



## BPIE provides guidance to EU Member States on how to effectively implement the cost-optimal methodology at national level

Convinced that MS would benefit from additional guidance on the cost-optimality process, BPIE intends to provide with this report additional practical examples on how to effectively implement the cost-optimal methodology at national level. The main goal is to evaluate the implications of different critical parameters, as well as to share the good practices across EU countries.

Three case studies are delivered with the support of consultants from Austria (e-sieben), Germany (IWU) and Poland (BuildDesk).

» [Read more and download the report and case studies](#)



## Short survey: help us make BPIE's Data Hub even more performing

BPIE's data hub assists policy makers, technical experts, building professionals, researchers, academics, consultants, NGOs and the broader buildings community in effective and evidence-based decision making to improve the energy performance of building stocks across Europe. To date, BPIE has collated statistical data and policy related information on the building stock for 29 European countries.

Nevertheless, we would like the hub to be further improved and to become enriched with additional features and information that our target audiences need.

We thus invite you to contribute in improving the data hub by sharing your views and content suggestions.

**We would appreciate your participation in a short (no longer than 10 minutes) survey, available here, or by using the flashcode, to be completed by March 29.**

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## BPIE at the World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) in Wels, Austria

The WSED, organised by the energy agency of Upper Austria, the OÖ Energiesparverband, gathered more than 800 participants from 61 countries from February 27 to March 1 to its combination of events on sustainable energy. BPIE was WSED's partner for the nZEB topic and presented its expertise and publications with a booth and during a conference.

BPIE's senior expert Bogdan Atanasiu presented the "Emerging trends for nearly Zero-Energy Buildings(nZEBs)". He discussed how to achieve nZEBs in new constructions and renovations, presenting the financial instruments, definitions, best practice examples and the cost-optimality of energy efficiency.

» [To view the conference website](#)



## BPIE Short Notes

### BPIE organizes a workshop dedicated to implementing EU policies at national level in Romania coming April 17

BPIE organizes its third workshop dedicated to implementing EU policies at national level. This time our focus will be the future policies enforcing the transition towards nZEBs in Romania. The event will be held in Bucharest on April 17th from 9.3- to 15.30, in the context of the ENTRANZE project.

To register and get more information, please click below.

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### The Global Buildings Performance Network compares energy efficiency policies for new buildings and assesses data quality

BPIE's global partner, the GBPN, has researched 25 best-practice building energy efficiency codes from around the world, analysing the content of these codes in terms of best-practice elements and comparing how the implementation of these elements compares across codes, in **A Comparative Analysis of Building Energy Efficiency Policies for New Buildings**.

In **Robust Building Data: A Driver for Policy Development**, the GBPN has assessed the quality of data of building types in each of its priority regions - China, the European Union, India and the United States. The premise of the new study is that transparent, comprehensive and credible data collection and analysis are crucial for designing new policies that can help move the building stock towards zero energy.

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### IMT's new report: Owners of energy-efficient homes are less likely to default on mortgages

**Home Energy Efficiency and Mortgage Risks** was released March 19 by the Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Community Capital. IMT is the US Hub of the Global Buildings Performance Network (GBPN) and BPIE's network partner.

The new study shows the risk of mortgage default is one-third lower for energy-efficient, ENERGY STAR-rated homes – a factor lenders and Congress should consider when making mortgage loans and policy.

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### BPIE's partner TightVent released two recent publications

Tight Vent Europe produced two technical notes in close collaboration with the AIVC.

#### **Building air leakage databases in energy conservation policies: analysis of selected initiatives in 4 European countries and the USA**

This document summarizes the information from five countries: Czech Republic, France, Germany, UK, and USA and provides an overview of recent efforts from a number of countries.

#### **Building airtightness: a critical review of testing, reporting and quality schemes in 10 countries**

This report gives a critical review of steps taken in 10 countries (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Sweden, UK, USA) with regard to testing and reporting schemes as well as overall quality approaches to improve building airtightness.

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