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A boost for Europe's renovation market and climate resilience: FIEC welcomes Council decision to adopt new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

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FIEC welcomes today's adoption by the EU Council of the revised EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), one of the key pieces of legislation under the EU Green Deal, paving the way for its publication in the Official Journal.

The new EPBD will boost Europe's renovation market, strengthen the construction sector's many SMEs and micro-enterprises, and help the EU meet its legal commitment to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

However, there are still some unanswered questions regarding the shortage of workers with adequate skills, the cost-effectiveness of financing renovations, and the impact on construction costs for new housing.

Recast Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) becomes law – a success for FIEC, but challenges remain

FIEC believes that the new text has the potential to boost the European renovation market and contribute to the decarbonisation of buildings in the EU by making existing and new buildings more energy-efficient.

One of the main challenges in most EU countries is the shortage of workers with the adequate skills to carry out energy-efficient renovations. Ensuring the availability of skilled workers is therefore crucial to enable companies to meet the growing demand for renovations.

The EPBD may also impact private property owners. While there is no obligation to renovate residential buildings under the new EPBD, Member States, regional and local authorities have a responsibility to ensure that available EU funds are used efficiently for cost-effective energy efficiency renovations. They should assist homeowners in their renovation efforts if the renovation of their homes becomes

necessary to meet the EPBD requirements under the future national renovation plans. Financial institutions also have a particular responsibility to provide financial support to households and companies and to develop innovative financial products.

Planning certainty needed for construction companies

FIEC now urges Member States to swiftly establish their national plans for the renovation of their building stock in order to provide construction companies with planning certainty as soon as possible.

The new EPBD is expected to be published in the Official Journal in the coming weeks. Member States will have two years to comply with the Directive.

The EU Council's press release on the EPBD can be found [here](#).

FIEC President Philip Crampton's statement on the EPBD can be found [here](#).



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