

Consultation on the Renovation Wave initiative for public and private buildings

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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 public 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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Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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

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- Haiti
- Heard Island and McDonald Islands
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova
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- Nepal
- Netherlands
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- Nigeria
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- Norfolk Island
- Northern Mariana Islands
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- South Africa
- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Svalbard and Jan Mayen
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
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- Tokelau
- Tonga

- Cambodia
- Cameroon
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- Cayman Islands
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- Chad
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- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Cook Islands
- Costa Rica
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- Trinidad and Tobago
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- Yemen

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- Lebanon
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Tristan da
Cunha
- Zambia
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Republic of the
Congo
- Lesotho
- Saint Kitts and
Nevis
- Zimbabwe
- Denmark
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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]
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*** 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 substances, 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]

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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of or limited trust in building renovation products and the benefits of renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of or limited resource to finance building renovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of interest because energy renovation does not pay off in an immediately evident way or it takes too long	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Different interests between house owner and house occupant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Disagreement between several owners (e.g. multi-apartment buildings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Physical inconvenience during renovation works	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Difficulties in planning building renovation works, including obtaining permits required, obtaining financing, insurances, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Complexity related to managing separate contracts with architects, installers, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

* 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 non-residential 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 residential buildings, 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of understanding/trust in the technologies and solutions on the market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of trust or guarantee that renovation will deliver the energy and money savings or other benefits, lack of quality assurance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of interest – renovation to decrease energy consumption is not attractive for me, need for additional advantages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy renovation does not pay off in an acceptable timeframe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The performance does not (sufficiently) impact the value of the building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low energy prices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of information/low awareness of available public and/or private financing products for building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of simple, attractive and accessible private financing products for renovation (e.g. loans)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of simple, attractive and easily accessible public incentive measures for renovation (e.g. grants or tax incentives)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cumbersome procedures and/or financial constraints for accessing					

private financing (e.g. high collateral requirements)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cumbersome procedures and/or financial constraints for accessing public financial support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Different interests between house owner and house occupant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disagreement between several owners (e.g. multi-apartment buildings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Construction of new buildings regarded as a lower risk/more attractive than renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risks and uncertainties of renovation, e.g. cost increases due to discovery of hazardous materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disturbance related to renovation works (physical inconvenience during works)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regulatory and administrative barriers and complexity in planning, including permits required, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contracting difficulties of managing separate contracts with architects, installers and bridging potentially different interests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Perceived lack of government support, unambitious policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local/regional buildings codes hinder cost-effective renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of trust in the quality of building renovation products, technological and nature-based solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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2.4. For non-residential buildings 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of interest - Sustainability not a priority and thus public/private entities lacking or not allocating sufficient financial resources (equity, debt) for building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy renovation does not pay off in an acceptable timeframe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The performance does not impact the value of the building	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low energy prices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Different interests (owner-tenant) and ownership relationship (e.g. different budgets for investment and operations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investors perceive construction of new buildings as a lower risk/more attractive than renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technical complexity of comprehensive renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disturbances related to renovation works (disturbance to business operations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regulatory and administrative barriers, planning and contracting difficulties, including permits required, separate contracts with installers, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Perceived lack of government support, unambitious policies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of trust in the quality of building renovation products, technological and nature-based solutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lack of information/knowledge/advice on financing building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of attractive and easily accessible financial incentives (loans, grants, tax incentives etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of mainstream financing products (such as energy efficiency mortgages) that offer also covering the building renovation costs in a single package	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low awareness of available public and private financial solutions for building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Insufficient access from public /private entities to Energy Performance Contracts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For publicly owned buildings: lack of funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrictive rules on procurement, annual budgeting and accounting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most cost-efficient measures (low-hanging fruits) already implemented => more complex and costly packages needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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.).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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].

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]

* 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 existing regulatory and administrative policies and measures which you think would be the most relevant to strengthen in order to accelerate renovation investments to lower energy consumption, or to achieve

other performance improvements, in all building types (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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Mandatory minimum energy performance requirements (building elements, technical building systems)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory minimum equipment requirements (e.g. building automation and control systems, renewable energy, charging stations, smart systems for self-consumption)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory inspection and audit schemes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory follow up of inspections or energy audits, including as part of voluntary agreements	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renovation targets, including as part of voluntary agreements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Climate change adaptation targets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Clean air objectives or air quality plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Materials reuse or recycling or recovery targets	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and elderly people	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Alignment with the zero pollution strategy – sustainably-sourced biomass in heating is perceived as carbon neutral. Wood biomass heating is, however, one of the main sources of residential air pollutant emissions. Recent studies, including by Innovhub – Experimental Stations for Industry, have confirmed the great difference in the environmental performance of the different heating fuels and the strong negative impact of pellets on air quality when fuelling appliances for domestic use.

