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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.

Renovation passports in action across Europe (BUILD UP)

BUILD UP published an overview of how renovation passports are being implemented across Europe, linking EU guidance with national and regional schemes and LIFE/Horizon projects supporting rollout. It highlights examples such as Germany's iSFP, the Flemish Woningpas, and pilots in Ireland and France. Renovation passports turn building assessments (e.g., EPCs or energy audits) into step-by-step renovation roadmaps, often paired with a digital logbook of documents and completed works, helping stakeholders prioritise measures, avoid technical "lock-in" and make better-informed investment decisions. [Read more: Renovation passports in action across Europe.](#)

RENOINVEST 3rd International Roundtable | Vienna — 13 January 2026

In January, RENOINVEST brought together key finance, policy, construction and market stakeholders in Vienna to advance scalable, sustainable renovation finance. The event also presented the national Action Plans for Austria, Hungary and Slovenia, reflecting extensive national dialogue and outlining concrete measures to support smart renovation investment.



Representatives of the European Commission and leaders of the national Energy Efficiency Financial Coalition (EEFC) Hubs took part in the roundtable, highlighting their shared role in fostering building renovation and strengthening coordinated efforts between EU and national levels. The exchange confirmed that grants alone will not deliver the required pace of renovations: mobilising private capital is essential, particularly in complex governance contexts such as condominiums and municipalities. Participants emphasized that bankability begins well before financing - with strong project preparation, a clearly defined technical scope, procurement readiness and credible performance monitoring. The discussion also highlighted the importance of standardisation and project aggregation to make smaller investments bankable, alongside continued advisory support through one-stop-shops to enable uptake. A short summary of the event is available via [Renowave.at](#) and a full report of the discussions will be shared through [the project channels](#) for wider reuse

European Affordable Housing Plan: affordability + energy efficiency (ManagEnergy)

The European Commission presented the European Affordable Housing Plan, an EU-wide strategy to expand access to affordable, quality housing, structured around four pillars: boosting supply, mobilising investment, enabling immediate support and reforms, and protecting the most affected groups. The plan explicitly integrates sustainability and energy efficiency, promoting innovative construction methods (including offsite/modular) to improve resource efficiency and reduce costs, and announcing a Pan-European Investment Platform to mobilise public and private capital for affordable and sustainable housing projects. Read more: [European Affordable Housing Plan \(ManagEnergy\)](#).

17 Upcoming Events in Building Renovation & Finance

- Delivering the EPBD on the ground: Smart Buildings and Construction | 10 Feb 2026 | Online | [link](#)
- Learn, Plan, Act: Building Local Capacities to Deliver Integrated Energy and Climate Plans (IN-PLAN + PLAN4CET closing event) | 10 Feb 2026 | Hybrid (Brussels + online) [link](#)
- MULTICARE Living Lab Webinar: Resilient Buildings and Digital Design Tools | 13 Feb 2026 | Online | [link](#)
- World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) 2026 | 24–27 Feb 2026 | Offline (Wels, Austria) [link](#)

Action Plans: publication coming in February

RENOINVEST's National Action Plans for Austria, Hungary and Slovenia—developed over two years with a wide range of stakeholders—will be published in February 2026, outlining key barriers and concrete measures to improve financing, mobilise private investment beyond grants, and accelerate renovation towards 2040 and 2050 goals.

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