

Smartness upgrades and the Smart Readiness Indicator

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Auto-DAN

Deploying Augmented intelligence solutions in EU buildings using Data analytics, an interoperable hardware/software Architecture and a Novel self-energy assessment methodology



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Auto-DAN: Key Facts & Figures

- 48 Month Project (currently in M34)
- €5,675,186 Total Costs (€4,415,246 provided by EU)
- 12 Partners across 4 Countries
- 6 Demonstration Sites



Demonstration Sites



O Cualann
Cohousing
Cooperative



Greenogue &
Aerodrome Business
Park
Dublin, Ireland



Palazzo Terragni
Lissone, Italy



Delta Ecopolis
Milan, Italy



Residencia Camino
de Santiago
Burgos, Spain



VideBURGOS
Foundation
Burgos, Spain

The Team



Auto-DAN: Key Project Objectives

1. Create a flexible, **smart hardware infrastructure** that can be applied to all small-to-medium sized buildings



2. Develop an **interoperable software architecture** that can provide all the analytical capabilities needed to self-assess & self-optimize buildings in the EU



3. Deliver **Augmented Intelligence** (Aul) solutions to enable buildings and their users to become self-optimising



4. Create a **live self-energy assessment method** that incorporates operational monitoring, appliance/system performance and smart capabilities that will improve the accuracy of current energy assessment procedures

5. **Accelerate investment** in sustainable energy by EU companies (3rd Parties) & their clients.



Auto-DAN: Key results and their value proposition

We successfully created a flexible smart Hardware Infrastructure

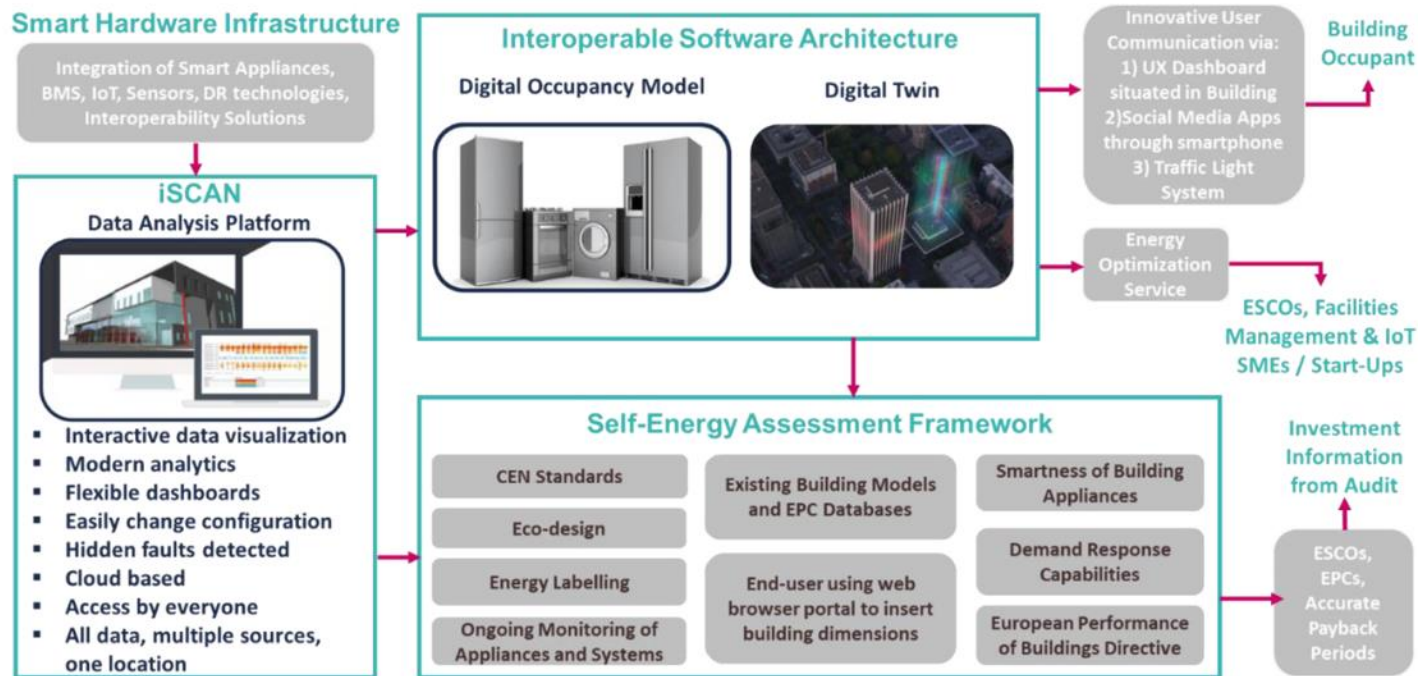
that was tailored to all the project demo sites for the smart metering of consumption and the provision to building users of the information they need to improve their energy behaviour at an appliance and system level, as well as improving their indoor comfort.

