

# Newsletter

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## :: Editorial

The work and interest shown in the introduction of the EPBD are intensifying with more countries reporting on the status of their respective implementations. The Buildings Platform is also receiving a growing number of enquiries and requests for information from private businesses and organisations as Member States start to introduce measures and legislation that implement the EPBD. This autumn, the Platform continues to provide guidance and direction and is also escalating its efforts, presenting a stand at the Innova Fair from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of November, supporting a number of events in the new year during the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2008 and more.



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## :: The Platform services

### :: More enquiries to the Helpdesk since the summer



The Helpdesk has had a marked increase in the number of enquiries received during September. Numerous questions were addressed which mainly focused on the specific deadlines for implementation within individual Member States, the qualifications for inspectors, the future monitoring and the applicability of the Directive to specific building types such as heritage structures.

> To ask a question click [here](#)

### :: First draft version of database with links between EPBD related CEN standards at the Buildings Platform website



A first version of the database with links between the EPBD related CEN standards is now available. This first version contains, among others, an overview of the general definitions given in the Formal Vote version of prCEN/TR 15615, the so called "Umbrella Document".

In future this database will be expanded with hyperlinks between the main input and output variables in the main CEN standards to support the EPBD.

> To access the database click [here](#)

## :: Recent information from the countries



Rubric held in collaboration with Concerted Action

### :: New country reports



Three new country reports containing official information on implementation are now available:

> IP48, written by Teresa Herrera (Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de Energía - IDAE - Spain), on the status of implementation of EPBD in Spain, is available [here](#)

> IP49 about the implementation of the EPBD in Croatia, provided by Nada Mardetko Skoro, is available [here](#)

> IP50 on the status of implementation of the EPBD in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, supplied by Paul Woods (Faber Maunsell, United Kingdom), is available

[here](#)

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## :: Towards a more energy efficient Scotland

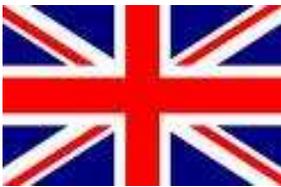


An expert panel has been set up to recommend measures to make houses and buildings in Scotland more energy efficient, it was announced this week. Stewart Stevenson, Scotland's Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, wants new homes to meet the same strict energy standards as in Scandinavia so as to bring down energy use and energy bills.

> To read the full article from *Green Building* click [here](#).

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## :: Introduction of energy checklists for commercial heating installations in the UK



The UK is implementing article 8b of the EPBD and in this context, the UK Government is launching commercial heating checklists to enable businesses and building owners/occupiers to obtain information about the energy efficiency of their heating and hot water systems. The checklist is designed to be completed by a heating engineer and given to a building owner/occupier during a service or maintenance visit. It gives a basic assessment of the efficiency of the heating and hot water systems and an indication of whether the customer would benefit from a more thorough assessment of their system.

> Further information and downloads are available in the [website of the Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

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## :: The Netherlands launches a public campaign for energy certificates for houses



The national information campaign for energy certificates for houses in the Netherlands was launched on 15th October 2007. The campaign focuses on home-owners and consumers and informs them about energy certificates. The campaign consists of short commercials on radio and TV, items in housing related TV-programs, advertisements in national newspapers and a campaign site with an energy certificate test. The first 2,100 energy certificates for houses have already been issued by recognized assessors.

> For more information please go to [www.vrom.nl/energielabel](http://www.vrom.nl/energielabel) (information only available in Dutch). Here you can also find the commercials and frequently asked questions.

## :: Europe and European funded projects

### :: The Commission takes legal action against France and Latvia



The European Commission has sent a Reasoned Opinion – the last step before referral to the Court of Justice – to France and Latvia for failure to notify whether they implemented the measures required by the EPBD. The measures in question should have been transposed by 4 January 2006.

