Renovation Wave: collectively achieving sustainable buildings in Europe

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The Renovation Wave (RW)

A strategic communication expected in September 2020, it will include:

• An Action Plan that defines next steps and outline the timeline for new possible measures.

• It will consider legislative and non-legislative instruments and enabling tools, financing and non-financing aspects, and different levels of action (EU, national and local or regional).

→ A public consultation running until 8th June
The RW must put the building sector on a pathway towards climate neutrality.

In a **climate-neutral Europe, buildings will be...**

- Healthy and foster well-being
- Part of the energy system infrastructure
- Highly energy efficient
- Circular in materials and use
- Fossil fuels free
- Resilient to climate risks
The RW requires a collective effort

- The fragmented nature of the building sector makes its transformation extremely complex
- The RW requires joined-up thinking and contributions from every actor in the value chain
- The Commission must create the right framework to mobilise and align actions of the different actors
Key recommendations

Implementation & enforcement of the EPBD
- Full assessment of the LTRS, especially long-term goals as well as the “wider benefits”
- Monitor and assess NZEB obligations

Consider new and reviewed provisions
- Improve reliability and consistency of EPC across MSs
- Develop measures to tackle the worst performing buildings
- Expand and strengthen the obligation to renovate public buildings

Create a supportive framework to mobilise investment
- Recognise buildings as a key priority infrastructure
- Mobilise EU funds in support of the RW
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- Ensure buildings renovations are not planned in isolation but are a part of an integrated planning at the local level
- Aggregate demand between neighbourhoods and neighbouring municipalities to better access financing
- Develop tools to gather data on the local building stock
Thank you...

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