We are developing the interoperable Software Architecture

to have both a userfriendly dashboard and social media apps integrating all the analytical capabilities developed within the project

We are working on the Digital Occupancy Model and their integration with the Self Energy Assessment

that will allow to disaggregate energy loads at a system and appliance level assisted by agent-based occupancy models (created within the project), while identifying local energy bill reduction opportunities



Auto-DAN: Barriers and Challenges



Barrier 01.

Difficulties in the installation of the Auto-DAN product in the context of existing buildings with such a wide variability of pre-existing conditions (installations, building use, pre-existing configuration).

Barrier 02.

Supply chain problems present in this historical period have greatly impacted the possibility of realizing these smart buildings.

Challenge 01.

Grounding a project like Autodan that aims to create a simple and replicable system, but for the variability of context it is very challenging.

Challenge 02.

Project had challenges on choice of hardware systems also due to problems related to the supply chain of these materials



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Thank you for your attention!

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COLLECTIEF

Collective Intelligence for Energy Flexibility

- 14 partners from 6 European countries
- 4 Years June 2021-May 2025
- 4 urban pilots in Cyprus, France, Italy and Norway



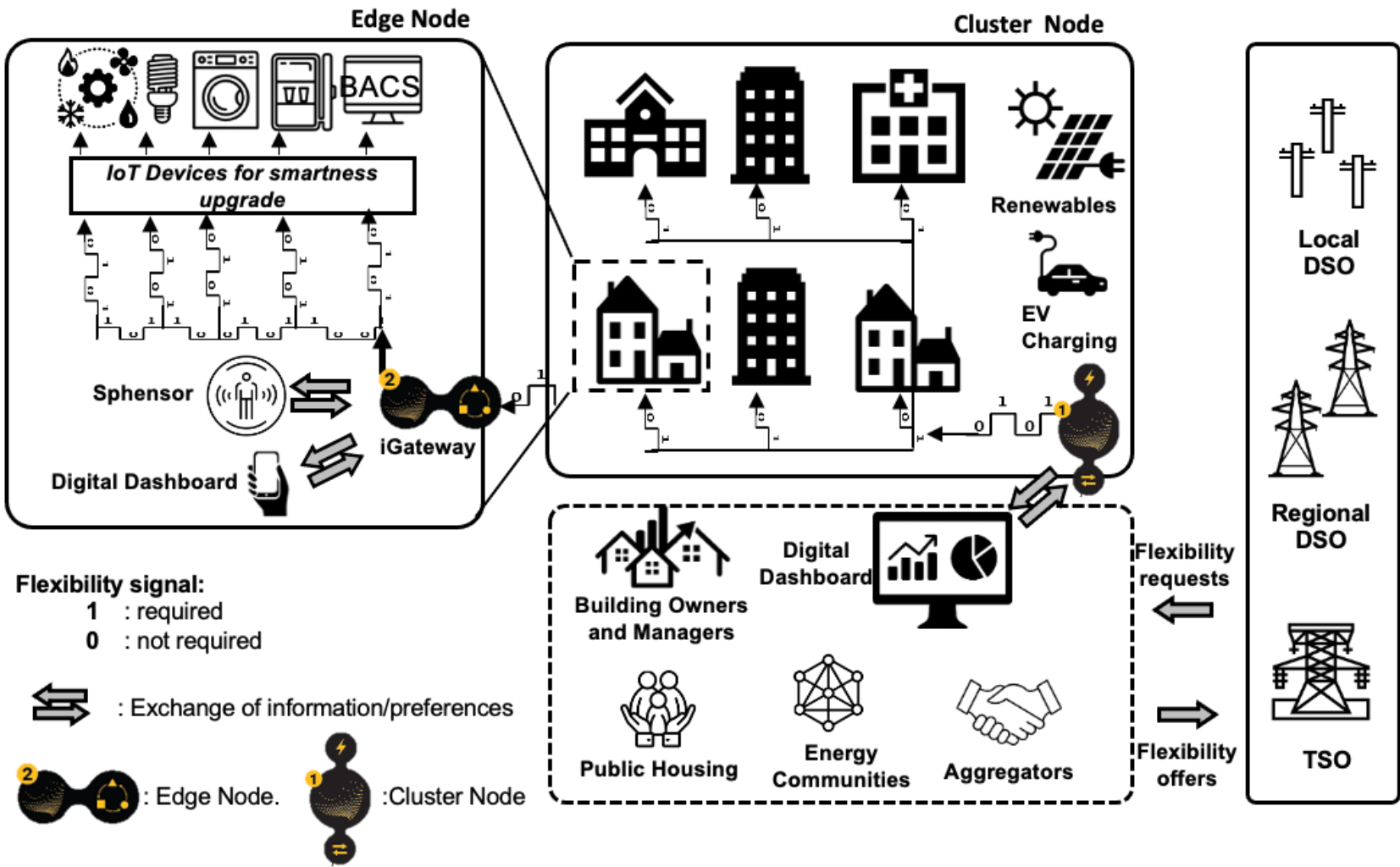
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In COLLECTiEF, we design, test and implement an energy management system based on **Collective Intelligence**.



