



Overview Articles

Successful renovations through innovative financing

In order to achieve a decarbonised building stock by 2050, renovation will need to move at a faster pace and attract considerable investment. In this article, examples where innovative financing was used successfully in large scale renovations are presented. [Read more](#)



Energy poverty in Europe: policies and recent initiatives

In Europe, 54 million people cannot afford to heat their homes in winter and about the same number are either facing energy debts or living in deteriorated dwellings. In recent years, numerous initiatives have been undertaken to promote measures and good practices to reduce this problem. [Read more](#)



News

EU Parliament ITRE Committee votes for new binding targets in energy efficiency and renewables

A binding target to reduce energy consumption by 40% by 2030 at EU level was agreed by the European Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE). Each member state will now have to set its own corresponding national energy-efficiency targets. [Read more](#)



The European ALiance for Deep RENovation in buildings kicks off!

Focusing on creating a common language between technical experts and financial investors, overcoming market barriers and promoting deep renovation of non-residential buildings, the new project is funded by Horizon 2020. [Read more](#)

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News from our partners

When districts play it green: Green Solutions Awards workshop at World Efficiency

World Efficiency, the premier international meeting for the low-carbon and resource-efficient economy, will take place from 12 to 14 December 2017 in Paris. On that occasion, Construction21 will present 6 national Green Solutions Awards winners. [Read more](#)



Practices

Analysis of Member States' rules for allocating heating, cooling and hot water costs

The purpose of this report by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is to provide a systematic overview of the existing thermal cost allocation rules in Member States (MS). Its outcome might be used to guide Member States in designing/revising their thermal energy cost allocation rules. [Read more](#)



Support for setting up an observatory of the building stock and related policies

According to this report by the Building Stock Observatory project, good governance and policy making require monitoring and periodic evaluations of the impact of building policies and strategies. The key objective of the initiative was to provide the European Commission with a knowledge resource on Europe's building stock and underpin decision-making, financial and long-term strategic support to various policy makers. [Read more](#)



Case of the month

Biodiversum Visitor Center: Eco-architecture Wooden Building in Luxembourg

Located in the Haff Réimech Nature Reserve, the visitor centre building was designed to be closely tied to the land and to have a low impact on the surrounding environment. [Read more](#)



Explore

Renewable Energy Design and Efficient Resources

This infographic by the New Jersey Institute of Technology highlights the top energy efficient sources and ways wind, geothermal, solar, hydro and nuclear energy can provide more sustainable solutions for society and reduce our carbon footprint. [Read more](#)



Events

11 December 2017,
Brussels

Central European Day of Energy (CEDE 2017)

Organised by Central European Energy Partners (CEEP) in collaboration with the European Commission, the event aims to demonstrate how Central European countries are transforming their energy sector in order to contribute to the EU's climate policy objectives and to comply with the Paris Agreement commitments. [Read more](#)

11 December 2017, Paris
(France)

Energy efficiency in buildings: how to accelerate investments?

This event organised by the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), aims to take stock of the commitments taken by banks and investors on energy efficiency, and to look at the next steps in order to accelerate investments in energy efficiency in buildings. [Read more](#)

15 December 2017,
Webinar

BUILD UP Webinar | Health performance of Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings

This webinar aims at showing evidence why indoor environment quality is so important and details how the energy and the health performance of buildings should go hand in hand. The speakers will present key recommendations and initiatives helping to deliver healthy Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (NZEBS). [Read more](#)

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