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The EU building sector is the largest single energy consumer in Europe. The operation of buildings is responsible for 36% of the EU's carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions a key greenhouse gas (GHG) that is causing planetary warming and climate change. The greenhouse gas emissions from material extraction, manufacturing of construction products, and the construction and renovation of buildings are estimated at between 5-12% of total national GHG emissions[1].

Three quarters (75%) of the existing building stock is energy inefficient and was constructed before legislation on building performance was in place. Four-fifths (80%) of today's buildings will still be in use in 2050. With only 1% (on average) of buildings undergoing energy renovations each year, it would take over 100 years to deliver on the EU's 2050 climate neutrality objective. Just over one third (35%) of the buildings in the EU are over 50 years old, and therefore an integrated conservation approach with respect to heritage values is required.

Stimulating a faster and deeper renovation of the existing building stock is vital for reaching the EU's climate and energy efficiency objectives. An integrated approach to building renovation means boosting energy performance of buildings by applying the 'energy efficiency first' principle, deploying renewables, preparing for climate impacts, deploying urban green and blue infrastructure and incorporating circular economy, waste treatment and pollution prevention principles. The expected benefits are broad and include lowering energy bills, alleviating energy poverty, increasing resilience to climate change, contributing to human health, safety and improved indoor air quality and providing habitats for biodiversity, as well as boosting the construction sector and, in doing so, supporting SMEs and local jobs.

To this end, and as part of the commitments in the European Green Deal^[2], the European Commission is preparing a 'Renovation Wave' for public and private buildings to address the twin challenge of energy efficiency and affordability. This initiative will set a vision for the short, medium and long term to kick-start and deliver different levels of renovation of the existing building stock, with accompanying financial instruments and mechanisms. The Renovation Wave is part of the European Green Deal and will be a key component of the EU's recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic.

This initiative builds upon the broader EU energy efficiency policy framework, in particular the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU), as amended by Directive 2018/2002/EU (EED), the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (2010/31/EU), as amended by Directive 2018/844/EU (EPBD) and Energy Labelling Regulation ((EU) 2017/1369) and Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC). It is moreover consistent with other recent relevant EU initiatives on climate, circular economy, industrial strategy and the environment.

The European Commission seeks to gather views and input on this initiative on the renovation of public and private buildings from a broad range of stakeholders, ranging from national, regional and local authorities to businesses, unions, civil society organisations, education organisations, consumer groups, research and innovation organisations, as well as individual citizens. This questionnaire is complementary to ongoing consultation and engagement with local, regional and national authorities, and with other stakeholders.

You may also be interested in providing your input to the ongoing public consultation for the 2030 Climate Target plan, which is open until 23 June 2020[3].

Guidance on the questionnaire

Thank you for taking part in this consultation. We want to hear your views on how to make the Renovation Wave as effective, overarching and ambitious as possible. Following some introductory questions about yourself, the questionnaire continues with questions covering the following topics:

- What is building renovation and barriers to building renovation;
- Assessing the existing mechanisms for mobilising building renovation;
- Further policies and measures to boost building renovation rates and depth, including accessible and attractive financing; expected impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on building renovation;
- Key enabling factors for supportive policymaking and implementation to deliver building renovation;
- How best to target the worst performing buildings;
- Fostering the role of central, regional and local authorities and new actors;
- Scaling up the role of the private sector, industries, and decentralised solutions;
- Most promising approaches and best practices for targeting the residential sector, including affordable housing aspects, energy poverty and social housing;
- Most promising approaches and best practices for targeting SMEs at large;
- Best practices for targeting schools and other educational institutions, hospitals and other public buildings;
- Wider benefits of renovating the EU building stock;
- Smart technologies for transforming today's buildings into the buildings of the future.

We estimate that the completion of the entire survey would require approximately one hour. Please, note that while you are not obliged to respond to all questions in the survey, in order to submit your contribution you need to provide us with your valuable input at least concerning the elements of and barriers to building renovation (Sections 1 and 2), your assessment of the importance of existing mechanisms for mobilising building renovation (section 3), as well as your views on additional policies and measures to boost renovation rates and depth (Section 4), on reaching out the worst performing buildings (Section 7) and on

the wider benefits of renovating the EU building stock (Section 14). Sections 2 and 3 offer you a choice among a simplified obligatory shortlist of responses and an option to rate replies that are more detailed by sector.

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[1] COM (2020) 98 final

[2] COM(2019) 640 final

[3] The link to the pubic consultation: https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12265-2030-Climate-Target-Plan /public-consultation

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*Organisation size

Micro (1 to 9 employees)

- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

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Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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Bosnia and	Guam	Nepal	Syria
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Island			Kingdom
Clipperton	Jamaica	Peru	United States
Cocos (Keeling)	Japan	Philippines	United States
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The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

Anonymous

Only your type of respondent, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

Public

Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

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* Do you or does your organisation or institution primarily deal with building renovation?

- yes
- no

*What is your primary source of information about building renovation?

- Building related press
- Building professionals (architects, including landscape architects, engineers, etc.)
- Construction companies/technicians
- Energy auditors
- Public authorities
- Building related events (exhibitions, fairs, etc.)
- Consumer organisations
- Manufacturers/suppliers of construction material and products

- Energy supply companies, utilities
- Financial institution
- Heritage professionals/practitioners
- Other, please specify [up to 500 characters]

*1. In your view, what elements describe best a building renovation? Please note that question 15 at the end of this survey offers you the opportunity to rate a detailed list of concrete technical solutions towards climate neutral and sustainable residential and non-residential buildings according to their importance.

at least 1 choice(s)

- Improving the energy performance of buildings by improving the energy efficiency of one or more building elements (including the building envelope – roof, windows, façade-, heating and air-conditioning systems, domestic hot water system, lighting, appliances, etc.), by optimal operation and maintenance, and by deploying renewables;
- Improving the preparedness for climate impacts, including climate-related events such as flooding, hail, windstorms, sea-level rise (e.g. carrying out structural reinforcement of buildings) or climate adaptation (e.g. improving response to higher summer temperatures);
- Improving the preparedness for events such as earthquakes and fires by carrying out structural reinforcement of buildings;
- Improving the sanitary conditions of dwellings by removing harmful sustances, such as asbestos;
- Improving the usability of the building (including accessibility for persons with disabilities and elderly people), its market value and adapting to new uses;
- Applying circular economy principles, such as reuse or high-quality recycling of construction materials, phasing out hazardous substances, ensuring building performance last longer to avoid numerous renovations, incorporate waste treatment and pollution prevention principles;
- All of the above;
- Other [up to 500 characters]

Please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

The improvement of the energy performance of the buildings can also be increasingly done through the use of smart digital tools, and should also lead to a healthier Indoor Environment Quality

