

ELENA Residential

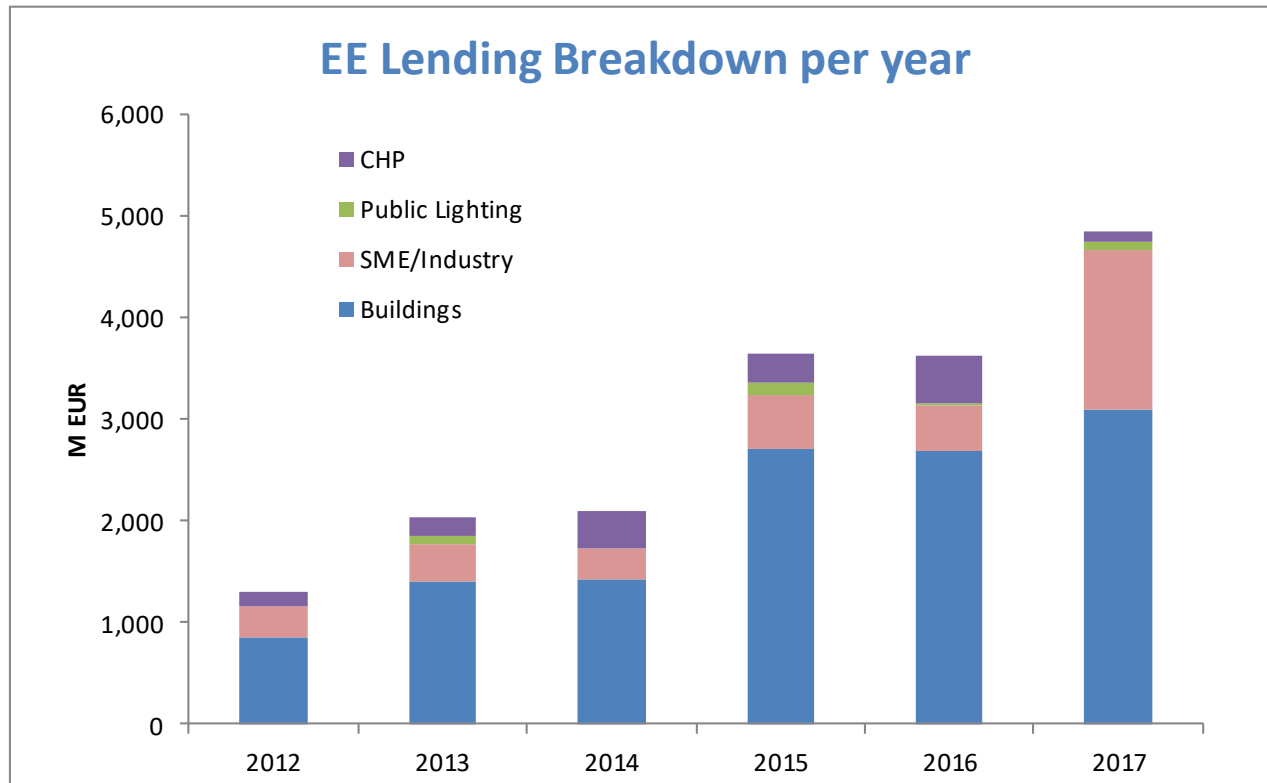
Accelerating the energy refurbishment of residential buildings

