

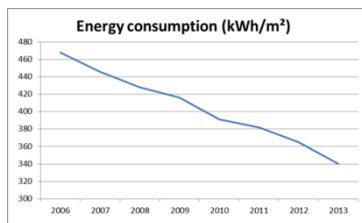


PRESS RELEASE

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Giant-size Poster on Charlemagne Building reveals energy consumption of Commission buildings

In partnership with Renovate Europe and Energy Cities, the Commission, through its Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB), will partake in a highly visible communication action during the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW – 23-27 June) by presenting a giant-size Display Campaign poster on the Charlemagne building highlighting the energy consumption of Commission buildings.



“The average energy consumption per square meter for the Commission buildings in Brussels has **decreased by more than 30% between 2005 and 2013, which is more than 4% per year, and that is just the beginning!**” explained Marc Seguinot, Head of Unit in the OIB, responsible for the management of the Commission's buildings. ***“Such **significant results have encouraged us to go further, and we have planned for major renovation of Commission buildings from 2019. I hope this will*****

inspire other public administrations to follow in the same lead”.

The recently adopted Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU) requires Member States to renovate 3% every year of their buildings owned and occupied by the central governments.

“This is a good example of a public administration which has put in place a **coherent set of long-term energy efficiency measures to STOP energy waste in its buildings, and has reached a 4% reduction in energy consumption per year,**” said Adrian Joyce, Renovate Europe Campaign Director. ***“The benefits of such energy savings are widespread: they will be felt through a **reduced energy bill, but also through improved health and productivity** for the buildings’ occupants, so it really is a win-win solution”.***

As the EU takes strides towards **reducing its energy dependence on foreign imports**, Europe’s leaky building stock is increasingly coming under scrutiny, as **buildings represent the largest energy consuming sector in the EU** at a high of 43% of all energy consumed. It is possible to reduce the energy consumption of a large part of the building stock by 80% with currently available technologies.

“Citizens need to see that **public institutions are not paying lip service to the energy transition but actually taking action.** Everywhere across Europe, **local authorities are driving this trend, with over 500 of them taking part in the Display Campaign.** Close to 6,000 cities have committed to adopt ambitious sustainable energy action plans through the Covenant of Mayors, the Display Campaign is a useful **communication and transparency initiative** to support them along this path”, said Claire Roumet, Deputy Executive Director of Energy Cities.

The giant-size Display poster will be hanging on the Charlemagne building from 20th June until the end of EUSEW on 27th June. The OIB will provide additional information about the Commission’s buildings policy at the EuroACE **EUSEW High-Level Policy Event “Quizzing the Stakeholders”** on the morning of Wednesday 25th June in the Charlemagne.

End – Annex of Charlemagne Poster

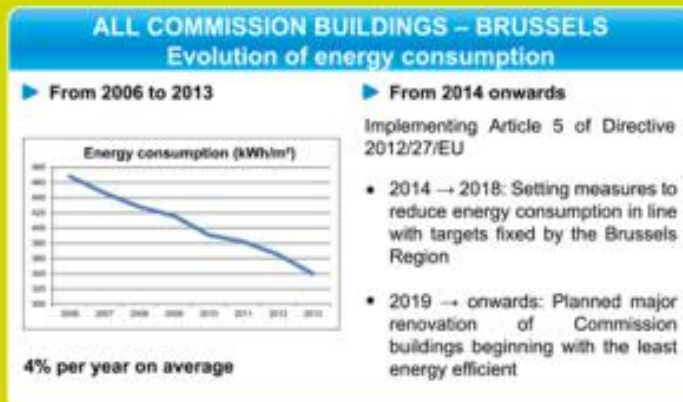
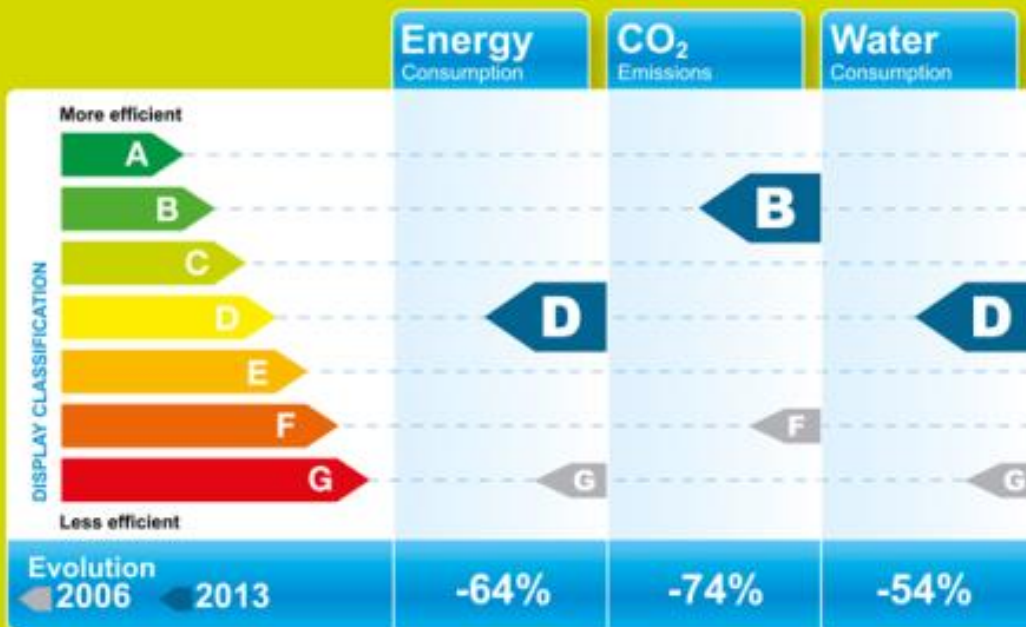


European Commission Charlemagne

How does this building compare?

Category: Administrative
Operating hours: 3000h

Area: 5041m²
Year of construction: 1995





Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB)

The mission of the OIB is to ensure the implementation of all actions connected with the accommodation of personnel, the management of social infrastructure and the logistics of the EU institutions in Brussels. The OIB's aim is to ensure a functional, safe and comfortable workplace for all those working for the Commission, and to provide good quality support and well-being services, based on a client-oriented approach, in an environmentally-friendly and cost-effective way.

More information: ec.europa.eu/oib/index_en.htm

Energy Cities and its Display Campaign

The Energy Cities network with over 1000 local authorities aims to accelerate the energy transition at the local level. It notably provides its members with guidance for building their energy transition strategy, offers them information on financial and technical assistance opportunities and gives them access to a myriad of good practices and innovative working methods. The European Display® Campaign was initiated by Energy Cities in 2003 as a voluntary scheme and received EU funding for its implementation. The Campaign encourages local authorities to publicly display the energy and environmental performances of their public buildings.

More information: energy-cities.eu

Renovate Europe Campaign

Launched in 2011 in response to a gap in EU priorities for Energy Efficiency in Buildings, the Campaign's headline ambition is to reduce the energy demand of the building stock in the EU by 80% by 2050 as compared to 2005 levels. A political communications campaign, Renovate Europe brings together companies and associations throughout the construction value chain to raise awareness about the benefits and trigger action in the renovation market.

More information: renovate-europe.eu