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## 3% Renovation of Public Buildings: Member States fail to kickstart the market

A Report published today by the Coalition for Energy Savings “Implementing the EU Energy Efficiency Directive: Analysis of Member States plans to implement Article 5” reveals **loopholes in implementation** and a **lack of political will to boost the renovation of central government buildings across the EU**.

Article 5 of the EED calls on Member States to renovate 3% of the total floor area of buildings owned and occupied by central government, with a floor area over 500m<sup>2</sup> (250m<sup>2</sup> as of 9 July 2015). Members States who chose not to adopt this default approach and instead notified the Commission about selecting an alternative approach are required to take alternative measures that will deliver equivalent savings.

Out of the 28 EU Member States, **11 chose to implement Article 5 by adopting the default approach** by renovating 3% of the total floor area for the buildings listed in their published inventory, and **17 by adopting the alternative approach** (see Press Release Annex for map).

*“The main objective of Article 5 is for the public sector, which has full control over its buildings, to **lead by example and act as an important trigger to stimulate market transformation**”* explained Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE. *“National governments should be **setting the example for regional and local governments, and opening up the market for the residential and commercial building stock**. Instead, Member States have reported confused or limited information, and no clear plan on renovations to be undertaken to achieve the required energy savings.”*

Renovating the building stock in the EU has a recognised potential to **deliver multiple benefits in terms of local job creation, improved public finances, lower energy bills and reduced CO2 emissions**, thereby helping the EU to achieve its Climate and Energy objectives and its Growth Agenda.

The EED also requires Member States, under Article 4, to submit **National Building Renovation Strategies every 3 years**. The combination of these National Renovation Roadmaps with the call to renovate 3% of public buildings is intended to kick-start the market for a **large-scale renovation of the whole building stock**.

*“The **low commitment on behalf of National Governments** towards energy efficiency improvements in buildings is a **glaring loophole in the current formulation of the EED’s Article 5**”* said Susanne Dyrboel, President of EuroACE. *“This translates into a **huge missed opportunity for Member States to unlock the vast energy savings potential in our leaky buildings** and must be addressed in the upcoming review of the EED in 2016”.*

**The Coalition Report outlines a series of recommendations**, which target both the European Commission and the Member States, in order to help them to step up their efforts on energy efficiency improvements in buildings. In its March 2015 Conclusions, the European Council emphasised the need to **“fully [implement] and rigorously [enforce] existing energy legislation”**.

EuroACE calls on the European Commission to pursue a firm stance on infringements, and live up to its pledge to **make “energy efficiency first as [its] abiding motto”**.

*“It would be unfortunate if our governments would not use their powers to invest in saving energy in their buildings and reduce running costs. **This is more than just about applying EU rules, it is about putting energy efficiency first**”,* said Stefan Scheuer, Secretary General of the Coalition for Energy Savings.

Download the full report from the [Coalition for Energy Savings website](#).  
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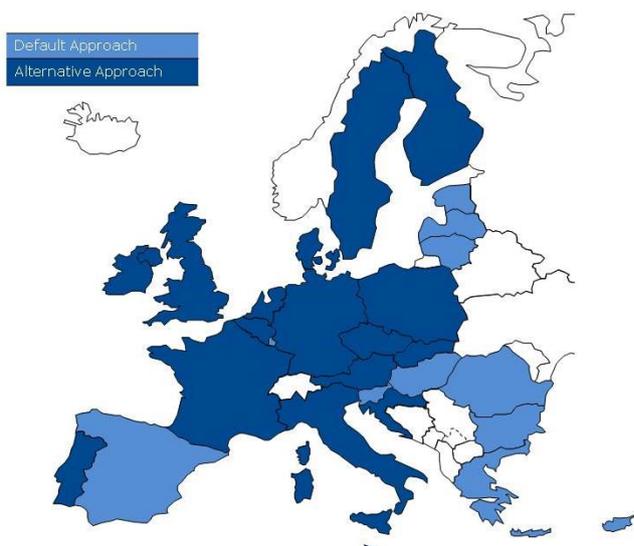
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ANNEX from the Coalition Report "Implementing the EU Energy Efficiency Directive: Analysis of Member States plans to implement Article 5"



**Figure 1 - Member States implement Article 5 adopting the default or the alternative approach**