POLICY CONFERENCE

Thursday, 19 November 2026 – 08:00-18:00
European Economic and Social Committee,
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TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER(S)
08:00 – 09:00	**Registration and welcome coffee**	
09:00 – 09:10	**Welcome and opening**	**Livio Mazzarella**, President, REHVA
Session I — The technical side: EPBD implementation: Member State reporting and discussion		
09:10 – 09:15	**Introduction**	**Jarek Kurnitski**, REHVA Vice President
09:15 – 09:35	**Keynote speech: The European Commission actions on EPBD implementation - Q&A**	**Pau Garcia Audi**, Team leader – National renovation policies, funding and international cooperation on buildings policy – Directorate-General for Energy, Unit B.3 Buildings & Products
09:35 – 09:55	**EPBD implementation reporting results from Member States - Q&A**	**Jarek Kurnitski**, REHVA Vice President
09:55 – 10:15	**EPBD at a Crossroads: Level Up or Simplify?- Q&A**	**Stijn Renneboog**, Deputy Secretary General - Eurovent
10:15 – 10:35	**A cold morning in 2030: The real test of EPBD implementation - Q&A**	**Gusts Kossovičs**, Managing Director – European building automation and controls association (eu.bac)
10:35 – 10:45	**Session I wrap-up**	**Jarek Kurnitski**, REHVA Vice President
10:45 – 11:15	*Coffee Break*	
Session II — The policy side: EED & the EU Heating & Cooling policies		
11:15 – 11:20	**Introduction**	**Johann Zirngibl**, REHVA Vice President
11:20 – 11:35	**Keynote speech: The European Commission strategy and objectives**	**Margot Pinault**, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Energy, Energy Efficiency: Policy and Financing
11:35 – 11:50	**REHVA's vision on heating and cooling policies**	**Harm Valk**, REHVA Vice President
11:50 – 12:40	**Panel discussion**	Moderator: Johann Zirngibl, REHVA Vice President Panellists: – **Margot Pinault**, DG ENER, Unit B.2 – **Harm Valk**, REHVA Vice President – **Risto Kosonen**, REHVA Vice President – **Patrick Crombez**, General manager environment Research Center – Daikin Europe – **Pierre Cruveillé**, Chair Person – European Ventilation Industry Association (EVIA)
12:40 – 13:00	**Session II wrap-up, questions and answers**	**Johann Zirngibl**, REHVA Vice President
13:00 – 14:00	*Networking lunch*	
Session III — From Policy to Practice: Real Experiences from Delivering Renovation Projects Across Europe		
14:00 – 14:10	**Introduction**	**Komninos Angelakoglou**, Principal Investigator InCUBE Project, CERTH
14:10 – 14:35	**Decarbonisation of the district energy supply with ground-source heat pumps. The case of Trento, Italy**	**Matteo Buffo**, Researcher and Technologist, Area Sustainable Territories, FBK
14:35 – 15:00	**Streamline industrialised renovation. The case of Groningen, the Netherlands**	**Nadia Mild**, Project Coordinator, Van Wijnen
15:00 – 15:25	**Participatory renovation with owners at home. The case of Zaragoza, Spain**	**Beatriz Gimeno**, Architect, Metro7 **Mapi Dal**, Architect, Metro7 **Paloma Bozman López**, Head of EU Project and Innovation Unit, Sociedad Municipal Zaragoza Vivienda **Ana Maorad,** Architect, Sociedad Municipal Zaragoza Vivienda
15:25 – 16:00	**Open floor: questions and answers**	**Daniëlle Jacobson**, Project Manager, New Energy Coalition
16:00 – 16:15	**Closing remarks**	**Livio Mazzarella**, President, REHVA **Marcin Nowacki**, President of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN), European Economic and Social Committee

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16:15 – 18:00	*Cocktail reception*	

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