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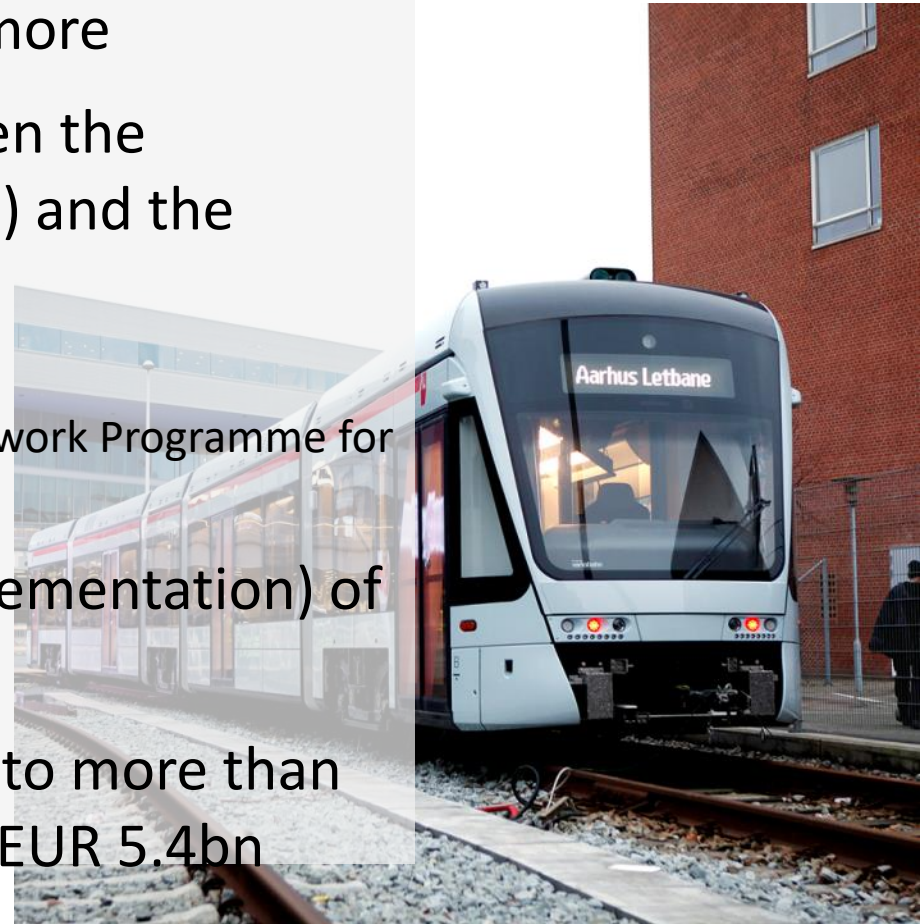
EIB Energy Efficiency Lending



- ▶ EUR 4.8bn to EE in 2017 (65% buildings, 30% industry)
- ▶ Buildings is the largest EE sub-sector, in line with EU priorities

What is ELENA?

- ▶ Established in 2009 as European Local ENergy Assistance – not only local anymore
- ▶ Based on an agreement between the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission
 - ▶ managed by the EIB
 - ▶ financed by the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research & Innovation
- ▶ Grant for preparation (not implementation) of investment programmes
- ▶ More than EUR 155m awarded to more than 80 projects supporting approx. EUR 5.4bn investments



Picture: Aarhus tram project

General rules

- ▶ Minimum investment of EUR 30m
- ▶ Grant covers up to 90% of costs related to project development support
- ▶ Budget allocation: first come, first served principle
- ▶ Required level of maturity: preparatory studies carried out and main decisions taken before ELENA support request (ELENA proposal should demonstrate high probability that project will be implemented)
- ▶ Obligation of investment implementation - leverage factor required:
 - ▶ 20 for sustainable energy projects
 - ▶ 10 for residential buildings
- ▶ In case the leverage not achieved: grant may be clawed back
- ▶ Final beneficiary (applicant) doesn't have to be the one who is implementing the investment
- ▶ 3-year implementation period for EE projects

Who can benefit?

Public sector

- Local, regional or national authorities
- Other public bodies (e.g. energy agencies)
- Groupings of such authorities or bodies

Private sector

- Private entities planning to develop and support eligible investments: e.g. associations, mixed public/private, banks etc.

