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Achieving near Zero and Positive Energy Settlements in Europe using Advanced Energy Technology



Work Package 1:

State of the Art on near Zero and Positive Energy Settlements

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Summary of current state of the art on NZE settlements in Europe

- **Objective**: Gain a deep understanding of the existing state of the art on near zero energy (NZE) settlements in different European countries, and their specific design.
- **Deliverable**: Report analyzing the literature on near zero energy residential settlements in Europe (Submitted: February 2016)



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- Methodology: a survey of academic and professional publications, as well as national and EU databases, on NZE buildings and settlements
- **Motivation:** Identifying *cost-optimal* solutions which take into account different climate zones and energy price scenarios
- Application: use flexible tools to derive cost-energy curves which represent the global cost vs. *net* primary energy demand of existing solutions (considering both energy conservation measures and renewable energy systems)



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1. Introduction

- Energy use in the built environment
- Net zero: Buildings and settlements
- NZE at the settlement scale
- Investment in NZE settlements: costs and benefits

2. State of the art NZE technologies

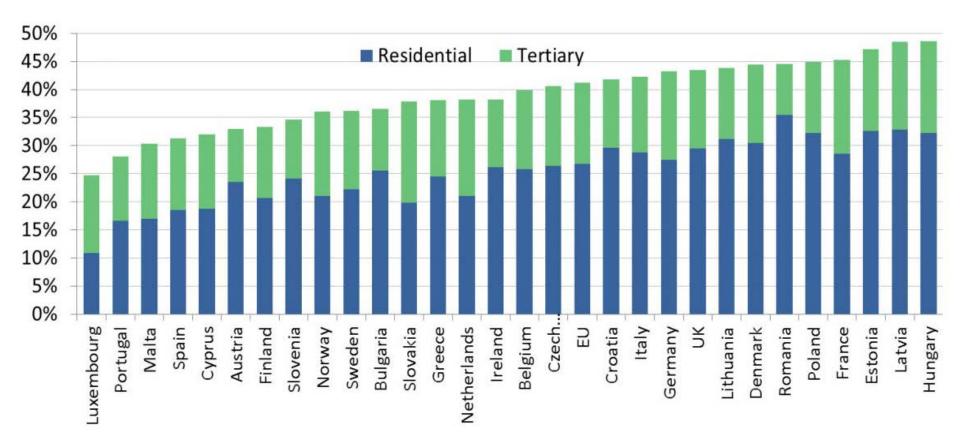
- Energy conservation measures
- Renewable energy systems
- Space heating and cooling systems
- Energy management solutions



3. Case Studies & Lessons

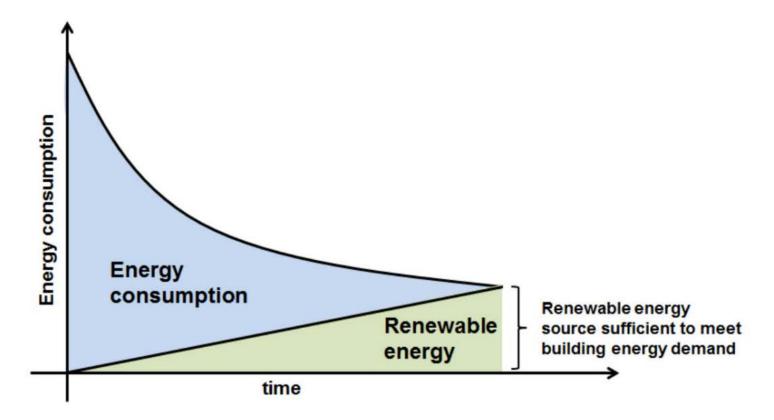
 NZE settlements in heatingdominated climates in Europe
NZE settlements in coolingdominated climates in Europe

