

## Press Release

### EPBD revision includes health and comfort

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LightingEurope welcomes the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), as published in the Official Journal of the EU on 19 June 2018. The following new content addresses our recommendations and will help increase the value of light to society:

- the energy needs of built-in lighting are included in the building's energy performance calculation;
- new provisions require to take healthy indoor and comfort level into consideration when calculating the energy needs of the technical building systems, including lighting;
- the acknowledgment of indoor visual comfort as an important factor when improving the energy performance of buildings;
- the introduction of the Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI), as it will further enable wellbeing and comfort of building occupants alongside energy savings;
- the introduction of a requirement for Member States to adopt a long-term renovation strategy until 2050. This requirement is a significant step towards achieving sustainable buildings and quality indoor environments for the occupants. This is an opportunity for Member States to adopt strategies which facilitate the uptake of innovative and energy efficient technologies that also provide good quality lighting for the health and wellbeing of the occupants.

Nevertheless, LightingEurope regrets that the SRI has been adopted as just a voluntary measure that can be set aside by Member States. Its full potential in achieving energy savings can only be realised if it will be applied throughout the EU, and fragmentation of the market creates an additional burden for industry.

LightingEurope will now liaise with Member State authorities to support the transposition of the EPBD into national legislation. We believe that the optimal implementation of the EPBD lighting-related provisions will help deliver Human Centric Lighting and contribute to Healthy Buildings, achieving stronger benefits for user comfort and performance.

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