2. Barriers to building renovation that slow down the transformation of the existing building stock

2.1. For all buildings (residential and non-residential), please rate the barriers to renovation to improve building performance according to their importance.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
* Lack of or limited understanding of building renovation technology	0	0	۲	0	0
* Lack of or limited trust in building renovation products and the benefits of renovation	0	0	۲	0	0
* Lack of or limited resource to finance building renovation	0	۲	0	0	0
* Lack of interest because energy renovation does not pay off in an immediately evident way or it takes too long	O	O	۲	O	0
* Different interests between house owner and house occupant	0	۲	0	O	O
* Disagreement between several owners (e.g. multi-apartment buildings)	0	۲	0	O	O
 Physical inconvenience during renovation works 	0	۲	0	0	0
 Difficulties in planning building renovation works, including obtaining permits required, obtaining financing, insurances, etc. 	۲	0	0	0	0
 Complexity related to managing separate contracts with architects, installers, etc. 	۲	0	0	0	0
* Lack of capacity of construction contractors to deliver technically and/or in time and/or to the expected level of quality (lack of skills, lack of staff, etc.)	O	۲	0	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

The lack of overall vision for the building stock and for individual buildings (in a holistic approach looking at all technologies for comprehensive renovations enhancing energy efficiency, health and comfort), with the right advisory services / accompanying tools (one-stop-shops, Building Renovation Passports), is hampering the take-off of the renovation market. A lack of mandatory renovation requirements at some Trigger Points is another reason.

*2.2. Would you like to rate a more detailed list of barriers to buildings renovation according to their importance?

- Yes, I would like to rate the barriers to renovate residential buildings in more detail [please move to 2.3 and 2.5].
- Yes, I would like to rate the barriers to renovate non-residential buildings in more detail [please move to 2.4 and 2.5].
- Yes, I would like to rate the barriers to renovate both residential and nonresidential buildings in more detail [please move to 2.3., 2.4 and 2.5].
- No, I proceed to the next section of the questionnaire [please move to section 3].

2.3. For <u>residential buildings</u>, please rate the following barriers to renovation to improve building performance according to their importance.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
Insufficient understanding of energy use and savings related to different energy efficiency measures	O	0	۲	0	O
Lack of understanding/trust in the technologies and solutions on the market	O	O	0	۲	©
Lack of trust or guarantee that renovation will deliver the energy and money savings or other benefits, lack of quality assurance	©	©	۲	0	0
Lack of interest – renovation to decrease energy consumption is not attractive for me, need for additional advantages	0	۲	0	0	0
Energy renovation does not pay off in an acceptable timeframe	0	0	۲	0	۲

The performance does not (sufficiently) impact the value of the building	0	0	۲	0	۲
Low energy prices	۲	۲	0	۲	0
Lack of information/low awareness of available public and/or private financing products for building renovation	۲	0	0	O	0
Lack of simple, attractive and accessible private financing products for renovation (e.g. loans)	۲	0	0	0	0
Lack of simple, attractive and easily accessible public incentive measures for renovation (e.g. grants or tax incentives)	۲	O	0	O	0
Cumbersome procedures and/or financial constraints for accessing private financing (e.g. high collateral requirements)	۲	O	©	O	0
Cumbersome procedures and/or financial constraints for accessing public financial support	۲	0	0	0	0
Fear of losing the renovation investment to natural or man-made disasters (e.g. climate-related events such flooding, hail, windstorms, sea- level rise, earthquakes)	O	۲	©	۲	0
Different interests between house owner and house occupant	0	۲	O	O	0
Disagreement between several owners (e.g. multi-apartment buildings)	0	۲	O	O	0
Construction of new buildings regarded as a lower risk/more attractive than renovation	0	0	۲	0	©
Risks and uncertainties of renovation, e.g. cost increases due to discovery of hazardous materials	0	0	0	۲	0
Disturbance related to renovation works (physical inconvenience during works)	۲	0	0	0	0
Regulatory and administrative barriers and complexity in planning, including permits required, etc.	۲	0	0	0	0

Contracting difficulties of managing separate contracts with architects, installers and bridging potentially different interests	۲	0	0	0	0
Perceived lack of government support, unambitious policies	۲	0	0	0	O
Local/regional buildings codes hinder cost-effective renovation	0	0	0	۲	0
Lack of trust in the quality of building renovation products, technological and nature-based solutions	0	0	0	۲	O
Lack of capacity of construction contractors to deliver technically and/or in time and/or to the expected level of quality (lack of skills, lack of staff, etc.)	0	۲	0	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

The lack of a tailored accompanying tool, such as the Building Renovation Passport, constitutes a barrier to renovation in the residential sector, where building owners lack information and advice on the status of their building & steps to undertake, and are 'lost' in their 'renovation journey'. Besides, a lack of mandatory renovation requirements at some Trigger Points is another reason explaining why the renovation rate and depth is so low in residential buildings.

2.4. For <u>non-residential buildings</u> such as offices, shops, hospitals, schools, please rate the following barriers to renovation to improve building performance according to their importance.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
Insufficient information on energy use and savings related to different energy efficiency measures, never completed an energy audit	0	0	۲	0	O
Lack of interest - Sustainability not a priority and thus public/private entities lacking or not allocating sufficient financial resources (equity, debt) for building renovation	0	۲	0	0	O
Energy renovation does not pay off in an acceptable timeframe	0	0	۲	0	0
The performance does not impact the value of the building	0	0	۲	0	0
Low energy prices	0	۲	0	0	0
Different interests (owner-tenant) and ownership relationship (e.g. different budgets for investment and operations)	0	۲	0	0	0
Investors perceive construction of new buildings as a lower risk/more attractive than renovation	0	0	۲	0	0
Technical complexity of comprehensive renovation	0	۲	0	0	0
Disturbances related to renovation works (disturbance to business operations, etc.)	۲	0	0	0	0
Regulatory and administrative barriers, planning and contracting difficulties, including permits required, separate contracts with installers, etc.	۲	0	0	0	O
Perceived lack of government support, unambitious policies	۲	0	0	0	0
Lack of capacity of construction contractors to deliver technically and/or in time and/or to the expected level of quality (lack of skills, lack of staff, etc.)	0	۲	0	0	0

Lack of trust in the quality of building renovation products, technological and nature-based solutions	0	0	0	۲	۲
Lack of information/knowledge/advice on financing building renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
Lack of attractive and easily accessible financial incentives (loans, grants, tax incentives etc.)	۲	0	0	0	0
Lack of financing products for building renovation tied to the property rather than the user and reflecting the benefits of increased energy performance of the building	0	۲	0	0	۲
Lack of mainstream financing products (such as energy efficiency mortgages) that offer also covering the building renovation costs in a single package	۲	0	0	0	0
Low awareness of available public and private financial solutions for building renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
Insufficient access from public /private entities to Energy Performance Contracts	0	0	۲	0	0
For publicly owned buildings: lack of funding	۲	0	0	0	0
Restrictive rules on procurement, annual budgeting and accounting	0	۲	0	0	0
Most cost-efficient measures (low-hanging fruits) already implemented => more complex and costly packages needed	0	۲	0	0	O
Lack of staff in public/private entities with skills to deal with the renovation process (i.e. bundling or pooling a larger number of units, identifying legal, technical and contractual solutions, etc.).	۲	0	0	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

The lack of mandatory renovation requirements (including at some Trigger Points) is another reason explaining why the renovation rate and depth is so low in non-residential buildings. For example, for public buildings, only buildings owned and occupied by central governments are covered by the EED Article 5 requirement to renovate annually 3% of the total floor area. This requirement should be extended to all public buildings especially those serving the public interest such as schools.