ELENA TA should not have purpose or effect of producing a profit

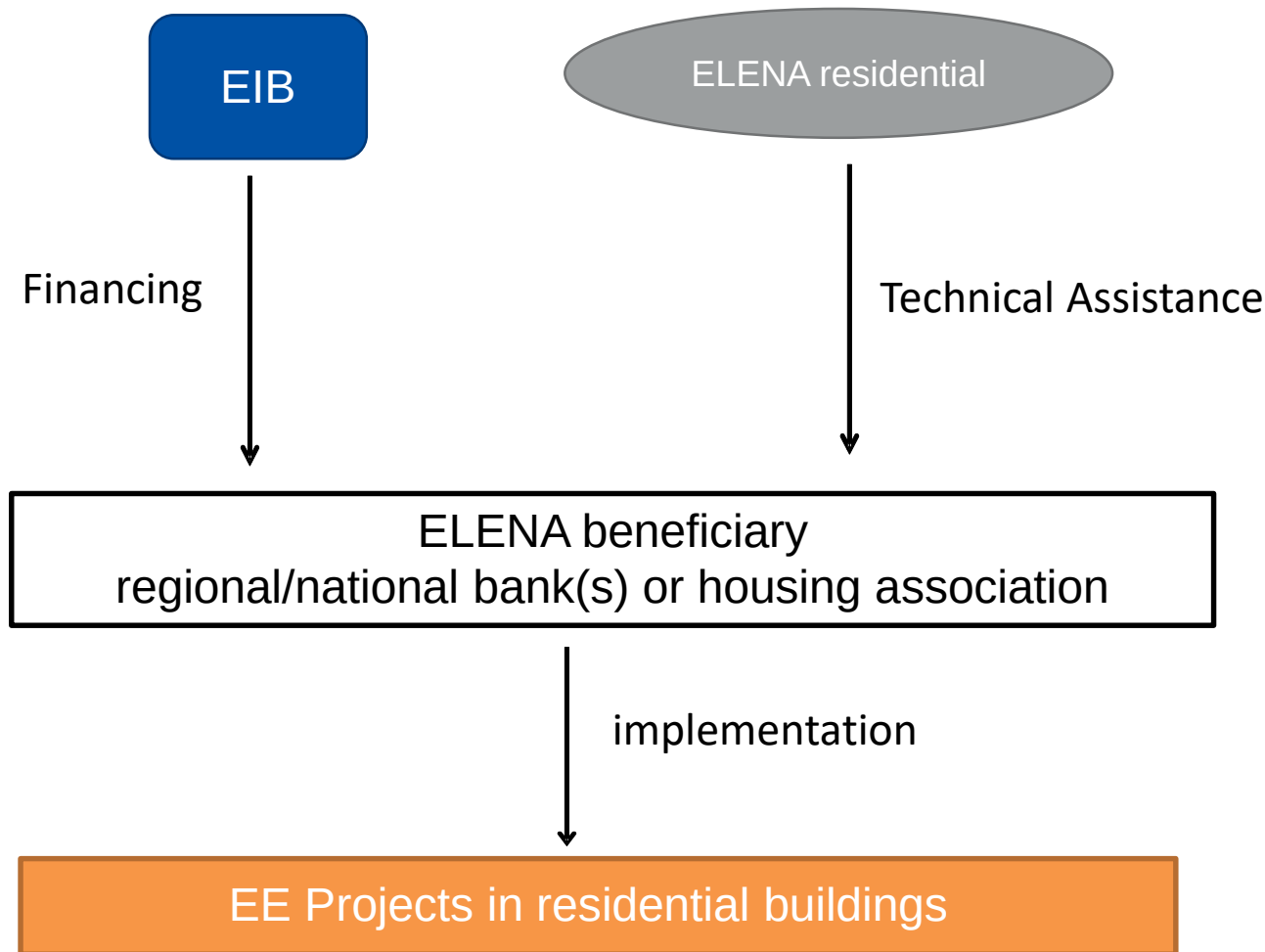
Why a special envelope for ELENA residential

