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:: Editorial

With the height of the summer upon us, this month's newsletter includes sizzling news on various campaigns and programmes focusing on addressing cooling needs in summer and how these can be met by heat from cogeneration, the potential of district heating and cooling schemes to address the needs of urban buildings as well as the potential of solar shading to achieve energy savings and CO₂ reductions. In addition, we include two interviews of great interest which discuss the implementation of the "More for Less" energy savings programme in the Netherlands and an introduction to Euroheat & Power, the EPBD Buildings Platform newest associated organisation.



Please remember that the Newsletter also takes a holiday during August, therefore your next edition will be delivered in September. Enjoy a good summer!

:: The Platform services

:: New Information Papers



Information Paper 43 on the status of implementation of the EPBD in Italy is now available. This document has been written by Marcello Antinucci, Gianmario Varalda and Giuliano Dall O of [RENAEL](#) (the National Net of Regional and Local Agencies for Energy Management) and includes official information of the legal context, calculation procedures, requirements for new and existing buildings, certification of buildings and an assessment of future planning.

> This Information Paper can be found [here](#).

:: Recent information from the countries



Rubric held in collaboration with Concerted Action

:: "More with Less" - the new Energy Savings programme in the Netherlands



Mr Teun P. Bokhoven, president of the Dutch Renewable Energy Federation (DE Koepel) and chair of the Energy transition committee for the Built Environment responsible for the development of the "More with Less" programme, discusses the programme's aims and details in this interview with the EPBD Buildings Platform.

The result of a unique co-operation between government and the private sector, involving energy companies, housing corporations and building and installation sectors, the plan aims at achieving 30% annual energy savings in 300,000 buildings by 2020.

> To read the full interview click [here](#).

:: Germany - New Energy Ordinance coming into force in 2007



The German Federal Cabinet made a decision on the new Energy Saving Ordinance (EnEV 2007) last Wednesday, the 27th of June 2007, agreeing to the changes made by the Federal Council. The EnEV 2007 will most likely come into force in October 2007 and will lead to a gradual introduction of compulsory energy certificates for existing buildings from July 2008.

> More information is available on www.dena-energieausweis.de or www.bmvbs.de (German only).

:: Europe and European related activities

:: National Energy Efficiency Action Plans now available online



As the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAPs) are being delivered to the European Commission, a web site has been created where all stakeholders involved in energy efficiency can consult the initiatives proposed in the different action plans. The Commission expects this site to become an exchange vehicle for new ideas and best practices across Europe. NEEAPs are an important element to improve dialogue on energy efficiency between the Commission and the Member States' on how to realise the considerable potential for savings. Member States submission of National Energy Efficiency Action Plans is a requirement laid down in the Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services Directive (Directive 2006/32/EC).

> For further information or to download the plans click [here](#).

:: VAT overhaul opens door to energy efficiency push



The European Commission has floated the idea of an EU-wide reduced value-added tax (VAT) rate for energy efficient appliances to drive their uptake. In a communication on simplifying the EU's VAT rules released on the 5th July 2007, the Commission says a preferential rate could be applied to products for energy efficiency and environmental purposes.

The Commission's communication asks Member States for their opinion on reduced VAT rates by the end of the year. The Commission will draw up legislative proposals by early 2009. EU tax proposals must be supported by all Member States to become law.

> To read the full press release click [here](#).

> To download a note summarising the main outcome of the study on the impact of reduced VAT rates carried out by "Copenhagen Economics" and of the Communication [COM(2007)380] published by the European Commission on the same subject click [here](#).

> For further details and documentation visit the VAT rates' pages [here](#).

:: How cooling needs in summer can be met by heat from cogeneration



The SUMMERHEAT project, coordinated by Berliner Energieagentur GmbH and run under the Intelligent Energy for Europe programme, focuses on how the heat from combined heat and power (CHP) technologies and/or waste incineration plants in district heating networks can be used for driving chillers. The benefits are more comfort with less greenhouse gas emissions, as cooling systems driven by surplus heat use less primary energy than traditional electricity driven systems. At the same time, an increased use of surplus heat improves the overall economics of the whole production park of district heating systems in general and of CHP and incineration plants in particular.

