

# Plenary stakeholder meeting on the Horizon Europe R&I Partnership : People-centric Sustainable Built Environment





« **Buildings renovation wave** » in the **Green Deal**  
under the priority: *Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way*

- The flagship initiative of the new Commission to join forces towards **buildings decarbonisation and sustainability**,
- « **Renovation platforms** » (gathering buildings and construction sector, architects, engineers, local authorities) to address barriers to renovation,
- Strong link to **financing**- InvestEU & Green Finance,
- Focus on **affordability and social housing**



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# Directorate-General for Energy

*Energy transition in the built environment*



# SMART AND CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL

## THE ENERGY SYSTEM OF TOMORROW WILL LOOK DIFFERENTLY

**2030**

Over **50%** of electricity to come from **renewables**



**2050**

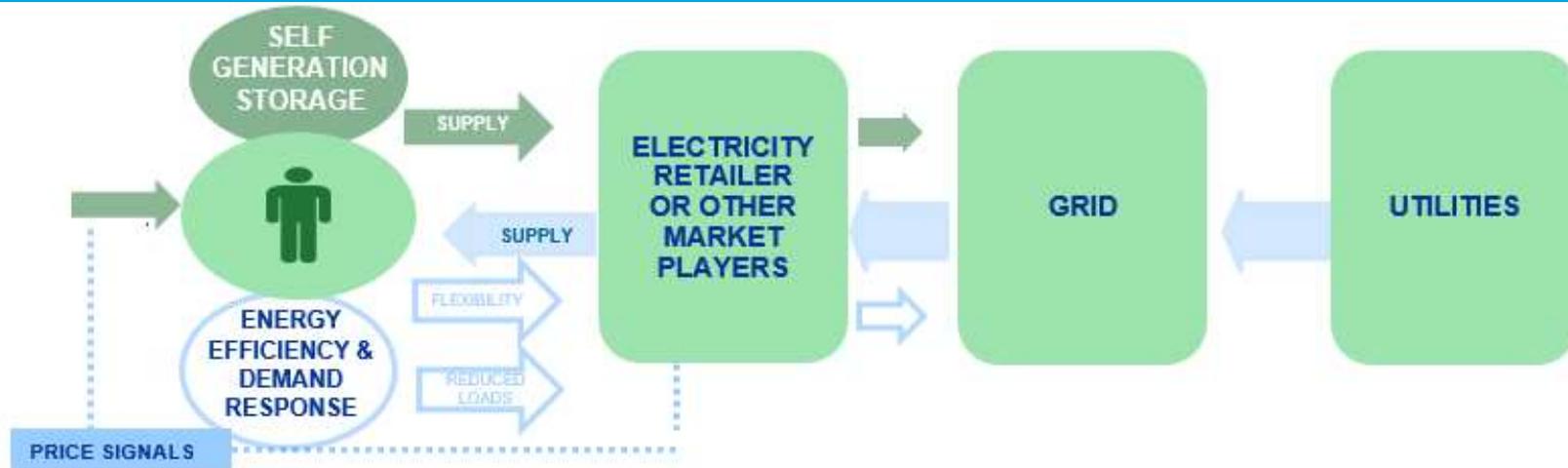
Electricity completely carbon free



## WHY DO WE NEED THE ACTIVE DEMAND SIDE?

- **Renewable energy-based system** requires **adjustments on the demand-side** to reduce peak electricity prices and system costs
- **Energy efficiency and flexible energy demand** generate **savings** from the reduced back-up generation capacities and network investments.

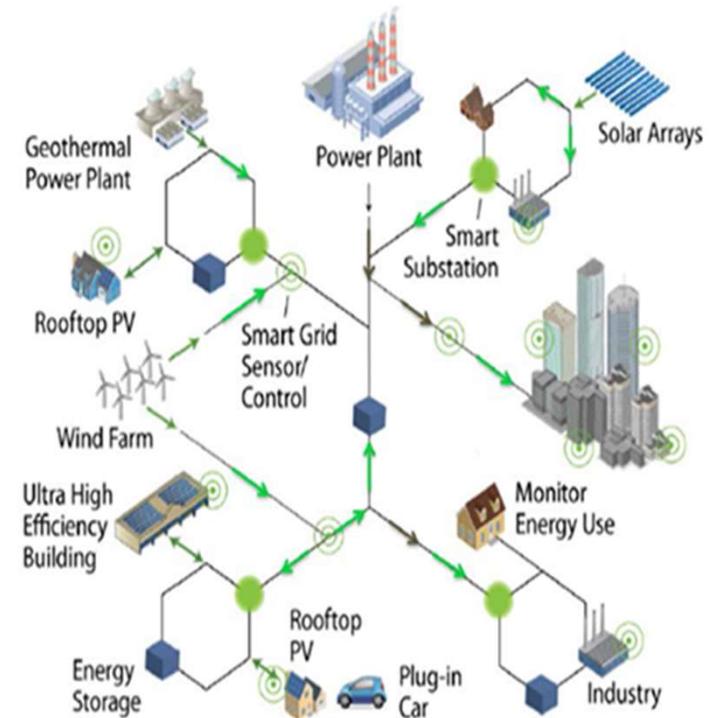
## ACTIVE CONSUMERS ARE KEY TO CREATE A MORE FLEXIBLE ENERGY SYSTEM...



# SMART AND CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL

The **built environment** of tomorrow will play **an active role in the energy system** by:

- **reducing system capacity** needs (generation & transition) through **energy efficiency**
- providing **flexibility** through **load shifting** (demand-response)
- providing **renewable energy** generation on-site
- providing **storage** of thermal or electric energy (e.g. through smart EV charging)



### The Clean Energy Package



At least a **32%** share of renewables in final energy consumption



At least **32,5%** energy savings compared with the business-as-usual scenario

**Vision for 2050: achieving net-zero GHG emissions, including highly energy efficient and decarbonized EU building stocks**

- Improve **energy performance of buildings**, increase **renovation** rates,
- Generate needed **socio-economic and technology breakthroughs**,
- Ensure consistency of **policy, enabling actions, and R&I**

# SMART AND CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL

## Energy Efficiency in Buildings

**A key sector for decarbonisation by 2050: 40% of energy consumption, 75% of existing buildings are energy inefficient**

2016

2030

2050



### Implementing the strengthened Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (2010/31/EU)

- Renovation: speeding up current low rates, mobilising investments at higher scale
- Modernisation: smart technologies, e-charging infrastructure



### Financing and mobilising investments:

- Stronger **long term renovation strategies** for member States **with a solid financial component**
- **Smart Finance for Smart Buildings** initiative



### Consolidating the basic EU framework

- Energy Performance Certificates, labels informing citizens and businesses, creating a market
- Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings, low consumption & high on-building renewables in new construction

**Engaging citizens**

**Focus on financing**

**Alleviation energy poverty**

**Sustainability**

**Circular economy**

**Links to city**

**Industrialisation and digitalisation of construction**

**Competitiveness**

## SMART AND CLEAN ENERGY FOR ALL

### Relevant energy legislation – some highlights

#### Active role of buildings in the future energy system :

- Smart metering (Energy Efficiency Directive, Electricity Directive)
- Renewable energy self-generation, self-consumption, renewable energy communities (Renewable Energy Directive, Electricity Directive)
- Energy smart appliances and building automation and control systems (Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive)
- Smart readiness indicator for buildings, requirements on automation and control (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive)

#### Enabling active consumers :

- Enabling demand response services, flexibility markets and ensuring competitive retail markets (Electricity Directive & Regulation)
- Enabling self-generation, self-consumption storage or re-selling (Electricity Directive, Renewable Energy Directive)

#### Sustainable mobility:

- Integration of EV charging infrastructure into distribution networks, measures for smart charging, framework for the development of storage services (Electricity Directive)
- Provisions on deployment of recharging infrastructure in buildings (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive)

