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:: Editorial: New countries, new reports, new functionalities for the Helpdesk...so many new things to begin 2007!

Firstly, a warm welcome to the two newest Member States, Bulgaria and Romania.

This now means that there are 27 States in the process of implementing the Directive, although of course both Bulgaria and Romania were already on this path before they formally joined the EU on 1st January. Therefore, it is very timely to announce the publication of eight new country reports for some of the newest Member States. This is an important part of the Building Platform's services, and more details are given in this month's newsletter.

And we are also pleased to announce that another of the Platform's services, the Helpdesk, is temporarily open to newsletter subscribers.

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> The Platform services

:: Eight new Information Papers published



Thanks to close collaboration with Concerted Action, the Platform has just published a new set of country report IPs. The reports describe the position with regard to EPBD implementation in eight of the newest Member States (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia). They have a common format which is: legal context (describes the responsible government ministry and the enabling legislation); status (covers each of the Directive's

articles and describes key technical issues associated with their implementation); timetable for implementation and links for further information.

These reports are a snapshot of the progress towards implementation and as all Member States are currently making rapid strides they cannot fully reflect all of the latest developments but the intention is to update them in due course.

They can all be found on the [Information Papers](#) page of the Platform website.

Another set of country reports will be published in the next month.

:: Platform Helpdesk now open



The Platform Helpdesk is now temporarily open to newsletter subscribers. It complements the FAQ section of the website and will enable users to ask questions concerning implementation of the EPBD on the five topics such as inspections, certification etc. The service is intended to address issues common to all Member States rather than specific implementation issues in individual States. The intention is that responses to questions will be added to the FAQ section of the site.

The Helpdesk can be found [here](#). If you want to make use of the Helpdesk then your username is the e-mail address that you used to subscribe to the newsletter and the password is 'guest'.

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> Recent information from the countries



Rubric held in collaboration with [Concerted Action](#)

The latest edition of the Concerted Action (CA) Webzine covers a wide range of issues including: a German initiative to encourage energy efficient retrofit measures for public buildings; a new Dutch tool for inspection-based advice on air conditioning and heating installations and a new regulation in Slovakia on energy certification of buildings.

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> Europe and European associated activities

:: Latest news from IEE projects

News of two IEE funded projects: AuditAC and Datamine.

The AuditAC project addresses Article 9 of the Directive (Inspection of air conditioning systems). The [AuditAC project website](#) contains a series of technical papers describing how to undertake AC inspections.

The Datamine project is concerned with the collection of data from energy performance certificates and has just published a report which proposes a harmonised structure that allows for the collection and cross-country comparison of buildings' energy performance indicators. Further information and a copy of the report can be obtained from the [Datamine project website](#).

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> Associated organisations

:: Impressions of a European organisation heavily involved in the energy performance of buildings: CEETB's interview



Oliver Loebel, Secretary General of CEETB (European Specialist Engineering Contractors' Association), was asked about the challenges faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels co-operation with the EPBD is helping CEETB members.

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> [First EU Sustainable Energy Week \(Brussels, 29 January- 2 February\)](#) Some of the events from this week are being broadcast live on the [ManagEnergy internet broadcast site](#) whilst others will be video-recorded and made available online in February 2007. One of the events to be broadcast live will be the **Buildings Platform** session [Best implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) on **Wednesday morning** (31st January).



> [World Sustainable Energy Days \(Wels, Austria, 28 February- 2 March\)](#) This is the largest annual conference in the field of sustainable energy and consists of a series of events including: [European Pellets Conference](#); [European Energy Efficiency Conference](#) and [Conference "Energy Future 2030"](#). A detailed [conference programme](#) is available.

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