



Clean Energy Investment Strategy & Support Package on Energy Efficiency Financing

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Clean Energy Investment Strategy (10 March - COM/2026/116)

Strategy to mobilise significant additional private investment in clean energy – with support of EIB (contributing over €75 billion over the next 3 years)

4 main actions:

- **Improve access to capital markets for electricity grid operators:** Strategic infrastructure investment fund (SII Fund) run by EIB providing equity to grid operators (indic. up to €500m).
- **Support grid operators by supporting the ability of banks to lend:** Increasing the use of banks' loan securitisation and intermediated lending for small operators.
- **Provide public funds to de-risk innovative clean energy technologies and energy-efficiency investments:** EIB + Commission stepping up support for next generation clean energy technologies and research (RES technologies + small modular nuclear reactors).
 - ➡ includes energy efficiency financing through InvestEU + launching a € 500 million pilot scheme to accelerate offer + uptake of 'energy efficiency as a service' models.
- **Setting up Energy Transition Investment Council:** Involvement of investment community to support long-term private investment in the energy sector - convened by the Commissioner.



Energy Efficiency Financing Support Package (under EED + EPBD)



1. Report to co-legislators on Energy Efficiency Financing in Europe (EED Art. 30 + EPBD Art. 9)

What it is?

Assessment of effectiveness of public funding in leveraging private investments in EE

Expected Impact

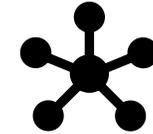
- Stimulate reflection on **state of EE financing** and how to bridge the **investment gap**
- Inform **discussions around next-MFF and the future EU and national programmes**



2. Guidance on unlocking private investments in Energy Efficiency (EED Art. 30)

Recommendations and examples to help MS and market actors to accelerate energy efficiency

- **Scale-up blending financing solutions + financial instruments**
- **Enable uptake innovative financing and energy services**
- **Deployment of project development assistance + investment aggregators**



3. Guidance on One-Stop Shops OSS (EED Art. 22 + EPBD Art. 18)

Guidance to make OSS a central instrument at local/regional level to support MS and stakeholders

- **Support MS in establishing OSS services in their services in line with EED/EPBD**
- **Make easier investment and renovation journey for citizens and enterprises**
- **Raise awareness and stimulate demand**

Report to co-legislators on Energy Efficiency Financing

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Legal Basis: EED Efficiency Directive (Art. 30) Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (Art. 9)



Main Findings

- Important increase in financing for energy efficiency, notably from the EU budget (EUR 21 bln for 2012-2020 versus EUR 144.7 bln (2021-2027 MFF + NGEU), mostly from RRF being phased out.
- Limited use of blended and repayable financing schemes (25% of surveyed schemes); financial instruments and blended financing provide higher leverage but used to a limited extent.
- Dedicated EU programmes/initiatives for EE effective but remain relatively small.
- Lack of standardised data and reporting on energy efficiency.

Conclusions

- Public funding (incl. RRF) covers only 15% of the investments needs to meet 2030 EED targets.
- MS to increase the use of financial instruments and blended financing, notably for next-MFF
- Need to maintain and scale-up existing EU programmes/ initiatives, e.g. LIFE CET, ELENA.
- New Accelerator Instruments essential to catalyse the uptake of Energy Efficiency markets
- Public-private partnerships and cooperation with financial institutions are key.



Guidance on Unlocking Private Investments & OSS services

Legal basis:

- Energy Efficiency Directive ((EU) 2023/1791)) + Energy Performance of Buildings Directive ((EU) 2024/1275)
- EED Article 30 (10) National energy efficiency fund, financing and technical support one-stop shops
- Commission tasked with providing guidance on one-stop shops: Art. 22(6) EED and Art. 18(1) EPBD



Guidance on Unlocking Private Investments in Energy Efficiency (10 March 26; C/2026/1526)

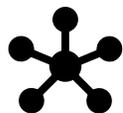
Develop **12 recommendations with Annex** providing details on measures, suggestion and existing good practices:

Main areas of action: activate demand, improve offer and de-risk investments

National/regional specificities: tailor solutions/measures to the existing national and regional energy efficiency and governance framework

Main types of measures:

- Promote the role of **National Energy Efficiency Fund** and **equivalent facilities** with mandate to support energy efficiency investment **financial instruments**
- Recommend the scale-up of **blending financing solutions** and, including integrated **project development assistance** support and guarantees
- Promote **energy efficiency financing via service agreement**
- **Remove barriers to innovative financing schemes** for energy efficiency to enable market development



Guidance on One-Stop Shops services (10 March 26; C/2026/1523)

- OSS support: public authorities in providing **support to homeowners and enterprises throughout their investment journey**
- OSS services: go **beyond generic advice only**, invest in **interpersonal skills and staff management**, ensure **on-site presence** (office, home visits) and rely on **quality standards and monitoring** frameworks
- Systemic thinking and national approaches: Encourage a **strategic reflection on role of OSS** in delivering on energy efficiency objectives, EED and EPBD implementation, so that support could be streamlined, and anchor OSS in national strategies, NECPs and NBRPs





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