



The Recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

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In a landmark decision, the European Parliament has confirmed with a positive voting on 12th of March 2024, all efforts made in the last 2 years to enhance the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). The MEPs showcase a resolute commitment to sustainable and energy-efficient buildings across the European Union, and a united front in the pursuit of a greener and more resilient future. With a safe majority in favor of the recast, it is evident that the importance of sustainable building practices resonates deeply within our European legislative bodies.

The success of the EPBD voting can be attributed not only to the European Triologue but also to the collaborative spirit among European Associations who have been stressing on the same voice the urgent need to address climate change and promote energy efficiency.

One of the key achievements of the newly approved EPBD is the strengthened focus on reducing carbon emissions from the building sector. By promoting innovative technologies and sustainable construction practices, the EPBD aims to propel the EU towards its climate goals while simultaneously fostering economic growth and job creation in the green sector.

Moreover, the recast of the EPBD emphasizes the

role of digitalization in enhancing building efficiency.

The directive encourages the integration of smart technologies, such as advanced energy management systems and intelligent automation, to optimize energy consumption and minimize waste. This forward-thinking approach not only aligns with the EU's digital agenda but also positions the European building sector at the forefront of technological innovation worldwide.

As the news of the successful EPBD voting reverberates throughout all European countries, it sends a powerful message of unity and determination to address the challenges posed by climate change.

As REHVA president, I extend my gratitude to all EUPAG members of our federation whose intensive efforts done in the last months were indeed rewarding, not only for our large REHVA family, but also for the entire building services European market.



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