



# U-CERT

User-Centred Energy Performance  
Assessment and Certification



Web workshop

# Building Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs): Convergent evolution?!

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# Programme (approximate timings)



10h00-10h05 – **Welcome and general introduction**

by **Andrei Vladimir Lițiu**, Building Performance Adviser, REHVA

10h05-10h25 – **Keynote “The set of EPB standards supports convergence and coherence”**

by **Dick van Dijk**, EPB Expert, EPB Center & Chairperson ISO JAG on ISO 52000 EPB standards

10h25-11h28 – **Moderated panel discussion and Q&A from the audience**

moderated by **Jaap Hogeling**, Chairperson CEN/TC 371, Energy Performance of Building, CEN

Spotlight on the [Next Generation EPCertificates cluster of H2020 projects](#)

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11h28-11h30 – **Closing remarks**

by **Andrei Vladimir Lițiu**



# General introduction



- **Building EPCertificates** have now been **around** in the EU's Member States **for at least 10 years**. Underpinned by the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)**, building performance assessment methodologies (and related certification processes) have been prepared at national level leading to **more than 30 different methodologies** (in some cases several within the same country).
- The **overall context is somewhat different now in 2021** from when **EPCs** were first introduced. Buildings are acknowledged as one of the **key focus areas for delivering the European Green Deal and more specifically the Renovation Wave Strategy**. Furthermore, **finance** is becoming more and more available and will reach in the coming decades the **needed scale to digitally transform buildings** not as a goal in its own right, but as means to an end for **reaching by 2050 a healthy, safe, efficient, flexible and sustainable EU building stock**.
- Policy and finance for buildings are rolling in the needed direction, however on the **technical side the EU's market is still fragmented** due to the different approaches of the Member States. Although, **there's no right or wrong nor better or worse** building performance assessment methodology and ultimately **building physics/science is the same round the globe**, the current situation is **hindering the needed leapfrogging** for immediately reaping the multiple benefits of continuously improving and optimizing the performance of the buildings we live, work, study, heal, relax etc. in.



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- Fortunately, all the “**technical layer**” **ingredients are available**, such as the set of **CEN/ISO Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) standards** and **Horizon 2020 coordination, support and innovation actions** and moreover the **EPBD is currently being revised** (the public consultation closed on 22 June 2021).
- Can we **walk the talk and go farther together** (as opposed to fast alone) in the **spirit of the EU's principles, including subsidiarity**, and facilitate a **convergent evolution to a common building performance coherence framework**?



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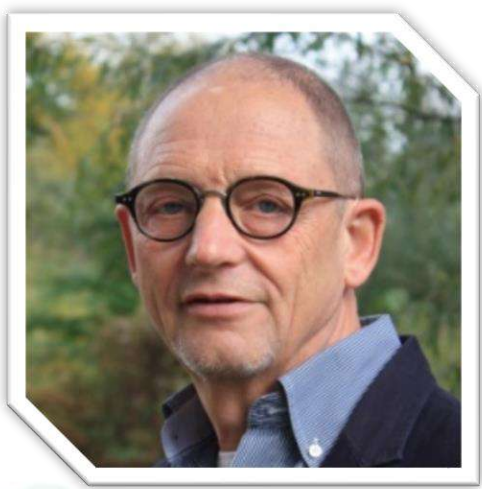
**Transition**

**Build forward together**  
“Go far, go together”

**Business as usual**

**Build back better**  
“Go fast, go alone”





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*Your service center for information and technical support on the set of EPB standards*

## The set of EPB standards supports convergence and coherence

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# My background



- EPB Center expert (> 2017)
- Involved in initiation, preparation and coordination of set of EPB standards (2012-2017)
- Convenor of ISO Joint Advisory Group on the (EN) ISO 52000 family of EPB standards, in collaboration with CEN  
ISO/TC 163 & ISO/TC 205, CEN/TC 371
- Convenor of ISO Working Group responsible for few key EPB standards:  
Energy needs heating/cooling, Climatic data, Partial EP indicators (ISO/TC 163/SC 2/WG 15)