3.4. Please select those existing financing tools 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
Non-repayable rewards, such as national or regional public grants and subsidies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-repayable rewards, such as EU grants and subsidies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Debt and equity financing: loans/soft loans, revolving funds, green leasing, energy service agreements, Energy Performance Contracting, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy efficiency loans and/or mortgages offered by commercial banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A combination of public grants and finance mechanisms (loans, guarantees, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tax reductions and deductions for building renovation: income tax credit/deductions, property taxation (including local property taxation), lower VAT rates, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovative methods for raising funds, such as crowdfunding for energy efficiency, insurance for energy savings, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of revenues from the Emission Trading System (ETS) for building renovation programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Indirect financial incentives e.g. lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

3.5. Please select those existing tools to enhance information, communication, technical assistance, as well as skills and knowledge 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specific “brokerage” of financing for building renovations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of energy audits, information via energy performance certificates, energy labelling, informative metering and billing, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhanced knowledge on renovation benefits, including wider benefits such as health (indoor and ambient air quality), comfort, higher disposable income, preparedness to climate impact	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Up- and re-skilling of workers/staff through training or education, cooperation with education & training institutions to improve building performance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information on overall environmental performance of building materials and technical systems, including water efficiency, energy efficiency, presence/emission of hazardous chemicals, repairability/reusability/recyclability	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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

4.1. For residential 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Targets for average performance of the residential stock	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Mandatory minimum energy performance requirements at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Requirements to implement cost-efficient renovation measures at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Housing laws to ensure that homeowners associations have easy and efficient decision-making procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* Measures to ensure building performance impacts the value of the building	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to create incentives for building renovation instead of demolition and new-building	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures relevant to heritage conservation that include improvement to buildings' energy performance whilst respecting their heritage values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to bridge different interests on the rental markets between owners and tenants (occupants) of buildings and share the benefits of building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ban on sale or use of fossil fuel heating systems by a certain date	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Planned replacement of fossil heating systems with renewables at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Binding air quality standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Tax regimes and fiscal instruments to promote building renovation (e.g. tax incentives or targeted redistribution of local tax revenue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Energy taxation and/or carbon pricing reflecting the external costs of energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* 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.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Mainstreaming the deployment of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages) by commercial banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Bundling renovations by larger numbers of buildings: aggregation of projects and packaged solutions for joint planning, permitting, financing and contracting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Facilitate public-private-community sector partnerships (e.g. energy communities)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Information campaigns (e.g. enhanced role of energy agencies, schools, local authorities, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Energy Performance Certificate/energy label databases to identify more clearly and prioritise potential for energy saving and pollution reduction and estimate costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Integrate environmental, social and governance performance criteria into investment decisions and procurement processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Capacity building for commercial banks to increase the availability of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Qualification and certification schemes for the construction workforce	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

4.2. For non-residential 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the renovation of public buildings, e.g. in line with renovation targets	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Targets for average performance of the non-residential stock	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Minimum energy performance requirements at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Requirements for implementing cost-efficient energy measures at transaction points, such as sale, rental, lease, refinancing, change in use, non-energy related renovations, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to ensure building performance impacts the value of the building	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to bridge different interests on the rental markets between owners and tenants (occupants) of buildings and share the benefits of building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to promote green walls and roofs and other measures supporting biodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to promote rain harvesting and water re-use	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ban on sale or use of fossil fuel heating systems by a certain date	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Measures to create incentives for building renovation instead of demolition and new-building	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Binding air quality standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4.2.2. Economic instruments and financing

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	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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Tax regimes and fiscal instruments to promote building renovation (e.g. tax incentives)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Energy taxation and/or carbon pricing reflecting the external costs of energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
* 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.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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500 character(s) maximum

