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Enhancing Building Energy Performance and Certification in Europe

QUALDEEPC DEVELOPS PRIORITIES AND PROPOSALS FOR ELEMENTS OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE (EPC) SCHEMES THAT SHOULD BE IMPROVED, WITH A FOCUS ON HARNESSING EPCS TO STIMULATE DEEP RENOVATION.

As the main result of its first phase, the project has prepared *the Development Strategy Plan* for the development of next generation EPC schemes. This plan first selected the priorities for improvement. It then provides guidance for the upcoming development phase and for drafting enhanced EPC schemes as well as the tools needed, and specifically the Deep Renovation Network Platforms that will support and connect building owners and other renovation actors. Further related priorities are to improve the recommendations for energy efficiency renovation that EPCs have to provide, so that they guide towards deep renovation, saving at least 60% of energy; and an online tool that allows users to compare their EPC and the recommendations it includes to the project's recommendations for deep renovation. These and other improvements are to make EPCs more useful for building owners, buyers, and tenants, and to improve the quality of EPCs.

The basis for drafting *the Development Strategy Plan* was an analysis of the local situation in the EU member states, both with regards to good practice and to gaps, which also identified the shortcomings of EPCs in contributing to deep renovation. Building on this, QualDeEPC established a long list of improvement options, which was refined to a prioritised shortlist through stakeholder interviews and workshops, organised by the project partners.

The plan also provides a methodological framework how to select and develop the priorities for improvement and for monitoring the success of the development and testing work on EPCs and EPC schemes. National sections were drafted in the *Development Strategy Plan* by each partner, addressing the country-specific development needs for selected priorities according to the current situation, analysed success factors and identified shortcomings. The next 10 months of the project duration will be devoted to developing and testing the priority improvements.

More information on QualDeEPC can be found on the [QualDeEPC project website](#) and QualDeEPC social media ([Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#)).

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