Energy consumption in the built environment



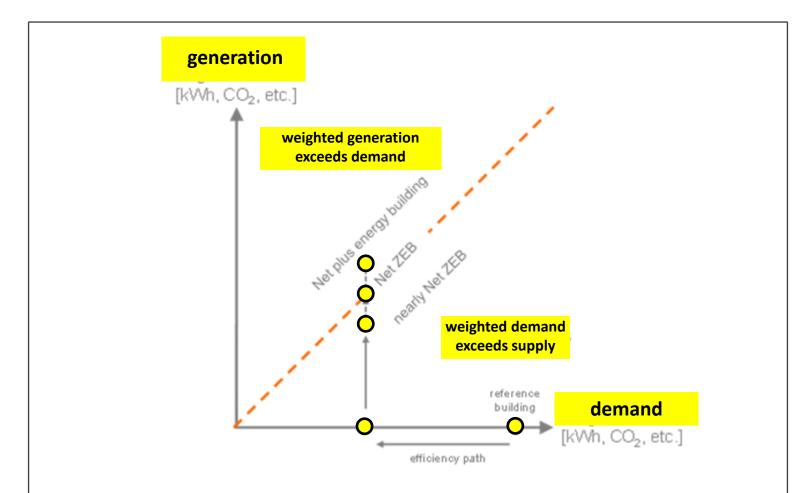
Share of buildings in final energy consumption (Odyssee-Mure, 2012).

Net zero buildings and settlements



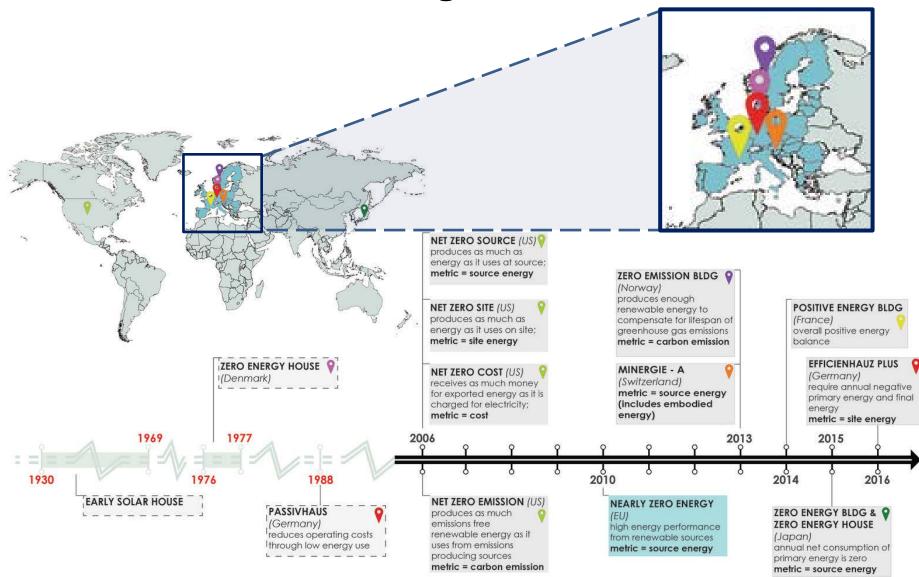
The net zero-energy building concept, by which energy consumption decreases over time and is eventually matched by an equivalent supply of energy from renewable sources (Bloom & Wheelock 2012).

Net zero buildings and settlements



Schematic depiction of the net zero energy building (ZEB) concept, also illustrating the concepts of "nearly" net-zero and "plus energy" buildings. These concepts may be applied at the settlement scale, potentially overcoming limitations inherent in the realization of net-zero at the individual building scale. (Source: <u>Federation of European HVAC Associations</u>)

