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:: Editorial: New look website and new look newsletter packed with new information!

Continuing the theme of newness from last month's newsletter we are pleased to announce and attractive new look to the Platform website. The new layout helps you to navigate your way to information on the Directive's five main themes and the support provided by the Platform's tools and services, and this is mirrored in this month's newsletter.



In the meantime have a read through the newsletter as it contains information on an extensive range of activities, events and publications related to EPBD implementation: country reports; theme papers; presentations and videos related to the recent EC Sustainable Energy Week.....

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:: Platform Helpdesk now fully open



Following last month's announcement the Platform Helpdesk is now fully open to all, not just newsletter subscribers. It complements the FAQ section of the website, and allows users to ask questions concerning implementation of the Directive across its five main themes.

The Helpdesk can be accessed [here](#).

:: Publications and downloads



There is an ever-growing resource of publications and downloads to be found on the Platform website. There are now 24 [Information Papers](#) (IPs) a number of which are available in up to 8 languages, the [RSS](#) (Real Simple Syndication) tool, the [standards database](#) etc.

Any publications on energy efficiency, EPBD, national transposition etc. are more than welcome, so contact the Platform if you wish to make them available through the website.

> The publications section of the website can be found [here](#).

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Rubric held in collaboration with [Concerted Action](#)

:: New set of Country Reports



Thanks to close collaboration with Concerted Action (CA) and following last month's announcement, the Platform has published another seven Country Report IPs. This suite of publications covers Belgium (Brussels Capital Region), Belgium (Flemish Region), Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Sweden which now brings the total number of Reports to 16, over half of all Member States!

As noted previously, these reports are a snapshot of the progress towards implementation and as all Member States are making significant strides they cannot fully reflect the very latest developments.

> The Country Reports can be found [here](#).

:: Latest CA Webzine



The latest edition of the CA Webzine focuses on the most recent CA meeting in Dublin and discusses the specifications and training requirements of assessors and inspectors, as well as presentations from the EPA-NR project on the development of new software to calculate the energy demand of non-residential buildings.

The Webzine also summarises the latest steps towards EPBD implementation in Italy and the Slovak Republic.

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:: Latest IEE reports



Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE) reports are now classified by theme and can be found [here](#). In particular, there is a new key sector report "Multiplying success in buildings" which can be found [here](#).

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> Associated organisations

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

RICS's interview



The Platform is very pleased to announce that the RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) has become a partner to the Buildings Platform as a European Umbrella Organisation. To mark this Louis Armstrong, Chief Executive of the RICS, was asked about the challenges faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels co-operation

with the Platform is helping RICS members.

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:: Videos on line



The First EU Sustainable Energy Week held in Brussels from the end of January to the beginning of February was a great success. We are pleased that the Buildings Platform session *Best Implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive* was well attended (over 120 people were present) and received; a broadcast of the session can be found on the [ManagEnergy website](#).

:: Events



> [Workshop on Energy Efficient Retrofits of Schools \(Stuttgart, Germany, 9 March 2007\)](#). The Fraunhofer Institute of Building Physics, Projektträger Julich and the German Ministry for Economy and Technology will organise a workshop on the energy efficient retrofit of school buildings. Speakers from the Ministry, research, communities, promotional organisations and the industry will present the state-of-the-art, results from earlier projects and proposed next steps.



> [European BlowerDoor Symposium \(Kassel, Germany, 16-17 March 2007\)](#). The European BlowerDoor Symposium will focus on building air-tightness, thermography and ventilation of dwellings.

> [Clima 2007 \(Helsinki, Finland, 10-14 June 2007\)](#). The 9th REHVA World



Congress offers scientists, industry, building owners, consultants, engineers, architects and policy-makers a platform to exchange scientific knowledge and technical solutions. The congress will cover all aspects of HVAC technology, including building automation in types of buildings.

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