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This is the end of a busy year where major progress has been made towards the implementation of the EPBD while the EU is also looking into the future with proposals for a recasting of the Directive. With the conclusion of the UN Climate Change Conference in Bali, we present the contribution made by FIEC on the impact of buildings on climate change and the recent report by RICS on energy efficient EU building stock. As the darker days of winter draw in, we find guidance from Intelligent Energy Europe on promoting energy efficient lighting and look to a new year full of events starting in January with the European Union Sustainable Energy Week. The Buildings Platform daily management and editorial teams would like to wish our partners, contributors and readers a very happy Christmas, looking forward to welcome you again in 2008.

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:: Frequently Asked Questions



As the implementation of the EPBD progresses in all countries, we are updating and introducing new FAQs to ensure users find any relevant information of interest quickly and efficiently.

> To access the FAQs section click [here](#)

> If you still don't find the information you need, send us your enquiry via the Helpdesk [here](#)

:: Recent information from the countries

:: New country report for the Netherlands



A new country report providing an update on the status and planning for the implementation of the EPBD in The Netherlands is now available. The EPBD is being implemented gradually in the Netherlands and on the 1st of January 2008, the energy performance certificate will be mandatory at the hand over of buildings. This paper supersedes papers P07 and P38 and was produced by Frans van Ekerschot (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, The Netherlands) and Marjolein Heinemans (SenterNovem).

> The new country report for the Netherlands is available in [English](#) and [Dutch](#)

:: Europe and European funded projects

:: Recasting of Directive 2002/91/EC of 16 December 2002 on the Energy Performance of Buildings



The Commission legislative and work programme for 2008 includes an item for the recasting of Directive 2002/91/EC of 16 December 2002 on the Energy Performance of Buildings. This is part of a package on the Strategic Energy Review and included in the Energy Efficiency Action Plan. The planned amendments will cover some Articles of the Directive and add new ones. This will contribute to facilitate reading and comprehension for the implementing authorities and for the stakeholders affected.

> Full details are available [here](#)

:: Making the switch, Promoting Energy Efficient Lighting in the EU



With the nights drawing in, the question of lighting homes and public places is once again on people's minds. This video shows how the European Union encourages schemes to switch to energy efficient lighting in private homes, at the workplace and on the streets.

> For further information and to access the video click [here](#)

:: European associated organisations / partners

:: The impact of buildings on climate change



FIEC has prepared a summary briefing on the impact of buildings on climate change, with suggestions for raising the energy performance of buildings. This document was produced for MEP Karl-Heinz Florenz as a contribution towards the discussions during the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali.

> To download the FIEC's document on the impact of buildings on climate change click [here](#)

:: Towards an Energy Efficient European Building Stock - RICS Status Report



On 5 December 2007, RICS launched its Status Report on the Implementation of Directive 2002/91 on the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD) in the EU Member States. The roundtable debate was co-organised by RICS and The Centre, a 'think-do tank' based in Brussels. Based on the results of the RICS report, discussions focused on both the challenges to proper implementation of the Buildings Directive and what the current difficulties mean for its upcoming revision.

> For further information and to access the full report click [here](#)

:: The Display® Campaign exceeds its goal of 100 Shining Examples by the end of 2007



The Display® Campaign has managed to exceed its goal of publishing 100 Shining Examples by the end of 2007, with 103 published to date. The idea of "Shining Examples" is to promote good practice and learning from each other and the aim is to provide evidence that good examples of buildings and schemes are everywhere. Take a look at the existing Shining Examples and be inspired by the excellent work that the Display® members have been undertaking to improve the water and energy efficiency of their buildings and to raise awareness of these issues.

> For more information click [here](#)

:: Events

:: Investing in a Sustainable Built Environment - Do energy efficient buildings make economic sense? – EUSEW 2008



The objective of this workshop will be to analyse current real estate market trends in Europe. It will look at the drivers for sustainable investment and investigate tools that would help to illustrate the value of high performance buildings both to investors and occupants. Panelists will also explore necessary communication and marketing strategies to effectively target individual market segments. The workshop will start with a welcome address from a Commission representative followed by a short introduction by the CEO of RICS. The short presentations by the speakers are designed to lead to a panel discussion and interaction with the audience. This event will take place in Brussels on the 30 January 2008 as part of the European Union Sustainable Energy Week 2008.

> Further details are available [here](#)

:: Information and Communication Technologies for Energy Efficiency – EUSEW 2008



Bringing together the ICT and the Energy sectors stakeholders, this event aims at creating a synergetic effect, highlighting the potential of ICT for improving energy efficiency and opening a debate on key issues and innovative ICT-solutions within the most promising application areas – namely the power grid, smart buildings and the ICT sector itself. This event will take place in Brussels on the 31 January 2008 as part of the European Union Sustainable Energy Week 2008.

> For further information click [here](#)

:: FILM: Last Call for Planet Earth – EUSEW 2008



With the involvement of Professor Hugo Hens (KU Leuven), a specialist in sustainable building, and EU Energy Commissioner Andris Piebalgs and via a series of propositions for a new way of designing cities, the film tries to show that sustainable development is thus materialising by exploring the contributions of twelve of the most important architects of our time. This film aims to draw the outline of a true cultural revolution that will break down prejudices against contemporary architecture. This event will take place in Brussels on the 31 January 2008 as part of the European Union Sustainable Energy Week 2008.

> For further information click [here](#)

:: Meeting Energy Efficiency Goals: Enhancing Compliance, Monitoring and Evaluation



This workshop, co-sponsored by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the International Task Force for Sustainable Products (ITFSP), seeks to bring together public and private sector stakeholders to share information on effective frameworks for compliance, monitoring and evaluation in relation to energy efficiency measures. The workshop will open and close with plenary sessions that address common themes and concerns relating to compliance and evaluation. In between these sessions, three parallel working groups will convene to focus on particular issues associated with:

- Energy Efficiency in the Buildings Sector;
- Energy Efficiency in the Equipment and Appliances Sector; and
- Evaluating Energy Efficiency Measures.

The workshop will take place in Paris on the 28 and 29 February 2008.

> A programme for this event is available [here](#)

> For further information click [here](#)

:: World Sustainable Energy Days 2008



This international conference will take place in Wels, Austria, on the 5th to 7th March 2008 and will include, among others, the following events:

- * Renewable Heating and Cooling;
- * European Pellets Forum;
- * European Energy Efficiency Conference;
- * Electricity Efficiency Conference;
- * Seminar on Energy Efficient Procurement;
- * Efficient Lighting Conference;
- * Seminar on Future Energy Technologies.

> The final programme is now available [here](#)

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