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# Upscaling the financing of Residential Renovation in Belgium

MAIN RESULTS OF THE STUDY

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#### WE ARE FACING A VERY AMBITIOUS CHALLENGE

#### 2050



Global carbon neutrality



#### Buildings play a key role

Direct/indirect emissions, urban planning impact on mobility emissions



-55% GHG emissions

#### Mandatory renovation calendars

Set or foreseen, they shall trigger the renovation of the worst energy performing building



€389 billion investments To reach the regional EPC targets



#### Social challenges can't be dissociated

And delaying action increase costs, both for people and public administration Many co-benefits: health, jobs, wellbeing, ... €161 billion To be on track with the calendars

#### An important share of homeowners cannot bear the financing With existing measures and market conditions



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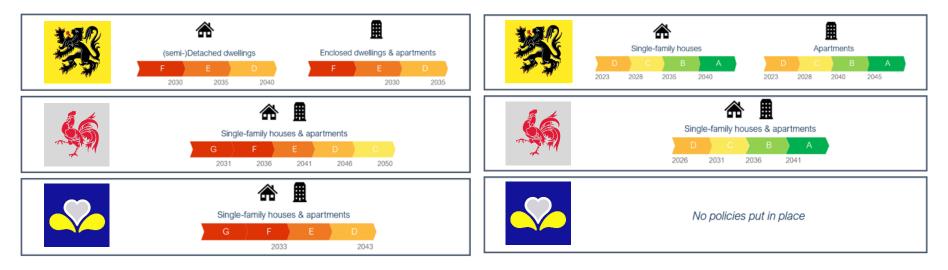
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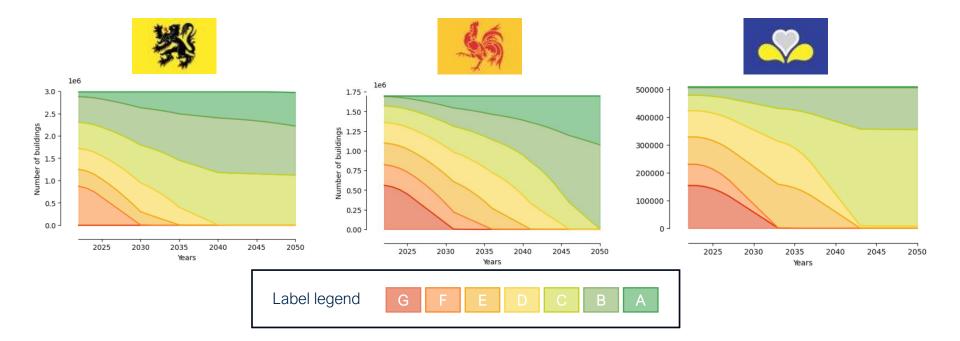
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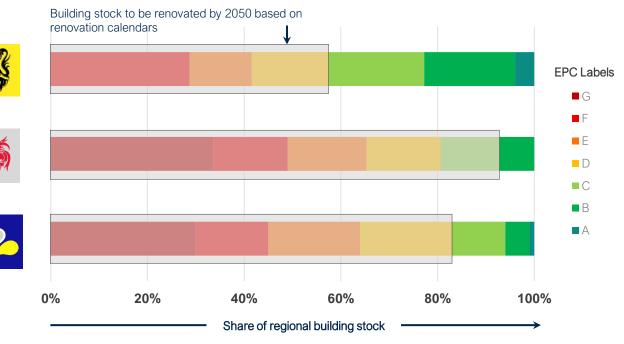




#### MOST DWELLINGS SHALL BE DEEPLY RENOVATED TO COMPLY WITH THE RENOVATION CALENDARS

By 2050, **3.8 Million dwellings** must be renovated for an estimated total cost of €278 billion

#### Volume of residential buildings / EPC / region



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#### THE QUESTION IS NOT ANYMORE IF, BUT RATHER HOW?

