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[Information Paper P123](#) *EPBD inspections - Possible coordination with fluorinated greenhouse gas-checks and other inspections* provides information to EPBD CA members on a potential national or EU level coordination between the introduction of Article 9 on inspections of Air Conditioners in the EPBD directive and the Regulation on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases.

[Information Paper P117](#) *Inspection of air conditioning systems - The contribution of EN 15240 towards implementation of EPBD Article 9* provides information on the types of air conditioning systems covered by the application of Article 9 of the EPBD and some guidelines for conducting the inspection as recommended by the standard EN 15240.

[Information Paper P125](#) *Inspection methods and issues for air conditioning and ventilation systems* describes the standards for the inspection of air conditioning and ventilation systems, with special attention to ventilation. It also lists some of the issues and future challenges linked to the inspection of air conditioning and ventilation systems, based on the results of a Workshop within the REHVA Clima 2007 Conference.

[Information Paper P126](#) *Inspection of air conditioning systems - How to undertake measurements on site* explains how to take on site measurements and the major difficulties encountered on site for accurate energy measurements of air conditioning systems.

:: New IPs: Results from the IEE-CENSE project

The following Information Papers present results from the IEE-CENSE project:

- [Information Paper P90](#) *The use of the CEN standards to support the EPBD in the EU Member States - An overview and some typical examples;*
 - [Information Paper P091](#) *A vehicle for energy-efficient lighting: EN15193: Energy performance of buildings - Energy lighting requirements;*
 - [Information Paper P92](#) *for the EN ISO standard on energy use for heating and cooling (EN ISO 13790);*
 - [Information Paper P98](#) *on EN 15316-2-3 - Heating systems in buildings - Space heating distribution systems);*
 - [Information Paper P99](#) *on EN 15316-3-1 - Domestic Hot Water systems - Characterisation of Needs);*
 - [Information Paper P100](#) *on space heating generation systems - Combustion systems - EN 15316-4-1 (Boiler efficiency);*
 - [Information Paper P102](#) *on EN 15316-3-2 - Domestic Hot Water systems - Distribution;*
 - [Information Paper P106](#) *on EN 15316-4-5 - The performance and quality of district heating and large volume systems ;*
 - [Information Paper P107](#) *on EN 15316-4-6 - Photovoltaic systems);*
 - [Information Paper P109](#) *on EN 15378 - Heating systems in buildings - Inspection of boilers and heating systems)*
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:: Conference Paper: 5th Windsor Conference - Air conditioning and the low-carbon cooling challenge



The 5th Windsor Conference, organized by the Network for Comfort and Energy Use in Buildings (NCEUB) and the Low Energy Architecture Research Unit (LEARN) was held in the UK in July 2008. The theme highlighted through all the Windsor conferences is the recognition that the comfort and behaviour of occupants is a crucial consideration for the energy use of buildings. [Information Paper 121](#) gives an overview of the 37 papers and 11 posters presented.

:: Recent information from the countries

:: 10 new Country Reports

The Country Reports for:



Croatia ([P129](#));



Ireland ([P078](#));



Slovak Rep. ([P118](#));



Cyprus ([P130](#));



Latvia ([P128](#));



Sweden ([P082](#));



Czech Republic ([P127](#));



Norway ([P085](#));



Finland ([P120](#));



Romania ([P079](#));

are now available on the Buildings Platform website, offering information on the status of the EPBD implementation in each country.

:: RICS launches Greener Homes Price Guide



To help consumers, RICS' Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) has developed [The Greener Homes Price Guide](#) which offers impartial expert advice on the cost, energy saving, payback period, and disruptiveness of green improvements to properties in the UK.

:: Europe and European funded projects

:: The Proposal for the recast of the EPBD has been published



Buildings are important to achieve EU's energy savings targets and to combat climate change whilst contributing to energy security. An enormous unrealized savings potential lies dormant in buildings. The recast of the EPBD will activate this, also boosting sustainable investments and job creation. The estimated impact of the recast is energy savings of 60-80 Mtoe in 2020 or the total EU energy consumption will be reduced by 5-6%. Read the [Press Release](#) or download the proposal document [here](#)

:: Latest update on the status of the IMPLEMENT project



IMPLEMENT, a project co-funded by the European Union under the Intelligent Energy-Europe Programme, aims to maximize the effect of the EPBD through information and sales campaigns in seven EU Member States, informing owners of the possibilities offered via energy certificates for improving houses, and of energy saving measures and financing available. The project has been under way for almost two years and the campaigns in The Netherlands, Denmark, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Estonia are already in place. [\[More Information\]](#)