# Directorate-General for Climate Action

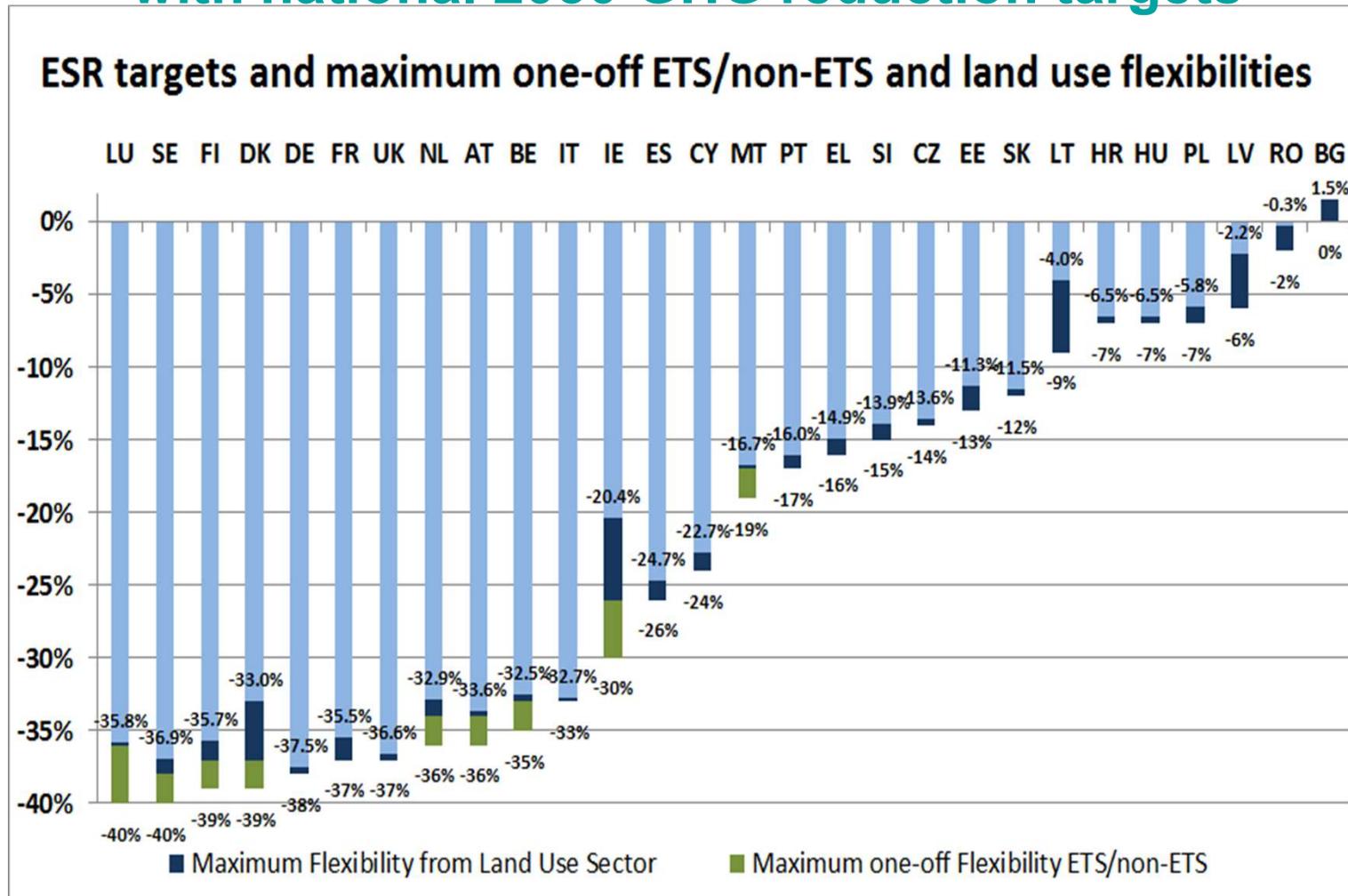


## Going CLIMATE-NEUTRAL by 2050

A STRATEGIC LONG-TERM VISION FOR  
A PROSPEROUS, MODERN, COMPETITIVE  
AND CLIMATE-NEUTRAL EU ECONOMY

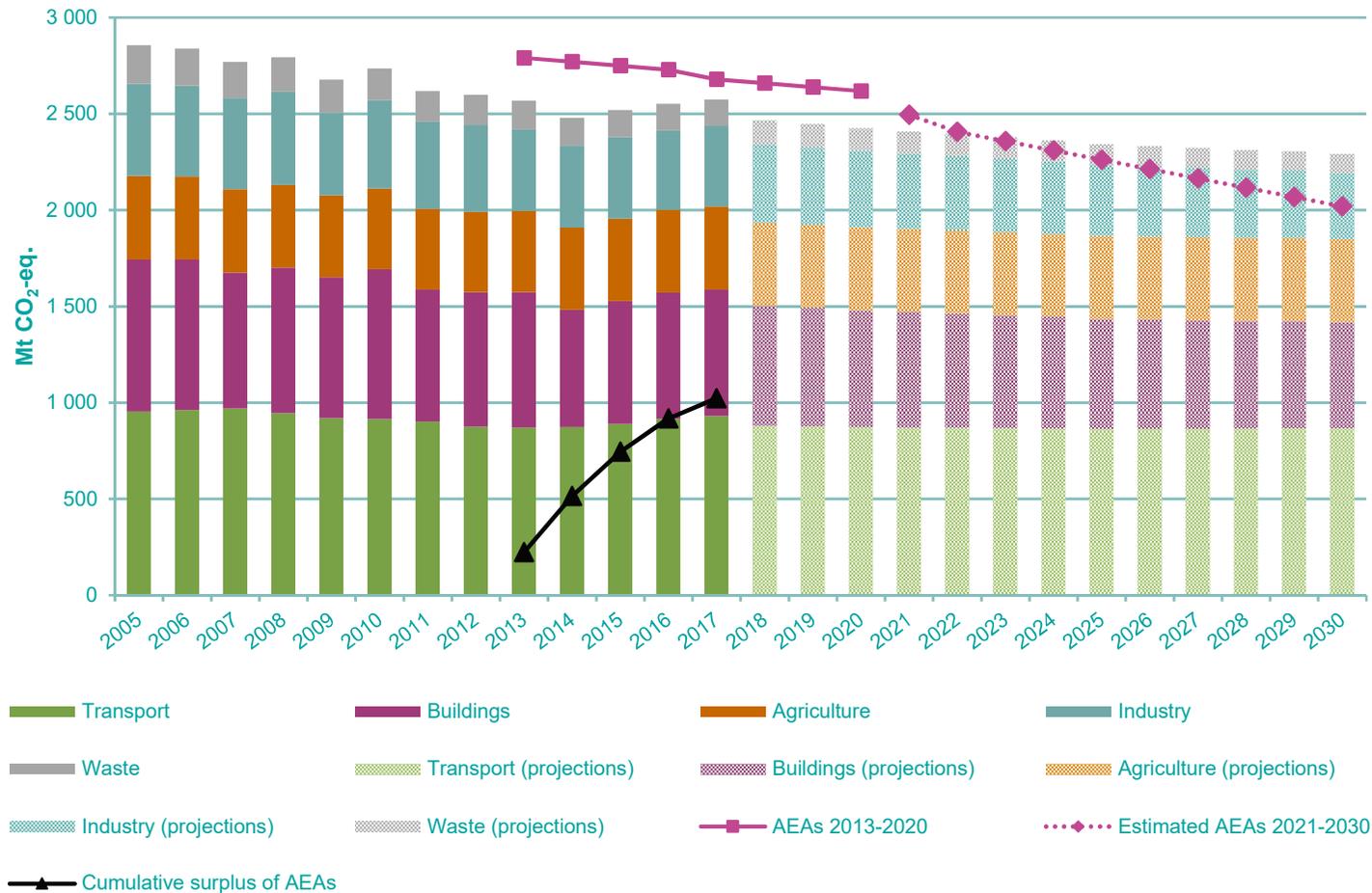
# DG CLIMA: Effort sharing Regulation

## Buildings is a key sector in the non-ETS sectors with national 2030 GHG reduction targets



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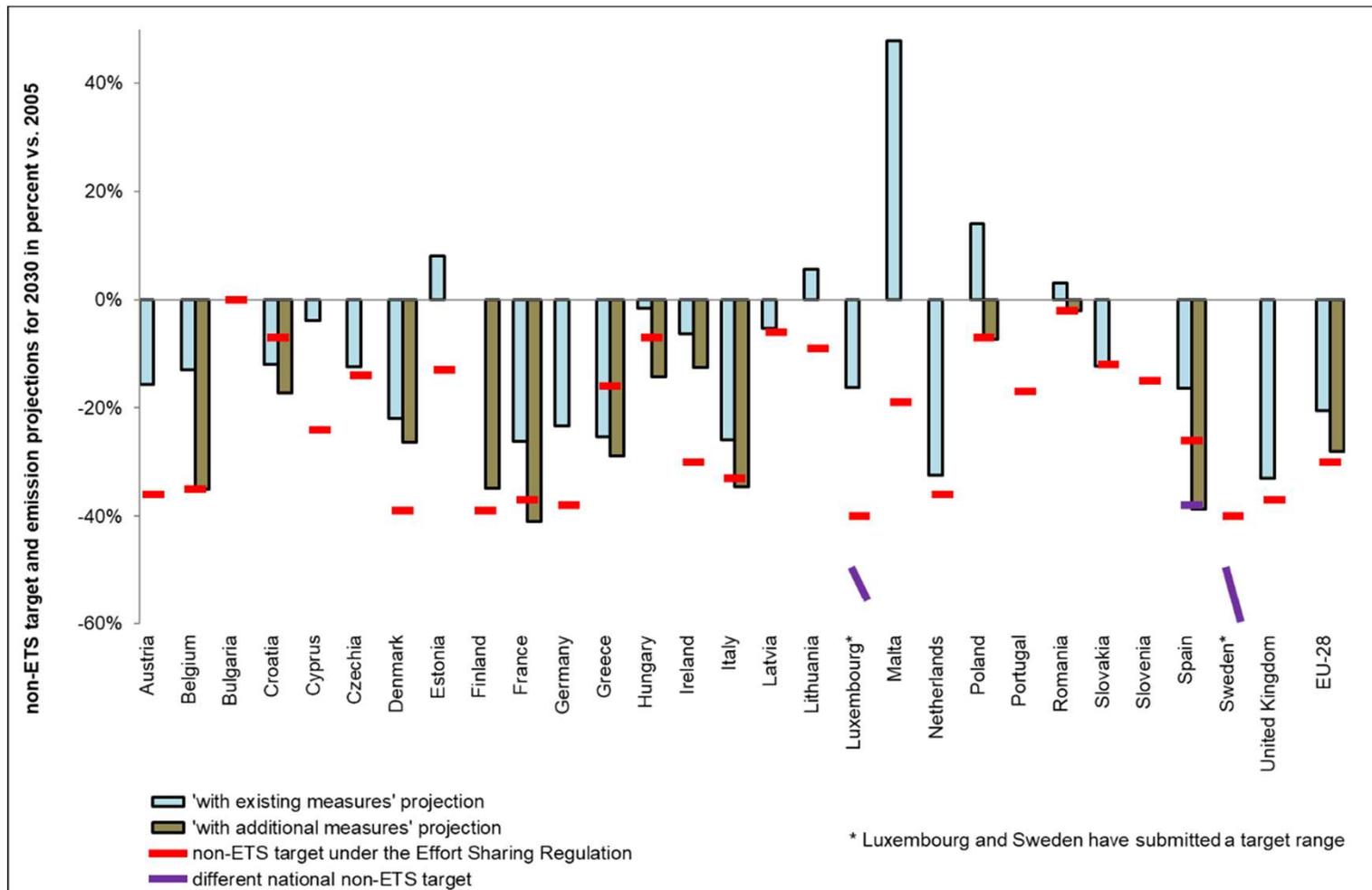
## Annual progress in non-ETS sectors since 2005



EC, Progress report 2018

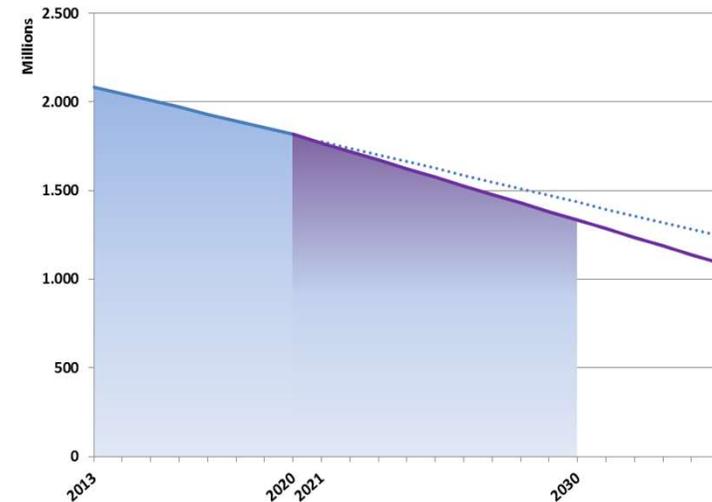
# DG CLIMA: Effort sharing regulation

Estimated distance to target in 2030 with existing and with planned additional measures, National Energy- and Climate Plans (drafts of early 2019)



# DG CLIMA: EU Emission trading system

- Essential to price pollution and to harness market forces, **carbon price incentive today of €25/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>**. Largest environmental market in the world.
- ETS caps total greenhouse gas emissions from >11,000 installations **including power, steel, cement, chemicals, paper, refineries and intra-EEA aviation**: 31 countries, around 40% of EU's emissions.
- Important revenue for Member States from auctioning of allowances: around €42 bn since 2012
- Member States using >80% of this revenue to tackle climate change, reporting on this to the Commission
- Free allocations for industries has addressed risk of 'carbon leakage'



# From Competitiveness of Construction to a Strategy for Sustainable Built Environment

Directorate General for  
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)



