Highlight

Setting the 3% target for the renovation of public buildings - status of implementation

From January 2014, Member States (MS) have to renovate each year 3% of the total floor area of heated and/or cooled buildings owned and occupied by their central government. This would support the EU countries' efforts to meet at least the minimum energy performance requirements. BPIE's latest research synthesizes in a factsheet the current status of implementation of Art. 5 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED, 2012/27/EU).

Six months after the deadline for MS to submit a formal notification of this article, seven countries were still missing on the European Commission's official website. Four countries (Cyprus, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia) followed the default approach whereas the majority of countries chose to follow an alternative approach to fulfill the Directive requirements.

This BPIE factsheet summarises the analysis of the reported approaches and is the first in a series that will focus on policy implementation and other aspects of Europe's building stock.

>> Download the factsheet

Changes in BPIE's Board of Directors

BPIE welcomes a new Chairman of its Board of Directors.

Julian Popov, former Bulgarian environment minister, joined BPIE's Board as Chairman on July 1 saying: "I am delighted to work with this innovative think tank. At times when the EU's energy security is at stake and 2030 energy and climate targets are being debated, effective policies and measures delivering the energy savings target of the buildings sector will be needed."

The retiring chairman, Eoin Lees, former CEO of the UK Energy Savings Trust, commented: "BPIE's growth in the past five years contributed to putting buildings efficiency on the political agenda, not only in Brussels but also in many member states. I am proud to see the organisation as a well-respected authoritative voice in many places". The Board is also welcoming Maritta von Bieberstein Koch-Weser as a new member.

>> Read more on BPIE's website

EU Projects

A low energy consuming building stock will not be fiction

Over 120 attendees came to learn from the policy 'laboratory' which developed and tested national policy sets for buildings in a close collaboration between researchers and policy makers in nine Member States.

EUSEW 2014 hosted this final conference of the EU-funded project ENTRANZE.

A summary of the event and the video recording will be soon available. Photos and the presentations are already available.

>> Access the presentations and photos

Meet your peers during Business Collaboration Events

All actors involved in building stocks renovation should attend the following events to get the latest information and share views with experts, generate new business cooperation models for nZEB renovations and target potential business partners in pre-scheduled face-to-face meetings.

Upcoming events: Belgium (Brussels, Sept 12), The Netherlands (The Hague, Oct 14), Austria (Vienna, Sept 19), Norway (Trondheim, Oct 2 and Drammen, Sept 23).

>> Read more and join these events

Tracking the energy savings progress in pilot buildings

One of the objectives of the EPISCOPE IEE project is to track the energy saving progress in the building stock of selected EU countries.
Pilot actions using different methodologies have been set to focus on what is happening on the ground and compare real/theoretical energy consumption of national, regional and local building stocks.

Setting up monitoring processes will help determine the rates and effects of energy refurbishment.

>> Read more about the pilot actions

Focus on

EUSEW 2014 - Positive Energy Buildings conference: presentations available

While everybody is focusing on the market count-down to nZEB by 2020, Fraunhofer IBP and BPIE wanted the energy efficiency community to look at the next challenge: positive energy buildings. We heard the different stakeholders' positions on this

BPIE invites you to visit and join Construction21

This collaborative platform, dedicated to all sustainable building professionals, has developed an original approach: on national portals users share information and experiences with their peers in their language. On the international platform, news and data are shared in English. Launched with the EU's

Solar Decathlon in Versailles from June 28 to July 14

Solar Decathlon Europe, an international academic architectural competition, aims at improving education and research in the fields of sustainable architecture and solar energy. The challenge given to schools and universities worldwide is to conceive and build a full-scale fully functional house, using only

new policy challenge, as well as demonstration projects and the support measures needed to increase the market share of these buildings. 120 participants discussed the viability of these buildings while nZEBs are still not a reference in many MS.

>> Download the presentations

support, it is now developed by renowned organisations and multiple partners in each country to ensure its independence, the quality of its content and the adaptation to national markets. Access to the website is free.

>> Visit Construction21

the sun as its power source.

The Solar Decathlon competition is an important opportunity to act as a showcase of the French expertise in sustainable housing.

>> Read more about this event

BPIE is already looking forward to presenting new projects after the Summer break:

- A study on Energy Performance Certificates,

- An analysis of the Renovation Strategies submitted to the Commission as requested by the EED, Article 4

- A paper on indoor comfort in Europe

We will also meet you in Berlin during IEPPEC, in Brussels for the Renovate Europe Days and at many other occasions.

We wish you a great summer,

The BPIE team