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*The Buildings Platform continues to extend its information services with new Country Reports on the status of EPBD implementation and additional translations of existing Information Papers. Further responses from stakeholders and associated organisations to the consultation on the recasting of the EPBD are being produced, at the same time as the European Union presents a package to promote sustainable products and technologies.*

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## :: The Platform services

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### :: Additional translations of Information Papers



[Information Paper P005](#) provides guidance on the implementation of Article 10 of the EPBD which is concerned with the requirements of experts and inspectors. This Information Paper is now available in [German](#).

Also, [Information Paper 004](#) on regular inspection of boilers is now available in [Czech](#), [Italian](#), [Polish](#), [German](#), [Slovene](#), [Hungarian](#), and [Romanian](#).

[Information Paper 003](#) discusses energy performance certification procedures and is now available in [Hungarian](#) and [Romanian](#).

## :: Recent information from the countries

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### :: New Country Reports

The Country Reports for:



Greece ([P074](#));



Belgium, Flemish Region ([P068](#));



Estonia ([P083](#)); and



Italy([P084](#))



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

## :: Europe and European funded projects

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### :: New website by the European Union's LIFE programme



A new website offering information on a selection of LIFE energy and climate projects and their results has been developed. To view it visit

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/themes/energy/index.htm>

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### :: EU promotes sustainable products and technologies



A package aimed at improving the environmental performance and in particular the energy efficiency of products and stimulating their market uptake has been put forward by the European Commission. It sets out a series of voluntary and obligatory actions to support a coherent and dynamic policy in the EU and internationally, helping to define eco-friendly products, informing the consumer through improved labelling and supporting their purchase through public procurement and fiscal incentives. [[More Information](#)]

## :: European associated organisations / partners

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### :: ICSC, the International Council of Shopping Centers, joins the Buildings Platform



Founded in 1957, the [International Council of Shopping Centers](#) is the global trade association of the shopping center industry, with 75,000 members in the U.S., Canada and more than 80 other countries. ICSC links with more than 25 national and regional shopping center councils throughout the world, with the aim to advance the development of the shopping center industry and to establish the individual shopping center as a major institution in the community. The Buildings Platform is happy to welcome [ICSC](#) as a new umbrella organisation.

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### :: The International Alliance for Interoperability becomes a new member of the Buildings Platform



In 1994, 12 US based companies joined together to examine the potential for making different software applications work together. Since then companies from other countries from Europe to Australia followed. Their mission is to provide a universal basis for process improvement and information sharing in the construction and facilities management industries. The Buildings Platform is happy to welcome [IAI International](#) as a new umbrella organisation.

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### :: UEPC answers to the European Commission consultation on the recasting of the EPBD



The UEPC has provided its answers to the consultation on the recasting of the EPBD. The document is available [here](#)

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### :: Energie-Cités Opinion on the recasting of the EPBD

In addition to the response to the Internet consultation on the recasting of the EPBD, Energie-Cités highlights some related issues arising from the experience with the Display® Campaign [[More information](#)].



## :: Events

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### :: Eurosun 2008: 1st International Conference on solar heating, cooling and buildings



The recently declared interest of the European Commission for the topic heating and cooling in the EU is the official recognition that much more can be and shall be done to address the needs for comfort by better matching those needs and the potential of energy resources at the urban and local levels. To respond to these challenges, the Board of Directors of ISES Europe has decided to join forces with IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme to create [Eurosun 2008, the 1st International conference on solar heating, cooling and buildings](#), which will take place in **Lisbon, Portugal, between the 8th and 10th October 2008.**

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## :: 43rd National Installation Conference of the Romanian Installation Engineer Association



This conference will focus on the legislation implementing the EPBD in Romania, the new calculation methodology for building energy performance, and the measures for thermal rehabilitation of the buildings and building services. It will also address energy audit activity, means and ways to authorized installation specialists, measures to provide the required quality in the design, manufacture and operation phases and the use of solar and geothermal energies for heating and hot water preparation in civil buildings. The conference is sponsored by the Buildings Platform and will take place in **Sinaia**, Romania, between the **15th and 18th October 2008**. [[More information](#)]

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## :: European Energy Service Award



The European Energy Service Award honours outstanding efforts and achievements for the development and success of energy services for energy efficiency in Europe. The award ceremony will take place the **7th October 2008** in **Brussels**. [[More information](#)]

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## :: International Trade Fair for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficient Building and Renovation



For the 9th time, the International Trade Fair for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficient Building and Renovation RENEXPO® will be held in **Augsburg** from the **9th to the 12th October 2008** and will provide information about renewable energy & energy efficient building and renovation. [[More information](#)]

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## :: European Pellet Conference



The [European Pellet Conference](#) will take place on the **25th - 26th February 2009** in **Wels**, Austria with the aim to provide in-depth information on pellet technologies, innovation and market trends. It will also offer an exciting platform to discuss new co-operation projects.

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