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# Construction 2020

Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector and its enterprises (2012)

Construction 2020 Action Plan (2013)

## Thematic Objectives

1. Innovation
2. Skills
3. Resource efficiency
4. Regulatory framework
5. International competition

BIM Task Group, EU industrial platform for construction, Digitalisation of construction SMEs, Buildings Digital Logbook

Blueprint for sectoral cooperation as part of the Skills Alliance, Build Up Skills, Apprenticeship pledges for construction, Health and Safety at work.

Level(s), Energy efficiency standards and labelling, Eco design, BAMB, EU construction and demolition protocol  
Construction identified as key topic in the Circular Economy Package (2018), Build up portal, Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), and monitoring of energy performance by the EU building stock observatory.

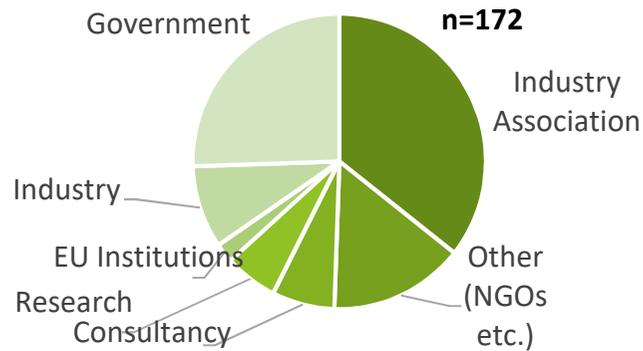
Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and the CPR implementation roadmap. On safety aspects, study on the toxicity of smoke and the Fire Information Exchange Platform (FIEP).

International competition: encouraging the uptake of Eurocodes and promoting the spread of new financial tools and contractual arrangements in non-EU countries. Assessment of Cross-border trade of Construction Products as well as analysis of production and trade data.

Each thematic objective is supported by a stakeholder thematic group and the High Level Forum.

The European Construction Sector Observatory measures the progress towards Construction 2020 targets.

