



# Opportunities to boost skills in energy renovation through the Multi-Annual Financial Framework and Just Transition Fund (JTF)

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# Renovation and EU Funds

- Renovation plays a key role in reducing the energy demand of the EU building
- Skilled workforce needed
- Several EU Funds can be harnessed, notably:
  - Cohesion Policy Funds and, in particular, the European Social Fund Plus (for skills development)
  - Just Transition Mechanism, incl. Just Transition Fund
  - Recovery and Resilience Facility

# Cohesion Policy (ERDF/CF)

- Policy objective 2: A low-carbon Europe – Transition towards a net zero carbon economy
- Cohesion policy contributing to the EU target: “Reaching the energy efficiency target of 32.5% (indicative, EU-level target), with an upwards revision clause by 2023”
- Specific objective for “Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions”
- Possible investments in:
  - energy efficient renovation of public buildings,
  - Energy efficient renovation of residential buildings;
  - Energy efficiency in SMEs;
  - Energy efficiency improvements of district heating networks

# European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

- Budget: €99.3 billion (€98.5 billion shared management / €762 million EaSI)
- Main EU Fund to invest in people, notably via **upskilling and reskilling** and support to the **development of new curricula**
- Implemented under shared management
- 2021-2027 programming period currently being negotiated
- (*“Blueprints for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills” to tackle such skills challenges and address skills shortages in specific economic sectors*)

# Just Transition Fund

- Targeted to the regions most affected by the transition (vs Cohesion Policy which is available in all EU regions)
- The JTF should primarily support **economic diversification, upskilling and reskilling** and measures to **address negative employment impacts**.
- However, other activities are eligible as well, notably as regards **investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy**.
- To be eligible under this Fund, they would need to be justified by **their contribution to mitigating the impacts of the transition and their link to the transition challenges** identified in the TJTP.



# State of play of TJTPs and JTF programmes

- Discussions between the Member States and the Commission on the territorial just transition plans (TJTPs) are ongoing
- TJTPs have been formally submitted by some Member States to the Commission for approval.
- Importance of the partnership principle to make it a success.
- Role of the Managing Authorities in the Member States and regions.

# Recovery and Resilience Facility

- The improvement of energy efficiency of public and private buildings is also one of the flagship areas to be considered in the **recovery and reform plans** of the Member States as part of the **Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)** implementation



# To sum up

- EU Funds available to support Member States and regions
- Programmes are currently being negotiated

*Thank you for your attention*