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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: BUILDING FUTURE OF HOUSING

The OSS Habitat project will contribute to increasing the number of renovated residential buildings by developing integrated services for energy-efficiency and renewable energy sources, which include providing information, technical support, developing and implementing customized financial models, as well as offering loans and subsidies.

The project establishes a foundation for long-term partnerships among various stakeholders in the process of energy-efficient renovation of residential buildings: citizens, manufacturers, and suppliers of construction materials and renewable energy systems, professionals (such as engineers and energy auditors), government institutions providing regulatory and financial support, municipalities and other institutions responsible for implementing local policies, financial institutions, professional chambers for support and advocacy, homeowners' associations, homeowner managers, and other relevant stakeholders involved in coordinating and implementing renovation measures aimed at improving energy efficiency.

The long-term goal is to establish OSS HABITAT as a national platform for the renovation of residential buildings and houses, thereby supporting the achievement of climate and energy goals.

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WELCOME TO OSS HABITAT

PROJECT FUNDING

The LIFE programme is the European Union's funding instrument dedicated to the environment and climate action. Its general objective is to support the implementation, updating, and development of EU environmental and climate policy and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value. LIFE began in 1992 and to date there have been five phases of the programme.



The LIFE Programme is implemented by the European Climate, Infrastructure, and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), which was officially established on 15 February 2021, and began its operations on 1 April 2021 to implement parts of certain EU programmes. CINEA plays a key role in supporting the EU Green Deal through the efficient and effective implementation of its delegated programmes.

PROJECT PARTNERS



The association of Business and Consultants "Kreacija" is a Macedonian NGO, established in 2001. It is dedicated to providing services that support individuals and organizations in achieving better market success with their business ideas. The general purpose of "Kreacija" is to promote the exchange of Macedonian products and services in both domestic and international markets. Over the past 23 years, the team of 50 experts has delivered more than 500 seminars, 10,000 visitors, 15 projects according to international standards, and has developed 10 market strategies tailored to the market needs.

