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In line with the Renovation Wave, Directive (EU) 2024/1275¹ prioritises strategies that enhance buildings' thermal performance during the summer period, with measures that avoid overheating, such as shading and passive cooling techniques that improve indoor environmental quality. The implementation of the Directive is a matter for the Member State authorities.

Assessing whether a city may be deviating from the trajectory outlined in the National Building Renovation Plan (NBRP) is outside the Commission's responsibility. In its draft NBRP², Spain highlights that planning of interventions in the building stock should anticipate future cooling needs, mitigate the urban heat island effect and promote passive comfort solutions, through strategies such as shading or the use of materials with high thermal inertia.

The Commission published guidance in 2025³ on the implementation of Directive (EU) 2024/1275, including on indoor environmental quality, with indicators for resilience against heat waves.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024L1275&qid=1732227204189>.

² Spain submitted its National Building Renovation Plan (NBRP) on 29 December 2025 – <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/8f5f9424-a7ef-4dbf-b914-1af1d12ff5d2/library/2c613a06-3df2-4bdd-a61a-680b0351a777/details?open=true>.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C_202506438.