

Accelerating energy retrofitting of condominiums

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Energy retrofitting of condominiums: a stronger political commitment is needed

Although local authorities are tackling climate change, a majority of buildings in Europe are still not energy efficient and in need of deep renovation. Without bold action, local governments will be locked into a high carbon footprint future. Retrofitting is therefore a key measure for energy efficiency policies in the residential sector.

However, many obstacles stand in the way. Retrofitting multi-family houses with fragmented ownership structures is often challenging. The necessary approval for retrofitting works, due to the collective decision-making process, is incredibly difficult to achieve. The supply sector is not organised and often lacks skills to respond to this kind of demand.

Currently 42% of the European population lives in flats (condominiums, multi-owned properties, tenements, social housing, etc.). By targeting condominiums, a large number of private owners can be reached at the same time. Once the retrofitting is done, they benefit from comfortable homes as well as from financial and carbon savings.

Municipalities and regions play a key role to provide a dynamic framework that encourages condominium energy retrofitting. They should raise awareness of the demand side (co-owners, building manager, in-house project team, retrofitting coach), improve skills of the supply side (building professionals) and facilitate the interaction between both sides.

Political voluntary self-commitment Success means making a significant contribution

We are aware that it is our responsibility to take action to overcome the legal, human and financial barriers to the energy retrofitting of condominiums.

We acknowledge that:

- + Condominiums play an important role to achieve climate targets
- + Co-owner groups require assistance due to their specific challenges (such as legal decision-making frameworks or complex building structures)
- + An integrated approach is required to overcome the legal, human and financial barriers to the energy retrofitting of condominiums

We commit ourselves to:

- + Stimulate the acceleration of condominiums energy retrofitting in our territory
- + Issue a plan or strategy to speed up retrofitting of condominiums in our territory

- + Work simultaneously on demand and supply by facilitating and linking them
- + Exchange experience with other local authorities in Europe

In return, through the ACE Retrofitting project, we will have access to:

- + Existing stakeholder networks working on the energy retrofitting of condominiums
- + Practical information such as decision-making tools, feedback from other experienced cities/energy agencies
- + Tools created within the ACE Retrofitting project i.e. the step-by-step guidance tool in English, French, German and Dutch: energy-citi.es/ACERetrofittool
- + Case studies on working methods for the supply and demand side as well as on how cities are leading the way

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