

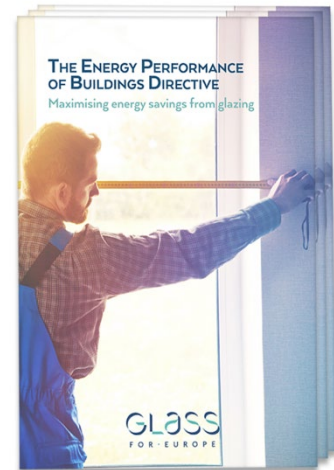
Maximising energy savings from glazing A fresh brochure by Glass for Europe to support the development of window- and glazing-proof building codes

Brussels, 16 March 2019: Glass for Europe releases today a **fresh publication on the Energy Performance of Building Directive, Maximising energy savings from glazing**. The purpose of this brochure is to inform all stakeholders working on energy performance in buildings about the new EU legislative framework and how its robust implementation across European countries could help tap into the massive energy savings potential of advanced glazing.

According to several studies, **the average energy performance of windows in the EU building stock is extraordinarily poor!** The average thermal transmittance value of 3.4 Uw, is that of a mix of products from the late 1960s and 70s when incomparably better performance products are readily available in Europe.

While window retrofitting and performance have been overlooked for too many decades, **Glass for Europe is keen on making sure that future national building codes become window and glazing-proof.**

The revised Energy Performance of Buildings directive (EPBD) must be implemented in all EU Member States in a little less than a year time. It is essential for a proper implementation that its provisions are well understood and that national stakeholders apprehend the specificities of windows so that revised national legislations can be designed in a such a way as to maximize both energy savings and the uptake of high-performance glazing. To that end, this new publication from Glass for Europe includes implementation recommendations.



“European countries cannot afford to miss the new EPBD implementation be it for energy savings, for the climate, for offering healthy and sustainable buildings to citizens or for the job creation opportunities it can generate” declared Bertrand Cazes, Secretary General of Glass for Europe, who went on: *‘All these promises are also those of high-performance glazing!’*

To download the publication: glassforeurope.com

Glass for Europe is the trade association for Europe's flat glass sector. Flat glass is the material that goes into a variety of end products, primarily in windows and facades for buildings, windscreens and windows for automotive and transport as well as solar energy equipment, furniture and appliances. Glass for Europe brings together multinational firms and thousands of SMEs across Europe, to represent the entire building glass value-chain. It is composed of flat glass manufacturers, AGC Glass Europe, Guardian, NSG-Group, Saint-Gobain Glass Industry and Sisecam, and works in association with national partners gathering thousands of building glass processors and transformers all over Europe.