> Further details can be obtained [here](#)

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### :: New reports on Energy Efficiency Trends and Policies



New reports on energy efficiency trends and policies are available on the ODYSSEE web site. They cover Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland and the Czech Republic.

> For further information visit the [ODYSSEE website](#)

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### :: ISO/FDIS 13790 "Energy use for space heating and cooling"



EN ISO 13790, "*Thermal performance of buildings - Calculation of energy use for space heating and cooling*" is one of the key standards to support the EPBD and it is explicitly mentioned in the EPBD.

The publication of the final draft version of this standard (the so called Final Draft International Standard or FDIS), in presentation for formal voting, is scheduled for end of October 07. This is one of the standards to support the EPBD that has already been developed as a truly global standard, for use not only within Europe (CEN), but also on a global scale (ISO).

> More information on this standard can be found in [Information Paper P040](#)

> Further information on the CEN procedures can be found in [Information Paper P02](#)

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## **:: The Commission takes legal action against Member States for failing to submit their Energy Efficiency Action Plans**



The European Commission has launched infringement procedures against Belgium, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Sweden for failure to notify their national Energy Efficiency Action Plan by 30 June 2007, as required by the 2006 Energy End-Use Efficiency and Energy Services

Directive. The Action Plans should present national strategies on how to achieve a 9% energy savings target by the end of 2016 as well as how Member States comply with a number of other provisions of the Directive.

> For further information visit the Europe website [here](#)

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## **:: ASsessment and Improvement of the EPBD Impact (for new building and renovation)**



A thirty month action intended to strengthen the impact of the EPBD in both newbuild and retrofit projects was launched in October 07. Awareness raising on the use of known technical solutions will be carried out in order to overcome barriers to the effective impact of the Directive. Furthermore, within the action, entitled ASIEPI, a concept will be

developed for inter-comparison and benchmarking of EPBD requirements across the EU. The action is supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme.

> Further information is available [here](#)

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## **:: Launch of CENSE to lead the CEN standards on energy performance of buildings to practice**



Through a series of highly focused workshops, a new action entitled CENSE aims to lead the CEN standards on energy performance of buildings to practice. Launched in October 07, key actors will meet and discuss together in interactive sessions over the next 30 months . The activities are supported by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme.

> Further information is available [here](#)

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## **:: EPA-NR: method and tools for the assessment of the Energy Performance of Non Residential Buildings in the European countries**



The EPA-NR project supports the Member States by providing an Energy Performance Assessment method and accompanying tools. The most powerful tool is the EPA-NR software that is in principle applicable in all Member States. It only needs some adjustment to local conditions to make it an effective national

software package. This project is supported by the Community's Intelligent Energy - Europe programme.

> Further information is available in the Information Paper P55 [here](#)

> Information about the EPA-NR project is available at the project web site: [www.epa-nr.org](http://www.epa-nr.org)

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### **:: The Call for Proposals 2007 from the IEE Programme is closed**



The Intelligent Energy Europe Call for Proposals 2007 has now been closed. The next chance to apply for IEE funding will be the 2008 call which will open in January 2008 and make some € 50 million available to support projects. A European Info Day on the new call will be organised on 31 January 08 during the European Sustainable Energy Week.

> Further information is available at the [IEE website](#)

### **:: European associated organisations/partners**

#### **:: ENBRI joins the Buildings Platform**



The Buildings Platform is happy to introduce its latest new partner, the European Network of Building Research Institute (ENBRI). ENBRI was founded in 1988 to bring together principal building and construction research institutes in Europe. With 23 members, its knowledge base covers all significant aspects of building and construction, including not only the performance of materials, systems, buildings and other structures but also the associated design, management and communication processes. Through strong links with both industry and government bodies, ENBRI members play crucial roles in creating and disseminating new knowledge and assisting innovation across construction, which is the single largest industrial sector in Europe.