#### Mandatory renovation **by 20XX**



#### Mandatory renovation after purchase

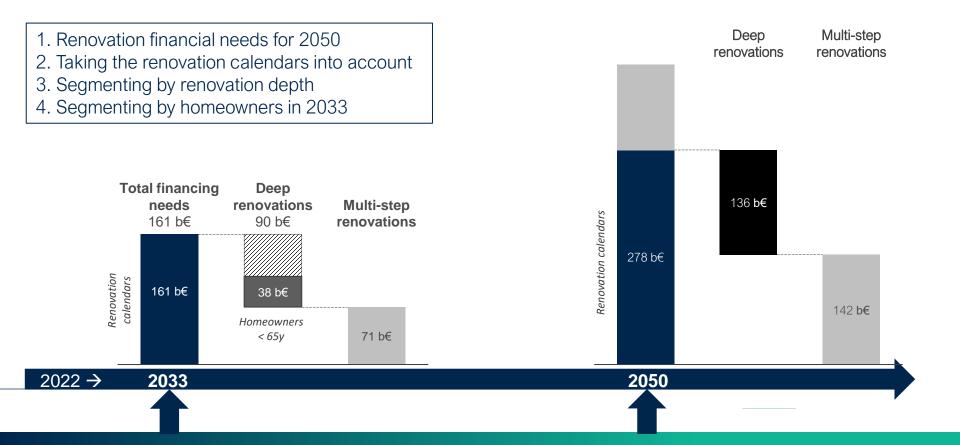


### While renovation calendar target very large volumes, their ambition is lower than the 2050 EPC targets





#### **RENOVATION FINANCIAL NEEDS**



# +40 %

of homeowners cannot finance a **deep energy** renovation



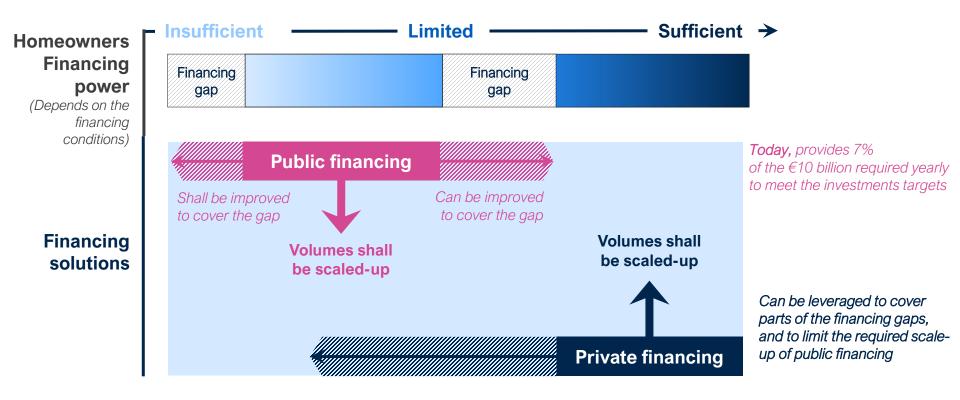
There should be enough volumes available to support the financing of ~€10 billion investments / year until 2050



# ACESSIBILITY

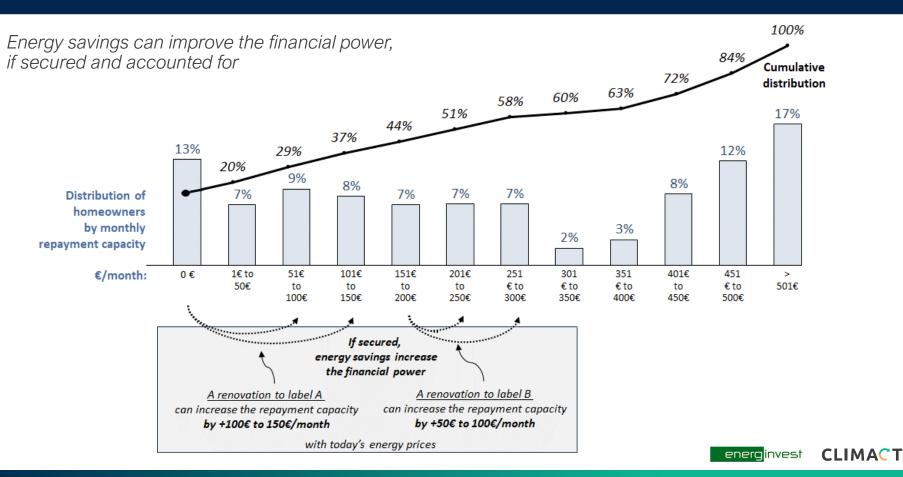
Financing solutions must be suitable to all socioeconomic profiles and all financing power

