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## Summary

The national transposition of the EU Directive on energy performance of buildings and the national climate protection targets provide important new framework elements for ecological refurbishment of buildings. Within this framework, energy certification will be mandatory from 2006 on and regional housing subsidy schemes are in a process of constant further development according to ecological and Kyoto targets. Embedded in the initiative for climate protection called *klima:aktiv* (“climate:active“), which was launched by the Ministry of Living (Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, Environment and Water Resources Management), the programme “modern housing“ aims to give an additional impetus to the thermo-energetic renovation of residential buildings, thus contributing to reaching the Kyoto targets.