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## Highlight



### New BPIE study: Alleviating Fuel Poverty in the EU

Fuel poverty is a major problem in and for Europe. In 2012, 10.8% of the total European population was unable to keep their home adequately warm, increasing to 24.4% when referring to low-income people.

Energy subsidies and direct financial support for household heating cannot provide a long-term solution to this problem. However, vigorous energy renovation measures for fuel poor homes can give a sustainable answer to fuel poverty. These are the main findings from BPIE's latest publication, *Alleviating Fuel Poverty in the EU*.

The study describes the current situation of fuel poverty and makes recommendations on how to achieve the social, environmental and energy goals set by the EU for 2020.

>> [Download the study](#)

## BPIE Events

### Building Renovation Strategies. From Directive to Delivery - Presentations available

Out of the 28 expected renovation strategies (required by the article 4 of the Energy Efficiency Directive), only 10 were submitted to the European Commission as of May 16. Some lack ambition, some have no commitment to new policies and some are non-compliant: this proves the challenge to produce long-term, ambitious and impactful strategies.

BPIE, the state of Baden-Württemberg and the German Institute for Energy and Environment (IFEU) jointly organised a conference on building renovation strategies. The event showcased notable national and regional examples which were the subject of a lively debate between the speakers and

### Teaming-up with policymakers for a future EU nZEB building stock - June 26, Brussels

The intelligent design of integrated policy packages will be crucial to achieving ambitious energy and CO<sub>2</sub> savings in the construction sector. The [ENTRANZE](#) project aims at stimulating the policy making process by providing evidence-based and tailored policy recommendations.

TU Wien (Energy Economics Group) and BPIE will co-organize the project's final conference during the EU Sustainable Energy Week.

The event will look into how Member States can achieve a strong and fast penetration of nearly Zero-Energy Buildings as well as renewable heating and cooling within the existing

### Positive Energy Buildings (PEBs)-wishful thinking or (built) reality? - June 26, Brussels

This event, co-organised by Fraunhofer IBP and BPIE, will explore how PEBs can fully be integrated in national legislations, examining the possibilities for market uptake of innovative technologies, and provide a comparative view of how MS approach this challenge in their respective political agendas and subsequent legislations.

Speakers include Hans-Dieter Hegner (German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building & Nuclear Safety); Georg Lange (Association of Prefabricated Houses (Germany and EU)); Kurt Emil Eriksen (Active House Alliance); Dominique Planchon (DG Research and Innovation, EU

100 participants. BPIE intends to undertake a more detailed critique of the national strategies over the coming months to identify shortcomings and best practices.

>> [Download the presentations](#)

>> [View the event photos](#)

building stocks.

**June 26 from 11.15 to 13.00 in the Charlemagne building, Brussels.**

>> [For more information and to register](#) (few seats left)

Commission) and Cédric Borel (IFPEB).

**June 26 from 9.00 to 10.45 in the Charlemagne building, Brussels.**

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## Focus on

VISUALIZING ENERGY  
The Rise of Renewables  
A photo exhibition



COHERENO  
Collaboration for housing nZEB renovation



### Articles for REVOLVE on positive energy buildings and a market retrofitting project

BPIE is providing an article series for the REVOLVE magazine focusing on sustainable and energy efficient building initiatives across Europe. First pieces presented the renovation of a Spanish food market in Valladolid (linked to the [CommONEnergy](#) project) and positive energy buildings in France. They can be found on REVOLVE's website and will be part of a special printed edition in the fall.

On another note, REVOLVE organises an exhibit highlighting the human dimension of the energy transition: *The Rise of Renewables*. From end of June until September in Brussels (at St Géry, outside the EU Parliament and Tour & Taxis).

>> [Read the article on positive energy buildings](#)

>> [Read the article on the Spanish food market retrofitting](#)

>> [More on the exhibition](#)

### Launch of a matchmaking platform encouraging collaboration of market actors

Renovating single-family owner-occupied houses towards nZEB levels contributes to the achievement of the EU 20-20-20 goals. However, customers lack both information when it comes to the involved actors and one-stop-shops to consult a single responsible party for a whole-house renovation.

A series of business events organised by the [COHERENO](#) project will pave the way for the uptake of new business models and encourage collaboration along the supply-side.

Pre-arranged bilateral meetings can be booked in advance to share creative business ideas and initiate collaboration.

>> [Read more and participate to these events](#)

### Putting a spotlight on the soar of low-energy buildings in Europe

The EU-funded project ZEBRA2020, launched at the end of April, will monitor the market uptake of low-energy buildings across Europe and thereby generate data and evidence for policy evaluation and optimisation.

This Intelligent Energy Europe project gathers eight partners from academia, research and private consultancy, covering 17 European Member States and about 89% of the European building stock and population.

ZEBRA2020 aims to assist policy makers at EU and Member State level, energy agencies and the various stakeholders in the European building industry to develop impactful strategies and frameworks to accelerate the nZEB market-uptake until 2020.

>> [Read more about this project](#)

## Where to Meet Us

AIIR, the Romanian Association for Building Services Engineers, the Faculty for Building Services Engineering (FII-UCTB) and the Romanian Energy Auditors Chamber OAER are holding the conference **RCEPB 2014, "Active Smart Buildings: a new challenge for energy auditors"**, June 5-6 in Bucharest, Romania. The event will focus on energy efficiency, sustainable buildings, design, construction and renewable energy. BPIE is an institutional partner of the event and will be speaking.

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The 77th **EUROCONSTRUCT** conference will take place June 12 and 13 in Oslo, Norway. BPIE will present: "*Mission possible!*" *Policies and approaches for reaching sustainable zero-energy levels in European buildings.*

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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. Meet our global partner, GBPN, at a stand where they will present online interactive policy tools about current global best practices for new and existing buildings.

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**IEPPEC**, the International Energy Policies & Programmes Evaluation Conference, organised from September 8-11 in Berlin, aims at gathering new ideas, inputs for current and upcoming debates, experience feedback and lessons learnt about all the stages of evaluations (preparation, realisation, analysis of results, evaluation use) of energy efficiency policies and programmes. BPIE will participate with a poster (*The Central Energy Performance Certificate Register – An Opportunity for Systematic Data Collection for Policy Monitoring and EU-wide Building Performance Evaluation*), a presentation (*Evaluating National Building Renovation Registers*, September 11 at 9am) and a workshop (*Towards nZEB renovation*, September 8 afternoon). [Register](#).

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