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## **Press Release**

### **LightingEurope welcomes the inclusion of lighting in new EPBD**

LightingEurope welcomes yesterday's European Commission proposal on amending the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

In particular, LightingEurope is glad to see that the European Commission proposal imposes on Member States to set system requirements for all the technical building systems, built-in lighting included.

The share of lighting in the final energy consumption of non-residential buildings reaches up to 30 %. A proper implementation of lighting systems strongly reduces the final energy consumption of lighting. "Requirements for new and renovated buildings should include replacement of conventional lighting with LEDs. Together with lighting controls and daylight and occupancy sensors, this will result in around 60% energy savings," says Diederik de Stoppelaar, Secretary-General of LightingEurope.

Moreover, LightingEurope is glad to see that the European Commission proposes to encourage the use of ICT and smart technologies to ensure that buildings operate efficiently. This can be done by building automation and control systems, infrastructure for e-mobility, and by introducing a smartness indicator.

#### **About Lighting Europe**

*LightingEurope is an industry association of 33 European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion Euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers. More information about LightingEurope is available on our website [www.lightingeurope.org](http://www.lightingeurope.org).*

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