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Mainstreaming the deployment of dedicated energy efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages) by commercial banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Bundling renovations by larger numbers of buildings: aggregation of projects and packaged solutions for joint planning, procuring, permitting, financing and contracting	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Facilitate public-private-community sector partnerships (e.g. energy communities)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Information campaigns (e.g. enhanced role of energy agencies, local authorities, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Energy Performance Certificate/energy label databases to identify more clearly and prioritise potential for energy savings and pollution reduction and estimate costs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Integrate environmental, social and governance performance criteria into investment decisions and procurement processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Capacity building for public authorities at all levels (national, regional, local) and their mandated bodies to structure large scale renovation programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Capacity building for commercial banks to increase the availability of dedicated energy					

efficiency or renovation lending products (unsecured loans, mortgages)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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]

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

Please select the key enabling factors 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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requirements to set roadmaps for building renovation (per building type, class, construction year, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory energy audits for all buildings, or specific segments	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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,	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

change in use, non-energy related renovations of buildings, etc.					
Simplification of administrative procedures related to building renovation at local and national levels	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen the requirement on public sector to lead by example (e.g. compulsory targets and adequate resources allocated to the renovation of public buildings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support capacity building of public authorities and their mandated bodies to structure renovation programmes and foster uptake of successful examples	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active engagement and interest of the private sector (Energy Service Companies, energy communities, housing associations, financing institutions and communities, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emphasis on building renovation in the context of the recovery plan after Covid-19	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emphasis on building renovation in the context of efforts to adapt to climate impacts	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Link financial support to energy performance increase levels in terms of efficiency improvements and/or savings achieved, renewable energy increase	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of the EU taxonomy to identify sustainable energy efficiency investments and direct finance to such investments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Facilitate easy combinations of public and private financing for renovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure reliable, consistent and comparable environmental sustainability information for building materials and technical systems	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General awareness raising and media campaigns	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Targeted support to facilitate upskilling and/or reskilling of workers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Targeted support to project development units and advisory services on building renovation and financing, investment platforms, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Capacity building, education and training for stakeholders not directly involved on-site (e.g. administration, managers, financial sector)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guarantees in terms of energy savings and/or money savings and/or reduced pollutant emissions and/or other benefits	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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

* Minimum energy performance requirements for the building stock as a whole	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minimum energy performance requirements for the most relevant segments	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Minimum performance requirements for climate change adaptation and health issues (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Guidance and exchange of best practices on tackling energy poverty via building renovation, at both national and local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The use of renewable self-consumption, renewable energy communities and citizen energy communities rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory targets with regard to resource efficiency, climate change adaptation and health (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary targets/commitments/agreements (e.g. renovation of X% of building area, minimum energy performance requirements)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary targets/commitments/agreements with regard to resource efficiency, climate change adaptation and health (indoor air quality and pollutant emissions to ambient air)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Revise local building codes to facilitate renovation and improve urban planning for renovation and promote green infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coordination of regulatory requirements to ensure consistency across the different administrative levels	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smart permitting approaches and/or simplified building renovation procedures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrialisation and standardisation of building renovation on large scale (e.g. districts, large property owners)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standardisation of financial products for renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Standardisation of contracts	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk sharing instruments to facilitate financing	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of the EU taxonomy to identify sustainable investment opportunities and direct finance to such investments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public private partnerships, industry consortia, SME platforms, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lower insurance premiums for renovated resilient buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financing formula and contractual models for energy communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Procurement by groups of municipalities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Procurement by energy communities, cooperatives and citizens' purchasing groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary agreements with targets to renovate, achieve minimum energy requirements, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reinforcement of advisory services, one-stop shops to inform, motivate, facilitate and finance building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technical assistance envelope dedicated to commercial banks, and to utilities, for rolling out building renovation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technical assistance for municipalities (e.g. project management and financing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technical assistance for energy communities (e.g. project management and financing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technical assistance for SMEs in the renovation and construction sector, and as building owners/occupants	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated modelling and energy planning for municipalities, energy communities and other citizens groupings for aggregated refurbishment projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data mapping: big data for improving the performance of the building stock (collecting, collating and usage of data)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

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

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

10.1. at European level:

500 character(s) maximum

The Renovation Wave initiative should remain technology-neutral to ensure that cost-efficient heating solutions are supported, taking into account the specificities of rural homes and heating. The European Court of Auditors recently pointed out the limited cost-effectiveness of national measures implementing EU legislation on energy efficiency. The Commission should focus on cost-effectiveness when assessing the NECPs and renovation strategies.

10.2. at national level:

500 character(s) maximum

10.3 at regional and local level:

500 character(s) maximum

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

Please indicate what you consider to be the most effective future 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

The Renovation Wave initiative should be designed to facilitate and scale up investments in proven technologies also for the benefit of rural communities. By bundling renovation projects, citizens at risk of energy poverty can lower the initial investment and future running costs.