# Mandate European Commission

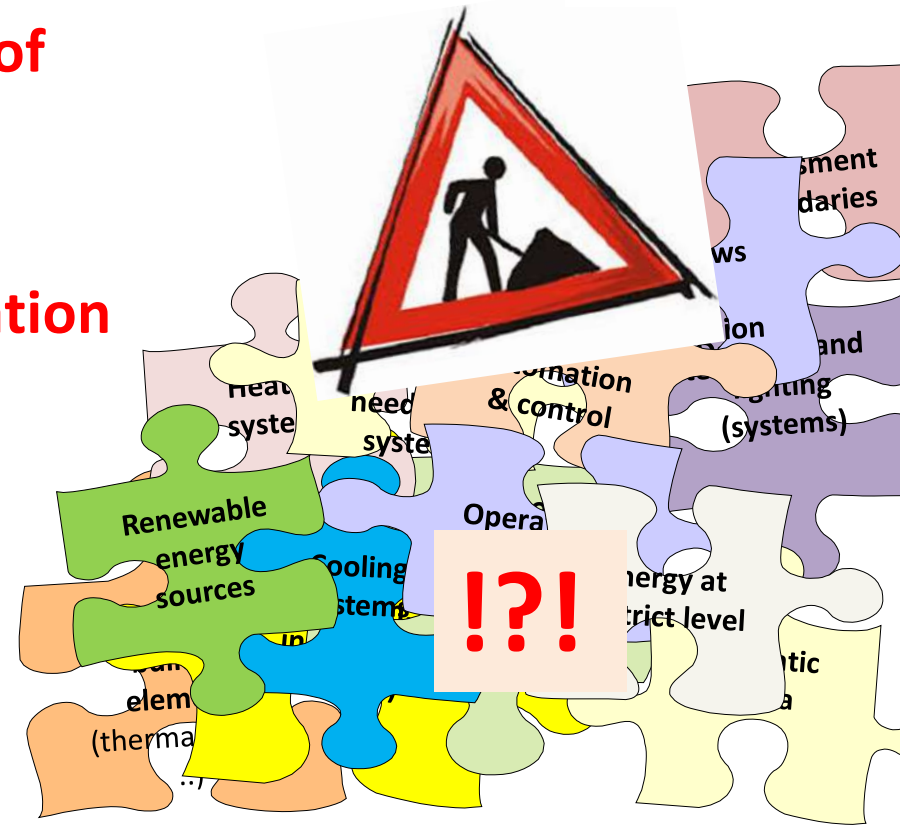
**December 2010:**

Mandate M480 European Commission to CEN:  
to develop a consistent set of standards to  
assess **overall Energy Performance of  
Buildings**



to support the EPB Directive (EPBD)

- For **energy performance certification** and to check compliance against minimum **EP requirements**
- **Harmonized** procedures, but:
- with **flexibility** for national situations





# Current status

## *Set of international standards on EPB using holistic approach*

- Most EPB standards were published in 2017
  - 17 EPB standards at European (**CEN**) and global (**ISO**) level
  - 36 EPB standards at European (**CEN**) level only
- Since 2017:
  - Few EPB standards added
  - Some EPB standards (being) upgraded from **EN xxx** to **EN ISO xxx**



The key EPB standards are all part of the (new) brand:  
**(EN) ISO 52000 family**



# Set of EPB standards: Common quality features

**Fit for use in context of building regulations**

**implementing the EPBD: EP Certificates & EP requirements**

- Overarching **framework** (EN ISO 52000-1)
- Common **quality** requirements for all
- Overall **consistency** (incl. output -> input links)
- Common **format**
- **Managed** by multi-disciplinary international team of experts (*ISO/TC 163, ISO/TC 205, CEN/TC 371*)
- Explanation, justification and examples in accompanying set of **Technical Reports** (e.g. CEN ISO/TR 52000-2)
- Validation and worked examples in accompanying **spreadsheets**



