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Video Address

This is a crucial moment for European legislation related to the building sector.

We are facing a war, a climate and energy crisis that has shown our weakness up.

It is vital to reduce energy demand in order to become stronger.

Reducing energy demand means reducing the electricity and gas bills of our homes, our offices and our schools.

It means reducing the suffering of thousands of citizens who each month face payments that are increasingly difficult to meet.

We must respond to this suffering.

Renovating our buildings so that they consume less may seem like an effort consuming measure, but it is a long lasting and sustainable solution to the crisis we face.

And these renovations must look beyond energy efficiency.

The transformation of our building and space must also improve the quality of life of the citizens who enjoy it and must be targeted at the people who need it most.

In other words, this investment must be guided by the principles of the New European Bauhaus.

Moreover, we must act in accordance with the European decarbonisation roadmap, which is being defined in the various dossiers that are currently working on this issue.



Energy independence, moreover, comes hand in hand with the increasing use of renewable and non-fossil energy sources.

But above all, we need measures that do not hinder or delay the achievement of the 2030 and 2050 climate targets.

That is why in my work on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, I have fought to strengthen the social aspect.

One of our biggest achievements that we reflected on this file is the need for an audit to map areas of greatest energy poverty to which European funds should be allocated in the first place.

These are the vulnerable areas associated with energy poverty, and these measures are in addition to the criteria set out in the New European Bauhaus Report, as the prelude to the building Renovation Wave.

Finally, I would like to thank Renovate Europe for their participation and for their invitation to participate in the REday 2022 high-level conference.

For allowing me to deliver this message.

We need an energy independent Europe and the way forward is to renovate our buildings so that they consume less and make life easier for those who live in them.

Always thinking of those who need it most.

Thank you very much.