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# Smart Readiness Indicator

Newsletter



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Editorial

## Welcome to the SRI October 2023 update !

The Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI) is a rating scheme designed to assess our buildings' capacity to accommodate smart-ready services. The SRI was introduced in the revised 2018 Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and its subsequent regulations.

The European Commission DG Energy has just renewed the service contract that aims to provide Member States with dedicated technical assistance services for testing and implementation of the SRI. The new contract has been awarded to a team composed of VITO (Belgium), Waide Strategic Efficiency Europe (Ireland), Research to Market (R2M) Solution (France) and Trinomics (The Netherlands), and will run for the next 3 years.

This SRI newsletter will keep you updated with the latest news and events related to the roll-out of the Smart Readiness Indicator in Europe. We wish you an enjoyable read !

News

## What to expect from the new SRI service contract

The SRI is currently being tested in eight Member States, while an SRI platform has been established to share understanding of the SRI with regard to its implementation and value proposition. At the same time, several initiatives related to the SRI are underway, including those under the LIFE Clean Energy Transition programme.

The newly appointed SRI support team will:

- Provide technical support and guidance for ongoing SRI test phases and implementation efforts, while encouraging new Member States to get started.
- Continue to support the operation of the SRI platform, and provide coordination with relevant initiatives and schemes.
- Support the policy making process including the promotion of implementation and adoption of SRI-related activities.

We would also like to remind you that the SRI assessment package can be requested through the following [online form](#). You are also invited to [contact the SRI support team](#), to share new [SRI case studies](#), or to share any other relevant SRI-related activities. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Policy update: ongoing trilogue negotiations

The Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI) was initially introduced in the 2018 revision of the European Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

The Commission submitted to the European Parliament and the Council a proposal for a recast of the EPBD on 15 December 2021. The Directive forms part of the Commission Work Programme ‘[Fit for 55](#)’ package, setting the vision for achieving a zero-emission building stock by 2050. It is also a key component of the [Renovation Wave](#) Strategy published in October 2020. Following intensive preparatory work, on 25 October 2022, the Council agreed on a General Approach on the proposal and gave a mandate to the Presidency to engage in negotiations with the European Parliament. The European Parliament adopted its position in plenary on 14 March 2023, leading to ongoing trilogue negotiations between the Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

**With regard to the SRI, the European Commission recast proposal mentions a mandatory application of the SRI to large non-residential buildings with high energy demand (i.e. with an effective rated output for heating systems, or systems for combined space heating and ventilation of over 290 kW).**

Smartness of buildings is considered important to improve performance, increase demand-response and create more active consumers. Furthermore, the Smart Readiness Indicator is considered alongside renovation passports and a common approach for the energy performance certification of buildings, which are important elements of the EPBD enabling framework. In addition,

the EPBD proposal includes extended requirements on charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, which can potentially be reflected in SRI ratings.

## LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects' updates

Four LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects (easySRI, Smart Square, SRI-ENACT and SRI2MARKET) have formed a cluster which gathers 42 partners from 16 countries. They are all contributing to support the implementation and successful market uptake of the SRI.



Below is a flash update of what's happening in each of them :

- Smart Square released a FAQ answering common questions about the SRI. It is accessible [here](#).
- SRI2MARKET is running stakeholders consultation activities to gather feedback from assessors, building owners and the industry to fine-tune the SRI to specific national contexts (Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Portugal, Spain). If you are interested to be involved in these consultations, you can contact [Pablo Carnero Melero](#) from REHVA.
- SRI-ENACT completed the first wave of national co-creation workshops for tailoring the SRI methodology in eight pilot countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Latvia, Romania, Spain). More information can be found [here](#).
- EasySRI released a [brochure](#) which presents the framework architecture that will be implemented in the project to support demonstrating the potential of the SRI. There is more information and additional results in the [latest newsletter of the project](#).

## Events

**Meet the SRI support team and the LIFE SRI projects at Enlit Europe in Paris**

Members of the SRI support team, as well as from the network of SRI-related LIFE Clean Energy Transition projects will be present at the EU Projects Zone of the upcoming Enlit Europe exhibition in Paris (28-30 November 2023).

If you wish to schedule an appointment, kindly contact [Sophie Dourlens](#) from R2M Solution.



[Enlit Europe](#) is a constantly growing, inclusive and end-to-end forum that addresses every aspect of the energy agenda. A community that collaborates and innovates to solve the most pressing issues in energy. Working with the European Commission for the 6th consecutive year, Enlit supports the dissemination of Europe's projects – big and small – across borders and across sectors.

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News and updates on the implementation of the smart readiness indicator (SRI) under the energy performance of buildings directive (EPBD).

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