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## :: Editorial

*This edition of the newsletter offers an exciting end to what has been a very busy year in the process of implementation of the EPBD. New information papers from the CENSE and ASIEPI projects, as well as a summary of the Euroheat & Power conference are now available on the Platform. The European Commission adopted a proposal for measures to support energy efficiency and renewable energy in low-income households and the results of the experts' meeting in Brussels on Monitoring by use of Energy Performance Certificates have been published.*

*The EPBD Buildings Platform wishes you a good reading and a very Happy Christmas!*

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### :: New translations of Information Papers



[Information Paper P073](#) "Implementation of the EPBD in Germany: Status and future planning - March 2008" is now available in German.

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### :: New Information Paper from the CENSE project



The aim of the project CENSE is to support the EU Member States and other target groups in the awareness and effective use of the European (CEN) standards related to the EPBD. [Information Paper P108](#) discusses "EN 15316-4-7 - Space heating generation systems - Biomass combustion systems".

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### :: New Information Paper from the ASIEPI project



[Information Paper P132](#), "An overview of national trends related to innovative ventilation systems", summarises the discussion related to innovative (ventilation) systems that took place at the AIVC workshop organised in Ghent, Belgium, in March 2008.

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### :: New Conference Paper from the Euroheat & Power Conference



[Information Paper P122](#), "Heating without Global Warming - Low-Carbon Buildings with District Heating and Cooling - Euroheat & Power Conference", gives a summary of the Heating without Global Warming Conference held during the European Green Week on 5 June 2008 in Brussels.

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## :: Recent information from the countries

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### :: New country reports



In Austria the responsibility for the implementation is split between the Federal Republic of Austria and the nine Länder (Autonomous Provinces), thus each of the nine Länders has its own regional regulations. Information Paper [P124](#) is now available providing an update on the status and planning of the EPBD in Austria.



Information Paper [P119](#) gives information about the implementation of the EPBD in Luxembourg. The EPBD implementation in Luxembourg is the responsibility of the "Ministère de l'Economie et du Commerce Extérieur" (Ministry of Economy and Foreign trade), Department for Energy.



A new Information Paper [P131](#) describes the implementation of the EPBD in the Netherlands. Since January 1st 2008 the energy performance certificate is mandatory at the hand over of buildings.

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### :: Extension of support on energy efficiency and microgeneration in Scotland



A service that provides face-to-face support for householders on all aspects of microgeneration and energy efficiency installation is to be extended in Scotland. 10 advisers will offer hands-on support as part of the £500,000 Energy Saving Scotland Home Help service carrying out home visits, surveys, assistance with planning applications and follow up support once the technology has been installed. [\[More information\]](#)

## **:: Europe and European funded projects**

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### **:: Monitoring by use of Energy Performance Certificates – Results of a Building Expert Meeting in Brussels**



On the 13th of November 2008 experts from 16 European countries convened in Brussels in order to discuss the possible ways of energy certificate data collection and its prospective benefit for energy efficiency monitoring activities in the building sector. A summary of the outcome of the expert workshop can be downloaded [here](#). The slides can be downloaded from the DATAMINE website: [here](#)

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### **:: The Commission launches Court proceedings against Luxembourg**



The European Commission launched Court proceedings against Luxembourg on the 27th of November 2008 for failure to notify adequate national implementing measures as required by the 2002 EPBD. The Commission already sent Luxembourg a letter of formal notice in February 2006, and a reasoned opinion in October 2006, urgently requesting the Grand Duchy to notify the transposition measures required by the Directive. Luxembourg has not yet informed the Commission of any legislation that constitutes a complete transposition of Art. 3-6 of the Directive and they did not yet adopt legislation covering the non-residential buildings sector. [\[More information\]](#)

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### **:: The Commission proposes measures to boost energy efficiency and renewable energy in low-income households**



The European Commission has adopted a proposal which will, for the first time, enable all Member States and regions in the EU to invest in energy-efficiency and renewable energy measures in housing, with the support of European Cohesion Policy funding. The measure, foreseen in the European Economic Recovery Plan presented last week, will be targeted at low-income households. In practice, this means the EU will be able to co-finance national, regional or local authority schemes to install double-glazing, wall insulation and solar panels in housing.

