Building Blueprint

Endorsement Schemes for Building Energy Efficiency Improvements in the EU25



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Positioning of the project

- Support for building energy efficiency improvements
- Lack of understanding of what policies can deliver
- Quick scan to address this gap
- Analyses of national and regional initiatives
- Development of policy packages for every situation



Quick-Scan of Building Energy Efficiency Programmes

- 1. Selection of Best Practices
- 2. Description and Classification (fact sheets)
- 3. Strengths & Weaknesses of Instruments
- 4. Definition of Prototype Instruments
- 5. Barriers & Instruments of Sectors
- 6. Policy Packages, per Building Sector & Tenure

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Prototype Instruments

| Regulatory | Regulatory benefits for above-standard energy performance Mandatory environmental performance evaluation with minimum requirement Above-standard requirements for government buildings Energy upgrading requirements when renovating a building |
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| Economic | Preferential loans for significant (above-standard) energy performance improvements Tax credits for installing energy-saving products |
| Communic ative | Building energy performance audits Demonstration projects Voluntary energy conservation agreements |
| Organisati onal | Independent energy audits with organisational support Professional management for multi-family housing Independent verification of sustainable building investments Energy service contracts |





Example: Barriers & Instruments Existing Residential Buildings, Owner-occupied

| Key barriers | Promising instruments |
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| Lack of upfront moneyLack of professional | Preferential loans (perhaps in combination with the EPBD energy certificates) |
| advice / limited offers / complicated procedure | •Tax credits for installing energy-saving products |
| •Lack of specific knowledge / knowledge of alternatives | Energy performance advice Organisational support like Chance Energiepass Partner Programme |
| Lack of obligations | Homeowner associationsDemonstration projects |
| | •Energy regulations for the existing stock |

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Policy Packages

- Final outcome of the quick-scan
- Combination of instruments
 - typically regulatory or economic & communicative or organisational
- On European scale localisation needed
- Issues:
 - What are key barriers for the sector and tenure?
 - What instruments can work together to address a specific setting?



Policy Packages Existing Residential Buildings

| Owner- occupied | Preferential loans for significant energy performance improvements combined with energy audits with organisational support Energy upgrading requirements combined with energy audits with organisational support |
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| Private rental | Tax credits for installing energy-saving products (for landlords) combined with energy audits with organisational support Energy upgrading requirements combined with energy audits with organisational support |
| Social rental | Energy upgrading requirements combined with energy audits with organisational support |



Policy Packages Existing Commercial & Public Buildings

| Commercial buildings | | |
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| Owner- occupied | Tax credits for installing energy-saving products combined with energy conservation agreements Energy upgrading requirements | |
| Private rental | Tax credits for installing energy-saving products combined with energy conservation agreements Energy upgrading requirements | |
| Public buildings | | |
| | Above-standard requirements for government buildings, combined with energy performance contracting | |



Conclusions

Key observations

- Much more can be done
- Good programme principles identified, for all sectors & tenure situations
- Regional differences not as important as tenure
- Usually more barriers present, but only one addressed

Key results

- Prototype instruments and policy packages useful to analyse and develop European & local policies
- Organisational support
 deserves more attention
- Combination of instruments required, including up-front money (loans)





Recommendations

For Projects

- Perform good barrier & instrument analysis
- Combine instruments (financial / legal with organisational / communicative)
- Access national or European financing (Structural funds -JESSICA)

For Europe

- To ensure that local parties put programmes in place
- Support national & local parties
- Require a good barrier & instrument analysis
- Follow-up with sectorspecific regulation



Sector-Specific Recommendations

- Existing residential buildings
 - Extend EPBD to cover renovation of components
 - Extend EPBD to cover follow-up of audits
 - Promote organisational support schemes
- New residential & commercial buildings:
 - Set minimum and high performance levels
 - Promote incentives for above-standard buildings

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- Existing commercial buildings: – Promote Energy upgrading requirements
- Public buildings:
 - Promote above-standard requirements





Thank you for your attention



