

Renovation Wave

The European
Green Deal

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To reduce emissions by at least 55% in 2030 and build the foundations for a climate neutral Europe by 2050, the Renovation Wave aims to **renovate 35 million inefficient buildings by 2030**.

85-95% of buildings in the EU are expected to still be standing in 2050. **Renovating them is essential to reducing emissions and energy use**.

As announced by President von der Leyen, the **New European Bauhaus** will match style with sustainability. It will promote sustainable design and nature-based materials.

Buildings account for:



of energy consumed



of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions

Cutting emissions, boosting recovery, reducing energy poverty

- A response to energy poverty which will bring down bills for citizens
 - > Creation of **160,000 green jobs** in the construction sector by 2030
 - Reduced emissions and energy use to support climate targets
 - Improved quality of life, health and well-being for residents
 - **Decarbonised**, **digitalised** and **smarter** homes
 - Affordable sustainable design through a New European Bauhaus

Renovation Wave Priorities



Tackling energy poverty and worst-performing buildings



Renovation of **public buildings** such as schools,
hospitals and public
administrations



Decarbonisation of **heating** and **cooling**

Breaking down barriers to renovation

There are many barriers to renovation, at different levels. The Commission plans to break them down with policy instruments, funding and technical assistance, including:

- ▶ Information, incentives and legal certainty for owners and tenants
- **Finance** via NextGenerationEU and other EU and private funds
- Increased capacity for public authorities and training for workers
- **▶** Market development for **sustainable construction products**
- Neighbourhood-based and community-led approaches



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