

Achieving Zero-Carbon Buildings: Electric, Efficient and Flexible

Solution toolkit: Actions for commercial businesses and building owners

Global emissions 9.7 GtCO₂ Emissions from buildings energy use 7% 2.6 GtCO₂ Embodied carbon from

new buildings

Early demand signals from commercial businesses and professional building owners are key to scaling technologies and driving improvements in measuring energy performance.

Heating	*	Cooling	Cooking	Lighting and appliances	Embodied carbon		
Set ambitious net-zero commitments							
Commit to decarbonise buildings under ownership or management (i.e. scope 1 and 2 emissions) by 2030 and to rent high energy performance buildings.							
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Measure and report on energy performance							

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Zero-carbon buildings checklist					
Key investments will vary across buildings and include:			Hot water storage tanks.		
4	Electric heating, cooling and ventilation system.	¥	LED lighting and sensors.		
¥	Smart energy management system.	Ö	Efficient installed appliances.		
\bigcirc	Adopt dynamic time-of-use energy tariffs.		Passive heating/cooling building design features.		
	Solar panels and battery storage.	1	Green building certificate.		

 Zero-carbon buildings enable the private sector to...

 Realise cost savings and potential new revenue streams (e.g., flexible renewable energy generation).

 De-risk their assets against future carbon and energy regulation.

 Meet their own net-zero commitments and provide positive spillovers across the sector.