# Engaging Retail Lenders in Home Renovation

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Innovative financing models for the decarbonisation of the building stock  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JAN}}\xspace{300}{300}\ensuremath{\mathsf{TH}}\xspace{300}{200}\ensuremath{\mathsf{2024}}\xspace{300}$ 



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# Why: Buildings can be better and payback over their useful lives

#### Context for a €2 trillion investment to Renovate EU Buildings

of the

198 mm

homes in

Europe are

publicly

owned

25 mm

EU residential buildings are worth around

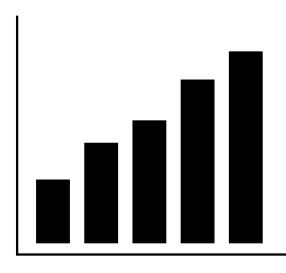
### €20 trillion

71%

of people living in the EU live in a home they own EU27 residential mortgages are around



### €7 trillion



Institutional real estate investments in the EU27 are around

### €3 trillion

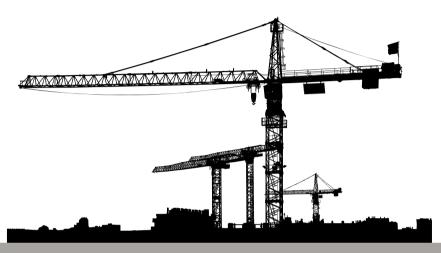
# €6 trillion to deeply renovate all EU homes and residential buildings by 2050...

