

# Agenda

## 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting Concerted Action on the Energy Efficiency Directive

Venue: NH Collection Berlin Mitte, Friedrichstrasse 96, Berlin

Wednesday 26 March 2025		
09:00-13:00	Management Team Meeting	Location: Federal Ministry of Economy and Climate Action, Entrance Scharnhorststraße 35 (Gate 2)
14:00-17.00	NCP Meeting	
18:00-19:00	Registration of participants	

Chair Person: Hans-Paul Siderius

Thursday 27 March 2025			
9:00 - 10:30	<b>Opening Plenary session</b> <b>9:00</b> Welcome <b>9:10</b> Opening by State Secretary Stefan Wenzel, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action <b>9:25</b> Keynote by Ms. Kelly Westphal (Manager Corporate Energy & Climate Affairs) and Mr. Ulf Gehrckens (Executive Vice President Corporate Energy & Climate Affairs) from Aurubis AG <b>9:45</b> News from DG ENER, CINEA <b>10:15</b> News from the CA EED Coordinator		
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:00 – 12:15	Working Group Session <b>WG6.1</b> Selection and prioritisation of public buildings and pathway to achieving the targets (Art. 6)	Working Group Session <b>WG6.2</b> Qualification, accreditation and certification schemes (Art. 28)	Working Group Session <b>WG6.3</b> Waste heat (Art. 26), industrial applications <i>(link with RED)</i>
12:15 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:30 – 15:00	Working Group Session <b>WG6.1</b> (continued)	Working Group Session <b>WG6.2</b> (continued)	Working Group Session <b>WG6.3</b> (continued)
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>		
15:30 – 17:00	Working Group Session <b>WG6.1</b> (continued)	Working Group Session <b>WG6.2</b> (continued) <i>(link with CA EPBD)</i>	Info session <b>INFO6.4</b> Art. 3 EE1st Recommendation: CBA Methodologies
17:15 – 18:15	<b>Bonus session</b>		
19:00 – 22:00	<b>Dinner</b>		

Friday 28 March 2025			
9:00 – 10:30	Info session <b>INFO6.5</b> National Fund and Financing (Art. 30)	Info session <b>INFO6.6</b> Ongoing and new policy measures to achieve energy savings obligations 2021-2030 (Art. 8-10)	Info session <b>INFO6.4</b> (continued)
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
11:00 – 12:30	Info session <b>INFO6.7</b> CINEA/Life projects: Mobilising finance for energy efficiency, experiences from the national level (Art. 30)	Open Space <b>Social Climate Plan</b>	Open Space <i>At the disposal of participants for an impromptu session</i>
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:45 – 14:00	<b>Poster Session</b>		
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Closing Plenary Session</b> Presentation of conclusions: Domain Coordinators and CA EED Coordinator 15:15 PM7: invitation to Cyprus		
15:30	<b>Meeting close</b>		

