



## Joint Statement on the Energy Performance of Building Directive Recast

We, the undersigned organisations, express our gratitude to the colleagues in the European Parliament for having adopted the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) recast on 12 March 2024 and herewith further emphasize that we support the text because it will introduce important new provisions to put the building stock on track with the EU 2050 energy and climate targets.

To bring its contribution to reach such objectives, the building sector requires an ambitious but practical and unambiguous European legal framework that considers the needs of building owners and occupants, and the competitiveness of the construction ecosystem, including construction SMEs and crafts, as well as technical building systems, with sufficient freedom for transposition and timely implementation at the Member State level. The European Parliament and Council of the European Union have reached during the trilogue negotiations a balanced agreement that would deliver important benefits to achieve the objectives set.

### Climate and energy

Buildings are responsible for 40% of EU energy consumption and 36% of EU greenhouse gas emissions. The recast EPBD will help secure the contribution of buildings to EU's carbon neutrality, energy efficiency and renewable energy objectives, and therefore durably improve Europe's energy security and energy independence. National renovation plans would transform the existing building stock to zero emission buildings respecting the district and neighbourhood approaches taking into account local and regional resources.

### Building occupants

The EPBD recast contains important new provisions aimed at improving Indoor Environmental Quality, alleviating energy poverty, and protecting vulnerable households. It will mobilise private investments, facilitate financial support and access to information.

### Industrial competitiveness

For industry, the EPBD recast will be an important signal to provide regulatory certainty, legal clarity, a positive market outlook and predictability, which would trigger investments in new greener manufacturing capacity and job creation.

### Member States and subsidiarity

The EPBD recast acknowledges national and regional differences and heterogeneity in the building stock. It gives Member States significant flexibility in the transposition and implementation of the Directive, especially for residential buildings.

**The approval of the final EPBD recast text by the Member States in April 2024 will allow them, and the EU at large, to make significant steps ahead towards an energy efficient, environmentally friendly and healthy building stock.**





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- Energy Performance of Buildings Center ([EPB Center](#))
- [Euroheat & Power](#), The Heating & Cooling Network
- [Europe On](#), Electrical Contractors in Europe
- European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration ([Cogen Europe](#))
- European Association of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning & Heat Pump contractors ([AREA](#))
- European Builders Confederation ([EBC](#))
- European Copper Institute ([ECI](#))
- European Environmental Bureau ([EEB](#))
- European Federation of Intelligent Energy Efficiency Services ([EFIEES](#))
- European Heat Pump Association ([EHPA](#))
- European Heating Industry ([EHI](#))
- European Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies ([EUROVENT](#))
- European Partnership for Energy Efficiency ([EPEE](#))
- European Ventilation Industry Association ([EVIA](#))
- Federation of European Heating, Cooling and Air Conditioning Associations ([REHVA](#))
- [Lighting Europe](#), the voice of the lighting industry
- [Solar Heat Europe](#), European Solar Thermal Industry Federation

