smith** - Head of Consultancy **Changeworks**
- **Annemarie van Zeijl** - Programme Director, Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society, Assistant Professor Sustainable Development, Maastricht Sustainability Institute, **Maastricht University**

15:30-16:00

The way forward for large-scale condominium support

For an acceleration of energy retrofitting in condominiums, local governments need to create the favourable context. The ACE-Retrofitting project supports cities and regions that have the ambition to scale up support schemes.

Through the ACE-Retrofitting project local governments learn to act as facilitators between co-owners and building experts.

- Paris Climate Agency
- Changeworks UK
- City of Aberdeen
- City of Antwerp
- City of Frankfurt
- City of Liège
- City of Maastricht
- Maastricht University

More on ACE-Retrofitting tools and results:
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