

EUCF Intensive Days 2026

Implementing Your Investment Concept: Immersive workshop for EUCF Beneficiaries

8–9 June 2026

Mundo Madou, Avenue des Arts 7–8, Brussels (Room Artemisia)

Registration link [here](#).

As part of the learning programme, the **EUCF Intensive Days** is a unique opportunity for EUCF beneficiaries to meet their peers in-person, to give feedback on each other's investment concepts, and to receive targeted advice from financial and technical experts on the next steps to take.

The event is further an acknowledgement of the hard work done by everyone involved in the EUCF, celebrating the impacts for the local energy transition.

Through interactive sessions, peer learning circles and a dedicated technical workshop, participants will:

- Deepen their understanding of financing and economic analysis
- Strengthen the bankability of their projects
- Exchange practical experiences with peers
- Receive tailored recommendations from experts
- Reinforce national-level cooperation and networking.



Time	Session
13.30 – 14.00	Arrival of participants – Coffee & registration
14.00 – 14.30	Welcome, Opening Remarks & Policy Keynote This session will officially open the Intensive Days and set the strategic context. Representatives from the European Commission and CINEA will highlight the EU's commitment to empowering municipalities in delivering the local energy transition, including through the European City Facility. <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michele Sansoni, Programme Coordination Manager, LIFE Clean Energy Transition, CINEA (<i>confirmed</i>)• Carlos Sanchez Rivero, Team Leader, Energy Efficiency Finance, DG ENER (<i>confirmed</i>) <u>Facilitator:</u> Francisco Gonçalves
14.30 – 14.50	6 Years of EUCF – and the Road Ahead: Towards EUCF 3.0 A retrospective look at the journey of the European City Facility over the past six years, highlighting key achievements, milestones, and the growing impact, and an introduction of the vision and priorities for the future of the initiative. <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Francisco Gonçalves, Carolina Borges, EUCF Team
14.50 – 15.50	EUCF spotlight: From concept to Real Investment This session will showcase how EUCF support translates into tangible investment projects on the ground. Four municipalities will share their journeys from initial idea to concrete financing steps, implementation progress, and lessons learned. <u>Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arnaud Blommaert, Oudenaarde, Belgium• Dimitris Tzempelikos, Egaleo, Greece• Gabor Koterle, Kiskunhalas, Hungary• Dominika Grodkowska, Poland <u>Facilitator:</u> Francisco Gonçalves



15.50 – 16.10 Break (20 min)

16.10 – 17.30 Peer learning circles

Call 7 beneficiaries will share practical experiences and challenges as they developed their ICs, followed by a structured discussion with EUFC experts, national hubs and country experts and a summary of key lessons learned.

Indicative topics:

- Public buildings renovation
- District heating & local heat planning
- Governance, planning & internal capacity

Facilitator: **Simon Dujardin**

17.30 – 17.40 Peer learning wrap up and closing of the day

Key takeaways from each discussion table.

17.40 – 19.00 Networking drink

An informal moment to continue networking, share final thoughts, and celebrate the collective efforts driving local energy transitions across Europe



Agenda (Tuesday 9th June 2026)

Time	Session
9.00 – 12.00	<p>Beyond the Investment Concept: Economic Analysis to Strengthen Bankability</p> <p>This interactive and practical workshop will introduce the fundamentals of economic analysis as a tool to strengthen the bankability of sustainable energy projects developed by public authorities.</p> <p>Building on the EUCF Investment Concept and financial model, the session will show how economic analysis complements project-level financial viability by capturing broader socio-economic, environmental and public value impacts. While financial analysis answers whether a project can be paid for and repaid, economic analysis helps explain why the project is worth doing, who benefits, and how it contributes to wider policy objectives.</p> <p>The workshop will clarify the relevance of economic analysis for different financing pathways. For commercial lenders, it can reinforce the credibility and strategic value of the project, although repayment capacity remains central. For grant providers, public banks, development banks and concessional lenders, it can provide essential evidence on public value, additionality and impact.</p> <p>Combining theoretical input with practical application, the session will explore how economic analysis can help public authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen the overall investment case and public justification of the project• Provide evidence to support applications for grants, public support and blended finance• Prepare dialogue with public banks, development banks and concessional lenders• Clarify how broader socio-economic and environmental value complements, but does not replace, financial viability and repayment capacity <p><u>Facilitators:</u> Valentina Cabal, Álvaro Salamanca and Paula Ferrando</p>
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p>EUSEW 2026 Official session:</p> <p>Plugging the gap: how to make local heating and cooling plans investable</p>



Location: European Commission's Charlemagne building - Jenkins room
(Ground floor)

Registration (mandatory): [Here](#) (Select in person attendance on the 9th)

This session is part of the official EUSEW 2026 agenda and requires specific registration at EUSEW 2026 webpage.

How can local planning, managed gas decommissioning, and EU funding & technical support unlock real investments that help cities phase out fossil heating, while strengthening security & affordability? Achieving energy security, affordability, and climate targets requires decarbonising heating through bold, actionable local planning. The EU is pushing for cities to prepare heating and cooling plans, but financing their implementation lags behind. What can be done?