COLLECTiEF aims at

- Integration of legacy equipment, existing buildings and urban energy systems into a collaborative network.
- Reducing installation cost and the need for data transfer and computational power.
- Increasing data security, energy flexibility, climate resilience, user comfort and cost-effectiveness.

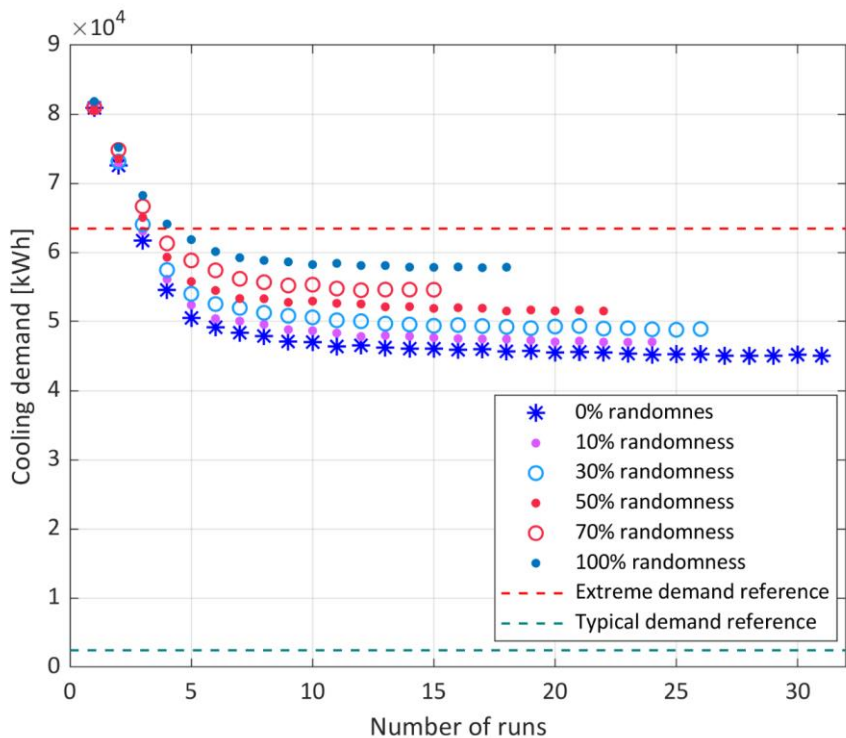
COLLECTiEF's impacts will be

- Upgrading existing buildings to higher smartness levels
- Reducing in energy consumption and costs
- Primary Energy Savings
- Investment in sustainable energy
- Increased user satisfaction
- Increased climate flexibility and resilience in urban areas
- Higher integration of renewable generation

