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## :: Editorial: 'Strength in unity' leads to better EPBD implementation

The Buildings Platform is a keen advocate of this concept as the following two examples illustrate:

1. We are closely involved in major energy events:

- The [EPIC-AIVC 2006](#) conference, with a specific EPBD track during the whole conference
- The [EC Sustainable Energy Week](#), with a specific Buildings Platform session on 2nd February 2007

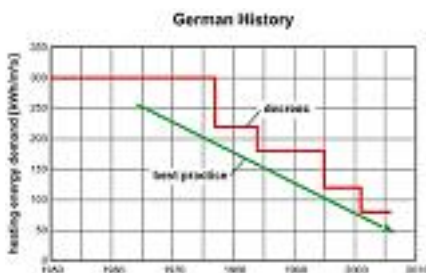
2. [Call for partners](#): Umbrella organisations have been invited to be partners

We invite you to discover these activities as well as the new Platform services highlighted in this 5th edition of the newsletter.

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## > The Platform services

### :: EPBD themes: Information Paper on Energy Performance Requirements



This month sees the publication of another Information Paper, this one on energy performance requirements. And next month an IP on calculation methods is due, so keep looking at the Platform website for the latest information. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

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## > Recent information from the countries

## :: Country Report: Denmark



*By Søren Aggerholm*

For many years Denmark has had fairly strict energy requirements in its building regulations, obligatory labeling scheme for buildings and obligatory inspection scheme for boilers. It has now tightened the energy requirements in its building regulations still further and has also developed new labeling and inspection schemes. Further details are given in a new Information Paper (IP 09).

> [Read Country Report](#)

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## :: EPBD implementation: Recent news from the countries

The latest edition of the Concerted Action webzine covers developments in a number of countries including:

:: Czech Republic: An international conference in Prague (21st September 2006) focused on calculating primary energy consumption in buildings and methods for preparing energy certificates.


:: Slovak Republic: The Ministry of Construction and Regional Development has prepared a regulation on the energy performance of buildings, and the Ministry of Economy has prepared a draft law on the inspection of boilers and cooling systems.

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## > European activities

### :: Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE): News on latest actions to support EPBD

**Intelligent Energy**  **Europe**

*By Gordon Sutherland*

The total number of IEE actions directly supporting the accelerated take-off the EPBD is now 18, and the funding for support through the IEE Programme is approximately 10 M€ (not counting the CA-EPBD and the Buildings Platform). In addition, a number of the first policy support actions in the buildings sector are now drawing to a close and their final results will be available from the end of 2006.

The list of approved projects can be found on [IEE website](#).

The deadline for new proposals under the IEE Programme 2003-2006 is **31st October 2006**, and further

details can also be found on [IEE website](#).

> [Overview of IEE actions](#)

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## :: Call for collaboration with associated umbrella organisations

With the Platform as a key instrument for collecting and disseminating information related to EPBD implementation, collaboration between European organisations and stakeholders involved in the energy field can be very fruitful. Indeed, in order to reach the challenging goal of significant energy savings in buildings, *strength in unity* can only lead to better EPBD implementation.

If your organisation is working at a European level and has an interest in the implementation of energy performance regulations in buildings, certification and inspection, please [contact us](#) to come to a collaborative agreement that is beneficial to all parties.

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## > Associated organisations

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



John Goodal of the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) 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 FIEC members.

> [Read the full interview](#)

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## :: Publications from the European Solar Shading Organisation

ES-SO has published two documents which may be of interest:

1. Solar Protection Plays a Major Role in the Overall Energy Balance

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2. Energy Saving and CO2 Reduction Potential from Solar Shading System Shutters in the EU25 (ESCORP - EU25)

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## > Events

> [EPIC-AIVC 2006 \(France, Lyon, 20-22 November 2006\)](#) The 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Energy

Performance and Indoor Climate in buildings is to be held in Lyon, France from 20-22 November 2006. Supported by the Intelligent Energy – Europe programme (IEE), the conference will pay specific attention to the implementation of the EPBD. A specific track of EPBD related sessions will cover a wide range of issues, i. e. certification and labelling, existing buildings, European standards, green buildings, training and education, European legislation, long term energy planning. 

> [EU Sustainable Energy Week \(Brussels, 29 January-2 February 2007\)](#): The first EU Sustainable Energy Week is a major initiative within the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign 2005-2008. It is due to take place from 29th January to 2nd February 2007.

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### :: You too submit your event

The Buildings Platform website now has an online submission form allowing organisers to upload flyers and enter details of their events. Events will then be publicised in the events database or in future Buildings Platform newsletters according to their relevance.

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