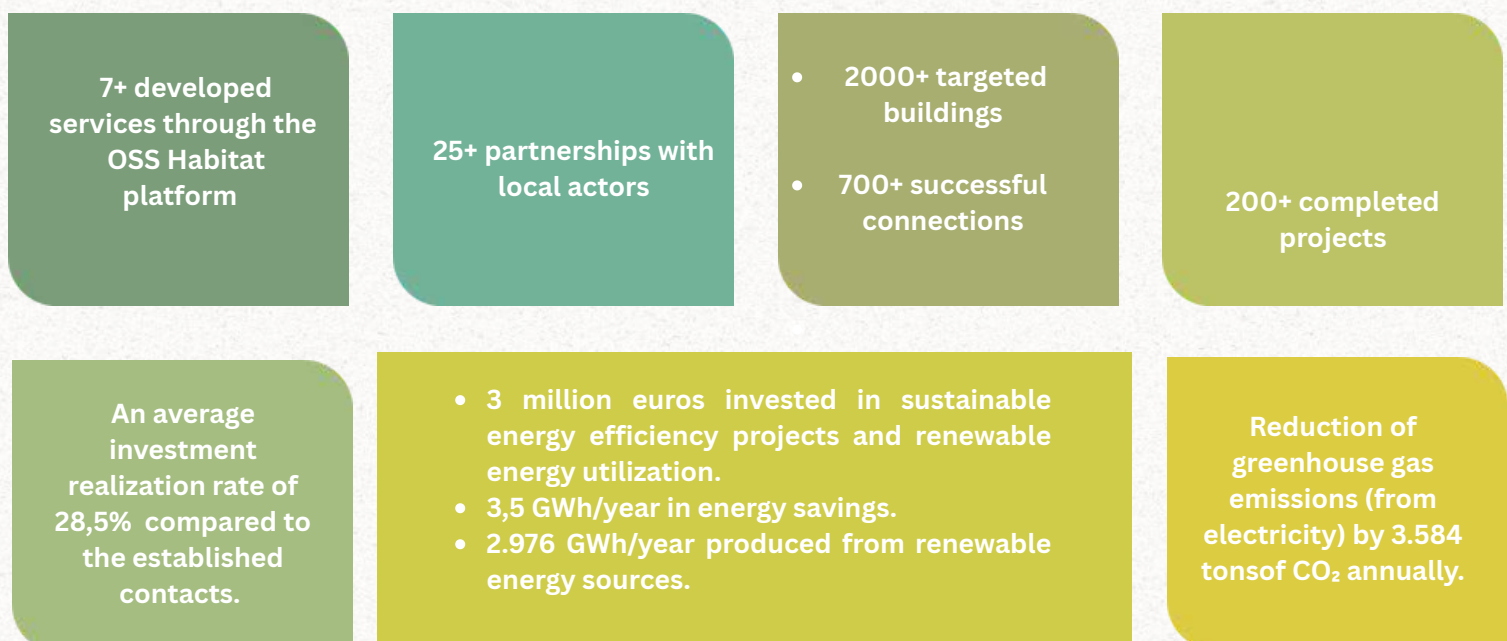


Habitat for Humanity Macedonia is a non-governmental and non-profit organization dedicated to providing simple, decent, and affordable housing solutions for people living in poverty, regardless of their ethnic, gender, or religious background. In addition, Habitat Macedonia actively works on providing energy efficient housing, promoting the social integration of the most vulnerable groups, as well as improving housing conditions for all through support at both the community and housing sector levels. Since the launch of its first project in 2005, Habitat Macedonia has supported more than 10.000 families.

PROJECT INSIGHT



EXPECTED RESULTS



HIGHLIGHTS

Memorandums of Cooperation Signed with the Municipalities of Karposh, Kochani and Kumanovo



Zoran Kostov, Executive Director of HFHM, with Venko Krstevski, Acting Mayor of Kochani, after signing the Memorandum, 27.06.2025

ALREADY ON TRACK

KUMANOVO

- Public call closed
- 14 Residential buildings applied.
- 30% Municipal subventions for reconstruction.

KARPOSH

- Reconstruction of the first 5 selected residential buildings started.
- 100% Municipal subventions for reconstruction.

KOCHANI

- Public Call and stakeholder' training in preparatory phase.

EVENTS



Project Opening Event, Skopje , 11.02.2025

On February 11, in Skopje, organized by Habitat Makedonija and ABC "Kreacija", an official presentation of the OSS Habitat project, funded by the EU through the LIFE program was held. With 108 participants, the conference gathered representatives from all stakeholders, including government institutions, municipalities, financial institutions, investors, energy efficiency experts, professional chambers, construction companies, and homeowners' associations. Zoran Kostov, executive director of Habitat Macedonia, welcomed the attendees on behalf of the project consortium. The event was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport Aleksandar Nikolovski, the Deputy Minister of Energy Miroslav Labudovic, representative of the EU Delegation Aleksandru Albu, as well as Natali Kliko, the representative of CINEA - who joined live from Brussels. At the event, the project titled "Integrated services for energy-efficient home renovation" was presented by Risto Ivanov, president of ABC "Kreacija". Implemented and planned activities for the application of energy efficiency measures in home were shared by the mayors Ljupcho Papazov-Kochani, Stevcho Jakimovski -Karposh as well as the chairwoman of the Kumanovo Municipal Council, Ivana Gjorgievska. At the event, there was also a panel discussion focused on energy efficiency and project activities, featuring insights from Liljana Alcheva, Deputy Program Director at Habitat Macedonia, Deputy Minister Miroslav Labudovic, and the representative of EBRD, Naum Ribaroski.

