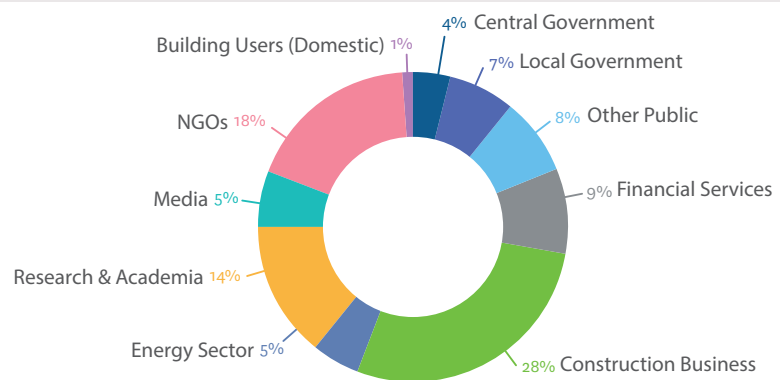


Over the past year, the BUILD UPON project has brought together a uniquely diverse community of nearly 2,000 organisations at over 100 events across Europe, to co-create the national building renovation strategies that are due by the 30 April 2017 EU deadline. These strategies are critical to reducing the impacts of climate change from energy use in buildings, and creating buildings that deliver a high quality of life for everyone.

As part of this, the Turkish Green Building Council and its partners have brought together a community of 116 organisations at 6 events across Turkey, and created cross-sector consensus over the following set of key recommendations for Turkey's renovation strategy.



Breakdown of organisations participating in BUILD UPON in Turkey

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TURKEY'S NATIONAL RENOVATION STRATEGY

1. Establishing a Long-Term Vision for Buildings

There needs to be a long-term vision for the building sector that is embraced by all stakeholders in the building and construction industry, as well as the public sector and politicians. This vision must identify specific problems and barriers which need to be overcome, and articulate a long term, comprehensive strategy that can assist in overcoming these issues.

2. A Holistic Approach to the Economy

Renovation and other energy efficiency measures in buildings can mitigate against socio-economic problems, positively impact on health and wellbeing and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. These wider benefits must be included in a renovation strategy that encompasses a holistic approach to the economy and considers the national benefits of renovating buildings.

3. Increased Dialogue between Stakeholders and Sectors

Renovating Turkey's building stock requires many stakeholders from different sectors working together to achieve a common goal. These must be an open and collaborative approach to implementation of the renovation strategy so that stakeholders can engage with the strategy in a meaningful way.

4. Investing in Skills

In order for a renovation strategy to be successful, those professionals and experts who work in the building sector must be equipped with the right skills to ensure the quality of construction and renovation process. Therefore, it is critical that any skills gaps identified through the workshop process are addressed and that the skills of construction workers are up to date.

5. A Central Energy Organisation

The establishment of an energy organisation can assist in creating the necessary policies, conducting the relevant research and development (R&D) and assisting in monitoring energy efficiency applications. The centralisation of these activities can help to reduce the administrative burden whilst helping to localise the decision making process.

6. Financial Incentives for Renovation

Successful renovation of Turkey's buildings requires a supportive financial environment. End-users must be able to access attractive financial incentives for renovation that reduces their liability and risk of default. This can be achieved

by mobilising private investment via mechanisms such as green loans and mortgages or the provision of government incentives to stimulate the renovation market.

7. Collection of Building Inventory Data

To transform the buildings market, it is necessary to know what needs to be transformed. Therefore, it is important that all data relating to building is collected and analysed in a systematic way. This data should be available in a central platform and categorised according to building typology and climatic zones. This will enable the creation of reference buildings and 'upgrade' levels.

8. Regulations Based on "Carrot & Stick"

Policies and regulations governing renovation should adopt a 'carrot and stick' approach in a balanced way. Current regulations on building energy efficiency include standards on what should be done to renovate buildings, however they do not include clear sanctions and incentives to prompt people to renovate their building.

The integration of 'carrot and stick' mechanisms into regulations will motivate people to renovate their buildings.

9. Awareness Raising Platforms

Awareness raising activities must be launched to increase the knowledge of the general public, institutions and consortiums about the multiple benefits of renovation. Online platforms should be developed to disseminate this information - these should be activated at national, regional and local levels. These platforms must be used to address all stakeholders in the public and private sectors on both the direct and indirect benefits of renovation.

10. Capitalising on Urban Transformation Activities

Opportunities for energy efficiency must be capitalised on an ongoing basis and urban transformations/developments should be seen as key 'trigger' points where renovation opportunities can be undertaken.

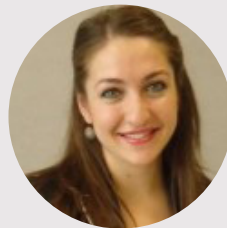
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