

## Highlight

### Data Hub New Features and EU Buildings Data Webinar

Late 2013, new features, countries and data sets have been integrated into BPIE's [Data Hub](#).



A comprehensive knowledge repository for statistics and policy information on Europe's building stock, the Data Hub introduces a data search engine that allows for cross-country comparisons, generation of customised country profiles and cost-free downloads. Users can access a comprehensive glossary (a collaboration with [GBPN](#)), find other valuable data sources and contribute to the discussion on the [Buildings Data Community](#). This user-friendly site is a central resource for data that feeds into EU policy, academic research and industry decision making.

On November 28, 2013, [BPIE](#) and [Build UP](#) organised a webinar, *Statistics on Europe's building stock: A guide to collecting, harmonising and sharing data*, [now available in pdf and video](#). This Web Seminar was an opportunity to look into the data needs for decision-making processes and highlight available tools (i.e. national renovation plans, central EPC registers).

>> [Visit the Data Hub](#)

>> [Download the webinar recordings](#)

## European Projects



### Making the energy refurbishment processes in the EU housing sector more transparent and effective (2013-2016)

Data availability on the energy performance and the state of refurbishment of the national building stocks is rather limited, affecting the reliability of building stock models and scenario calculations, which are often based on assumptions.

The EPISCOPE project (**E**nergy



### Converting EU Shopping malls into beacons of energy efficiency (2013 - 2017)

The EU-funded project will turn 'energivore' shopping centres into beacons of energy conservation.

The FP7 project gathers 23 partners representing various industry stakeholders or research and academia from ten European Member States.

During the next four years,



### Collaboration for Housing nearly zero-Energy RENOVation (2013 - 2016)

COHERENO aims at strengthening enterprises collaboration in innovative business schemes to deliver nZEB renovations in single-family owner-occupied houses. A major goal is to improve the quality of construction measures to increase customer confidence.

Current activities consist of homeowners and contractors

**Performance Indicator Tracking Schemes for the Continuous Optimisation of Refurbishment Processes in EU Housing Stocks)** will make the energy refurbishment processes more transparent and effective, and includes typology schemes as well as national interpretations of new buildings and nZEBs.

A website integrating both EPISCOPE and TABULA (building typologies) projects was released end of 2013.

>> [Discover the EPISCOPE project](#)

researchers and industry partners will be teaming-up to look for solutions and strategies to transform shopping malls into energy efficient architectures and systems.

The solutions will be submitted to a real-life test in three specific demonstration cases in Italy, Norway and Spain.

The project website presents these case studies and tools.

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interviews, as well as workshops to support research on collaboration structures for nZEB house renovation.

- Homeowners interviews will question what goes less well during the renovation works and when (diagnosis, design/planning, execution, hand-over, use phase).

- Frontrunner collaboration structures interviews will look at the current practice and business improvement of contractors for quality assurance (skills, products, follow-up...).

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## Short News

- The Winter edition of the **European Energy Innovation Magazine** is online, including articles from BPIE and partners: *Europe's transition to nearly Zero-Energy Buildings* (with Fraunhofer), *Driving innovation in construction* (BPIE) and *Green material technologies* (with Karbon architecture & urbanisme). [Download the magazine](#)

- BPIE is supporting the Romanian National Authorities in the **development of a renovation strategy** as required by the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), article 4. For this purpose, BPIE is organising a workshop in Bucharest on April 4, to present a renovation roadmap for the country. The report will be made public beginning of April. More information will be available in our next issue and on BPIE's website.  
The Romanian strategy is based on a **guide to support the EU Member States drafting renovation strategies**. Member States are required to develop such a strategy by April 30, 2014. [Download the guide](#)

## Where to Meet Us

BPIE will have three speaking slots during the next [World Sustainable Energy Days](#) in Wels, Austria (February 26-28): *Is cost-optimality driving buildings towards nZEB?* (February 27); *Making European building data useful for policy making*; and *Green crowd funding - a tool for deep renovation?* (February 26). BPIE is a partner of the [nZEB Conference](#) where to discuss technologies, business models, policies, financing, national action plans, best practices, cost-optimality of energy efficiency and renewable energy in new construction and renovation.

BPIE is a partner of the [Smart Cities conference](#), organised by VIA Expo in Sofia, Bulgaria, March 5-7. The event will focus on innovative technologies for better cities environments, with the aim to transfer them to South-East Europe. The program highlights are: nZEB, green architecture, smart digital infrastructure and large-scale renewables integration in urban areas.

March 17-20, BPIE will be in Finland during the Vaasa [Energy Week 2014](#). A presentation on cost-optimal ways to nZEB - an European overview will be delivered.

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The 8th International Conference Improving Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings ([IEECB'14](#)) will take place in Frankfurt on April 2-3. BPIE will deliver a presentation on the role of ESCOs in Public Procurement - an European Overview.

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The [Energy Efficiency Global \(EE Global\) Conference](#) takes place in Washington D.C. May 20-21 and draws delegates from over 40 countries. High-caliber industry professionals, academics and policy makers looking to exchange the latest technology and information, forge partnerships, and develop “best practices” policies and strategies for global implementation of energy efficiency meet at EE Global. BPIE will have a speaking slot during this conference and is a partner.

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