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On December 2-3, the AIB General Meeting in Lisbon took a significant step forward in the evolution of its standardised energy certificate system: EECS (the European Energy Certificate System).

The Association is successfully leading the way towards the implementation of the requirements of the RES Directive across much of Europe.

In order to make EECS even more reliable, the AIB has reached an agreement in principle to change the EECS Rules. To meet the needs of the Competent Bodies, the Lisbon General Meeting concluded that revised EECS Rules will come into force 12 months after the implementation of the new inter-registry telecommunications Hub, which will take place in summer 2011.

Revised Domain Protocols are required from members as a pre-condition of continued participation in EECS; and set out the characteristics of the certificate scheme in their country. Domain Protocols are to be developed in sufficient time that they can be approved 1 year after "go live" of the Hub.

The Association of Issuing Bodies - the AIB - promotes the use of a standardised system, based on harmonised environment, structures and procedures in order to ensure the reliable operation of international energy certificate systems, with a view to encourage the development of renewable energy.

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