INVITATION

Krapina-Zagorje County, European Committee of the Regions and FEDARENE are pleased to invite you to the debate:

How to aggregate small energy investments into a large regional project?

Date: Thursday 13 October 2016
Time: 11:15 - 13:00 followed by networking session and lunch
Place: Committee of the Regions, Room JDE 62, Rue Beliard 99-101, Brussels

Speakers: Markku Markkula, President of European Committee of the Regions
Željko Kolar, Prefect of the Krapina-Zagorje County
Michel Lebrun, European Committee of the Regions

Panellists: Anette Jahn, Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
Francesco Pigliaru, European Committee of the Regions
Julije Domac, FEDARENE and North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency
Paul Kenny, Tipperary Energy Agency
Ralf Goldmann, European Investment Bank
Roman Doubrava, European Commission - Directorate-General for Energy

Moderator: Mislav Togonal, Croatian National Television

Regions and cities play an essential role in the implementation of energy efficiency policies and in achieving the Europe 2020 objectives. As public funds alone are not deemed as sufficient for delivering ambitious EU energy targets a different, more concentrated approach relying on market based solutions and involvement of private sector investors is needed. The event intends to explore options to encourage and support the creation of regional platforms aiming at aggregating small energy efficiency projects in order to maximize the use of and access to the European Fund for Strategic Investments. Building on successful projects and initiatives the event will feature presenters and panellists from the EU, regional and local levels discussing how Europe can maximize its investment potential to further stir growth and competitiveness.