

Launching the EU Renovation Loan:

An instrument that can help broaden the access to energy efficiency finance and bring down energy bills for Europeans

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Tapping homeowner equity in pursuit of energy efficiency

“Climate Strategy, with funding from the European Climate Foundation, has developed a novel financial instrument, the EU Renovation Loan (ERL), which could provide that access. The idea is to tap into trillions of euros of equity locked up in the EU’s residential housing stock.”

“In other words, with support from EU policymakers and the European Central Bank (ECB), the deep renovation market could be turbocharged – creating jobs, helping to green the finance sector, and slashing energy use, consumer bills and carbon emissions on the path to net-zero emissions.”



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Senior and young people in particular often struggle to obtain financing to renovate their homes because banks are reluctant to offer loans to them.

This is where Sweatman’s “renovation loan” would come in.

At the centre of it is the European Central Bank (ECB), which would offer backing for the scheme by allowing retail banks to offload renovation loans from their debt portfolios. The EU would also need to act as a guarantor for the loans, to reduce risk premiums.

A zero-coupon structure, the lowest 30-year compound interest rate available to the EU and ECB liquidity would make European Renovation Loans uniquely attractive for retail lenders to distribute, the report argues.

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