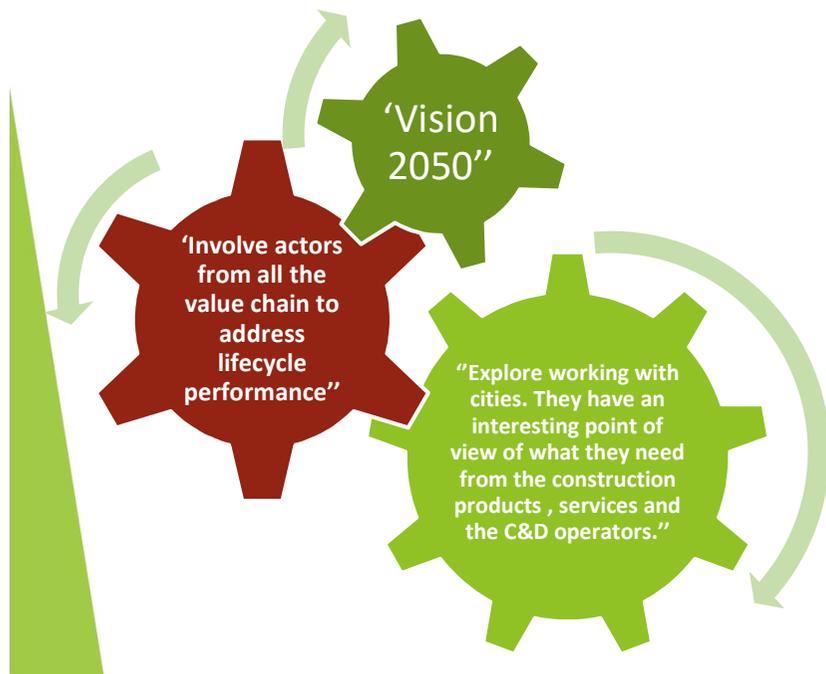
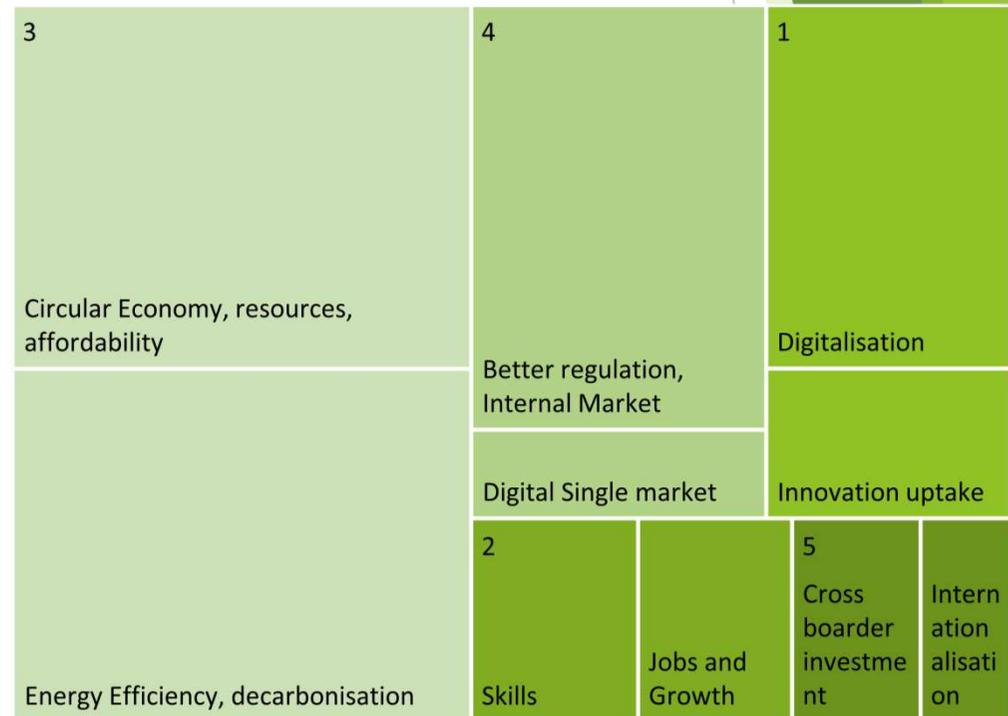
# Stakeholder views on the future of Construction 2020



- Industry & Technology
- National Policy
- Other International Organisations

Lifecycle approach, broader scope, interconnected social, environmental and economic aspects of the built environment

## Interest on thematic priorities



2021

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▶ **Political drivers**

EU Green Deal, Circular Economy Action Plan

Jobs and Growth

Economy that works for people

EU fit for the digital age

SDGs, Paris Agreement

▶ **Critical elements**

Complex and “old” EU built environment

Quality of life, Housing, affordability  
Gentrification, accessibility

Digitalization and digital economy  
Privacy, ethics, cyberattacks

Climate crisis, resilience, agility

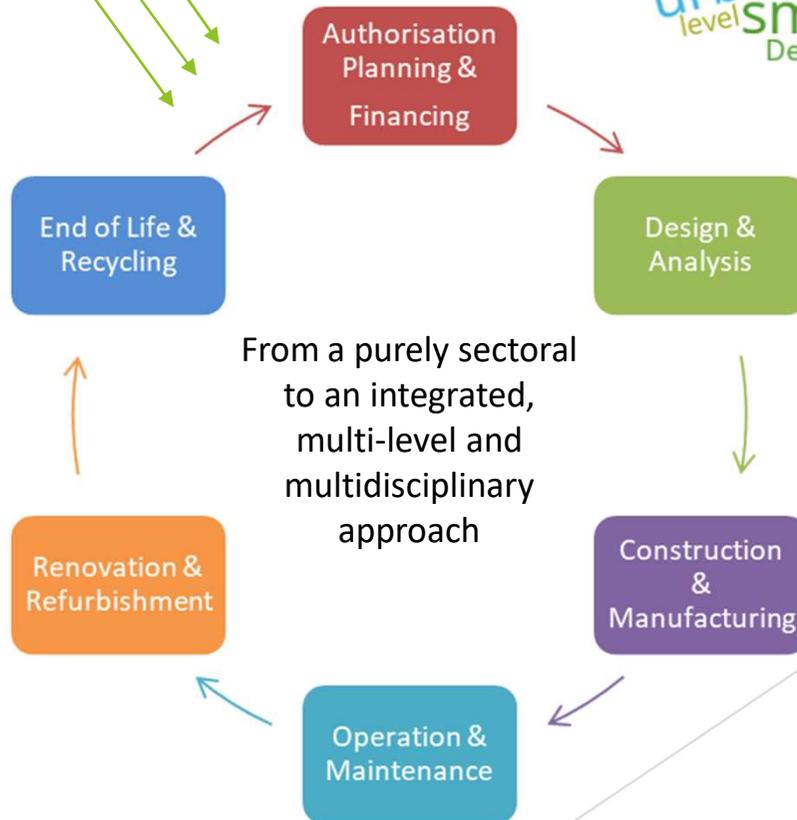
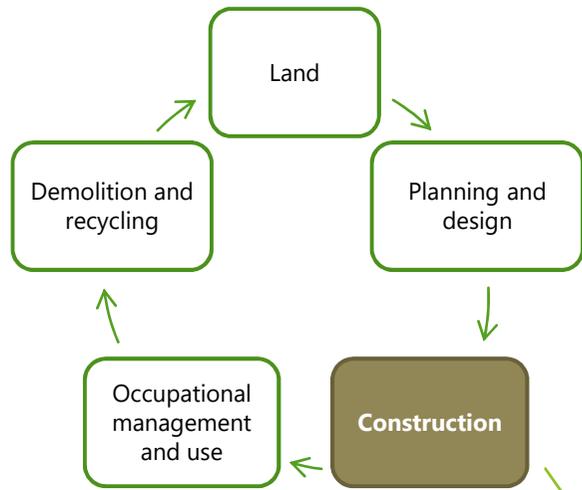
Built Environment as lead market