Defining net-Zero



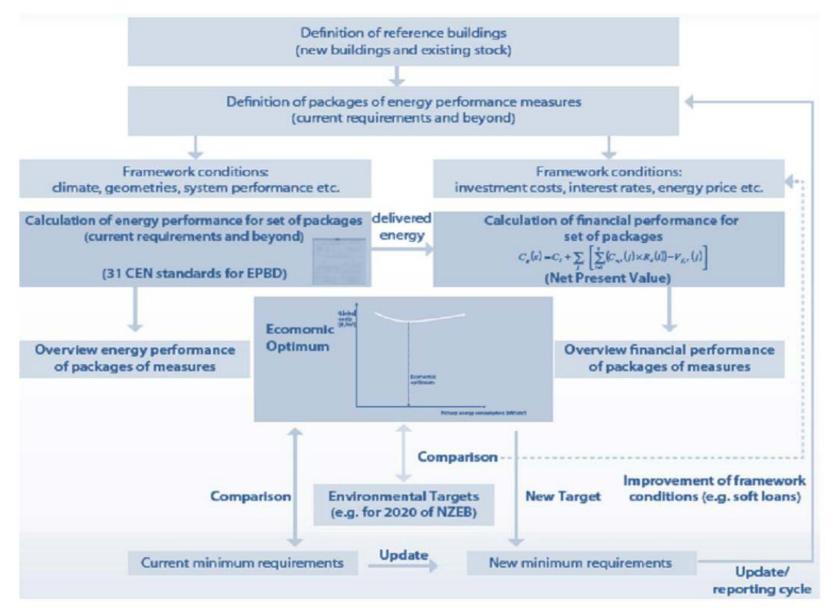
Ming Hu (2019) Net Zero Energy Building: Predicted and Unintended Consequences, Routledge.

NZE buildings and settlements



Map of net zero-energy building projects worldwide, including settlement-scale projects (<u>www.enob.info/en/net-zero-energy-buildings/nullenergie-projekte-weltweit/</u>)

Investment in NZE settlements: costs & benefits



Methodology for calculating cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance (Pietrobon et al. 2013)

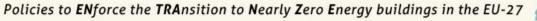
Tools for cost optimization

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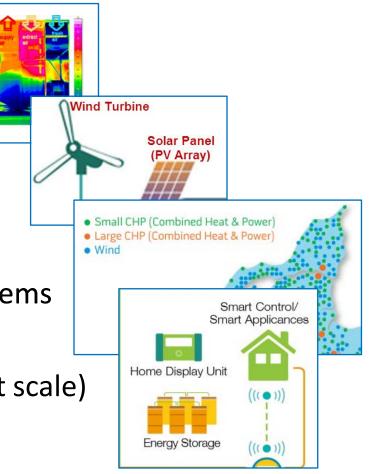
Categories of measures and systems

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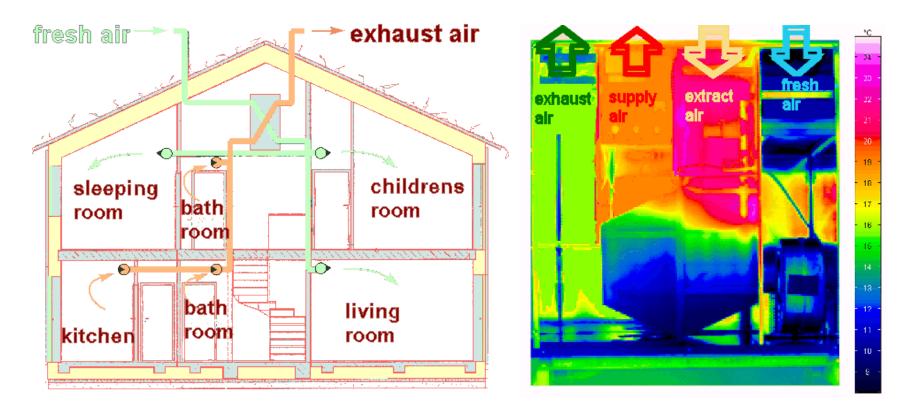
1) Energy conservation measures

- 2) Renewable energy systems (on-site)
- 3) Efficient space heating & cooling systems

