

#EUSEW17: energy renovation *for* the consumer, *with* the consumer

EuroACE organised a session at this week's EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), on the topic of Energy Performance Certificates and Building Renovation Passports. At the time when the Council and Parliament are discussing energy efficiency files, this event was the opportunity to demonstrate that it is crucial to get homeowners and tenants on board for the energy transition. To kickstart energy renovations, consumers need Building Renovation Passports as well as energy renovation advice.

This year's EUSEW was held under the motto 'Clean Energy for All Europeans'. This echoes the Commission's legislative proposals, published at the end of 2016, currently being discussed by Council and Parliament. Representing around 40% of EU energy consumption and 36% of CO₂ emissions, buildings are widely recognised as the sector with the biggest potential to contribute to the EU's decarbonisation.

More specifically, the key to delivering 'clean energy' to Europeans must be through renovating the existing building stock, as more than 80% of today's buildings will still be standing and in use in 2050. Focusing on energy renovation to achieve the energy transition will at the same time enable Europeans to preserve their cherished homes, and to live more comfortably.

"To make significant progress in improving the energy performance and efficiency of our buildings, we will have to find ways of bringing consumers along the road with us", said Adrian JOYCE, EuroACE Secretary General. The energy transition is indeed *for* the consumer, but it also needs to be done *with* the consumer. Now, in the context of the revision of the energy efficiency files (Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and Energy Efficiency Directive), and with the Energy Council meeting on Monday 26th June, it is time to move from discourse to action. Consumer engagement and empowerment in the field of energy renovation of buildings must materialise now.

The EuroACE event at the EUSEW was a good mix of analysis and more practical approaches on how to advise consumers on starting a renovation, and on planning it over time. It showed that introducing energy advice is feasible and gives good results. Participants also had a live demonstration of a Building Renovation Passport (BRP), a document that outlines a long-term, step-by-step renovation roadmap for a specific building. This showed that BRPs are now a tool that has gone further than a concept, as it is being developed in pilot projects in several EU countries.

Presentations from speakers will be soon available on the [EUSEW website](#).

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