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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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A list of all parts in the ISO 52000 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

### The set of EPB standards, technical reports and supporting tools

In order to facilitate the necessary overall consistency and coherence, in terminology, approach, input/output relations and formats, for the whole set of EPB-standards, the following documents and tools are available:

- a) a document with basic principles to be followed in drafting EPB-standards: CEN/TS 16628:2014, Energy Performance of Buildings - Basic Principles for the set of EPB standards<sup>[13]</sup>;
- b) a document with detailed technical rules to be followed in drafting EPB-standards; CEN/TS 16629:2014, Energy Performance of Buildings - Detailed Technical Rules for the set of EPB-standards<sup>[14]</sup>;

The detailed technical rules are the basis for the following tools:

- 1) a common template for each EPB-standard, including specific drafting instructions for the relevant clauses;
- 2) a common template for each technical report that accompanies an EPB standard or a cluster of EPB standards, including specific drafting instructions for the relevant clauses;
- 3) a common template for the spreadsheet that accompanies each EPB standard, to demonstrate the correctness of the EPB calculation procedures.

Each EPB-standards follows the basic principles and the detailed technical rules and relates to the overarching EPB-standard, ISO 52000-1<sup>[1]</sup>.

One of the main purposes of the revision of the EPB-standards is to enable that laws and regulations directly refer to the EPB-standards and make compliance with them compulsory. This requires that the set of EPB-standards consists of a systematic, clear, comprehensive and unambiguous set of energy performance procedures. The number of options provided is kept as low as possible, taking into account national and regional differences in climate, culture and building tradition, policy and legal frameworks (subsidiarity principle). For each option, an informative default option is provided ([Annex B](#)).

### Rationale behind the EPB technical reports

There is a risk that the purpose and limitations of the EPB standards will be misunderstood, unless the background and context to their contents – and the thinking behind them – is explained in some detail to readers of the standards. Consequently, various types of informative contents are recorded and made available for users to properly understand, apply and nationally or regionally implement the EPB standards.

If this explanation would have been attempted in the standards themselves, the result is likely to be confusing and cumbersome, especially if the standards are implemented or referenced in national or regional building codes.

Therefore each EPB standard is accompanied by an informative technical report, like this one, where all informative content is collected, to ensure a clear separation between normative and informative contents (see CEN/TS 16629<sup>[14]</sup>):

- to avoid flooding and confusing the actual normative part with informative content,
- to reduce the page count of the actual standard, and
- to facilitate understanding of the set of EPB standards.

This was also one of the main recommendations from the European CENSE project<sup>[5]</sup> that laid the foundation for the preparation of the set of EPB standards.

## This document

This document accompanies the overarching EPB standard (ISO 52000-1) that addresses the overarching principles for EPB-standards. The overarching EPB standard, contains the common terms, definitions and overall energy performance assessment procedures, as a basis for a systematic, clear and comprehensive set of EPB standards. It forms part of a set of standards related to the evaluation of the energy performance of buildings (EPB).

The role and the positioning of ISO 52000-1 in the set of EPB standards is defined in the Introduction to the standard.

## Accompanying spreadsheets

Spreadsheets are produced through the implementation of ISO 52000-1. These spreadsheets (including possible updated versions) are available at [www.epb.center](http://www.epb.center). In this document, examples of each of these calculation sheets are included.

## Background and history of this document, ISO 52000-1 and the set of EPB standards<sup>1)</sup>:

### *Boosting energy efficiency of buildings*

Since buildings burn 40 % of all the energy consumed, designing better buildings and retrofitting existing ones will help to reduce the energy demand and to create significant job opportunities world-wide.

The building sector has a great potential to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, in line with the climate targets set at the Paris climate conference (COP21) in December 2015. Helping to decarbonize the building sector is the goal of the new holistic approach, the set of EPB standards (ISO 52000-series; see below under “Road ahead”) being developed for the energy performance of buildings (EPB).

### *Holistic approach*

The set of EPB standards ...	
take into account	and include:
• indoor climate	• needs
• thermal properties (of walls, windows, etc.)	• use
• heating	• calculation
• cooling and air conditioning	• measurement
• domestic hot water	• inspection
• ventilation	• building design
• lighting	• new and existing buildings
• (de)humidification	• certification/labelling
• building automation and control (BAC/BMS)	• simple and complex buildings
• renewable energy sources	

### *Why is the holistic approach important for the energy performance of buildings (EPB) ?*

In the past, energy performance requirements were set at component level – minimum thermal insulation levels and minimum efficiencies of products. This, however, leads to sub-optimal solutions and creates a barrier to the necessary technology transitions.

The holistic approach to assessing the overall energy performance of buildings and the built environment, provided by the set of EPB standards, is a key tool to overcome these barriers.

1) The references [26] to [43] (see bibliography) contain more extensive background information on the set of EPB standards.

The set of EPB standards enable to assess the overall energy performance of a building. This means that any combination of technologies can be used to reach the intended energy performance level, at the lowest cost.

