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EPBD: Parliament Puts Stronger Emphasis on Deep Renovation

On 11 October 2017 the **committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament (ITRE)** **voted on the [European Commission's proposal for amending Directive 2010/31/EU](#) on the energy performance of buildings (EPBD)**. The report from 23 October 2017 containing the **[amendments voted by ITRE](#)** is now the **basis for the Triilogue between the Commission, Council and the Parliament**. The purpose of Trialogues is to try aligning the differing positions, in order to present a compromise draft legal resolution for voting in the plenary. The Triilogue **negotiations on the present amendment of the EPBD are expected to be difficult** and therefore a vote not expected before spring 2018.



While the final outcome from the triilogue negotiations remains to be seen, several of the adopted proposals for amendments indicate that the **European Parliament seeks to put a stronger emphasis on deep renovation in a future EPBD**, convinced that deep renovation of the existing building stock (and new built nearly zero energy building) are fundamental to arrive at a nearly zero energy buildings stock by 2050.

The fact that there is still much to do to get anywhere near a nearly zero energy building stock is **underlined by a new [analysis by Buildings Performance Institute Europe \(BPIE\)](#)** – an “independent not-for-profit think-tank”. Based on an analysis of Energy Performance Certificates BPIE estimates that 75 % of buildings in the EU correspond to energy per-

formance class D or E, whereas only 3 % falls in performance class A. The **study for the ITRE committee „[Boosting Building Renovation: What potential and value for Europe](#)“** and similar studies concluded, that **among many other reasons the lack of knowledge of construction professionals**, the fragmentation of the supply chain, i.e. **the lack of integrated housing renovation offers as a service** and thus the resulting burden, especially for private home owners, **form part of the key barriers to renovation**. **This is where the industry driven Danish [BetterHome initiative](#) offers an innovative service**, which according to BPIE **has successfully proven to boost demand for deep energy renovations** in Denmark.

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