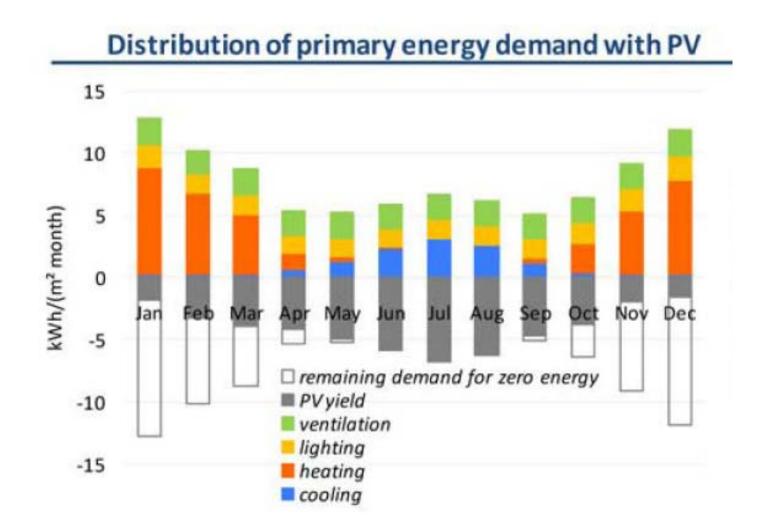
4) Energy management systems (district scale)



Energy conservation measures

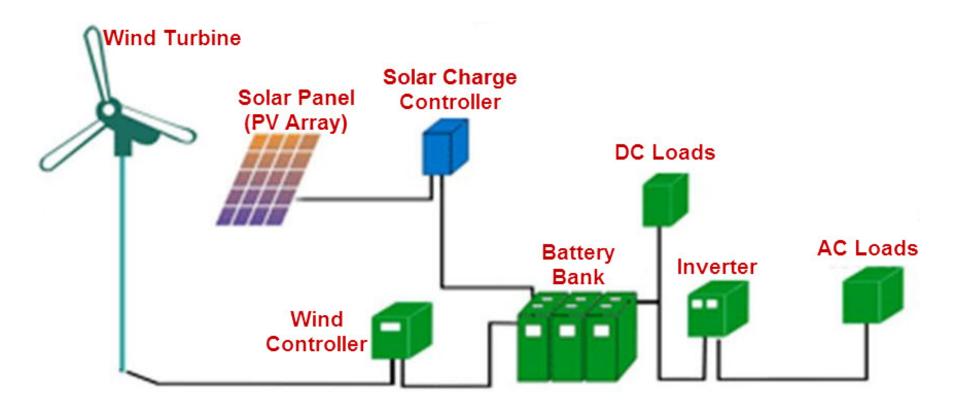


Left: Principle of air distribution in the ventilation system. Right: Thermographic image of an opened counterflow heat recovery unit with 75% of the sensible heat recovery rate. The actual heat exchanger is a hexagon. (<u>passipedia.com</u>)



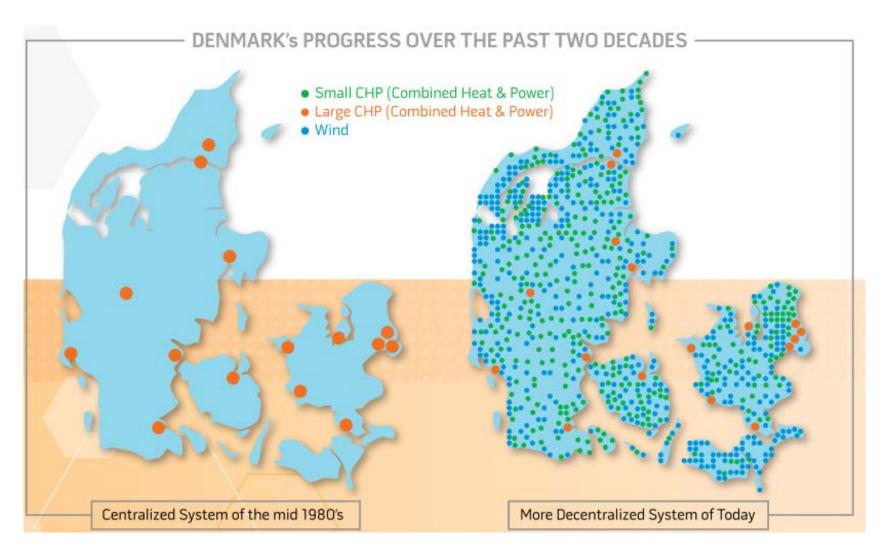
Energy demand for an office building in Germany calculated with EnerCalc, reported by Karsten Voss, Eike Musall, and Markus Lichtmeß (2011) From Low-Energy to Net Zero-Energy Buildings: Status and Perspectives. Journal of Green Building. *Journal of Green Building* 6:46-57.

