



2nd International Roundtable of RENOINVEST 31st March 2025

Invitation

Second International Roundtable of RENOINVEST Project

Dear Expert,

Following the success of the first international roundtable and study tour of the Renoinvest project, held in April 2024 in Slovenia, we are delighted to invite you to the second international roundtable, taking place on March 31, 2025, in Szentendre, Hungary.

While the first [event focused on one-stop-shop solutions](#) as a key approach to sustainable renovation, this second roundtable will highlight the implementation plans for the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the exchange of best practices for leveraging private financing in building renovations. Achieving the EU's climate and energy goals requires a significant increase in the energy renovation rate, with an ambition to at least double it by 2030. Mobilizing private investment is becoming increasingly crucial, as deep renovations demand substantial financial resources. Engaging private financing will be key to scaling up energy-efficient building transformations, with staged renovation playing a vital role in reaching these targets.

This roundtable will bring together building industry representatives, policymakers, and financial experts from Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia to discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with building renovations. Through expert insights and cross-border collaboration, the event aims to explore barriers, exchange solutions, and foster partnerships that can accelerate the transition toward a more sustainable built environment.

The official language of the event is English, and online participation is available to follow the event remotely. **Please register [HERE](#).**

We look forward to your participation in this important discussion, where together we can take meaningful steps toward an energy-efficient and sustainable future.

The Renoinvest team

2nd International Roundtable of RENOINVEST project Sustainable renovation of buildings with the focus on financing building renovations

Hybrid mode (in person & online) in English only

ÉMI Szentendre, Hungary

Attendance is free upon registration [HERE](#)

AGENDA / 31st March, 2025

10:00 - 10:30	Registration with coffee and snack
10:30 - 10:40	Welcome Renáta Határ, Deputy State Secretary for Construction Economy at the Ministry of Construction and Transport, Managing Director of ÉMI Non-profit Ltd. , Hungary
10:40 - 10:50	RENOINVEST project introduction Dorottya Hujber, Coordinator, ÉMI Non-profit Llc. , Hungary
10:50 - 11:10	Financing Building Renovations Under the EPBD Recast Afroditi Psatha, Project and Events Manager, Renovate Europe Campaign
11:10 – 12:10	Presentations on financing solutions involving private investments and good practices: Austrian case: Martin Clemens Weber , ERSTE Bank und SPARKASSE , Head of Real Estate Department: Experience of Erste Bank with the EIB Green Housing Loan Hungarian case: Roland Papp , Head of Department for Housing Policy Development, Ministry for National Economy : Housing Policy Actions Slovenian case: Rok Jereb , Head of Implementation of B2C Energy Solutions, Petrol d.d. : Practice in financing energy renovations of multi-apartment buildings
12:10 – 13:00	Roundtable discussion on the involvement of private financing into building renovation Invited experts: Martin Clemens Weber , Head of Real Estate Department, Erste Bank und Sparkasse, Austria Roland Papp , Head of Division, Ministry for National Economy , Hungary Dr. Gyula Nagy , CEO of MBH Mortgage Bank , Hungary Rajné Adamecz Ildikó , financial expert, Archenerg Cluster , Hungary Boštjan Udovič , real estate management division director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia , Slovenia <i>Moderated by Renoinvest partner: Wolfgang Amann, Institute for Real Estate, Construction and Housing Ltd., Austria</i>

