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Buildings account for 40% of Europe's total energy use and one-third of its greenhouse gas emissions. With two-thirds of the building stock performing poorly in terms of energy efficiency, renovation policies hold tremendous potential for achieving energy savings and greater sustainability. In this context, the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2024/1275 (EPBD) represents a significant step forward in Europe's climate ambitions, while also fostering better indoor air quality (IAQ). There is, however, one important caveat: EU Member States retain flexibility in deciding how to meet the EPBD's objectives.

But what exactly does the EPBD prescribe, and what are the practical implications for HVAC systems? Is national flexibility a barrier – or an opportunity?

Dominik Flikweert, Head of Public Affairs EMEA at Systemair, will will shed light on these questions, using residential ventilation as an example to illustrate the complexities and opportunities involved. The presentation will unpack the core provisions of the EPBD and examine how they relate to the National Building Renovation Plans (NBRPs) and the Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI).

Drawing on real-world examples, Dominik will highlight how manufacturers, building owners, investors, and policymakers can collaborate to optimise the role of HVAC in driving energy efficiency, sustainability, and IAQ. We will also explore how certification can steer the market toward high-performing appliances and ensure transparency and trust.

Join us as we explore practical strategies to ensure HVAC systems not only comply with new legislation, but also actively shape Europe's future in sustainable and healthy buildings.

Short CV:

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Dominik Flikweert, Head of Public Affairs EMEA at Systemair Group, contributes to key industry bodies like EHPA, Eurovent, and AMCA. Before joining Systemair, he served as ad interim Secretary General of EVIA and worked for LightingEurope. With expertise in global HVAC regulations, sustainability, and energy policies, Dominik holds degrees in International Law and International Relations.

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Dominik Flikweert is Head of Public Affairs for the EMEA region at Systemair Group, where he plays a key role in shaping industry regulations and standards. He actively contributes to associations and certification bodies, such as the EHPA, Eurovent, or AMCA, ensuring that sustainability and energy efficiency are central to HVAC policy discussions.

Before joining Systemair, Dominik served as ad interim Secretary General of the European Ventilation Industry Association (EVIA), where he advocated for improved indoor air quality and energy-efficient ventilation solutions. He also worked with LightingEurope, promoting energy-efficient lighting technologies across the continent.

Dominik is an expert in global HVAC regulations, standards, and energy policies. His focus is on driving sustainability initiatives and aligning HVAC practices with environmental goals, particularly in response to climate change. His work involves ensuring that regulatory frameworks support energy efficiency and reduced environmental impact across the sector.

His academic background includes degrees in International and European Law as well as International Relations from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.