

EFIEES' Position on EPBD recast in view of the trilogue negotiations

Focus on energy management solutions

EFIEES is the voice of private energy service companies (ESCOs) and their national associations across Europe. Our members represent over 100.000 professionals committed to the design and implementation of energy efficiency measures in public and private buildings, industrial facilities, as well as to the efficient operation of district heating & cooling networks.

EFIEES has been closely following the discussions on the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and we are glad to see, in the European Parliament's position, a **better recognition of the Energy Efficiency First principle**.

The revision of the EPBD must indeed not only aim at improving buildings' energy performance through renovation actions but also **strengthen the role of solutions allowing to keep and enhance energy performance over time**, through proactive energy management. **Energy management solutions, such as Energy Performance Contracts (EnPCs) should thus be systematically considered**, as the preferred option for buildings' renovation, and not only as a financing solution. Moreover, supporting the uptake of these solutions, through effective measures and explicit references across the revised EPBD, **allows to concretely materialise the Energy Efficiency First principle within the law**.

With several new explicit references¹ to Energy Performance Contracting, especially within the definition of staged deep renovation (Article 2(20)), **the European Parliament's position on EPBD recast clearly goes in the right direction**, at a time when energy savings and buildings' decarbonisation have become not only environmental but also economic and social issues.

As **the greenest energy is the energy we don't use**, it is of utmost importance to ensure that the EPBD recast effectively supports all the solutions that allow to guarantee and maintain energy savings over time. We thus call the negotiators to **safeguard the Parliament's amendments referring to energy performance contracting, and more specifically its proposed definition of staged deep renovation**, when discussing a final deal. The support to energy management solutions and more broadly to the Energy Efficiency First principle must not be a trade-off during the negotiations.

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*“The Parliament's position on the EPBD recast contains very good amendments to the Commission's proposal, ensuring a better recognition and a concrete application of the Energy Efficiency First principle. These key points now have to be safeguarded during the trilogue discussions, which EFIEES will follow with a particular attention” says **Valérie Plainemaison, EFIEES' Secretary General.**”*

¹ **in Annex II** addition of the **promotion of energy management solutions**, such as EnPCs as a **mandatory indicator** to be put in the “overview of implemented & planned policies & measures” in the national Building Renovation Plans, in the definition of ‘staged-deep renovation’, and **in Article 26§1**.