Renewable energy systems



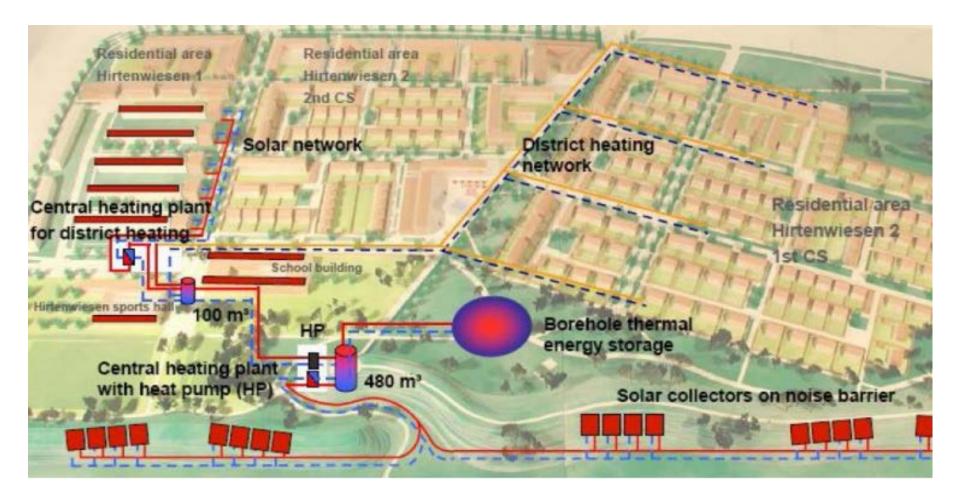
Solar-Wind Hybrid power system block diagram. (efxkits.com)

State of the art NZE technologies Space heating and cooling systems



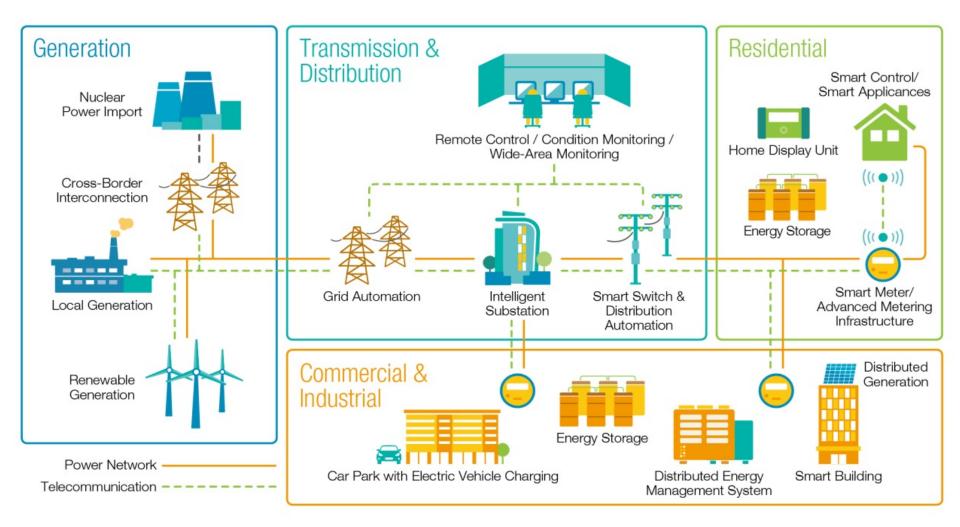
CHP network development progress in Denmark (USDOE, 2010)

Settlement-scale heating and cooling



Solar powered micro network Crailsheim, Germany (Schmidt et al. 2013)

Energy management solutions



Conceptual diagram of global smart grid components (clp.com.hk)



