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:: Editorial: Significant strides towards EPBD implementation

There has been rapid progress with EPBD implementation as witnessed by legislative announcements in many Member States in recent months. This month's newsletter reports on this and also contains a new set of country reports some of which, such as the Netherlands, update earlier versions. There is also a new Information Paper with further details on the set of CEN standards supporting EPBD implementation. Furthermore, the Buildings Platform is also progressing one of its key aims of increasing availability of information in different languages by providing additional translations of other Information Papers.

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:: New Information Papers and additional translations



There is a new Information Paper P040 which contains additional details and an update on the status of the **CEN standards** developed to support the implementation of the EPBD This is a follow up on Information Paper P002 on CEN standards in the EU Member States, and is available [here](#).

Information Paper P000 - **EPBD Buildings Platform: overall context and activities** is now available in Italian, Spanish, Finnish and German. To access these papers click [here](#).

Also, Italian translations of Information Papers P002 - [The set of CEN standards developed to support the implementation of the EPBD in the EU Member States](#), and P003 - [Energy performance certification](#)

[procedures](#), [present status](#), are now available.

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> Recent information from the countries



Rubric held in collaboration with Concerted Action

:: Country reports



New country reports on the status of implementation of the EPBD are now available for **Austria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Latvia and Luxembourg**, as well as an update on the implementation status in the **Netherlands**.

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

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

:: Progress in EPBD implementation

Three countries have made further progress towards EPBD implementation:



The Regulations on technical passports for construction works has been implemented in **Bulgaria**. Technical passports have been introduced as documents which contain the technical characteristics of the construction work elements and include the building energy passport (label) as an integral part.



A new online interactive tool has been launched in the **Netherlands** which provides information on energy efficiency measures and advice on potential savings to householders.



The Royal Decree on the Energy Certification of New Buildings in **Spain** establishes processes for the introduction of energy certification for new buildings.

> Further information is available on the latest webzine from Concerted Action [latest webzine from Concerted Action](#).

> Europe and European related activities

:: EPLabel Online now live!



A new website has been launched which produces a demonstration version of an energy performance certificate suitable for display. EPLabel Online is an easy-to-use and robust system based on Operational Ratings which is aimed at owners, occupiers and managers of public buildings.

Developed by the IEE SAVE EPLabel project, the website aims to help Member States as they finalise their national legislation, in fulfilment of EPBD Article 7.3. The software works with the data and languages of fifteen European countries/regions. This facility required not just a basic translation, but also a challenging harmonisation of the meanings of terms in the context of different traditions of building energy assessment. The software complies with the new CEN standards.

> Visit [EPLabel Online](#).

:: IEE Programme (2007-2013) and the Call for Proposals 2007



The Intelligent Energy Europe Call for Proposals 2007 has been launched with a focus on either local areas or on subjects considered of particular interest, such as bio-businesses, co-generation or energy services. There is more funding per project available, with up to 75% of the eligible project costs supported.

Projects should be designed to contribute to enabling policies, market transformation, behavioural change, access to capital, and training. Funding for the creation of new local or regional energy agencies will continue to be available to public authorities, but only one applicant will be required.

> For further information access the [IEE website](#).

:: MEPs launch Energy Efficiency Watch



On 6th March 2007, 5 MEPs launched a new coalition to inform and influence EU and national policymakers on energy efficiency. They have been joined by representatives of several EU- industry associations. At the press launch, the MEPs called for "action, not talk" in view of Member States' hesitations to introduce serious measures to improve energy efficiency.

The [Energy Efficiency Watch](#) will accompany and monitor developments on energy efficiency, offer best-

practice advice to governments (which are required to prepare national energy efficiency action plans by June 2007) and provide an internet site for energy efficiency communication. The budget for the initiative is €400,000, with half coming from an EU project and the rest invested by companies with an interest in the issue.

> For further information, visit the [Energy Watch](#) website.

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> Associated organisations

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



Paul Louis Marty, president of CECODHAS, was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels co-operation with the EPBD Buildings Platform is helping CECODHAS members.

> Read the [full interview](#).

The CECODHAS Dossier for the Spring Summit 2007 *Social housing providers call for affordability and accessibility for end-users at the core of EU energy policy* is available [here](#).

:: FIEC position on the European Commission's Action Plan for Energy Efficiency



FIEC holds the view that only very robust and determined measures will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings. However, it feels this will not be achieved unless the present dysfunctions in the market are eliminated, and proposes that regulators must implement measures that will encourage building owners and energy providers to take advantage of every available possibility to correct these market failures.

> The FIEC position paper on the Commission's Action Plan is available [here](#).

Prof. Daniel Tardy, FIEC President, gave a presentation to the G8 Conference on Energy Efficiency in Berlin on 21st April 2007 entitled *Drastically cutting energy demand in buildings: Market Opportunities for Contractors?* A copy of the presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

> For further information about FIEC, visit the [FIEC website](#).

:: ACE political statement and policy document



As set out in its political statement, ACE is determined to help deliver high quality, sustainable architecture that must characterise the built environment in Europe throughout the 21st Century in order that it makes a sizable contribution to resolving the environmental and climatic problems

faced by the planet.

> ACE's political statement *Sustainable Architecture and Environment - Energy Efficiency* is available [here](#).

ACE's policy document adopted on the 20 April 2007 by its General Assembly, commits it to an active promotion of the principles of sustainable development, to the formulation of proposals for concrete action and to contribute to the implementation of agreed proposals.

> ACE's policy document *The Role of Architecture in Society* is available [here](#).

> For further information about ACE, visit the [ACE website](#).

:: "Towards Class A" Guidelines available on-line



Energie-Cités' Display® Campaign already has more than three years' experience with many cities or regions having already displayed their energy and water performance Display® labels for consecutive years. These guidelines summarise

the tools and documents that have been prepared to assist local authorities to continually improve their performances. There are a number of examples that illustrate the positive effects of both technical and communication interventions on improving building performance to Class A.

> The guidelines are available [here](#)

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:: 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.

More news will be available shortly.

:: 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 objectives 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



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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