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The Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD): The Energy Performance Certificate

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## Introduction

 In 2003 the European Parliament accepted Directive 2002/91/EC on the Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD), aimed at greenhouse gas emissions reduction and compliance in energy requirements between the Member States.







- The Directive is set to promote the improvement of energy performance of buildings in Europe
- Energy savings potential: at least 30% by 2010.



**EPBD:** Energy Performance of Buildings Directive



#### EPBD 2002/91/EC:

- Methodology for Energy performance in Buildings
  - Setting requirement for new buildings
  - Setting requirement for existing buildings
- Energy certification of buildings
- Inspection of boilers
- Inspection of air-conditioning systems
- Independent experts



**EPBD:** Energy Performance of Buildings Directive



#### Energy certification schemes for all buildings: Why?

- To facilitate the transfer of clear and reliable information on the energy performance of buildings
- To make energy efficiency more attractive



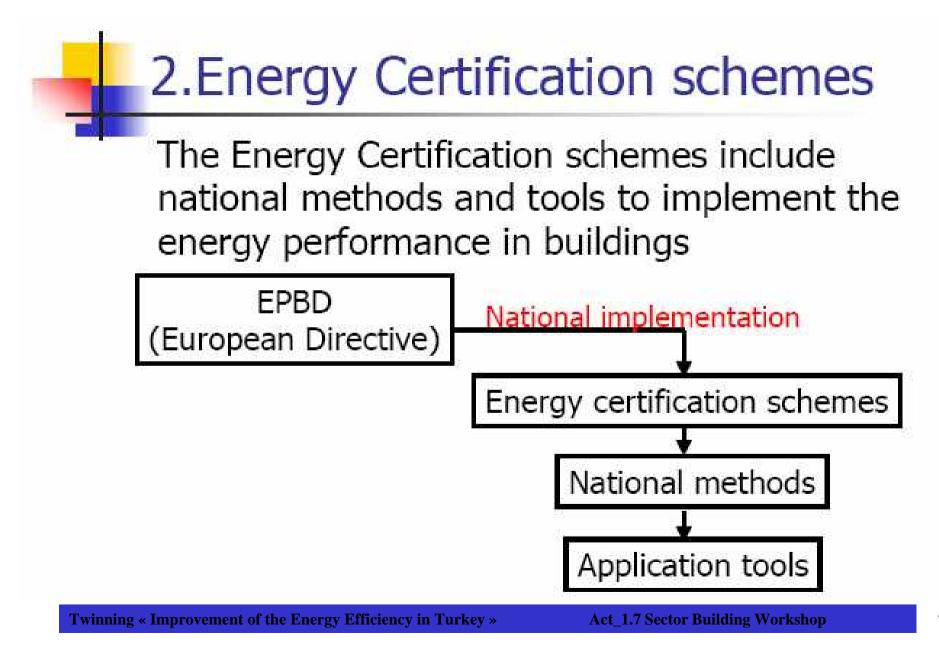
## **EPBD:** Energy Performance of Buildings Directive



#### Energy certification schemes for all buildings: How?

- Energy certificates for buildings should be available when they are constructed, sold or rented.
- The certificates should:
  - Not be more than 10 years old
  - Be accompanied with advice on how to improve the energy performance
  - Carried out by independent and qualified experts.







### Energy schemes

- The different schemes are based on ranking, labelling, rating and energy audit methods
- The differences are:
  - Cost, precision
  - Information quality
  - Standard or reference values
  - Energy indicators



## Existing energy certification schemes in Europe

Country	Name (start)
Belgium	EAP (2005), Energiecharter (2004), PHP (2003)
Denmark	EM (1997), ELO (1997)
Germany	EBA (2002)
UK	SAP (1993)
Netherlands	EPA-W (2000), EPA-U (2005), EPC (1995)
France	DPE (2006): Diagnostic de Performance Energétique
Spain	CALANER (2006)



