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The recast Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (the recast EPBD)[1] sets a framework and a path for modernising and fully decarbonising the EU's building stock by 2050. It includes a range of measures to stimulate investment and structurally boost the energy performance of buildings.

Pursuant to Article 6, the Commission is mandated to revise, via the adoption of a delegated act, the comparative methodology framework for calculating cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance requirements in new buildings and existing buildings undergoing major renovation and for individual building elements by 30 June 2025. The methodology specifies how to compare energy efficiency measures, measures incorporating renewable energy sources and packages of such measures in relation to their energy and emission performance and the cost attributed to their implementation and how to apply these to selected reference buildings with the aim of identifying cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance requirements.

Annex VII to the recast EPBD requires the Commission to provide guidelines to accompany the comparative methodology framework for calculating cost-optimal levels, with the aim to facilitate the framework's application. While these guidelines are not legally binding, they provide valuable relevant additional information to the Member States and support and simplify the application of the comparative methodology framework.

It is therefore important that the accompanying guidelines are available to Member States at the same time as the delegated act with the revised comparative methodology framework, which the Commission has to adopt by 30 June 2025.

The Commission is therefore called upon to approve the content of the draft Commission Notice with guidelines accompanying Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/...[2] to facilitate the application of the revised methodology framework for calculating cost-optimal levels.

The draft Commission Notice with guidelines accompanying Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/...[3] to facilitate the application of the revised methodology framework

[1] Directive (EU) 2024/1275.
[2] COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2025/... supplementing Directive (EU) 2024/1275 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the establishment of a comparative methodology framework for calculating cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance requirements for buildings and building elements, C(2025) 4133.
[3] COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2025/... supplementing Directive (EU) 2024/1275 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the establishment of a comparative methodology framework for calculating cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance requirements for buildings and building elements, C(2025) 4133.

for calculating cost-optimal levels will be formally adopted by the Commission later, when all language versions are available. It is enclosed as an Annex to this Communication.