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# Building and renovating

## The European Green Deal

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### Start a 'renovation wave'

The construction, use and renovation of buildings require significant amounts of energy and resources, such as sand, gravel and cement.

➤ Buildings account for  
**40%** of energy consumed

Source: Eurostat, Energy balances 2019 edition, final energy consumption in year 2017.



✓ The current rates of renovation of public and private buildings should at least double

### Better energy performance of buildings

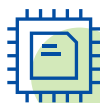
➤ Prices of different energy sources should incentivise **energy-efficient buildings**



➤ Design of buildings should be in line with the **circular economy**



➤ Increased **digitalisation**



➤ More **climate-proofing** of buildings



➤ Strict enforcement of rules on **energy performance of buildings**



## New renovation initiative in 2020

The Commission will launch an open platform bringing together the buildings and construction sector, architects and engineers and local authorities to:

- Develop innovative financing possibilities
- Promote energy efficiency investments in buildings
- Pool renovation efforts into large blocks to benefit from economies of scale

## Leave no one behind



Help the **50 million** consumers to keep their homes warm

Renovate **social housing, schools and hospitals**



Particular attention will be paid to the renovation of social housing, to help households who struggle to pay their energy bills.

