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1. News

Renovate Europe Day 2016



Renovate Europe held its sixth edition of Renovate Europe Day (REDay2016) on 13th October in Brussels. The focus of the event was on how achieving an NZEB building stock by 2050 can boost EU jobs, growth and SMEs and increase benefits to EU citizens and businesses.

The event concluded that legislation is the main driver for the renovation market, which needs a clear long-term vision to trigger investment. The revisions of the EPBD and EED offer the opportunity for this. The post-event press release as well as the presentations providing examples of successful local renovation initiatives and local employment creation through renovation are available at the Renovate Europe website: <http://renovate-europe.eu/reday2016/>

QUALICHeCK Upcoming webinars and physical events dates known

The dates for the upcoming QUALICHeCK ([www.qualicheck-platform.eu](http://www.qualicheck-platform.eu)) webinars and face-to-face events have been confirmed. Participation at these events is free of charge upon registration.



- WEBINAR | Ventilative cooling potential and compliance — Status and perspectives in Spain and Germany | Thursday 1 December 2016, 10:00 a.m. Brussels time (CET) | [More information](#) | [Register here](#)
- WEBINAR | Status on the ground: Prevention of summer overheating — methods and results | Friday 2 December 2016, 10:00 a.m. Brussels time (CET) | [More information](#) | [Register here](#)
- WEBINAR | A guide for policy makers to develop better frameworks for EPC compliance and enforcement | Tuesday 13 December 2016, 10:00 Brussels time (CET) | [More information](#) | [Register here](#)
- FACE-TO-FACE EVENT | 3rd QUALICHeCK International Workshop | Performance of thermal insulation in low energy buildings and advanced building renovation projects | Thursday 15 December 2016, Brussels, Belgium | [More information and registration](#)
- FACE-TO-FACE EVENT | 4th QUALICHeCK International Workshop | Renewable heating and cooling systems for buildings | Tuesday 17 January 2017, Lyon, France | [More information and registration](#)
- FACE-TO-FACE EVENT | 4th (final) QUALICHeCK Conference | Save the date: Tuesday 21 February 2017, Brussels, Belgium | More information will follow soon.

BUILD UP content on your website!



BUILD UP users can now select and publish customised content from the BUILD UP web portal on their own website by creating an embedded page. The embedded page inserts content automatically from BUILD UP to their webpage.

There are two types of embedded pages offered by BUILD UP:

Simple embedded pages based on the topics

These follow the simple 5-step procedure described in the [following guidelines](#) and [YouTube tutorial](#)

A customized approach (H2020 projects)

BUILD UP users can select content based on themes, subject (in a list of tags), type of content (news, events, report etc.) and even authors.

The idea is to allow BU users to:

1. Publish news and content on BUILD UP as regards their Deliverables;
2. Contact [BUILD UP Public Relations desk](#) and create an embedded pages, selecting their BU content only;
3. Insert automatically their content on their website.

2. Site visit during the BUILD UP Skills 9th EU Exchange Meeting: CRES (the Center for Renewable Energy Sources and savings)



The programme on Day 1 of the 9th EU Exchange Meeting (December 6th) will close with a site visit to the office building and laboratories of the Center for Renewable Energy Sources and savings (CRES). CRES is located 20 kilometres from the center of Athens in the Mesogeia area (village of Pikermi), an agricultural area with olive groves and vineyards, which has been rapidly built up over the last 20 years.

The bioclimatic office-laboratory building was designed in 1998 by associates of CRES as a demonstration building for the application of energy technologies. The building was completed in July 2001, and in November 2001 regular collection of data began on the energy consumption, thermal energy and the performance of the energy technologies of the building.

The laboratories provide with accredited testing services for the determination of the thermal characteristics of building materials and components. Additionally, they are equipped with all the necessary measuring devices to carry out energy audits of various building types (i.e. residential, office / industrial buildings, hospitals, hotels) and various other laboratory equipment and software tools for the determination of different aspects which affect the energy conservation and efficiency in buildings.