Due to this 'competition' between different technologies, the holistic approach is a key driver for technological innovation and change. Countries using the approach for several years – take, for instance, the Netherlands – have experienced large scale implementation and cost savings on a variety of new technologies.

And there is the economic benefit: Energy expenditures account for a substantial part of a building's total operating costs.

### ***Who are the potential users of the EPB set of standards, and what should they be aware of?***

The energy assessment of buildings is carried out for various purposes, such as:

- judging compliance with building regulations expressed in terms of limited energy use or a related quantity,
- increasing transparency in real-estate transactions through an energy performance certification and/or display of the level of energy,
- monitoring the energy efficiency of the building and its technical building systems,
- helping to plan retrofit measures through predicting energy savings that would result from various actions.

In general, the holistic approach means that the energy performance is assessed as the total energy used for heating, cooling, lighting, ventilation, domestic hot water, and, in some cases, appliances. It ensures that all technologies are treated equally and balanced.

With the EPB set of standards:

- **Policy makers** acquire an instrumentation that enables them to take measures in the built environment and to quantify how much these measures would reduce the energy consumed in buildings.
- **Building industry, engineers and designers** can improve the energy-efficiency of their designs, building products and systems. The set of standards take these current and future products, systems and designs into account. Due to the holistic approach the risk of suboptimum solutions at component level is minimized. This way industry knows in what direction to innovate.
- **Building owners and occupants** can benchmark against other buildings and predict the energy saving potential of improvements.

### ***First editions: European standards***

The set of standards and accompanying technical reports on the energy performance of buildings have been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association (Mandate M/480<sup>[4]</sup>)

Directive 2010/31/EU recasting the Directive 2002/91/EC on energy performance of buildings (EPBD<sup>[2]</sup>) promotes the improvement of the energy performance of buildings within the European Union, taking into account all types of energy uses (heating, lighting, cooling, air conditioning, ventilation) and outdoor climatic and local conditions, as well as indoor climate requirements and cost effectiveness (Article 1).

The first mandate to CEN to develop a set of CEN EPBD standards (M/343<sup>[3]</sup>), to support the first edition of the EPBD<sup>[2]</sup> resulted in the successful publication of all EPBD related CEN standards in 2007-2008.

The mandate M/480 was issued to review the previous mandate M/343 as the recast of the EPBD raised the need to revisit the standards and reformulate and add standards so that they become on the one

hand unambiguous and compatible, and on the other hand a clear and explicit overview of the choices, boundary conditions and input data that need to be defined at national or regional level. Such national or regional choices remain necessary, due to differences in climate, culture & building tradition, policy and legal frameworks. Consequently, the set of CEN-EPBD standards published in 2007-2008 had to be improved and expanded on the basis of the recast of the EPBD.

***Road ahead: ISO 52000- series***

The numbers ISO 52000 through ISO 52150 are reserved for the EPB standards. So in the near future the term ISO 52000 series of standards will become equivalent to the term EPB set of standards.

Only standards that meet specific requirements, will be awarded such number. Currently, only 15 numbers are issued, mostly general EPB standards, or for building (thermal, solar) calculations. In 2017/2018 some 30 standards might become an ISO 52xxx standard, making use of the work already done in Europe.

The ISO 52000 series is modular and flexible, making it the perfect basis for future developments like innovations, new insights and new market demands.

# Energy performance of buildings — Overarching EPB assessment —

## Part 2: Explanation and justification of ISO 52000-1

### 1 Scope

This document refers to the overarching EPB-standard, ISO 52000-1<sup>[1]</sup>.

It contains information to support the correct understanding, use and national implementation of ISO 52000-1. This includes:

- explanation on the procedures and background information and justification of the choices that have been made;
- reporting on validation of calculation procedures given in the standard;
- explanation for the user and for national standards writers involved with implementation of the set of EPB standards, including detailed examples.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

Some explanations regarding Clause 2 of the overarching EPB standard:

If a reference is made in the text of the standard to a specific part of another standard, only this specific part is referenced, not the entire other standard.

The following text in ISO 52000-1:2017, Clause 2 “The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document.” is the standard phrasing for any ISO standard. As stated in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2016, Clause 15, the normative references clause is an informative element that lists, for information, those documents which are cited normatively in the document. Information on how these references apply is found in the place where they are cited in the document, and not in the normative references clause. The list of normative references is therefore given for the convenience of the user, who can then consult the place where they are cited in the document to understand and assess how they apply.

NOTE 1 EPB is regulated in some countries or regions: regulations do not necessarily endorse the complete set of EPB standards and might modify the content of the standard(s).

To keep flexibility in referencing standards, the references to EPB standards are placed in the national choices and input data sheet, see [Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#).

The references to EPB standards are given as module code numbers instead of a simple list ([1], [2], [3]), because with the EPB module code numbers the same module code numbering can be used for all EPB standards.

NOTE 2 This will facilitate the making of a consistent set of national annexes for each EPB standard and contribute to overall consistency and transparency.