

# 4th RENOINVEST NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

## **RENOINVEST Newsletter | May 2025 Edition**

### **Accelerating Sustainable Building Renovations Across Central Europe**

#### **About the RENOINVEST Project**

Co-funded by the EU LIFE Programme, RENOINVEST (2025–2030) promotes smart building renovation in Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia through stakeholder engagement, financing tools, and policy support.

#### **2nd International Roundtable | March 31, 2025**

##### **ÉMI Knowledge Centre, Szentendre, Hungary | Hybrid Format**

The second RENOINVEST International Roundtable successfully brought together policymakers, financial institutions, and renovation experts from across Central and Eastern Europe to address how to scale up energy-efficient building renovations.

#### **Highlights included:**

- A keynote by **Renovate Europe** on using the **EPBD Recast** to boost renovation investments
- Case studies from **Erste Bank**, **Hungary's Ministry of National Economy**, and **Petrol Group Slovenia**
- Panel discussions on **green financing challenges** and **technical strategies for deep renovation**



Speakers underscored the importance of combining financial incentives, policy frameworks, and public engagement to meet EU 2030 climate goals.

 [Read the full summary and access presentations](#)

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## Best Practice Handbook Launched

### Financing Models for Sustainable Renovation

The newly released RENOINVEST Handbook showcases diverse renovation case studies from Austria, Hungary, and Slovenia—demonstrating how financial models and technical solutions can drive energy-efficient upgrades.

#### Country Highlights:

- **Austria:** Vienna's Gründerzeit retrofit with geothermal probes and Salzburg's social housing with renewables.
- **Hungary:** Multi-apartment retrofits using EU grants, green loans, and solar PV.
- **Slovenia:** Community solar, EPC in public buildings, and One-Stop-Shop rollout.

The handbook offers practical insights for municipalities, financiers, and policymakers.  [Explore the Handbook](#)


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## Szentendre Study Tour | April 4, 2025


**Smart Renovation in Practice** Organised at the **ÉMI Knowledge Centre** in Szentendre, the RENOINVEST study tour provided hands-on insights into innovative, sustainable building practices. Participants explored how circular materials, smart energy systems, and financing mechanisms converge in real-life renovation projects.



#### Featured Sites:

 **ÉMI Knowledge Centre** Showcased bioclimatic architecture, a sewage heat pump, recycled insulation, and a functional microgrid.

 **Hamvas Béla Residential Building** A deep renovation project with hybrid PV/T technology, balcony insulation, and **ESCO-type financing** supported by EU funds.

The tour enabled direct exchange between **municipalities, experts, and financiers**, reinforcing local capacity to deliver cost-effective and scalable renovation solutions.  [Full article on the Study Tour](#)



## Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for more details on our upcoming activities:

### [Slovenian National Joint Roundtable | 12 June 2025](#)

*Joint  
RENOINVEST–SMAFIN  
EXPANDED National  
Roundtable | Financing  
Sustainable and  
Energy-Efficient Projects in  
Slovenia*

### [Austrian National TWG meeting | 9 July 2025|](#)

*Decarbonising the building  
stock as an opportunity:  
Achieving climate goals  
through innovative financing  
and bold policies*

### [Hungarian National Roundtable for Municipalities| July 2025 |](#)

*Online event Focus:  
Municipal energy  
performance and renovation  
strategies*

 Visit our [website](#) for updates and registration links.



## 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, let's unlock the power of smart financing for sustainable renovation.**

**RENOINVEST – Sustainable Renovation of Buildings**

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