# Modular approach (1)

Technical topics:

Over-  
arching  
(10)

Building  
(16)

Heating  
(15)

Cooling  
(4)

Ventil.  
(4)

DHW  
(1)

Lighting  
(1)

BAC  
(10)

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# Modular approach (2)

## Themes:

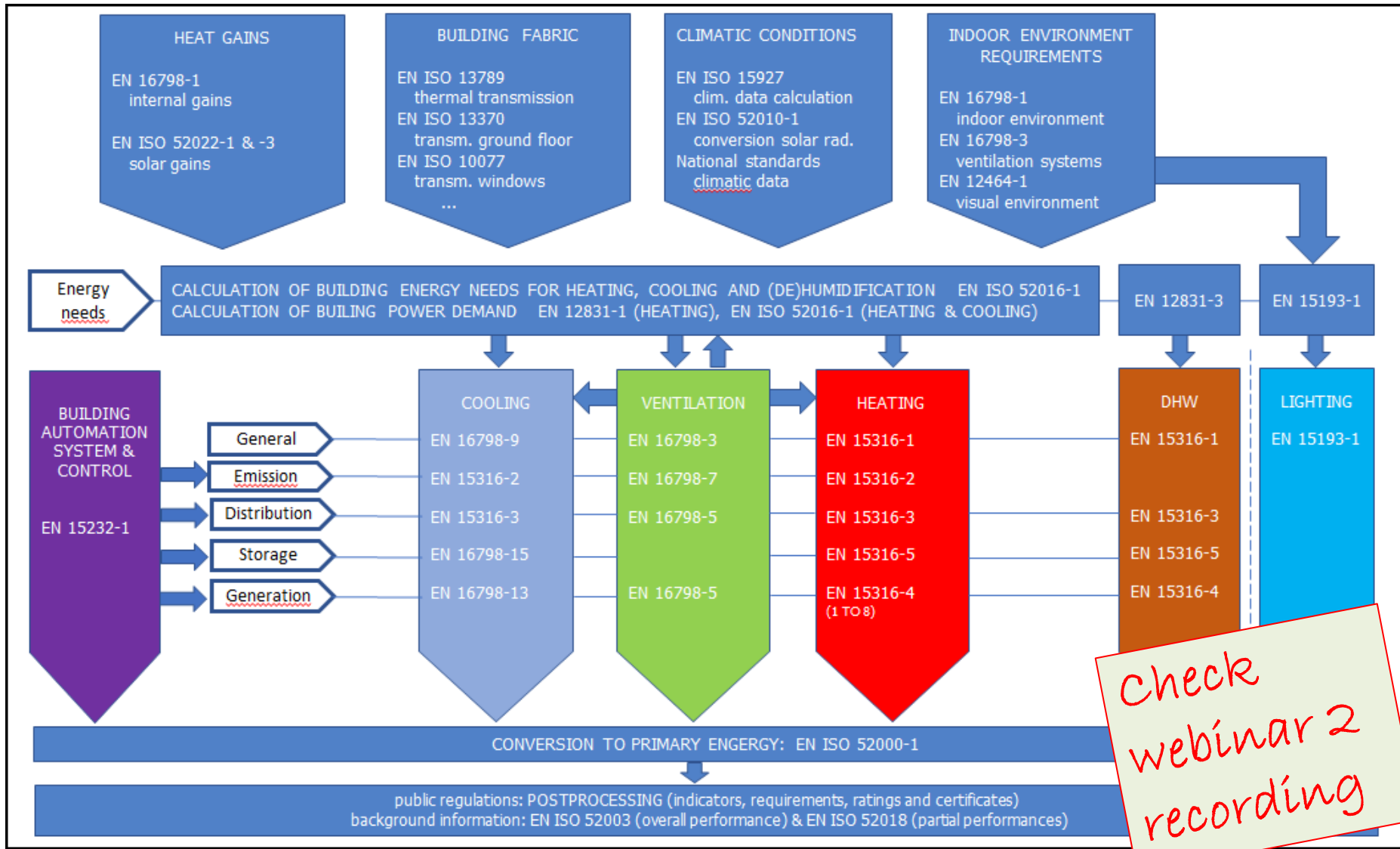
- (EP) Calculation procedures (36)
- Pre-processing: indoor and outdoor conditions (3)
- Post-processing: EP indicators, requirements or ratings (2)
- (EP) Measurement procedures (1)
- Building, system or component design procedures (11)
- Inspection procedures (4)
- Other (4)

