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:: Editorial: close collaboration between European funded activities

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To meet the requirements for implementation of the EPBD is for each individual Member State already a real challenge. To do it in such a way that its implementation results in major energy savings and has the full support of the major stakeholders is an even bigger challenge. Since nearly all countries are facing similar difficulties, coordination and information exchange will be of great value. Moreover, it also seems logical to avoid unnecessary differences between methods and procedures or duplication of development work solely because countries are not aware of the approaches used and prepared by other countries.

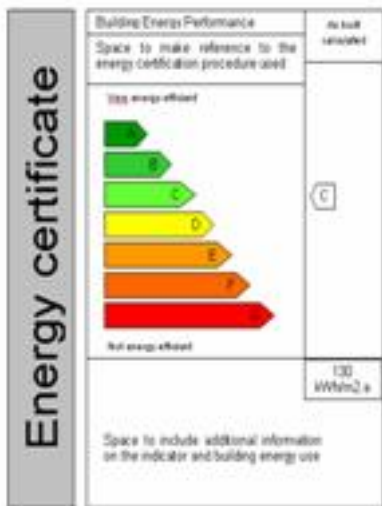
This is the reason why the Directorate-General for Transport and Energy of the European Commission has set up several activities targeted at the different actors, to facilitate the implementation of the EPBD, i.e. the [EPBD Concerted Action](#), the mandate given to [CEN](#), the [IEE SAVE projects](#) and the [EPBD Buildings Platform](#). Through close collaboration with all the projects and an optimum use of the available resources, the EPBD Buildings Platform aims to help the Member States and their various stakeholders with the EPBD implementation, and to set up efficient communications with all the various target groups.

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:: Certification of buildings: New information paper available at the Buildings Platform website

By J.C.Visier (CSTB)



Certification procedures and status reports aim at clarifying the concepts behind the certification. Energy performance certificates will be available when buildings are sold or rented and will be displayed in public buildings.

It is expected to have a major impact by increasing the awareness of building owners and users regarding the energy performance of buildings. It could play a key role in the improvement of existing buildings where reducing building CO₂ emissions is a major challenge.

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:: Green Paper on Energy (GPE): Housing Sector is Measure N°2

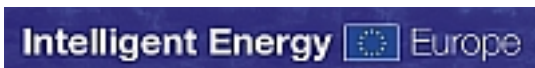


By M.Elsberger (DG TREN)

The European Commission's (EC) GPE is a preliminary contribution to the energy policy debate, addressed to all energy related sectors: authorities, stakeholders, energy suppliers and energy end-users. As 40% of Europe's energy is consumed by the residential & tertiary sector, the energy performance of buildings and their installations engineering is of special significance for this debate. After security of energy supply, demand-side management, particularly in the housing sector, is therefore N° 2 on the Indicative List of Actions of the EU Council. Furthermore, an Action Plan will be adopted by the EC around Sept. 2006. In addition, the (new) MS are already called to use their National Strategic Reference Frameworks 2007-13 for energy efficient improvement of buildings, co-financed by the EU.

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:: New SAVE call



By G.Sutherland (IEEA)

The 2006 call for proposals - the last under the current IEE programme - has been published. European organisations can apply for financial support for their projects until 31 October 2006. Approximately € 50 million will be made available to co-finance up to 50% of the project costs. Organisations from EU Member States, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein can apply.

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:: Invitation to participate in a demonstration of a building energy certification procedure

By R.Cohen (ESD)



The SAVE project EPLabel would like to raise awareness of procedures for energy certification of buildings based on actual annual energy use. The team would like to apply a prototype procedure (which is consistent with the latest draft CEN standards) to the buildings used by the government officials responsible for implementing the EPBD in their country or region. We would also like to apply it to the Berlaymont building in Brussels. The results could be reported on the project web site as a preliminary demonstration of public buildings displaying their energy performance.

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:: First public results of the ECO-BUILDINGS project BRITA in PuBs



By H.Erhorn (Fraunhofer-IBP)

The ECO-Buildings project BRITA in PuBs (Bringing Retrofit Innovation to Application in Public Buildings) finalized the first reports on "Analysis of Barriers and Needs in retrofit decision processes" and "Financial Strategies for low energy public retrofits in Europe".

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:: REHVA: Federation of European Heating and Air-Conditioning



Professor Olli A. Seppänen, President of [REHVA](#), was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels cooperation between the EPBD Platform and REHVA members is useful for both sides.

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