#### IF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES CANNOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE FINANCING AT SCALE, PRIVATE FINANCE MUST BE LEVERAGED





#### LIMITED REPAYMENT CAPACITIES SHOULD INFORM THE DESIGN OF THE MECHANISMS



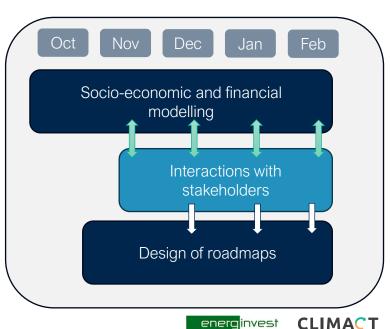
#### **PROCESS, METHODOLOGY AND STAKEHOLDERS**

#### STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED DURING BILATERALS AND/OR WORKSHOPS

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BNB – NBB ONESTO VLAANDEREN SOCIETE WALLONNE DU CREDIT SOCIAL (SWCS) FINANCE&INVEST.BRUSSELS
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RENO+ (BUILDWISE & EMBUILD) RENOCITY (AGC) FOSSTER
C-ENERGY/CORDEEL GROUP KARNO KNAUF ENERGY SOLUTIONS

#### Stakeholder consultation

- SEIF 2022, 2023
- 15 bilateral meetings
- 2 workshops (dec and jan)

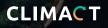


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#### STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND BEST PRACTICES HAVE DRIVEN THE CHOICE OF TWO MECHANISMS

#### ILR Instalment Loan for Renovation

**Unsecured loan** with maturities of up to 20 years (and possibly 30 years) designed in conjunction with capital grants and interest rate subsidies to enable **the greatest number of households** to take on the burden of debt (capital + interests).

**Main backing initiatives:** Irish scheme. Signals from the stakeholders that alternative <u>third-party financing models</u> (on-bill, taxbased financing, ...) while of undeniable interest, are still in their infancy **FTML** Fixed Term Mortgage Loan

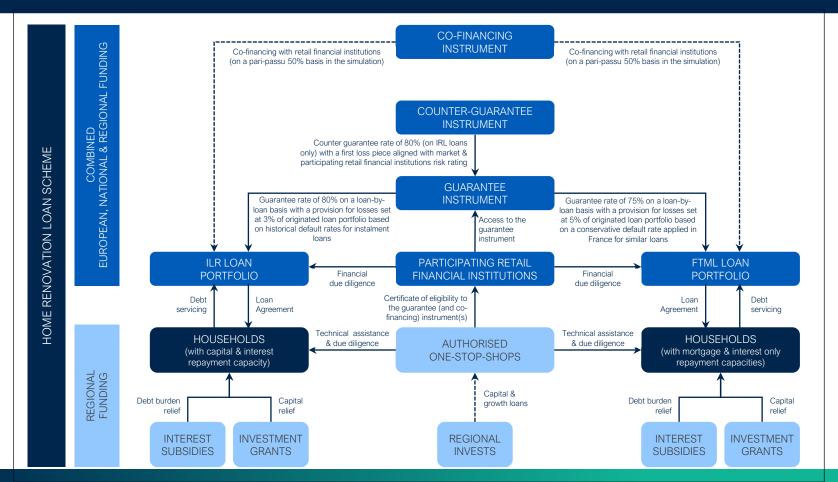
Secured loan with maturities up to 20 years (and possibly 30 years) designed to address households with a mortgage capacity and a solvency limited to the payment of interest