Schlierberg – Freiburg, Germany



Weiz-Gleisdorf – Weiz, Austria



St. Pierre – Reunion, France



Kleehäuser – Freiburg, Germany



BedZED – London, UK



Loccioni – Rosora Ancona, Italy

WARM CLIMATE

COLD CLIMATE

All information is taken from a report of the International Energy Agency (IEA) Task 40/Annex 52,"Towards Net Zero Energy Solar Buildings: A review of 30 Net ZEBs case studies worldwide." (Garde & Donn 2014)

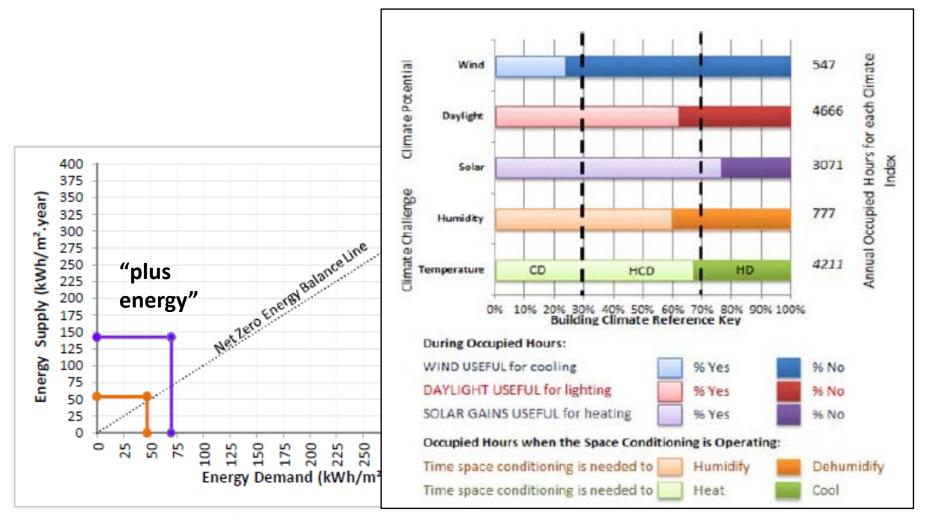
Case 1: Solar settlement in Schlierberg

Completion Date: **2006** Building type: **Residential terrace houses** Location: **Freiburg, Germany** Climate: **Cold** ($T_{avg} = 11.6$ °C) Solar radiation = **1100** kWh/m²a Site Context: **Urban edge, 2-5 storey buildings** with narrow lanes between, street widths of 20-40m Net Floor Area: **7890 m²**; S/V = 0.56 m²/m³ Occupancy: **46.4 m² / person**; (170 dwellers) Cost: **1940€ / m²** (net, 2006)



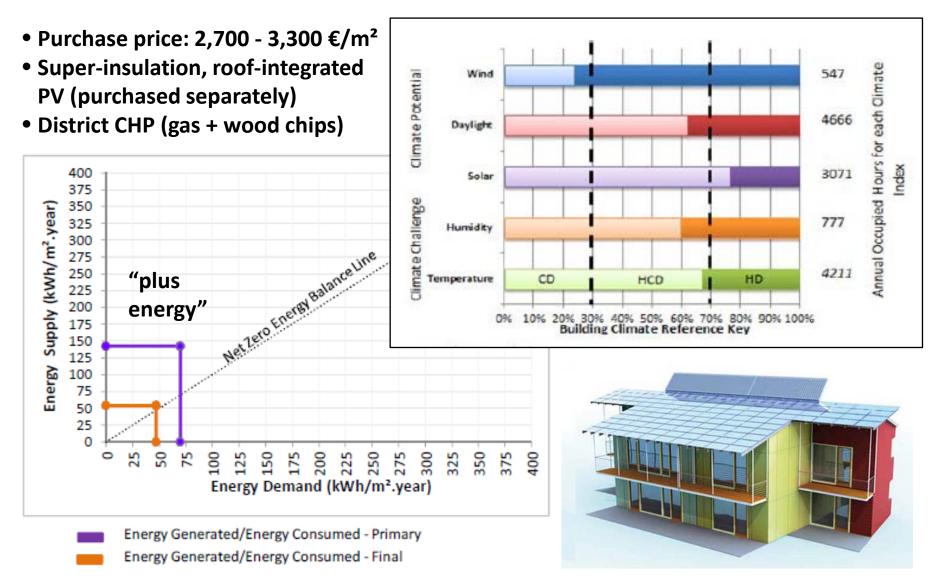


Case 1: Solar settlement in Schlierberg



Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Primary Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Final

