

European Commission
Directorate-General for Energy, Unit B3
Mr. Robert Nuij, Head of Unit

Brussels, 22 June 2026

Subject: Ensuring full transposition of the energy performance of buildings directive to improve awareness and uptake of building mechanical ventilation systems

Dear Mr. Nuij,

In the Council Recommendation on the New European Bauhaus dated 11 May 2026¹, Member States were called on to review how incentives could “*significantly promote indoor air quality, natural lighting and ventilation*” and support affordable and sustainable housing.

As the European Ventilation Industry Association (EVIA), we strongly support this objective, which reflects a broad body of research linking adequate mechanical ventilation and good indoor air quality (IAQ) with health, comfort and building performance. We believe that the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), currently being transposed across EU Member States, provides a practical and cost-effective way to create such incentives.

The EPBD recognises indoor environmental quality (IEQ) as part of the framework for assessing building energy performance, including through parameters and services linked to ventilation rate, temperature, humidity and contaminants. Mechanical ventilation systems are therefore a key technical means of supporting adequate IEQ, particularly with regard to ventilation rates and contaminant control.

However, when a dwelling is sold or rented out, public authorities, building owners, prospective buyers and tenants should receive clear and explicit information on the ventilation systems installed in the building. This will help them to make fully informed decisions regarding maintenance, upgrading, replacement or renovation planning.

This information gap can be addressed, at least in part, through existing EPC frameworks. Annex I of the EPBD requires national calculation methodologies to reflect relevant building and technical system aspects, including ventilation, as part of the building energy performance assessment. Annex V also confirms that EPCs must contain system-level energy information. In this context, making ventilation-related information visible on the EPC is consistent with the broader objective of more informative and decision-useful EPCs.

In practice, many Member States already collect ventilation-related data within EPC methodologies, and some, such as Italy, mandate that the presence of a mechanical ventilation system appear on

¹ [Council Recommendation on the New European Bauhaus, 11 May 2026](#)

EPCs. The key policy challenge is therefore often not the collection of new data, but the visibility of relevant information already available in the EPC process.

In EVIA's view, this creates a clear opportunity during EPBD transposition. While the Commission cannot prescribe additional mandatory EPC fields beyond the Directive itself, it can use its implementation guidance, transposition dialogue and exchange with Member States to recommend that EPCs displayed at the point of sale or rental visibly indicate whether a building is equipped with a ventilation system.

In light of the above, EVIA respectfully invites the Commission, when assessing Member States' transposition of the EPBD, to:

- ensure Member States include visible ventilation-related EPBD required information in the published EPC output used at the point of sale or rental;
- recognise the role such information has to play in supporting technically sound IEQ-related recommendations;
- support exchange of best practice among Member States on how EPBD required ventilation-related information can be integrated into EPC frameworks in a cost-effective manner.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our letter and remain at your disposal should you wish to further discuss the above-mentioned aspects.

Yours sincerely,

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About EVIA

The [European Ventilation Industry Association](#) (EVIA) represents the interests of 39 European mechanical ventilation manufacturers and six national associations across Europe, realising an annual turnover of over EUR 7 billion and employing more than 45,000 people. EVIA aims to promote the implementation of highly energy efficient mechanical ventilation applications across Europe, with high consideration for health and comfort aspects.

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