



# Financing and realising energy efficiency and renewables in industry

A Horizon 2020 project to finance and realise energy efficiency and renewables in industry







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## Challenges & Opportunities

**Context for project** 



### Challenges (1/3)

Process heating accounts for 60% of industrial energy use in EU<sup>1</sup>

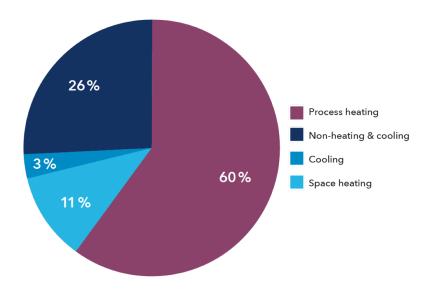
- About 1,920 terawatt hours (TWh)
- Equivalent of 18 % of total EU energy demand

1,920 TWh is greater than the combined electricity consumption of France, Germany, Spain and the UK!

Approximately 85% of Europe's industrial process energy is supplied by fossil fuels<sup>1</sup>

Sources: 1. Fraunhofer et al. 2016.

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Dark = fossil fuels; Green = biomass





### Challenges (2/3)

Energy efficiency and renewable energy projects are economical, and could meet the majority of Europe's industrial process heating demand.

However, even well-designed projects fail to attract viable financing due to:

- Risk mitigation problems with innovative projects
- Transaction costs high relative to capital requirements
- Projects developed by or for small and medium enterprises often lack necessary credit and performance guarantees required by financial institutions









### Challenges (3/3)

#### The current approach for evaluating projects:

- Different and specific for each project
- No standardized procedure (technical and economic)
- Time and resource consuming

#### Project assessment barriers:

- Lack of (technical) know how among banks/investors
- High technical complexity
- Inappropriate preparation of projects
- No industrial standards (only building area)







### Opportunities

**60%** of industrial process heating demand could be supplied by established energy efficiency and state-of-the-art renewables

#### **Energy efficiency:**

• 8-10% average savings with 5-year or less payback across industrial sectors<sup>1</sup>

#### Renewable energy:

 50% of industrial process heat demand could be met by state-of-the-art solar thermal, biogas and biomass technologies<sup>2</sup>

Sources: 1. "Study on EE and Energy Savings Potential in Industry..." ICF International. 2015
2. Estimate developed based on several sources: "Process heat collectors..." Horta P. 2016; "Process heat in Industry, Suitable Technologies". Fraunhofer ISE presentation. 2017. "Potential for Solar Heat in Ind. Processes." Vannoni C. et al. 2008;

### **60% NON-FOSSIL**



Dark = fossil sources; Green = renewable energy; Transparent = energy efficiency



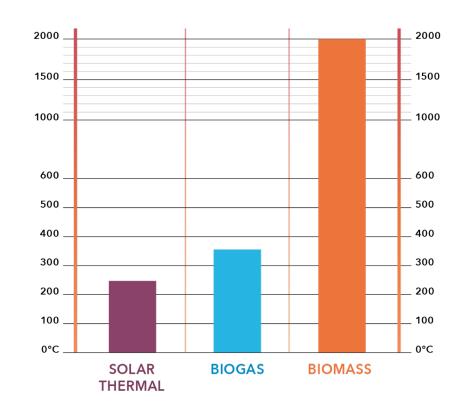


### Opportunities (cont.)

Many best practice examples show the technical and economical potential for EE and RE integration across the European industry

- De-risking Energy Efficiency Platform contains 5,000 industrial EE projects
- Mean payback is 2 years! (high economical relevance across sectors)

Learn more: <a href="https://www.trust-ee.eu/discovery/process-heating">https://deep.eefig.eu/</a>



Today's commercialised renewable technologies can meet many industrial heating demands (°C)



