

## EVIA's recommendations and suggested amendments to the European Parliament's Report on the housing crisis (2025/2070(INI))

### *Right to adequate ventilation and healthy indoor air to deliver decent and affordable housing*

The European Ventilation Industry Association (EVIA) represents the interests of 39 European mechanical ventilation manufacturers and six national associations across Europe, realising an annual turnover of over EUR 7 billion and employing more than 45,000 people.

EVIA aims to promote the implementation of highly energy efficient mechanical ventilation applications across Europe, with high consideration for health and comfort aspects. With Europeans spending 90% of their life indoors, good indoor air quality is a critical element of health that should not be overlooked.

For this reason, **EVIA calls on the European Parliament to enshrine the right to adequate ventilation and healthy indoor air for Europeans in the upcoming European Affordable Housing Plan.**

### THE RIGHT TO HEALTHY AIR DOES NOT STOP AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

EVIA calls on the HOUS Committee and the European Parliament to introduce the following elements in the INI Report on decent, affordable and sustainable housing:



**Include** healthy indoor air quality, through adequate ventilation, as an essential aspect of decent housing. Ventilation, enabling to optimise the energy needs of dwellings, will also improve their sustainability and affordability dimensions. This can be achieved specifically through the transposition of the EPBD's IAQ and ventilation requirements. Their correct implementation should be monitored and reported on.



**Integrate** IAQ monitoring systems in residential buildings, particularly for new constructions and major renovations, and incentivise the installation of mechanical ventilation, at least for social housing.



**Support** projects that gather data on IAQ in various housing contexts to inform policy and best practices, starting with the draft implementing act on templates for sending information to the EU Building Stock Observatory, which should mandate the transfer of IAQ and ventilation-related information<sup>1</sup>.



**Finance** information initiatives by Member States to educate residents on IAQ, proper ventilation and risks associated with an inadequate indoor environment.

This would allow to find the right balance between:

1. Ensuring European citizens are breathing healthy air inside their homes while reducing financial burdens in the long term.
2. Improving the sustainability and durability of European buildings in a cost-efficient way.
3. Maintaining climate ambition while strengthening the housing sector.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, we invite you to read [EVIA's contribution to the recent public consultation on the EU BSO](#).

## EVIA's suggested amendments to the HOUS Committee's INI Report

### 1. Recitals

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/	<b><i>(NEW) Having regard to Directive (EU) 2024/1275 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 April 2024 on the energy performance of buildings (recast),</i></b>

### 2. Considerations

Draft INI Report	EVIA's suggested amendment
/	<b><i>AA(NEW). Whereas the WHO highlighted that 154,000 Europeans die prematurely every year due to poor indoor air quality<sup>2</sup> which has a direct impact on respiratory conditions, physical and mental health, and overall quality of life;</i></b>
/	<b><i>FF(NEW). Whereas, while it is essential to increase housing supply, the latter has to comply with minimum requirements on energy efficiency to avoid the development of energy poverty, and also on indoor environmental quality to safeguard the health and well-being of occupants through adequate indoor air quality as well as visual and acoustic comforts;</i></b>

### 3. Increasing supply: Reducing regulatory burdens and promoting simplification

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8. Believes that the EU should maintain a level playing field and ensure the efficient use of public resources; calls for increased efforts to combat energy poverty; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fully integrate the Commission's Renovation Wave strategy into housing policies, ensuring that building renovation is not only focused on energy efficiency, but also on increasing housing supply;	8. Believes that the EU should maintain a level playing field and ensure the efficient use of public resources; calls for increased efforts to combat energy poverty; calls on the Commission and the Member States to fully integrate the Commission's Renovation Wave strategy into housing policies, ensuring that building renovation is not only focused on energy efficiency, but also on increasing housing supply, <b><i>which has to comply with minimum requirements as regards indoor</i></b>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.who.int/europe/news-room/fact-sheets/item/air-quality>

	<b><i>air quality and ventilation rates as well as visual and acoustic comforts;</i></b>
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#### **4. Increasing supply: Productivity and innovation**

