

SHELTER Conference Conclusion

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First of all I would like to thank all the speakers and our hosts; Irish Council of Social Housing and NABCO.

The results of this collaboration between CECODHAS Housing Europe and the other European and national organisations, such as affordable housing organisations are **impressive**. This in-depth research has produced a useful tool. Integrated design projects allow collaboration between construction sectors, architects and can be a way for housing companies to improve the efficiency and value for money of renovation service delivery.

As highlighted in the last session, what we should be putting in place over the next year are financing schemes for energy efficiency retrofit – which do **not** result in extreme rent increases and which make use, if necessary, of available EU support schemes. (In the next round there will be 17 billion allocated to low-carbon economy). Renovation is one of the activities

under this priority, which can deliver **local employment** and **economic development**.

In the next round of research funding 2014 – 2020, the plan is to only have very large research projects. Therefore it is **vital** that this research from industry delivers a **real** added value for housing providers and allow us to deliver more affordable housing for residents and not only products (such as meters) which add costs and create markets for them.

I thank you all for a very enlightening day.

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