

THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS STARTS TODAY!



Energy efficiency

means using less energy to perform the same task, which helps reduce energy waste and lower bills.



Energy sufficiency

means using only the energy we truly need. This helps protect the planet, while making sure people facing energy poverty aren't burdened further.



In 2023, an estimated 48 million Europeans (almost 11% of the EU's population) were unable to afford heating their homes properly³.

This challenge is known as **energy poverty**.



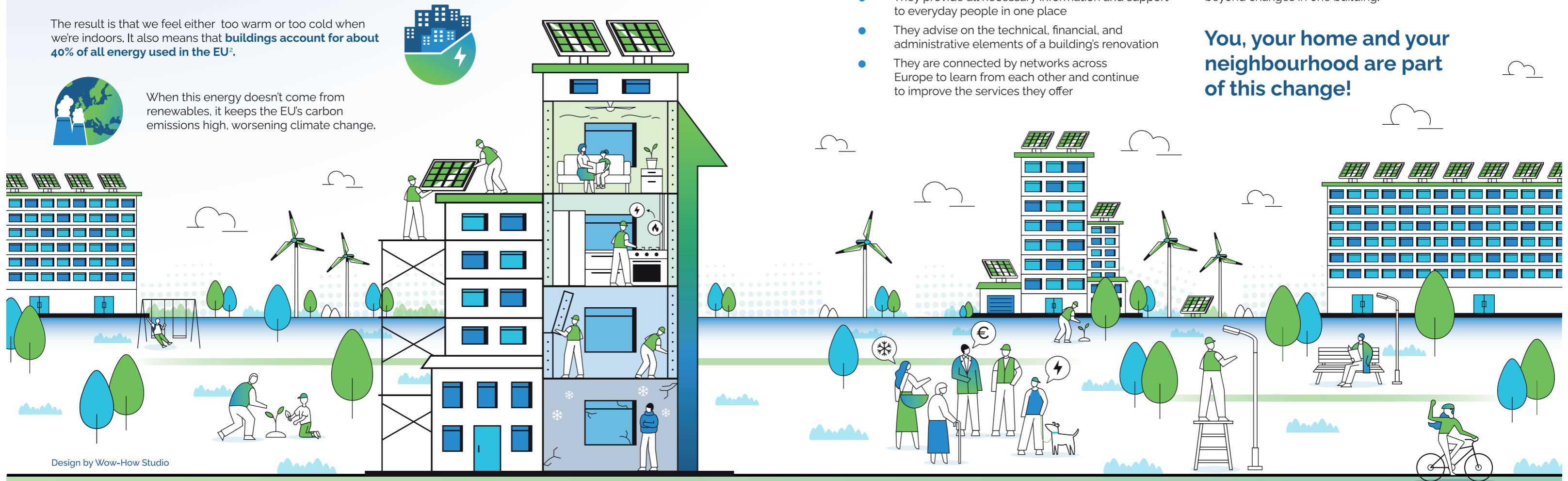
75% of buildings in the EU are energy inefficient¹.

This highlights that a large amount of the energy used to heat and cool our homes, workplaces, schools, hospitals, libraries and other public buildings is wasted.

The result is that we feel either too warm or too cold when we're indoors. It also means that **buildings account for about 40% of all energy used in the EU²**.



When this energy doesn't come from renewables, it keeps the EU's carbon emissions high, worsening climate change.



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The EU is a key ally in transforming our buildings.

The **Renovation Wave** plans to double the number of energy-efficient building upgrades each year by 2030 and cut building-related greenhouse gas emissions by 60% compared to 2015.

The **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive** promotes Resource Centres as a practical solution — these centres make renovations easier by bringing together building assessments, contractor management, and financial guidance all in one place.



We're working with you and your neighbourhood for a more energy efficient community!



Resource Centres

(also called **One Stop Shops**) are helping people to renovate buildings to improve energy sufficiency.

- They provide all necessary information and support to everyday people in one place
- They advise on the technical, financial, and administrative elements of a building's renovation
- They are connected by networks across Europe to learn from each other and continue to improve the services they offer

The result is that residents are better informed on how to save money on energy bills and feel more comfortable indoors. They also feel empowered to advocate for their right to good living conditions, which can improve lives beyond changes in one building.

You, your home and your neighbourhood are part of this change!



Learn more about improving energy efficiency and sufficiency of buildings in the EU!

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