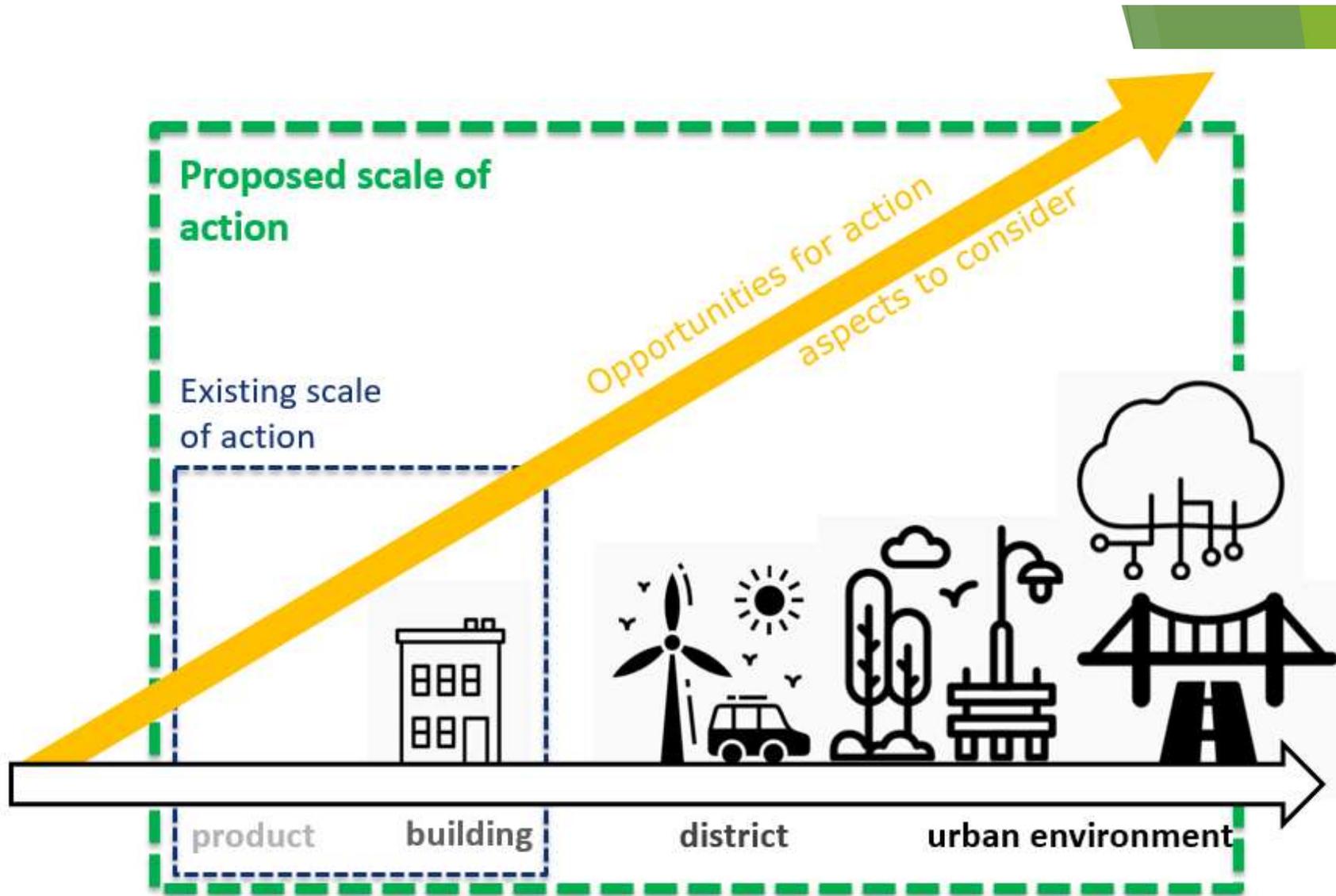
Most of EU buildings serve for 70 years in average

The average expectancy of life in Hong Kong can vary for up to 10 years depending on the district of residence.

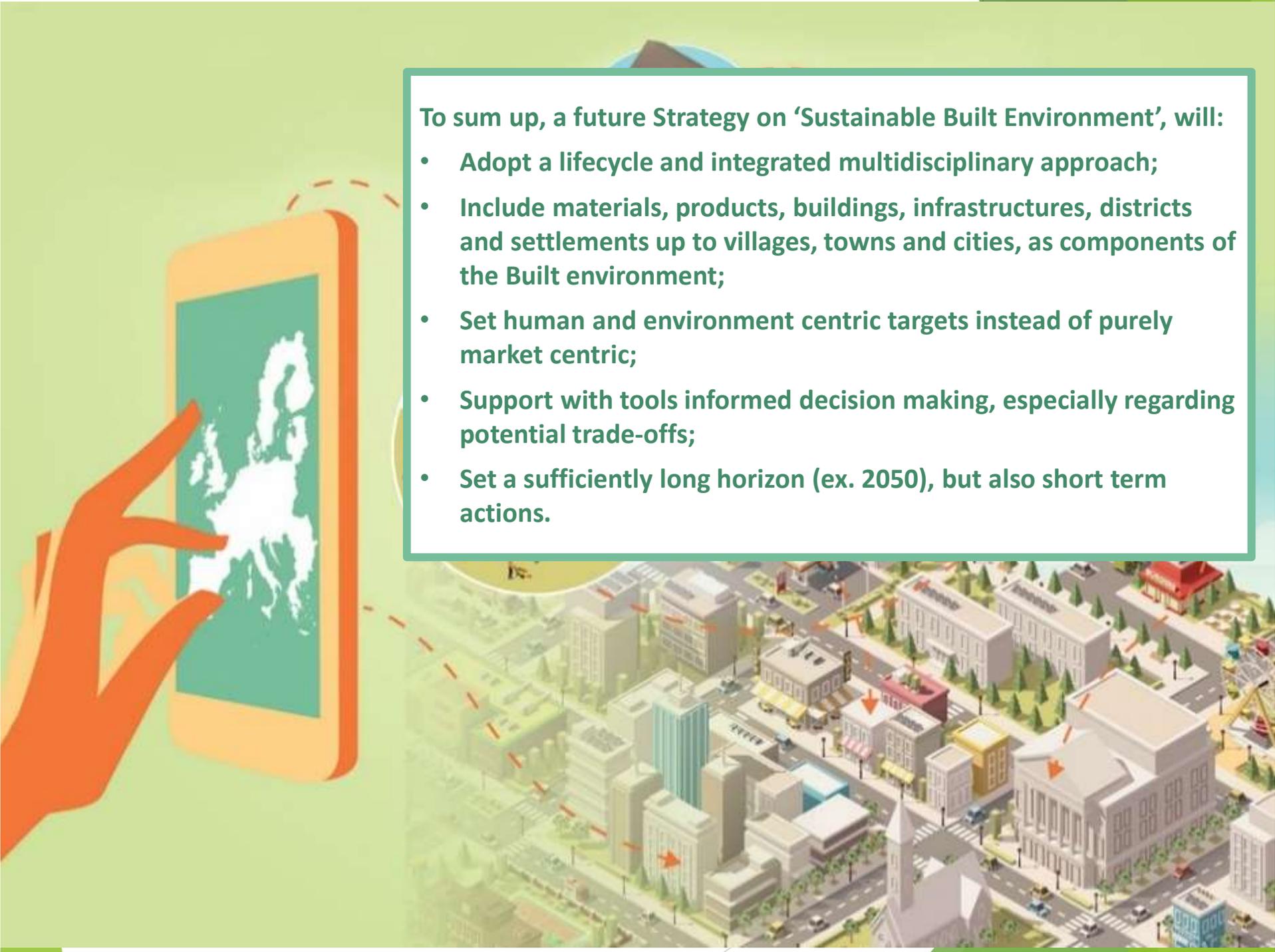
The built environment consumes 50% of all extracted materials.







A new Strategy should define its scales of intervention starting from the material, product and building, till the urban environment/area, including all the intermediary scales: the infrastructures, districts, villages, towns, cities, including of course suburban, periurban and rural settlements.

