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## :: Editorial: Great work has been done during the last weeks to provide tools as well as recent information related to implementation

This month the Buildings Platform Newsletter has a multicultural feel to it. There are [the first 3 Countries Reports](#) and a number of the [earlier Information Papers](#) have now been translated from the original English into several different languages. A [new Information Paper](#) has also been produced on the requirements for experts and inspectors.

With all these additional publications now available on the website, the addition of a [searchable database](#) containing around 100 references is very timely.

A similar tool has been provided for the [events](#) database which is now searchable and allows event organisers to submit details of their events.

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## > The Platform services

### :: EPBD themes: New Information Paper on Requirements for Experts and Inspectors



Article 10 of the EPBD states that: *"Member States shall ensure that the certification of buildings, the drafting of the accompanying recommendations and the inspection of boilers and air conditioning systems are carried out in an independent manner by qualified and/or accredited experts, whether operating as sole traders or employed by public or private enterprise bodies"*.

The objective of this Information Paper is to provide guidance on the implementation of Article 10. It discusses interpretation of the requirements and summarises Member States' progress towards implementation.

> [Read a pdf of the paper here](#)

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## :: EPBD themes: The three first Information papers available in different languages

The following papers, previously published in English, have now been translated into a variety of other languages and added to the publications database.

- IP00: EPBD Buildings Platform: Overall context and activities: now also available in [RO](#), [HU](#), [FR](#), [PL](#), [SL](#) and [CS](#)
- IP01: European projects supporting the implementation of the Buildings' Directive: now also available in [RO](#), [HU](#), [FR](#), [PL](#), [SL](#), [CS](#) and [FI](#)
- IP02: The set of CEN standards developed to support the implementation of the EPBD in EU Member States: now also available in [RO](#), [HU](#), [FR](#), [PL](#), [SL](#) and [CS](#)

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## :: Publications Database: New tool available - collaborations welcome



A new searchable database of publications relating to the EPBD from around Europe is now available on the Buildings Platform website. It already contains around 100 references, mainly pdfs which can be downloaded free of charge.

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### > Recent information from the countries

rubric held in collaboration with the Concerted Action



*The EPBD proposes significant challenges for EU Member States in terms of the practical details of the transposition.*

*The [Concerted Action project](#) allows representatives of 25 Member States as well as Bulgaria and Romania to work together in regular common meetings and to be informed about the latest developments across Europe.*

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## :: EPBD Implementation: Detailed Countries reports

- Flemish Region (Belgium): by Wina Roelens

In Belgium the implementation of the EPBD is a regional competence. In the Flemish Region, the energy performance decree was approved on 7 May 2004 by the parliament. This decree transposes articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 into regional law. A particular element of this regulation is the monitoring it implies.

> [Read the paper](#)

🇳🇱 Netherlands: by Frans van Ekerschot

The Netherlands have a long standing experience with low-energy-building. because of an existing certification method, the EPBD meets hardly any obstacles, as far as issuing an Energy Certificate for new buildings is concerned. The Directive is more difficult to implement for the existing building stock (built before 1997) that holds 93% of the total building stock in the Netherlands.

> [Read the paper](#)

🇵🇹 Portugal: by E.Maldonado & C.Nascimiento

Portugal has adopted a series of measures to implement the directive into the national law: on 4 April 2006, the Government has adopted three Decrees that, together, constitute the transposition of the EPBD into national law.

> [Read this paper](#)

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

The last two editions of the Concerted Action webzine cover developments in a number of countries including:

- 🇩🇰 Denmark: Implementation of Danish energy labelling scheme has been postponed
- 🇫🇷 France : The energy performance diagnosis corresponds to the energy performance certificate imposed by the directive.
- 🇱🇺 Luxembourg: draft of the Energy performance regulation approved on 21 July 2006
- 🇳🇴 Norway: Government proposal for stricter energy requirements
- 🇵🇹 Portugal: Training of Certified Experts starts in October

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## > Associated organisations

### :: Impressions of a European organisation strongly involved in Energy Performance of Buildings: ES-SO's interview



European Solar Shading Organisation

ES-SO members is useful for both sides.

The European Solar Shading Organisation President Claude Guez was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive, what part solar shading can play and how he feels cooperation between the EPBD Platform and

> [Read the full interview here](#)

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## > Events

> [RESOURCE06 - BRE's premier low carbon event \(UK, BRE-Watford, 27-28 September 2006\)](#)

Climate Change adaptation and mitigation will be two of the main issues facing our society this century. Buildings are significant contributors to the causes of climate change, accounting for over 45% of the carbon dioxide emitted in the UK. The construction sector therefore has a major role to play in reducing these emissions and in also helping to offset increasing emissions in other sectors.

> [DRIVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY \(Belgium, Brussels, 28 September 2006\)](#)

One-Day Conference examining European Energy policy and Alternative Energy Options to Drive Efficient Energy Use.

> [ENERGY PERFORMANCE IN BUILDINGS \(Czech Republic, Prague, 21-22 September 2006\)](#)

This conference will present the changes in the primary energy calculation methods in light of the EPBD [\[flyer - English version\]](#).

> [EPIC-AIVC 2006: 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Energy Performance and Indoor Climate in buildings conference \(France, Lyon, 20-22 November 2006\)](#)

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.

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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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