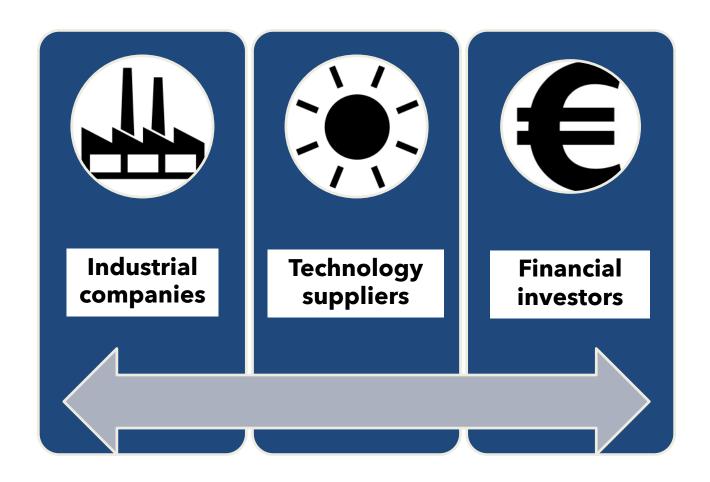


### TrustEE Scope & Approach

A new model to address project development barriers



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In the framework of project development, realization, and financing TrustEE works with three key stakeholder groups



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### Project focus & scope

Small to mid-size industrial energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, including:

- Waste heat recovery, solar thermal, biogas, biomass, and heat pumps
- SME-projects sponsored by owners/end-users, engineers and planners, technology suppliers and manufacturers
- Well-developed projects having attractive amortisation times
- State-of-the-art and innovative projects in industrial sectors
- Performance-based project models, such as energy performance contracts or energy sales agreements











# Standardised project assessment in three steps

The TrustEE Platform offers a consistent approach to industrial project development

- 1. Technical and economic evaluation
- 2. Development:
  - Technical optimization
  - Apply contractual standards
  - Augment risk protection via insurance solutions
- 3. Offer refinancing after successful commissioning of the plant or measures







# Key elements for EE and RE projects

# Project development implementation of measures

• Energy consumption analysis

**Project assessment** 

via energy audit

- Evaluation and assessment of measures
- process and system optimisation
- energy savings
- renewable energies
- Objective: Financing of measures through savings (measurings)

- Energy supply (e.g. economizer)
- Energy distribution (e.g. heat exchanger and storage)
- Process optimization (e.g. machines with lower demand)
- Use of renewable energy

## Financing from energy cost savings

- Fast amortisation (2-4 years)
- Contracting financing
- Reduction of energy costs and price fluctuations



# Register for TrustEE provider network

Technology providers sign a framework agreement

#### Conditions

- Fulfill pre-defined quality requirements for products, components, systems, etc.
- Provide successful reference projects where energy efficiency and renewable energy systems were installed in industry applications

#### Advantages

- "Fast-Lane" in platform rating
- Registration of own concrete projects
- Marketing via TrustEE website and other channels
- Independent quality endorsement and match-making with industrial customer prospects

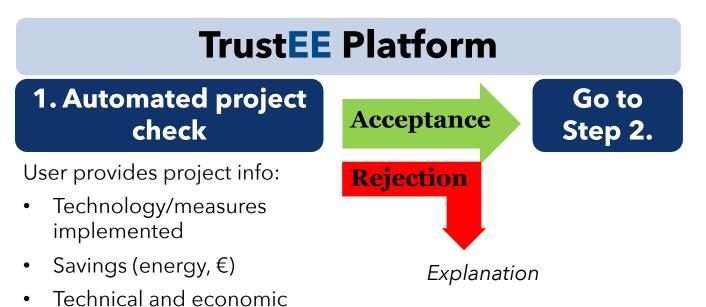
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# Propose projects in three, easy steps (1/3)



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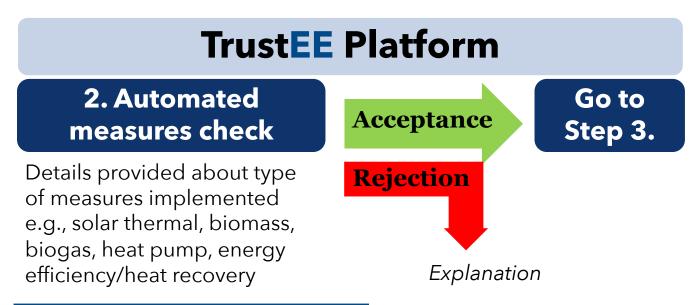
information about end user