2.5. In case you have had any direct experience with the use of EU funds for building renovation, you are invited to share your experience.

- I have direct experience with the use of EU funds for building renovation and would like to share specific issues encountered [up to 1000 characters].
- I have direct experience with the use of EU funds for building renovation, but I prefer not to share any specific issues encountered [please move to section 3].
- No direct experience with the use of EU funds for building renovation [please move to section 3].

Please specify:

1000 character(s) maximum

First, blending different EU funds together or with national (or private) financing is a complex matter, sometimes even impossible because of legislation - a reform of state aid rules might help. Second, aggregation of projects is a demanding task to reach high set thresholds (e.g. for EIB funding) - enabling financing of smaller-scale projects will help. Third, EU funds are often used by Member States to finance building renovation projects on a first-come-first-served basis rather than based on cost-effectiveness (i.e. not linking proportionally the volume of financing to the level of energy performance reached) – cf. recent report from the European Court of Auditors. Fourth, the myriad of EU funds available for building renovation but without specific earmarking makes the financing journey more complex and longer. It will be easier and quicker to roll out the Renovation Wave by using a single Renovation Fund, which would also serve as dedicated Technical Assistance engine.

3. Facilitating mechanisms for mobilising building renovation

*3.1. What are the key policies necessary to mobilise building renovation?

at least 1 choice(s)

- Information and advice about all aspects of building renovation
- Implementation support for building renovation (e.g. one-stop shop)
- Simplification of administrative procedures
- Increase in the availability of appropriate public incentives (grants or fiscal measures) for building renovation

- Increase in the availability of attractive and easily accessible public financing
- Increase in the availability of attractive and easily accessible private financing
- Changes in energy taxation or carbon pricing to internalise the cost of greenhouse gas emissions
- Regulatory requirements for building renovation
- None of the above
- Other [up to 500 characters]

500 character(s) maximum

Minimum Energy Performance Standards, development of easy-to-use, personalised accompanying tools for building renovation (Building Renovation Passports) which give long-term visibility for the improvements of each building, improvement of skills in the construction sector all along the value chain including in 'coordination' professions

*3.2. Would you like to further rate a more detailed list of policies and measures to accelerate renovation to improve building performance according to their importance?

- Yes [please move to sub-sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5.]
- No, I proceed to the next section of the questionnaire [please move to section 4]

3.3. Please select those <u>existing regulatory and administrative</u> policies and measures which you think would be the most relelevant to strengthen in order to accelerate renovation investments to lower energy consumption, or to achieve other performance improvements, in <u>all building types</u> (residential and non-residential) and rate them accordingly.

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
Mandatory minimum energy performance requirements (whole building)	۲	0	O	0	O
Mandatory minimum energy performance requirements (building elements, technical building systems)	O	۲	O	0	0

Mandatory minimum equipment requirements (e.g. building automation and control systems, renewable energy, charging stations, smart systems for self- consumption)	0	۲	0	0	۲
Mandatory inspection and audit schemes	۲	0	0	0	0
Mandatory follow up of inspections or energy audits, including as part of voluntary agreements	۲	0	0	0	©
Renovation targets, including as part of voluntary agreements	۲	0	0	0	0
Climate change adaptation targets	0	0	۲	0	0
Clean air objectives or air quality plans	0	۲	0	0	0
Materials reuse or recycling or recovery targets	0	0	0	0	۲
Improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and elderly people	0	0	0	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Development of easy-to-use, personalised accompanying tools for building renovation (Building Renovation Passports) giving long-term visibility for the improvements of each building, creation of a dedicated Renovation Fund in the framework of the Recovery Plan – acting as Technical Assistance engine to increase available public & private financing available for building renovation, improvement of skills in the construction sector all along the value chain including in 'coordination' professions

3.4. Please select those <u>existing financing tools</u> which you think would be the most relevant to strengthen in order to accelerate renovation investments to lower energy consumption <u>in all building types</u> (residential and non-residential) and rate them accordingly:

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
Non-repayable rewards, such as national or regional public grants and subsidies	O	۲	0	0	O
Non-repayable rewards, such as EU grants and subsidies	0	۲	0	0	0

Debt and equity financing: loans/soft loans, revolving funds, green leasing, energy service agreements, Energy Performance Contracting, etc.	0	۲	0	0	0
Energy efficiency loans and/or mortgages offered by commercial banks	۲	0	0	0	0
A combination of public grants and finance mechanisms (loans, guarantees, etc.)	۲	0	0	0	0
Tax reductions and deductions for building renovation: income tax credit/deductions, property taxation (including local property taxation), lower VAT rates, etc.	۲	O	0	O	©
Innovative financing models for repaying the upfront investment, such as repayment of investments to the utility bill (on-bill financing), municipal bonds to finance renovation (on-tax financing), energy efficiency as a service model	۲	۲	0	۲	0
Innovative methods for raising funds, such as crowdfunding for energy efficiency, insurance for energy savings, etc.	0	0	۲	0	0
Use of revenues from the Emission Trading System (ETS) for building renovation programmes	۲	0	0	0	0
Indirect financial incentives e.g. lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings		0	۲	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Different financing tools can be considered depending on the building segment / ownership structure / consumer profile, but a dedicated Renovation Fund at EU level for Recovery, acting as a Technical Assistance engine, would enable to direct the right funds to the right projects. Moreover, besides directly funding renovation works, some financing streams (e.g. EEOS) should help financing one-stop-shops / advisory services / development of BRPs, in order to help sustain the market

3.5. Please select those existing tools to enhance information, communication, technical assistance, as well as skills and <u>knowledge</u> which you think would be the most relevant to strengthen in order to accelerate renovation investments to lower energy consumption in all building types (residential and non-residential) and rate them accordingly:

