

# Support to the Renovation Wave

## The flagship technical support

This flagship technical support is targeted at Member States wishing to design and implement reforms supporting building renovation and the EU Renovation Wave. A refurbished and improved building stock in the EU will help pave the way for a decarbonised and clean energy system. To this end, the flagship offers activity packages to help Member States address some of the key barriers to building renovation.

## Renovation benefits at a glance

### People

- Lower energy bills
- Reduced energy poverty
- Improved quality of life for residents



### Economy

- Increased investment in local construction and supply chains
- Creation of local green jobs



### Climate

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Lower energy consumption and increased climate resilience
- Smarter buildings enabling e-mobility and energy system integration



## Renovating public and private buildings - a key initiative under the European Green Deal

**Fact 1:** Buildings account for 40% of energy consumed, and 36% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions

**Fact 2:** Renovation is labour intensive and can play a crucial role in the economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic

**Fact 3:** Roughly 75% of buildings in the EU are not energy efficient, yet only 1% of buildings undergo energy efficiency renovation each year

### The flagship technical support facilitates

- ✓ Implementing the **EU Renovation Wave** and **national long-term renovation strategies**
- ✓ Deploying **cohesion policy funding**, one of the main EU funding instruments for renovation

## IMPACT OBJECTIVES

- ✓ **Overcoming barriers to building renovation**, including administrative capacity constraints
- ✓ **Making the most of cohesion policy funding for renovation:** tapping this large source of funding to boost building renovation
- ✓ **Contributing to job creation, to EU's climate objectives, and to reducing energy poverty** through effective renovation policies





# HOW CAN WE BOOST BUILDING RENOVATION?

This flagship identifies **technical support measures** focused on design and implementation of policies enabling faster and deeper renovation. This will contribute to the milestones under the national long-term renovation strategies and the recovery and resilience plans. The flagship suggests **three activity packages** tailored to the national and local contexts. As relevant and requested, different types of support could be combined in the same support package.



## BUILDING RENOVATION POLICIES

Support to policies in areas such as energy poverty, public buildings, and sustainable renovation (circular economy, skills, lifecycle emissions, climate resilience, digitalisation, etc.)

- Analysis of administrative, financial and regulatory barriers
- Design of measures and action plans, including for attracting financing and project pipeline development
- Capacity building

## COORDINATION MECHANISMS

Support to an effective governance of the long-term renovation strategies.

- Stakeholders map
- Analysis of capacity constraints and existing coordination mechanisms
- Recommendations for an effective and inclusive coordination mechanism, including possible e-government solutions
- Capacity building

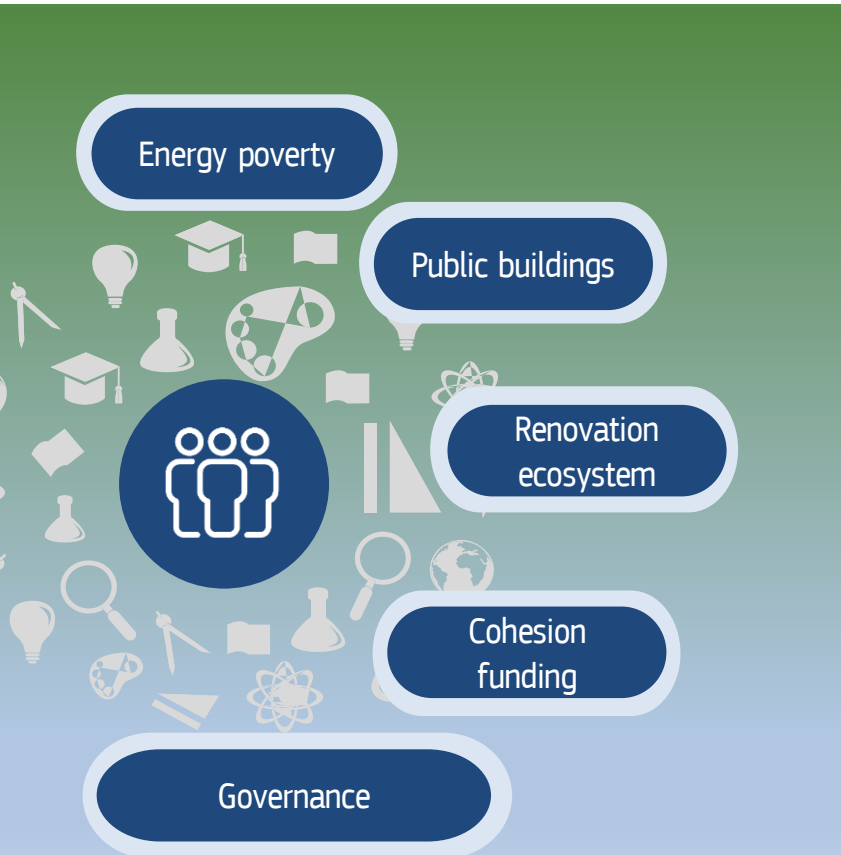
## COHESION POLICY FUNDING FOR BUILDING RENOVATION

Support to successful implementation of the 2021-2027 cohesion policy programmes on building renovation.

- Analysis of barriers and needs
- Action plans for relevant authorities and other actors
- Advice for implementation of the action plan, including support in developing methodologies

## FOCUS AREAS

The flagship aims to support reforms to overcome barriers to renovation and to build administrative capacity to scale up renovation. It focuses on **five focus areas** linked to the EU Renovation Wave.



### Snapshot: Energy poverty

- Nearly 34 million Europeans are unable to afford keeping their home adequately warm
- Inefficient buildings cause a vicious circle of high energy bills, arrears and problems with wellbeing and health
- Low income households may not be able to afford building renovation or may be asked to pay higher rents

➔ Targeted financial solutions, stakeholder engagement and cooperation across public administration levels to boost building renovation for energy poor households

### Snapshot: Cohesion policy funding

- Cohesion policy is one of the main EU sources of investments in energy efficient building renovation: EUR 13 billion in 2014-2020 programming period
- Multiple barriers hold back deployment and effectiveness of cohesion funding for building renovation
- 2021-2027 programmes should increase both the speed of implementation and the ambition for building renovation

➔ Concrete guidance to managing authorities and their partners to address barriers and improve deployment of funding