THE RENOVATE EUROPE CAMPAIGN is a political communications campaign with the ambition to reduce the energy demand of the EU building stock by 80% by 2050 compared to 2010 levels through legislation and ambitious renovation programmes.

Buildings are responsible for about 40% of energy use and about 36% of carbon emissions, and this will continue to be the case unless our existing building stock is ambitiously renovated to drastically reduce its energy use. Today’s technologies and innovative approaches are able to offer an 80% reduction in the energy demand of buildings – it is the regulatory and legislative framework that is lacking.

Renovate Europe therefore relies on the new Parliament and MEPs to consistently and courageously stop the energy waste in the building stock in the EU in the 2014-2019 Mandate!

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As a Member of the European Parliament for the 2014-2019 legislative term, I pledge to:

- **UGRE MY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN AMBITIOUS NATIONAL RENOVATION STRATEGY IN MY COUNTRY.**

  It is essential that all governments commit to develop and implement an ambitious national renovation strategy for their entire building stock, as required under the Energy Efficiency Directive (Article 4). This needs advanced consultation and planning with all stakeholders. Member States deliver their first strategies in April 2014 and will have to revise every three years thereafter, giving room for intervention and increased ambition.

- **HOLD THE RELEVANT COMMISSIONERS AND COMMISSION SERVICES TO ACCOUNT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING ACTION FOR BUILDING RENOVATION.**

  The Commission is clearly supportive of the benefits of building renovations, but more political commitment is needed to transform these good intentions into strong investment-friendly proposals for the ambitious energy renovation of buildings across the EU.

- **RECALL THAT ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING RENOVATION REQUIRES HIGH PRIORITISATION AT POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE LEVELS.**

  The European Parliament is repeatedly supportive of reducing the energy waste in buildings and calls for a reduction of the energy demand of the EU’s building stock by 80% by 2050. Placing the EU on the right track to answer this call will mean using all political and legislative opportunities to prioritise and incentivise energy efficient renovation at EU and national levels, particularly through the work of all Parliamentary Committees.

- **HELP TO DISSEMINATE SUCCESS STORIES ABOUT AMBITIOUS ENERGY RENOVATIONS.**

  Examples of successful energy renovation programmes exist in all corners of the EU; innovative financing schemes are being explored, developed and rolled out. More exchange around best practice schemes is needed in order to facilitate a solution-oriented attitude towards the transformation of the existing building stock to a near zero energy level.

- **ESTABLISH CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RENOVATE THE EU BUILDING STOCK.**

  Many regions and cities in the EU have committed to advanced action on the energy performance of their buildings, notably through the Covenant of Mayors, and will need further consistent support to achieve their targets and thus reap multiple benefits for their citizens. It is of paramount importance to start ambitious energy renovation of the building stock in the EU NOW! It is the only way to achieve our long-term goal of reducing by 80% the energy demand of our buildings by 2050.

1 Cf the resolutions on the Energy Roadmap 2050 and on the 2030 Energy and Climate Framework
2 Such as the review of national targets under the Energy Efficiency Directive and the upcoming revision of the buildings directive, to name just two opportunities.