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## **INTERACT WITH BUILD UP**

### **Dear reader**

Major investments are needed to reach the ambitious European and national goals regarding energy efficiency and energy consumption in the building sector. Therefore appropriate financing schemes are very important. The interactive BUILD UP web portal has just launched a dedicated section informing the users on available financing schemes for investments in energy conservation and the use of renewable energy sources ([www.buildup.eu/financing-schemes](http://www.buildup.eu/financing-schemes)). The December newsletter puts the European Energy Efficiency Fund in the spotlight and in addition offers up-to-date news and information on energy efficiency in the building sector that might be studied in detail during the upcoming holidays.

Season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year!  
Your BUILD UP team.

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### **News from the EU**



#### **Launch of 21 Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) projects to build up skills for the building workforce**

Representatives of the building industry, public authorities and the vocational training sector of 21 European countries have teamed up under the BUILD UP SKILLS initiative, a specific funding opportunity running from 2011 to 2013 under the Intelligent Energy Europe programme to provide energy training for the building workforce. [More](#)

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#### **EU on track with fast start financing to developing countries**

The EU is delivering on its fast start finance commitment to support developing countries to strengthen their resilience to climate change and to mitigate their greenhouse gas emissions. On November 29, the European

Commission and the 27 EU Member States presented their 2011 fast start finance report at the international climate negotiations in Durban. [More](#)

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## **Energy performance of buildings: Commission refers Spain to Court**

European Commission - Press release: The Commission has decided on November 24, 2011 to refer Spain to the EU's Court of Justice for failure to fully comply with the Directive 2002/91/EC on the energy performance of buildings. [More](#)

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## **Covenant of Mayors: Starting from scratch, smartly**

Apart from their commitment to the Covenant of Mayors objectives, the cities of L'Aquila (Italy), Lorca (Spain) and Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) all have something in common: these three cities have recently experienced terrible events. L'Aquila and Lorca were devastated by earthquakes respectively in April 2009 and May 2011, while Mostar has become the tragic symbol of the Bosnian war. [More](#)

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## **EU says at the U.N. Climate Change Conference that the Kyoto Protocol is not enough**

The world needs a much more ambitious plan as the climate pact will not be sufficient to cut emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases. [More](#)

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## **54 new projects selected for support by the IEE programme (2011 call for proposals)**

The European Commission's Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI) has released the selection results for the 2011 call for project proposals under the Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE) programme. [More](#)

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## **News from the countries**



### **UK: Homes and economy to benefit from energy and climate policies**

£14 billion worth of private sector investment in home energy improvements over the next decade will help

insulate households from rising global energy prices and create thousands of jobs in the British insulation and construction sector, UK Energy and Climate Change Secretary Chris Huhne said on 23rd November 2011. A consultation on the Green Deal, which will provide home energy saving upgrades to... [more](#)

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## **Securing Denmark's energy future**

The Danish Government's plan "Our Energy" seeks to create green growth and help the country convert to 100 percent renewable energy use by 2050. The Danish Government presented on 25 November 2011 its plan for how the country can secure its energy future. Titled Our Energy, the strategy presents specific measures for fulfilling the Government's goal of stimulating green growth. The plan is based on... [more](#)

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## **New German info portal 'Energieeinsparung (Energy Saving)' of the BBSR**

The Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development ("Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung - BBSR") advises the Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development ("Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung - BMVBS") on technical and scientific questions of energy saving and continuously takes part in the amendment of standards concerning... [more](#)

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## **The Green Building Councils of Romania, Croatia, Holland, Turkey and Poland have launched the Green Building Professional program**

The programme consists of 52 hours of multidisciplinary instruction which will result in a jointly-recognized accreditation in "green building" in a sustainable built environment. [More](#)

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## **Financing Schemes**



### **European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF)**

On July 1st 2011, a new European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF) was launched by the Commission as part of the European Energy Programme for Recovery (EEPR). The EEEF is an innovative public-private partnership that will allocate around EUR 146 million from the EEPR towards a new financial facility dedicated to projects in energy efficiency and renewable energies. [More](#)

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## **Guidelines on how to efficiently use European structural funds for RES and EE projects**

This document is the output of the PromoScene project. It provides Guidelines and Best practices on how to efficiently use European structural funds for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. [More](#)

Read about other financing schemes: [Click here](#)

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### **Events**



#### **Intelligent Energy Europe - European Info Day 2012**

The European Info Day 2012 is a great opportunity to find out about the latest developments in policy for energy efficiency and renewable energies in buildings, get together with people from all over Europe working in the building industry, meet new partners for your projects and, in general, learn what is going on in your field. And, of course, it is also the best opportunity to find out about the... [more](#)

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#### **ESCO 2012**

ESCO Europe 2012 is the regions premier ESCO conference uniting 200+ energy management professionals, government policy shapers, financiers, utilities and technical solution providers looking to monetize energy efficiency projects. [More](#)

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### **Publications**



#### **Principles for nearly Zero-Energy Buildings - Executive Summary**

European legislation requires that from 2020 all new buildings are nearly Zero-Energy Buildings without proposing a concrete definition, leaving a number of uncertainties, specifically on the ambition level of such buildings in terms of energy consumption and CO2 emissions. This study analyses key principles for a proper definition of nearly Zero-Energy Buildings based on existing concepts across Europe... [more](#)

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#### **Thermal Efficiency Retrofit of Residential Buildings: The German Experience**

This paper evaluates implemented policies supporting thermal efficiency in Germany's residential building sector. The evaluation shows how policies can engage with households effectively by supporting each phase of their decision-making process about thermal retrofit investment. For its analysis, the paper utilizes the key insights from the six Climate Policy Initiative's studies on thermal efficiency... [more](#)

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## **The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2011**

These regulations for England and Wales make amendments to the 2007 regulations on the topics of certificates and inspections. They change the requirements for the production of the energy performance certificates and the inspection of air-conditioning systems. They shall come into force on 6th April 2012. They ensure the continued implementation in England and Wales of articles 7 (energy performance... [more](#)

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## **Cases**



### **Highlighted Case November 2011: "Low-Tech" and "Low-Cost" energy surplus school Hohen Neuendorf**

The project deals with the design, construction and operation of a new elementary school with a tripartite sports hall which produces more energy than it consumes in an annual balance. The aim is to create architectural quality by applying an integrated planning process taking into account usage requirements, energy efficiency requirements, comfort requirements, and design requirements. A maximum user... [more](#)

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## **Tools**



### **Ict4eewiki.eu: a valuable resource in energy efficiency for regions and cities throughout Europe**

The ICT4EE Wiki is a resource for local, regional and national authorities (cities, municipalities and regions) throughout Europe. The wiki provides an extensive body of practical advice and examples of good practice in the planning and implementation of energy efficiency initiatives involving ICT. Based on a cooperative approach, ict4eewiki.eu will make it easy for cities, municipalities and regions... [more](#)

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## Communities



### Micro-CHP in buildings

The aim of this Community is to highlight the potential of micro-CHP in increasing the energy efficiency of buildings. [More](#)

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### Submit your items to extend the content and knowledge on BUILD UP

If you are aware of other publications, events, tools or best practice cases in the field of energy efficiency in buildings, join the portal and submit the information. Other users will benefit from the extended available knowledge.

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