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11. Encourages the competent public authorities to invest in innovation within the housing sector not only to improve the quality of housing stock, in terms of energy efficiency, acoustic and thermal insulation, structural solidity and affordability, but also to foster productivity and efficiency in the construction process itself, through faster, more cost-effective and less labour-intensive methods, including the industrialisation and digitalisation of building techniques; calls for EU and national funds to strengthen support for innovation in the construction sector, particularly that driven by microenterprises and SMEs focused on research into new materials;	11. Encourages the competent public authorities to invest in innovation within the housing sector not only to improve the quality of housing stock, in terms of energy efficiency, <b><i>indoor air quality and ventilation</i></b> , acoustic and thermal insulation, structural solidity and affordability, but also to foster productivity and efficiency in the construction process itself, through faster, more cost-effective and less labour-intensive methods, including the industrialisation and digitalisation of building techniques; calls for EU and national funds to strengthen support for innovation in the construction sector, particularly that driven by microenterprises and SMEs focused on research into new materials;

#### **5. Prevention (NEW)**

<b>Draft INI Report</b>	<b>EVIA's suggested amendment</b>
/	<b><i>17a(NEW). Encourages public authorities to finance campaigns informing residents on the risks associated with inadequate indoor air quality, to safeguard occupants' health and the integrity of buildings;</i></b>

#### **6. Securing funding and easing investments: public funding**

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21. Endorses the role of the EIB in catalysing public funding and private financing for the affordable housing sector; supports the EIB Group's Action Plan for Affordable Housing and its intention to collaborate with the Commission to address the shared challenges in enabling access to finance for affordable housing, including stimulating investment in innovative construction to reduce costs and construction time; supports the establishment of a pan-	21. Endorses the role of the EIB in catalysing public funding and private financing for the affordable housing sector; supports the EIB Group's Action Plan for Affordable Housing and its intention to collaborate with the Commission to address the shared challenges in enabling access to finance for affordable housing, including stimulating investment in innovative construction to reduce costs and construction time, <b><i>and incentivising works improving energy</i></b>

<p>European investment platform, together with national promotional banks and institutions, aimed at increasing funding for the housing sector and supporting the Member States to develop enabling policy frameworks where needed, while maintaining the EIB’s role as an investment bank and safeguarding its triple A status; welcomes the types of projects financed, such as affordable housing for key professions, student accommodation and residences for the elderly; supports the establishment of the ‘More homes. Better homes’ online portal as a building block for the pan-European investment platform;</p>	<p><b>efficiency and indoor environmental quality, at least for social housing</b>; supports the establishment of a pan-European investment platform, together with national promotional banks and institutions, aimed at increasing funding for the housing sector and supporting the Member States to develop enabling policy frameworks where needed, while maintaining the EIB’s role as an investment bank and safeguarding its triple A status; welcomes the types of projects financed, such as affordable housing for key professions, student accommodation and residences for the elderly; supports the establishment of the ‘More homes. Better homes’ online portal as a building block for the pan-European investment platform;</p>
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**7. Data exchange and analysis**

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<p>28. Encourages the use of Eurostat to collect, analyse and share housing data through a newly created dedicated EU digital platform for real-time housing data, ensuring the interoperability of existing data sources and avoiding the duplication of efforts; calls on the Commission to develop an annual European housing report, providing a systematic and comparative overview of housing developments across the EU; encourages complementary periodic reports on the allocation and utilisation of EU housing funds to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in addressing housing challenges;</p>	<p>28. Encourages the use of Eurostat to collect, analyse and share housing data through a newly created dedicated EU digital platform for real-time housing data, <b>and to feed the Building Stock Observatory with additional information related to the characteristics and operation of technical building systems implemented in dwellings as well as their level of indoor air quality</b>, ensuring the interoperability of existing data sources and avoiding the duplication of efforts; calls on the Commission to develop an annual European housing report, providing a systematic and comparative overview of housing developments across the EU; encourages complementary periodic reports on the allocation and utilisation of EU housing funds to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in addressing housing challenges;</p>

For further information, please refer to EVIA’s Position Paper on the European Affordable Housing Plan and read our [Manifesto on Indoor Air Quality as a basic human right](#).

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