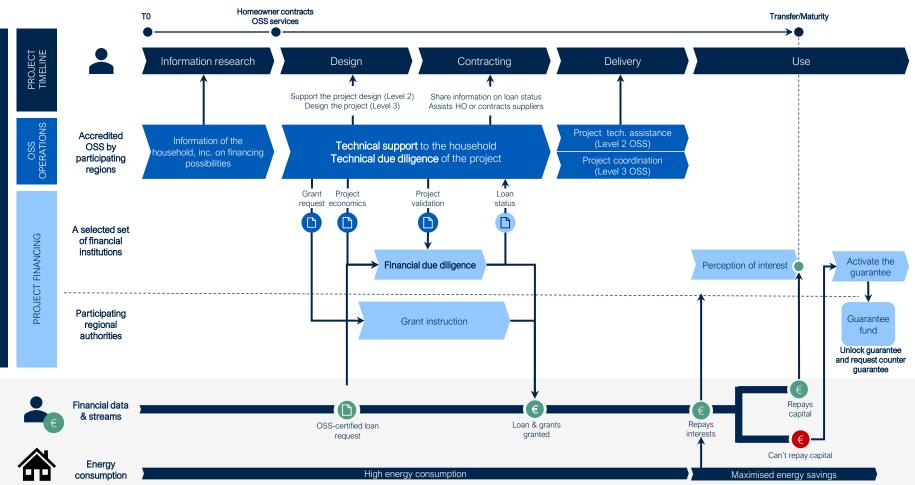
*Main backing initiatives:* SEIF, PAR (Prêt Avance Renovation), strong focus on accurate targeting and adherence to FSMA regulatory framework

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#### THE HOME RENOVATION LOAN SCHEME (HRLS) LEVERAGES INSTRUMENTS TO OPTIMIZE THE COSTS OF FINANCING





PROJECT ACTIVITIES

#### THE CHALLENGE OF ACCESS TO FINANCING FOR ALL





**INTEREST RATES** 

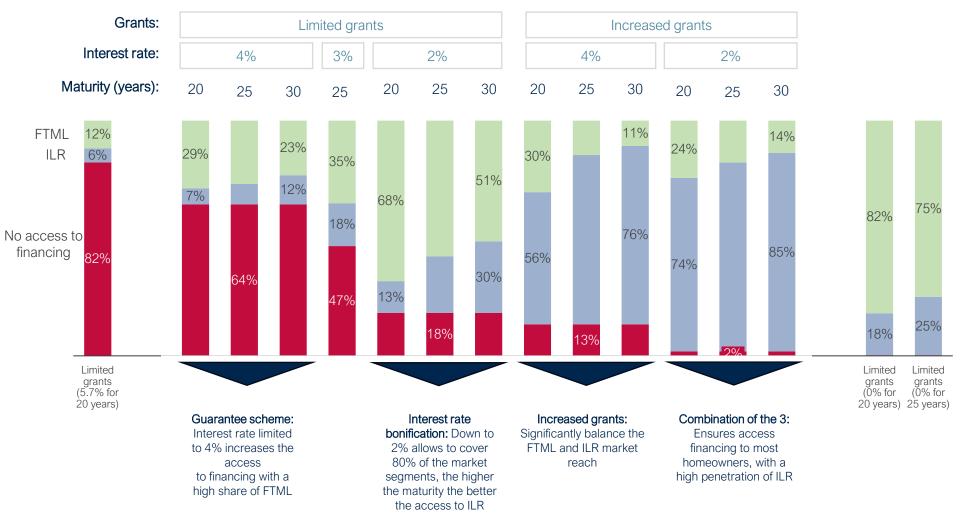


Lower the amounts to be loaned, thereby increases financial access to deep renovation and reduces financing costs for HO

Reduce the monthly repayment AND the cost of financing

Reduces the monthly repayment BUT increased the cost of financing





#### COSTS HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT CONSIDERING TWO COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES IN TERMS OF LOAN PORTFOLIO

#### Approach 1 "full portfolio"

- All homeowners within the scope must renovate by 2033, therefore financed
- The renovation should be fully financed for homeowners with no access to financing

Approach 2 "€5 billion loan portfolio"

- Implementation of the scheme limited to €5 billion of triggered investments
- Designed to isolate the impact of the fully funded scheme in the cost analysis.
- Designed with a 60% share of FTML in the portfolio.

