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:: Editorial: The Platform continues to grow!

The EPBD Buildings Platform continues to develop with both more partners and more information (which is in more languages!). This is all covered in this month's newsletter which also includes the Global Energy Gala, also attended by members of the Platform. The Awards Gala was a world TV-first - it was the first TV broadcast from the European Parliament!

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:: FAQ websites in Member States



EPBD Buildings Platform users are no doubt aware of the FAQ section of the website but it also has links to other national FAQ websites which provide help on EPBD implementation. The platform currently gives links to sites for Austria, Belgium (Flanders), France and Ireland.

For more information click [here](#).

The Platform provides information on EPBD implementation for all Member States much of which is in English. To overcome the barrier of users not being fluent in English a lot of information is also provided in a whole range of languages. Indeed, the Platform's **multi-language policy** is now available in eight languages.

For more information click [here](#).

:: New IP on SAVE projects



Information Paper 29: Five new SAVE projects supporting the implementation of the EPBD

This is the second paper giving an overview of all EPBD focused SAVE projects. The main focus of this paper is to give an early overview of the five new SAVE projects started in late 2006 and early 2007.

> For full document click [here](#).

Information on three existing IEE SAVE projects is given [below](#).

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:: Country reports

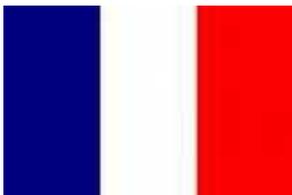


Including the two latest Country Reports from Malta and France we now have 20 countries covered.

These reports give a snapshot of progress towards implementation however as the process continually evolves, the report cannot fully reflect the very latest developments.

> The country reports can be found [here](#)

:: Recent developments in France



As well as the above country report there has also been a more recent announcement from France. Following implementation (November 2006) of energy certificates for existing buildings, a new decree (n°2007-363) has been published (19 March 2007) which deals with transposition of Articles 4, 6 and 7 (part 3) as well as enforcement aspects of Article 5. This will be required for all building permits submitted after 31 December 2007.

> The full document is available [here](#) (in French).

:: Flemish government decision on innovative systems and certificates



The Flemish government has adopted two new orders relating to the assessment of innovative systems and energy performance (EP) certificates.

From 10 April 2007 it is possible for buildings with innovative systems and technologies to be regarded as fulfilling the EPBD requirements provided it can be shown that their performance is equivalent. The list of innovative systems and technologies will be published on the website of the Flemish Energy Agency.

The order adopted on 20 April 2007 will require that by January 2009 at the latest, public buildings >1,000m² will have to have EP certificates.

> Read full document [here](#).

:: UK: Publication of EPB Regulations 2007 (certificates and inspections)



Published by the UK government on 29th March 2007, this document sets out the legal requirements for implementing EPBD Articles 7, 9 & 10 in England and Wales.

> For more information read the [CA webzine](#).

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> Europe and European related activities

:: IMPACT (IEE SAVE project): April newsletter



This is the last IMPACT project newsletter. It gives the latest (inter)national news, relevant information on project progress and results with regard to the EPBD.

> Read the IMPACT newsletter [here](#).

:: AUDITAC (IEE SAVE project)

Sixth project newsletter and a press release about available project results

> Read the newsletter [here](#), and the press release [here](#).

:: IMPLEMENT (IEE SAVE project): kick-off meeting



The project IMPLEMENT, which promotes national awareness of energy performance certificates for buildings, has just held its kick-off meeting. Pilot campaign leaders from 7 Member States met to discuss campaigns to support national and regional take-up of the legislation.

> Read the press release [here](#).

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:: CECODHAS joins EPBD Buildings Platform



CECODHAS has recently joined the Buildings Platform as an [Umbrella Organisation](#). It is a European network that promotes the right to decent housing for all. Membership includes 46 regional and national federations representing 39,000 enterprises in 19 countries which provides 21 million homes across the EU.

We will have an interview with them in next month's newsletter.

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> Events

:: Buildings Platform at Energy Globe TV Gala



The Buildings Platform attended the Energy Globe Gala at the European Parliament in Brussels on 11th April. The Awards Gala was televised, which was the first time a TV show took place and was broadcast from the European Parliament. 732 environmental energy projects were submitted from 96 countries, and awards were given in the categories Earth, Fire, Water, Air and Youth.

> [Read more...](#)

:: PALENC 2007



[2nd PALENC Conference and 28th the AIVC Conference \(Crete, Island, Greece, 27-29 September 2007\)](#)

The joint 2nd PALENC and the 28th AIVC Conference aims to focus on advanced low energy cooling and ventilation technologies for buildings. The main aims are to present and discuss the state of the art of research and applications dealing with ventilation and cooling, and also to assess the results achieved almost two years after the application of the EPBD.

:: Passive House Happening '07 - Benelux Energy Days



The Belgian Passive House Platform celebrates its 5th year in April and May with its 'ice challenge': how long before an ice block inside a passive house melts? Find out more at www.icechallenge.be. Courses and study trips follow in May and June.

Find out more at the Passive House Happening on Friday 28 September and the next day at the Passive House Technology Forum. Opportunities follow (20/21 October and 10/11 November) to experience how comfortable passive houses can be.

> Read more [here](#).

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