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Buildings directive deal: progress, but not living up to the EU's 2030 efficiency goal

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Negotiations on the recast of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), the last open file of the Fit for 55 Package, concluded last night; while the agreed text brings some improvement to the current framework, it falls short of delivering the energy savings potential of the EU building sector.

The recast EPBD is a crucial piece of the EU energy efficiency framework as reducing energy consumption in buildings is essential to achieve the new 2030 EU energy efficiency target set in the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). After challenging negotiations, the final agreement is weaker than the original Commission proposal, but it will allow for some progress, if Member States are serious with implementation.

In particular, the final deal requires that the average energy consumption of residential buildings must decrease by 16% by 2030, clearly below the renovation obligation in the original Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS). Also, the new National Building Renovation Plans' timeline is now misaligned with the update of the National Energy and Climate Plans, which might create inconsistencies between the two.

On a positive note, co-legislators agreed on a rather robust MEPS framework for non-residential buildings, which will complement the obligation to renovate public buildings in the EED, and on the roll out of one-stop shops to help citizens with renovations.

Arianna Vitali, Secretary-General of the Coalition for Energy Savings said:

“Instead of a cherry on top of the Fit for 55’s cake, with last night's EPBD deal, co-legislators missed the opportunity to fully apply the Energy Efficiency First principle to buildings, particularly residential ones. Renovations are at risk of not being accelerated to the level needed to meet the 2030 EU energy efficiency target, which will impact all citizens, in particular the most vulnerable.

An exceptionally strong implementation from Member States and resolute enforcement by the European Commission will be imperative to ensure that the EPBD ultimately supports the European Union’s carbon neutrality objective.”

Notes for editors:

- The European Commission's press release on the interinstitutional agreement on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive can be accessed [here](#).
- The Parliament's press release on the interinstitutional agreement on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive can be accessed [here](#).
- The Council's press release on the interinstitutional agreement on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive can be accessed [here](#).
- The Commission's original proposal on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive can be accessed [here](#).

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