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To sum up, a future Strategy on ‘Sustainable Built Environment’, will:

- Adopt a lifecycle and integrated multidisciplinary approach;
- Include materials, products, buildings, infrastructures, districts and settlements up to villages, towns and cities, as components of the Built environment;
- Set human and environment centric targets instead of purely market centric;
- Support with tools informed decision making, especially regarding potential trade-offs;
- Set a sufficiently long horizon (ex. 2050), but also short term actions.

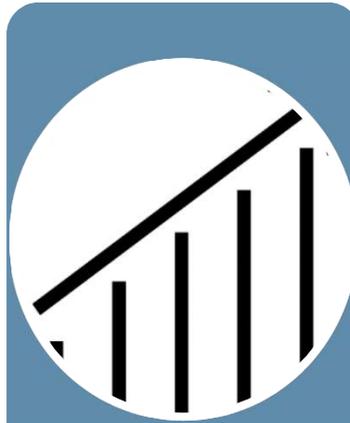
## 5 Thematic clusters for interdisciplinary actions



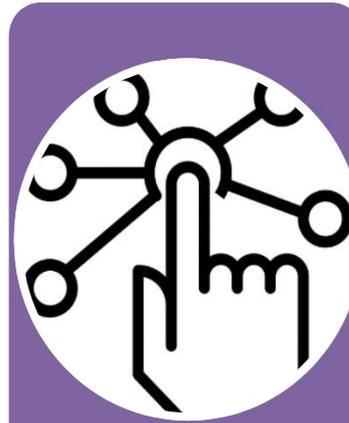
1.  
Circular  
Economy  
and Climate  
Neutrality



2.  
Skills and  
People



3.  
Jobs,  
Growth,  
Investment



4.  
Innovation  
uptake and  
Agility

5. Interoperable tools, indicators, logbooks for the whole BE,  
Sustainability and Digitalization Criteria



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# Thank you!

## Useful links

### Construction and Built Environment

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/construction/competitiveness\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/construction/competitiveness_en)

### European Construction Sector Observatory

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/construction/observatory\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/construction/observatory_en)

EU BIM Task Group [www.eubim.eu](http://www.eubim.eu)

Supporting Digitalization of construction and its SMEs

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/report-supporting-digitalisation-construction-sector-and-smes\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/report-supporting-digitalisation-construction-sector-and-smes_en)

DigiPlace (EU Digital Platform for Construction)

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/224179/en>

Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills in Construction <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-project-details/#project/600885-EPP-1-2018-1-ES-EPPKA2-SSA-B>

Construction and Demolition waste Protocol, and pre-demolition audit

[https://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/construction\\_demolition.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/construction_demolition.htm)

[https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/eu-construction-and-demolition-waste-protocol-0\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/eu-construction-and-demolition-waste-protocol-0_en)

Eurocodes

<https://eurocodes.jrc.ec.europa.eu/showpage.php?id=13>

Operational Health and Safety in Construction

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/tender/10379/development-eu-framework-assess-overall-impacts-occupational-health-and-safety-osh>

Infrastructure maintenance

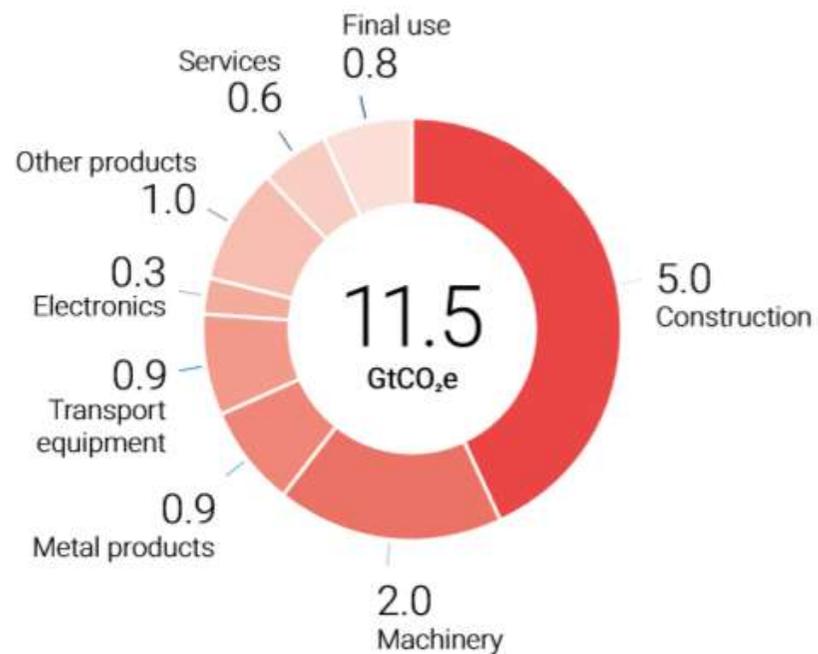
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# Directorate-General for Environment



Sustainable buildings

# Emissions Gap Report 2019





## Bringing Embodied Carbon Upfront

By 2030, all new buildings, infrastructure and renovations will have at least 40% less embodied carbon with significant upfront carbon reduction, and all new buildings are net zero operational carbon.

By 2050, all buildings and infrastructure, new and existing, must be net zero carbon across the lifecycle.



# CONSTRUCTION 2050

## Building tomorrow's Europe today

Putting circular thinking at the heart of the construction sector will boost the market uptake of recycled materials and reused products.... support greater use of innovative materials and the life cycle design of buildings, making them suitable for deconstruction, to allow reuse of products and better recyclability of materials.



JUNE 2019



Masterplan for a Competitive  
Transformation of  
**EU Energy-intensive Industries**  
Enabling a Climate-neutral,  
Circular Economy by 2050



Report by the High-Level Group on Energy-intensive Industries

...previous attempts for an industry-wide accepted LCA methodology have not been successful, there is now clearly a sense of urgency with policymakers and industry alike that spurs initiatives such as “Level(s)” which assesses CO2 performance over the life-cycle and across different materials as part of the built environment.



## VISION

...the transformative potential that the European Commission's framework for sustainable buildings, Level(s), can play in delivering on key European environmental, economic and social goals.



# Life cycle and circularity

**1. Assess, measure, report,** compare, learn, collaborate, improve, share, innovate, optimise

Level(s)



Images courtesy of Judit Kimpian, ACE

# Level(s)

- Link circular economy and carbon neutral Europe
- Integrate life cycle thinking into building codes and procurement
- Comparable life cycle data, enabling learning and benchmarking
- Support normal building projects to consider life cycle
- European sustainability “yardstick” for investors, valuers and companies
- Certification schemes assuring their work reflects European policy

# Life cycle and circularity

**2. Reap the full potential of Construction and Demolition Waste to contribute to a circular economy**

Waste Framework Directive

# Waste Framework Directive

- Selective demolition
- Selective sorting
- Backfilling guidance
- By the end of 2024, Commission shall assess whether a preparation for reuse + recycling target shall be set (overall and/or for specific materials)

# ...and more polices....

- Public Procurement
- Sustainable Finance
- Soil Thematic Strategy
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Green Cities and Green Capital Award

# Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (DG EAC)



## Cultural Policy Framework on the Built Environment

# EU Policy Framework on Cultural Heritage and Architecture



## Davos Declaration "Towards a High-Quality Baukultur for Europe" (2018)

- Adopted by European Ministers of Culture and stakeholders
- Baukultur embraces **every human activity that shapes the built environment**: "existing buildings, including monuments and other elements of cultural heritage, as well as the design and construction of contemporary buildings, infrastructure, public spaces and landscapes".
- Integrated and participatory approach for the well-being of citizens
- Baukultur as a **common good** and as a **shared responsibility** of public authorities, civil society organisations and the private sector