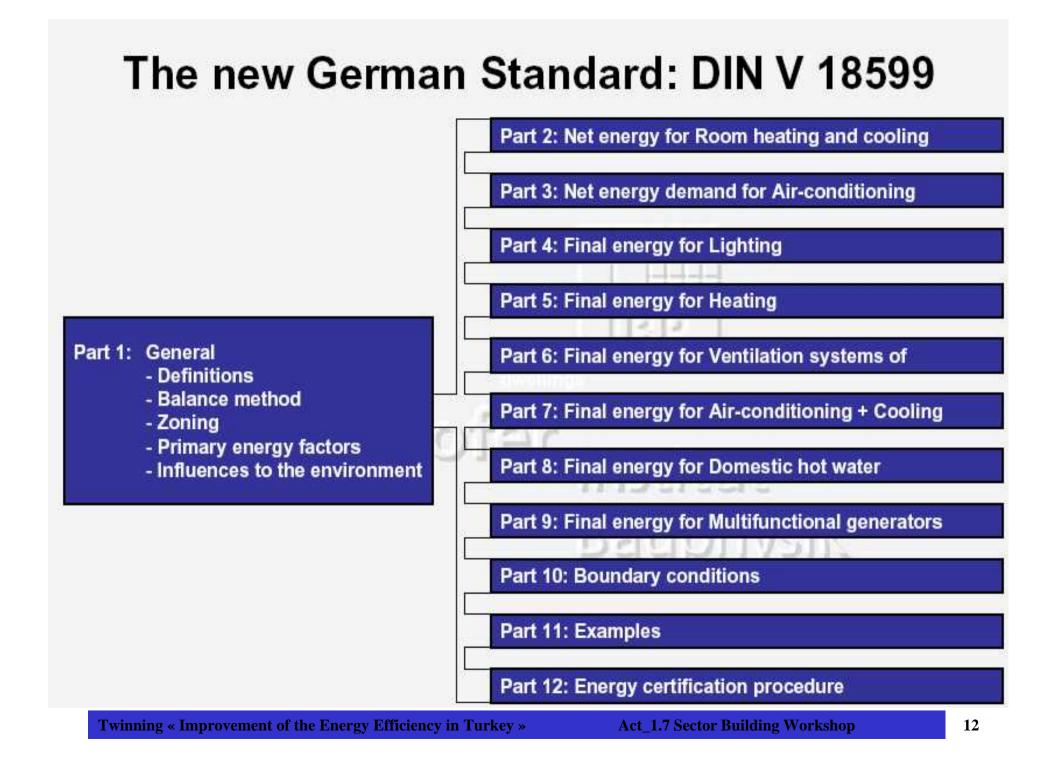
## Other energy schemes

Country	Name (start)
USA	Energygauge (1998), E-Star (1999)
Australia	FirtsRate
Canada	RNCan, EnerGuide (1990)



## The cost of the Energy certificate

- In the Netherlands, Energy labelling is carried out through the Energy Performance Advice scheme (EPA), targeted to encourage energy saving in retrofits. The evaluation costs 150-200 euros.
- In the Danish energy label system, closest to the certificate, costs account for 400 euros per labelled house.



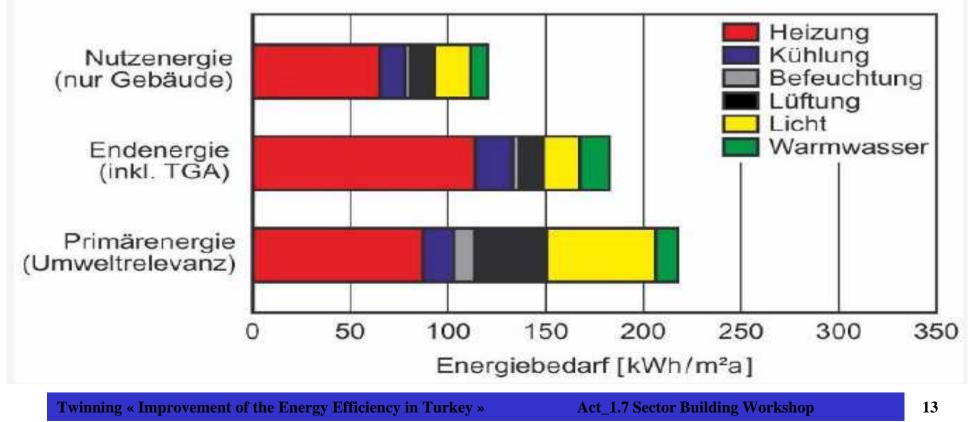
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# Example of certification according to DIN V 18599

#### Detailed Analysis: Net energy, final energy, primary Detailanalyse

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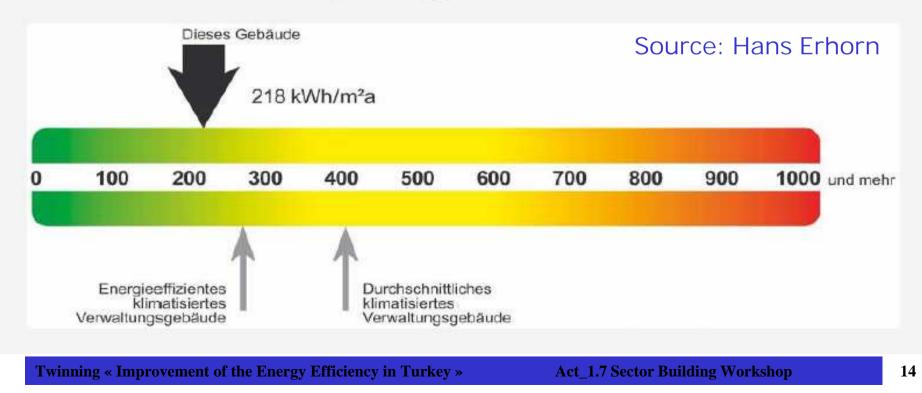




