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Dear Mr Joyce,

Thank you for your letters of 30 April 2020 and 13 May 2020 addressed to President Ursula von der Leyen, on behalf of whom I am replying and for sharing the valuable views of EuroACE and all associated partners for the upcoming Renovation Wave<sup>1</sup> and the EU Recovery Plan<sup>2</sup>.

We took good note of your detailed recommendations. As you rightly underline, the renovation of the existing building stock is not just a unique opportunity for reaching the EU's climate and energy efficiency objectives and improving the quality of life of European citizens, but is also essential for the recovery of our economy after the covid-19 pandemic by creating new jobs and strengthening Europe's industrial competitiveness.

The Commission shares your views on the need to increase funding for building renovation by leveraging EU and national budgets with private money in smart and innovative mechanisms that could combine grants, lending, guarantees and loan subsidies. It has been one of the drivers behind our proposal for a Recovery Plan for Europe adopted on 27 May 2020, on which the European Council reached an agreement last week.

The upcoming Renovation Wave initiative, scheduled now for adoption in October, will seek to steer public and private funding towards renovation projects with the biggest societal gains. The policy measures that you indicate are a welcome contribution and will be considered in preparation of the Renovation Wave initiative.

We would be grateful if you could transmit the reply also to the other signing organisations.

Yours sincerely,

Ditte Juul Jørgensen

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/energy-efficiency/energy-efficient-buildings/renovation-wave\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/energy-efficiency/energy-efficient-buildings/renovation-wave_en)

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_20\\_940](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_940)