3. Upcoming events



9th BUILD UP Skills EU Exchange Meeting, Athens (Greece), 6-7 December

The next BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting will take place on 6-7 December 2016 in Athens, Greece. This meeting is open for BUILD UP Skills project coordinators and partners involved in the BUILD UP Skills Pillar I, completed and ongoing BUILD UP Skills Pillar II, and ongoing Horizon2020 construction skills projects. The agenda for the two-day event includes among others parallel sessions on finalised BUILD UP skills projects and plenary presentations of other relevant energy-efficiency and skills related projects such as Qualicheck, Concerted Action on Renewable Energy Sources (CARES), Building up green skills for Trainers from the construction industry, and Geothermal and Solar Skills in Continuous Vocational Education and Training. Next to this, the 9th EU exchange will include a site visit to the premises of CRES (the center for renewable energy sources and savings). The final agenda can be found [here](#)

If you missed the previous EU exchange meetings or would like a reminder of what was discussed there, take a look at [the page](#) on the BUILD UP Skills website dedicated to sharing their outputs.

The European Vocational Skills Week 2016, Brussels (Belgium) and various locations across Europe, 5-9 December 2016

This first European Vocational Skills Week is aimed at improving the attractiveness and image of vocational education and training (VET) through awareness-raising on the opportunities offered by VET as well as by showcasing best cases of VET. Within the framework of this event, various activities will take place in Brussels (press conference, conference, workshops and closing event with award-giving) as well as all over Europe.

More information on how to participate, how to register your event as well as the list of confirmed events can be found on [this website](#) that the Commission has set up for the Skills Week.

EUREKA 2016 - Heating, Cooling, Ventilation: Sustainable technologies for a better life, The Hague (the Netherlands), 13 December 2016

EUREKA 2016 is the inaugural conference of the European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) and the European Ventilation Industry Association (EVIA). The event, which is targeted at building professionals, aims to showcase the heating/cooling/ventilation industry's impact on the European Union's energy and climate goals, demonstrate the potential, attractiveness and innovative nature of the heating/cooling/ventilation industry, and provide a platform for networking.

The opening plenary session, featuring a keynote speech, will be followed by 4 break-out panel sessions on the following topics relevant for the HVACR sector:

1. The role of refrigeration in reducing food waste;
2. Increasing political awareness on indoor air quality & thermal comfort;
3. The impact of the new F-Gas rules in Europe and beyond;
4. Driving energy efficiency in buildings.

The registration procedure and agenda are available on the [event's website](#)

Energy Efficiency Finance Market Place, Brussels (Belgium), 18-19 January 2017

The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) is organising this event on energy efficiency finance targeted to building professionals and financial institutions with experience in sustainable energy financing.

The event will feature plenary sessions by high-level political representatives on finance for sustainable energy; panel sessions by financial institutions on practical experiences and project bankability; parallel sessions on practical solutions and projects implemented across Europe (in relation to standardisation and benchmarking; innovative financing solutions; aggregating projects on public assets; aggregating projects on private assets); poster sessions of sustainable energy projects; and stands of financial institutions.

More information can be found on the [BUILD UP website](#)

Smart Buildings for a greener Europe: Emerging Policy and Practice, St. Julian's (Malta), 14 February 2017

What are smart buildings? How can they help improve the energy efficiency of Europe's building stock? These questions will be discussed with industry, academia and policy officers from the European Commission at this event, consisting of a public workshop with a panel discussion. The workshop will take place the day before the meeting of the EPBD Concerted Action (closed forum gathering the EU Member States and Norway to discuss implementation of the European's legislation on energy performance of buildings) and as such, will provide information on the latest research and innovation in smart buildings in the context of European policies, notably the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) which is undergoing a review.

The event flyer and link to register for the event are found on the [EPBD-CA webpage](#) as well as on the [BUILD UP webpage](#). The event will also be webstreamed.

Energy for Sustainability 2017 (EFS 2017) - Sustainable Cities: Designing Cities & Communities for the Future, Funchal (Portugal), 8-10 February 2017

The goal of the EFS 2017 Conference is to generate discussion on how to create an energy sustainable future for the people and the planet by promoting the exchange of knowledge, innovative ideas and past experiences between participants from scientific fields. Various topics pertaining to the themes smart cities & communities, buildings and end-uses, policy and assessment, cleaner energy supply will be covered in this conference. Registration for this event will open in December.

In the meantime, more information can be found at the [conference website](#)