



**MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC
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HOUSING INITIATIVES - BULGARIAN EXPERIENCE

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BACKGROUND

- **During the last 13 years we are actively working to develop regional and urban policies and to address the challenges and difficulties that the Bulgarian regions and cities face by applying the integrated territorial approach.**
- **The housing topic should be recognised as a priority in the public debate around urbanization as it becomes an increasingly decentralized agenda. In this context, it is important for sub-national governments to be equipped with the appropriate technical capacity to plan and implement housing projects.**

SHORT PREVIEW IN FIGURES

- **The total number of buildings which are in bad conditions and should be renovated, is 70 259 and this involves more than a million dwellings.**
- **Two thirds of the dwellings are in prefabricated buildings/panel blocks and they are constructed in the period 1960-1989. 98% of these dwellings are in the cities. It can be assumed that the highest density of settlement in multi-family blocks covers the majority of the population with very low incomes there, especially in cities.**
- **Approximately 2,5 - 3 million people live in these prefabricated buildings, this is one third of the whole population of Bulgaria.**
- **Almost 97% of the dwellings in Bulgaria are owned by private individuals, about 2% are State or municipal property and only about 0.5% are owned by private legal entities.**
- **There is a lack of traditions in the management of multi-family residential buildings.**

DEMONSTRATION RENOVATION OF MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS PROJECT – THE PILOT PROJECT

JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) AND THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS 2007 - 2011



ENERGY EFFICIENCY RENOVATION OF BULGARIAN HOMES PROJECT – THE FOLLOW-UP PROJECT

INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTED UNDER OP REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2007 – 2013 (FINANCED BY EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND NATIONAL BUDGET)



NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS - THE LARGE-SCALE PROGRAM

- The Programme covers all municipalities in Bulgaria.
- Budget: 1 billion EUR.
- Implementation of the activities under the Programme: 2015 – ongoing
- 2022 approved buildings; more than 1800 completely renovated buildings.



OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME

“REGIONS IN GROWTH” 2014 - 2020

- The programme is an integrated operational programme focused on regional development and in particular targeted at achieving the objectives of the urban policy of Bulgaria, applying a special focus on energy efficiency in supporting centres in peripheral areas and contributing to the territorial dimension of the sectoral policies.
- The programme is developed in compliance with our energy efficiency priorities and supports energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructures, including in public buildings, and in the housing sector.
- The total budget allocated for renovation of residential buildings is 133 million euro.



OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME

“REGIONS IN GROWTH” 2014 – 2020 - SOCIAL HOUSING

- **14,2 million euro are allocated for social housing measures.**
- **The main result that is being sought is ensuring an adequate social infrastructure as a key factor for the effective social inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups in the life of the society.**
- **One of the guiding principles in those initiatives is the integrated approach, which aims to combine soft and infrastructure measures as well as different funding sources with a view to address the challenges and needs of vulnerable groups in a more comprehensive way. This involves combination of infrastructure, training, health care, employment and social inclusion measures to tackle segregation and poverty of vulnerable groups.**

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME “REGIONS IN GROWTH” 2014 – 2020 - SOCIAL HOUSING INITIATIVES



2021 – 2027

WHAT IS NEXT?

- **Applying a participative and inclusive approach**
- **Increasing the active involvement not only of local authorities in terms of identifying needs and challenges but also other stakeholders including social partners, NGOs, civil society and district governors.**
- **Going beyond administrative borders of cities so that to achieve better territorial development using the specific potential and resources of larger territories, naming the regions at NUTS 2 statistical level.**
- **Active involvement of our urban and local authorities in designing and implementing the integrated investments under the new programme for regional development 2021 - 2027.**



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Thank you for the attention!

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