- Smart Finance for Smart Buildings (SFSB initiative) : Launched on Nov. 30th, 2016 by the European Commission
- Accelerating the energy refurbishment of residential buildings: an important European priority and a key focus of the ELENA Facility
- Developed in cooperation with EIB Group (EIB/EIF)
- Part of the “Clean Energy for all Europeans” package
- Aims to unlock EUR 10bn of public and private funds by 2020 for energy efficiency (“EE”) in buildings for households and housing associations

SFSB Technical Assistance support through ELENA

- SFSB Technical Assistance through ELENA has budget of nearly EUR 97m
- Focus is on the residential sector and this TA exclusively supports investments in public or private residential buildings
- Leverage factor 10 obligation versus the normal 20
- Eligible costs foreseen to mostly fund energy audits for the residential buildings
- Type of grant recipients: same eligibility and likely to be banks (commercial or promotional), housing associations, energy agencies etc.
- Managed by ELENA team following normal ELENA process.

Example for ELENA residential project



Eligible investment programmes

Residential buildings

- EE refurbishment of residential buildings
- Integration of renewable energy sources into the buildings
- Project development activities: assessing the energy performance of buildings: support for energy performance certificates or energy audits, access to financing: help households access financing from financial institutions, and/or available grants, setting up one stop shops etc.

Investment programmes implemented by the final beneficiary or by a third party

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Eligibility criteria for EE improvements in existing buildings

- ▶ Investments related to the building envelope:
 - ▶ Insulation: Investments in insulation materials (including water vapour barriers, weather membranes, measures to ensure air-tightness, measures to reduce the effects of thermal bridges and scaffolding) and products for application of the insulation to the building envelope (mechanical fixings, adhesive, etc.):
 - ▶ Windows and doors: Glazing and/or glazing enhancement, frame, gaskets and sealants and their installation costs;
 - ▶ Other building-envelope related measures with impact on thermal performance: This investment may include inter alia external shading devices, solar control systems, and passive systems;

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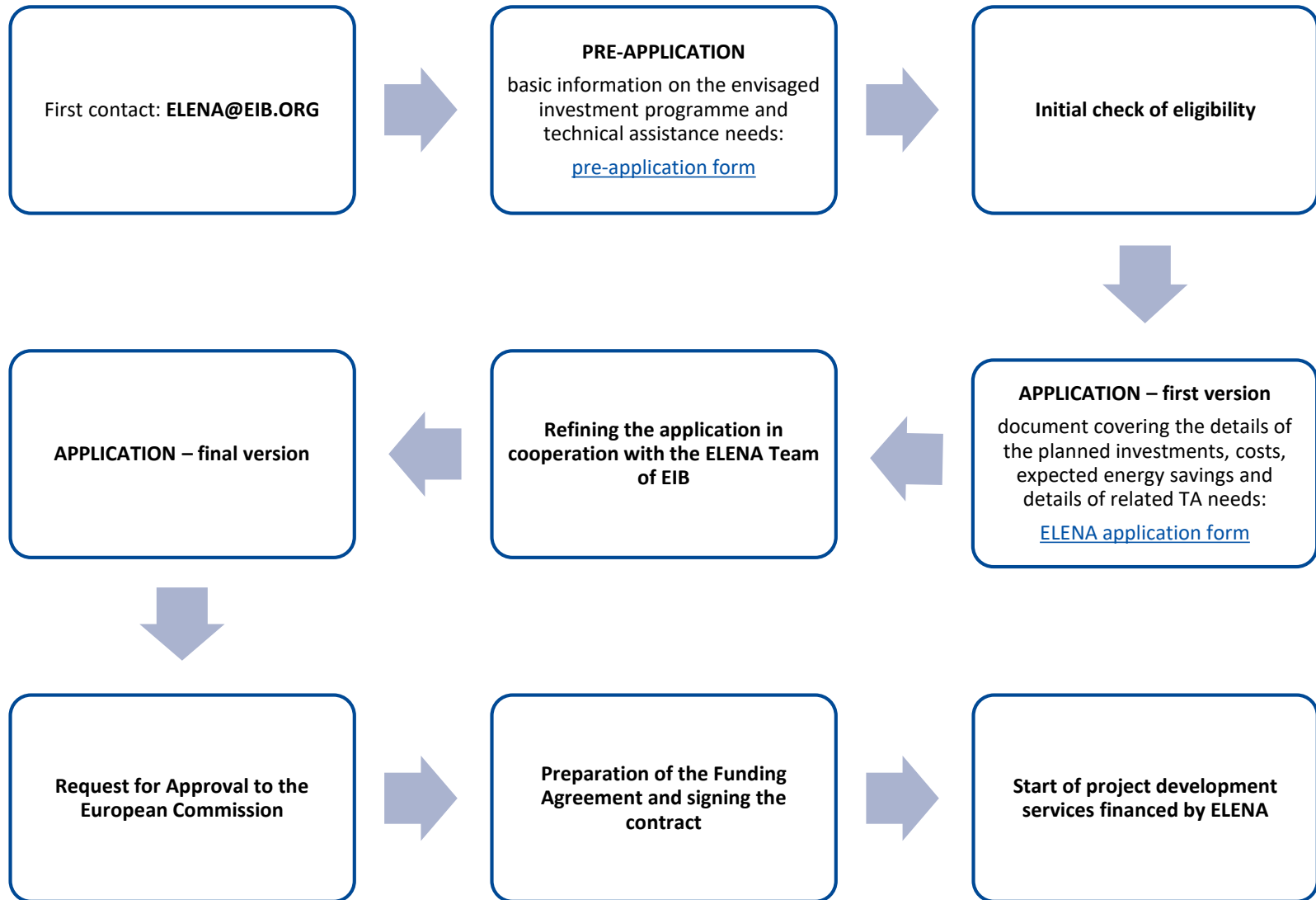
Investments related to the building system:

