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LIFE Belgian Financing Roundtables on Energy Efficiency

LIFE BE FREE





Tables thématiques – Thematische tafels 2026

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TABLE THEMATIQUE

Bâtiments publics

3 SESSIES

05 FEVRIER

Case studies

...

10 AVRIL

Interlinkages

...

12 MAI

Deep dive + draft policy
note



OUTPUT

Note politique

“Van ambitie naar actie: fossielvrije publieke gebouwen”

« De l’ambition à l’action : vers des bâtiments publics sans combustibles fossiles »



TABLE THÉMATIQUE

Bâtiments publics – feedback



Sécurité juridique et stabilité du cadre réglementaire



Moins de réglementation détaillée



Objectifs intermédiaires définis à l'échelle de l'ensemble du parc immobilier (patrimoine), et non bâtiment par bâtiment.



Partage de l'énergie et valorisation dans la réglementation EPC



Développement d'un outil de vérification réglementaire (« wetchecker »)



ProConsultation proactive des parties prenantes



FFlux financiers et approche alternative pragmatique



THEMATISCHE TAFEL

Esco's & kmo's

3 SESSIES

05 FEBRUARI

Setting the scene

...

10 APRIL

Brainstorming

...

12 MAY

Policy brief

OUTPUT

Policy brief

“Accélérer la décarbonation des PME grâce aux sociétés de services énergétiques (ESCO)”

“De decarbonisatie van kmo's versnellen via energiedienstverleners (ESCO's)”



Esco's & kmo's – it takes 2 to tango



Shift from single projects to pooled portfolios: Bundle multiple SME projects into one portfolio to create scale; Reduce transaction costs and diversify performance risk & Improve bankability and attract financing



Introduce ESCO-specific public guarantees: Cover both SME credit risk and energy performance risk
Adapt existing instruments to EPC structures, not just loans; Lower financing costs and unlock private capital



Standardize "light EPC" models: Develop simplified, modular contracts with shorter durations; Reduce complexity and speed up decision-making for SMEs; Enable replication and scaling across markets



Leverage trusted intermediaries: Activate accountants and sector federations as key channels
Build on existing trust relationships with SMEs; Lower customer acquisition costs and increase uptake



Empower local authorities as aggregators: Position cities and regions as coordinators of project clusters
Facilitate collective approaches on business parks and mixed sites; Provide vision, scale and continuity



Enable collective energy systems: Remove regulatory barriers for shared connections and energy sharing
Support storage, flexibility and local energy markets; Turn grid constraints into opportunities for new ESCO models



Provide clear policy signals: Establish predictable roadmaps (e.g. fossil fuel phase-out); Reduce uncertainty for investors and project developers; Trigger demand for electrification and ESCO solutions





2026 – 2031 : After Life Plan
The road continues after Life BE FREE



STAKEHOLDER ECOSYSTEM

Who is part of Life BE FREE

Four communities, one mission: scaling energy-efficient building finance

FINANCIAL

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Banks & Insurers

- Argenta
- KBC
- Belfius
- BNP Paribas Fortis
- ING
- Triodos
- Woonkrediet
- Onesto
- Crelan
- SWCS
- Fonds.Brussels
- Atradius

PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

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Agencies & Cities

- VEKA
- Bxl Environnement
- SPW
- SPF Finances
- MINA-raad
- OVAM
- Brulocalis
- UVCW
- City of Antwerp
- City of Ghent
- City of Leuven
- City of Aalst
- Fluvius
- Life / CINEA

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH

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Universities & R&D

- Agoria
- Buildwise
- NAV
- Techlink
- VITO
- KU Leuven
- UGent
- ULB
- VUB
- OECD / REOC

NETWORK

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Federations & NGOs

- BELESCO
- FOSTER
- Energent
- Rescoop Vlaanderen
- Flux 50
- CAP Construction
- Altimedes
- Energy & Local Dev.
- Knauf
- Trema
- CIB Vlaanderen
- Unie van Syndici
- FEDERIA
- Climact
- AWB
- PEEB
- CondoReno
- Sohonet



Some key results of the survey



Strong overall appreciation, but demand for impact: LBF 1.0 is positively evaluated, especially for knowledge sharing and networking. However, stakeholders clearly expect LBF 2.0 to deliver more tangible impact, particularly on policy and implementation.



Shift from diagnosis to solutions: While LBF 1.0 focused on identifying barriers, LBF 2.0 is expected to move towards concrete solutions and investable concepts. Less problem mapping, more execution.



Need for tools, data, and standardization: Stakeholders highlight the importance of robust data (e.g. renovation costs), standardised financial tools, and more operational support. High-quality data is seen as critical for influencing policy.



Key strength: cross-sector collaboration: A major asset is the platform's ability to bring together finance, construction, and public authorities. This cross-sector approach should be preserved and further strengthened.



Engagement requires clear value: Participation is not costless: stakeholders expect a clear return (knowledge, tools, business opportunities, or projects). Purely voluntary engagement has its limits.



Focus and efficiency are essential: There is a strong call to avoid fragmentation and duplication with other initiatives. Prioritisation is key: fewer topics, but deeper and more impactful work.



Towards an action-oriented community: LBF 2.0 should evolve into a "community of practice" with pilot projects, mentoring, training, and stronger links to policymakers. Less discussion, more delivery.

