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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

IEECPers took up their pens to write for BUILD UP, the European portal for energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings:

- [From policy to practice: how renovation passports empower Europe's Renovation Wave](#). Discover how renovation passports are emerging as a key Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) tool to help building professionals and owners plan staged deep renovations, aligning individual projects with Europe's zero emission goals.
- [Bridging the data gap in the building sector for effective EPBD implementation](#). High-quality building data are becoming central to the revised EPBD. Yet, persistent gaps across Europe still hinder renovation planning and progress tracking. This overview explores how integrated, data-driven approaches can support effective and socially fair building decarbonisation.

The 6th episode of **Energy in Your Ears** – the official podcast hub for IEECP, is out! In this episode, we dive into one of the **biggest challenges facing Europe's building renovation wave: financing**. Tune in on [YouTube](#) and [Spotify](#), and listen to the ENERGATE story on how it reshapes the investment landscape by aggregating small energy efficiency projects into investment-ready portfolios that meet institutional investors' expectations.

Partnership – IEECP has officially become a partner of the **European Climate Pact**, an EU-wide initiative inviting people, communities, and organizations to participate in climate action and build a greener Europe. It means we will be working with the Pact to step up our efforts to help the EU meet its goal of becoming the first climate-neutral continent and share our research on energy poverty, building renovation, and renewables with a wider audience, helping citizens and organisations take meaningful steps toward a greener life. Want to see how you can get involved too? Check out the [European Climate Pact website](#) and join us in making a difference!



Partnership – We are excited to announce our collaboration with the [Energy Transition Innovation Forum 2026](#) in Amsterdam (15–16 April). The two-day forum will bring together business leaders, policymakers, investors and innovators to explore energy security, clean energy investment, industrial and digital innovation, and how organisations can move beyond ambition to practical implementation. [Register now to join the conversation and save 10% with the code IEECP10.](#)

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ENERGY AND CONSUMERS

[Call to join the engage4energy community](#) (UsersTCP-Public Engagement for Energy Infrastructure) – Join a multidisciplinary network of experts dedicated to developing and promoting best practice guidelines for engaging citizens in the planning and implementation of energy infrastructure. Find out more [here](#).

[Report, blog and country factsheets](#) (Houselnc) – Beyond 4 walls: unpacking the roots of housing inequality (report by Fraunhofer ISI).

[Report and datasets](#) (Houselnc) – Multinational database of housing market regulations (report by DIW Berlin).

[Recording](#) (Enefirst+) – Watch the recording of the latest workshop: “Cost-Benefit Analysis in practice: experts’ views on key issues and integrating EEE1st.”

[Policy brief](#) (ODYSSEE-MURE) – Explore the latest data on energy efficiency trends in industry.

[Video](#) (ASSERT) – Meet the team! The project is supporting people with physical disabilities experiencing energy poverty.

[Blog](#) (ASSERT) – An IEECP-authored report, “State of the art on energy poverty, disability and relevant indicators”, features in this piece about how to make just energy transitions a reality.

[Factsheets](#) (LOCATEE) – Available in English, Greek, Portuguese and Polish, the factsheets provide an overview of key insights from an in-depth analysis of energy poverty across Europe, with a focus on addressing it at the local level.

EVENTS

[Energy poverty: Strategies to reach out to energy challenged consumers – The case of Portugal](#) (ODYSSEE-MURE) | February 26, Online, 11.30–12.45 CET – Join webinar #22 of the ODYSSEE-MURE Energy Efficiency Academy and explore how policy, data and local action come together to effectively support energy-vulnerable consumers.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ACTION FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

[Training](#) (ENTRACK) – The Consortium just released a new guide with step-by-step instructions on the platform featuring accessible and practical learning resources on energy and social policy issues, to strengthen knowledge and skills for a sustainable and inclusive energy transition.

[Report and infographic](#) (OptFor-EU) – This comprehensive study ‘Report on socio-economic effects of forest management scenarios by Case Study Area’ explores how different management strategies influence everything from rural employment and income to the broader transition toward a climate-neutral circular bioeconomy.

[Report and infographic](#) (OptFor-EU) – The project releases a second interim report on alignment with the European Green Deal and EU Forest Strategy, diving deeper into how the OptFor-EU Decision Support System (DSS) acts as a bridge between diverse objectives.

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[Learning Together for a just Clean Energy Transition: Capacity Building initiatives across the Synergy](#) (ENTRACK) | March 10, 11.00–13.00 CET, Online - This 2nd session of the European Community of Practice will bring together the LIFE RE-ACT synergy, to explore training tools and experiences.

[Training School – Decision support in providing forest ecosystem services for climate resilience and decarbonisation](#) (OptFor-EU) | April 19-24 , Brasov, Romania | Register for the training school that will equip the participants with the knowledge and skills to apply Decision Support Systems in forest management under climate change.

BUILDINGS

[Factsheet](#) (HORIS) – Myths and facts about the EPBD, the buildings EU legislation – informing citizens.

[Interview](#) (HORIS) – Rete Irene's president, tells IEECP about debunking EPBD myths.

[Videos](#) (HORIS) – 3 one-stop-shops empower home renovation in Italy, Spain and Portugal. Find out more in a short video guiding you to the platforms, now available in 4 languages: English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

[Report](#) (SRI2MARKET) – The project's final publishable report summarises the main lessons learnt from national implementation experiences, highlights the benefits of the SRI for different stakeholder groups, and formulates forward-looking recommendations for policymakers, national authorities, and market actors.

[Video](#) (EBENTO) – Inside the Tallinn pilot: Project's impact and lessons learned. Led by Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), the pilot explores how the EBENTO One-Stop-Shop (OSS) platform can support smarter, more coordinated building renovations in Estonia.

[Article](#) (DeCO2) – Winning design announced for the Spanish timber demonstrator

EVENTS

[Renovation 4.0: the role of one-stop-shops in data-driven decisions and smart city integration](#) (HORIS) | May 20, 9.00–13.00 CET, Brussels, Belgium and online. Registrations are open, full agenda will be shared in March.

[ReLIFE Platform – Unlocking Data Accessibility for Deep Renovation](#) (ReLIFE) | March 26, Online, 10.30–12.00 CET. Hear about the ReLIFE project and its integrated ecosystem of open-source services, designed to unlock data accessibility and accelerate deep renovation across Europe. Read more.

INDUSTRY, FINANCING AND BUSINESS MODELS

[Brief](#) (DEESME 2050) – A new brief is out illustrating the highlights of the policy recommendations on Energy Efficiency: A key driver for SME competitiveness.

[Communication materials](#) (EU-TRACE) – Curious about how transformers can accelerate energy efficiency? Discover the newly developed EU-TRACE communication materials, offering a clear and accessible introduction to the project's ambition, scope, and expected impact.

[Podcast](#) (ENERGATE) – IEECP expert Petra Pomper interviews Enersave Capital and Commuty about the challenges of financing energy efficiency renovations and the solutions being developed.

[Final publishable report](#) (AUDIT2MEASURE) – Pushing companies towards implementing the ESM proposed by energy audits.

[Call for participants](#) (BUSINESS2ACT) – The project is inviting companies that are facing challenges to move forward with their energy transition due to overload or lack of resources.

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