Building airtightness improvements of the building stock- Analysis of European databases

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10:00-11:15 (Brussels, BE)

Air infiltration in buildings has multiple consequences on energy use and indoor environmental quality. Therefore, in the last 10 years many countries have introduced requirements for building airtightness in their EP-regulation. Those requirements often prescribe that a test is performed by a qualified tester and that every test performed is recorded in a database. Hundreds of thousands of data are now available in Europe. Those data allow not only to perform interesting statistics on changes in the airtightness of the building stock but also to better understand and to anticipate building airtightness.

This webinar aims at presenting three major European databases (in the UK, Flanders and France) and also at comparing their structures and their measurement data acquisition protocols. Weaknesses and strengths in the different aspects of the existing database setups will be identified.

This webinar is organised with the support of TightVent Europe (www.tightvent.eu) and the Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (www.aivc.org). Both initiatives are facilitated by INIVE (www.inive.org).

Programme (Brussels time)

- 10:00 | Building airtightness improvements in the UK building stock, analysis of ATTMA database, Barry Cope (ATTMA, UK)
- 10:10 | Building airtightness improvements in the Flemish building stock, analysis of BCCA database, Maarten De Strycker (BCCA, Belgium)
- 10:20 | Questions and answers
- 10:30 | Building airtightness improvements in the French building stock, analysis of CEREMA database, Adeline Melois (Cerema, France)
- 10:40 | Residential buildings airtightness frameworks: A review on the main databases and setups in Europe and North America, Irene Poza Casado (University of Valladolid, Spain)
- 10:55 | Questions and answers
- 11:15 | End of webinar
Cost and registration
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TightVent Europe (www.tightvent.eu) aims at facilitating exchanges and progress on building and ductwork airtightness issues, including the organisation of conferences and workshops. It fosters experience sharing as well as knowledge production and dissemination on practical issues such as specifications, design, execution, control, etc., taking advantage of the lessons learnt from pioneering work while keeping in mind the need for adequate ventilation. TightVent Europe has been initiated by INIVE EEIG (International Network for Information on Ventilation and Energy Performance) with at present the financial and/or technical support of the following partners: Buildings Performance Institute Europe, BlowerDoor GmbH, Eurima, Gonal Industrias, Lindab, Mez-Technik, Retrotec, SIGA, and Soudal.

About AIVC
Created in 1979, the Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (www.aivc.org) is one of the projects/annexes running under the International Energy Agency's Energy in Buildings and Communities (IEA-EBC) Programme. With the support of its member countries as well as key experts and two associations (REHVA, IBPSA, ISIAQ), the AIVC offers industry and research organisations technical support aimed at better understanding the ventilation challenges and optimising energy efficient ventilation. The AIVC activities are supported by the following countries: Australia, Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, UK and USA.

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