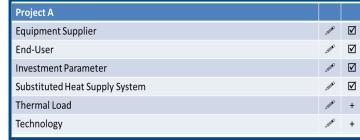
Economic information about the technology provider and





# Propose projects in three, easy steps (2/3)

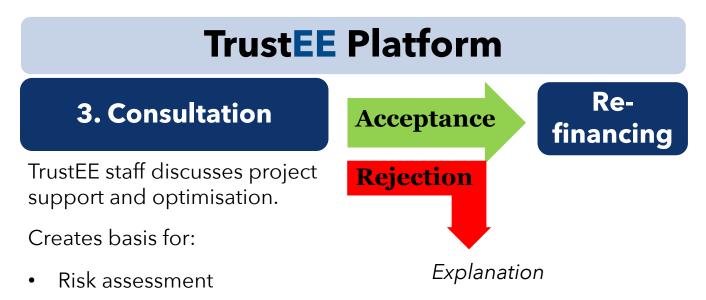








# Propose projects in three, easy steps (3/3)



Insurance

Re-financing via

Securitisation Vehicle





# Financing Model TrustEE refinancing offers payment flexibility



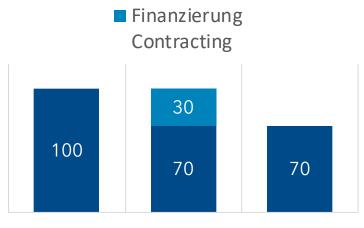


# Financing from energy savings

#### Advantages for customers

- Technology provider assumes the technical risks
- Protection of the annual investment budget
- Liquidity neutral
- Payments only if savings are made

#### **CONTRACTING-FINANCING**



BASELINE CONTRACTINGAUF DAUER

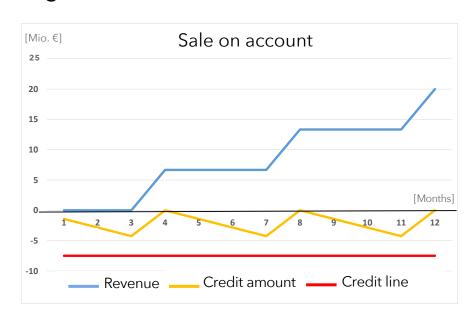




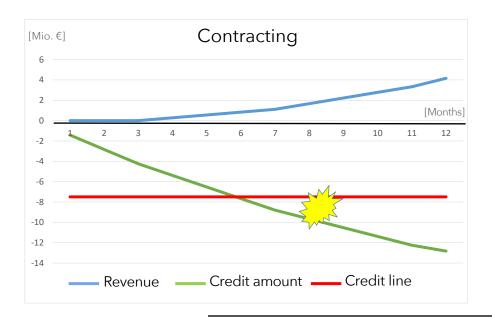
# performance-based contracts

#### **Assumption:**

Turnover 20 Mio. € ; EBITDA 15%; project processing time 3 months; 1 month payment target; credit line 7,5 Mio. €



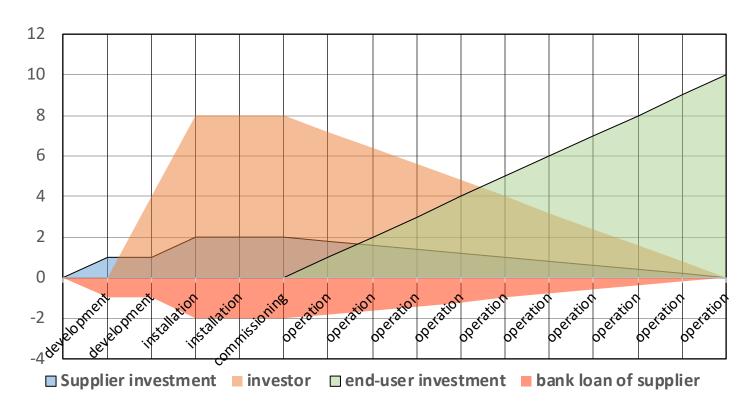
The same company is converting to a contracting offer with 24-month contract duration







