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### Foreword

The "Towards Class A" electronic newsletter is intended to keep you posted on the activities and progress of the "Towards Class A - Municipal Buildings as Shining Examples" project (2005-2007). The "Towards Class A" project is co-financed by the European Commission's DG TREN. It is aimed at anticipating and accelerating the implementation of the European "Buildings" Directive through the extension of the European Display<sup>TM</sup> Campaign.

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## **Bulgarian network Eco Energy's members join Display**

The 8th Annual Conference and the General assembly of the Bulgarian Energy Efficiency Network EcoEnergy took place on 4-5 May 2006 in Sofia. At this meeting the representatives of the member municipalities voted unanimously for the collective participation in the Energie-Cités European Municipal Climate Campaign Display<sup>TM</sup>. In the coming months 28 of the 43 Bulgarian municipalities will start to develop Display<sup>TM</sup> posters for their municipal buildings and we hope that more will join soon.

If you are interested in joining Display under a collective partnership please contact **Ian TURNER** for more details.



## **Shining Example – Polish primary School separates apartment from heating system and gains a class**

The Primary School 27 from Bielsko-Biala in Poland was built in 1976. The school impressively improved its energetic performance by installing a central heating system and making further improvements when it separated the caretaker's apartment from the system.



Before the improvements were made, the school was not insulated and was connected to district heating. In 2000-2001 new PVC-framed windows were installed and a new heat exchanger with automatic regulation was connected to the heating system. However, within the school there was a habitable apartment and this too was connected to

the heating system. Consequently the entire school was heated long after the children and staff had left, in order to keep the occupants of the apartment warm. This Shining Example demonstrates that simply by separating the on-site apartment's heating system from that of the school, significant improvements in energy and emissions performance can be achieved (from E rating to D rating for energy consumption).



Energy certificate 2003



Energy certificate 2005

This was a low cost improvement with a very short payback, and is replicable in many schools, as the incorporation of caretaker apartments within schools is quite common (especially in Eastern European countries). For more information go to the shining examples section of the website ([www.display-campaign.org](http://www.display-campaign.org)).



## Display TCA Award

We are delighted to inform you that we have received six very interesting applications for the TCA Award from Braşov (RO), Bristol (UK), Colomiers (FR), Lausanne (CH), Lille (FR) and Verona (IT). Thanks again for sharing your communication activities with us. The independent expert jury will meet in order to assess each applicant's compliance with the evaluation criteria and a decision will be taken in September. The TCA Prize will be awarded in Riga on the 26th of October 2006.



## Display™ training session

From the 19th to the 22nd of September 2006 the first Display™ Campaign training session will be taking place. The main objective is to train strategic country representatives mostly from new member states to become effective Display pioneers in their countries.

By the end of the training session they will be able to:

- Present the Display™ Campaign to others in a clear and concise manner
- Instruct others on how the calculation tool works and answer general technical questions
- Share ideas with other municipalities about how to initiate a Display communication Campaign
- Respond to questions from municipalities who wish to improve the rating of their buildings

This training session is limited to two representatives per country and a maximum of 14 in total. It will take place in Besançon, France with a days outing to Lausanne, Switzerland including a visit to a local site of interest. All sessions will take place in English.

If you are interested in participating in this training session please contact **Ian TURNER**.



## TCA Partner portrait: The Architects Council of Europe (ACE)



The **Architects Council of Europe (ACE)** is an organisation that is based in Brussels and whose Membership consists of the professional representative and regulatory bodies of all twenty-five European Union (EU) Member

States, all Accession States, Switzerland and Norway. As such it is an organisation that represents, through its Member Organisations, the interests of about 450,000 Architects in Europe. Its principal function is to monitor and seek to influence developments at EU level highlighting those areas of EU Policy that have a direct impact on architectural practice, policy and the quality of the built environment.

ACE works steadily to ensure that EU legislation that affects the quality of the built environment and any transposition of such legislation into national law sets out adequate procedures for the provision of architectural services, that guarantee quality, sustainability and comfort for end-users and that they are given at least as much weight as economic considerations.

In keeping with its general aims, the ACE is persuaded of the added value that the certification of the energy performance of buildings can bring to society at large. It is also convinced that the architectural profession, with its ability to devise integrated solutions to problems that arise in the built environment, is well placed to promote a higher awareness of the need to improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings. Its involvement in the Towards Class "A" Project is a concrete manifestation of this conviction.

Furthermore, the extensive network of contacts that the ACE has at both European and National levels places it in a position whereby it can ensure that a wide dissemination of the results of the Towards Class "A" Project will be possible with particular emphasis on decision makers and those who specify the materials and techniques used in building construction.

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## Welcome to our new partners!

We are pleased to announce three new Display Associated Partners who will offer financial support and know-how thus facilitating the practical implementation of the Display™ Campaign and the improvement of energy and water performance of public buildings. These partners are: the Dexia Group, Isover and Philips Lighting.

### Dexia Group



**Dexia Group** was born in 1996 by the alliance between two prime stakeholders in the field of local public financing in Europe, i.e. Crédit Local de France and Crédit Communal de Belgique. Both

institutions, as well as the Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (BIL), merged in 1999 into a single company listed on the stock exchange under the name of Dexia.

Being one of the 15 biggest financial corporations in the eurozone, Dexia is the world leader in public/project finance; it is also a top retail bank in Belgium and Luxembourg, a recognized European stakeholder in investment management services e.g. in sustainable investment funds and an expert in financial markets.

### Isover - A brand of Saint-Gobain



**ISOVER**, the main worldwide brand of Saint-Gobain's Insulation Activity, creates efficient insulation solutions to provide safe comfort for users and to help protect the environment.

By its worldwide experience, it is a major partner for energy efficiency in new buildings or renovation. Decreasing drastically the needs of energy is always the first step for sustainable construction. When it is also providing a better comfort for indoor living, as well by thermal or acoustic ambiance, it becomes a must ...

### Philips Lighting



**Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands** (NYSE: PHG, AEX: PHI) is one of the world's biggest electronics companies and Europe's largest, with sales of EUR 30.3 billion in 2004. It is also the world number one in Lighting.

Philips and Energie-Cités have decided to develop cooperation in the European Campaign Display. They will draw attention to the potential lighting energy gains to be achieved in municipalities and provide local and regional authorities with information and available best practices. Philips will also provide financial support to the Campaign and publicise the Campaign via their publications, at events etc.



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