



SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 5th Session held on the 27th of January 2021

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Renovation Wave for Europe - greening our buildings, creating jobs, improving lives (Senate Print No. K 086/12, COM(2020) 662)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the position of the Government;

2. Emphasises

that owners of buildings cannot be forced to carry out energy renovations; pressure to carry out a renovation is possible only if the building does not meet for example elementary hygienic or safety standards;

3. Believes

that the focus should be on removing existing barriers to renovations and encouraging owners of buildings to carry out thorough energy renovations, for example through financial support that is not administratively demanding to obtain, rather than setting new obligations and targets;

4. Is of the opinion

that any upgrade of a building that improves standards of its use and prolongs the building's lifespan must be regarded as renovation; therefore, renovations of buildings cannot be limited only to energy renovations by which we seek to achieve the objectives of the European Green Deal;

5. Points out

that renovation is often only a partial solution to the issues related to high energy performance of a building or inadequate quality of the indoor environment and as such, it cannot achieve the same results as a new building; therefore, in case of

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extensive renovations, it is appropriate to consider also the option of replacement of the original building with a completely new one;

6. Does not agree

with the inclusion of emissions from buildings in the EU emissions trading system (EU ETS); the Senate considers the use of other carbon pricing tools, such as a carbon tax, to be more effective;

7. Does not support

amending legal regulations whose transposition deadline has elapsed just recently; regulations should be amended only after evaluation of effectiveness of measures introduced by them;

8. Recommends to the Government

to take a more systematic approach to the issue of renovations of buildings that would be more efficient than the existing system in which the issue of renovations falls within the responsibility of several ministries; more systematic approach could improve the coherence of various subsidy schemes focused on renovations of buildings and also make the information on financial support options more comprehensible for those interested in renovations;

II.

Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil
sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier