

## Press Release: Slovakia to host the C4E Forum 2023

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**With the current ongoing war in Ukraine and energy security and prices top of mind with EU citizens and policy makers alike, the Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries are at the very frontline of the energy crisis. One key action towards reducing our dependence on Russian fossil fuel imports is to boost energy renovation measures and cut energy waste in buildings.**

**Therefore, from the Renovate Europe Campaign (REC), with the support of our national partner [Buildings for the Future](#), we are delighted to announce that we will organise the next [C4E Forum](#) in Slovakia from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.**

**In a context where the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) is entering its trilogue phase and discussions are taking place in the European Parliament concerning the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), the C4E Forum will be a great opportunity for stakeholders to track how implementation is proceeding as well as reviewing if REPowerEU funds are being properly streamlined into energy efficiency measures.**

**The EU is mainly working to improve its energy security by focussing on supply issues, whereas it should pay more attention to energy renovation as the sustainable option to properly tackle the energy security crisis. After all, the safest, cleanest and cheapest energy is that which we do not use.**

The 4th edition of the C4E Forum will provide two and a half days of interactive sessions and networking opportunities in the unique and attractive setting of Šamorín, a Slovak resort on the banks of the Danube River, close to Bratislava and Vienna. With a clear CEE focus, discussions and presentations on real and topical policy challenges and solutions with the participation of a broad representation of stakeholders (decision-makers, industry, NGOs...) will take place.

*“Through the years the C4E Forum has proven to be an essential part of community-building and knowledge-sharing among CEE stakeholders to further push for more action in the field of energy efficiency in our countries,”* said Katarína Nikodemová, Director of Buildings for the Future. *“Today this topic is more relevant than ever, it is therefore a great honour and privilege for us to be co-organisers and hosts of the next conference here in Slovakia,”* she continued.

*“From healthier living conditions for our citizens, to boosting our economies, and increasing our resilience to geopolitical developments, energy renovation and creating a more energy efficient society has the intrinsic potential to deliver benefits for all,”* comments Adrian Joyce, Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign, adding *“The C4E Forum is at the forefront pushing these ideas across the CEE region. Under our new lead, we guarantee keeping the great elements that have solidified the C4E brand while also promoting more original ideas to create an even more influential, engaging and attractive event.”*

In the coming weeks, details on registration for the event and a call for presentations will be issued.

You can follow the latest news on the activities of the C4E Forum by following its specific pages on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and by visiting its [website](#).

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