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#### **Certification leaflet**

#### Assessment: Primary energy demand





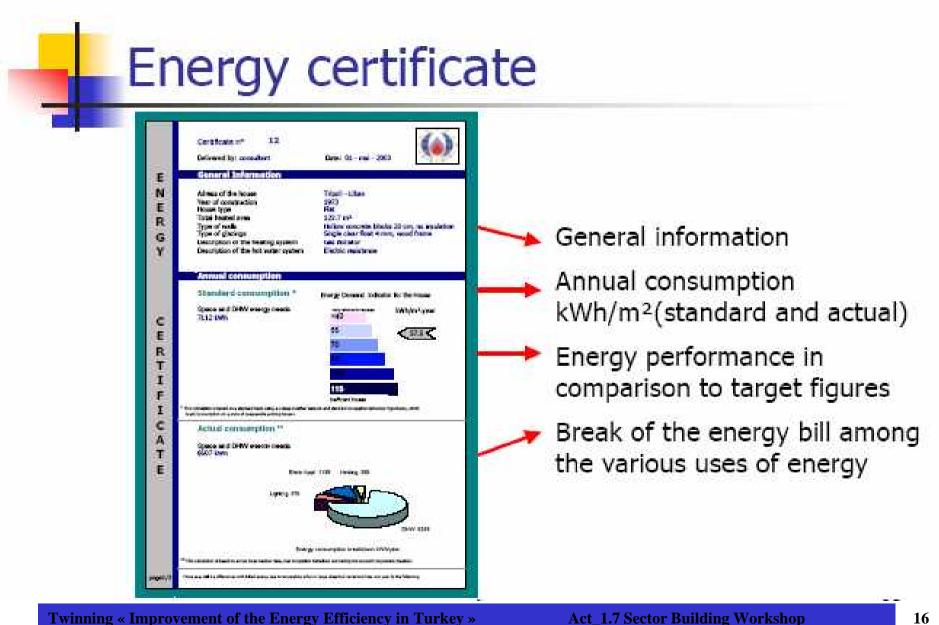
## Certification leaflet

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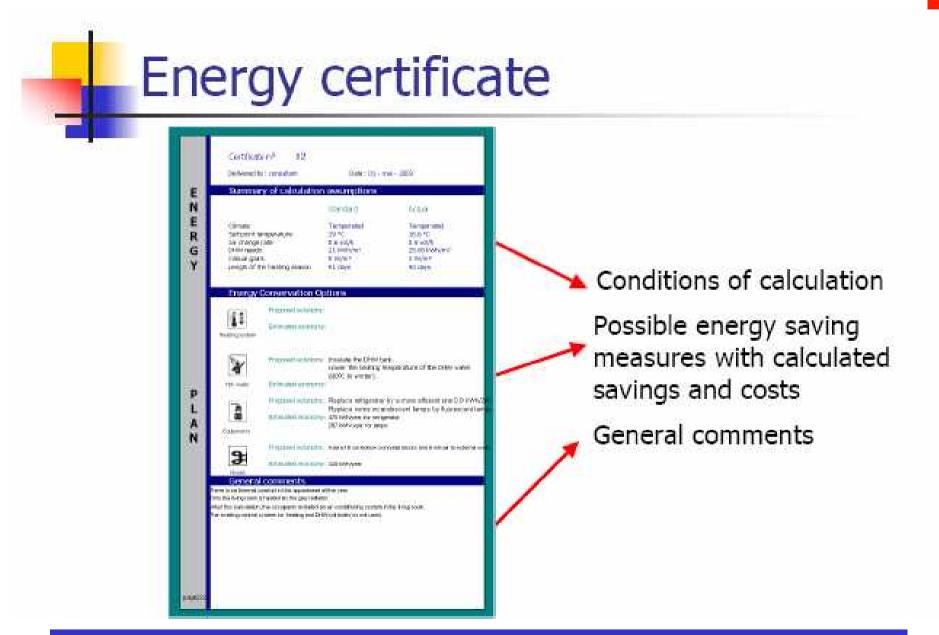
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### Three implementation scenarios

- The energy certificate in current policy is likely to support energy efficiency trends in the existing housing but is not likely to add savings to business-as-usual.
- New fiscal incentives to support the energy certificate.
- Enforcement of the energy certificate combined with fiscal incentives.

It motivates high reduction of carbon emission in existing housing



### Future development of the EPBD

The Directive is likely to alter in the future in order to motivate continuous development in the existing housing stock. Further development of the EPBD will be linked to post-Kyoto climate strategies, development of the other European Directives and more general policies for sustainable building at European and national levels determining a mandatory or voluntary policy approach.



## Conclusion

 The energy certification presents a great challenge for the transformation of building sector towards energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources.



## Thank you

### **Questions**?