



Renovate Bulgaria Day

8 November 2022

Event Summary

On 8 November 2022 Renovate Bulgaria Day was held for the third consecutive time. The event started with many congratulatory addresses. The first one was from Ursula von der Leyen the President of the EC. Mrs. Leyen stressed that the heating season in Europe has begun. This, and the high energy prices, raise attention to the importance of saving energy.

After that Mr. Adrian Joyce acknowledged the great work achieved this year in establishing the Renovate Bulgaria platform. Mr. Joyce stressed that the building sector in Europe uses 40% of all energy produced and emits over 35% of all energy-related CO₂. Without addressing this wastefulness in buildings, the EU will never achieve its long-term and climate goals.

In his video address Radan Kanev – MEP from Bulgaria and rapporteur on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, excluded some of the clichés related to the renovation of buildings.

Atanas Pekanov - Deputy Prime Minister for EU funds management - also made a video address. Mr. Pekanov expressed his views on EE investments and how they will be conducted under a completely new approach, reflecting the individual renovation measures of each building.



Ivaylo Alexiev - Executive Director of the Sustainable Energy Development Agency (SEDA) was on the spot. According to Mr. Alexiev, renovation can open many opportunities and generate wide-ranging social, environmental and economic benefits.

Architect Ivan Shushkov - Minister of Regional Development and Public Works sent a congratulatory address in which he thanked Renovate Bulgaria for its continuous work on the topic of energy efficiency.

The discussion was opened by Eng. Yordan Nikolov - Executive Director of BAIS and Chairman of Renovate Bulgaria. Eng. Nikolov presented the main topics of the European Renovation Day held on 27.10. in Brussels. The key points of the event there were the revision of the EPBD, the important role of minimum energy performance standards (MEPS), and the different methods of financing energy renovations of buildings.

This was followed by a video from Peter Roble, representative of Knauf Insulation in Slovakia and head of Buildings for the Future, a leading advocacy association in the field of building construction and renovation, which is also part of Renovate Slovakia. Mr. Roble shared some of the renovation process in Slovakia and presented two incentive programs for renovations on multi-family and single-family residential buildings.

Ivan Croffart, representative of the World Bank, presented a report prepared by their technical assistance team to support the renovation wave in Bulgaria.

Eng. Yordan Nikolov also presented a statement on behalf of Renovate Bulgaria on the announced Guidelines for grants applications under Programme 9a of National Recovery and Resilience Plan.



Presentations were also made by Tsveta Nanyova, Deputy Chairperson of the BGFMA Board, who shared the results of the SheeRENOV project and Dragomir Tsanev, Executive Director of EnEffect, who addressed issues related to the training and qualification of personnel along the entire chain of the renovation process.

The event was well attended by business and opinion leaders in the field of green policies, energy efficiency and building renovation.