

# [Energy efficiency in buildings: Commission refers Czechia and Slovenia to Court for failure to ensure proper display of energy performance certificates for buildings](#)

Today, the European Commission decided to refer **Czechia** and **Slovenia** to the Court of Justice of the EU for failing to comply with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive ([Directive 2010/31/EU](#)). Under this Directive, Member States must establish and apply minimum energy performance requirements for all buildings, ensure the certification of buildings' energy performance and require the regular inspection of heating and air conditioning systems. In addition, the Directive requires Member States to ensure that all new buildings are so-called nearly zero-energy buildings by 2021.

The Directive also requires Member States to ensure that energy performance certificates are displayed in certain buildings frequently visited by the public. This rule should create public awareness of the importance of efficient energy consumption and provide incentives for renovations.

The Commission drew the attention of the national authorities to the incorrect transposition of this requirement in 2015 and sent official letters to both Member States in the course of [2017](#) and [2018](#). However, to date the Member States legislation on this issue have not been brought in conformity with the Directive.

## **Background**

The EU is aiming for a 20% cut in Europe's annual primary energy consumption by 2020. Buildings account for about 40% of the EU's total final energy consumption and more than one third of its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. By properly transposing and implementing the legislation on [energy efficiency](#) in buildings, Member States can achieve a significant amount of cost effective energy savings and avoid related greenhouse gas emissions.

## **For More Information**

- The Energy Efficiency in Buildings Directive ([Directive 2010/31/EU](#))
- [EU energy efficiency policy](#)
- On the key decisions in the January 2019 infringements package, see full [MEMO/19/462](#).
- On the general infringements procedure, see [MEMO/12/12](#).
- On the [EU infringements procedure](#).