POLICIES FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

AGENDA

WORKSHOP 24 FEBRUARY 2020, 13.30-18.00, CC9, OECD HEADQUARTERS, PARIS

13:30-13:45   **Welcome and introduction**

13:45-14:15   **Scene setting: Housing, energy consumption and emission scenarios** Representative from IEA, OECD (tbc)

14:15-15:45   **Session 1: Energy efficiency in housing and construction**

Construction and the use of buildings are heavy energy users worldwide. Future energy use in the housing sector will be shaped by the uptake of existing and new technologies, income growth and price developments, which are influenced by housing policies and regulation. For example, building codes can encourage the construction of smarter and more energy efficient buildings, the use of greener materials and technology, better waste disposal and more efficient re-use of materials.

Issues for discussion in this session will include:

– What are the most effective policy options to enhance energy efficiency in construction and the use of buildings?
– What is the role of regulations embedded in building codes? What options are available to encourage the use of green building materials?
– Is there a trade-off between stringent regulation and housing affordability?

15.45-16.15   **Coffee**

16.15-17.45   **Session 2: Green finance**

Mortgages account for a sizeable share of bank's assets and are the most common form of housing finance for households. Green finance instruments can promote energy efficiency while enhancing the value of properties and improving the ability of borrowers to finance their loans, which reduces credit risk for banks and financial intermediaries. In particular, energy efficient mortgages can provide strong incentives to improve energy efficiency in housing.

Issues for discussion in this session will include:
– How can green finance help to spur investment in more environmentally sustainable housing?
– How can the market for green finance reach scale and become a mainstream mortgage product?
– How should energy efficient mortgages be designed?

17.45-18.00   **Wrap-up and conclusions**