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
Advice and assistance in legal, planning, technical, administrative and financing matters, implementation support to building owners and operators	۲	0	O	O	0
Specific "brokerage" of financing for building renovations	0	۲	0	0	0
Development of energy audits, information via energy performance certificates, energy labelling, informative metering and billing, etc.	۲	O	\odot	O	0
Enhanced knowledge on renovation benefits, including wider benefits such as health (indoor and ambient air quality), comfort, higher disposable income, preparedness to climate impact	۲	0	O	0	O
Up- and re-skilling of workers/staff through training or education, cooperation with education & training institutions to improve building performance	۲	0	O	O	0
Information on overall environmental performance of building materials and technical systems, including water efficiency, energy efficiency, presence/emission of hazardous chemicals, repairability/reusability/recyclability	0	0	۲	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0		0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Development of easy-to-use personalised accompanying tools for building renovation (Building Renovation Passports) giving long-term visibility for the improvements of each building. Overall, reliable information on the energy performance of products and services is important to enable consumers take informed decisions so that renovation works deliver the promised savings and performance

4. Further policies and measures to boost building renovation rates and depth: how to increase demand and foster innovation

4.1. For <u>residential</u> buildings, please select policies and measures in terms of their effectiveness to achieve residential building transformation. Please rate them accordingly:

4.1.1. Regulatory and administrative tools

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
 Mandatory renovation targets at the level of Member States, regions or cities and municipalities 	0	۲	0	0	0
 Targets for average performance of the residential stock 	۲	0	O	0	0
* Mandatory minimum energy performance requirements at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	۲	0	©	©	©
 Requirements to implement cost-efficient renovation measures at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc. 	۲	O	O	©	0
 Housing laws to ensure that homeowners associations have easy and efficient decision-making procedures 	۲	0	O	0	O
 Measures to ensure building performance impacts the value of the building 	O	0	۲	O	0
 Measures to create incentives for building renovation instead of demolition and new- building 	0	۲	0	0	O

 Measures relevant to heritage conservation that include improvement to buildings' energy performance whilst respecting their heritage values 	0	0	۲	0	0
 Measures to bridge different interests on the rental markets between owners and tenants (occupants) of buildings and share the benefits of building renovation 	۲	©	©	©	©
 * Ban on sale or use of fossil fuel heating systems by a certain date 	۲	O	O	0	0
* Planned replacement of fossil heating systems with renewables at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovation	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲
* Binding air quality standards	0	0	۲	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	O	0

500 character(s) maximum

The implementation and enforcement of existing legislation (EPBD) to improve the energy performance and the IEQ/IAQ, should also be reinforced, notably concerning the long-term renovation strategies, nZEB standards, EPCs, and the accreditation of certifiers

4.1.2. Economic instruments and financing

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
* Attractive and easily accessible financing packages for building renovation combining different types of funds (EU and national, regional and local public funds, and private funds), including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	۲	©	O	O	0
* Facilitating the access to financial products (grants, loans/soft loans, guarantees, mortgages, etc.) and to new business and financing models (energy communities, housing associations, etc.), including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	۲	۲	۲	۲	0

* Deployment of attractive and easily accessible renovation lending products (unsecured loans) and/or enabling the mass- scale property financing products (energy efficiency mortgages) to cover also the renovation costs at the same conditions by commercial banks	۲	O	0	0	۲
 Tax regimes and fiscal instruments to promote building renovation (e.g. tax incentives or targeted redistribution of local tax revenue) 	۲	©	O	O	©
* Energy taxation and/or carbon pricing reflecting the external costs of energy	0	۲	0	0	0
* Standardisation of contracts and clauses in financing to reduce performance risk (loan standards for finance products, standard guarantee clauses, standardisation of contracts for local authorities, large property owners, etc.)	۲	۲	۲	۲	۲
 Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings 	O	۲	O	O	O
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	O	0

500 character(s) maximum

Use of new sources of funding such as ETS revenues.

4.1.3. Technical assistance, aggregation and information and communication

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
* One-stop shops for citizens as independent, transparent and accessible advisory tools to inform and assist efforts for building renovation and ease access to financing	۲	O	O	O	O
* Mainstreaming the deployment of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages) by commercial banks	۲	O	O	O	O
* Bundling renovations by larger numbers of buildings: aggregation of projects and packaged solutions for joint planning, permitting, financing and contracting	۲	0	O	O	0

 Facilitate public-private-community sector partnerships (e.g. energy communities) 	0	۲	O	O	0
 Information campaigns (e.g. enhanced role of energy agencies, schools, local authorities, etc.) 	O	۲	©	O	O
* Energy Performance Certificate/energy label databases to identify more clearly and prioritise potential for energy saving and pollution reduction and estimate costs	0	۲	0	O	0
* Integrate environmental, social and governance performance criteria into investment decisions and procurement processes	O	0	۲	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	O	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Development of easy-to-use, personalised accompanying tools for building renovation (Building Renovation Passports) giving long-term visibility and roadmap for the tailor-made improvements of each building to bring it to a climate neutral compatible performance.

4.1.4. Skills and knowledge

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
 Building skills, education and training: upskilling of architects and installers, engineers, heritage professionals and construction workforce and/or reskilling to energy, resource and water efficiency (including avoiding hazardous materials), pollutant emission reduction, building integrated and related renewable energy, resilience to climate change impacts, urban green and blue infrastructure, digitalisation and innovation, including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19 	۲	O	O	O	O
* Capacity building for public authorities at all levels (national, regional and local) and their mandated bodies to engage strongly with citizens for faster take up of home renovation	۲	0	0	0	0

* Capacity building for commercial banks to increase the availability of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages)	۲	O	©	O	0
* Qualification and certification schemes for the construction workforce	O	۲	0	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	0	۲	0	۲	۲

4.2. For <u>non-residential</u> buildings, please select policies and measures in terms of their effectiveness to achieve non-residential building transformation. Please rate them accordingly.

--4.2.1. Regulatory and administrative tools

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
* Mandatory renovation targets at the level of Member States	O	۲	O	0	0
 Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the renovation of public buildings, e.g. in line with renovation targets 	۲	0	O	0	©
* Targets for average performance of the non- residential stock	۲	0	0	O	O
* Minimum energy performance requirements at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non- energy related renovations, etc.	۲	O	0	O	O
* Requirements for implementing cost- efficient energy measures at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	۲	0	0	0	0
* Measures to ensure building performance impacts the value of the building	O	0	۲	O	O
* Measures to bridge different interests on the rental markets between owners and tenants (occupants) of buildings and share the benefits of building renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
* Measures to promote green walls and roofs and other measures supporting biodiversity	O	0	۲	O	0
* Measures to promote rain harvesting and water re-use	0	0	0	0	۲

* Ban on sale or use of fossil fuel heating systems by a certain date	۲	O	O	0	0
 Inclusion of planned replacement of fossil heating systems with renewables at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non- energy related renovation. 	۲	O	O	O	©
 Measures to create incentives for building renovation instead of demolition and new- building 	O	0	۲	0	0
* Binding air quality standards	0	0	۲	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

The implementation and enforcement of existing legislation should also be reinforced, notably concerning the EPBD Articles 8, 14 and 15.

