

ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS DIRECTIVE (EPBD)

How to maximise the positive impact for citizens



WANT more local jobs?

WANT a good business environment?

CLARIFY the vision for the buildings sector in 2050!

To create local jobs, **industry needs clarity and investors need confidence** in the long-term vision for buildings. The proposed **definition of a 'decarbonised building stock'** in CA 5A **gives the correct direction of travel** for the buildings sector in the next 30 years. The definition is **consistent with existing legislation**, as it applies the logic of nZEB to the whole stock at EU level. A *nearly-zero energy building* (nZEB) is a building with a high energy performance (i.e. low energy needs), where the reduced demand is met to a very significant extent by renewables (RES). The precise nZEB levels are defined at national level, according to national circumstances (climate zone, market conditions, etc.), in **full respect of subsidiarity**.



WANT better access to financing for SMEs?

WANT decreased energy bills for Europeans?

REINFORCE the national renovation strategies!

For the 2050 vision to be reached, it is essential that Member States produce strong and forward-looking renovation strategies, with a focus on delivery. **The more precise and quantified national plans are to capture the potential in buildings, the more likely it is that energy efficiency goals will be met.** Renovate Europe supports the 2030 and 2040 milestones in the strategies, with "*measurable progress indicators*" to keep track of implementation. The renovation strategies will **facilitate access to finance** (whether public or private), and include tools to **give more reliable information and guidance to consumers** who want to renovate their homes. They will also accelerate **technological transition** towards smart and well-connected buildings.



WANT more comfortable homes, offices and schools?

WANT improved health for Europeans?

MAXIMISE the impact of efficient buildings!

A decarbonised building stock should **first be highly energy efficient**, with low energy needs, highly efficient equipment and effective controls and monitoring, facilitating the integration of **renewable energy, which is too precious to be wasted**. Reducing energy demand first provides truly comfortable buildings to all Europeans and improves their health. If measures with relatively short payback periods are implemented, **the savings generated should be re-invested in the next stage of renovation**. Without those clarifications, there could be disincentives to energy renovation activities, which would hamper the market and businesses, especially SMEs. We **need a clear goal from the start** if we want to unleash the societal benefits of energy renovation. Let's not forget that **our buildings will only be renovated once between now and 2050!**



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The Renovate Europe Campaign

Renovate Europe is a political communications campaign established in 2011, with the ambition to reduce the energy demand of the EU building stock by 80% by 2050 as compared to 2005 levels. This will bring the energy performance of the entire building stock in the EU to an nZEB performance level.

To reach this achievable ambition, Renovate Europe has three objectives:

- » Increase the average renovation rate in the EU from the current rate of about 1% to 3% per year before 2020 and maintain that rate over time;
- » Ensure that all renovations contribute to the realisation of an nZEB building stock in the EU by 2050, meaning most of them will be deep or staged deep renovations;
- » Drive the formulation and implementation of an effective EU policy and legal framework to ensure that the REC ambition for 2050 is met.

Renovate Europe brings together **36 partners from across the building value chain**, including companies, trade unions, associations and National Partners working in **14 Member States**.



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