BEEFiC & BGBC

Combining **complementary strengths** for actionable outcomes

BEEFiC

Belgian Energy Efficiency Financing Committee

- Pilots / real cases
- Focus on financing
- Access to public authorities

BGBC

Belgian Green Building Council

- Broad stakeholder base
- Broader sustainability scope
- Market practice

1+1=3

SYNERGY

Multi-source knowledge / Structured analysis / Market & policy link

LEADS TO

PROCESS

Round tables

Same process, higher-quality input, greater depth

OUTPUT

Robust solutions

Evidence-based, policy-relevant insights

IMPACT

Scalability

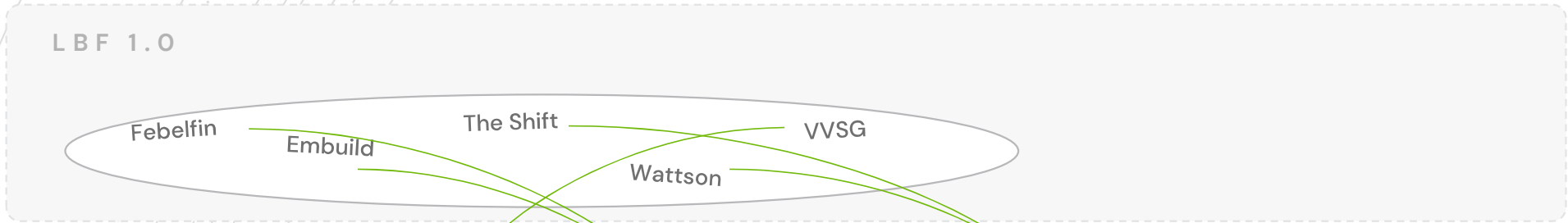
Dependent on regulatory alignment with authorities



RE-ORGANISING THE ECOSYSTEM

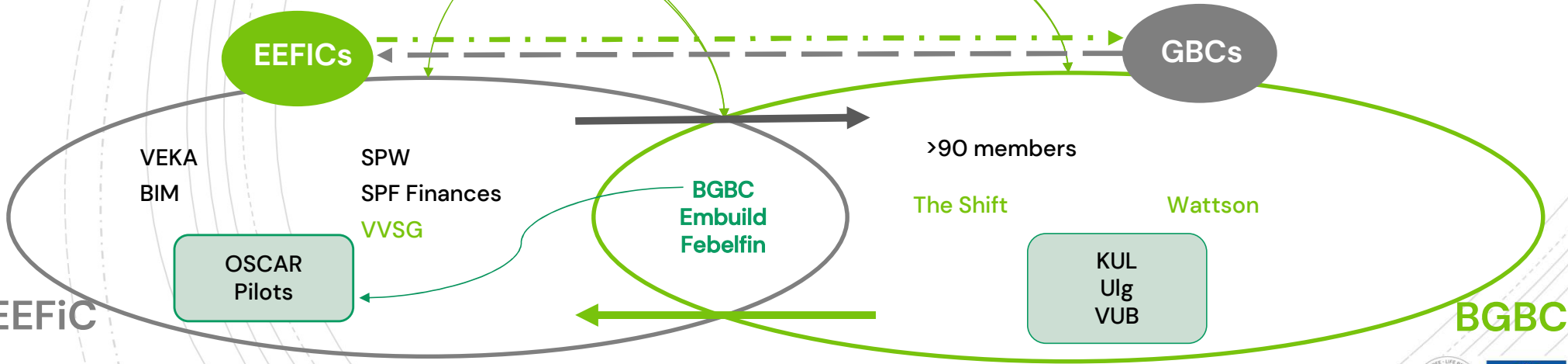
From LBF 1.0 to a new constellation

Moving from scattered coordination to three structured, interoperable communities



LBF 2.0

A structured constellation



UPCOMING EVENTS - NEXT STEPS 2026

The Focus Groups

A collective retrospective to shape the road ahead

DATE

18 May 2026

LOCATION

Embuild · Kunstlaan 20 / Avenue des arts 20, Brussels

01 LOOK BACK

What went well?

Celebrate wins, highlight what worked, and identify practices worth keeping.

02 LEARN

What obstacles did we encounter?

Surface the friction, bottlenecks and blind spots that held us back.

03 LOOK AHEAD

How can we take things further over the next two years?

Shape the After-LIFE trajectory: priorities, commitments, new partnerships.

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UPCOMING EVENTS - BE FREE WEBINARS 2026

Renovate **smarter** in 30 minutes

3 online sessions · Energie, renovatie, subsidies & financiering

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MAY 2026

WEBINAR TOPIC · 29 MAY

Presentation of the **Belgian Green Building Council**
(BGBC)

by Gilles Vanvolsem

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MAR
2026

Presentation of the
BEEFIC
by Emily Hannot

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JUN
2026

TOPIC TBA

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SEP
2026

TOPIC TBA

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UPCOMING EVENTS · SAVE THE DATES

See you soon

Two more milestones before the After-LIFE chapter begins

TABLE RONDE NATIONALE

AM

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SEP

2026

THURSDAY

Final national roundtable

The last thematic session before closing

CLOSING EVENT

PM

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SEP

2026

THURSDAY

Life BE FREE closing event

Celebrating the journey & unveiling the After-LIFE Plan

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