



Key Steps Toward Energy-Efficient Homes

As one of 133 major ecological projects financed by the EU in several countries, the OSS HABITAT Project, implemented in four Macedonian cities, is already a success. Since September 2025, 2,100 households have been informed about the project's services, 403 initial renovation contacts have been generated, and 195 integrated renovation services have been delivered. The project triggered over €402,000 in sustainable energy investments and contributed to a reduction of nearly 2,000 tons of CO₂ emissions annually.

These days, citizens have a new opportunity: two mobile applications for a faster, easier, and more efficient approach to integrated home renovation services. Until 2027, the project will continue to create and improve services helping citizens who live in multi-apartment buildings.

ACTIVITIES WITH THE SERVICE USERS

KUMANOVO ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHALLENGE

Eleven buildings in Kumanovo were selected for energy-efficiency renovations supported by OSS HABITAT and the Municipality of Kumanovo. The project will cover the costs of technical documentation. Municipality of Kumanovo is obliged to provide subsidies of up to 30% of the reconstruction investments.

Status:

- Applications for 11 buildings received.
- 6 Technical projects completed by OSS HABITAT, allowing the start of renovation works tendering procedures.
- By now, reconstruction permits have been issued for three buildings.
- 3 buildings are at the final stage of obtaining a reconstruction permit from the municipality.



Expected Energy Savings for the selected building 1:

Total annual consumption decreased from 119,141 kWh/yr to 77,588 kWh/yr, a reduction of 41,553 kWh/yr, which is a 34.9% saving.



MAKEDONSKA KAMENICA SERVICE USER INVOLVMENT

About fifty representatives of Homeowners Associations (HOAs), residential building management companies (RBMCs), and citizens attended the OSS HABITAT Project presentation held in Makedonska Kamenica. Mayor Sonja Stamenkova and the project managers informed the attendees that the OSS HABITAT project will help citizens who wish to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. As Stamenkova announced, the Municipality will allocate budget funds for subsidies of up to 40% for reconstructing energy-efficient facades and roofs of multi-family apartment buildings in the municipality. At the event, the project team presented all the services that OSS HABITAT provides in one place, for faster and easier access for citizens to measures for more energy-efficient homes. By September 20, six applications have been received and selected, with a total of 142 households. The technical documentation preparation process has already started.

SKOPJE PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER PROJECTS



The OSS HABITAT team has successfully partnered with the Energy Wise project team from the NGO ALKA and Foundation ALBIZ in Skopje. The Energy Wise project aims to accelerate the adoption of renewable energy sources (RES) and energy efficiency (EE) practices in rural tourism, contributing to greener economic development, reduced energy costs, and greater climate resilience. The project is implemented within the BOOST Program, managed by the NGO ALDA. The OSS HABITAT project team presented the project's achievements and goals at the Local Training Series on RES & EE for Rural Tourism held in Skopje, on 16 and 17 September 2026.

KARPOSH RESOURCE CENTER

OSS HABITAT services became available to over 19,000 households in the Municipality of Karposh through the newly opened Resource Center designed to support citizens in various areas. The Center was opened on October 2, 2026, in the sports hall "Naum Naumovski - Borče" - Partizan, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Municipality of Karpoš. About 10 civil society organizations are involved in the work of the Center, including Habitat Macedonia with the OSS HABITAT project. The Resource Center as well as the newly opened Youth Center provide about 60,000 residents of Karposh with direct access to services and support in the field of energy efficiency, ecology, work with people with disabilities, local economic development, youth issues and sports.



HIGHLIGHTS

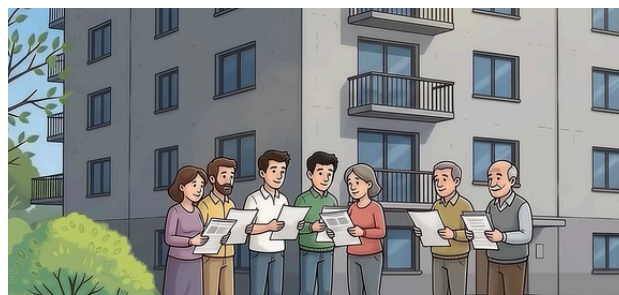


NEW SERVICE USER MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Two new mobile applications offer integrated home renovation services available for download via the project website, www.osshabitat.mk. The Energy Consumption & Savings Calculator application helps homeowners to calculate energy savings and the environmental impact of their planned EE home renovations. The Energy Efficiency Investment Advisor Application allows users to select specific energy measures, parameterize them, and see how much they cost and their payback period.

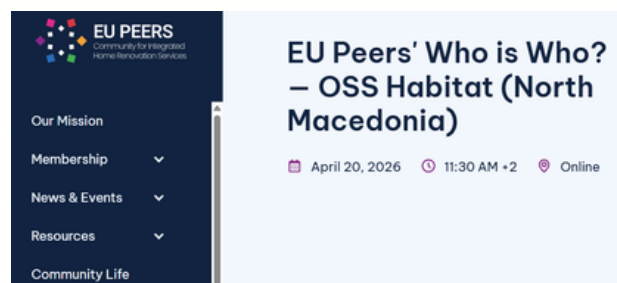
TWO NEW VIDEO STORIES

One feature and one animated video story were created to inform the TV and social media audience about the services and benefits of the OSS HABITAT Project. The two videos will be presented on national television channels and on social media profiles.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

On 20 April 2026, OSS HABITAT impact results were presented in the EU Peers 'Who is Who' series, presenting the one-stop shops working on home energy renovation across Europe. EU Peers is the European Community of Practice for Integrated Home Renovation Services (IHRS). The Community is guided by the vision of a sustainable world and focuses on the European building sector.



In June 2026, the project team attended the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) in Brussels, themed 'A clean, secure and competitive Energy Union'. It was the 20th edition of Europe's annual event dedicated to renewable energy and energy efficiency. EUSEW organizes a series of activities that bring together the community of people who care about building a secure and clean energy future for the next generations. Since its launch in 2007 by the European Commission, EUSEW has grown into a key platform for dialogue and collaboration on EU energy policies and initiatives. It is an annual flagship conference by the Directorate-General for Energy (DG ENER) co-organised with the European Climate, Infrastructure, and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA).

