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Window replacement at the core of national resilience and recovery plans

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The European window and door eco-system represented by **EuroWindoor, ARGE, European Aluminium, EPPA, ES-SO, and Glass for Europe** joined forces to call on National Governments to put [Window replacement at the core of national Resilience and Recovery Plans](#).

Developing effective plans to replace inefficient windows is a key element of a sustainable and green recovery. Window replacement allows to generate long-lasting energy savings and move towards climate neutrality, while making a noticeable difference in people's quality of life and supporting the recovery of a crucial sector of the EU economy.

"Setting dedicated measures in National Recovery Plans for replacing inefficient windows is a wise and easy step to make EU buildings more energy efficient and to limit CO₂ emissions.", says Bertrand Cazes, Secretary General of Glass for Europe. "Long-lasting energy savings could be quickly achieved, if national recovery and renovation plans were effective at supporting the uptake of high-performance windows equipped with the right glazing combination".

"To achieve the ambitious climate targets of the European Commission, higher renovation rates of at least 2% are necessary in the building sector. With the replacement of windows in the building envelope, we follow the principle of efficiency first," says EuroWindoor Secretary General Frank Koos. "Energy renovations can only be triggered with financial incentives and the gradual introduction of binding minimum standards for energy efficiency".

Installing high-performance windows responds to today's consumers' expectations of more comfortable, healthy, and healing indoor space. *"New windows combined with smart functionalities such as dynamic solar shading, dynamic glazing, solar control glass, are essential for people's comfort in energy efficient and healthy buildings", concluded Ann Van Eycken, Secretary General of ES-SO, European Solar Shading Organization.*

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