THE NEW EUROPEAN ENERGY LABELS

By September 2020, in all EU countries a new energy labelling system will be introduced. Starting in March 2021, it will progressively be rolled out to 9 product categories.

1. DISHWASHERS
2. WASHING MACHINES
3. FRIDGES (Including wine storage fridges)
4. ELECTRONIC DISPLAYS (Including televisions monitors & digital signage displays)
5. COMMERCIAL FRIDGES (Refrigerating appliances used in shops and vending machines)
6. LIGHTING SOURCES
7. AIR CONDITIONERS AND COMFORT FANS
8. TUMBLE DRYERS
9. VACUUM CLEANERS

The new labels will be introduced to help European consumers better understand:

A MORE CLEAR AND ACCURATE INFORMATION...

The new labels will be introduced to help European consumers better understand:

A. how energy efficient a product is
B. how to choose a product in order to reduce energy consumption costs

...FOR A GREENER AND MORE EFFICIENT EUROPE

Estimated saving per year with the new labelling system:

1. 150 million tons of oil equivalent (ca. the annual primary energy consumption of Italy)
2. €285 for each consumers (on energy bills)
3. €66 billion for companies (in extra revenues)

NOW AND AFTER: THE NEW SCALES

Currently, products are labelled on a scale from A+++ (most efficient) to E (least efficient).

With the new rules, the existing labels will be rescaled: from A to G.

Initially, class A (the most efficient one), will be left empty to leave room for more energy efficient models.

THE TRANSITION PERIOD

During this phase, old and new labels will both be available for all products. From November 2020: each product including in the rescaling, must be accompanied by the new labels.

PUBLIC TENDERS: THE NEW RULES...

With the new rules, it will be mandatory to request the new energy labels in all public tenders.

...AND THE EXPECTED BENEFITS

- rationalization of public expenditure
- more awareness for public buyers
- less environmental impact
- stimulus to innovation