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QualDeEPC discussed national and EU policy recommendations at the third round of national workshops

In May/June 2022, the consortium partners from Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Spain, and Sweden each hosted the third round of national workshops with the National Expert Fora (NEF). The main aim of this round of workshops was to gain feedback from experienced practitioners on the nationally adapted concepts of enhanced EPC schemes. The project's EU policy recommendations for the recast of the EU Directive on the energy performance of buildings (EPBD) were also discussed.

A variety of stakeholders, such as energy consultants and auditors, EPC-practitioners, policy makers, energy experts, and representatives from finance and economic sectors, energy agencies, building manager associations participated in the national workshops.

During the workshops, several proposals and tools elaborated throughout the project were discussed. The objective behind is their potential introduction into processes and regulations for certification and energy renovation of buildings at national level and in the EPBD.

At the sixth partner meeting in Riga on June 27th/28th, the consortium partners reported on their national workshops and drew conclusions. Among them:

- The participants were in agreement with most of the proposals;
- Interesting suggestions were noted, such as to prioritize renovation recommendations in the sense of staged (deep) renovation, or to include more graphs into the proposed EPC template, as well as fuel costs;
- Some challenges were collected, such as the reorganisation of ministries in some countries (eg. in Hungary and Germany), making it difficult to bring QualDeEPC's recommendations to the table; or currently high building and renovation costs, high and volatile energy prices, creating uncertainty in predicting any financial payback time or rate of return on renovation investments;
- There are some Deep Renovation Network Platforms (DRNPs) and online tools for self-calculation of energy savings options on national level already implemented.

The results and expert opinions from the workshops will be incorporated into the further design and final implementation of the QualDeEPC project. Identified priorities for improvement of existing EPC schemes are implemented at the national level in cooperation with the responsible authorities as far as possible, and additionally, they are to be made comparable at EU level.

In the Autumn of 2022, the consortium partners of QualDeEPC will host the fourth and last round of national workshops. For more information and details on the contents of the upcoming workshops or upon interest of participating in such, please contact the responsible national partner or project coordination.

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RECOMMENDED DOWNLOADS

- [QualDeEPC's EU Policy Recommendations Guide](#)
- [QualDeEPC's Template for an enhanced and more user-friendly EPC form](#)
- [Deliverable 5.1 Report on the 7 nationally adapted enhanced assessment and certification schemes](#)
- [Deliverable 5.2 Report on the 7 nationally adapted Deep Renovation Network Platform concepts](#)

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