Making the *Renovation Wave* a Success

10 Essential Features
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Areas of Activity:
• New buildings – All types and sizes
• Works to existing buildings – From painting facades to deep energy renovations
• Infrastructures and services

Economic Characteristics:
• Generates about 9% of GDP in the EU
• Directly employs around 16 million workers – Biggest industrial employer
• Consists of around 3 million enterprises – 97% are micro-enterprises
• Annual turnover about €1,500 billion
• Considered in many countries to be the lifeblood of the economy
• Creates 50% of all fixed capital assets each year
The Buildings Sector

During the *Operational* Life of Buildings:
- Consume 40% of primary energy
- Emit more than 36% of energy-related CO₂

During the *Whole Lifetime* Buildings:
- Consume 50% of primary energy in the EU
- Emit about 50 of energy-related CO₂
- Use around 50% of all resources taken from the planet

These characteristics imply that it is *impossible* for the EU to reach its long-term target of having a climate-neutral economy by 2050 if we ignore our buildings.
Policy Developments of Relevance

**European Commission Actions**
- EU Economic Recovery Plan (27\textsuperscript{th} May)
- European Green Deal Contains Several Relevant Elements:
  - Climate Law – Establishing revised governance powers
  - Renovation Wave Concept
  - Open Platform on Renovation

**Member State Actions**
- Implementation of the EPBD:
  - Long Term Renovation Strategies
  - Minimum Energy Performance Requirements
- Preparation of National Energy and Climate Plan’s

**European Parliament Actions**
- INI Report on Maximising Energy Efficiency in the EU Building Stock
- INI Report on Affordable and Decent Housing for All
The Renovate Europe Campaign

- A **political communications campaign** beating the drum for deep energy renovation of the building stock in the EU
- Supported by **39 partners** from industry and civil society including **14 national partners**

- Our **ambition** is to reduce the energy demand of the building stock in the EU by 80% by 2050
- To achieve this, the **rate of deep energy renovation** in the EU will have to reach 3% annually (current levels estimated at 0.2%)

We address policy & decision-makers at the European and national levels
Our Partners:

14 National Partners
Champions Together for Renovation

Yannick Jadot (Greens/EFA, France)
Theresa Griffin (S&D, UK)
Ciarán Cuffe (Greens/EFA, Ireland)
Pernille Weiss (EPP, Denmark)
Tomáš Zdechovsky (EPP, Czechia)
Gina Dowding (Greens/EFA, UK)

30 Current MEPs
8 Former MEPs
1 National MP
3 Cities
3 Business Leaders

→ 45 Champions
Success will be Crucial for Economic Recovery
• Allocating financial resources to upscale energy renovation activity
• Addressing worst-performing buildings first
• Publicising that it is EU funding that makes the Renovation Wave possible

Success will be Crucial for Climate Action
• Ending energy waste reduces CO₂ emissions
• Quality renovations makes the building stock resilient
• Indoor environmental quality will improve

No return to Business as Usual
10 Elements for Success

1. Put energy efficiency first
2. Scale up good practices
3. Obligations per segment for ambitious energy renovations
4. Keep ownership structures in mind
5. Encourage area-based approaches that bring multiple benefits
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6. Support agencies that act as one-stop shops

7. Use trigger points in the life of buildings

8. Build capacity in the building sector

9. Use individual building renovation passports

10. Make financing tools of all types available to all
Circulated to European Commission
• Ideas appearing in policy documents
• EU Economic Recovery Plan has Allocated Resources

Communicate to Member States and Urge Ambitious Action!
• EU Summit on 18\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} June
Thank you for your attention

Looking forward to your questions

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