Case 1: Solar settlement in Schlierberg



Case 2: Kleehäuser

Completion Date: 2006

Building type: Residential

Location: Freiburg, Germany

Climate: **Cold** (T_{avg} = 11.6°C)

Solar radiation = **1100** kWh/m²a

Site Context: Suburban, two buildings (3 and 5 storeys) Net Floor Area: 2520 m²; S/V = 0.4 m²/m³ Occupancy: 33 m² per person (25 units/~75 dwellers) Cost: 1154€ / m² (net, 2006)





Case 2: Kleehäuser

- Community purchased share in off-Annual Occupied Hours for each Climate 419 Wind **Climate Potential** site wind turbine as energy offset Car-free community: ride-sharing + 4667 Daylight. convenient public transportation 3005 Solar 400 375 mate Challenge 350 Supply (kWh/m².year) 569 Humidity 325 300 Energy Balance Line 275 4369 250 "near-zero Temperature CD HCD. HD 225 energy" 200 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% 0% 175 **Building Climate Reference Key** 150 125 Energy 100 75 50 25 0 150 300 350 400 0 22 3 75 100 125 175 200 225 250 275 325 375 Energy Demand (kWh/m².year)
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Flat roofs covered with solar PV

Case 3: ENERPOS University Complex in St. Pierre

Completion Date: **2009** Building type: **Offices & classrooms** Location: **Reunion Island, France** Climate: **Warm** (T_{avg} = 25°C) Solar radiation = **1929** kWh/m²a Site Context: **Suburban**, 2-storey courtyard arrangement Net Floor Area: **781 m²**, S/V 0.32 m²/m³ Occupancy: **4.6 m² / person**; (170 Persons) Cost: **1664€ / m²** (net, 2009)





Case 3: ENERPOS University Complex in St. Pierre

Exterior louvers with

30% porosity

Solar shadings

with wooden

strips

- Energy efficiency 5-times higher than standard office building due to shading & ventilation
- All-electric demand covered by 350 m² roof-integrated PV system

