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Accelerating Sustainable Building Renovations Across Central Europe

About the RENOINVEST Project

Co-funded by the EU LIFE Programme, RENOINVEST promotes smart building renovation in Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia through stakeholder engagement, financing tools, and policy support.

Why Austria's Renovation Rate Must Double – Insights from Wolfgang Amann


Austria's renovation rate remains critically low at just 1.5%, well short of the 2.8% needed under the new EPBD targets. With 1.85 million homes in need of refurbishment, Wolfgang Amann (IIBW) warns that fragmented data, insufficient incentives, and a lack of political urgency are stalling progress. Without a shift to large-scale renovation, Austria risks falling behind its climate commitments—systemic change is urgently required.

 [Read the full article: *No Boom in Sight – Why Austria's Renovation Rate Must Change*](#)

EVENT SUMMARIES

Slovenian Joint National Roundtable | 12 June 2025



As part of the RENOINVEST and SMAFIN EXPANDED projects, more than 80 stakeholders from government, finance, industry, and research convened in Ljubljana to address how to accelerate sustainable investments. The discussions underlined the importance of simplified tenders, a single contact point for investors, more flexible financial instruments, and a stronger role for the state as an “anchor investor” to encourage private sector participation.  [Read the full article here](#)

Austria – Financial Working Group (FWG) Meeting | 7 July 2025

On 7 July 2025, a Financial Working Group meeting in Vienna gathered experts and policymakers under the EU LIFE RENOINVEST project to shape Austria's National Action Plan for building renovation. Key proposals included reviving the Housing Investment Bank (WBIB), creating regional one-stop-shops and renovation coaches, and simplifying permitting and subsidies. The outcomes will feed into the Action Plan, to be finalised by the end of 2025 and presented at the International Roundtable in January 2026.

➡ **More details on our website:** [Here](#)



Hungary's 4th RENOINVEST Roundtable Highlights Municipal Renovation for a Sustainable Future | July 2025

The 4th RENOINVEST Hungarian Roundtable, held online by ÉMI Nonprofit Ltd. in cooperation with the Municipality of Alsómocsolád and Archenerg Cluster, brought together municipalities, policymakers, financial institutions, and civil society to examine how local governments can drive the green transition through building renovation. The discussions highlighted EU obligations, financing opportunities, and community energy models, demonstrating that even small municipalities can play a leading role in climate action. 🏡 [Read the full article](#)

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Upcoming EU Events on Building Renovation

Don't miss two key webinars this September:

- 🏗️ **23 September 2025 – Simplifying Building Renovations & EPBD Implementation:** Explore how digital tools and innovative models can boost renovation productivity. 🏡 [More details & registration](#)
- 🌐 **26 September 2025 – Citizen-Led Renovation – Barriers, Opportunities & Recommendations:** Join the discussion on scaling up community-driven renovation across Europe. 🏡 [Register here](#)

📌 Stay tuned on our [website](#) for updates and links to all upcoming activities.



Get Involved

RENOINVEST is not just a project—it is a **collaborative platform** for transforming Central Europe's building stock. We welcome participation from financial institutions, SMEs, local governments, and policy experts.

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Together, we can unlock the potential of smart financing for sustainable building renovation.