# Parallel session descriptions



Session Title	Time Slot	Description
<b>WG6.1</b>  <b>Selection and prioritisation of public buildings for renovation and pathway to achieving the targets (Art. 6)</b>	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 1</b> 11:00 – 12:15	<p>Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For MS to start to think about what's required and what might be involved in achieving Art. 6 targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MS aware of the core issues they should focus on first.</li> <li>Specifically, the interlinkages with EPBD on defining the 'NZEB' or 'ZEB' targets, to link in with their EPBD transposition teams on defining these targets as these will have a major impact on what required to achieve Art. 6</li> <li>What MS are doing in relation for planning for understanding and planning towards achieving Art. 6</li> <li>MS understand what other MS are doing and help inform their own next steps re Art. 6</li> <li>Understand that Art. 6 is a long-term project that will take a long-term planning and resourcing perspective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>To start to consider what need to build towards and the likely tasks to get there.</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 1:</b>  The first session will start with a summary of the main results of the Working Group questionnaire. It will be followed by a brief overview of the requirements of Art. 6 for the Session 1 agenda. A little time will be spent recapping on the scope of buildings Art. 6 might pertain too. And the specific Art. 6 deliverables required to date and in 2025.</p> <p>A member of the CA EPBD team will present on aspects of the EPBD relevant to Art. 6. Specifically on work MS are undertaking, and in the CA EPBD, on defining NZEB and ZEB for new build versus retrofit of existing building stock. MS will also have to rescale their building rating systems (Energy Performance Certificates). There are timelines as to when the EPBD requires all new builds and retrofits to be ZEB also. So, the target for Art. 6 is still unclear. It may be hard for MS to determine full pathways to NZEB or ZEB until 'what is NZEB or ZEB' is clearer. Also, for MS that choose the default approach they need to record the equivalent 3% of m2 on a Passport system. She will provide an update of what is happening in CA re passport systems. Finally, what other requirements are there in the EPBD relevant to planning Art. 6 i.e. 'sufficient solar'.</p> <p>One MS will present on their work on what is NZEB or ZEB for retrofit, and perhaps considering implications of Art. 6 in the EED. It's hoped to present some examples of what an NZEB retrofit is to provide some context.</p> <p>This will help MS understand what the mysterious NZEB or ZEB target looks like and provide them with a basic understanding so as to engage with their EPBD transition teams. And understand the targets to be achieved.</p>
	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 2</b> 13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Session 2:</b>  This session will build on session one by placing the NZEB/ZEB target in context. It will provide an overview of other relevant targets in the EED like Art 5 and the specific links to the EPBD.</p>

	<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 3</b> 15:30 – 17:00</p>	<p>One area to explore is that of MS undertaking the alternative approach. It's hoped a MS can present that adopted the alternative approach, and their progress on calculation alternative savings and recording buildings on a passport system.</p> <p>From the questionnaire MS that have begun to develop inventories and gather data as how to prioritise and plan towards Art. 6. Which MS have sufficient data and have started this exercise. What are the implications and actions needed? What approaches or ideas are MS working on, even if detailed planning work hasn't started yet.</p> <p><b><u>Session 3:</u></b> In the third session, the aim is to focus on work MS are undertaking to analyse and determine pathways to the achieve the Art. targets. The questionnaire will highlight MS that have begun to consider what will be required to achieve the targets. These will be asked to present on their analysis and their next steps to begin mobilizing efforts. This may involve researching the pathways, the potential investment or resources needed, how it will be all governed and who is responsible, and linkages with other policy or legal areas i.e. LTRS under EPBD</p> <p>After the discussions MS should have a clearer idea of what MS are doing in this area and help inform their own next steps</p>
<p><b>WG6.2</b> <b>Qualification, accreditation and certification schemes (Art. 28)</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 1</b> 11:00 – 12:15</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 2</b> 13:30 – 15:00</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 3</b> 15:30 – 17:00</p>	<p><b><u>Session 1: Bridging the Skills Gap</u></b></p> <p>This session focuses on strategies for certification and workforce development in energy efficiency professions. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG6.2 Report Overview by DG ENER representative</li> <li>• Presentation on BUILD UP Skills Initiative</li> <li>• Discussion and Q&amp;A on workforce qualification, accreditation, and certification schemes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Session 2: Ensuring Quality and Transparency</u></b></p> <p>This session examines best practices in certification schemes for energy efficiency professionals. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Case Study: Hungary and Ireland</li> <li>• Workshops on Barriers and Innovations in Energy Services Adoption</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Session 3: Innovative Solutions for Workforce Shortages</u></b></p> <p>This session explores ways to overcome workforce shortages and increase participation in energy efficiency training programs. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentimeter Live Survey – Real-time feedback on industry challenges.</li> <li>• Workshop on Certification, Skills Gaps, and Best Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Certification and Qualification Schemes</b></li> <li>○ <b>Labour Shortages and Skills Gap</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Best Practices and Guidelines</b></li> <li>○ <b>Assessments and Quality Control</b></li> <li>○ <b>Cross-Border Recognition and European Standards</b></li> <li>• <b>Comprehensive Discussion on Article 28</b></li> </ul> <p>Discussion on Collaboration &amp; Future Topics – Exploring partnerships and next plenary meeting topics.</p>
<p><b>WG6.3</b></p> <p><b>Waste heat utilisation in DHC - Art. 26 transposition and industrial applications</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 1</b> 11:00 – 12:15</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 2</b> 13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Waste heat (WH) utilisation is identified as a crucial but underutilized resource for decarbonizing the heating and cooling sector. The recast EED mandates MS to increase WH use in DHC through the new criteria for efficient district heating and cooling (DHC) in Article 26, either by setting minimum WH and renewable energy shares or through specific CO<sub>2</sub> emissions-based thresholds.</p> <p>The new Renewable Energy Directive (RED3) besides setting the WH definition, provides several complementary provisions on WH utilisation and sets additional targets for increasing the share of RES and WH in HC - overall, in industry and in DHC.</p> <p><b>The key objective is exchange of knowledge, information and good practice on WH utilisation and support, considering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Art. 26 EED transposition and setting new targets for efficient DHC</b> – using also the new Guidelines for the interpretation of Article 26 of Directive (EU) 2023/1791.</li> <li>• <b>Waste heat definition and new targets for WH and RES in heating in RED3</b> – considering also Guidance on heating and cooling aspects in Articles 15a, 22a, 23 and 24 of Directive (EU) 2018/2001.</li> <li>• <b>New technological solutions for the internal usage of WH in industry and DHC</b> (heat pumps, absorption cooling etc.).</li> <li>• <b>Effective support for WH utilisation</b> in industry and DHC and access of WH/WC suppliers to DHC systems.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Session 1: Waste heat and article 26 EED transposition</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction</b> - Working Group Document 6.3</li> <li>• <b>EC Recommendations (EU) 2024/2395</b> – guidelines art. 26 EED (tbc)</li> <li>• <b>CA RES experiences</b> with Waste heat utilisation in heating and cooling</li> <li>• <b>MS experiences/good practice</b> on art. 26 transposition and waste heat utilisation support (DE, AT)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Session 2: Industrial waste heat applications</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New technologies and support tools for the industrial waste heat applications</b> (EU projects)</li> <li>• <b>MS good practice exchange</b> (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Group work &amp; discussion</b> on waste heat utilisation in industry and DHC.</p>
		<p><b>Background and motivation</b></p>

