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Climate Alliance

Boosting low carbon building renovation across Europe

Today Climate Alliance joins World Green Building Council's European network in collaboration with eight cities and partners in launching BUILD UPON², the second phase of the world's largest collaborative project to accelerate the renovation of buildings in European cities.

Oslo, Norway – 23 May 2019. With cities across the world declaring climate emergencies and climate action high up on the agenda for the European elections, this EU-funded project will empower cities to join forces with national governments and industry to decarbonise their existing building stock by 2050. BUILD UPON² will strengthen the effectiveness of the national building renovation strategies required by the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

Eight pilot cities will actively be involved in the project: Budaörs (Hungary); Dublin (Ireland); Eskişehir (Turkey); Leeds (UK); Madrid (Spain); Padova (Italy); Velika Gorica (Croatia) and Wrocław (Poland). The cities will develop a multi-level renovation impact framework containing milestones and measurable progress indicators including: emissions reductions, increased employment and improved health. By capturing data at a local level, the framework will link renovation to policy and decision making processes at a national level. The overall aim of the project is to have 10 cities establishing strategies to decarbonise their building stock by 2050.

BUILD UPON² will be led by a consortium of eight national green building councils working with the Buildings Performance Institute Europe and the municipal network **Climate Alliance**, which leads the **Covenant of Mayors** European Office, representing more than 7,000 local and regional authorities.

In the future, the framework will be used as a blueprint for the EU's EPBD implementation and cities signed up to the Covenant of Mayors in their efforts to tackle the decarbonisation of their building stock, as well as for governments worldwide looking for guidance in their national building strategies.

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THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE

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