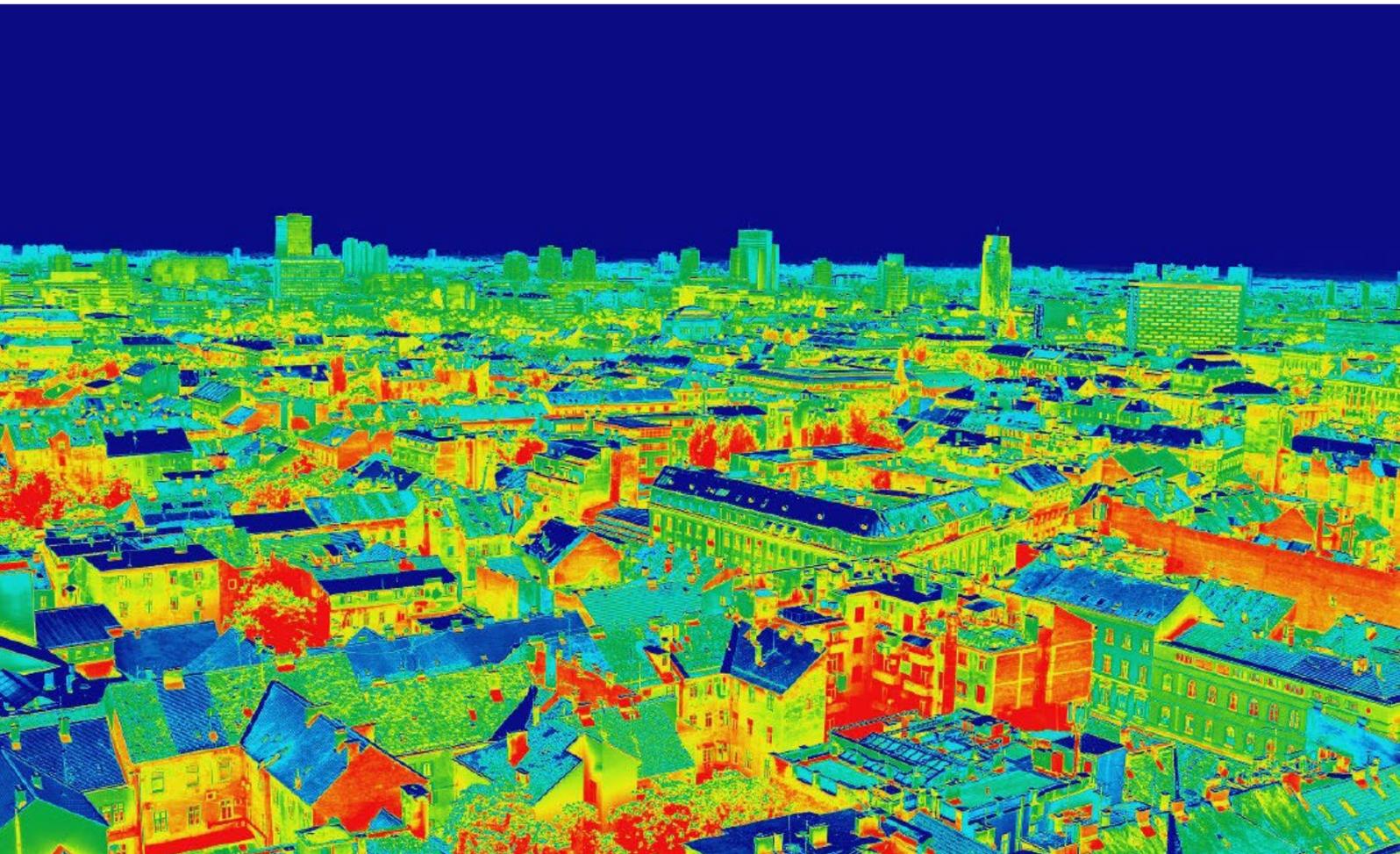


AGENDA

14 December 2020 | 14:00-15:30 CET | Virtual event (Zoom)

Decarbonising Building in Cities and Regions

Energy Efficiency for a Green Recovery from COVID-19



Decarbonising Buildings in Cities and Regions

What's the issue?

Buildings are the key component of the zero-carbon transition. Buildings account for nearly a third of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions globally, and these percentages reach roughly 70% in cities like London, Tokyo and New York.

Energy efficient buildings generate a variety of co-benefits, such as job creation, health improvements, and reduced household energy expenditure – **all key factors for a green recovery from COVID-19**. In particular, energy efficiency renovations are essential to achieve a zero-carbon building stock and are gaining a lot of attention, as underscored by the European Renovation Wave.

Cities and regions have a unique ability to promote decarbonisation of the building stock. This includes taking advantage of public building procurement, fostering innovative local actions, and factoring in local elements (e.g. building stock characteristics, skill level of local construction firms, energy affordability).

National governments also play a vital role in enabling ambitious subnational actions through territorial considerations and capacity building support. A whole-of-government approach is required to unlock the potential for energy efficiency in buildings.

About the event

As part of the OECD Programme on Building Energy Efficiency in Cities and Regions, this webinar will bring together key stakeholders from cities/regions, national governments and international organisations to:

- **Share** the experiences, opportunities and challenges faced across different levels of government in decarbonising buildings.
- **Identify** key roles and potentials of cities and regions and pressing challenges in upscaling energy efficiency measures in buildings.
- **Explore** how national governments can better engage cities and regions in decarbonising buildings through a whole-of-government approach.
- **Discuss** the policy implications and new trends on energy efficiency in buildings in the context of the COVID-19 crisis.

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14.00-14.10

Welcome

Aziza Akmouch, Head of Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

14.10-14.20

Setting the scene

DESCRIPTION The need for a whole-of-government approach in building energy efficiency policies and the proposed OECD programme framework.

SPEAKER **Atsuhito Oshima**, Senior Policy Analyst, CFE, OECD

14.20-15.20

Panel Discussion

DESCRIPTION Key stakeholders from cities, regions, national governments, and international organisations share experiences, opportunities and challenges faced across levels of government and discuss a whole-of-government approach to building energy efficiency policies in the context of COVID-19 recovery.

Key questions for discussion:

- What are major policy challenges to decarbonise building stock and how do these differ across cities and regions in your country?
- What key roles can cities and regions play in decarbonizing building stock? What are best practices or lessons learned from your country/region/city?
- How can national governments support cities and regions in unlocking their potential and enhancing innovative local actions?
- What are the impacts and implications of COVID-19 and how can we support Green Recovery through energy efficiency measures in buildings?

SPEAKERS **Joram Snijders**, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Netherlands

Harunobu Murakami, Director, International Affairs Office, Housing Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

Yves-Laurent Sapoval, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition - Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Authorities, France

Zachary May, Director, Strategic Policy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of British Columbia

Paula Rey Garcia, Deputy Head of Unit C4- Energy Efficiency: Buildings and Products, DG Energy, European Commission

Sara De Pablos, Environmental and Social Sustainability Advisor, Council of Europe Development Bank

15.20-15.30

Wrap-up and next steps

About the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)

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