

HOUSING

EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S STUDY ON BUILDING PERMITS

DEADLINE: 24th April 2026

Dear colleagues,

The consultants Intellera Consulting (Part of Accenture Group) and VTT are conducting a study commissioned by the **European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)**.

The study - "**Study on the State of Play of Building Permits for Housing in the EU**" - aims to assess housing building permitting procedures across all 27 EU Member States, covering their complexity, digitalisation, and impact on housing availability and project costs. It will directly inform the **upcoming [Affordable Housing Plan](#)** including an **EU's housing simplification package**.

For this study, they are willing to reach out to **practitioners who have gone through a permitting process, their perspective on the administrative burden, the level of digitalisation, and any bottlenecks they encountered**. The goal is to carry out a first comprehensive assessment of building permitting procedures across all 27 EU Member States.

The survey covers:

- Concrete experience with the administrative steps involved
- The level of digitalisation of the process
- Key bottlenecks and pain points

The survey is available in all EU national language (automatically translated), but they recommend to complete it in English, if possible. **All responses are fully anonymous**. Completing it takes approximately 15 minutes.

Survey link: https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/StudyOnBuildingPermits_Survey_Applicants

Deadline: 24 April 2025, 23:00 CEST

For any questions, contact the project team at studybuildingpermits@accenture.com.

- ⇒ **FOR ACTION:** We are encouraging Member Federations to circulate this survey amongst their member companies!
- ⇒ **NB:** In parallel, the consultants will organise rounds of interviews with national federations and FIEC will help them to get in touch with you.