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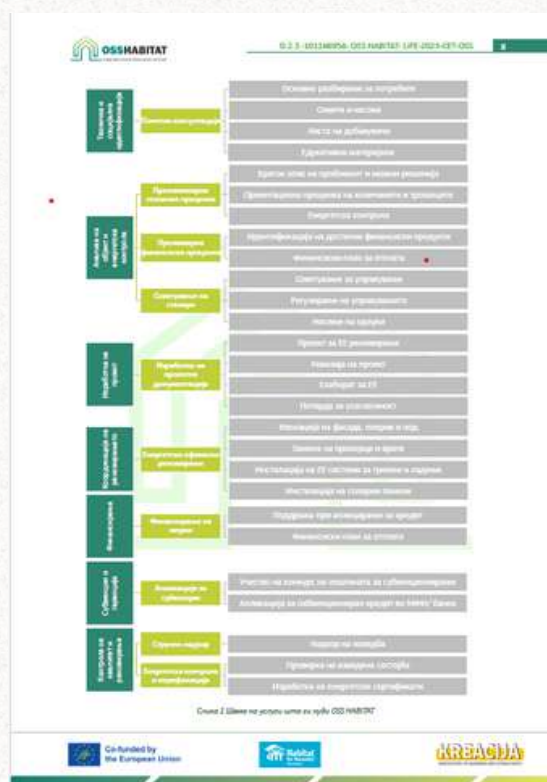
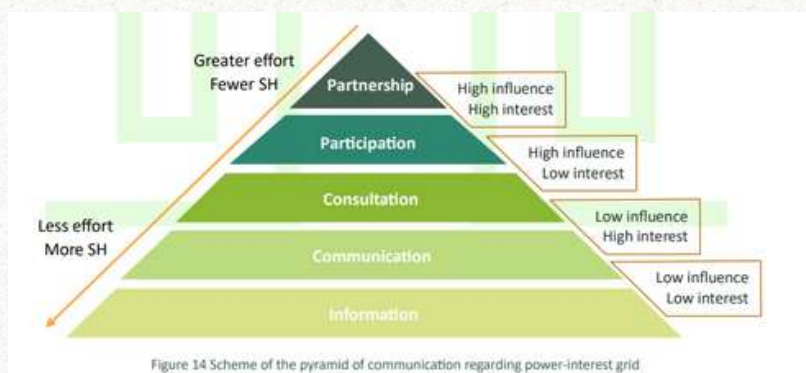
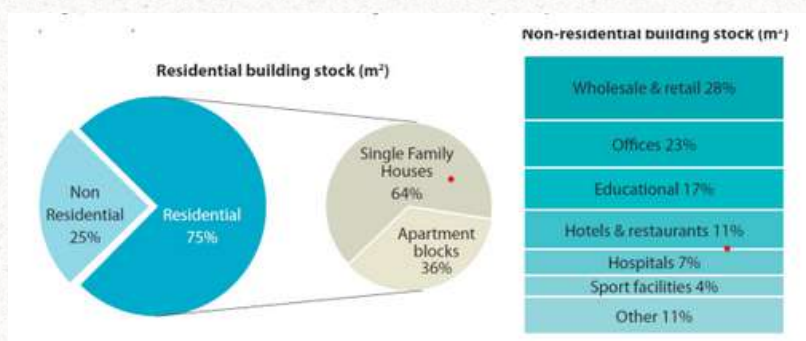
Stakeholders Workshop, Skopje , 06.05.2025

How can we build a successful system that allows citizens to access home renovation services in one place? Habitat Macedonia and Kreacija brought together 30 stakeholder representatives from the energy efficiency sector to work toward the goal of the OSS Habitat project providing fast, complete, and affordable services for the renovation of houses and apartments, with appropriate measures to ensure warm and comfortable homes. Whether it involves installing thermal insulation facades, changing the carpentry, installing photovoltaics, heat pumps, or other types of EE and RES measures, the project will help citizens renovate their homes more easily and quickly. The workshop, held on May 6 this year, addressed all aspects of energy-efficient home renovation. Participants concluded that it is necessary to ensure full enforcement of existing laws, improve coordination with residents in residential buildings, and increase the involvement of the business sector, including the banking sector, to successfully build a support system for citizens undertaking energy-efficient home renovations.