2018   
EUROPEAN YEAR  
OF CULTURAL  
HERITAGE  
#EuropeForCulture

THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF  
CULTURAL HERITAGE

# European Framework for Action on Cultural Heritage

4 key principles - 5 areas - 65 actions

*15 DGs in the European Commission*

**Holistic  
approach**

**Mainstreaming  
/ integration**

**Evidence-  
based policy  
making**

**Multi-  
stakeholder  
approach**

Cultural heritage for an inclusive Europe:  
Participation and access for all

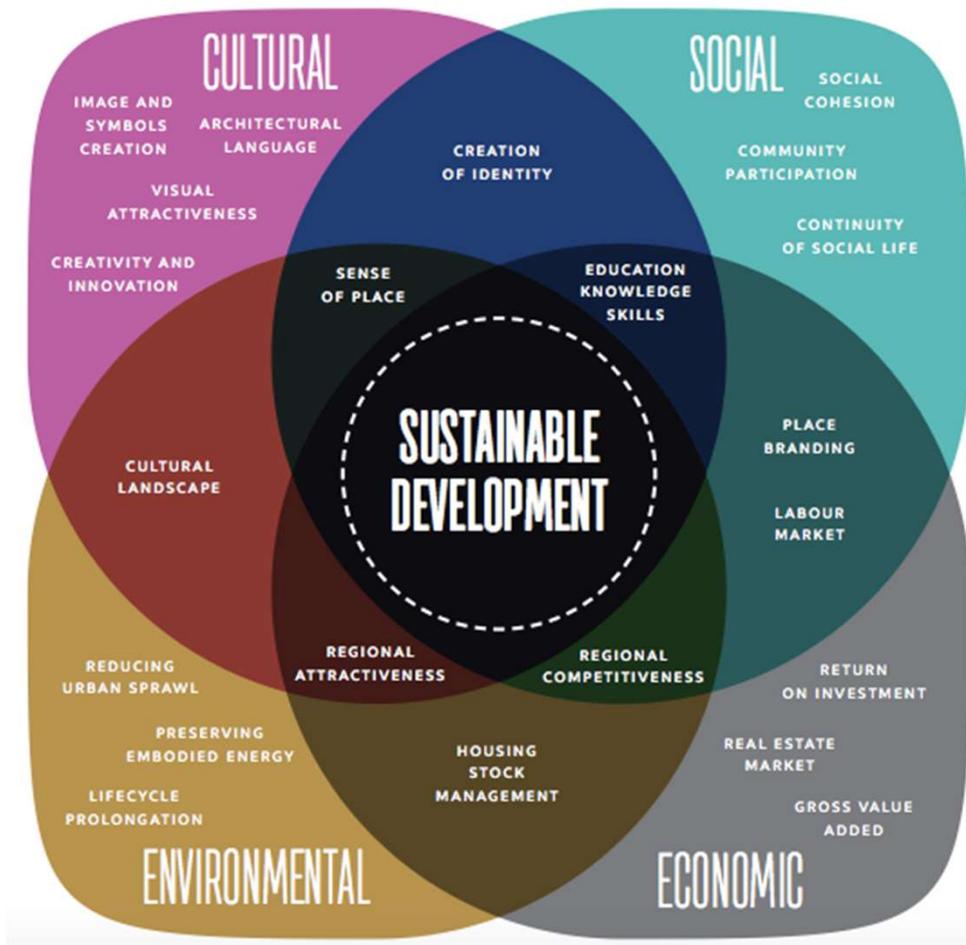
Cultural heritage for a sustainable Europe:  
Smart solutions for a cohesive and sustainable future

Cultural heritage for a resilient Europe:  
Safeguarding endangered heritage

Cultural heritage for an innovative Europe:  
Mobilising knowledge and research

Cultural heritage for a stronger global partnership:  
Reinforcing international cooperation

# Quality - From impacts to value generation



Quality & **Expertise**  
Quality & **Process**  
Quality & **Regenerative**  
development

Is a **shared responsibility**

Benefits **people and communities**

Relies on **cooperation** and **participation**

# European Quality Principles for EU-funded Interventions with Potential Impact upon Cultural Heritage (ICOMOS)

1. *KNOWLEDGE-BASED* Conduct research and surveys first of all
2. *PUBLIC BENEFIT* Keep in mind your responsibility towards future generations
3. *COMPATIBILITY* Keep the "spirit of the place"
4. *PROPORTIONALITY* Do as much as necessary, but as little as possible
5. *DISCERNMENT* Call upon skills and experience
6. *SUSTAINABILITY* Make it last
7. *GOOD GOVERNANCE* The process is part of the possible success

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# Transformation of 530 dwellings - Grand Parc Bordeaux









# EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture aka Mies van der Rohe Award 2019

CITE DU GRAND PARC, BORDEAUX  
3 BLOCKS, 530 DWELLINGS TRANSFORMED

- 100 %** **EXISTING CONSERVED**  
20% heavy renovation (hallways, elevators, bathrooms, elect.)  
80 % light renovation
- + 53%** **SURFACE ADDED**  
+ 50 m<sup>2</sup>/dwg usable surface on average  
incl. Dwellings + winter gardens + balconies + interior cellars
- 60%** **PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION**  
48,8 kWh<sub>ep</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>.year after transformation
- 100%** **BUILDING OCCUPIED DURING THE WORKS**  
NO MOVE OF THE INHABITANTS
- 0%** **RENT INCREASE**
- 50.000 €** **NET / DWELLING**  
cost of works for transformation

# EU Work Plan for Culture: OMC group on “High-quality architecture and built environment for everyone”

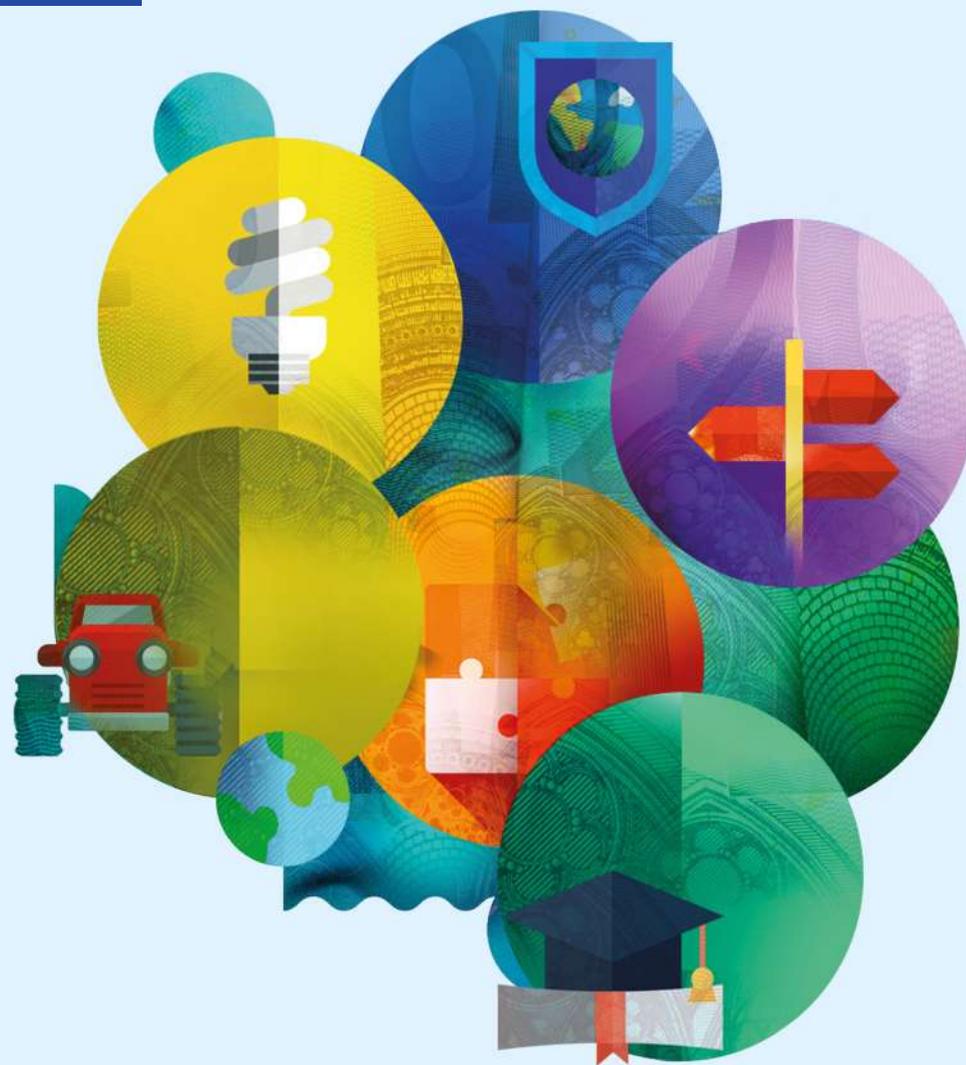
Focus on architecture as a discipline that encompasses the **right balance** between cultural, social, economic, environmental and technical aspects for the **common good**