> For more information about ENBRI click [here](#)

> To download further information on ENBRI's work click [here](#)

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#### **:: Progress report by the European Solar Shading Organisation**



Dick Dolmans, Secretary General of the European Solar Shading Organization, has provided a progress report illustrating examples in Denmark and France of how shading is recognized as a source of Passive Cooling which is being introduced as part of the implementation of the EPBD.

> To view the progress report by the ES-SO click [here](#)

## :: Events

### :: Innova Energy Fair 2007



The EPBD Buildings Platform will have a stand at the Innova Fair from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2007. *The Belgian and International Trade Fair for Technological Innovation focused on Energy* is expecting to show over 40 exhibitors this year.

> For further information click [here](#)

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### :: First Announcement and Call for Papers for the 3rd European BlowerDoor Symposium



The 3rd European BlowerDoor Symposium will explore detailed planning and the professional and durable production of the airtight envelope, the quality assurance at the building and a stronger interlocking between civil engineering and building services within the building stock. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 30th Nov 07 and papers may be presented in German or English.

> For further information click [here](#)

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### :: 3rd European Energy Efficiency Conference



Following the success of the first two "European Energy Efficiency Conferences", the conference will address economic, technical, political, legal and institutional questions relating to energy efficiency, with a special focus on how public bodies, private households and businesses can reduce their energy costs and profit economically whilst at the same time protect the environment and the climate. The conference will take place in Wels, Austria, on 6th - 7th March 2008. This event is sponsored by the Buildings Platform.

> For further information click [here](#)

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### :: First Announcement and Call for Papers of the first International Conference on Building Energy and Environment (COBEE)



This first International Conference on Building Energy and Environment (COBEE) will be held in Dalian and is organized to provide a platform for discussing energy and environmental issues and for initiating collaboration among building engineers, environmental scientists, architects, facility managers and policy makers. The objective for the conference is to provide a forum for discussion that addresses the challenges and opportunities we are facing, while enabling collaboration that

encourages the participants from both developed and developing countries to work together to solve the most critical problems.

> For further information click [here](#)

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### **:: 3rd European Forum on Eco-innovation**



The third edition of the Forum will be held in Paris on November 26-27th 2007 and will be devoted to the role of Environmental Performance Verification (EPV) in supporting the market take-up of eco-technologies. EPV systems provide a prior verification of the claimed performance of eco-technologies. The objective is to enhance the confidence of investors and potential buyers in promising innovative eco-technologies, thus facilitating their entrance into the EU and international marketplace. The European Commission, in the framework of ETAP (Environmental Technologies Action Plan), is preparing to set up an EPV scheme in the European Union.

> For further information click [here](#)

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### **:: Events at the European Sustainable Energy Week 2008**



All the events during the European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2008 related to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) can be found in this [ROADMAP](#). The ROADMAP tells you when, where and at what time the conferences start. Use it as an aid to maximize your stay in Brussels and to learn about the EPBD.

#### **Monday 28 January 2008**

EU Sustainable Energy Policy, Slovenian Presidency - European Commission

#### **Tuesday 29 January 2008**

ENR Perspectives on implementation of the EPBD, European Energy Network (ENR), Energy Saving Trust

#### **Wednesday 30 January 2008**

- Implementing the Energy Services Directive, DG TREN
- EU Energy Efficiency Policy Update, DG TREN
- Housing & the European energy transition, CECODHAS European Liaison Committee for Social Housing
- Energy performance certification for buildings: getting the conditions right, Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI), EPBD Buildings Platform

#### **Thursday January 31 2008**

EPBD: Next steps and Stakeholders' Inputs, DG TREN, EPBD Buildings Platform

**Friday January 31 2008**

Ready for sustainable cities and buildings?, CONCERTO, RICS

**From Monday to Friday**

Virtual Ice Block Bet, CLIMATE ALLIANCE

**From Tuesday to Friday**

Keep cool at the bar, EURIMA

> For registration to these events visit the [EUSEW website](#)

> You can download a programme [here](#)

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