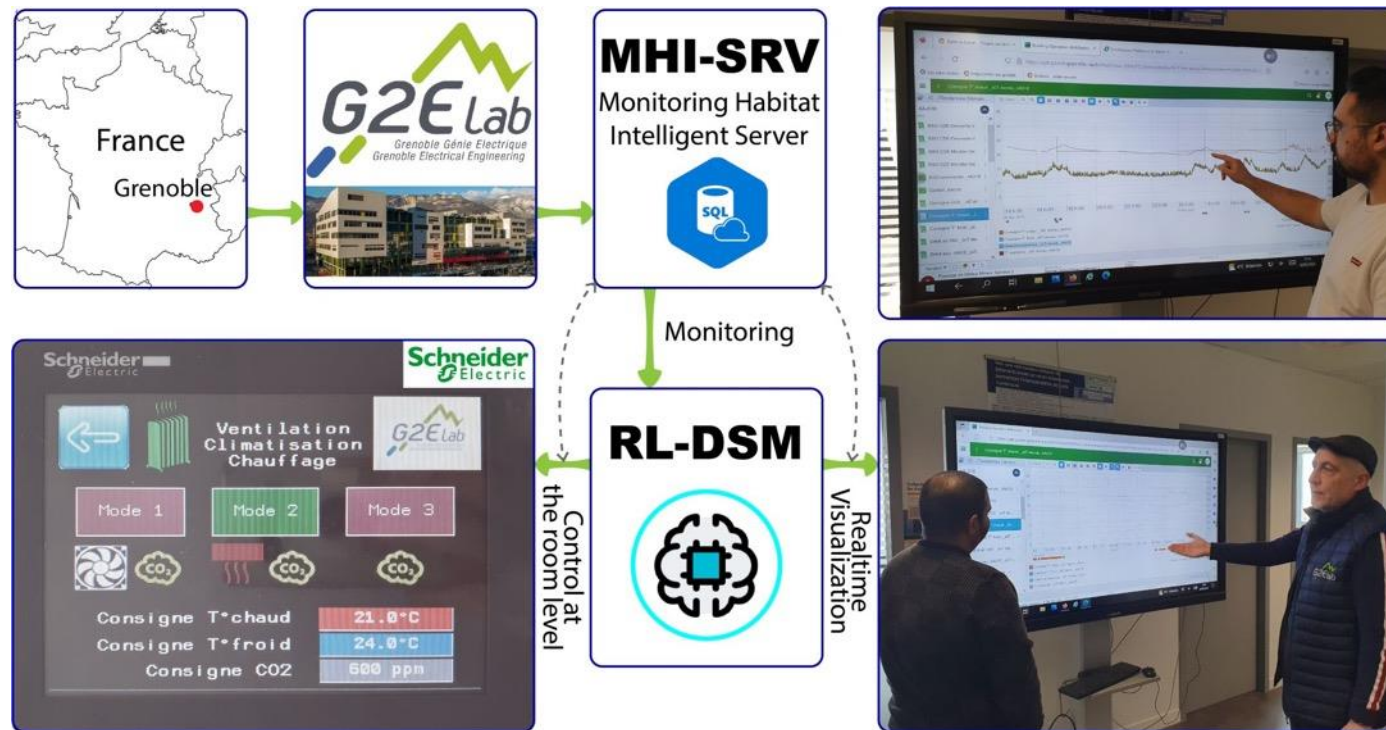
Some COLLECTiEF results (so far!)

A major step that we have taken is developing our novel DSM approach further by combining Collective Intelligence with Reinforcement Learning.

The implications of AI in energy management is very promising. Still we need the human innovation to come up with novel approaches that address our needs.



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COLLECTiEF



PHOENIX

Adapt & Play Holistic Cost Effective and user-friendly Innovations
with high replicability to upgrade smartness of existing buildings with legacy equipment

Presentation for the SmartBuilt4EU Final Conference

Alfonso Ramallo, UMU



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Mission: PHOENIX will provide a portfolio of ICT solutions to increase the smartness of legacy systems and appliances in existing buildings which will increase the SRI and energy efficiency. These improvements will translate in human-centric new services for building users and an improvement on both execution of grid operations and data sharing.

KO1: Allow Adapt-&-Play seamless integration of domestic appliances, legacy equipment and building systems

KO2: Create building knowledge with innovative techniques to upgrade the smartness of existing buildings

KO3: Enable real-time communication with energy stakeholders to optimise the grid operation.