<p><b>INFO6.4</b></p> <p><b>EE1st Recommendation: CBA Methodologies</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 1</b> 15:30 – 17:00</p> <p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Session 2</b> 09:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Article 3 (energy efficiency first principle) is an important addition to the EED, and the Commission has announced that it will publish three Recommendations on this article. A Recommendation according to Article 3 (6), which will provide a common framework for the design of cost-benefit methodologies, a Recommendation on the interpretation and a Recommendation with sector-specific guidelines. Currently only the Recommendation on the interpretation is available.</p> <p><b>Objective</b> The Commission will provide a comprehensive overview of its upcoming Recommendations, and the objective of this information session is that participants are able to ask questions, thereby facilitating the implementation of Article 3 by MS. This implies that MS are able to apply Article 3 in conjunction with the Commission's Recommendations, especially in relation to the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the energy efficiency first principle with particular emphasis on the common framework for cost-benefit methodologies.</p> <p>The second session will focus on practical experiences with the energy efficiency first principle. The project <i>SEED MICAT</i> will present its practical experiences followed by a Q&amp;A session. Table discussions focusing on Article 3 are also planned for the second session.</p> <p><b>Target audience for attendance at the plenary meeting</b> Member States, national organisations and competent authorities, which are involved in the implementation of Article 3 of the EED recast and the corresponding guidelines by the Commission.</p>
<p><b>INFO6.5</b></p> <p><b>National Energy Efficiency Fund and Financing (Art. 30)</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> 09:00-10:30</p>	<p><b>Background and motivation</b> One overarching purpose with Article 30 is to scale up the volume of energy efficiency projects and leverage private financing and to support Member States to deliver on the 2030 energy efficiency targets. According to Article 30 (1) EED 2023 Member States are encouraged to establish financing facilities for energy efficiency improvement measures. In this session we will focus on one of the instruments lifted in the directive - the national energy efficiency funds (NEEF) as described in Article 30(11) and provisions related to that.</p> <p><b>Objective</b> The aim is to present the possibilities the establishment of a National Energy Efficiency Fund may offer and to share experiences and good practices between Member States.</p> <p><b>Programme and Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up and running energy efficiency funds – experiences from Norway and Spain, <i>Anna Theodora Barnwell, Enova, Norway and David Poza Cano and Luz Evelia Pérez Galán, Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de la Energía, Spain</i></li> <li>Guidance from the Commission on Article 30 with focus on NEEF: s, <i>Pierluca Merola, DG ENER</i></li> <li>How to attract more financing into energy efficiency – perspective from the market, <i>Peter Sweatman, CEO, Climate Strategy</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Annika Nilsson, Domain Coordinator, Swedish Energy Agency, Sweden</i></p> <p><b>Target group:</b> National participants responsible for implementation of Article 30 and related provisions in EED 2023.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The session program is conditional for changes and updates.</p>

