



**Newsletter no. 3**

**BRITA in PuBs**

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### **BRITA in PuBs reports now available**

The BRITA in PuBs partners are pleased to announce that the first public results after the first 18th month period of the project are now available from the project website [www.brita-in-pubs.com](http://www.brita-in-pubs.com) under the “BRITA in PuBs results” menu item. The documents are:

Deliverable no. 5: “Socio-economic Analysis on Barriers and Needs”

Deliverable no. 6: “Communication Guide “

Deliverable no. 7: “Financial Strategies for low energy public retrofits in Europe”

Deliverable no. 8: “Reports on the concept development of the demonstration buildings in BRITA in PuBs”

### **Ecobuildings at Solar City Congress**

The 4 EU 6FP eco-buildings projects “BRITA in PuBs”, “SARA”, “Demohouse” and “Eco-culture” were presented in a special session on 5<sup>th</sup> of April during the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Solar Cities Congress.

The Congress in Oxford was attended by over 450 delegates from the worlds of science, business and policy-making. Representatives from 20 cities participated in the Mayors' Forum. During the event over 1200 people from Oxford and Oxfordshire attended an Open Day introducing solar and other renewable technologies, which can be used in the home. The Lord Mayor of Oxford described the event as having made a significant impact on people in the city and praised the Congress as a catalyst for change.

For more information about the congress: [www.solarcities.org.uk](http://www.solarcities.org.uk)

### **New Eco-buildings Newsletter now available**

The four EC supported Eco-buildings projects are now well underway. Some buildings are already completed, occupied and are being monitored. In most, construction has started whilst a few have yet to start work on site. 2006 will be a decisive year for them all.

2006 is also the year when the EC Directive on Energy performance in Buildings should be implemented in all members states. For this reason, this newsletter focuses on the Directive.

Download the newsletter [here](#)

Or see the [Ecobuildings homepage](#).



### **Planned Danish implementation of EPBD requirements**

New buildings in Denmark are considered to have a relatively high insulation standard. But 75 % of existing buildings were constructed before 1979 when the first significant tightening-up of requirements to energy performance was introduced. So when implementing the EPBD, Denmark will take the opportunity to tighten up the regulations governing both new and existing buildings as well as the rules for labelling schemes.

Read more about the Danish implementation of the energy requirements and the new Danish calculation method and labelling schemes on the homepage: [www.brita-in-pubs.com](http://www.brita-in-pubs.com)

### **3rd Symposium of German Program on Demonstration of Energy-efficient Retrofit (EnSan)**

Since 1998 the German Ministry for Economy and Technology encourages owners of building stock through the **EnSan** support program to achieve lowest energy levels using innovative retrofit measures. More than 20 Million € were funded for demonstration and case studies. Since the beginning the Fraunhofer Institute for Building Physics (IBP) located in Stuttgart has been funded for the scientific monitoring of the demonstration sites.

Demonstration of innovative energy efficient retrofit buildings "EnSan" showed results to the public at IBP in Stuttgart (22-23 March 2006) see conference: <http://www.ensan.de/veranstaltungen/symposium.html>

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