



The European Building Policies

Introduction

2030 climate and energy package

- Commission presented its White Paper on 22 January 2014: nothing concrete on energy efficiency; proposal expected after summer
- Parliament voted on its report on 5 February asking for 3 binding targets on GHG, renewables and energy efficiency
- Parliament called for a 40% energy efficiency target by 2030 (corresponding to the cost-effective energy saving potential according to research by Fraunhofer Institute)
- Parliament also called for a sectoral target for buildings (Hall amendment)
- Heads of State and Government meet 20-21 March (and in June)
- EU 2030 approach to be agreed before UN Ban Ki-moon summit in September 2014

Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)

- Transposition deadline for Member States – June 2014
- National long-term renovation plans due in April 2014
- First National Energy Efficiency Action Plan due in April 2014
- Commission will assess progress on 2020 target by 30 June 2014 and present a report with “further measures if necessary” ; a legislative proposal, including on post-2020 policy, potentially due in September
- Review of Article 7 on supplier obligations due in June 2016

Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

- Public buildings nearly zero by December 2018
- All buildings nearly zero by December 2020
- EPBD review by 1 January 2017
- Possible idea: bring forward and merge review of EED and EPBD into one and legislate in 2015 for a renovation **rate** for existing buildings? 😊

Financing for energy efficiency 2014-20

- Horizon 2020: almost €6 billion (= 85% of the energy budget line) ring-fenced for research into low carbon technologies.
Energy efficiency one of priorities for research and innovation activities.
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF):
 - at least €23 billion to “support the shift to a low-carbon economy” in EU regions (20% in developed, 15% in transition and 12% in less developed)
 - can help with financing capital intensive measures such as energy efficiency improvements – but Member States need to make full use!



Thank you!