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COMMISSIONER SIMSON TOPS BILL AT FIEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

European Commissioner Kadri Simson opened FIEC’s General Assembly this morning with encouragement for the construction industry, as the Renovation Wave offers a road map back to post-Covid full operation for the construction companies and the prospect of a better building stock for the EU and its citizens. *“Construction companies are key to the success of this important initiative, which will see the upgrading of 35M buildings and a reduction in energy consumption that will finally set us on the right trajectory to meet the ambitions of the Paris agreement”* she said.

Stressing the need for renovation that improves not only energy efficiency, but also makes buildings safer, more accessible and comfortable for occupants, Ms Simson added “We need close cooperation between industry and policy makers in order to ensure that our initiatives are a success”.

In an enthusiastic response, FIEC’s President Thomas Bauer told Commissioner Simson “We are aware of the opportunities, the challenges and also the responsibilities that we have and we are willing to play our part”.

FIEC has recently called for a holistic approach to the renovation of the EU building stock, with an emphasis on material and technology neutrality. The Renovation Wave needs to accelerate the twin green and digital transitions. FIEC believes that for building occupants, more needs to be done to promote the benefits of deep renovation, for example, improvement of Energy Performance Certificates to make them more than simply red tape, but rather a detailed analysis of energy saving measures that would offer the most efficiency gains.

FIEC’s position on the Renovation Wave can be found [here](#).

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