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Energy efficiency at the heart of Europe's stability, by Oliver Rapf, Executive Director

Only a few weeks remain before the European Council meeting which is set to decide a new set of targets to guide Europe's climate and energy policy up to 2030. After the Commission initially proposed a 40% greenhouse gas reduction target and a 27% increase for renewable energy, a more recent communication suggested a parallel 30% increase in energy efficiency, considered to be the right "cost-effective" target.

Now the debate is heating up. Arguments center on such questions as to whether the right 'discount rates' have been applied, whether the correct cost assumptions have been made, and which economic model would be the appropriate one to define a target. In the historical context of discussing and agreeing EU targets, this may seem like the right approach. However, the world has changed. Focusing on such incremental questions risks starting the debate from the wrong entry point.

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Event

November 6, Brussels - Investing into energy-efficiency projects: why and how?

The majority of profit-led energy service providers, private banks or investment funds have not yet identified energy efficiency in buildings as an attractive business model. To create awareness and stimulate private investors' appetite, this event will showcase existing success stories, take into consideration policy guidance and analyses of risks related to energy-savings companies (ESCO) and other business models. It will provide a broader understanding of the deep retrofit market potential and present ways to mitigate the identified risks.

Organised by IEA EBC Annex 61, BPIE and KEA. The agenda will be available soon. This event will follow the [Renovate Europe Day](#), organised November 5 in Brussels.

>> [More information and to book a seat](#)

Focus on



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

From January 2014, Member States have to renovate each year 3% of the total floor area of heated and/or cooled buildings owned and occupied by their central government. Six months after the deadline to submit a formal notification of article 5 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED, 2012/27/EU), a factsheet synthesizes the current status of implementation. Last June, the submission of seven countries was still missing on the [European Commission's official website](#).

>> [Download the factsheet](#)

Sustainable Construction Glossary launch, end of September



Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings or *Passive House* are some of the many concepts and terminologies that need a common definition and understanding across Europe and across sectors as diverse as research, industry, real-estate specialists, associations, media and policy makers. In order to ensure understanding of the terminologies, CEMBUREAU launched a multilingual wiki Sustainable Construction Glossary in 2011 ([available on the European Economic and Social Committee's website](#)), in cooperation with the Architects Council of Europe and the European Concrete Platform. An updated version will be available from end of September, and BPIE is proud to be a partner in this exciting project. BPIE and GBPN will integrate many new definitions into their own [glossaries](#) and will share some of their own with CEMBUREAU.

EU Projects



Nearly Zero-Energy Building Strategy 2020 – website now available

ZEBRA2020 focuses on tracking the market transition to nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (nZEBs) to develop recommendations and strategies for the building industry and policy makers to accelerate the market uptake of nZEBs.

The website presenting the project in more details is now accessible. In 2015, it will be enriched with two tools, an nZEB tracker to measure the maturity of the nZEB market and a data tool combining information on overall construction and renovation activities, EPC datasets, nZEB criteria and activities.

>> [Visit the website](#)

Mapping of frontrunners in nZEB renovation of single-family houses

While technological solutions for nZEB renovations are available, there is a lack of supply-chain collaboration models. The project intends to show how barriers to an effective cooperation can be eliminated and how better services can be developed. This executive summary gives a short overview of the supply chain mapping methodology and key findings for Austria, Belgium, Germany, Norway and the Netherlands. It supports the development and promotion of national lists of service providers and offers guidance to stakeholders in non-participating countries on how to initiate similar activities.

>> [Download the summary](#)

Policy packages for a future low energy building stock – Recording available

The intelligent design of integrated policy packages will be crucial to achieve ambitious energy and CO₂ savings in the construction sector. The ENTRANZE project provided evidence-based and tailored policy recommendations last June during the EU Sustainable Energy Week in order to stimulate the policy making process. The event was recorded and is now available to learn more 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.

>> [Access the recording](#)

Calls for abstracts

- **eceee Summer Study - Call for papers – abstracts due by October 2**
June 1–6, 2015, Presqu'île de Giens, France. Since 1993, eceee's Summer Study has explored solutions to our energy-related dilemmas by providing evidence-based knowledge on the full range of energy efficiency topics. In an informal setting conducive to networking and information exchange, experts learn from each other and ensure energy efficiency is fully integrated into energy and climate policies. <http://www.eceee.org/summerstudy>
- **8th International Conference on Energy Efficiency in Domestic Appliances and Lighting (EEDAL'15)**
August 26-28, 2015, Lucerne, Switzerland - Send your abstracts by October 24. Forum to discuss and debate the latest developments in energy and environmental impact of residential appliances and lighting, heating and cooling equipment, smart meters and smart grids, consumer behaviour, etc. <http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/energyefficiency/conference/eedal2015>
- **World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) - Call for Papers & Speakers - deadline 10 October 2014**
February 26-27, Wels, Austria- In addition to the nZEB Conference, the World Sustainable Energy Days 2015 offer a number of other high-profile events including the "European Pellet Conference", the "Energy Efficiency Watch Conference", the "Energy-Efficient Commercial Buildings Conference", the Young Researchers' Conference, poster presentations and technical site visits. www.wsed.at/call

Where to Meet Us

BPIE will speak at the following events in the upcoming months:

- 24.09.2014 - [FP7 APPRAISE conference](#), "Assessment of Policy Interrelationships and Impact on Sustainability in Europe", Brussels
- 06.10.2014 - [Energy Action Fuel Poverty Conference](#), Dublin
- 15.10.2014 - EurActiv High-level debate: Energy Efficiency in Non-residential Buildings : Bridging the gap to 2030, Brussels
- 22-24.10.2014 - [IARU Sustainability Science Congress](#), with the following conference: "National strategies for the renovation of EU buildings – the key to cutting carbon emissions and improving energy security", Copenhagen
- 28-29.10.2014 - [5th Regional Energy conference](#), Sofia
- 28-30.10.2014 - [Sustainable Buildings 14](#), Barcelona
- 05.11.2014 - [Renovate Europe Day](#), Brussels
- 02.12.2014 - [Le photovoltaïque dans le bâtiment: quelle contribution de l'énergie solaire à la réalisation des objectifs d'efficacité énergétique allemands et français ?](#), Lyon

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