4.2.2. Economic instruments and financing

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
* Attractive and easily accessible financial packages for building renovation combining different types of funds (EU and national, regional and local public funds, and private funds), including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	۲	0	O	O	0
* Facilitating the access to financial instruments (loans/soft loans, guarantees, mortgages, etc.) for energy performance contracting and to new business and financing models (energy communities, housing associations, etc.), including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	0	۲	0	0	0
 Tax regimes and fiscal instruments to promote building renovation (e.g. tax incentives) 	0	۲		0	O
* Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	O	۲	0	0	O
* Energy taxation and/or carbon pricing reflecting the external costs of energy	O	۲	0	O	0

* Standardisation of contracts and clauses in financing to reduce performance risk (loan standards for finance products, standard guarantee clauses, standardisation of contracts for local authorities, large property owners, etc.)	0	۲	0	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Use of new sources of funding such as ETS revenues, and reform of state aid rules to allow public funding of bigger (aggregated) renovation projects.

4.2.3 Technical assistance, aggregation and information and communication

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
* One-stop shops for public authorities and businesses as independent, transparent and accessible advisory tools to inform and assist efforts for building renovation and ease access to financing	O	۲	O	O	O
* Mainstreaming the deployment of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages) by commercial banks	0	۲	0	0	O
* Bundling renovations by larger numbers of buildings: aggregation of projects and packaged solutions for joint planning, procuring, permitting, financing and contracting	۲	O	0	O	0
 Facilitate public-private-community sector partnerships (e.g. energy communities) 	0	۲	0	0	0
 Information campaigns (e.g. enhanced role of energy agencies, local authorities, etc.) 	0	۲	0	0	0
* Energy Performance Certificate/energy label databases to identify more clearly and prioritise potential for energy savings and pollution reduction and estimate costs	0	۲	0	0	0
* Integrate environmental, social and governance performance criteria into investment decisions and procurement processes	0	0	۲	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Use of digital tools and Artificial Intelligences to map the potential of energy savings in an area-based approach

4.2.4. Skills and knowledge

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
 Building skills, education and training: upskilling of architects and installers, engineers and construction workforce and /or reskilling to energy, resource and water efficiency (including avoiding hazardous materials), pollutant emission reduction, building integrated and related renewable energy, resilience to climate change impacts, urban green and blue infrastructure, digitalisation and innovation, including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19 		۲	O	©	©
* Capacity building for public authorities at all levels (national, regional, local) and their mandated bodies to structure large scale renovation programmes	۲	0	0	0	0
* Capacity building for commercial banks to increase the availability of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages)	۲	0	0	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	0	0	0	0	۲

5. Building renovation in the context of post-Covid19 economic recovery

How do you see building renovation in the context of post-Covid19 economic recovery?

at most 2 choice(s)

Building renovation is fundamental for economic recovery. It should be central to any recovery plans (EU, national, regional, local)

- Building renovation has a positive impact in the context of economic recovery. It should be part of recovery plans, but should not be prioritised over other economic activities
- Building renovation has a neutral impact in the context of economic recovery. Building renovation should not be part of recovery packages, but existing schemes should be kept
- Other [up to 500 characters]

500 character(s) maximum

Building renovation is a job motor and benefits creator, and should therefore be prioritised in any recovery plan. Recent research shows that building renovation creates 18 jobs per million euro invested (see here: https://www.renovate-europe.eu/2020/06/10/building-renovation-a-kick-starter-for-the-eu-economy/). Moreover, it brings multiple benefits to citizens such as more comfort, better health and improved indoor environmental quality, which is key when more people work from home

6. Key enabling factors for supportive policymaking and delivering on building renovation

Please select the <u>key enabling factors</u> that can increase building renovation rate and depth. Please rate them accordingly.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
Newly introduced obligation to set targets for mandatory renovation at the level of Member States, sectors, etc.	۲	0	0	0	O
Requirements to set roadmaps for building renovation (per building type, class, construction year, etc.)	۲	O	O	0	©
Mandatory energy audits for all buildings, or specific segments	۲	O	O	O	0
Mandatory follow up of improvements identified as part of inspections or energy audits or of recommendations included in energy performance certificates at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations of buildings, etc.	۲	©	©	©	0

Simplification of administrative procedures related to building renovation at local and national levels	0	۲	0	0	0
Strengthen the requirement on public sector to lead by example (e.g. compulsory targets and adequate resources allocated to the renovation of public buildings)	۲	©	©	O	۲
Support capacity building of public authorities and their mandated bodies to structure renovation programmes and foster uptake of successful examples	۲	©	©	0	0
Active engagement and interest of the private sector (Energy Service Companies, energy communities, housing associations, financing institutions and communities, etc.)	©	©	۲	0	0
Active involvement of public and private lenders and investors in development and roll out of attractive, accessible, mass-market financing products that include renovation costs without additional burden or additional collateral requirements	۲	0	0	٢	۲
Emphasis on building renovation in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	۲	0	0	0	0
Emphasis on building renovation in the context of efforts to adapt to climate impacts	O	O	۲	0	©
Link financial support to energy performance increase levels in terms of efficiency improvements and/or savings achieved, renewable energy increase	۲	0	©	0	0
Use of the EU taxonomy to identify sustainable energy efficiency investments and direct finance to such investments	0	۲	0	0	0
Facilitate easy combininations of public and private financing for renovation	۲	0	0	0	0

Ensure reliable, consistent and comparable building data: Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) and their extended use, possibly in combination with Building Renovation Passports; availability of EPC ratings and potential use of the certificates as reliable evidence for financial institutions	۲	©	©	©	©
Ensure reliable, consistent and comparable environmental sustainability information for building materials and technical systems	©	۲	©	©	©
Use of data and digitalisation for energy, resource and water efficiency and flexible renewable energy use in buildings, data-based energy management; enabling the consumers to be rewarded for efficient behaviour	©	۲	©	©	O
General awareness raising and media campaigns	0	۲	0	0	0
Targeted support to facilitate upskilling and/or reskilling of workers	۲	0	۲	0	۲
Targeted support to project development units and advisory services on building renovation and financing, investment platforms, etc.	۲	©	©	©	©
Capacity building, education and training for stakeholders not directly involved on-site (e.g. administration, managers, financial sector)	۲	0	©	0	o
Guarantees in terms of energy savings and/or money savings and/or reduced pollutant emissions and/or other benefits	0	۲	0	۲	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	0	0	0	0	۲

7. Tackling worst performing buildings and energy poverty

Please select from the following measures those which you find the most relevant to tackle the worst performing buildings. Please rate them accordingly.

