

4th of March 2026

Sent to the Ministers responsible for the National Building Renovation Plans

Subject: Accelerating the submission of your draft National Building Renovation Plan

Dear Minister,

The buildings sector is a major part of the European economy. It represents almost 10% of EU GDP and directly employs around 25 million people. Renovation activity creates local jobs that cannot be relocated. It is estimated that every €1 million invested in building renovation supports between 15 and 18 jobs across the value chain, including SMEs and manufacturers.

The Renovate Europe Campaign (REC) is an EU-wide political communications campaign that is calling for the rate of ambitious **energy renovation of buildings** in the EU to be increased to **3% per year by 2030**. It is supported by fifty partners from multiple stakeholder groups, including 18 national partners. The REC closely follows the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)ⁱ and, as you know, the recast EPBD states that draft National Building Renovation Plans (NBRP's) were to be submitted by the 31st of December 2025, with final plans due by the 31st of December 2026ⁱⁱ.

We recognise the complexity of preparing a comprehensive NBRP and believe that taking time to prepare the NBRP in consultation with the construction sector, financial institutions, local authorities, and civil society will help ensure ambition, acceptability and practical deliveryⁱⁱⁱ. These plans will serve as the **national roadmap to guide investment, reforms and support measures in the buildings sector**.

We note that your draft NBRP has not yet been submitted and we write to **encourage your Ministry to prioritise its finalisation and submission at the earliest opportunity**.

In the current context of housing pressures and challenges on global competitiveness, a clear and timely NBRP can support **economic growth, job creation and social stability at national level** and will strengthen investor confidence, support local employment, increase housing supply, and help your country capture the full economic and social benefits of renovation. Implementation of your NBRP, which could be greatly helped by local and regional authorities and their one-stops shops, will significantly help to reduce the energy and carbon footprint of your building stock.

The Renovate Europe Campaign and its partners remain available to **provide technical input**, share best practices from other Member States, or support stakeholder dialogue. We stand ready to assist your services in bringing this important work to completion.

Yours sincerely,



Adrian Joyce
Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign

About the Renovate Europe Campaign:

Renovate Europe is a political communications campaign calling on policymakers and stakeholders at all levels to take immediate, bold actions to rapidly accelerate the deep energy renovation of buildings in the EU to 3% per year, for the benefit of all. Accelerating the rate of renovation is a key tool in the fight against climate change, and will deliver major benefits for people, their quality of life, and the economy. www.renovate-europe.eu

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REC Partners (2026)

There are currently 50 partner companies and associations actively engaged in the work of the REC, of which 18 National Partners active in the Member States.



National Partners

ⁱ The REC has prepared an *EPBD Implementation Tracker* that is being populated with information from our national partners on how member states are progressing with the implementation of the EPBD. The document is internal and informs our actions around the implementation topic

ⁱⁱ The REC is engaged with several other organisations in scoping out a Study of the draft NBRP's that have, and will be, submitted to the EU Commission. It is expected that a significant selection of countries will be covered by the Study and results of our analysis will be made public in stages throughout 2026.

ⁱⁱⁱ Through our involvement in the EU-funded [EPBD.wise Project](#), we have developed expertise on how best to prepare and implement several key elements of the EU Directive on the Energy Performance of Buildings., including NBRP's.