

## Day 2 Transitioning the Building Sector for Tomorrow

Seminar held in English  
Tuesday 16th January 2024  
At Maison de la Poste (Rue Picard 7 - Tour & Taxis, Brussels)

### Thematic

On the second day, our attention is directed towards the ongoing transition within the building sector. Delving into the subject, the agenda meticulously examines multiple themes. In order to reach a successful roll-out of the Renovation Wave, the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is believed to be a key policy instrument. We examine how member states should utilize it. In the afternoon multiple parallel sessions will be organised ranging from the role of heat pumps in the European building stock to the importance of adaptation & co-creation in construction, innovation, and a forward-looking perspective on deep renovations towards 2050. Additional emphasis will be placed on the pivotal role of first line contact points (one stop shops) —indispensable hubs for guidance and collaboration.

### Organisation / Logistics

The morning will revolve around a single plenary session, while the afternoon will be organised in parallel sessions. Registration is free but mandatory and can be done on the [website](#) of the Belgian Renovation Week.

### Program

Disclaimer: The following program includes confirmed speakers; however, additional speakers may be added in the near future.

**9:30 | Registrations and welcome coffee**

**10:00 | Introduction speech – [Flemish Minister of Energy, Zuhal Demir](#)**

**10:15 | Energizing the renovation challenge: EPC as guiding policy instrument**

In order to reach a successful roll-out of the Renovation Wave, the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is believed to be a key policy instrument. Some Member States have already integrated the EPC as a policy instrument in their renovation strategies and measures, others are planning to do so. This plenary session will elaborate on how the EPC can play an important role in the renovation policy of Member States, both now and in the future.

Confirmed speakers: [Flemish Energy and Climate Agency \(VEKA\)](#), [Pau Garcia Audi - European Commission](#), [Tim von Harras - Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands](#), [Rui Fragoso - Buildings and efficiency of resources department \(ADENE\) of Portugal](#), [Chris Hughes - Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland \(SEAI\)](#)

12:00 - 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 15:00 | Parallel sessions

- **The role of heat pumps in the European building stock**

The European Commission will present the latest developments in a supportive framework for the roll out of heat pumps, followed by presentations from Germany and Bulgaria on their national heat pump policies. This will set the stage for a panel debate involving stakeholders, focusing on challenges, production capacity, and other critical issues in the efficient roll-out of heat pumps

Confirmed speakers: [Paula Rey Garcia - European Commission](#), [Marek Miara – Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme ISE](#), [Dragomir Tzanev - Center for Energy Efficiency EnEffect of Bulgaria](#), [Jozefien Vanbecelaere - European Heat Pump Association](#), [Duncan Gibb – Regulatory Assistance Project \(RAP\)](#), [Jaume Loffredo – BEUC](#); the [European Consumer Organisation](#), [Oliver Jung – GCP](#)

- **Climate adaptation & the building environment: successful partnerships between government and building sector** – [Co-hosted with the Department of Environment and Spatial Planning and Embuild Flanders](#)

This workshop will focus on the powerful synergy between the government and the construction sector. Discover how we are jointly showing leadership in sustainable renovation and climate adaptation in different cases. For instance the signing of the climate roof protocol. A diverse panel of both Flemish and European experts will share insights.

Confirmed speakers: [Christophe Pelgrims – Department of Environment and Spatial Planning](#), [Marc Dillen – Embuild Flanders](#), [Niels Kuijpers – Hanzehogeschool Groningen](#), [Wendy Francken – European Water Association](#)

- **The future of One-Stop-Shop for Private Home Renovations: A Complete Relief process** – [Co-hosted with BEREEL!](#)

The key to a successful One-Stop-Shop lies in significantly simplifying the renovation process for homeowners. Apartments pose unique challenges in this context. However, what features should a future One-Stop-Shop incorporate to fulfil this promise effectively?

Confirmed speakers: [Eddy Deruwe – BE REEL!/Flemish Energy and Climate Agency \(VEKA\)](#), [Quentin Jossen – CLIMACT](#), [Didier Van Severen – Homegrade – Brussels](#), [Veva Roessems – City of Antwerpen](#), [Sébastien Delpont – EnergieSprong France](#)

15:00 – 15:30 | COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 17:00 | Parallel sessions

- **Towards 2050: Deep Renovations in the Construction Sector** – [Co-hosted with Buildwise/BEREEL!](#)

Deep home renovations are crucial to achieving the ambitious 2050 climate goals. It is a challenging but essential task for the construction industry to lead this change and contribute to a greener future. Key strategies are examined with particular focus on skills & training, digital and

energy-efficient technologies, sustainable materials, a collective renovation approach and innovative financing mechanisms.

Confirmed speakers: CLIMACT, Marc Dillen – Embuild Flanders, Dirk Mattheeuws – Netwerk Architecten Vlaanderen (NAV), Mariangiola Fabbri – Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE), Bart Ingelaere – Buildwise, Fernando Sigchos – European Builders Confederation (EBC)

- **Innovating Renovations: Pioneering the Future of Built Environment Transformation** – Co-hosted with VITO/EnergyVille

In the session “Innovating renovations”, pioneers from different innovation angles will explore how innovation can accelerate the current renovation pace. What is the intersection of technology, social, institutional, and digital innovation in the mission to transition the built environment. Where are the synergies, and where potential conflicts?

Confirmed speakers: Maarten De Groot – VITO/Energyville, Bas Van de Kreeke – Soltech, Filip Jorissen – Builtwins, Peter Conradie – IMEC, Chloé Fayole – Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)

- **One Stop Shops in Flanders and Europe, which way forward?** - Co-hosted with FOSSTER

In this workshop we will be taking stock of the initiatives on Flemish and European level related to Integrated Home Renovation Services that are taking place right now. We will be discussing the key role of One Stop Shops in reaching the renovation goals and moving towards a climate neutral building stock.

Confirmed speakers: Christophe Milin – CINEA, Annick Vanhove – Stad Mechelen/CondoReno, Matthias Ghyselen – Energent/ OSR-Coop, - Lies Anseeuw - Flemish Energy and Climate Agency (VEKA)/FOSSTER, Bruno Pluvier - WVI/FOSSTER, Erwin Mlecnik - TU Delft/CondoReno, Srgjan Vidoeski - RESCoopEU/OSR-Coop