

SUPER-i new investment solution to boost energy efficiency in social housing



*Most of the European social housing stock were built between the 1940s and 1970s, when energy efficiency was not a priority. As a result, nowadays **the low rental prices of social housing are offset by the high heating and electricity costs**, with a sensible increasing of energy poverty in the European Union.*

On average, it has been observed that in Europe an improving of 10% in energy efficiency results in a decrease of 2,1% in the **energy poverty** rate. SUPER-i aims to support the funding of **energy efficiency** refurbishment of social housing stocks across Europe and to increase the share of renewable energy in the final energy consumption, supporting the European Commission's efforts to implement the **European Green Deal**. The social impact of energy efficiency renovations of social housing is expected to sensibly reduce energy poverty.

Risk mitigation for the low-income households involves **attracting private parties** that can help the public agencies, like regions and local governments, with a quick implementation of the energy efficiency projects without burdening the public finances. So far, the sector of social housing has been quite unattractive for the private investors. SUPER-i aims to gradually increase the private investments by fostering tailored public-private partnerships and roadmaps.

The objective of SUPER-i is to provide a **meaningful contribution to generating investments and collecting data on energy efficiency** in the social housing sector at the European level. At the same time, SUPER-i will **tackle energy poverty** through energy efficiency renovations thus increasing the health and social conditions of the users. The presence of three demo sites located in **Italy, Denmark and Slovenia** will allow SUPER-i to test **the innovative financing schemes in a real-life trial**.

While contributing to generate a significant flux of investments, SUPER-i will collect data on energy efficiency to develop **efficient financial schemes and management strategies**. SUPER-i points to establish a direct dialogue, at local government level, between financial institutions, other private investors, social housing managers and the Energy Services Companies.

SUPER-i aims to **leave a mark in the European social housing and energy efficiency markets** that is going to last beyond the life span of the project itself, implementing effective and reproducible actions, investment

pipeline, roadmaps and building a portal designed to become the **European reference point** and hub for enterprises, stakeholders and institutional and private investors.

The SUPER-I project started in September 2021 with a kick-off meeting chaired by CIVIESCO SRL that saw the participation of **13 partners from 6 different countries**. SUPER-i is funded under the **European Union's Horizon 2020** research and innovation programme under the topic *Financing for energy efficiency investments - Smart Finance for Smart Buildings*.

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