<p><b>INFO6.6</b></p> <p><b>Ongoing and new policy measures to achieve energy savings obligations 2021-2030 (Art. 8-10)</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> 09:00-10:30</p>	<p>The aim of the session is to present a snapshot of policies/measures in MS that they have planned to use to EED recast Art. 8 implementation to reach the cumulative energy savings obligation 2021-2030. In the first presentation the Commission (DG ENER/Claudia Canevari) will make a presentation which will focus on the cross-country, EU-wide overview of the measures. The other presentations will be based on ENSMOV Plus work (Christos Tourkolias) using NECPR2023 and final NECP updates information complemented with national sources, mostly for the ENSMOV Plus partner countries, and with interviews with national experts. ENSMOV Plus presentation also includes some information on energy poverty relevant to Article 8(3) implementation in EED recast. In addition, discussion based on the topic.</p> <p><b>Target group:</b> National participants that are responsible for implementation of Art. 8-10 provisions</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The session program is conditional for changes and updates.</p>
<p><b>INFO6.7</b></p> <p><b>CINEA/Life projects: Mobilising finance for energy efficiency, experiences from the national level</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11:00-12:30</p>	<p><b>Introduction</b> – <i>Anette Jahn and Ulrike Nuscheler – European Commission, CINEA.</i> This will provide the context and a panorama of projects supporting the mobilisation of finance for EE, with a focus on the projects and initiatives supporting dialogue among stakeholders at the national level.</p> <p>Several H2020 and ongoing LIFE projects will showcase their experiences and achievements to build momentum at the national level in favour of EE financing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GREENROAD (Italy)</li> <li>• GreenDeal4Buildings (Czechia + Slovakia)</li> <li>• LIFE BE FREE (Belgium)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A/ Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Open Space</b></p> <p><b>Social Climate Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> 11:00-12:30</p>	<p>Open space sessions offer an opportunity for participants to discuss topics outside of the Plenary Meeting Parallel Sessions in an informal and constructive way. The topic for this session is ‘Social Climate Plan’.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> By the end of June 2025 member states will have to submit their Social Climate Plans in order to receive funds from the European Social Climate Fund. During this session participants will have the opportunity to share information regarding the approach of drafting these plans, what kind of measures are being considered for inclusion as well as possible links with the EED. The session will be led by Lisa D’haens and Roel Vermeiren (Flemish Energy and Climate Agency).</p>
<p><b>Bonus session</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> 17:15 – 18:15</p>	<p>The bonus session will be jointly hosted by the European Commission and IEA. The European Commission will present the results of its Global Energy and Climate Outlook 2024 and the results of a study providing short-term estimations of energy consumption in EU. IEA will present its analysis on global trends in energy efficiency, and the role it can play in enhancing energy security, competitiveness and affordability.</p>