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## EFIEES' first views on EPBD provisional political agreement

[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.

With regard to our mission, we have been closely following the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), and welcome the closing of negotiations yesterday.

### ★ A deal that marks a new step towards an efficient and decarbonised European building stock

After several months of negotiations, European co-legislators have reached an agreement on the recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). **EFIEES welcomes the conclusion of this deal, as this provisional political agreement marks a new step towards the effective decarbonisation of Europe's building stock.** By putting the EPBD recast on top of their agenda, European legislators have acknowledged the **urging need to support energy efficiency and renewables uptake in both residential and non-residential buildings.** Some support to the transition of Europe's building sector has been long awaited, it is now time to make it happen!

### ★ What EFIEES hopes to see in the deal

As the provisional political agreement on the EPBD recast has not been made public yet, we only have some snippets of information on the final deal. As stated through the entire revision process, EFIEES hopes to see two important elements in this agreement:

1. On top of accelerating renovation rate, the EPBD should also focus on **actual energy performance guaranteed over time.** We thus hope to see some **concrete support to energy management solutions** such as **Energy Performance Contracting (EnPC)** in this recast.
2. As **Efficient District Heating And Cooling (EDHC)** systems already greatly contribute to the decarbonisation of the heating sector and will do even more in the future, we hope that the EPBD recast will support these solutions with a definition of zero emission buildings (ZEB) that covers buildings supplied with energy from efficient district heating and cooling systems.