KO4: Provide cost-effective services for building end-users to maximize the energy efficiency and overall performance.

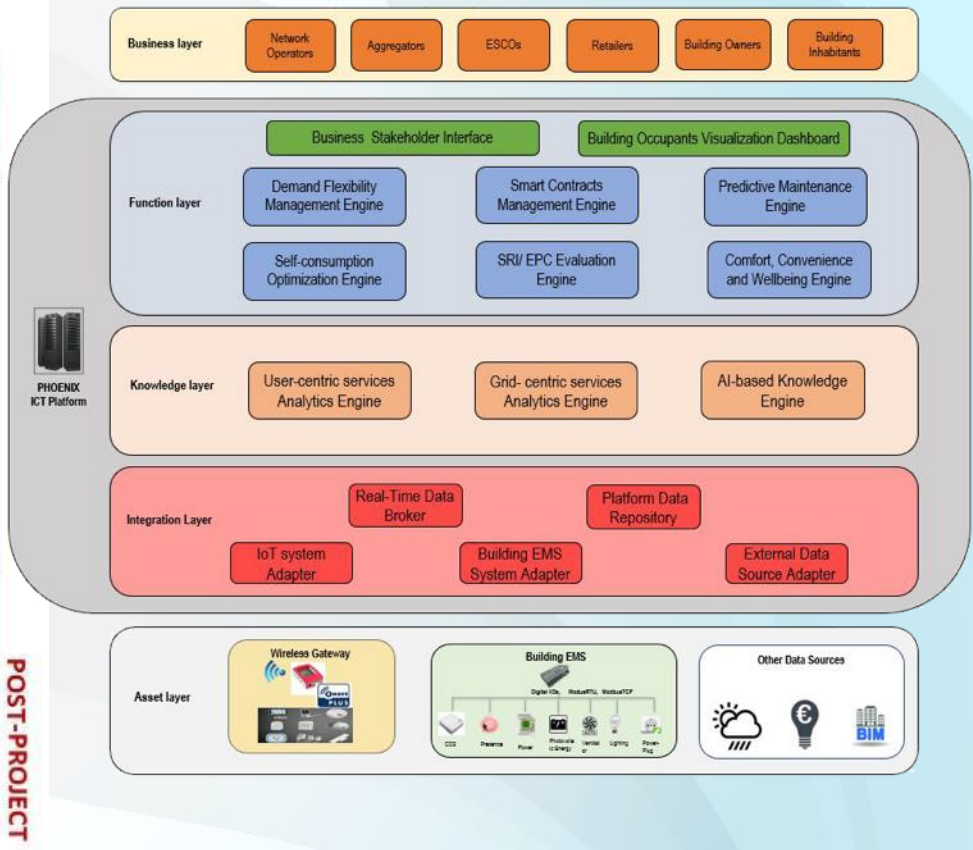
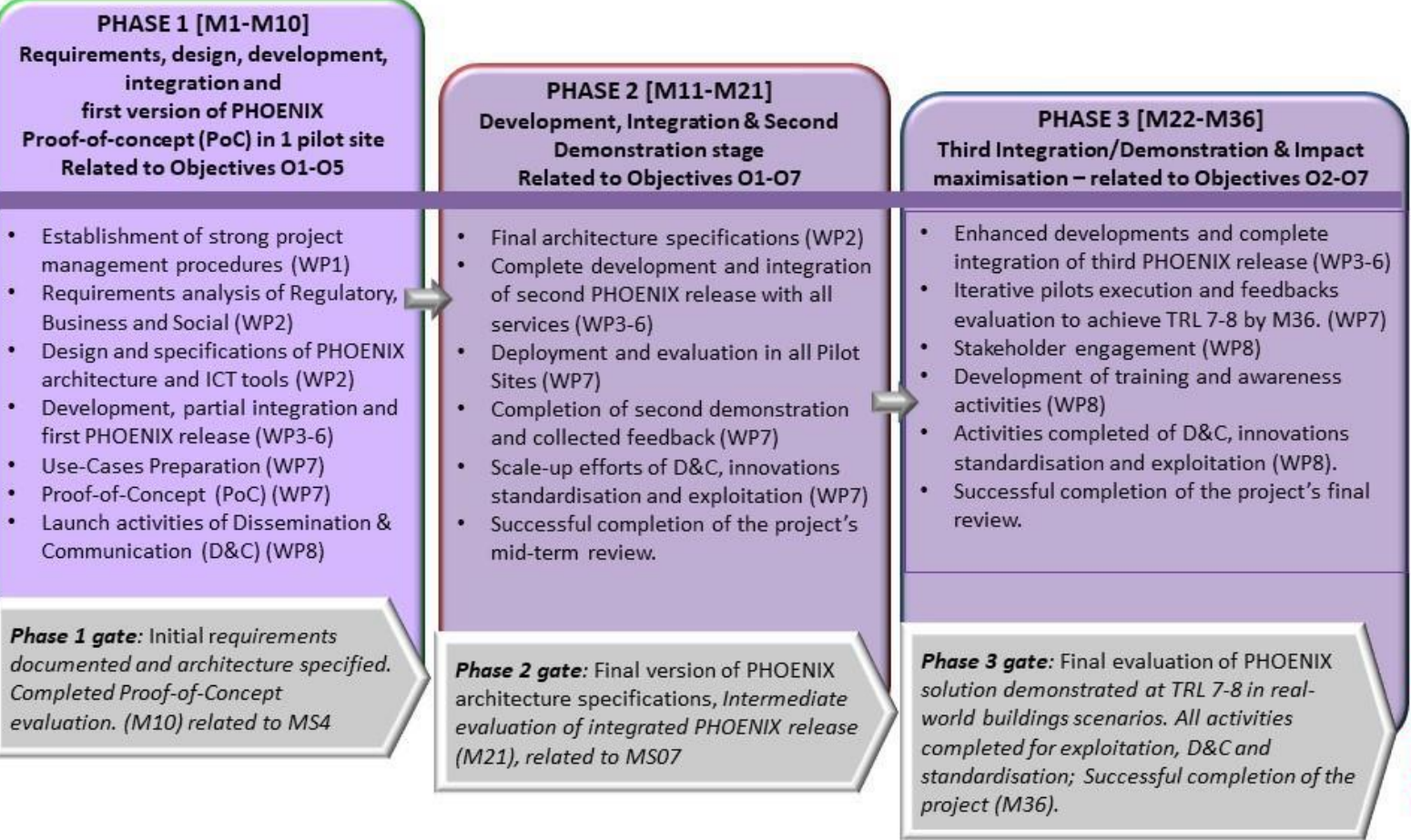
KO5: Allow security and privacy of building data regarding the revised EPBD and the GDPR law

