

Press Release

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Final Workshop for PassREg held at 19th International Passive House Conference

Passive + renewables: project's end brings together partners and EU leaders in Leipzig

Leipzig, Germany. The PassREg (Passive House House Regions with renewable energies) project, which was co-funded by the EU, was completed at the end of April. Its objective was to encourage cities, municipalities and entire regions to implement today the Passive House + renewables as their approach for the NZEBs (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings = low energy buildings) required by the EU from 1.1.2021, in their capacity as local pioneers. This provision will already apply from 1.1.2019 in the case of public buildings.

The partners involved had already provided detailed reports on their success and future plans during the Passive House Conference in Leipzig (Germany). Another highlight was the workshop "Passive goes NZEB – Building regulations make the point" in which Philippe Moseley (PassREg – project leader with the EU) provided information about the latest developments in EU politics. Ronald AA Schillemans (Head of the Directorate for Housing and Construction, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Matters relating to the Kingdom of the Netherlands) presented the approach used in the Netherlands for developing the national definition of NZEBs: Let the market decide. Joke Dockx (Advisor to the Belgian organisation Environment Brussels) spoke about the Belgian approach for legislation of the requirements for the building standard.

In the subsequent lively discussion, participants from many different European countries were able to exchange experiences and take home new ideas.

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