The rough split of public versus private funding is 25/75

€500 billion of public funding

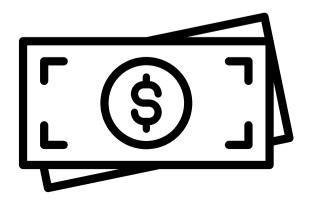
to lever

Guarantees, accounted for within that budget



### €1.5 trillion

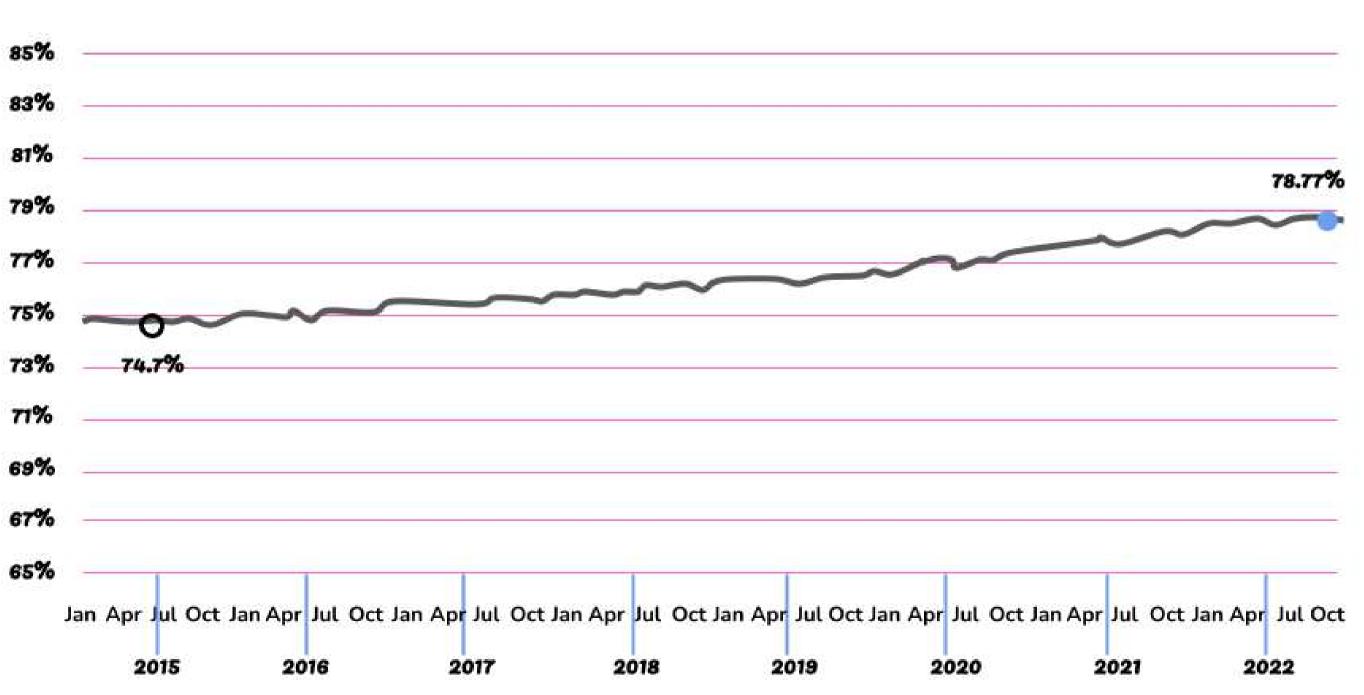
#### of private finance by 2030



#### There is an Urgent Need to align Lenders' Mortgage Portfolios with the EU's Energy Transition

Mortgage as a percentage of loans to households in EU27 2015-2022

With 25+ million EU customers, mortgage lenders are the single most connected stakeholder group to Europe's buildings





## HOW: The opportunity to align Building **Renovation** and Sustainable Finance

#### Mortgage Portfolio Standards: A holistic tool to deliver net-zero alignment from EU Mortgage Lenders

Introduced as a voluntary regulatory tool in the Commission's December **2021 proposed recast of the EPBD** 



• On January 15th 2024, the draft compromise text on the EPBD -with mentions of MPSreceived approval from the EU Parliament ITRE Committee.

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• Portfolio standards are proven and successful regulatory tools that have reduced transport emissions both in the EU and USA.





# Top 30 European banks (by assets) and the climate alignment of their mortgage portfolios

#### 12 top lenders (40%)

Nearly all of the remaining banks are some way through a process that involves components or the entirety of a portfolio alignment.

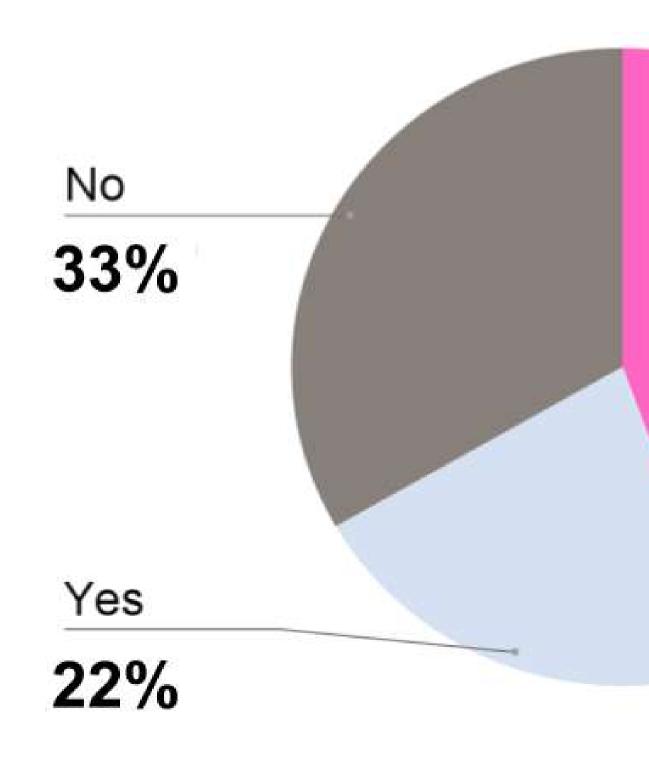


## Already apply a form of Mortgage Portfolio Standard

#### How Banks are Implementing Mortgage Portfolio Standards (if they are)

Are you aware of Mortgage Portfolio Standards?

Over the last three years, it has become clear that a MPS - or equivalent mechanism - is required to align a lender's mortgage portfolio with its netzero transition.



