

## Update on review of Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

### Indoor Environmental Quality not really addressed in submitted legal amendments

**On 11 October 2017, the Members of the ITRE Committee of the European Parliament have adopted the draft report on the review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) by Mr Bendt with 51 votes in favour, 11 against and 1 abstention. In this article, we provide readers with an in-depth summary and outline upcoming steps.**

### Initial summary

Over 600 amendments were voted before adopting the draft report. In the run-up to the vote, nine associations (AREA, EHPA, EPEE, eu.bac, EUHA, Eurovent, EVIA, GCP and REHVA) issued a joint industry paper to request the integration of Indoor Environmental Quality into the revision of the EPBD.

This was a laudable effort following earlier efforts in June 2016. The ENVI Committee picked up the issue of Indoor Environmental Quality. However, and because Indoor Environmental Quality was not really addressed in the 629 amendments submitted to the ITRE Committee, it will not appear in the revised EPBD, unless (but unlikely) the issue could still be picked up during the 'trilogue' meetings (Commission, Council and Parliament). Renewed efforts will be required in advance of the next revision in five years.

The main elements relevant to Eurovent are:

- The threshold for inspections of air-conditioning systems is lowered to 12 kW for residential buildings
- The threshold for inspections of heating systems is lowered to 70 kW for residential buildings
- Member States shall require that non-residential buildings with total primary energy use of over 250 MWh per year are equipped with Building Automation Controls (BACs) by 2023
- Member States may require that residential buildings with technical building systems of a cumulated effective rated output for air-conditioning or ventilation of over 12 kW are equipped with BACS
- The requirement for Member States to have long-term renovation strategies is strengthened.
- The need for harmonisation of Energy Performance Certificates is mentioned.
- Member States are required to ensure charging points to improve in mainly public and commercial buildings for one out of every ten parking places
- There is no mention of harmonising the energy performance calculations or a request to make use of the standards developed for the calculation models of the EPBD
- A "Smartness indicator" for buildings will be introduced

### Next steps

The first 'trilogue' meeting will take place on 7 November. The aim is to reach an agreement by the end of the year.

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