



Habitat Macedonia, member of the global poverty housing network Habitat for Humanity International and implementing partner of the regional project: Residential Energy Efficiency for the Low-Income Households (REELIH), publishes:

Call for Best Practice studies:

***Residential buildings management and energy efficiency investment potential in Western Balkan countries***

The Residential Energy Efficiency for the Low-Income Households (REELIH) is the regional project that is aiming to improve the residential energy efficiency investment environment in the region, through a regional platform for knowledge sharing, awareness raising and advocacy, addressing financing approaches, promotion of entrepreneurial solutions, job development, and appropriate technical information.

In the frame of the REELIH project, the special edition of the Best Practice studies: ***Residential buildings management and energy efficiency investment potential in Western Balkan countries*** will be published in the second quarter of 2022.

The **main goal** of this publication is to gather and share best practices and experiences in Western Balkans countries and to employ investment potentials and know-how in upgrading residential energy efficiency sector (with focus on multi-family apartment buildings). The publication is also aimed to improve the level of understanding about concepts, potentials (intellectual, technical, human, financial, management) and regulations related with the residential energy efficiency sector, as well as to increase the awareness level in the Western Balkan countries about potentials in residential energy efficiency sector and affirmation of the possibilities for inter-country and cross-country cooperation and collaboration.

The publication will have two separate parts:

1. **The academic** (theoretical) that will cover the legislative and other regulations in the residential sector and energy efficiency, with focus on multi-apartment buildings, whereby the editorial board will select the proposed papers and edit the publication; and
2. **Best Practice** part - presenting the good examples in implementation of energy efficiency upgrades and management practices in multi-apartment buildings, including but not limited to financial products and technologies, organization, management, finances and technical aspects of energy efficient refurbishment of multi-apartment buildings, technologies used, cooperation.

**This is the call for Best Practice studies and the authors can apply in the following categories:**

- Management /organization of the energy efficiency in the multi-apartment building/s
- Technical refurbishment of multiapartment building/s
- Financing model for investments in energy efficiency measures in multiapartment building/s
- Other

## Instructions for authors:

1. The prospective authors are expected to submit their papers for initial reviewing and editing. The deadline for submission of the paper abstracts has been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. The papers should be submitted in electronic form, to the e-mail address: [habitat@habitat.org.mk](mailto:habitat@habitat.org.mk)
2. The submission should include:
  - a. Name and surname of the author and title;
  - b. Company/ organization or institution of the author/s
  - c. The category the submission material (management, technical refurbishment, financing or other as stated above)
  - d. Title of the Best Practice study/ Case Report (if applicable);
  - e. Best Practice paper (up to 10 pages – 4500 words) in English language, structured as follows:
    - i. short description of the problem,
    - ii. target group of users,
    - iii. stakeholders involved,
    - iv. way of achieving resolution,
    - v. main results and benefits,
    - vi. concluding remarks and lessons learned.
  - f. Short biography of the author and brief company profile (up to 10 sentences).
  - g. Photos/ drawings if any: (3 – 5).

**Note:** Please use the Guidelines for submission of Abstract and Full papers for the Best Practice studies: *Residential buildings management and energy efficiency investment potential in Western Balkan countries*

1. The authors will be notified about the acceptance of their papers by 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 or few days later for abstracts received on 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> of February.
2. The paper should be typed in Word (any version). The tables and graphs should be as plain formatted as possible. Photos should be in printing quality. Language editing and proofreading will be provided by the Editorial board.
3. The paper should include full bibliography if any. The citation of the literature should be in compliance with the unified MLA style.
4. The authors are due to provide written consent of using photos and drawings in ownership by third parties or to provide right of using the trade-marks or other rights from third parties.
5. The usage of photos of children and clients/ customers are allowed only in compliance with the Personal Data Protection rules i.e. with written consent of the clients/guardians for the purpose of publishing this Best Practice study.
6. The deadline for submission of the full paper is 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. It is expected the publication to be published by in May 2022.

We look forward to receiving and reading your papers!

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