



## Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Built Environment

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The built environment will be extremely difficult to decarbonize within this timeframe, considering the wide range of different buildings, regulations, and actors. Thus, it is key to coordinate and articulate at the same time several strategies, such as the renovation of existing buildings, the construction of new buildings to low-energy consumption standards, supply from renewable energy sources, and energy demand management.

The purpose of this Special Issue is to explore strategies, program policies, and social and technological innovations, from a European to a local level, that could contribute to a fair and inclusive transition toward a low-carbon building sector based on improvements in energy efficiency and an increased share of renewable energy. Topics of particular interest to this Special Issue include:

- building renovations that improve energy efficiency;
- renewable energy at a local scale;
- decarbonized and clean energy systems;
- renewable energy communities and citizen energy communities;
- zero energy buildings and zero energy retrofitting projects; and
- energy models for low-carbon and sustainable cities.





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