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\*) : Core set for the calculation of the overall energy performance: about 10 to 15 EPB standards

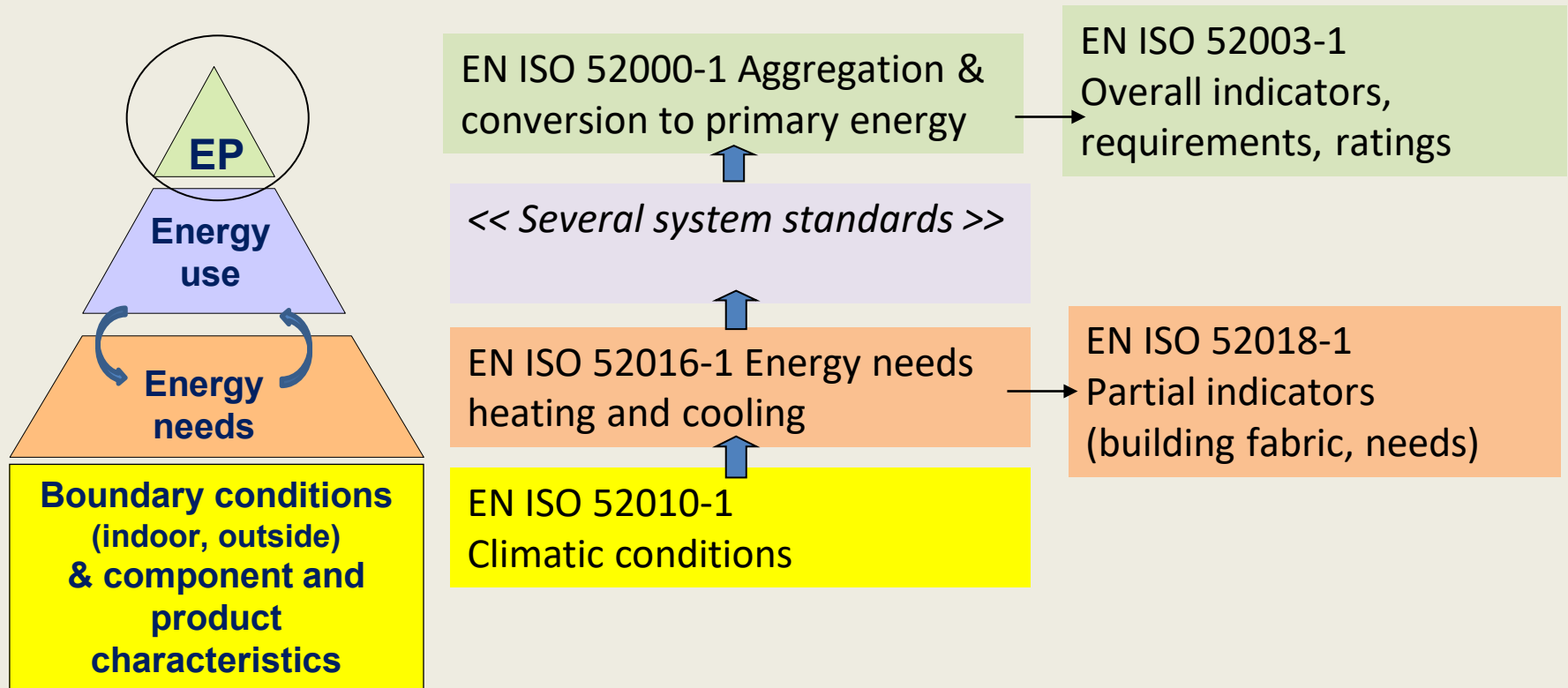


# Complete overview



# Five key EPB calculation standards













## EN ISO 52000-1, Overall EPB Framework (common terms, modular structure, ...)



# Harmonized but **flexible**

- Clearly identified **options** and **national data** remain necessary

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User behaviour	External influences	Cultural influences
Number of users 	Actual climate (cold/warm winter/summer) 	building tradition 
Ventilation etc. behaviour 	Actual climate on site (next to sea, in a windy place, etc...) 	building typologies 
Temperature etc. set points 	Actual location (latitude) 	culture 
Use of shading devices 	Shading from other buildings/trees 	policy and legal frameworks (including the type and level of quality control and enforcement) 
Maintenance of	Annexed buildings	

**Each EPB standard:**

**Annex A (normative template for the choices)**

**Annex B (informative default choices)**

➔ **National Annexes for national or regional choices**



# Specifically suited for EPCs and EPB requirements. *Example:*

- **EN ISO 52016-1**, *Energy performance of buildings – Energy needs for heating and cooling, internal temperatures and sensible and latent heat loads– Part 1: Calculation procedures (2017; replaced EN ISO 13790:2008)*
- Contains both **monthly** and **hourly** calculation procedures
- **NEW! Hourly method = tailored to goal:**
  - *Fully described, transparent method*
  - *Input data asked from the user for the hourly method is not more than for the monthly method*
- ➔ *Easy for EP regulators to switch (“upgrade”) from monthly to hourly calculations*
- *Hourly calculation is needed to deal with hourly interactions, innovative solutions, impact on thermal comfort*

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# Need for convergence

Plan to revise EPBD: “... *update of the framework for Energy Performance Certificates with a view to increasing their quality and availability, for example through greater **harmonisation**, the inclusion of additional information and more stringent provisions on availability and accessibility of databases.*”

## Why harmonization?

- Removes barriers
- Enables efficient and reliable exchange of information
- Ensures level playing field
- Stimulates innovation

Cooperation in U-CERT: Better, user-centred and converging  
EP Certificates *See panel discussion*



