

**Overview of the current project portfolio of the Municipality of Etterbeek
(Brussels – Belgium)
Of relevance to the NEB-2026-01 call for proposals**

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EmPowerIngUs project

- Aims to identify and mitigate hidden energy poverty among vulnerable households through an approach based on three pillars: (1) data analysis, (2) awareness-raising, and (3) tailored solutions
 - European URBACT Innovation Transfer Network programme (Call IV – 2024)
 - Operating grant of **€68,868** for Etterbeek
 - Pilot actions, activation of a local group, and exchange of experiences and practices with four other European cities
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Circular Building Convert (CBC) project

- Aims to encourage the circular conversion of offices into affordable housing, targeting both public and private real estate projects within the municipality and beyond
 - Local initiatives and exchange of experiences and practices with nine other European partners
 - European **Interreg North-West Europe** programme
 - Grant of **€322,560**, mainly used to recruit a project manager until the end of 2028
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Prospect+ Programme 2024

- Etterbeek participated as a learner in this peer-learning and capacity-building programme focused on innovative financing schemes for implementing local energy transition projects
 - Main topics covered: **Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs)** and **“Intracting”** (a contraction of “internal contracting”)
 - **Horizon 2020** programme (subgranting)
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“Pass’âge” Autonomy Houses in Etterbeek

- Creation of a second Autonomy House dedicated to young people aged 18 to 24 experiencing homelessness or inadequate housing (Rue de Theux – 6 housing units)
 - **ERDF grant of €750,000**, mainly for investment
 - Managed by the **CPAS (Public Centre for Social Action)**
 - Deadline: **end of 2029**
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Creation of a [social reuse centre](#) in a disused municipal building

- Architectural and energy excellence
 - Use of **sewer thermal energy** (“[riothermy](#)”) for heating and cooling
 - The facility will be dedicated to the recovery, refurbishment and resale of furniture for people in precarious situations
 - Managed by the **CPAS (Public Centre for Social Action)**
 - Deadline: **2030**
 - Co-financed by the **European ERDF programme** and the Belgian federal **Beliris** programme
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“[Espadon](#)” swimming pool – Energy renovation and use of renewable energy

- **ERDF grant of €2,644,733**, mainly for investment: preliminary studies, heat pumps, insulation, photovoltaic panels, etc.
 - Deadline: **end of 2029**
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Construction of a [combat sports hall](#) on the Guy Thys stadium site

- Grant from the **Brussels-Capital Region** of **€1,835,090** for the construction of a combat sports hall, a multi-purpose hall, and the renovation of existing changing rooms
 - Partially co-financed through an innovative local **crowdfunding** operation: the municipality borrows from its residents to finance the investment and repays them within 18 months at an attractive interest rate
 - Aims to promote **youth empowerment through sport** and to channel energy in a positive way
 - Seeks architectural and energy excellence
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RUE (Rational Use of Energy) investment within the framework of the deep renovation of a CPAS-owned building

- Intended to host a social grocery store ([Espace Libellule](#)) on the ground floor
 - Grant from the **Brussels-Capital Region** of **€207,000**
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[EVA Unit \(Emergency Victim Assistance\)](#) – 2024

- Improvement of protocols and dedicated reception facilities for victims of domestic and sexual violence within Brussels police zones
- Grant of **€23,000**, including **€17,000 for investment** and **€6,000 for operating costs**

Pilot Energy Performance Contract (EPC) project

- The three pilot sites for Etterbeek are municipal schools
- An **Energy Service Company (ESCO)** studies, implements and pre-finances (in whole or in part) energy performance measures in buildings
- Energy savings generated by the measures are used to repay (in whole or in part) the investment made by the ESCO
- The EPC includes, in particular, a guaranteed level of energy savings provided by the ESCO, subject to penalties payable to the municipality in case of non-compliance, as well as a contract duration (approximately 10 years)
- Partnership with [Sibelga-Renoclick](#)

Renov'Ett project

- Municipal support for collective / grouped energy renovation of private housing, including energy sharing and energy communities
- The role of the project manager goes beyond simple facilitation in the sense of a “one-stop shop”
- Provision of a service similar to **AMO (project management assistance)**
- The project manager would therefore provide concrete support to owners throughout the grouped energy renovation process
- Brussels regional grant “**Renolution – renolab.ID**” of **€200,000**