



Invitation to participate in the survey on building energy renovation activities and uptake of nearly zero-energy buildings in the EU

Dear Sir or Madam,

As part of the “Clean Energy for all Europeans” package, the European Commission has made the decarbonisation of the building stock and the renovation of existing buildings into nearly zero-energy building a key political priority for next decades’ European policy-making.

In order to create relevant and useful policies, the European Commission wants to be informed by reliable data. Although several studies about this topic have previously been performed, further research is needed to fill in the gaps with regard to data on the energy performance of buildings in Europe. For this reason, the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER) is conducting a **comprehensive study of building energy renovation activities and the uptake of nearly zero-energy buildings in the EU**.

In this context, the Commission has contracted GfK SSR¹ and Ecofys² to carry out the data collection and resulting analysis of:

- (a) an online survey amongst architects and architect firms and
- (b) a telephone survey amongst installers and (main) contractors across the EU.

To successfully conduct these studies, we require the collection of **insights and information from relevant industry stakeholders**.

Hereby, we kindly invite you to participate in the present survey and to provide the requested information to the extent possible and appropriate for you.

The European Commission greatly appreciates your participation in this study. Your answers are extremely valuable to this research and they will aid in shaping the future of the European energy-related policies.

Yours sincerely,

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