Participating countries include Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, France, Denmark, Poland and Belgium.

> For more information visit www.eu-summerheat.net.

:: Low carbon buildings with district heating and cooling: Ecoheatcool



Part of the heat losses in the European energy balance can be retrieved and distributed by district heating and cooling schemes delivering simple and reliable heating and cooling in urban buildings whilst supporting Europe's potential for higher energy efficiency.

The Ecoheatcool project, co-financed by the Intelligent Energy for Europe programme:

- analyses the heating and cooling demands in Europe with a view to provide comprehensive, aggregate information about the whole heating and cooling market and its dynamics in Europe (WP 1 and WP 2)
- analyses and makes visible possibilities for district heating and cooling (WP 4 and 5)
- provides a tool for assessing the primary energy efficiency of district heating systems from conversion to delivery to the final customer - in line with CEN standards for the implementation of the EPBD (WP 3)
- provides recommendations for strategies to encourage the development of sustainable heat and

cold supply options (WP 6).

> For more information and to download any project report visit www.ecoheatcool.org.

:: Associated organisations

:: Impressions of a European organisation heavily involved in the energy performance of buildings



EUROHEAT & POWER

members.

Mrs Sabine Froning, Managing Director of [Euroheat & Power](http://www.ecoheatcool.org), was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how she feels co-operation with the EPBD Buildings Platform is helping Euroheat & Power

> Read the [full interview](#)

:: Cities, campaigns and communication - Display® Campaign celebrates its 3rd year



On the 11th of October 2007, municipalities and other stakeholders are invited to celebrate the achievements of this European-wide initiative on labeling of public buildings. The "Display® Rendezvous" will provide the opportunity for experienced campaigners to share their experiences with newcomers in the field, communicating and initiating actions to improve the energy performance of public buildings. It will take place in the prestigious city hall of Brussels and will be followed in the evening by the second Display® "Towards Class A" Award ceremony, which recognises best municipal communication campaigns on energy issues.

> For further information see the [press release](#).

:: Presentation by the European Solar Shading Organisation



Dick Dolmans, Secretary General of the European Solar Shading Organization, gave a presentation entitled ***Energy Savings and CO₂ Reduction - Potential from Solar Shading*** during the European Energy Efficiency Conference, sponsored by DG-TREN and part of the annual Austrian Event 'World Sustainable Energy Days', which took place on the 1st of March 2007.

> A copy of the presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

> For further details and information visit the European Solar Shading Organisation website on www.es-so.com.

:: Events

:: European Sustainable Energy Week 2008



Following the success of EUSEW 2007, the next 'European Union Sustainable Energy Week' will be held from **28 January to 1 February 2008** in Brussels, Belgium. In addition the Commission will organise the Award Ceremony in order to honour the best partners of the Sustainable Energy Europe campaign. The Buildings Platform will organise a workshop during this week and hopes to welcome you there!

Registration will open on the 1st of October 2007. In the meantime, you can already create "your account", and then receive information and updates regarding the EUSEW 2008.

> For further details visit the EUSEW website on www.eusew.eu.

:: Sustainable City Development 2007 Conference



The [2007 Sustainable City Development](#) conference will be a good opportunity to share experiences about building a green future and taking the discussion on sustainability one step further. The programme includes a wide range of different issues related to city development. A number of workshops will focus more on issues related to construction and buildings.

The results from these workshops will be reported to the Sustainable Building Conference in Melbourne 2008. It takes place in Malmo, Sweden, on the 12th of September 2007.

:: International Exhibition on Eco-building Performance



Oriented towards the objectives of energy efficient buildings, the forum brings together experts who will provide advice on investment strategies and technical solutions in response to the challenges faced in new buildings and

construction. It takes place in Paris between the 18th and 20th of September 2007.

> For further details visit www.ecobuilding-performance.com.

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