“EEFIG MS-level” Process in France

Working in coordination with a group of Energy Efficiency Finance experts and selected of the French Regions, local partner Vesta Conseil&Finance launched a 4-step “EEFIG MS-level” process in a workshop hosted in Paris on 4th September 2015. The agreed steps were these:

1. Kick-off Presentation of EEFIG & Process
2. Launch Tailored Online Survey
3. Analyse, Present, Discuss and Circulate Results
4. Final comments, Review and Conclude

The original EEFIG survey was translated into French and then launched to the “Group of 20” selected experts in energy efficiency and targeted financial institutions. The online survey remained open to collate expert inputs from late October to the end of November 2015. 18 of 20 experts responded and provided input to the EEFIG MS-level process. These respondents were distributed as follows among key sectors:

- Public Administration 22%
- Public Sector Bank 6%
- Consultancy 11%
- Association (Other) 11%
- Private Sector Bank 11%
- Other 39%

The French survey managed to attract a very large share of the 20-person specialist working group and a broad level of representation from key market stakeholders.

The survey results were presented back to the group and debated at a second meeting in Paris on 30th November 2015. Group consensus was reached and agreed modifications to the results report made with final reviews and verification undertaken by email. The results were agreed in January 2016.

In France, the EEFIG MS-level process has been an ideal way to apply theoretic principles and a common language created in Brussels on practical and local issues. It was important to differentiate between the drivers of supply and demand for energy efficiency retrofits on one hand and the key tools for financing for the residential sector on the other hand in the context of nationally relevant case studies and approaches.