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
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* Minimum energy performance requirements for the building stock as a whole	۲	0	0	0	۲
 Minimum energy performance requirements for the most relevant segments 	۲	0	0	0	۲
 Minimum performance requirements for climate change adaptation and health issues (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air) 	0	۲	0	O	0
 * Packages of policy solutions for renovation in low-income or vulnerable households with information, installation, financing (including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19), etc. 	۲	O	O	O	0
* Direct installation of free or subsidised retrofit measures e.g. to income eligible households, including in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	0	۲	0	0	0
 Guidance and exchange of best practices on tackling energy poverty via building renovation, at both national and local level 	0	۲	0	0	0
 The use of renewable self-consumption, renewable energy communities and citizen energy communities rights 	0	0	۲	0	0
* Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Good data overview (based on LTRS and EPCs), clear vision and milestones for the building stock energy performance (announced well in advance), clear and progressive objective to be achieved per milestone (also announced in advance), enabling framework (ecosystem of regulatory and financial measures), strong monitoring / verification / enforcement, continuous communication from public authorities

8. Fostering the role of the central, regional and local authorities (procurement)

Please select from the following policies and measures those you find the most relevant to enhance the engagement of key interlocutors notably mayors, municipalities and local authorities, as well as central and regional authorities. Please rate them accordingly.

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
Mandatory targets (e.g. renovation of X% of building area, minimum energy performance requirements)	۲	0	O	0	0
Mandatory targets with regard to resource efficiency, climate change adaptation and health (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air)	0	۲	O	0	0
Voluntary targets/commitments/agreements (e.g. renovation of X% of building area, minimum energy performance requirements)	0	۲	O	0	0
Voluntary targets/commitments/agreements with regard to resource efficiency, climate change adaptation and health (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air)	0	0	۲	0	0
Revise local building codes to facilitate renovation and improve urban planning for renovation and promote green infrastructure	0	۲	0	0	0
Integrated planning for supply side and demand side measures in the building sector (e.g. district approaches, access to low-emission transport infrastructure, alignment of local renovation strategies with the national energy and climate plans, building renovation chapter in the Covenant of Mayors)	O	۲	0	0	0
Coordination of regulatory requirements to ensure consistency across the different administrative levels	۲	0	0	0	0
Smart permitting approaches and/or simplified building renovation procedures	0	0	۲	0	0
Public procurement rules to take into account energy efficiency (e.g. by emphasizing lower operating costs over time), water and resource efficiency and overall environmental performance, renewable energy, climate adaptation, air quality, urban green and blue infrastructure and circular economy considerations	0	۲	0	0	0

Procurement by (groups of) municipalities of energy service contracts	۲	0	0	0	0
Fiscal decentralisation giving local authorities adequate and stable multiannual financing sources	0	0	۲	0	0
Enhanced deployment of energy performance contracting, e.g. via off-balance sheet financing	0	0	۲	0	0
Earmarking of funds for renovation (EU, national, regional or local), dedicated funds, including novel approaches for redistribution of local property taxes stimulating renovation investments	۲	0	O	0	0
One-stop shops, public-private partnerships to inform and assist efforts of public authorities for building renovation and ease access to financing	۲	O	O	O	0
Creation of dedicated building renovation project development units within public authorities at all levels, retention of skilled and experienced staff	۲	0	O	0	٢
Facilitate and potentiate the exchange of best practices	۲	0	0	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	۲	0	0	0	0

500 character(s) maximum

Facilitate aggregation of projects to reach certain thresholds to be eligible for certain funding (EIB) or facilitate industrialisation of renovation (for economies of scale). Local authorities should find adequate & enough interlocutors in financing institutions. An EU Renovation Fund with multilingual experts can make a difference. Capacity building in commercial banks also needs to be fostered for these actors to enter the renovation market.

9. Scaling up the role of the private sector, new actors and industries (utilities, large property owners/managers), decentralised solutions for improved operational energy performance

Please select the following policies and measures, those you consider most necessary to engage industries, third party services such as Energy Service Companies, and new 'aggregators' (e.g. national promotional banks, commercial banks, mortgage lenders, utilities, renewable energy communities, citizen energy communities, industry consortia, consumer associations, energy agencies, etc.) to deliver faster and deeper building renovation. Please rate them accordingly.

	Very relevant	Relevant	Slightly relevant	Not relevant at all	No opinion
Industrialisation and standardisation: building renovation in short time with limited inconvenience for occupants (e.g. with prefabricated modules and integrated technologies)	۲	O	O	©	0
Industrialisation and standardisation of building renovation on large scale (e.g. districts, large property owners)	۲		0	O	O
Standardisation of financial products for renovation	0	۲	0	O	0
Standardisation of contracts	0	۲	0	0	0
Development and deployment of mass- scale, simple, attractive and accessible financing products, such as energy efficiency mortgages, where the additional costs of renovation are covered by a single loan under the attractive conditions.	۲	O	0	©	0
Risk sharing instruments to facilitate financing	۲	0	0	0	0

Use of the EU taxonomy to identify sustainable investment opportunities and direct finance to such investments	O	۲	۲	0	O
Public private partnerships, industry consortia, SME platforms, etc.	۲	0	0	0	۲
Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	0	۲	0	0	۲
Financing formula and contractual models for energy communities	0	0	۲	0	۲
Procurement by groups of municipalities	0	۲	0	0	0
Procurement by energy communities, cooperatives and citizens' purchasing groups	O	0	۲	0	O
Voluntary agreements with targets to renovate, achieve minimum energy requirements, etc.	0	0	۲	0	0
Reinforcement of advisory services, one- stop shops to inform, motivate, facilitate and finance building renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
Technical assistance envelope dedicated to commercial banks, and to utilities, for rolling out building renovation	۲	0	0	0	O
Technical assistance for municipalities (e.g. project management and financing)	۲	0	0	0	۲
Technical assistance for energy communities (e.g. project management and financing)	0	۲	۲	0	O
Technical assistance for SMEs in the renovation and construction sector, and as building owners/occupants	۲	0	0	0	0
Integrated modelling and energy planning for municipalities, energy communities and other citizens groupings for aggregated refurbishment projects	0	۲	0	0	0
Data mapping: big data for improving the performance of the building stock (collecting, collating and usage of data)	۲	0	0	0	0
Other [up to 500 characters]	0	\odot	0	0	۲

10. Most promising approaches for targeting the residential sector at large

Please indicate <u>the most effective future</u> policies and measures that are necessary to achieve building renovation in the residential sector,

10.1. at European level:

500 character(s) maximum

Set up regulatory framework for Minimum Energy Performance Standards (specific attention to energy poverty)

Enforce EU legislation + revise relevant directives (EPBD, EED Art 5)

Prioritise renovation in Recovery (RRF in line with LTRS) & MFF

Increase renovation rate (3% annual) & depth (nZEB) + identify missing links in renovation ecosystem

(targets, measures, policies, enabling framework, financing) to reach this vision

Identify best practices + success factors + replicability potential

10.2. at national level:

500 character(s) maximum

Prioritise building renovation in Recovery & Resilience Facility

Submit + implement LTRS

Transpose regulation on Minimum Energy Performance Standards to national context

Create + implement BRPs as evolution of EPC

Set up / reinforce agency or body for building renovation, coordinating actors + EU & local level + involve stakeholders in these activities

Develop pipeline of projects e.g. in segment-based approach

Devise upskilling frameworks for construction ecosystem especially SMEs

10.3 at regional and local level:

500 character(s) maximum

- Prioritise building renovation in regional and local economic development plans.

