# Applying International Buildings Best Practice to the United States

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## 2018 Buildings Rankings

Country	Score	Rank
Spain	22	1
France	21	2
UK	21	2
Netherlands	21	2
Germany	20	5
Italy	20	5
China	19	7
Poland	18	8
Mexico	18	8
Australia	17	10
Turkey	16.5	11
US	16	12

In Buildings, only 6 points separate 1<sup>st</sup> place from 12<sup>th</sup> place

What are the prime opportunities for the US to apply best practices from top scoring countries?



## Identifying Opportunities for US Buildings

Metric	Max Points	Top Scoring Countries	US Score	Ranking
Building Codes (R and C)	R: 3 C: 3	Australia; EU Countries; South Africa; South Korea; Mexico (commercial)	R: 2.5 C: 2.5	R: 11 <sup>th</sup> (T) C: 12 <sup>th</sup>
Appliance Standards	5	United States	5	1st
Appliance Labels	2	China; EU Countries; Turkey; 1.5 South Korea; Brazil		12 <sup>th</sup> (T)
Retrofit policies	3	France	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> (T)
Federal Incentives	1	EU Countries; Australia; Japan; Taiwan; China; Russia; Thailand	0	14 <sup>th</sup> (T)
Building Rating and Disclosure	2	EU Countries	0.5	13 <sup>th</sup> (T)
Residential EUI	3	Mexico; China	1	16 <sup>th</sup> (T)
Commercial EUI	3	Mexico; Brazil	1	17 <sup>th</sup> (T)

R = residential C = commercial T = tied



Retrofit policy best practice: France

- Targets for 2030 and 2050
- Builds on EPBD building labeling and disclosure requirements
- Residential buildings with F or G rating must complete renovations before 2025
- Every 10 years, tighter requirements will be adopted to drive ongoing improvements toward low-energy goals
- New plan (April 2018) calls for renovation of 500,000 homes per year; funding for training and family assistance
- Commercial buildings required to develop a "plan for renovation" to reduce energy use by at least 25% by 2017
- New funding allocation for retrofit of public buildings



### Incentives best practice: Germany

- KfW Bank offers grants or loans for comprehensive renovations to meet specified performance levels
- Incentive tiers are graduated to encourage deeper retrofits
- Federal government grants also available for installation of heating systems using renewable resources



### Lessons from international best practice

- Build on a consistent national labeling platform
- Use bold targets to drive policy action
- Promote deeper retrofits through tiered incentives and guidance for staged approach
- Combine information, incentives, and requirements to drive market actors and consumers
- Offer support for those with greatest need (low-income, small business)



# Avenues to progress in US buildings

- Focus on existing buildings
  - complement success of codes & standards
  - drive greater reductions in energy intensity
- Expand state and local policy efforts
  - go where the action is and political will is greatest
  - start small and bring the market along
- Document and share state and local experience
  - build on what's working, learn from missteps
- Leverage utility and other private funds
  - ~\$7B/year in funding for energy efficiency from utilities



### Building rating and disclosure



# Federal role is key to progress

Federal programs to create tools and infrastructure

- Building labeling
- Benchmarking tools
- Data access
- Financial incentives: tax credits, low-income weatherization







### Thank You!

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# Extra Slides



# Residential Codes: 2.5 out of 3 points

Scoring:

Mandatory = 1 points Mixed = 0.5 points US Score = 0.5 (Mixed)

Technical Requirements: 5-6 = 2 points 3-4 = 1.5 points 2 = 1 point 1 = 0.5 point **US Score= 2 points (6 requirements)** 





# Commercial Codes: 2.5 out of 3 points

Scoring:

Mandatory = 1 points Mixed = 0.5 points US Score = 0.5 (Mixed)

Technical Requirements: 5-6 = 2 points 3-4 = 1.5 points 2 = 1 point 1 = 0.5 point **US Score= 2 points (6 requirements)** 





# Building rating: 0.5 out of 2 points

Scoring:

Mandatory for all buildings = 2 points Mandatory for some buildings = 1 point Voluntary but been used by a substantial number of buildings = 0.5 points Voluntary/ none= 0 points

US Score= 0.5 points





## Appliance Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS): 5 out of 5 Points

#### Scoring:

# of groups covered: 45+=5 points 35-44=4 points 25-34=3 points 15-24=2 points 5-14=1 point <5=0 points **US Score= 5 points (52 appliances)**  Products covered by standards represent about:

- 90% of home energy use
- 60% of commercial building use





# Appliance Labeling: 1.5 out of 2 points

Categorical = 1 points Continuous = 0.5 points US Score = 0.5 (Categorical)

# Appliance Groups: 15+ = 1 point 5-14 = 0.5 point US Score= 1 points (18 groups)







# Residential EUI: 1 out of 3 points

					Total
Country	MMBtus/m <sup>2</sup> of residential space	Score	MMBtus/capita	Score	score
Mexico	0.16	1.5	5.48	1.5	3
China	0.29	1.5	8.59	1.5	3
Brazil	0.31	1	4.64	1.5	2.5
Taiwan	0.38	1	8.48	1.5	2.5
Turkey	0.26	1.5	9.32	1	2.5
Spain	0.29	1.5	13.15	1	2.5
Japan	0.32	1	13.71	1	2
India	0.65	0	5.46	1.5	1.5
Thailand	1.14	0	6.51	1.5	1.5
Indonesia	0.67	0	8.44	1.5	1.5
Ukraine	0.52	0.5	12.70	1	1.5
UAE	n/a	0	8.54	1.5	1.5
ик	0.38	1	16.80	0.5	1.5
Netherlands	0.36	1	17.29	0.5	1.5
Germany	0.37	1	18.29	0.5	1.5
South Africa	0.70	0	12.17	1	1
South Korea	0.68	0	13.10	1	1
Australia	0.40	1	21.89	0	1
Saudi Arabia	n/a	0	11.07	1	1
France	0.46	0.5	19.07	0.5	1
US	0.35	1	24.24	0	1



# Commercial EUI: 1 out of 3 points

	MMBtus/m <sup>2</sup> of commercial				
Country	space	Score	M M Btus/\$GDP	Score	Total score
Mexico	0.14	1.5	201	1.5	3
Brazil	0.63	1.5	302	1.5	3
Taiwan	0.65	1.5	463	1.0	2.5
Spain	0.76	1	369	1.5	2.5
Indonesia	0.26	1.5	452	1.0	2.5
UK	0.89	1	298	1.5	2.5
Netherlands	1.25	1	375	1.5	2.5
Australia	0.93	1	317	1.5	2.5
Italy	0.96	1	397	1.5	2.5
China	0.32	1.5	653	0.5	2
India	0.32	1.5	676	0.5	2
South Africa	0.70	1	590	1.0	2
France	1.29	1	403	1.0	2
Japan	1.54	0.5	487	1.0	1.5
Ukraine	0.56	1.5	2,074	0.0	1.5
Germany	1.34	0.5	530	1.0	1.5
Turkey	1.58	0.5	708	0.5	1
US	1.46	0.5	622	0.5	1

