



The Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans

Energy Efficiency – the Renovation Wave

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Building Renovation for Climate Neutrality and Rec



The building sector is one of the **largest energy consumers** in Europe, responsible for more than one third of the EU's energy-related emissions.



Effective actions are crucial to make Europe climate-neutral as:

- Only 1% of buildings undergo energy efficient renovation every year
- Roughly 75% of the building stock is energy inefficient
- Almost 85-95% of today's buildings will still be in use in 2050



Therefore, by 2030:

- 35 million buildings could be renovated and
- Up to 160,000 additional green jobs created in the construction sector

Economic and Investment Plan (EIP)

- Response to ongoing **COVID-19** crisis and spurring Western Balkan's **economic convergence** with the EU, underpinned by **green and digital transition**.



- New **Western Balkans Guarantee** facility, which can raise investments of up to **€ 20 billion**.

The Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

- Informed by the European Green Deal
- Embedded in the EIP
- Endorsed by Western Balkans leaders at Sofia Summit



Flagship 6 – Renovation wave



- Over 40% of total energy consumption in the region from the building
- Renovation wave to decarbonise public and private building stock and address energy poverty
- Building on existing efforts, e.g. Regional Energy Efficiency Programme

Implementation of Flagship 6

- The Commission is now working on operationalising this proposal.
- What should be our priorities?
 - improving the **knowledge base** and raising awareness;
 - tackling **energy poverty** and worst-performing buildings;
 - renovating **public buildings**, such as administrative, educational and healthcare facilities
 - renovating **multi owners buildings**;
 - improving the legal framework, including the adoption of **national long term renovation strategies**

Instrument for Pre-Accession IPA III

- On the 2nd June a political agreement was reached.
- The Commission is now working on a delegated act and on the IPA III Programming Framework in parallel to make sure they are in place on time.
- Subsequently the Commission will need to adopt: IPA III Implementing Regulation, the Empowerment Decision for IPA III, the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement model and of all other templates required to start the implementation of IPA III.
- The Commission is in dialogue with IPA beneficiaries on their Strategic Response in July – this would cover 2021 projects, and we expect them to submit the 2022 action documents this autumn. For 2023 and onwards, the pipeline of programmes is not decided yet.

Thank you!

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