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The Action investigated how nineteen EU member states were active in reducing carbon dioxide levels in the built environment, not only in line with buildings meeting the requirements of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), but also taking standards beyond that and looking at how national and regional planning initiatives are being developed to reduce the energy use of urban areas. A collection of case studies are included that illustrate the development and implementation of low carbon strategies at urban and building scales.

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