- ▶ Space heating
- ▶ Domestic hot water
- ▶ Ventilation systems
- ▶ Cooling
- ▶ Lighting
- ▶ Building automation and control
- ▶ Connection to energy supplies: Investments related to the connection to energy grid or storage facilities (e.g. district heat, PV-system) and necessary related installations;
- ▶ Decentralised renewable energy production (e.g solar photovoltaic, solar thermal collectors or biomass), whose primary objective is to produce energy for own-consumption;
- ▶ Other investments identified by an energy audit in line with EN 16247 European Standards (or equivalent) and/or by an energy performance certificate in line with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU (the “EPBD”), provided that they comply with the applicable country minimum energy performance requirements for renovated buildings.

Eligible costs

ELENA	→	Internal staff
		• Costs of personnel clearly assigned to the project • Salaries, social security charges and other remuneration-related costs
	→	External experts
		• Feasibility, design and market studies • Structuring of programmes, business plans, energy audits • Legal/financial advisory • Preparing of tendering procedures • Bundling of smaller projects to form bankable packages

Application process



ELENA projects overview



[ELENA interactive map](#)

Case study: Energy Efficiency in social housing - Frederikshavn Housing Association

- ▶ Beneficiary: Frederikshavn Housing Association (Region of North Denmark)
- ▶ Objective: energy efficiency renovations building-integrated renewable energy of social housing (The expected number of refurbished buildings is projected to reach 286, representing 1 860 flats and an area of 159 276 sqm.)
- ▶ Estimated investment programme cost: 36.5 MEUR
- ▶ ELENA grant budget: 1.5 MEUR
- ▶ Expected leverage factor: 23.5

ELENA support requested:

- ▶ Internal staff: The ELENA secretariat will be integrated into the housing association and will consist of 8 existing and newly-hired staff (working part time or full time).
- ▶ External assistance: Buildings' inspections and energy audits, as well as studies for PV installations and energy storage. Assessment of the most cost-efficient solutions to carry out the renovations (including the bundling of projects in bankable and cost-effective investment programmes and evaluation of financial instruments)

Thank you for your attention!

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