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Under the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)¹, Member States are obliged to regularly review the implementation of minimum energy performance requirements and to prepare and regularly review national building renovation plans, including renovation trajectories. The EPBD requires the Commission to conduct a review by the end of 2028, including an assessment of whether its application, in combination with other legislative instruments, delivers sufficient progress towards a fully decarbonised building stock by 2050.

The EPBD already provides ample flexibilities, allowing Member States to tailor measures to their specific national context, including allowing for exemptions that can be justified on unfavourable cost-benefit assessment grounds.

The EPBD requires Member States to provide appropriate financial measures and technical assistance, in particular for vulnerable households. The Commission's March 2026 Report on Energy Efficiency Financing² promotes the increased use of financial instruments and blended financing solutions, and the recommendation on unlocking private investments³ proposes innovative financing schemes. The Social Climate Fund⁴ supports vulnerable households, including those in energy poverty. Member States must also use national auction revenues for climate or energy measures, including building decarbonisation while prioritising social aspects.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1275/oj?eliuri=eli%3Adir%3A2024%3A1275%3Aoj&locale=en>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52026DC0118&qid=1773309654229>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32026H0537&qid=1773310336457>.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/performance-and-reporting/programme-performance-statements/social-climate-fund_en. The Social Climate Fund will mainly be financed through the emissions trading system for buildings, road transport and additional sectors. Most auction revenues from this system will go to the Member States as national auction revenues.