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POLICY ACTIVITIES



In 2024, Renovate Europe set an ambitious vision into motion, launching a transformative **campaign to renovate all educational buildings across Europe by 2035**. This groundbreaking initiative aimed to tackle two critical challenges simultaneously: improving energy efficiency and creating healthier, safer, and more inspiring learning environments for future generations. The campaign's success quickly resonated beyond its initial audience, with the **French socialists embracing and championing the idea** within their national agenda.

Central to this year was Renovate Europe's strategic **empowerment of its national partners**, equipping them with the tools and resources to bring diverse stakeholders to the table. Through a targeted **grant from the European Climate Foundation (ECF)**, we enabled our partners to collaborate with governments, civil society, and the private sector on designing and implementing robust Minimum Energy Performance Standards.

Launched in 2023 as a **LIFE-funded initiative**, the **EPBD.wise project** aims to support the implementation of the EPBD, with a particular focus on Central and Eastern Europe. Between May and July 2024, **six dynamic Policy Forums** were organised, igniting critical discussions on the challenges and policy needs surrounding the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. Kicking off with a virtual forum in Ukraine, the series extended to Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Hungary, and Greece, bringing together a diverse array of stakeholders, including ministry officials, industry leaders, and influential associations. These forums served as powerful **platforms for collaboration**, fostering a deeper **understanding of each country's unique hurdles and opportunities** in aligning with EPBD goals.



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Through our national partners, we also coordinated a successful network for **EPBD advocacy**, amplifying the collective voice and impact of these efforts. The momentum doesn't stop here—an exciting **second round of Policy Forums is set for Autumn 2025**, where the project partners will unveil carefully crafted policy guidelines, charting a clear path forward for impactful EPBD implementation.



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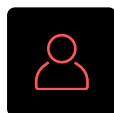
“#RENOVATEHUNGARY: RENOVATE FOR PEOPLE AND FOR A COMPETITIVE EUROPE”

On October 9th, **REDay2024** brought together key stakeholders in Budapest for a vibrant exchange on shaping the future of building renovation. As part of the **official Hungarian Council Presidency programme** and under the esteemed **patronage of Hungary's Minister of Energy**, the event showcased the power of collaboration and innovation in exploring the sector's new opportunities. Co-organised with **MEHI** and **backed by prominent sponsors**, the event marked a significant step toward advancing forward-thinking ideas and impactful renovation practices across Europe.



EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE: POLICY UPTAKE

The session focused on the EU's energy renovation and climate goals, featuring top voices: the European Commission Director General for Energy, State Secretaries from Hungary and many industry leaders.



HUNGARIAN PERSPECTIVE

The event explored energy renovation's role in boosting competitiveness and delivering multiple benefits in Hungary, with insights from the European Investment Bank, Hungary's Ministry of Construction and Investment and other key stakeholders.



YOUTH SESSION AND SITE VISIT

The session kicked off with three youth representatives sharing their vision on energy renovation and climate challenges, followed by a guided tour of the renovated Corvinus University Buildings, offering a chance to engage with experts.

REDAY IN NUMBERS

+200 PARTICIPANTS



17 PANELS DISCUSSION



35 SPEAKERS



OTHER EVENTS

In 2024, Renovate Europe took center stage in a year brimming with pivotal events, **driving impactful conversations at both EU and national levels**. From engaging top EU officials and ministry representatives to collaborating with stakeholders and experts, our initiatives shaped energy efficiency and building renovations agendas, while strengthening collaboration across Europe!



A NEW ERA FOR THE EUROPEAN RENOVATION WAVE

The event united city and industry leaders, along with experts, to tackle the future of building renovations in Europe and dive into the role cities play. Together with C40 Cities, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), and the Covenant of Mayors Europe, Renovate Europe has explored ways to **unlock funding at the local level**, and brainstormed strategies to **strengthen cooperation between cities and stakeholders**, driving impactful local action forward.



ENERGY AND MANAGING AUTHORITIES MEETING

In October 2024, Renovate Europe delivered an engaging presentation on the **Report on Cohesion Policy for energy efficiency and building renovation** during the **Energy and Managing Authorities meeting** in Madrid. The event, designed to empower authorities responsible for implementing energy-related programs, saw the participation of representatives from the European Commission and Ministries.

OTHER EVENTS



RENOVATION REVOLUTION

As a knowledge partner of the Renovation Revolution project, which aims to **triple the annual rate of energy renovations for buildings across Europe**, Renovate Europe was a guest of a key event on the topic in September. The conversation revolved around **exploring collaborative strategies and actionable insights** to fast-track energy renovations and hit decarbonisation targets, all in line with Europe's updated EPBD framework.



ANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Renovate Europe took center stage at ANCE's General Assembly, diving into key issues such as the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the future of Italy's building sector**. Our Campaign Director shared REC's bold vision on the EPBD, innovation and the environment. It was a powerful opportunity to explore local developments, offer our knowledge, and spark collaboration toward a greener, more resilient built environment across Italy and Europe.



ENGAGING RETAIL LENDERS IN HOME RENOVATIONS

In partnership with Climate Strategy & Partners, Renovate Europe explored how Mortgage Portfolio Standards can unlock trillions in home equity across EU buildings. The event brought together private lenders **to discuss energy renovations, with support from the European Banking Authority and tools from banks to identify underperforming buildings.**

PUBLICATIONS

Mind the gap: how to turn Europe's renovation trickle into a wave

The European Union aims to renovate large swathes of the bloc's building stock, making homes and offices more comfortable to live and work in and reducing energy usage. But to upgrade these buildings, an army of construction professionals will be needed, from architects and project managers to builders and craftsmen—far more than is currently available



By Sean Carroll



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PODCASTS AND INTERVIEWS

Throughout 2024, Renovate Europe Campaign Director Adrian Joyce sat down with FORESIGHT for an **insightful interview**, diving into two transformative topics shaping our future. In *"Mind the Gap: How to Turn Europe's Renovation Trickle into a Wave"*, we explored bold strategies to accelerate renovations across Europe, sparking ideas for a greener, more resilient continent. Joyce also took to the mic on the **podcast** *"A Very Particular Set of Skills"* tackling the urgent question on graduates readiness to thrive in the green world we're building.

CONTACT CALLS AND NEWSLETTERS

Renovate Europe organised several dynamic **Contact Calls** to streamline the flow of information between Brussels and the EU and National Partners, as well as among National Partners themselves. These calls serve as a collaborative platform to exchange updates and ideas. Each session is preceded by an Internal **Newsletter**, outlining key discussion points, which is circulated to all Partners for preparation.

Renovate Europe Day 2024 - Key Messages



Highlights from Renovate Europe Day 2024!

On October 9th, REDay2024 united key stakeholders in Budapest to explore the **future of building renovation**. The discussions underscored the importance of collaboration and innovation in addressing the challenges of the renovation sector. The event, which took place under the **patronage of the Hungarian Minister of Energy, Csaba Lantos**, is part of the **official Hungarian Council Presidency programme**. A special thanks to our sponsors for their invaluable support in making the event possible.

THE RENOVATE EUROPE CAMPAIGN

The Renovate Europe campaign has a clear call: **to accelerate the deep energy renovation of buildings in the EU to 3% per year.**

Launched in 2011, Renovate Europe is the only EU-wide campaign that focuses exclusively on ambitious renovation of the building stock in the EU and is the voice that 'bangs the drum' for energy efficient renovations, taking a technology neutral, integrated and holistic approach to energy efficient renovations.

Energy renovation of buildings is a significant tool in the fight against climate change and will play a key role in helping the EU meet its objectives under the Paris Agreement.



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