#### Yes, and have been actively following its progression



#### **Motivations for Bank Promotion** of Building Energy Renovation

Renovation drivers for banks to promote client building renovation

Meeting regulatory targets

**Reducing Climate Risks** 

"Greening" the outstanding mortgage

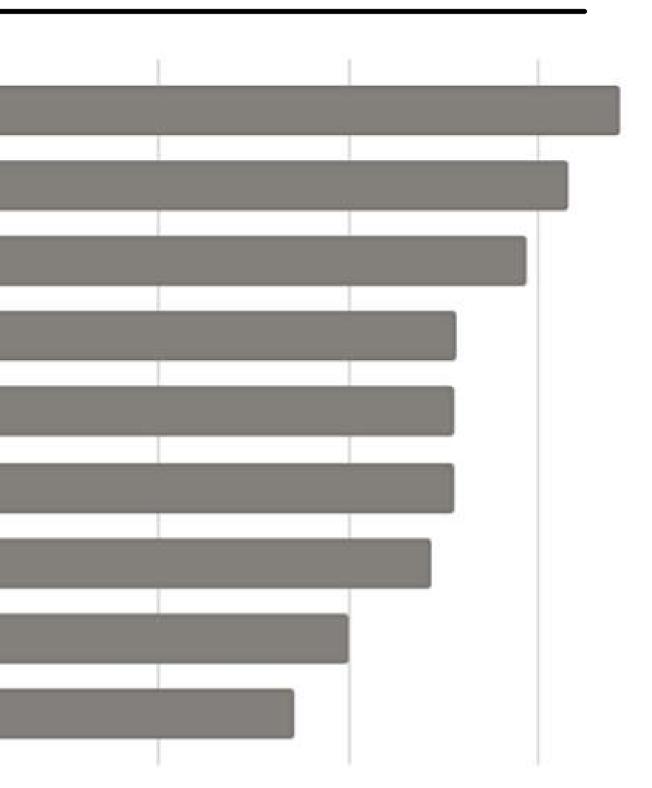
Improving the value of the underlying building Improving the Green Asset Ratio (GAR) or EU Taxonomy portfolio alignment **Delivering Climate/ESG/Sustainability** Targets Improving Credit Risks and Reducing **Defaults & Arrears** 

Improved risk-capital regulatory treatment

Earning Structuring and Distribution fees

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The main driver for mortgage lenders to promote energy efficient renovations to their clients is to meet regulatory targets and reduce climate risks.



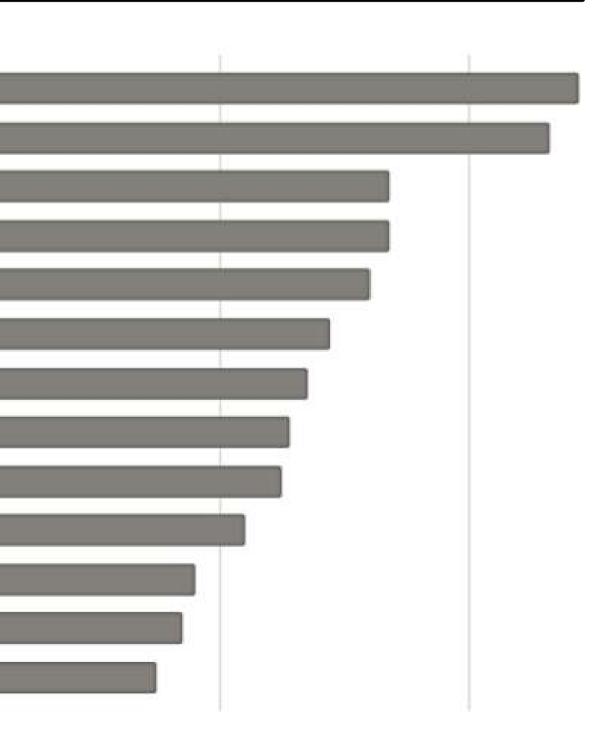
#### Driving the Demand for Renovation from the lenders' perspective

Why buildings owners would borrow money to renovate their home/ building?

The increase in energy prices has increased owners' interest in energy efficient renovations to increase resilience to energy price shocks.

