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## :: Editorial: Holiday season doesn't mean Platform work stops!

Climate Change gives us no time to lose, so our work in support of the Platform continues throughout the summer. For example, the Publications Database will be available on line beginning of August and work will also be proceeding on providing translations of Information Papers into a number of languages.

In this issue you will find a [new Information Paper \(Boiler inspection\)](#), some national manuals provided by the Concerted Action, and an interview with EuroAce .

See you in September and enjoy your summer – but don't wait that to visit our website. New information will be available throughout the summer!

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## > The Platform services

### :: New information paper on Boilers theme: “Why are simple on-site measurements acceptable to estimate actual energy performance?”

*by F.Durier (CETIAT)*

One important aspect of the EPBD is the introduction of regular boiler inspections. The regular maintenance of boilers by qualified personnel helps to maintain their correct adjustment and consequent optimal performance from environmental, safety and energy points of view. This information paper explains to non-specialists how to estimate the energy efficiency of a boiler during inspection by means of only a few measurements.

> [Read more \(Information paper 04\)](#)



## > Europe and European related activities

### :: Publications: Concerted Action provides English versions of national manuals

by E.Maldonado (University of Porto)



The EPBD poses significant challenges for EU Member States in terms of the practical details of the transposition. Last month, we presented a series of European funded initiatives to try to overcome these difficulties and move towards a degree of harmonisation on a voluntary basis. Among these initiatives is the [EPBD Concerted Action](#).

English translations of a number of interesting national manuals have been provided by this project. This helps to stimulate dialogue between Member States and promote mutual learning from best practices internationally. Specifically, the English versions that are now available are:

- ❖ [The Italian inspection program \(one-off inspection method\);](#)
- ❖ [The Danish handbook for certification;](#)
- ❖ [The Evaluation of the German Field Test on Residential Buildings.](#)

These documents are now available in the Publications section of the Buildings Platform.

### :: NEW IEE project: RESHAPE: Retrofitting Social Housing and Active Preparation for EPBD



RESHAPE intends to contribute to the implementation of EPBD by: - Demonstrating the preparation of actors planning and testing the integration of energy performance certification (EPC) in operational processes and services; - Testing and demonstrating added-value opportunities of EPC; - Developing support tools; - Disseminating the project outcomes to social housing actors in order to increase their awareness and change their attitude towards solutions

for refurbishments.

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## :: AuditAC project: Field Benchmarking and Market Development for Audit Methods in Air Conditioning



AUDITAC is a project being carried out under the EIE EC program. It addresses Article 9 of the European Building Directive. According to this article, each AC-system over 12 kW needs regular inspection in order to maintain its energy efficiency at a high level.

AUDITAC is notably providing [a database related to COP value of AC systems](#) installed since 1995 and two technical guidelines about Inspection of AC systems.

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### > Associated organisations and related websites

## :: Impressions of a European organisation strongly involved in Energy performance of buildings: EuroACE's interview



The European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings (EuroACE) President Kurt Emil Eriksen was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels cooperation between the EPBD Platform and EuroACE members is useful for both sides.

> [Read more](#)

## :: DIAG: An Advisory Group on EPBD in UK



The EPB Directive Implementation Advisory Group (DIAG) has been established to advise the UK Government on the energy performance of buildings and the implementation of the European Energy Building Performance Directive in a timely manner.

> [Read more about DIAG's work and objectives](#)

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### > Events

> [AUDIT'06: International Energy Audit Conference \(Finland, Lahti, 11-13 September 2006\)](#)

Energy Audit'06 conference aims at presenting energy auditing as an effective and proven tool in improving energy efficiency in companies and buildings, as well as boost the integration of renewable energy sources in energy audit procedures and energy performance of buildings. The conference facilitates a platform for exchange of information, experiences and results gained in energy auditing programmes in EU member states and beyond to countries on starting phase in energy audit activities.

> [RESOURCE06 - BRE's premier low carbon event \(UK, BRE-Watford, 27-28 September 2006\)](#)

Climate Change adaptation and mitigation will be two of the main issues facing our society this century. Buildings are significant contributors to the causes of climate change, accounting for over 45% of the carbon dioxide emitted in the UK. The construction sector therefore has a major role to play in reducing these emissions and in also helping to offset increasing emissions in other sectors.

> [DRIVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: \(Belgium, Brussels, 28 September 2006\)](#)

One-Day Conference examining European Energy policy and Alternative Energy Options to Drive Efficient Energy Use.

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