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The use of economic instruments to renovate Europe

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EUROPE'S BUILDINGS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

A country-by-country review of the energy performance of buildings



Summary:

- Main barriers for increasing energy efficiency in the EU buildings
- The EU framework: policies and funding
- Economic instruments within MSs
- Best practice: few examples
- Conclusions





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Identified barriers for energy efficiency in buildings



EU legislation on EE & RES in buildings



Instruments for Energy Efficiency in buildings in the EU

- Energy tax (at EU and national level)
- Taxation (reduced VAT, accelerated depreciation, tax deductions);
- Incentives and financing for energy efficiency investments (national)
- Public procurement;
- White certificates/Energy savings obligations (national level);
- Promotion of energy services (ESCOs) (national action, but not enough!)
- Energy Audits (at national level)
- Demand side management (not many, at national/regional)
- Minimum Efficiency Requirements-MEPS (at EU level)
- Buildings Codes/standards (at national level but also driven by EPBD)
- Buildings certification and equipment Labelling (national and EU level)
- Voluntary programmes (mainly in the industrial sector at national level, but also for equipment at EU level)
- Information/awareness (mainly national)



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EU and carbon financing for energy efficiency in buildings

EL	Carbon financing	
Structural Funds	EIB-EIF Loans	
2007-2013 € 347bn. out of which:	European Local ENergy Assistance - ELENA -technical assistance facility -min leverage factor: 25	 AAU trade under Kyoto and GIS schemes – some countries use it for financing EE in buildings
€ 9,4bn en. eff.&RES € 86bn R&D, € 27,4bn SMEs, € 105,3bn	JESSICA: Sustainable development for urban areas JEREMIE: Improved access to finance for micro business and SMEs in the EU regions	EU ETS Phase 3 (2013-2020) – up to € 300mn allowances for demo CCS and RES but there are initiatives for including also EE
environment, € 48,1bn climate change	European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEE-F) - 3,7% of the EEPR/ € 275 mn in total DB (De), EIP, CDP (It)	

EU Funds allocations to energy Sector as % of total per MS 2007-2013



Source: Maud SKÄRINGER, DG Regio: 'Cohesion Policy support for Sustainable Energy 2007-2013. Energy efficiency investments in buildings', September 2011, Délégation Conseil National de l'Habitat



Economic instruments for EE in buildings within the EU MSs

- About 333 national schemes have been screened
- Wide range of economic instruments (not comprehensive):





Financial instruments for EE in buildings

	Grants, Subsidies, Funds	Loans	Tax Incentives, Levies Etc	Obligations, white certificates	Audits	3rd Party finace, ESCOs	Other
AT	All		Households			Existing bldgs	
BE	All		Households & Business	Flanders region			
BG	Existing bldgs	Residential and Public bldgs	Class A or B new build				
CR	All	Public bldgs				Existing residential bldgs	
CY	All						
DK	Existing bldgs						
ES	Residential	Residential					
FI	All		Households		Existing non- residential		
FR	All	All	Households & Business	Existing buildings	Private sector		Feed-in tariff; training scheme
DE	All	Residential				Public buildings	Feed-in tariff
GR	Existing bldgs		Private sector				
HU	Existing bldgs		Planned				
IE	Residential		Business	Imminent			
lta- ly	Existing bldgs	Existing bldgs	Households & Business	All		Yes	Feed-in tariff
ĹŢ	Existing bldgs	-					household renewable grants
LI	All						
LU	All	New homes					
MT	All						
NL	Residential	New private non- residential	Private sector				All
NO	All					All	
PL	Public sector	Existing bldgs		Planned			
PT	All		All				
RO	Residential bldgs						
SK	Existing bldgs	Existing bldgs					
SL	Private residential and Public non- residential	Private homes				Public residential	
ES	All	All	Households			Public sector	
SE	All		Households & Business				Technology procurement
СН	All		Households & Business				
UK	Existing bldgs	Residential	Households & Business	Residential		Public sector	Feed-in tariff

- Most of the schemes:
 - Grants, subsidies
 - Preferential loans
 - Tax incentives and levies
- White certificates schemes in UK, France, Italy, Belgium-Flanders and Denmark
- ESCO/TPF and audits for buildings are less used



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Few examples of financing schemes for energy efficiency in buildings in the EU



Ex. 1: White certificates / Energy savings obligations (1)

Country	Obligation for	Eligible customers	Current size of obligation	Estimated annual expenditure (euro/capita)
Be (Fl)	Electricity distributors	residential and non energy intensive industry and service	0,6TWh annual	26 mn Euro (4)
Fr	All energy suppliers	All (including transport) except EU ETS	54 TWh over 3 yrs	180 mn Euro (3)
lt	Electricity&gas distributors	All including transport	2,2 Mtoe in 2008	190 mn Euro (3)
UK	Electricity&gas suppliers	Residential only	185 MtCO2 3 yrs to 2011	900 mn Euro (15)
Dk	Electricity,gas & heat distributors	All except transport or covered by EU ETS	0,82TWh annual	25 mn Euro (5)

Source: Eoin Lees, eceee: 'Experience of EU Energy Efficiency Obligations – Diverse but Delivering', 30 Sept 2011, Bucharest Forum



Ex. 1: White certificates / Energy savings obligations (2)



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Ex 2: Germany's KfW loans

Promotional loans for both for new and existing buildings

New buildings		Existing buildings		
max. 50.000 EUR per housing unit		max. 75.000 EUR per housing unit		
KfW-Efficiency House standard (KfW-100, 94-55kWh/m2/yr)				
partial debt relief possible				
-three promotional stages	 -grants as an alternative for owners of single and two family houses -additional special support available 			
Higher energy efficiency means better conditions				