:: Intelligent Energy-Europe: new projects database and brochures



New IEE projects database: navigate through all projects and find the ones most relevant to you in no time. [\[More Information\]](#)

New IEE project brochures: 108 innovative projects, presented in 4 brochures. Available in English, French and German [\[More Information\]](#):

- Renewable electricity – Make the switch
 - Energy-efficient products – Consume green
 - Energy-efficient homes and buildings – The beauty of efficiency
 - Bio fuels – Topping up the fuel mix
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:: Issuance of Energy Performance Certificates in Central Europe



In the framework of the project [“Issuance of Energy Certificates in Central Europe”](#) financed by the German government, the collection of information on the experiences of owners, issuers and users is being carried out. Please participate and help us by sharing any information on personal views and/or experience with energy certificates in your country. [\[More information\]](#)

:: European associated organisations / partners

:: Update of RICS EPBD implementation report online



The latest version of the RICS status report *“Towards an Energy Efficient European Building Stock”* regarding the implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive is now available [here](#)

:: GEFI joins the Buildings Platform



GEFI – Groupement Européen des Fédérations intervenant dans l'Immobilier – EU Real Estate Private Owners, is a non-profit organisation created in 2001, based in Brussels representing national organisations from the EU27, which promotes private property, real estate property, sustainable housing and urban development. Thierry de l'Escaille, GEFI Secretary General - CEO, was asked about the challenges being faced in trying to implement the Directive and how he feels cooperation with the EPBD Platform is helping GEFI's members. [\[Interview\]](#)

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> For additional information about partnership with the EPBD Buildings Platform and details of our Associated Organisations click [here](#)

> To become a partner of the EPBD Buildings Platform click [here](#)

:: CYBER - Communicating Your Buildings Energy Rating

 CYBER stands for **Communicating Your Buildings Energy Rating** and it will gather even more European local authorities committed to reducing the energy consumption of their buildings. Coordinated by Energie-Cités, the campaign will assist participating municipalities to start their own communication campaigns on energy use and invest in a future with better performing public buildings and less wastage of public funds. Cutting edge communication activities will be promoted via the Towards Class A Award. It awards prizes to the best local communication campaigns in the field of public building energy labelling. The competition is open to all municipalities. The deadline is the 6th of March 2009. [\[More Information\]](#)

:: Events

:: ASIEPI web event "Ways to stimulate a market transformation of envelope airtightness"

 The IEE SAVE ASIEPI project is analysing different aspects of the EPBD implementation. One of them is building airtightness. Envelope airtightness is an important feature for low-energy, well-ventilated buildings. Germany has shown a continuous effort on improving building airtightness during the past two decades. More recently, other European countries have also shown an increasing interest, so that developments to further stimulate the market are starting to break through. This first ASIEPI web event presenting ways to stimulate a market transformation of envelope airtightness is taking place on the **12th December 2008** and participation is free. [\[More information\]](#)

:: 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

Two conferences are held by EACI, the European Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation:

- Business Cooperation in the Energy Sector – how can SMEs get best value?, 9/02
- Towards energy efficient housing, 9/02

Several of the partner organisations of the EPBD Buildings Platform will also be present at EUSEW 2009:

- CECODHAS: Copenhagen 09 - Setting the Pace for a Decade of Green and Social Growth - Social Housing sector as a case study, 9/02
- Energie-Cités: Model Awards, 9/02
- EnR: Achieving the EU Energy Efficiency and Renewables targets/The challenge of implementation and the role of the national energy agencies, 10/02
- EREC: 3rd European Renewable Energy Policy Conference, 9-11/02
- EuroACE: The Role of Buildings in Meeting Europe's 2020 goals, 12/02
- Euroheat and Power: Keep cool and save energy, 9/02
- UIPI: Energy performance of existing buildings – overcoming the difficulties in improving works, 13/02
- RICS: The Contribution of Europe's Heritage Buildings to Energy Savings, 10/2

Early reservation is recommended via www.eusew.eu

:: CECODHAS – EEB conference: Energy efficiency in housing: EU tools to unlock the potential

 Ahead of the crucial 2009 Copenhagen Summit and following the publication of the Second EU Strategic Energy review and the [proposal for revision of Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) (EPBD), this conference is a unique opportunity to assess the strategies in place and to consider those needed to make energy efficiency a powerful instrument of climate change and social policies. The conference will take place in **Brussels**, on the **9th of December 2008**. [\[More information\]](#)



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