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ADVANCING EFFICIENCY and ENDING ENERGY POVERTY

Office of the Northern Ireland Executive Brussels

Wednesday, 15 October 2025 | 11:30 - 13:00 CET

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Experts will highlight the critical role of energy savings in ensuring a fair and inclusive energy transition. By sharing **best practices in energy efficiency**, addressing the **challenges** facing cities and emphasising the **importance of EU cohesion policy**, the speakers, together with the audience, will explore how to reduce costs on the path to achieving climate neutrality and combat energy poverty across Europe.

Programme

11:30	Welcome by Northern Ireland Executive	Aodhán Connolly , Director, The Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels
11:35	Introductory speech	Veronique Marx , Team Leader for Just Transition and Energy Poverty at DG ENER
11:45	Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Dermol, Mayor and Iztok Mori, Director of City Administration of Velenje Caitriona Strain, General Manager, ERNACT, Northern Ireland Laura Morar, Project Manager, Suceava Municipality Charlotte de Boer, Policy Expert, Municipality of Leeuwarden and Evert Stellingwerf, Vice Mayor of Municipality of Leeuwarden
12:25	Round Table and Interactive Discussion	<p>Moderated by Mélanie Bourgeois, EU Policy, Advocacy & Mayors Voice, Energy Cities</p>
13:10	Wrap-up and insights	Draško Veselinovič , President of the Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association