Cost savings from lower energy use Protecting against high energy prices (aka resilience) Higher value of building (due to EE) Future-proofing home (within existing renovation) Modernising home (as a component of deep renovation) Not falling below minimum energy performance to rent Improved comfort of home To reduce personal impact on climate change Compliance with national standards (and future MEPS) Improved accessibility (when linked to energy renovation) Green label for building Health benefits Being seen to be environmentally aware

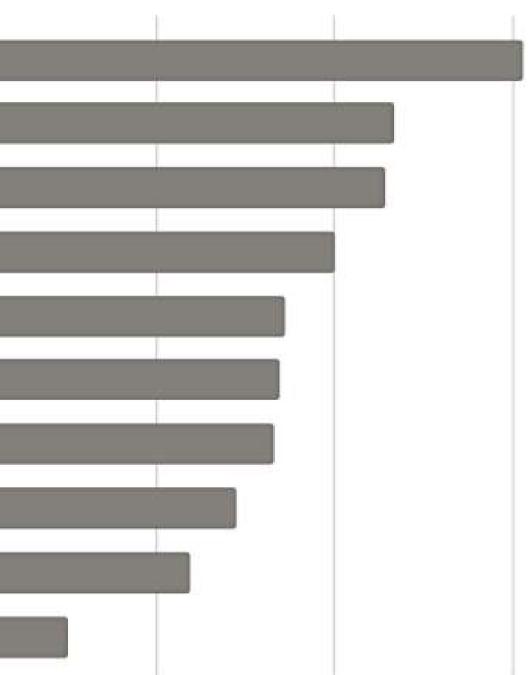
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# Non-financial drivers that would create an environment that stimulated demand for EE renovations

	Minimum Energy Performance Standards (hitting min-EPC levels by sector by year) An EU Renovation Ioan offering most attractive funding available Improved Energy Performance Certificates	
<i>Complimentary</i> <i>non-financial</i> <i>drivers to support</i>	Tax deductibility of deep renovation works Green mortgages	
MPS-performance by banks	Upgraded real-time data from Smart Meters Upgrading the "worst 15%" energy performing buildings in each sector	
	Improved buildings passports, logbooks and other digital tools Resolving owner-tenant interest miss-alignment Improved AI/ Machine Learning techniques (for	
	customers)	

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# What: Conclusions and Recommendations in Bulgaria

### Recommendations to Policymakers

Transpose recast EPBD Minimum Energy Performance Standards (Commercial and Residential) with a focus on the "low hanging fruit"



Position Mortgage Portfolio Standards as a voluntary tool for Bulgarian lenders to use to better engage with their clients and increase sources of finance for National Buildings Renovation ambitions

### Recommendations to Policymakers



Call for a new EU-level instrument to help low income homeowners who can renovate but don't have access to attractive finance currently



Promote pragmatic solutions to address the data quality and availability issues relating to residential buildings renovation

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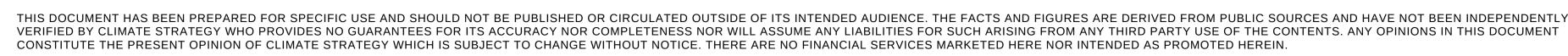
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#### The EU **Renovation Loan:**

a new instrument to fund the EU Renovation Wave



"an EU-backed, privately contracted, collateralised loan that provides all homeowners fair and equal access to long-term financing for the deep renovation of their home. The funding is provided on a zero-coupon basis with repayment of principal and accrued interest at EU-borrowing costs upon the earlier of transfer, sale or its 30 year maturity."

# New Public Renovation Finance Instruments catalysed by the Buildings Directive

Ranking of selected renovation products with "ease of operation"

Two thirds of those surveyed felt that the addition of an EU Renovation Loan in the recast Buildings Directive made sense Traditional mortgages (just covering EE works as well) Renovation Loans (benefitting from a public guarantee) Regular consumer loans (just for renovation purpose) Soft loans issued by a public bank (but distributed via retail)

EIB designed product like PF4EE

Green mortgages

Grant + traditional private loan

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