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1st MULTI – STAKEHOLDER INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP

16th April 2026, 9:30 – 16:30

Via Pola 9, MILANO, ITALY

1st FOCUS GROUP on POLICY & TECHNICAL DIALOGUE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The morning sessions will be held in Italian with simultaneous translation into English

09:30 – 10:00 Registration of Participants

First Session: The role of banks in supporting the energy transition of SMEs

Moderator: **ABI Lab**

10:00 – 10:20 Introduction to the Refinee project and presentation of the survey “Identification of Italian private financing opportunities for EE in SMEs”

Speaker: **ABI Lab**

10:20 – 10:40 EU Policy Support for SME's transition: how EU policies aid SMEs in clean transition via funding, technical capacity and de – risking investments

The action of the European Commission to support investments in energy efficiency measures, especially in SMEs.

Speaker: **EUROPEAN COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE***

10:40 – 11:00 Overview of SMEs' needs for the implementation of energy efficiency measures

Speaker: **CNA - Confederazione Nazionale dell'Artigianato e della Piccola e Media Impresa***

11:00 – 11:40 The banks' role in financing energy efficiency in SMEs and supporting complementary finance instruments

Speaker: **Adelaide Mondo**, Responsabile Ufficio Lending Products, Solutions & Sales, **BPER**

Speaker: **Andrea Massitti**, Chief Sustainability Officer, **Banca Sella**

11:40 – 12:00 Coffee Break



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Second Session: The role of complementary finance in supporting companies' sustainability objectives

Moderator: **FVG Plus S.p.A.**

12:00 – 12:20 In-depth presentation of an Italian complementary finance instrument developed within the framework of the REFINEE project

Speaker: **FVG Plus S.p.A.**

12:20 – 13:00 Testimonials on topics related to alternative finance for energy efficiency

Speaker: **Giorgio Gallizzoli** - Responsabile Strutturazione Prodotti di Intermediazione **Finlombarda**

Speaker: **Anna Marucci** - Head of Debt and Funds Listing - **Borsa Italiana - Euronext Group**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch



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The session will be held in English

14:00 – 14:40 Overview of REFINEE project goals – regional financing for SMEs' energy efficiency in strategic value chains like Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and Istria County

Each region will present the financial instrument will develop within the REFINEE project

Moderator: **IRENA**

Speakers: **FVG Plus S.p.A. and ISTRIA REGION**

14:40 – 15:00 Financial Assistance from Government Agencies: Italian government agency's tools for SMEs' financing, including loans, guarantees and pooling private investments for energy projects

Which is the Italian Government Agency tools similar to the instruments developed in REFINEE?

Speaker: **SIMEST***

15:00 – 15:15 Slovenian perspectives and collaboration: regional insights on replicating REFINEE schemes in Slovenia, focusing on cross – border SME support in energy efficiency

It's possible to simply replicate the same instruments in Slovenia?

Speaker: **CER** (Slovenian partner of REFINEE consortium)

15:15 – 16:00 REFINEE Panel

Moderator: **SINLOC**

Speakers: **all (FVG Plus S.p.A., ISTRIA REGION, SIMEST, SME representative, CER)**

16:00 – 16:30 Q&A

*To be confirmed