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## :: Editorial: Standards help EPBD implementation

This month's newsletter has a standards focus. An up-to-date prEN list is available and the standards database is also now on-line at the Buildings Platform website. In addition, there is a item in the newsletter on the Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

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#### :: Standards database available online

Implementation of the EPBD is strongly supported by the use of standards and also requires the availability of software tools, in particular calculation procedures. The Buildings Platform website now has a section on [standards and tools](#). This currently contains a database of standards containing information on the most relevant CEN standards, and in due course it will contain a database of software and tools.

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#### :: Energy Efficiency Action Plan

On 19th October the EU Energy commissioner, Andris Piebalgs, presented his Action Plan. It foresees a cut in Europe's energy consumption of 20% in the next 14 years. If successful, the EU could save more than 100 billion Euro per year. The plan would also help to cut the EU's CO2 emissions and therefore contribute to reaching the Kyoto targets. For further details see the [press release](#) and visit the [Commission website](#).

There is also a round table on the Action Plan see Events below.

#### :: "Towards Class A": award for best municipal campaign

One week after the Action Plan was accepted three municipalities Bristol (UK), Brasov (Romania) and Lille (France) showed how the EPBD can be applied effectively when they won this year's "Towards Class A" Award for their exemplary municipal communication strategies contributing to the Display climate campaign. The Award forms part of the European campaign to make the energy performance of buildings publicly known.

For more details see the [press release](#).

#### :: CEN work: Final prEN drafts of all EPBD standards now available



Final prEN drafts of all the standards prepared in support of EPBD implementation have been completed and CEN-TC approved so they will now be forwarded for Formal Vote. All the national standards institutes have the prENs available for purchase. This is good news for all Member States as these standards will greatly assist them towards a full and effective implementation of the Directive.

A full list of all the available standards including their expected publication date can be found [here](#).

### > Recent information from the countries



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

The latest edition of the Concerted Action webzine reports on the progress of EPBD implementation in a number of countries including France (new regulations defining application of certificates when dwellings or buildings are sold), Germany (ministerial agreement on certification procedure) and Italy (changes to EPBD transposition).

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### > Associated organisations

#### :: Impressions of a European organisation heavily involved in energy performance of buildings: ACE's interview

Alain Sagne of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels co-operation with the EPBD platform is helping ACE members.

> [Read the full interview](#)

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#### :: Events

> [CERT/SLT Workshop \(IEA, Paris 27-28 November 2006\)](#). This Workshop *Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Meeting the G8 Gleneagles Challenge* will bring together leading international policy makers and experts from the IEA's 26 member countries will explore key technology and policy themes regarding energy efficiency in buildings and will aim to discuss and draw conclusions that will result in a paper for the IEA's Governing body to consider in advance of the 2007 IEA Ministerial meeting. A [draft agenda](#) for the Workshop is also available.

> [Round Table on Energy Efficiency \(Brussels, 7 December 2006\)](#). Under the patronage of the Committee of the Regions, FEDARENE and the Assembly of European Regions are organising a round table on the European Efficiency Action Plan.

> [EU Sustainable Energy Week \(Brussels, 29 January-2 February 2007\)](#) This was announced in last's month newsletter but since then we are pleased to announce a session entitled [Best Implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) which has been organised by the Buildings Platform. Note this will now take place on **31st January 2007**. Please register [here](#)

#### :: Related publications

##### French study day, September 28th 2006: On the way to buildings with positive energy

On 28th September, CSTB and the Moniteur Group organised a study day in Paris dedicated to buildings using positive energy. There were presentations and discussions on subjects such as: the challenges of energy consumption in buildings; the first buildings with positive energy; the latest technological evolutions; research in the field etc.

> [Look at the summaries and presentations](#) (in French).

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