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The European Affordable Housing Plan will include a dedicated European Strategy for Housing Construction to foster productivity and competitiveness in the construction sector to increase housing supply. While the Plan is not expected to alter national fire safety requirements, the Commission is already pursuing a number of relevant initiatives:

- The recast Energy Performance of Buildings Directive¹ (EPBD) provides that Member States must address the issues of fire safety in new buildings and buildings undergoing major renovation and may address fire safety in their national building renovation plans.
- In the context of the implementation of the EPBD, the Commission has recently launched a call for tender² aiming at providing the Member States with guidance on fire safety linked to the electrification and renovation of buildings.
- The Commission has published guidance of fire safety for electric vehicles parked and charging infrastructure in covered parking spaces³, which will feed into the guidance on fire safety in car parks required by the EPBD.
- The Fire Information Exchange Platform (FIEP) supports exchange of information relevant for fire safety considerations.
- In the context of the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation⁴ (CPR), the Commission will initiate a horizontal CPR Acquis group for fire issues. One of the subjects this forum will discuss is the new test method for fire performance of façades.
- Later this year, the Commission will launch a call for tender for preparatory action on fire safety statistics in close collaboration with the Member States.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1275 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 on the energy performance of buildings (recast). OJ L, 2024/1275, 8.5.2024. <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1275/oj>

² <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/digit/opsys/esubmission-fo-ui/?cftUuid=f762535d-cef8-4774-b779-8b7f8f0c5b34>

³ Guidance of fire safety for electric vehicles parked and charging infrastructure in covered parking spaces - Publications Office of the EU (<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/c2c1f892-f3ef-11ef-b7db-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>).

⁴ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/sectors/construction/construction-products-regulation-cpr_en