

THE EU BUILDING RENOVATION WAVE OFFERS BENEFITS FOR A BROADER GREEN RECOVERY AGENDA



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The European Manufacturers of Expanded Polystyrene, EUMEPS, says the European Commission's recent call for a Renovation Wave would also benefit a broader green recovery agenda.

One of the biggest challenges for the European Union and its plans for a European Green Deal is knowing where to start. A hydrogen economy and building efficiency and circularity and more renewables all sound great, but you can't do them all at once. "The Commission's recent call for an EU Renovation Wave is clearly good for companies that produce high-performance insulation for roofs and walls of existing buildings" said EUMEPS President Paolo Garbagna. "But the Renovation Wave could also promote other high-level goals including increased use of recycled material."

It's worth remembering that building efficiency ticks the first box in the green economy priorities of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Europe has a large stock of old buildings, but only around 1% of the EU's buildings are renovated each year. That means there's a lot of valuable energy wasted heating and cooling buildings that could easily be made more energy efficient. Reducing the amount of energy wasted frees up energy that can be diverted to better uses, which is essential to the EU's goal of going carbon neutral by 2050.

"EUMEPS welcomes the Commission's commitment to a Renovation Wave and the outline of its strategy shared in the roadmap published this May," said Garbagna. "This initiative is a great opportunity for scaling up current renovation rates and the EU's climate and energy efficiency goals

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