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The Buildings Platform has published a new Conference Paper and new Country Reports providing an update on the status of implementation of the EPBD in Germany, Bulgaria and Lithuania. Energy efficiency is in the spotlight and this edition of the newsletter reports on the launch by Commissioner Piebalgs of the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, as well as the highlights from the June European Council meeting on the importance of measures on efficient energy use and diversification of energy sources. In addition, a new report by RICS offers a review of building regulations around the world providing an assessment of how these can contribute to improve energy efficiency.

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:: Conference Paper: 12th International Conference on Passive Houses



[Information Paper P081](#) offers an insight on the 12th International Conference on Passive Houses which took place in April 2008 in Nuremberg, Germany. More than 1000 experts from all over the world met to discuss the latest research on passive house buildings.

:: New translations of Information Papers



The following Information Papers have now been translated into Danish:

[P001](#) *European projects supporting the implementation of Buildings Directive;*

[P002](#) *Set of CEN standards developed to support the implementation of the EPBD in the EU Member States;*

[P004](#) *Regular inspection of boilers - Simple on-site measurements for estimating energy performance;*

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[P025](#) *Energy performance calculation procedures for the EPBD (1). Introduction;*

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[P029](#) *Five new SAVE projects supporting the implementation of the EPBD;*

[P039](#) *EPBD Buildings Platform: Overall context and activities;*

Information Paper P003 *Energy performance certification procedures, present status* has now also been translated into [Hungarian](#) and [Romanian](#).

:: Recent information from the countries

:: New IP: Status of implementation of the EPBD in Germany



Information Paper [P073](#) provides an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Germany.

:: New IP: Status of implementation of the EPBD in Bulgaria



Information Paper [P076](#) provides an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Bulgaria.

:: New IP: Status of implementation of the EPBD in Lithuania



Information Paper [P077](#) provides an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Lithuania.

:: Europe and European funded projects

:: Commissioner Piebalgs launches the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation



Energy Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, welcomed the Ministerial Declaration signed on the 8th June 2008 by Energy leaders of the G8 countries, China, India, South Korea and the European Community in view of the establishment of a new multilateral energy initiative: the "International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation" (IPEEC). The signature took place during the G8 Energy Ministerial Meeting attended by Commissioner Piebalgs and organised by the Japanese G8 Presidency. [More information](#)

:: European Council highlights the importance of measures on efficient energy use and diversification of energy sources



At the June 2008 Council Summit, the Commission called for further efforts to increase energy efficiency and energy savings, and diversify the EU energy supply, highlighting the importance of new technologies and of support measures to facilitate investments in energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources. The Council also urged the Member States and the Commission to expedite the implementation of the 2006 Action Plan on energy efficiency and consider its possible revision. [More information](#)

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Are you an expert in energy efficiency, renewables or transport? Are you interested in helping the EACI (Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) evaluate project proposals, current or closed projects, or the impacts of the IEE programme? Then get all the details and start applying now to be included into the [new evaluators list...](#)

:: European associated organisations / partners

:: EBC replies to the Commission consultation on the recasting of the EPBD



The European Builders Confederation (EBC) has adopted its [position paper regarding the recasting of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#).

:: New RICS report: Can building codes deliver energy efficiency?



A new report, [Can building codes deliver energy efficiency? Defining a best practice approach](#), has been published by RICS. Written by Roger Hitchin of the Building Research Establishment (BRE) in the UK, it looks at the role of building regulations in selected countries, critically reviewing the way in which they can contribute to achieving energy efficiency.

:: Events

:: Eco-Tech Scandinavia



This event is Scandinavia's leading exhibition focusing on clean technology and sustainable business. The two-day draft conference programme includes workshops about "New Partnerships in Sustainable City Development", "Biogas Highway", "Green Logistics" and "Cleantech Strategies in Industry".

[Eco-tech Scandinavia](#) will take place in Göteborg, Sweden, between the 7th and 9th of October 2008.

:: Commercial Energy Performance Certificates Conference



All commercial buildings being sold or leased in England and Wales after the 1st of October 2008 will need an Energy Performance Certificate. Whether you are a property owner or occupier, or a service provider to the property sector, this conference will give you all the information you need to comply with or apply the new legislation. The conference will take place in London, on the 23rd of September 2008. [More information](#)

:: REFF London 2008



The [Renewable Energy Finance Forum \(REFF\)](#), Europe's largest event for renewable energy finance and investment, is now in its 10th anniversary year. The conference will take place in **London** between the **15th and 16th of September 2008** and will unite investors with project developers and senior executives from across the renewable energy and technology sectors.

:: Irish Sustainable Building Show 2008



The [Irish Sustainable Building Show 2008](#) is the biggest sustainable construction event in Ireland with all of the latest products from over 100 innovative companies and organisations. It will take place between the **18th and 20th of September 2008** in **Dublin**, Ireland.

:: Harmonised Methods for Evaluating Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services



The final conference of the [EMEEES project](#) - [Harmonised Methods for Evaluating Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services](#) will be held in **Brussels** on the **15th of October 2008**. The finalised evaluation tools and further project results will be presented to a wider stakeholder audience.

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