PUBLICATIONS

- Market assessment of EU policies.
- Catalogue of integrated services for EE renovation of homes.
- List of stakeholders for integrated home renovation services (IHRS).

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CITATIONS

Let me wish the successful implementation of the project. I think that this is an extremely important segment of everyday life that we may be neglecting, but it directly affects the lives of all of us and I think that energy efficiency is something that will still consume a lot of energy, especially for buildings that have already been built and are already in operation, taking into account that a huge percentage of them unfortunately do not meet the basic standards, and the implementation, that is, the change in this reality, will certainly mean a reduction in pollution, especially in urban centers. Not only the city of Skopje, but unfortunately we also see some other larger urban centers that are facing this problem. Furthermore, improving living conditions and reducing energy consumption, which in turn affects the reduction of pollution and improves living conditions.



Aleksandar Nikolovski Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Transport



Zoran Kostov, Executive Director of HFHM

""We have tested our model for investing in energy efficiency with dominant participation of apartment owners and moderate subsidies from local authorities in over 70 residential buildings, covering around 2000 apartments across a dozen Macedonian municipalities. So far, the calculated energy savings in the renovated buildings amount to approximately 7,900 MWh per year, which is roughly equivalent to the annual production of a small hydropower plant or even two small hydropower plants in the country. At the same time, the calculated annual reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from our renovated buildings is around 3,600 tons. I think it is obvious that the benefit from such investments is multiple. We get reduced energy consumption in households at the national level, which affects the energy balance of the country, which we know has been unfavorable for many years."

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We have made serious commitments that we must fulfill in two phases by 2030 and 2050. That is why we are working hard, as we have an extensive and demanding task ahead of us. We are currently in the final phase of drafting amendments to the Energy Law. We have been working on it for a long time; the law is quite extensive. A dedicated working group was formed, meeting twice a week, with many stakeholders ESM, MEPSO, ELEM, the Regulatory Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce, among others. We expect this law to enter parliamentary procedure as soon as possible. In parallel, we are also finalizing the legislation on renewable energy sources.



**Miroslav Labudovic, Deputy Minister
of Energy, Mining, and Mineral Resources**



**Alexandru Albu, Head of Operations 2,
EU Delegation**

The LIFE 2021-2027 programme is entirely dedicated to environmental, climate, and energy objectives. Investing in energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective ways to support the transition to a low-carbon economy. It brings multiple benefits for companies, and at the same time, but perhaps most importantly, it benefits citizens themselves. Reducing carbon energy in buildings is a key priority of the European Union. Buildings are responsible for approximately 42% of energy consumption and 32% of CO² emissions in the region. One Stop Shops play an important role as facilitators in the renovation wave by interconnecting, identifying new opportunities, incorporating solutions that meet new regulatory requirements, organizing trainings, and supporting various awareness-raising activities.

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Risto Ivanov
President-Business Association "Kreacija"

We really want these energy renovations to take place, and we know that there are multiple benefits from energy efficiency. However, all these very key objectives and ambitions are down to individual decisions and that's where the problem is. In EU we see that homeowners have to go through a very difficult journey to renovate their homes. You can get very lost in the journey. That's where One Stop Shops comes into place and can play a very active role. They really need to play a key role and to take the homeowners through this very difficult and complex journey, not only providing information and awareness, but really explaining to them the added value of some technical offers, making the link, connecting them with the construction professionals, maybe helping them to carry out the work with quality schemes and not the least, helping them secure financing for this renovation.

Through a system of integrated services, the project will promote energy-efficient renovation of homes in residential buildings (apartments and houses), allowing citizens to reduce household expenses while contributing to environmental protection. Supported by the EU's LIFE programme and developed and coordinated by a Macedonian consortium, the project aims to establish a system of key services that will help approximately 5000 citizens enhance the energy efficiency of their homes. The integrated service system will provide citizens with expert and technical assistance, along with access to affordable loans in one place, to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, thereby contributing to the achievement of global environmental protection goals.



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