

Clear majority supports the Buildings Directive Time to deliver on the ground

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The European Parliament adopted the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) recast today, putting the EU on the path towards greater competitiveness and energy security. The next step is for Member States to walk the talk on energy efficiency and formally adopt the text at the upcoming Energy Council in April.

Today's approval of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) is a positive step forward for Europe's citizens and businesses. The cross-party support for the text signals a shared understanding of the importance of energy efficiency and its crucial role in delivering lower energy bills, bettering living conditions, improving energy security and increasing competitiveness.

Although not as ambitious as the efficient buildings industry had hoped for, the text contains several key provisions improving market visibility for the sector:

- A clear roadmap for owners and industry players through Minimum Energy Performance standards (MEPS) in the non-residential sector
- A binding energy consumption trajectory for the residential sector
- Welcome provisions facilitating the energy renovation process – notably the rolling out of one-stop shops as well as improving access to quality information and finance.

Less than a week after the Buildings and Climate Global Forum and the Declaration de Chaillot, signed by 70 countries, the EPBD brings clarity on the way forward at EU level. We look forward to getting to work as soon as Member States have substantiated their commitments by officially approving the text at the forthcoming Energy Council meeting.

“The energy efficiency industry is ready to deliver and make efficient buildings Europe's next industrial success. We have a strong regulatory foundation, but while targets matter, it is transposition that will deliver better living conditions and improve the resilience of our buildings. Let's get to work immediately.”, **said Julie Kjestrup, President of EuroACE and Head of Policy and Thought Leadership at VELUX.**

“Buildings are the nexus linking the Green Deal and industrial policy. The EPBD recast can turn our businesses and homes into active hubs supporting the transition towards a decarbonised and decentralised energy system. Today's positive vote should now be translated into a stable policy framework and long-term support at national level.”, **said Bertrand Deprez, Vice-President of EuroACE and VP EU Government Affairs at Schneider Electric.**

“Action on buildings is required, whether you look at it from the social, energy dependency or economic angle, and regardless of your political colour. The EPBD ticks a lot of boxes, offering answers to the climate and energy price crises and providing positive perspectives for a new generation of workers. There is no time to lose on implementation!”, **said Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE.**

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