Results by 2009:

Subsidies for aprox. 3,1 mn homes CO2 reduction of 3,9 m tons per yr. Aprox. 200.000 jobs/year

Cumulative savings (heating costs): 950 mn euros 2009: 10,6 bn Euro en eff and 6,3 bn Euro RES

Lesson learned:

Open to all investor groups Focus on long term loans A brand for energy efficiency Higher energy efficiency is rewarded Distributional network and Funding



Source: Gudrun Gumb, KfW: 'Supporting the energy efficient rehabilitation of the building stock – The German experience', November 2010, BPIE Roundtable

Ex 3: Estonia - Revolving fund for housing

- Switch from grants (2003-2007) to a revolving fund
- KredEx (Credit and Export Guarantee Fund of the State) supports this
- Why revolving fund?
 - Opportunity for re-usage of the funds
 - Loan is needed for reconstruction anyway
 - Easier to administrate, lower administrative costs
 - End-beneficiary is used to take loan
 - Innovative scheme, help from KfW
- 03/2011: 231 contracts with multi-apartment buildings, total €18,4 million (average €81100, saving 33%)



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Ex 3: Estonia - Revolving fund for housing



- To save at least 20% of energy in buildings up to 2000 m²
- To save at least 30% of energy in buildings more than 2000 m²
- Self-financing 15% (includes works from 01.01.2008)
- Energy audit is obligatory
- Renovation according to energy audit (by priorities)
- Loan period: up to 20 years
- Interest rate: up to 4,8% (first tranche) fixed 10 years

Ex 4: Czech Republic - Green Savings Programme (GIS)

- Financed from the trade of the Assigned Amount Units (AAU) under Kyoto ETS.
- Aprox € 800 mn, by 30 June 2012
- By 2010: 72000 applications for subsidies (of which 6000 housing blocks/168000 flats)

Measure	Subsidy		
A.1 Complex insulation (decrease of the need of energy for heating by - at least - 40%)			
Complex insulation (specific heat requirement) <30 kWh.m ⁻² a ⁻¹)	58 EUR /per m ²		
Complex insulation (specific heat requirement) <55 kWh.m ⁻² a ⁻¹)	40 EUR /per m ²		
A.2 Partial thermal insulation			
Partial thermal insulation— (decrease of the need of energy for heating by - at least 30%)	23 EUR /per m ²		
Partial thermal insulation- (decrease of the need of energy for heating by - at least - 20%)	17 EUR /per m ²		
B Construction in the passive energy standard			
block of flats in the passive energy standard	5770 EUR / per unit		
C Use of renewable energy sources for heating and hot water preparation			
Sources of biomass	Max. 960 EUR / per unit		
Installation of low-emission biomass-fired sources and efficient heat pumps in new buildings	Max. 770 EUR / per unit		
Installation of solar-thermal collectors for the preparation of hot water	Max. 960 EUR / per unit		





Conclusion 1: Lesson learned

- Varied financing instruments and policies among the EU MSs
- Ambition level is imposed by country's specific conditions such as:
 - Perceived importance of energy efficiency
 - Country's economic potential (purchase power, existence of related industry)
 - Ability to address and integrate the existing financing opportunities
 - Ability to integrate the macro-economic benefits (job creation, tax rebates, indirect benefits of en eff. etc.)
 - Ability to introduce tailored policies and measures (on building and people categories)
 - Maturity of energy efficiency market (ESCOs, willingness of banks, accompanied measures such as training for professionals, awareness and information among all stakeholders etc)



Conclusion 2: We have to do more

- However, the actual efforts are far behind the savings potential. The EU MSs will fall short on 2020 target of 20% energy savings (est. indicate up to 10%)!
- Reaching the EU 2050 climate and energy goals implies:
 - To renovate the existing building stock
 - To build at very high energy performance standards (BPIE nZEB study launched last week, soon on the website)
- Need to reduce/eliminate the actual barriers
- Need for more and innovative financing
- Need for more holistic policies with tailored measures & financing, awareness and information, training and education of professionals, RTD support
- Implementation is a key issue!



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Conclusion 2': Proper renovation and market upscale



Renovation speed and depth make the difference!

Market development and capacity building needed!

Technology	Required growth factor	Current market size
Insulation materials	2-3	2,010 Mio Euro
Ventilation systems with heat recovery	8-10	130,000 units
Triple glazed windows	>10	1,500,000 m²
Heat pumps	2-3	185,000 units
Pellet boilers	2-3	43,000 units
Solar thermal systems	2-3	3,700,000 m²



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Conclusion 3: Key recommendations in BPIE study

At the EU level:

- Renovation roadmap with binding milestones and measures
- EU Deep Renovation Fund (EIB)
- Minimum requirements for allocation the EU Funds on buildings
- Guidance to the MSs for setting policies and financing
- Training and education roadmaps
- RTD support for new technologies

At MSs level:

- Predictable policies and measures (national roadmaps)
- Gradual tightening of building codes and standards by 2020
- Better financing and market conditions
- Increase awareness and confidence of consumers and investors
- Involvement of all stakeholders in developing policies
- Training and education
- RTD support



Buildings Performance Institute Europe

- Started to operate in February 2010
- Non-profit association based in Brussels
- Founding partners: European Climate Foundation, ClimateWorks (US) and eceee
- Focus on energy efficiency in buildings
 throughout Europe
- Centre of technical expertise in buildings
- European Partner of Global Building Performance Network
- Targeted research, policy analysis & evaluation, support policy implementation, dissemination of information

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