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Building authorities – do not be afraid of the EPBD! From prejudices to benefits

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RIEEB SUBPROJECT UNDER ENERCITEE

- Submitted under sub-project priority 9:
Strategies to improve energy consumption in public buildings
- EPBD Directive as a direct reference
- To increase the knowledge and awareness of energy efficiency in buildings
- To review the implementation of national regulations on energy efficiency of buildings

OVERVIEW OF EPBD IN POLAND

- Transposed through the amended national Act of Law (Building Law) and Ordinances of Ministry
- Many challenges, e.g.:
 - generally seen as another “EU bureaucracy”, “hidden tax”, a hindrance to overcome (e.g. paying for the certificate)
 - no genuine sanctions for failure to provide certificates
 - lack of reliable information campaigns aimed at ordinary citizens

FROM APPREHENSION (RIEEB) –

- There are still „more important needs” than increasing EE
- Little obstacles: (e.g. no competent staff with good command of English, etc.)
- No previous experience with European projects
- Relevant EE national laws (based on EU directives) might not be binding in some cases

– THROUGH UNDERSTANDING (RIEEB) –

- Basic arguments to convince the hesitating parties
- Very soon they begin to notice themselves the opportunities and benefits
- Valuable and prospective contact with other partners
- Genuine co-financing of their activities (but long reimbursement time)

– TO KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVITY (RIEEB)

- Real tangible results (e.g. 21 municipal buildings got their energy certificates)
- They become a model for others to follow
- Energy efficiency might become their trademark in the region
- Plans to obtain further grants and funds for more energetic redevelopment

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