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

It is important to assess the cost-effectiveness of the different options when designing policies to incentivise all households to makes renovation works. The ultimate objective must be the reduction of GHG emissions and the energy demand at the lowest possible cost for citizens.
Public support for renovation investments must also benefit partial, staged-deep renovations, which lower-income households can more easily afford.

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

11.2. at **national** level:

Building renovation of affordable housing

500 character(s) maximum

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

11.3. at **local** level:

Building renovation of affordable housing

500 character(s) maximum

Building renovation of social housing

500 character(s) maximum

Alleviating energy poverty through building renovation

500 character(s) maximum

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

Please indicate the most effective future 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

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

12.2. at **national** level:

Renovation of buildings owned and/or occupied by SMEs

500 character(s) maximum

The Renovation Wave initiative should encourage Member States to offer owners of rural building incentives to invest in the replacement of their inefficient heating systems with cleaner alternatives like condensing gas boilers, new LPG condensing boilers and hybrid installations, where appropriate.

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

12.3. at **local** level:

Renovation of buildings owned and/or occupied by SMEs

500 character(s) maximum

SMEs in the construction sector

500 character(s) maximum

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

Please indicate the most effective future 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

Hospitals

500 character(s) maximum

Other public buildings

500 character(s) maximum

13.2. at **national** level:

Educational institutions

500 character(s) maximum

Hospitals

500 character(s) maximum

Other public buildings

500 character(s) maximum

13.3. at **local** level:

Educational institutions

500 character(s) maximum

Hospitals

500 character(s) maximum

Other public buildings

500 character(s) maximum

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Increased engagement and commitment to climate, energy, water, air quality and other environmental and biodiversity objectives by citizens and communities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Increased property value	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* 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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improve transport and mobility aspects (installing charging points, providing safe bike parking space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improve/allow connection to smart grids and energy communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improve building adaptability to occupants' changing needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Job creation for economic recovery	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Availability of labour-market relevant skills, green skills for all professionals in the construction and buildings sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improved security of supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Better disaster risk reduction preparedness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and elderly people	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other [up to 500 characters]	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

LPG heating appliances offer flexibility to homeowners to plan the renovation works on their houses. If a rural dweller can only afford first to install a new condensing gas boiler and only afterwards to insulate the building, LPG appliances can be easily adapted to the new building characteristics. By optimising an LPG heating system, the consumers can avoid overconsumption and overheating their homes.

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

15.1. For residential 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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planned replacement programme for old or inefficient heating equipment using solid or liquid fossil fuels with renewable heating solutions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the thermal properties of the building's envelope through better insulation and windows	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out at the same time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Step-by-step deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out over time rather in one single renovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use renewable energy on-site (e.g. solar thermal, PV panels, geothermal, etc.) or off-site through district heating /cooling networks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of sustainable construction materials with lowest carbon footprint	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrated approaches maximizing the synergies between energy efficiency and renewable energy at the district level	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15.2. For non-residential 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 automation and control systems, smart	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Apply energy management systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce more energy efficient and/or automated lighting systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce more energy efficient heating & cooling systems	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the thermal properties of the building's envelope through better insulation and windows	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Single deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out at the same time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Step-by-step deep renovation – a combination of measures carried out over time rather in one single renovation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recovery of energy that otherwise must be ventilated (waste energy)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use renewable energy on-site (e.g. solar thermal, PV panels, geothermal, etc.) or off-site through district heating /cooling networks	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Integrated approaches maximizing the synergies between energy efficiency and renewable energy at the district level	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other [up to 500 characters]	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. Further comments

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

1000 character(s) maximum

GasNaturally urges the Commission to strengthen the requirements for a systematic analysis of the cost-efficiency of energy efficiency measures, including those implementing the EPBD. Additionally, market-based measures aiming at empowering citizens to make sustainable choices should be based on transparent and accurate criteria.

Equally important is the need for technology-neutral policies. Measures that favour a technology over others may prevent citizens from investing in highly efficient heating solutions like condensing gas boilers which would immediately reduce their emissions and energy demand at an affordable cost. Furthermore, they would slow down innovation in this field. For instance, banning buildings from being connected to the gas grid would hinder the uptake of renewable and decarbonised gases, which are particularly suitable for heating as they provide stable and storable energy and significant emissions reductions while keeping system costs low.

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