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INFORSE-Europe Comments on the Proposal by THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL for Amendment of the directive 2010/31/EU on the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD, COM(2016)765)

It is crucial that the EPBD continues to have as target that new and renovated buildings in EU shall be near zero energy buildings from 2020. This target must be maintained and regular reporting should be introduced, for instance 4 times every decade, on the progress of implementing the rules for zero energy houses and on the progress in the transition of the buildings to near zero energy houses.

We support that the EU countries shall make national road-maps with clear milestones and policy measures for reaching the long-term 2050 target. Milestones must be every 5 year, following the 5-year periods of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement.

We support that financing of building renovations can be linked with the energy efficiency and energy conservation that the renovations lead to, but it is important with more flexibility than in the proposed directive because of the large differences between countries.

The proposed committee of countries (in art. 23) shall be supplemented with a consultation forum of stakeholders including environmental interests that are consulted on the same questions as the committee of countries.

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