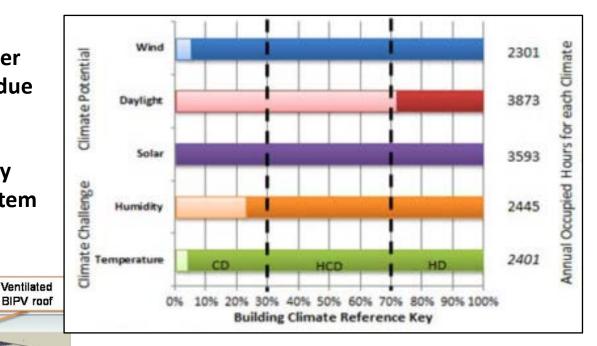
Insulated

roof

Interior louvers to complement interior doors : 30% porosity

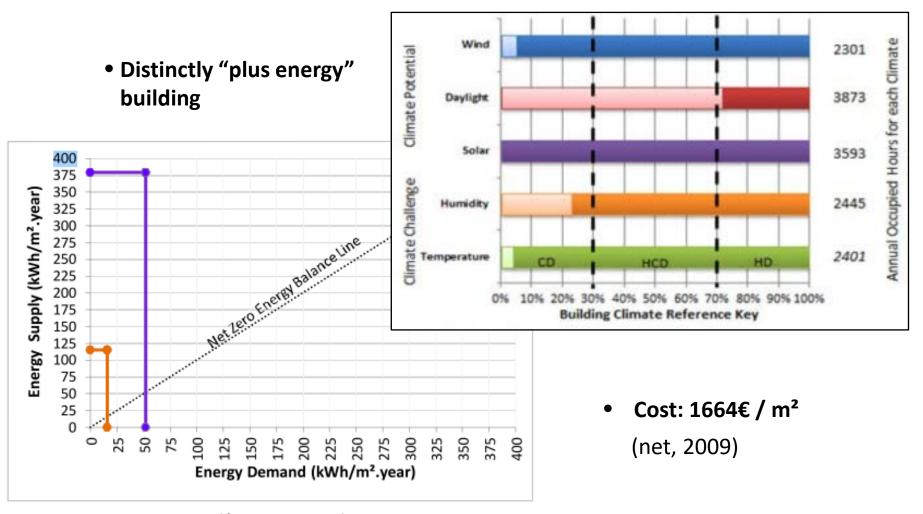
High performance

ceiling fans



 Internal website and large screens display data on renewable energy produced and consumed, with resulting carbon savings – raising occupants' awareness of energyrelated behavior.

Case 3: ENERPOS University Complex in St. Pierre



Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Primary

Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Final

Case 4: Leaf House in Loccioni

Completion Date: **2008** Building type: **Residential** Location: **Rosora Ancona, Italy** Climate: **Warm/Cold** (T_{avg} = 13.2°C) Solar radiation = **1302** kWh/m²a Site Context: **Urban edge, 4-6 apartments** Net Floor Area: **477 m²**, S/V 0.48 m²/m³ Occupancy: **40 m² / person** Cost: **US\$943 / m²** (net 2008, compared to US\$704 /m² for typical similar building



Case 4: Leaf House in Loccioni

Ormate Pilot carbon neutral building for 845 Wind **Climate Potential** testing sustainable technologies each 4406 Daylight Advanced monitoring system Hours for with 1,200 installed sensors 2972 Solar **Climate Challenge** Annual Occupied 1261 400 Humidity 375 Supply (kWh/m².year) 350 325 4540300 CD HD Net Leto Energy Balance Line Temperature HCD 275 250 225 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Building Climate Reference Key 200 175 150 125 Geothermal heat pump with 80% heat Energy 100 75 recovery is powered by rooftop PV, but 50 25 its performance was overestimated 0 0 22 75 350 ង 5 125 150 175 20 225 250 275 300 325 375 <u>6</u> Energy Demand (kWh/m².year)

Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Primary Energy Generated/Energy Consumed - Final

	Kleehäuser	Schlierberg	Weiz-Gleisdorf	BedZED	ENERPOS	Leaf House	
Year of construction	2006	2006	2006	2002	2009	2008	
Country	Germany	Germany	Austria	UK	France	Italy	
Function	Residential	Residential	Residential	Mixed use	University	Residential	
Climate	Heating dominated	Heating dominated	Heating dominated	Heating dominated	Cooling dominated	Heating/ cooling	
U-value of building envelope (W/m²K)	0.2	n/a	0.2	0.2	2.9	n/a	
Net Floor Area	2520 m²	7890 m²	~2180 m²	8850 m²	781 m²	477 m²	
S / V (m²/m³)	0.4	0.56	0.56	0.48	0.32	n/a	
СНР	Natural gas	Wood chips + natural gas	No All electric	Natural gas, wood chips	No All electric	No geothermal	
Primary energy demand (kWh/m²a)	152	70	120	82 (final)	52	160	
PV area m ²	202	3205	520	777	360	150	
PV power (kWp)	23	404	5x22 = 110	108	50	20	
PV yield (kWh/m²a)	26.5	55	53.8	12.2 (Wp/m²)	70	167	
Price per (net) m²	1154€	1940€	1420€	1580€	1664€	943 US\$	

Comparative summary of case study parameters

State of the art on NZE settlements

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

A variety of creative efforts are being made to achieve the net-zero goal, and these efforts demonstrate both:

- the enormous potential that exists for lowering the net energy and carbon footprint of the built environment, and
- the **significant challenges** that remain to achieve the NZE objective in a **cost-effective manner**.

State of the art on NZE settlements

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

The case studies highlight the great importance of attacking the NZE challenge at the **settlement level**:

- In some cases the NZE target is reached by supplementing on-site strategies with off-site renewable energy production
- In other cases, on-site production is able to meet the average demand of the community even though individual dwellings may be energy-negative.

