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Highlight



From ambitious design to implementation. An action plan for Romania

BPIE is supporting national authorities in Romania to develop a renovation strategy as required by the article 4 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).

The work done will be presented April 4, during a workshop in Bucharest. The event will be an opportunity to learn about related EU policies and funding as well as to get to know the French experience in elaborating and implementing a renovation policy. Key presentations will be delivered by the Principal Advisor to DG Energy, the Director of the French *Plan Bâtiment Durable* as well as representatives from the Romanian Ministry for Regional Development and Public Administration.

The report will be made public beginning of April and shared on BPIE's website.

>> [More on the event and registration](#)

Save the date

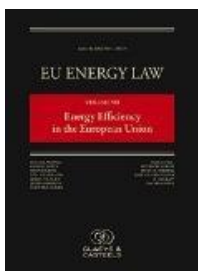
May 16 - Building Renovation Strategies. From Directive to Delivery

IFEU and BPIE are organising a workshop in Brussels on national and regional building renovation approaches, May 16. The Baden-Württemberg region's approach as well as other interesting examples will be highlighted. These case studies will be followed by a panel discussion.

The event will take place at the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the European Union.

More information will be sent in BPIE's next newsletter.

Focus on



Energy Efficiency in the European Union, from the EU Energy Law Series

BPIE was a contributing author in



New EU Commission guidance on the financing of energy renovation

The European Commission (DG



World Sustainable Energy Days (WSED) 2014

BPIE had a stand and three speaking slots during the WSED in Wels, Austria

the latest addition to the EU Energy Law Series from Claeys & Casteels Publishers, *Energy Efficiency Volume VII*, published mid February 2014.

Energy efficiency is a key aspect of both recent and forthcoming EU legislation, and has impacts on many stakeholders and sectors. This volume of the EU Energy Law Series covers objectives, implications and other aspects of energy efficiency policies, both at the EU and Member State levels. All pieces of EU legislation linked to energy efficiency are explored.

This publication is priced (€265), but BPIE's network is awarded a 20% discount. To benefit from this, please send an e-mail to order@claeys-casteels.com with the subject "BPIE order". The discount applies until April 2nd.

>> [More on this publication](#)

Energy) published in February a technical guide on the use of European Structural and Investment Funds for building renovation: *Financing the energy renovation of buildings with Cohesion Policy funding*.

This study was carried out for the European Commission by ICF International, Hincio and CE Delft, and makes extensive use of BPIE's publication *EU Buildings Under the Microscope* when describing the building sector.

It includes a list of good practice approaches and case studies and explores the different financing mechanisms managing authorities can use to support sustainable energy projects within an operational programme.

>> [Download the guidance document](#)

(February 26-28): *Is cost-optimality driving buildings towards nZEB?*; *Making European building data useful for policy making*; and *Green crowd funding - a tool for deep renovation?* These papers will be shared in BPIE's next newsletter.

The event attracted more than 750 participants from 59 countries, and was the occasion for BPIE to present some EU projects we partner in with posters and publications: [ENTRANZE](#), [EASEE](#), [CommonEnergy](#) and [EPISCOPE](#).

Key findings of recent reports from GBPN (BPIE's Global Partner) were presented: *Robust Building Data: a Driver for Policy Development*, *Dynamic Building Energy Codes: learning from international practices* and *Estimating the Solar Energy Potential in Buildings on a Global level*. All reports are available on [GBPN's website](#).

The 2015 event is already planned for February 25-27, save the date!

>> [More on the event](#)

News in Brief

- **GBPN series of webinars "Getting Building Codes Right": video recordings available**
Based on the findings from [the Policy Tool for New Buildings](#), GBPN hosted webinars to provide practical information about how to develop and implement ambitious building energy codes. More than 300 experts and practitioners in buildings' energy performance participated to the discussions and shared their experiences of code development; providing historical and political context (market conditions) as well as outlining significant factors in driving change. Three key issues were highlighted for progressive policies to be implemented: the need for a more holistic approach to code design, the development of a dynamic process with frequent revision cycles as well as proper implementation and enforcement. [Video recordings](#) and a [blog post](#) are available.
- **REVOLVE call for photos - Renewables in Action**
The REVOLVE magazine is organising a photo exhibit during the *European Sustainable Energy Week 2014* (EUSEW) highlighting the human dimension of the energy transition. The editorial team is looking for photos of workers on renewable energy projects in Europe and beyond. [More information](#)

Where to Meet Us

March 19 -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.

The [4th annual conference between DG ENER and MOHURD on energy efficiency of buildings](#) will be held March 30 in Beijing under the umbrella of the 10th International Green Building Expo. This event will gather policymakers, industry representatives and building research institutions to exchange overall strategies, policies and current

progress on technical standards. BPIE's presentation will allow participants to gain knowledge on the European building stock.

BPIE will be in Berlin April 3 for an event on Requirements for a renovation schedule in the building sector, to present the 2013 report "A guide to developing strategies for building energy renovation". Other speakers include Ecofys, Dena, Nabu, Deneff and IFEU. Registrations are still possible until March 27. For more information, please contact [Ulf Sieberg](#), Tel. 030 . 284984-1521.

The Energy Efficiency Global ([EE Global](#)) Conference will take place in Washington D.C. May 20-21, with participants from over 40 countries. Industry professionals, academics and policy makers will be able to discuss the latest technologies, forge partnerships and develop "best practices" policies and strategies for global implementation of energy efficiency. GBPN, BPIE's Global Partner, will have a speaking slot during this conference.

DENEFF event at the [Berlin Energy Days 2014](#), May 21 - An innovative industry of the future with growth potential - Presentation of the industry monitor energy efficiency in 2014. With selected topics, the event will provide an overview of current developments and trends in the energy efficiency industry in Germany. Speakers from science and politics will discuss the necessary drivers and conditions. BPIE will deliver the following presentation: Drivers and fields of action for the development of the energy efficiency market in the building sector.

The 2014 edition of the [Solar Decathlon Europe](#) will take place from June 28 to July 14 in Versailles. This 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 the sun as its power source.

In France, construction industry energy issues have been discussed in important training and research programs, through experiments with innovative buildings and eco-quarters, and through new and audacious legislation. With the new 2012 and 2020 thermal regulations for buildings, the whole construction industry will have to update to keep on track. The Solar Decathlon competition is an important opportunity to supervise this energy revolution, to educate political and economic stakeholders and to act as a showcase of French expertise in sustainable housing.

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