- Set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in relevant areas, in order to accompany homeowners in their renovation journey, and help structure the local value chain

- Plan for the renovation of public buildings such as hospitals, schools, government buildings

- Help develop a pipeline of renovation projects e.g. in an area-based approach notably by aggregating smaller scale projects

11. Most promising approaches for building renovation of affordable housing, social housing and tackling energy poverty

Please indicate what you consider to be <u>the most effective future</u> policies and measures for renovating affordable housing and social housing to improve its energy performance. Please consider energy poverty in your reply.

11.1 at European level:

Building renovation of affordable housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, regulatory framework and financial support

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, involvement of tenants / owners in the renovation process, regulatory framework and financial support

- Reform State Aid Rules to enable funding social housing renovation

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

- Adopt a definition of energy poverty and collect better data (Eurostat)
- Stronger requirements put on Member States to alleviate energy poverty (NECPs, LTRS)

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, involvement of tenants /owners in the renovation process, regulatory framework and financial support.

11.2. at national level:

Building renovation of affordable housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Focus on such a segment in the LTRS

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, regulatory framework and financial support

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Focus on such a segment in the LTRS
- Allocate dedicated funding streams

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, involvement of tenants / owners in the renovation process, regulatory framework and financial support

- Apply revised State Aid Rules to finance social housing renovation

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

- Collect better data to identify, based on agreed definition, who is deemed as household in energy poverty, in order to target actions on those areas / segments, in collaboration with local level

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, involvement of tenants / owners in the renovation process, regulatory framework and financial support

11.3. at local level:

Building renovation of affordable housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Help develop a pipeline of renovation projects e.g. in an area-based approach notably by aggregating smaller scale projects and involve tenants / owners in the renovation process

- Set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in relevant areas, in order to accompany homeowners in their renovation journey (especially on the financing aspects), and help structure the local value chain

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

- Help develop a pipeline of renovation projects e.g. in an area-based approach notably by aggregating smaller scale projects and involve tenants / owners in the renovation process

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

- Identify, based on agreed definition, who is deemed as household in energy poverty, in order to target actions on those areas / segments, in collaboration with national level

- Allocate dedicated funding streams

12. Most promising approaches for targeting small and medium enterprises (SMEs) (eith er for the renovation of their buildings, or to stimulate demand for their renovation services)

Please indicate <u>the most effective future</u> policies and measures that are necessary to achieve building renovation in relation to small and medium enterprises (SMEs),

12.1. at European level:

Renovation of buildings owned and/or occupied by SMEs

500 character(s) maximum

- Revise the EED Article 8 on energy audits to assess whether it could be applied to SMEs

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, regulatory framework and financial support

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

- Prioritise renovation in Recovery Plan & MFF as building renovation can create local quality jobs (18 jobs created per 1 million euro invested)

- Devise upskilling frameworks for construction ecosystem especially SMEs, in line with ambition of increased renovation rate of 3% per year and increased renovation depth (quality of works)

12.2. at national level:

Renovation of buildings owned and/or occupied by SMEs

500 character(s) maximum

- Minimum Energy Performance Standards accompanied by milestones with progressively tightened ambition over time (announced in advance), together with strong social safeguards, regulatory framework and financial support

- Develop pipeline of projects in segment (commercial buildings)

- Create + implement BRPs as evolution of EPC + coordinate set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in relevant areas to accompany building owners in renovation journey, and help structure the local value chains

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

- Prioritise building renovation in Recovery & Resilience Facility, as building renovation can create local quality jobs (18 jobs created per 1 million euro invested)

12.3. at local level:

Renovation of buildings owned and/or occupied by SMEs

500 character(s) maximum

- Set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in relevant areas, in order to accompany homeowners in their renovation journey, and help structure the local value chain

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

- Prioritise building renovation in regional and local economic development plans, as building renovation can create local quality jobs (18 jobs created per 1 million euro invested)
- Help develop a pipeline of renovation projects e.g. in an area-based approach notably by aggregating smaller scale projects

13. Targeting schools and other educational institutions, hospitals and other public buildings

Please indicate <u>the most effective future</u> policies and measures, and best practices that are necessary to deploy building renovation in schools, hospitals, and other public buildings,

13.1. at European level:

Educational institutions

500 character(s) maximum

Prioritise in Recovery Plan & MFF + dedicated expertise within Renovation Fund Identify best practices + success factors + replicability potential Set up regulatory framework for MEPS with milestones & progressively tightened ambition, social safeguards + financial support (e.g. reformed state aid rules) Enforce EU legislation + revise relevant directives (EPBD, EED Art 5) More info from our dedicated webinar: https://euroace.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Webinar-EuroACE-2.4_PPT_FINAL

Hospitals

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- Prioritise renovation of segment in Recovery Plan & MFF
- Identify best practices + success factors + replicability potential
- Set up regulatory framework for MEPS with milestones & progressively tightened ambition (announced in advance), social safeguards + financial support (e.g. reformed state aid rules)
- Enforce EU legislation + revise relevant directives (EPBD, EED Art 5)

Other public buildings

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13.2. at national level:

Educational institutions

500 character(s) maximum

- Prioritise segment in Recovery & Resilience Facility + LTRS to develop pipeline of projects

- Transpose regulatory framework for MEPS to national context and this segment, with milestones & progressively tightened ambition (announced in advance), social safeguards + financial support (e.g. reformed state aid rules, dedicated funding stream)

- More info from our dedicated webinar: https://euroace.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Webinar-EuroACE-2.4_PPT_FINAL.pdf

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13.3. at local level:

Educational institutions

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Prioritise renovation of this segment in economic development plans Identify + develop projects pipeline in area-based approach by aggregating Set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in area, to accompany renovation journey from technical & financial aspect + structure the local value chain Financial support (e.g. use reformed state aid rules, dedicated funding stream) More info from our dedicated webinar: https://euroace.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Webinar-EuroACE-2.4 PPT FINAL.