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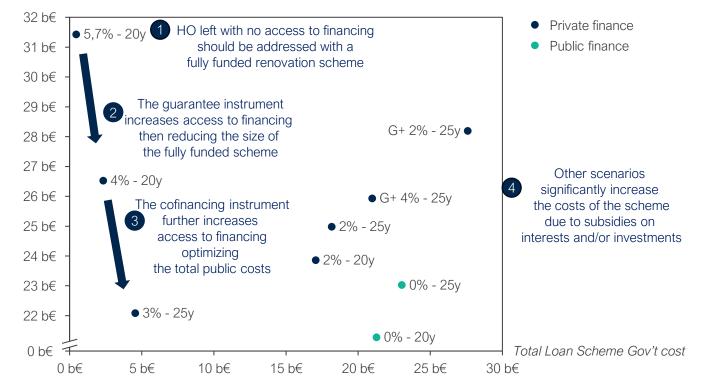
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#### THE HRLS REDUCES TOTAL PUBLIC COSTS TO MEET THE SHORT-TERM TARGET

Total Governement cost

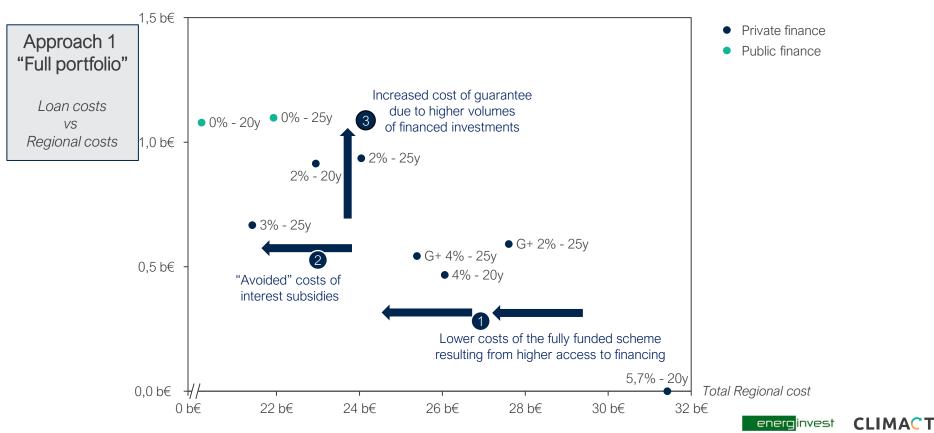
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Gov cost vs Gov scheme cost

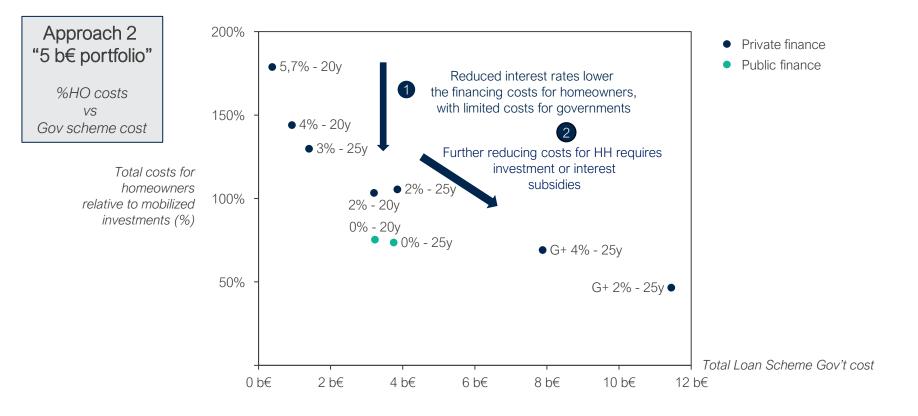


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Total loan scheme financial instrument cost