# Project financing with project investor not feasible

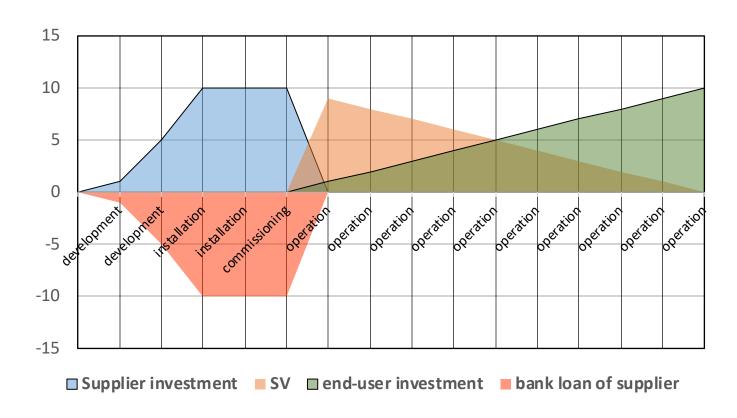


- Project financing requires own project company: only possible with large projects
- The financial investor bears all risks of the project
- Time-consuming and expensive project financing structure





# Refinancing through a securitization vehicle

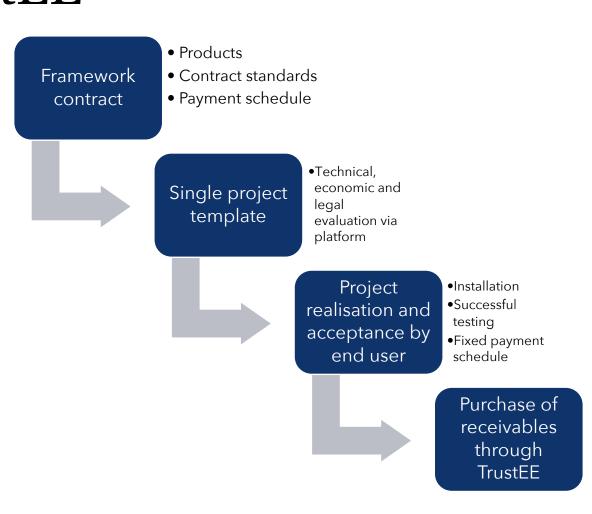


 Purchase of customer requirements after successful project launch (post commissioning)





### Sales financing through TrustEE





### The sales financing model

After a successful project start...

#### The service provider or supplier:

- Receives sum of contracting receivables minus deduction (for return on investment)
- Refinancing offer and rapid return improves creditworthiness

#### The industrial customer or end user:

- Pays according to fixed payment plan only after successful acceptance
- Technical risks are substantially reduced, guarantees and O&M obligations of the supplier remain
- Has unconditional payment obligation to TrustEE not bounded to energy savings or "baseline"



#### Note:

- Credit risk of the customer may be secured by credit insurance
- Securitization of purchased receivables by issuing bonds on the capital market "Green Asset backed Securities"





### TrustEE Securitization Vehicle

- Subjected to a special capital market regulation
- May only carry out securitizations
- Establishment under the name **Sustainable Future TrustEE** (highest level of investor protection in Europe)
- TrustEE Platform acts as advisor to the Securitization Vehicle and prepares the purchase of receivables
- Refinancing (securitization) of bond purchases or bonds with institutional investors
- Guarantee of the European Investment Fund (EIF) is sought



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### Summary



# TrustEE Summary & Outlook

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### Target EE and RE project implementation in Europe

- Process heating in energy intensive industry sectors
- Solar thermal, biomass, biogas, heat pumps, energy efficiency (heat recovery)

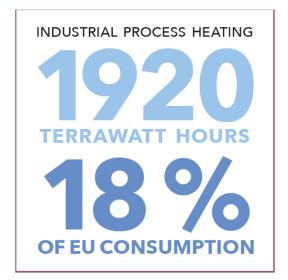
#### All key stakeholders involved

• Industry owners, technology providers, and financial investors

#### Next steps

- Project acquisition
- Create and market technology providers network
- Integrate interested investors









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### Thank you!

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