13:00-13:50	Sandwich lunch
13:50 – 14:50	<p>Presentations on securing energy efficient renovation from the technical perspective:</p> <p>Austria: Arch. DI Magdalena Donà, architect, Atelier Magdalena Donà, member of the Viennese initiative “Baurettungsgasse”: Construction Rescue Lane and the Renovation Coach</p> <p>Hungary: Gábor Lekics, architect, building energy certifier, Lekics Engineering Office: Building energy certification and the practice of energy renovations in Hungary</p> <p>Slovenia:</p> <p>Vladimir Gumilar, director, Slovenian construction cluster: Slovenian OSS development and Renov-AID LIFE project– new acceleration services for deep building renovation in Slovenia</p> <p>Marjana Šijanec Zavrl, Head of Centre for Indoor Env., Building Physics and Energy, Building and Civil Engineering Institute: Towards deep and sustainable renovation of Slovenian building stock</p>
14:50 – 15:40	<p>Roundtable discussion on sustainable renovation of buildings</p> <p>Invited experts:</p> <p>Arch. DI Magdalena Donà, Atelier Magdalena Donà, Austria</p> <p>Tamás Csoknyai PhD, habil, DSc, Head of Department of Building Services and Process Engineering, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary</p> <p>Gábor Lekics, architect, building energy certifier, Lekics Engineering Office, Hungary</p> <p>Marjana Šijanec Zavrl, Head of Centre for Indoor Env., Building Physics and Energy, Building and Civil Engineering Institute, Slovenia</p> <p>Vladimir Gumilar, director, Slovenian construction cluster-SGG, Slovenia</p> <p>Dr. Alenka Mauko Pranjic, ZAG -Head of division for materials, Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute, Slovenia</p> <p><i>Moderated by Renoinvest partner: Lili Béres, Head of Construction Knowledge Centre Office, ÉMI Non-profit Ltd.</i></p>
15:40 – 15:50	Wrap up and conclusions
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Good case example: Multi-apartment building renovation project in Szentendre</p> <p><i>Dr. Károly Matolcsy, architect, senior international researcher, ÉMI Non-profit Ltd.</i></p>
	Coffee and drinks
16:00 - 18:00	<p>Study visit</p> <p>Multi-apartment building renovation project in Szentendre: Hamvas Béla street 2-10.</p> <p>Guided by: <i>Dr. Károly Matolcsy, ÉMI Non-profit Ltd.</i></p>
<p>Event moderator: Dr. Krisztina Ligetvári, Senior Advisor for International Relations, ÉMI Non-profit Ltd.</p>	

*The organizers reserve the right to amend the agenda if necessary.

Keynote speakers and roundtable experts



Mr. Tamás Csoknyai, DSc, habil., associate professor, and MSc in mechanical engineering with expertise in building physics, energy management, and building stock modeling. Head of the Department of Building Service and Process Engineering at Budapest University of Technology and Economics since 2019. Active in the field since 1998, he has participated in over 20 national and international research initiatives, including QualDeEPC, EPISCOPE, and SOLANOVA. He was a member of the Hungarian delegation in the Concerted Action for EPBD until 2018 and contributed to the transposition of the EPBD in Hungary. His work includes developing building stock models and scenario studies for national strategic policy documents. He has also been involved in postgraduate education as a lecturer and training material developer in programs such as HI-SMART and Interreg Together.



Ms. Madgalena Dona is a self-employed architect specializing in sustainable design and energy consultation. Previously, she worked as a Daylight Architect at Velux Austria (2021–2024) and led residential projects at simon und stütz Architekten (2011–2021). Her work includes international projects like a children's home in Indonesia and the *Re-Locate Kivalina* project in Alaska. A co-founder of *raumkombinat* and *Architektur Ohne Grenzen Austria*, she has also contributed to permaculture initiatives in Australia. Her work has earned multiple awards, including the Margarete Schütte-Lihotzky Project Scholarship, and she has presented on community architecture and sustainability at various institutions.



Mr. Vladimir Gumilar holds a Master of Science in Construction from Ljubljana University and an MBA from the University of Kansas. Since 2004, he has served as Cluster Manager of the Construction Cluster of Slovenia (CCS), coordinating RTD and other cluster projects. He played a key role in developing the Slovenian Construction Technology Platform and has been actively involved in EU research projects supporting R&D for SMEs. He developed the ICM333 methodology for innovation clusters in construction and coordinated several EU projects, including STOREPET (FP7), ECCA (COSME), and AEC EUROCLUSTER. He is also the initiator of the International Circular Construction Cluster (ICCC).



