

Highlight

NEARLY ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS DEFINITIONS ACROSS EUROPE

This Factsheet summarises the current situation of different approaches and indicators used by Member States to determine the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings. It highlights the link between the establishment of a definition and its gradual implementation and promotion on the market. The Factsheet is a high-level report based on the findings of the EPBD recast impact assessment.

FACTSHEET



Factsheet: nZEB definitions across Europe, a question of ambition

While the recast of the EPBD introduced a definition for nZEBs, Member States (MS) were given a lot of leeway to draft their own definitions, specific to national contexts. By the end of the year the Commission will evaluate the progress that MS made on this aspect. The BPIE factsheet summarises the current status of different approaches and indicators used by EU Member States (and Norway) for the nZEB definition of new and existing buildings. It highlights the link between the establishment of a definition and its gradual implementation and promotion on the market. The findings show that the levels of ambition in defining nZEBs vary significantly across Europe. This demonstrates the need for clear EU legislation to help Member States make their new and existing buildings more energy efficient.

>> [Download the factsheet and press release](#)

Focus on



Bucharest, May 8 - Transforming and stimulating the energy efficiency market

BPIE organises a [workshop May 8, in Bucharest](#), dedicated to discussing enabling factors that lead to increased investment in energy efficiency renovation in buildings and reaching nZEB standards.

Speakers from EURAC, Berlin Energy Agency and Energy Action – to name a few - will share best practice cases and tools that can support national policy makers and industry representatives to transform and stimulate the energy efficiency market.

[Register and download the agenda.](#)



European Building Stock Observatory: a new portal for 2016

The EU Building Stock Observatory is a new project from the European Commission aiming at providing a comprehensive snapshot of the building stock characteristics in EU28 and monitoring the implementation of relevant EU Directives in Member States. The project consortium is led by BPIE and includes ECN, Ecofys, Enerdata and SEVEN. The main outcome will be an online portal ready in 2016. The project kicked off in February 2015 and will last 18 months.

For more information, contact [BPIE](#).



Try out new mapping tool of non-residential and shopping centers data

An interactive and user-friendly [Data Mapper](#) was recently launched, integrating data sets for the building sector and final energy demand for non-residential buildings and shopping centers.

It allows a tailor-made and comparative access to national and international indicators on the commercial building stock in EU-28 and Norway and lists useful resources.

The [Data Mapper](#) also offers the possibility to download and export maps.

News in brief

- **Indoor air quality, thermal comfort and daylight: executive summary available in German and Romanian**

BPIE released in March an overview of the regulatory framework focusing on the respective building codes for new and existing residential buildings in 8 Member States, including best practice approaches and concluding recommendations for further policy development relevant for indoor climate. The report's [executive summary is](#)

[now available in German and Romanian.](#)

- **Webinar: how to attract investment for building energy renovation projects**

Nearly 40% of European energy is consumed by buildings, which makes investing in energy renovation projects more and more crucial. However, investors also need a level of certainty about the cost-effectiveness and reliability of such projects. ICP Europe aims at opening up energy efficiency to investment markets and enabling organisations to tap into this potential. The [webinar organised April 30, at 2PM \(CET\)](#) will present how businesses and governments can attract more investment while reducing transaction costs and use the available open-source tools and resources for project delivery.

- **Romania's NEEAP for 2015 has been published**

The [National Energy Efficiency Action Plan \(NEEAP\)](#) setting out estimated energy consumption, planned energy efficiency measures and the improvements to be made in the future has been published for Romania. BPIE is mentioned as a source who contributed to the strategy development with data and analysis.

- **nearly Zero-Energy Hotels – Call for posters' abstracts**

The neZEH 2015 international conference taking place on June 24 in Nice (France) on the topic of "Sustainable and competitive hotels through energy innovation - Nearly Zero Energy Hotels 2015" is calling for poster abstracts. If you are involved in a project, initiative or research activity related to nearly Zero-Energy buildings, energy innovation sustainable strategies and/or energy efficiency financing schemes within the accommodation industry, [submit your abstract before May 15](#).

- **"Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Building-Integrated Photovoltaics: Where Sustainability meets Aesthetics"**

This conference, organized by the European Photovoltaic Technology Platform, will take place at the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in London on 8 July 2015. The opportunity represented by efficient and PV-equipped buildings will be underlined through interventions from industry representatives, architects and engineers. Registration to the conference is free of charge. [More information](#).

Where to Meet Us

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

- 20-21.04.2015 – [UNECE Expert Consultation](#) on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings, Geneva (Switzerland)
- 24.04.2015 - [AAECR \(Association of Energy Auditors from Constructions\)](#) - National Conference, Iasi (Romania)
- 18.05.2015 - [Magazine "Agenda Constructiilor"- International Conference, 4th Edition](#), Bucharest (Romania)
- 20.05.2015 – [Euro-Constructii](#) – International Conference on Sustainable Buildings and Energy Efficiency, Bucharest (Romania)
- 28-29.05.2015 - [AIIR \(Association of Installations Engineers from Romania\)](#) - International Conference, Bucharest (Romania)
- 01-06.06.2015 - [eceee Summer Study](#) in Presqu'île de Giens, France. BPIE will co-lead a panel on energy use in buildings: projects, technologies and innovations.
- 8-12.06.2015 - [Geoexchange Conference + Passivhaus](#) - World Renewable Energy Congress 2015 (Romania)

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