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to the Commission
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Subject: Renovation Wave initiative and the need for a single European certificate

The Commission launched its Renovation Wave initiative on 14 October 2020, targeting the renovation and reconstruction of 35 million buildings as part of the plan to reduce Europe's carbon footprint by 55% by 2030.

However, as things stand, the success of reconstruction work is still measured by the result shown on an energy performance certificate that varies considerably from country to country and draws on data subjective to each country, rather than by assessing whether the reconstruction has achieved what it was supposed to in terms of energy and CO₂ savings.

This is liable to have devastating consequences when it comes to any reconstruction project, as anyone carrying out such work simply has to meet arbitrary requirements rather than focusing on delivering properly-measured performances common across the EU.

It may also be a cause of concern among owners that the reconstruction of their buildings is failing to generate the financial savings promised, and among national governments that their national reconstruction policies are ineffective when it comes to meeting climate targets and reducing energy consumption.

In the light of the above, will the Commission:

introduce a single certificate based on parameters applicable to all Member States and drawing on real data;

establish a method for rewarding quality in reconstruction projects?