

Heating must be renewable, accessible and affordable for all, including tenants!

The rental sector needs to be specifically targeted when it comes to EU and national building renovation plans to ensure the rental sector is not left behind in the transition to more energy-efficient, healthier, and climate resilient homes across Europe.

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Recognise the landlord-tenant dilemma:

Acknowledge the split-incentive situation known as the landlord-tenant dilemma, where tenants have little control over their accommodations' heating installations, and landlords often lack the incentives and support to invest in renewable heating systems.

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Ramp up efforts for the whole building stock:

Continue efforts that support renewable heating across the entire building stock (e.g. Minimum Energy Performance Standards, phase out of fossil-fuel boilers), even if they do not specifically target the rental sector.

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Prioritise social housing providers:

Recognize social housing providers and rental agencies as key players in the transition to renewable heating. Encourage these entities to play a crucial role in providing affordable, quality housing with renewable heating solutions, particularly for the most vulnerable populations.

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Expand markets through innovation:

Aggregating demand for energy retrofits (including renewable heating solutions) in the social housing sector would help increase the number of people that benefit from them.

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Adjust existing policy tools for the rental sector:

Tweak existing renewable heating policy tools to make them more suitable for the rental sector. Develop new measures tailored to address the specific challenges faced by landlords and tenants.

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Empowering and activating local communities:

Facilitate access to information on existing tools (e.g. Energy Performance Certificates) and provide independent guidance (one stop shops) to both landlords and tenants.