[\[More information\]](#)

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

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### **:: CECODHAS President David Orr on incentives for energy efficiency**



In an interview released to Euractiv David Orr calls for a EU intervention to promote zero rate loans for energy efficiency investment in residential dwellings. Although it may be difficult to get all 27 Member States to agree upon a common rate, he argues, the EU may anyway give a signal stating such measures are acceptable. Read the [interview](#).

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### **:: Guidelines for District Heating Substations published by Euroheat & Power**



Euroheat & Power Task Force Customer Installations has published guidelines containing a set of recommendations focusing on planning, installation, use and maintenance of district heating substations. They include domestic hot water and space heating systems, equipments like pumps, safety systems, valves as well as connection principles, service, maintenance and heat metering. The guidelines are available [here](#).

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### **:: EuroACE Celebrates its 10th Anniversary**



On Wednesday 3rd December 2008, EuroACE celebrated its 10th anniversary with special guest Commissioner Andris Piebalgs. Mr. Gerben Stilma, CEO of CRH Insulation Europe, explained how EuroACE was formed ten years ago at the request of the European Commission who saw the need for greater input from European companies which provided products, technologies and services that could help Europe fulfil its Kyoto commitments. [\[More information\]](#)

## :: Events

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### :: EU Sustainable Energy Week 2009



Registration is open now for the EU Sustainable Energy Week 2009, the key meeting place for anyone interested in sustainable energy in Europe. The Sustainable Energy Week is being organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy and Transport and is supported by other European institutions and major stakeholders. It will take place in **Brussels**, Belgium, and in other cities across Europe between the **9th and 13th of February 2009**. [[More Information](#)]

There are 2 conferences specifically held by DG TREN, Unit D4:

- Towards a New Energy Efficiency Policy for Europe, 10/02
  - Buildings: Flagship on Energy Efficiency (Let's make the new EU legislation deliver), 10/02
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### :: Open days for Sustainable Energy



Open days for Sustainable Energy is an event aimed at introducing the general public to a sustainable and energy efficient lifestyle. The main activities planned will be visits to dwellings where renewable energy technologies have been already installed. These visits will include talks from energy experts and stands with general information about alternative energy technologies. Days, hours and venues are still to be scheduled. Expected over the weekends from **24th of January till 8th of February 2009** in **Cork and Tipperary Counties, Ireland**. [[More information](#)]

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### :: Energisession 2009



ENERGISESSION 2009 SKÖVDE 5-6 FEBRUARI Energisession 2009 is a two day conference with 12 separate half day sessions about different energy related topics, dealing with news about renewable energy, energy efficiency and economical development within the Västra Götaland region. It also has two plenary sessions with selected eminent speakers. Energisession will take place in **Skövde, Sweden** on the **5th and 6th of February 2009**. [[More information](#)]

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### :: CEP - CLEAN ENERGY POWER®



At the CEP - CLEAN ENERGY POWER® 2009, visitors can inform themselves of the wide variety of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency in building construction and renovation. The spectrum of topics ranges from photovoltaic and solar thermal energy to geothermal energy, heat pumps, cogeneration, biomass, stirling, heating with wood and energy services. About a quarter of the floor space will go to covering the topic of passive houses, which is the trade fair's main theme. This event takes place in **Stuttgart, Germany**, on the **29th and 30th of January 2009**. [[More information](#)]

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### :: Ecobuild

Ecobuild is the world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable design, construction and the built environment. Now in its fifth year, and with 800 exhibitors, Ecobuild presents the biggest and best showcase of sustainable construction products anywhere, plus dozens of inspiring attractions and more than 100 free conference and seminar sessions. It will take place in **London, UK**, between the **3rd and 5th of March 2009**. [[More information](#)]

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