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# Conclusion

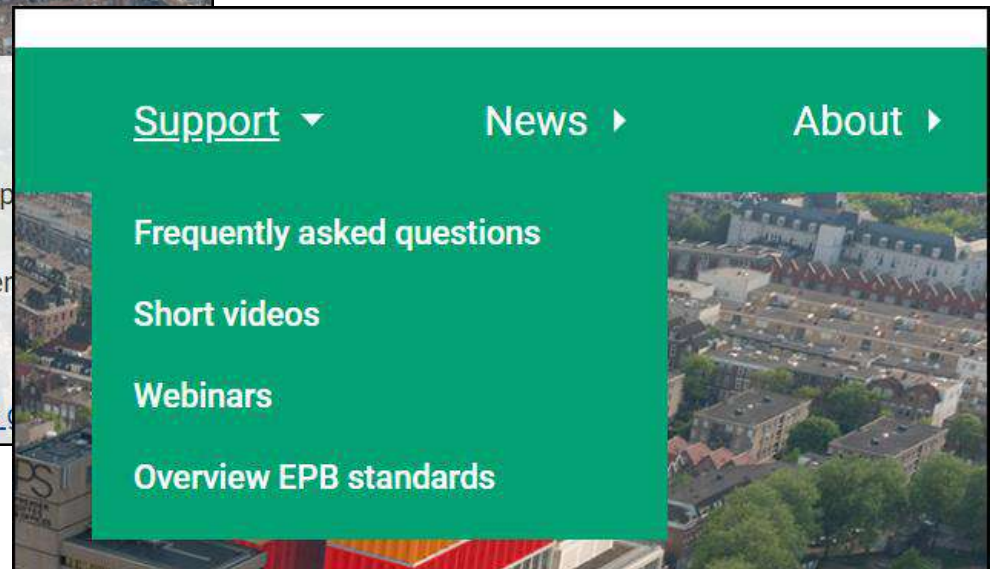
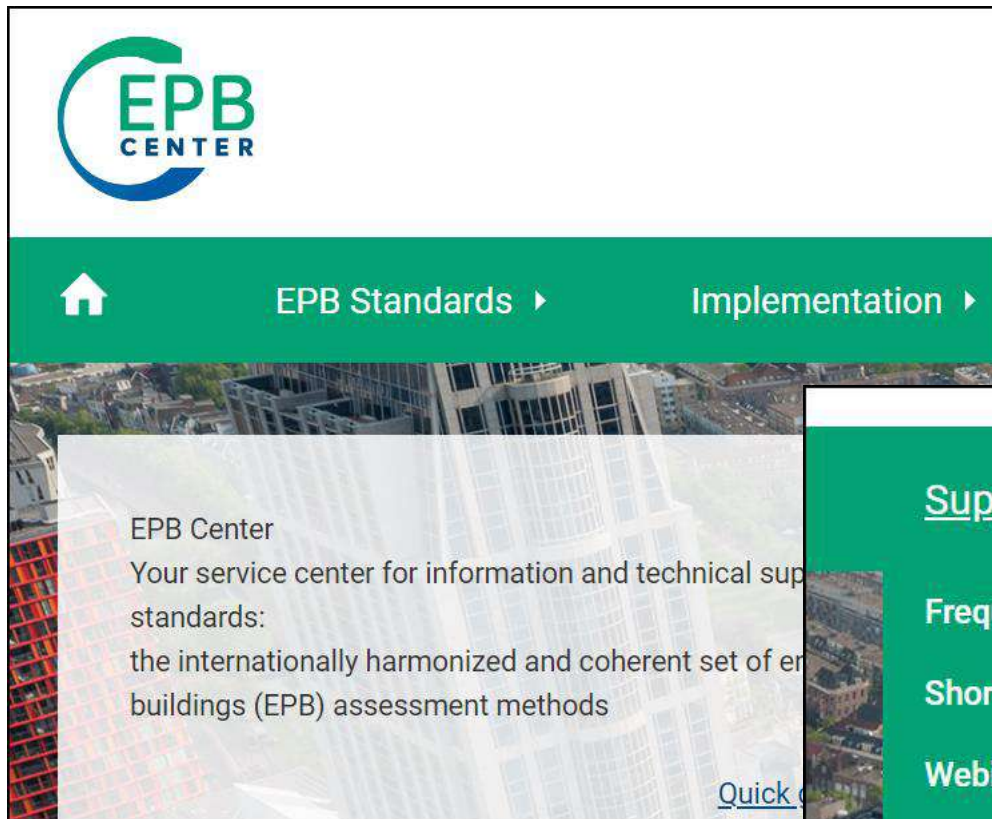
- The set of EPB standards to assess the energy performance of buildings
  - Harmonized, transparent and consistent
  - Specifically suited for EPB Certificates and EPB requirements
  - Flexible: to tailor to national/regional climate, building tradition, legal framework, ..
  - Modular
    - Step-by-step implementation
    - Regular maintenance and updating (knowledge, technologies)
  - Fit for nearly zero energy buildings, new or renovated
  - Small core of standards, with others for specific applications
  - (EN) ISO 52000 family, with common quality requirements



# More information?

See EPB Center website

[www.epb.center](http://www.epb.center)





