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Welcome to the first edition of the GreenBuilding newsletter! This newsletter informs you about the recent events and the status of the European **GreenBuilding** programme, as well as of upcoming opportunities and issues to improve energy efficiency in the non-residential building sector.

About GreenBuilding

In 2004, the European Commission initiated the GreenBuilding Programme. This programme aims at improving the energy efficiency and expanding the integration of renewable energies in non-residential buildings in Europe on a voluntary basis. The programme addresses owners of non-residential buildings to realise cost-effective measures which enhance the energy efficiency of their buildings in one or more technical disciplines.

In a pilot phase in the years 2005-2006, the GreenBuilding infrastructure is being set up in ten European countries. In each participating country, a so called National Contact Point is being established for aiding organisations, who consider participation in GreenBuilding. The GreenBuilding pilot phase is a project supported by the European Commission's Intelligent Energy Europe Programme.

Since September 2005 all recent information are published at the central project website www.eu-greenbuilding.org. Additionally you can find information on national level for Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

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New GreenBuilding Partners

By becoming a GreenBuilding Partner, owners of residential buildings can present themselves as innovative players regarding energy efficiency. The company's commitment will be recognized by the awarding of the

GreenBuilding partner status through the European Commission. The GreenBuilding signet can be used in the context of various dissemination activities of GreenBuilding.

Five building owners in three European countries have already been awarded the GreenBuilding partner status. The first partner status has been given to the "Magistrat der Stadt Wien" for the renovation with performance contracting of the indoor swimming hall of Floridsdorf. A further partner from Austria is the Protestant Church in Stadl-Paura.

In March 2006, the GreenBuilding partner status was officially awarded to the Piraeus Bank SA for the refurbishment of a 19,000 m² building, making the bank the first GreenBuilding Partner in Greece.

The City of Nuremberg was the first institution in Germany to receive the GreenBuilding Partner status for the modernisation of a former administration and cantina building of the Nuremberg abattoir.



Nursery School Philipp-Körber-Weg 2 in Nuremberg

The refurbishment of the building in 2002 resulted in a 80% reduction of the primary energy demand for heating. The building, which today is home to a nursery school, now has a heating energy demand that is 32.5% below the regulations in force. The second partner in Germany is the BAU-schwede GmbH in Engelsbrand.

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First GreenBuilding Endorser

The GreenBuilding Endorser Programme has been established to help the European Commission and the GreenBuilding National Contact Points to promote GreenBuilding to potential participants and to support already registered GreenBuilding participants in their efforts to reduce the energy consumption in their non-residential buildings. The GreenBuilding Endorser Programme is open to almost all interested parties from the building sector. The first GreenBuilding endorser is the German consultancy energiebüro-m² from Neuenbürg.

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New Best Practices

In total 10 examples of successful refurbishments of non-residential buildings have been added to the GreenBuilding Best Practice Inventory – three each from Austria and Germany, two from Slovenia and one each from Spain and Sweden. [For more information click here](#)



Brostaden office building, Stockholm

The GreenBuilding Team

The following European Organisations are your contact points for GreenBuilding in Europe:

Please click on the country name to access the respective National Contact Point's GreenBuilding website in national language:

Austria	Austrian Energy Agency
Finland	Motiva Oy
France	ADEME, in collaboration with ARMINES
Germany	German Energy Agency (dena), in collaboration with Berliner Energieagentur and Fraunhofer-ISI
Greece	CRES
Italy	eERG
Portugal	ADENE
Slovenia	Jozef Stefan Institute
Spain	CREVER
Sweden	Swedish Property Federation
Europe	European Commission, Joint Research Centre

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