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This edition of the newsletter introduces a wide range of new Information Papers available from the Buildings Platform. These include an overview of new SAVE projects in place, an evaluation and discussion of how minimum energy performance requirements are set in most countries, a new conference paper and two new country reports providing an update on the status of implementation in Hungary and Malta.

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:: New IP: Additional SAVE projects support the EPBD: Kick-off Winter 07 /Spring 08



[Information Paper P062](#) gives an overview of five new SAVE projects started late 2007 and early 2008. The five new projects, arising from the final Call for Proposals from the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (2003-2006), can help to support the efficient implementation of the EPBD in practice. An overview of all the EPBD focused SAVE projects funded under the Programme since its launch is also given.

:: New IP: Setting minimum energy performance requirements through reference buildings with reference technologies



[Information Paper P071](#) discusses how the minimum energy performance requirements as requested by Article 4 of the EPBD are in most countries set by limiting the net, final or primary energy demand or the CO₂ emissions of a building depending on the building type and/or building geometry.

:: Conference Paper: 2nd Common Symposium of FP6 Ecobuildings Projects



The programme and the highlights of the presentations, posters and round table discussions at the 2nd Common Ecobuildings Symposium held in Stuttgart at the beginning of April 2008, are summarised in this [Information Paper P080](#)

:: Recent information from the countries

:: New IP: Status of implementation of the EPBD in Hungary



Information Paper [P070](#) is now available providing an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Hungary.

:: New IP: Status of implementation of the EPBD in Malta



Information Paper [P075](#) is now available providing an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Malta.

:: Free climate change weather file generator now available



A [Climate Change Weather File Generator](#) has been developed by the Sustainable Energy Research Group (SERG) at the School of Civil Engineering and the Environment, University of Southampton. This free tool is Microsoft Excel-based and uses the UKCIP02 climate change scenarios to transform CIBSE/Met Office present day UK weather files into projected future weather files. The future weather files it generates are consistent with the UKCIP02 projections of climate change and compatible with the majority of building performance simulation programs.

:: Europe and European funded projects

:: Presentations from the Eco-innovation European Info Day



The Eco-innovation European Info Day took place in Brussels on 8 May with about 300 participants. Some € 28 million will be available to co-finance projects for the promotion of innovative, environmental-friendly projects in the area of materials recycling, sustainable buildings, food & drink industrial processes, green business & smart purchasing to name a few. Successful applicants can expect to receive financial support covering up to 60% of the project eligible costs. Applications from SMEs are particularly encouraged. The presentations are now [online](#).

:: The Commission proposes to replace the Construction Products Directive



To enhance the internal market for construction products, the Commission has proposed to replace the "Construction Products Directive" (89/106/EEC) with a new regulation aiming to remove all remaining regulatory and technical obstacles to the free circulation of construction products in the European Economic Area. Further information is available [here](#)

:: European associated organisations / partners

:: BING comments on the Commission consultation on financing energy efficiency



BING presents comments for improving the financing of energy efficiency measures in buildings including to which degree will financing be the key issue for energy efficiency in the short and long term, investment trends in the sector, suitable financial instruments and risks to take into account when planning a new investment. The document is available [here](#)

:: Eurima's position on the recast of the EPBD



Eurima declares that in order to realise the full potential of the Directive, a number of changes will need to be made. [Eurima's position paper](#) states a number of proposals to the Commission for the recasting of the EPBD.

:: European Developers launch Sustainability Charter



On the occasion of the 2008 Green Week, the European Union of Developers and House Builders (UEPC) * representing the private sector of developers and house builders in Europe, has launched its [Sustainability Charter](#). An [Executive Summary](#) is also available, as well as versions in [French](#) and [German](#).

:: Events

:: International Workshop Meeting Energy Efficiency Goals: summary report



At a workshop held in Paris during February 2008, more than 140 public and private sector stakeholders representing 29 countries and numerous intergovernmental and other organizations examined the scope to maximize energy efficiency by improving the effectiveness of existing policy measures. Sponsored by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and

the International Task Force for Sustainable Products (ITFSP), workshop participants discussed the potential for increasing energy and greenhouse savings through investment in the compliance, monitoring and evaluation of policies for appliances and buildings. The report is available [here](#)

:: Presentations from the "Build Green CEE: Energy Efficient and Ecological Design for the Region" conference



Video presentations from the *Build Green CEE 2008: Energy Efficient and Ecological Design for the Region* event that took place in April 2008 in Bucharest are available online [here](#)

:: 23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition



Taking place from **1st to 5th September 2008** at the Feria **Valencia** in Spain, the [23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference](#) will be the most important international Conference in the field of Photovoltaics.

:: World SB08 Melbourne



The World Sustainable Building (SB) Conference series is the peak gathering of the world's leading technical experts and researchers on sustainable built environments. [SB08 Melbourne](#) will continue a traditional focus on technical developments and case studies. The workshop takes place in **Melbourne**, Australia, on the **21st of September 2008**.

:: The 4th Emerging Europe Energy Summit

The [4th Emerging Europe Energy Summit](#) will focus on the need to develop an enhanced common approach to the security of energy supplies and look for new means to reduce energy dependence. It will take place on the **2nd of October 2008** in **Athens**, Greece.

:: Workshop: Monitoring by use of Energy Performance Certificates



During the [Monitoring by use of Energy Performance Certificates workshop](#) experiences with different data collection schemes and results of data analysing and cross-country comparison will be presented. Furthermore the question of data structure harmonisation and the possible contributions to large scale monitoring activities will be discussed. this workshop will take place in **Brussels**, on the **13th November 2008**.

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