“EEFIG MS-level” Process in Germany

Working in coordination with the formal Energy Efficiency Finance group convened by Germany’s economic Ministry, local partner DENEFF launched a 4-step “EEFIG MS-level” process in a workshop hosted in Berlin on 25th November 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 German and then launched to a closed list of Germany’s leading experts in energy efficiency and targeted financial institutions. The online survey remained open to collate expert inputs from November 2015 to January 2016. 103 experts responded and provided input to the EEFIG MS-level process. These respondents were distributed as follows among key sectors:

- Private Sector Bank: 7%
- Public Sector Bank: 12%
- Financial Investor: 7%
- Research Institution: 7%
- Consultancy: 18%
- Federal Ministry/State Department: 1%
- Public Administration: 2%
- Association (Finance Sector): 3%
- Association (Other): 4%
- Other: 39%


The survey results were presented back to the group and debated at a second meeting in Berlin on 27th January 2016. Group consensus was reached and agreed modifications to the results report made with final reviews and verification undertaken by email.

In Germany, the EEFIG MS-level process enabled experts to together examine and debate drivers and barriers separately from both the demand and supply sides of finance for energy efficiency investments. It enabled the comparison of results from different countries using the same methodology and provided a clear set of conclusions and proposed actions.

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