Mr. Gábor Lekics architect, certified facility engineer, energy certifier, and auditor. As an energy expert at ÉMI (2013–2019), he led the energy renovation of over 50 government office buildings in Western Hungary. Over the past decade, he has issued energy certificates for 3,000+ buildings and contributed to hundreds of residential and business energy applications. Since 2019, he has led Lekics Engineering Office and has taught at Széchenyi István University since 2021. He regularly lectures through the Scientific Society for Building and has received multiple professional awards, including the ÉMI Young Employee of the Year (2013), the ÉTE Medal of Merit (2015), and the Alpár Ignác Award (2024).



Mr. Gyula Nagy is a member of the Board and CEO of MBH Mortgage Bank since 2017. He began his banking career as a corporate banker in 1987 and has held various positions in different banks. Since 2022, he has served as the President of the Data and Research Committee in the European Mortgage Federation. MBH Mortgage Bank participates in the Energy Efficient Mortgage Initiative of the EMF and also holds the Energy Efficient Mortgage Label of the ECBC.



Mr. Roland Papp is an economist with extensive experience in budgeting and financial controlling. In recent years, he has played a key role in major sports infrastructure projects in Budapest, contributing to the successful execution of large-scale construction investments. Over the past 2.5 years, he has been leading the development of Hungary's housing policy, designing key programs such as the EU-funded Home Renovation Program and reviving the New Rural Home Renovation Program. He has played a key role in shaping multiple housing and family support schemes, making homeownership and renovation more accessible.



Ms. Alenka Mauko Pranjić Ph.D. Geology is an expert in circular construction, focusing on secondary raw materials and their environmental, economic, and social impacts. She has been involved in international projects on recycled industrial, construction, mining, and urban waste, urban mobility, water and soil remediation, and cultural heritage. Since 2008, she has coordinated multiple international (LIFE, H2020, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Urban Mobility, Interreg Central Europe) and national research projects, also acting as a work package leader. She has served as an H2020 evaluator, journal reviewer, and is actively engaged in science promotion.



Ms. Afroditi Psatha is the Project and Events Manager for the Renovate Europe Campaign and Efficient Buildings Europe. She plays a key role in promoting energy efficiency and advancing building renovation initiatives across Europe. Afroditi has contributed to significant reports on financing and renovation, including *"2021-2027 Cohesion Policy Support for Energy Efficiency and Building Renovation,"* which evaluates EU cohesion funding for energy efficiency projects. Her previous experience includes roles at the Irish and Greek Permanent Representations to the European Union.



Mr. Boštjan Udovič after completing his studies at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana, he began his career in 2004 at the Public Housing Fund of the Municipality of Koper, as a Senior Advisor for Legal Affairs. He then continued his career in various positions at the Municipality of Postojna, where he was also the Director of the Municipal Administration from 2011 to 2014. Since October 2015, he is the Director of the Real Estate Association of Slovenia at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Among his many other experiences, it is worth mentioning that from 2012 to 2016 he was the President of the Supervisory Board of the Housing Fund of the Republic of Slovenia.



Ms. Dr. Marjana Šijanec Zavrl is a civil engineer with a Ph.D. in building physics from the University of Ljubljana. She leads the Centre for Indoor Environment, Building Physics, and Energy at the Building and Civil Engineering Institute ZRMK and is an associate professor in Law and Real Estate Management. Her work focuses on EPBD policies, NZEBs, and long-term renovation strategies, collaborating with Slovenia's national ministry and EU projects. She leads sustainability initiatives like Level(s) adaptation and LIFE IP CARE4CLIMATE and is involved in deploying One-Stop-Shops for renovation. She is also a certified DGNB Consultant and ESG Manager.



Mr. Martin Clemens Weber is Head of the Real Estate Department at Erste Bank der Österreichischen Sparkassen AG (since 2016) and Managing Director of Erste ÖSW Wohnbauträger GmbH (since 2013). He lectures on real estate financing at Wohnen Plus Akademie, IMH, and Bankakademie. With a background in law, Italian, and history from Vienna and Milan, he has over a decade of experience in the legal department of s Bausparkasse, specializing in residential construction. He is also an authorized signatory of Wohnbauinvestitionsbank and has training in project management and professional training.