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Other public buildings

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- Set up one-stop-shops / advisory services in area, to accompany renovation journey from technical &

financial aspect + structure the local value chain

- Financial support (e.g. use reformed state aid rules, dedicated funding stream)

14. Wider benefits of renovating the EU building stock

Please indicate the most important wider benefits of renovating the EU building stock and rate these accordingly.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
 Reduce energy poverty, lower energy bills and increase monetary savings 	۲	0	0	0	0
 Increased engagement and commitment to climate, energy, water, air quality and other environmental and biodiversity objectives by citizens and communities 	©	O	۲	O	0
* Better comfort and sanitary conditions of dwellings to improve health, safety and air quality (including e.g. by replacing outdated heating installations, removing potentially hazardous materials, providing shading & natural cooling in heatwaves, increasing urban green spaces)	۲	O	©	O	O
* Increased property value	0	۲	0	0	0
* Contribute to the circular economy and thereby save energy, material and water, extend the service life of existing buildings, improve knowledge of materials' carbon contents and design and construct flexible buildings in a material and carbon efficient way	©	۲	0	0	0
 Improve the resilience of the building stock and its users to climate change impacts (e.g. water retention by green roofs and walls reduces pluvial flooding) 	0	۲	0	O	۲
 Improve transport and mobility aspects (installing charging points, providing safe bike parking space) 	0	0	۲	0	۲
 Improve/allow connection to smart grids and energy communities 	0	۲	0	0	0
 Improve building adaptability to occupants' changing needs 	۲	0	0	0	0
* Job creation for economic recovery	۲	0	0	0	0
 Availability of labour-market relevant skills, green skills for all professionals in the construction and buildings sector 	۲	0	0	0	۲
* Improved security of supply	۲	0	0	0	0
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Better disaster risk reduction preparedness			۲	0	O
* Ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and elderly people	O	0	۲	O	O
* Other [up to 500 characters]	0	0	0	0	۲

15. Smart technologies and nature-based solutions for transforming today's buildings into the buildings of the future

15.1. For <u>residential</u> buildings, please indicate what would be your preferred solutions towards climate neutral and sustainable homes and rate these according to their importance.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
Replace the current heating & cooling system by a more efficient and renewable based system (e.g. replace old boiler by a heat pump)	۲	O	O	O	0
Planned replacement programme for old or inefficient heating equipment using solid or liquid fossil fuels with renewable heating solutions	۲	O	O	O	0
Improve the thermal properties of the building's envelope through better insulation and windows	۲	0	0	0	0
Single deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out at the same time.	۲	0	0	0	0
Step-by-step deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out over time rather in one single renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
Use nature-based solutions to improve air quality, combat the heat island effect, contribute to energy efficiency and health and provide habitat for biodiversity (e.g. green walls and green roofs and rain water harvesting and re- use)	0	۲	O	O	۲
Use smart technologies and digital solutions for optimal operation and maintenance (e.g. building automation and control systems, smart thermostats					

and room temperature controls, smart meters, etc.) and enable consumer rewards for energy-saving/, or load- shifting behaviour	۲	©	©	©	©
Use renewable energy on-site (e.g. solar thermal, PV panels, geothermal, etc.) or off-site through district heating /cooling networks	O	۲	O	O	0
Use of sustainable construction materials with lowest carbon footprint	O	O	۲	O	0
Smart Sector Integration: integration of renewables that increase flexibility in buildings and in the wider energy system to which the building is connected, integration of waste heat supply solutions, installation of e- vehicle charging infrastructure, providing safe bike parking, thermal storage, connection to smart grids	۲	۲	۲	٢	۲
Integrated approaches maximizing the synergies between energy efficiency and renewable energy at the district level	0	0	۲	O	0
Integration of circular economy principles in any of the measures indicated above (such as reuse or high- quality recycling of construction materials, phasing out hazardous substances, ensuring building performance last longer to avoid numerous renovations)	O	O	۲	O	©
Other [up to 500 characters]	0	0	0	0	۲

15.2. For <u>non-residential</u> buildings such as offices, shops, hospitals, schools, please indicate what you would consider as most relevant solutions towards climate neutral and sustainable buildings for building owners and rate these accordingly.

	Very important	Important	Slightly important	Not important at all	No opinion
Use smart automatic technologies and digital solutions for optimal operation and maintenance (e.g. building					
	۲	0		۲	

automation and control systems, smart thermostats and room temperature controls, smart meters, etc.)					
Use nature-based solutions to improve air quality, combat the heat island effect, contribute to energy efficiency and health and provide habitat for biodiversity (e.g. green walls and green roofs and rain water harvesting and re- use)	0	۲	0	0	۲
Apply energy management systems	۲	0	0	0	0
Introduce more energy efficient and/or automated lighting systems	۲	0	0	0	0
Introduce more energy efficient heating & cooling systems	۲	0	O	O	0
Improve the thermal properties of the building's envelope through better insulation and windows	۲	0	0	0	0
Single deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out at the same time	۲	0	0	0	0
Step-by-step deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out over time rather in one single renovation	۲	0	0	0	0
Recovery of energy that otherwise must be ventilated (waste energy)	۲	0	0	0	0
Use renewable energy on-site (e.g. solar thermal, PV panels, geothermal, etc.) or off-site through district heating /cooling networks	0	۲	0	0	0
Smart Sector Integration: integration of renewables that also increases flexibility in buildings and in the wider energy system to which the building is connected (e.g. solar roof panels), integration of waste heat supply solutions, installation of e-vehicle charging infrastructure, safe bike parking, thermal storage, connection to smart grids, enable consumer rewards for energy-saving, or load-shifting behaviour			۲	۲	۲
Integrated approaches maximizing the synergies between energy efficiency					

and renewable energy at the district level	0	0	۲	0	۲
Integration of circular economy and environmental principles in building renovation in any of the measures above (such as reuse or high-quality recycling of construction materials, phasing out hazardous substances, ensuring building performance last longer to avoid numerous renovations)	©	©	۲	©	©
Other [up to 500 characters]	0	0	0	0	۲

16. Further comments

Do you have any further comments on aspects relevant for building renovation and not covered above?

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EuroACE organised a series of 7 webinars dedicated to the Renovation Wave and exploring different aspects (segment vs. area-based approach, financing, policies & measures, aggregation of projects, one-stop-shops, and renovation of schools). All material (recordings and slides) is available on our website (under item 'EuroACE Actions'). For a more comprehensive position on the Renovation Wave, see our Position Paper: https://euroace.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-Roadmap-Renovation-Wave-EuroACE-Response.pdf

Finally, we call on the Commission to further support an adequate regulatory framework for energy renovation, including MEPS, and on Member States to remain accountable and to focus their work on rolling out their LTRS with strong policies and adequate financing. A highly energy efficient and decarbonised building stock by 2050 requires dedicated policies to remove existing barriers, and we call on the Commission to propose ambitious legislation in this regard as of 2021.

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