# Knowledge base

*Even if you are more familiar with the subject (EPB standards, regulations)...*

*you probably (still) have many questions*

**Check** [www.epb.center](http://www.epb.center)

- *for short videos and webinar recordings*
- *for overviews and demo tools*
- *for FAQs on a variety of subjects*

*Or contact us ([www.epb.center/contact](http://www.epb.center/contact)) for more specific technical support and information*



# EPB Center: a continued build up of services

- The knowledge base available at the EPB Center will continue to expand
- Increasing role as platform to support sister projects
- To further facilitate and enable convergence and access to high quality EPB assessment procedures and EP certificates





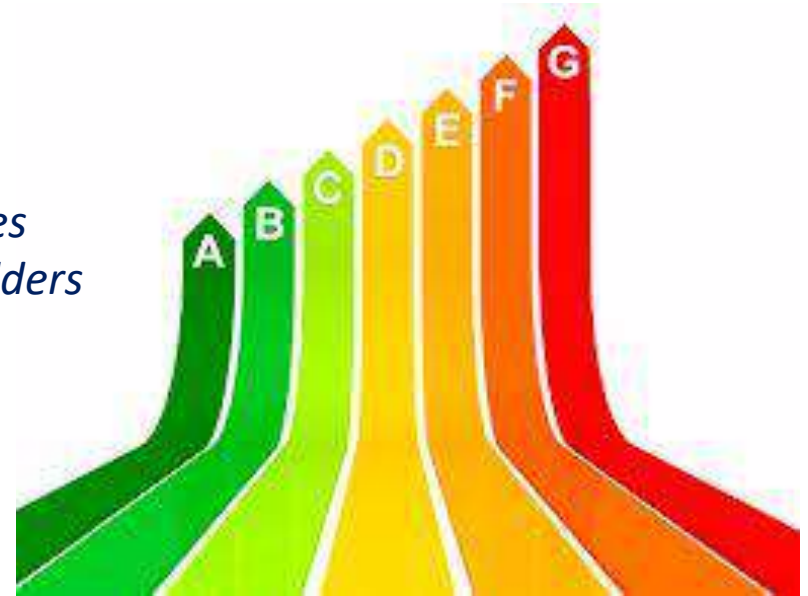
Thank you!

*EPB Center is also available for specific services requested by individual or clusters of stakeholders*

More information on the set of EPB standards:

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# Panel discussion Next Gen EPCertificates H2020 cluster of projects



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## Panellists representing the Next Gen EPCerts H2020 cluster's projects

- Q1: In your project's perspective what **issues/challenges** does the multitude of methodologies create for **building performance processes** (assessment, management, certification, design, construction/installation, inspections, renovation etc.) **in practice** and **vis-a-vis EU's climate and energy targets**?



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- Q2: What kind of **activities** is **your project conducting** that facilitate and support the **overcoming/mitigation** of the before mentioned **issues/challenges**?



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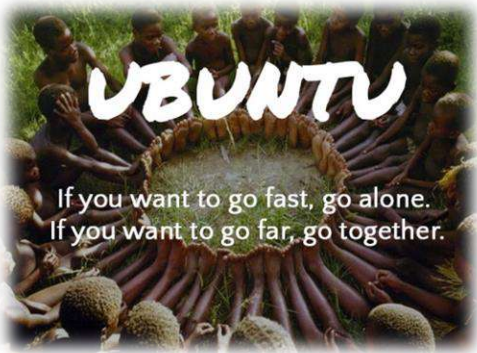
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# Closing remarks

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**Hvala!**

**Děkuji!**

**Tak!**

**Dank je!**

**Thank you!**

**Aitäh!**

**Kiitos!**

**Merci!**

**Danke!**

**Efcharisto!**

**Köszönöm!**

**Go raibh maith agat!**

**Grazie!**

**Paldies!**

**Ačiū!**

**Grazzi!**

**Dziękuję!**

**Obrigado!**

**Mulțumesc!**

**Ďakujem!**

**Hvala!**

**Gracias!**

**Tack!**