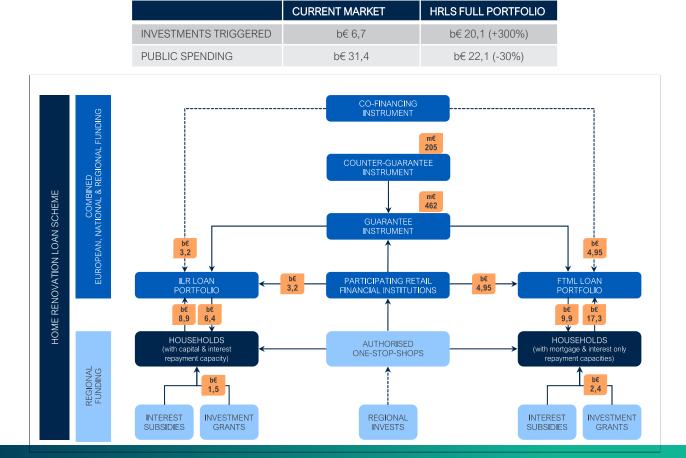
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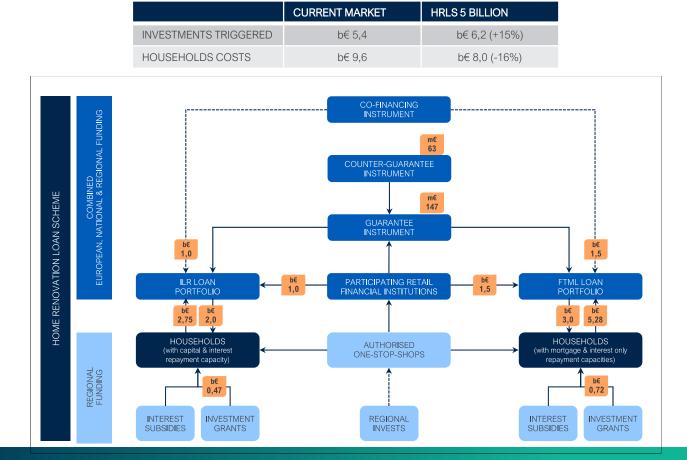
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#### A FULL LOAN PORTFOLIO HRLS WOULD TRIGGER 20 BILLION INVESTMENT AND CUT PUBLIC SPENDING BY €9,3 BILLIONS



#### A 5 BILLION LOAN PORTFOLIO HRLS WOULD INCREASE INVESTMENT TRIGGERED BY 15% AND CUT COSTS TO HOUSEHOLDS BY €1,6 BILLION



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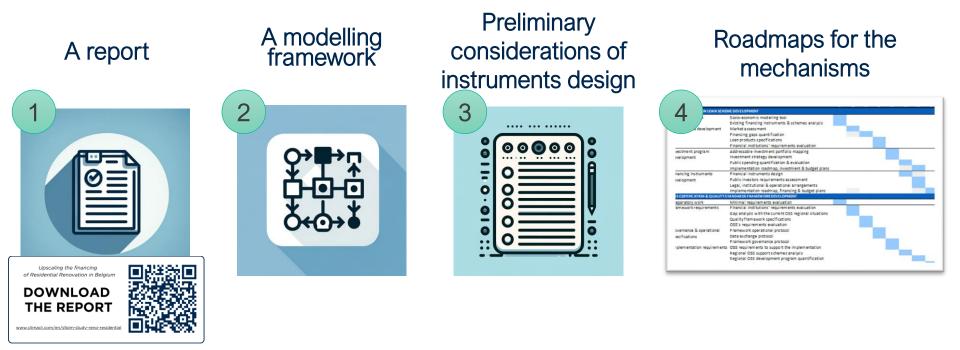
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#### **MAIN OUTPUTS**





#### SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Quickly leveraging financing at scale If governments can afford it, massive public financing (grants and lower-cost capital) would better ensure the conditions for a fair transition

- Alternatively, improve homeowner's access to private financing by **developing the Home Renovation Loan Scheme**
- Federal action should target instruments to lower the interest rate, enable extended maturities and reduced requirements for assessing the consumer's creditworthiness, while regional action should target the reduction of credit needs

Refine the design and build a solid implementation roadmap of these instruments

Required complementary actions Develop further socioeconomic knowledge on Belgian household typologies

Keep investigating and experimenting innovative financing solutions and mechanisms

Reform the grant administration processes

Strongly develop OSS renovation services, key enabler for the upscale of deep energy renovation financing

Financial barriers must not overshadow the many obstacles to energy renovation

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