Identify **best practice** and innovative actions to deliver/preserve quality architecture; analyse multi-disciplinary and participatory **governance models** contributing to sustainable development

**Output:** Policy handbook with recommendations (2021), possibly Council Conclusions (2022)

# Research and Innovation

Directorate-General for  
Research and Innovation



# DG R&I – Unit D.1 ‘Clean Energy Transition’

## ***Key aspects of our work relevant for this partnership:***

- *Circularity approach to the energy system*
- *Materials for energy*
- *Energy embodied in the built environment*
- *Renewable energy technologies to fulfil electricity, heat and cooling consumption, according to local and specific needs of the built environment*
- *Hydrogen as energy carrier and energy source*

# DG R&I – Unit D.1 ‘Clean Energy Transition’

## ***Important to consider:***

- *Synergies of this partnership with other proposed Horizon Europe European Partnerships that include relevant sectors of intervention*
- *Scope of the built environment*

## ***Also to note:***

- *Horizon 2020 topic on pre-commercial procurement for a 100% renewable energy supply (LC-SC3-RES-10-2020, expected deadline 26 March 2020)*

# Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology

- Digitalisation of buildings and construction

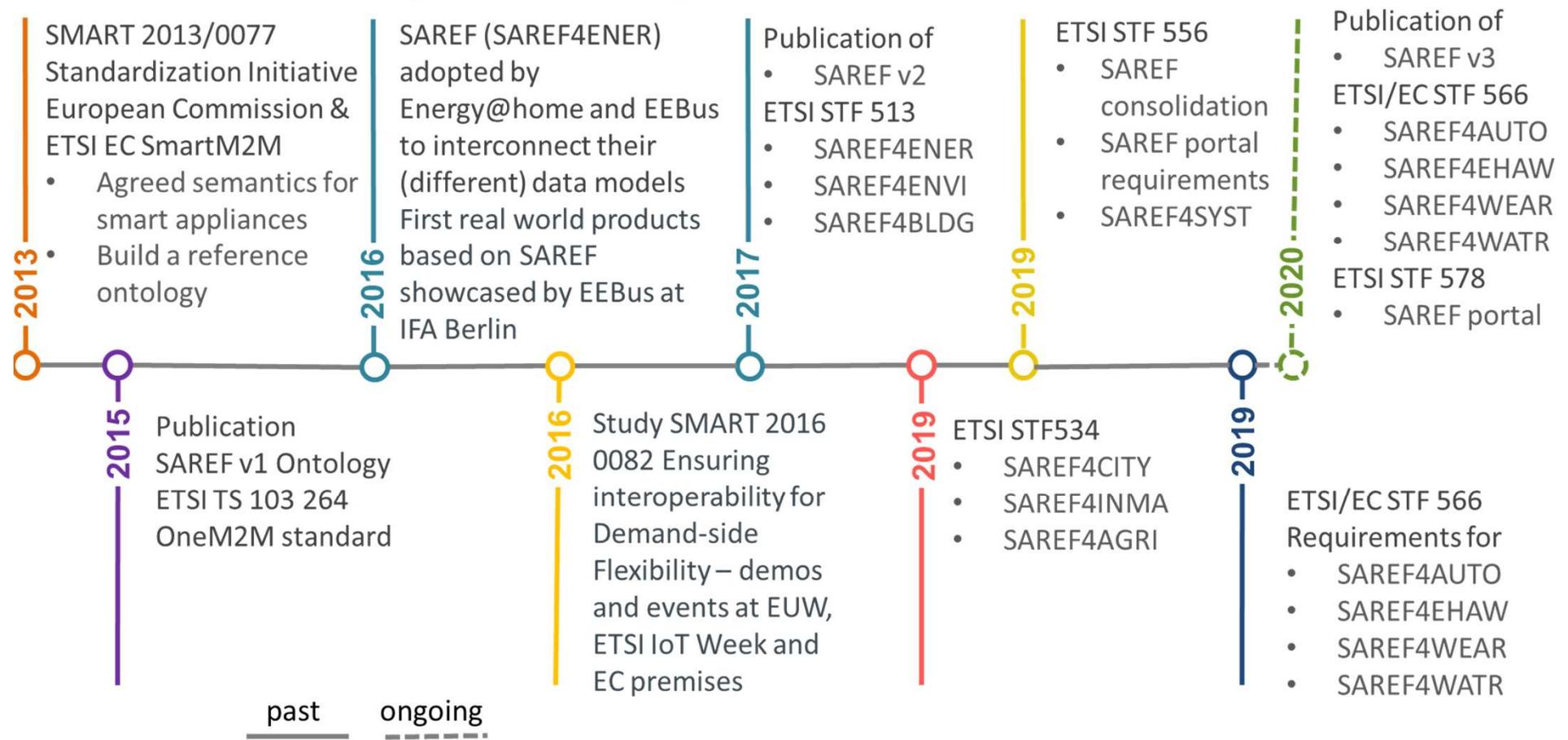


# Interoperability and Standardisation

- Semantics and Ontologies – SAREF
- Digital platforms

# SAREF Applications

## Smart Appliances REFerence Ontology



One common interoperability "language" for any home appliance to exchange energy and product related info with any energy/building management system/entity

# Digital Platforms

- *Bring together stakeholders*
- *Define reference architecture*
- *Take stock of ongoing initiatives, and define intervention gaps*
- *Empower SMEs*
- *Open formats / standards*
- *Create ecosystems*

## Ongoing

### Construction sector

*BIM and building passports*

*Level(s) - the recently (2015-2017) developed framework to assess environmental performance of buildings, including circular economy aspects*

### Home/building

*Large scale InterConnect IoT pilot*

## Ok

### Smart City

*EIP-SCC/Espresso - DIN 91357*

*PPI -> MIMs (SynchroniCity)*

*Scale up of urban platforms, services and testing and experimentation facilities under the Digital Europe Programme and the European scale up initiative*

**Living-in-EU!**

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# Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (DG EMPL)

- *Skills*
- *Jobs*
- *Accessibility*



# Accessibility at EU level

- **The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
- **Situation of persons with disabilities:**
  - 70.5 million people in the EU – moderate disability
  - 32.8 million people in the EU – severe disability
  - 30 % versus 20,8 - people with disabilities in the EU are at risk of poverty or social exclusion
  - 48.7% versus 72.5% - employment rate of people with disabilities versus people without disabilities
- **The European Accessibility Act Internal Market Directive->Social Impact**
  - Built environment
  - Public Procurement
  - EU Funds (ESIF, TEN T)
- **Mandate 420: Accessibility requirements for public procurement in the Built Environment (including transport infrastructures) prEN 17210**
- ***Mandate 473:* Standard addressing accessibility following Design for all in the manufacturing and service delivery processes EN 17161**
- **Access City Award**
- **Employment opportunities in building renovation**

# Concepts – UNCRPD

*Human Rights - >Non-discrimination ->*

***Equal access!!!!***

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***Accessibility***

*(following design for all)*

+

***reasonable accommodation***

*(assistive technologies, personal assistance....)*

# Diverging national approaches to accessibility legislation

- Different approaches: technical, discrimination, procurement
- Different material scope of the various legislations, built environment, ICT
- Different level of detail of legislation
- Different level of jurisdiction: national, regional, local