KO6: Create suitable business models and exploitation strategies to target the broad market of smart building

KO7: Develop human-centric approach and training/awareness activities to prepare citizens for smart buildings

This means:

- We need the software, the platform, and the connection means
- We need the hardware
- We need to apply it all to pilots
- And we need to draw conclusions (with good results)





KPI ID	Data needed to calculate KPI	KPI value	KPI Target
<u>Energy performance measured</u>	- Building energy consumption -Temperatures -Weather data -Questionnaires	Calculation on Energy performance based on measuring data is being done 1.83 W/K·m²	- Energy performance compare to baseline normalization - Energy performance based on measured data
Improved smartness of buildings and smart readiness indicator (SRI).	-Building energy consumption -PV energy production -Temperatures -Weather data -Questionnaires	First results of SRI automatic were done. SRI before and after interventions: <u>Full catalogue:</u> - From 9% to 41% <u>Triage process:</u> - From 13% to 60%	SRI evaluation framework
<u>Load and demand shifted (% and kWh). Decreasing of 20% on peak power loads. 18% energy cost reduction due to demand shifting on a variable tariff scheme</u>	-Building energy consumption -Temperatures - Energy price - Questionnaires	18% of demand shifted from high cost period to low cost period. Estimation of 50kWh in the whole building. 29% of energy cost reduction.	20% reduction on peak power loads 18% energy cost reduction
Load and demand shifted (% and kWh). Shifting of 15% of demand towards periods of high renewable production	-Building energy consumption -Energy production -CO2 emissions -Temperatures -Questionnaires	24% demand shifted to high renewable period. Estimation of 50kWh in the whole building.	15% demand shifted towards periods of high renewable production



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Any Questions?

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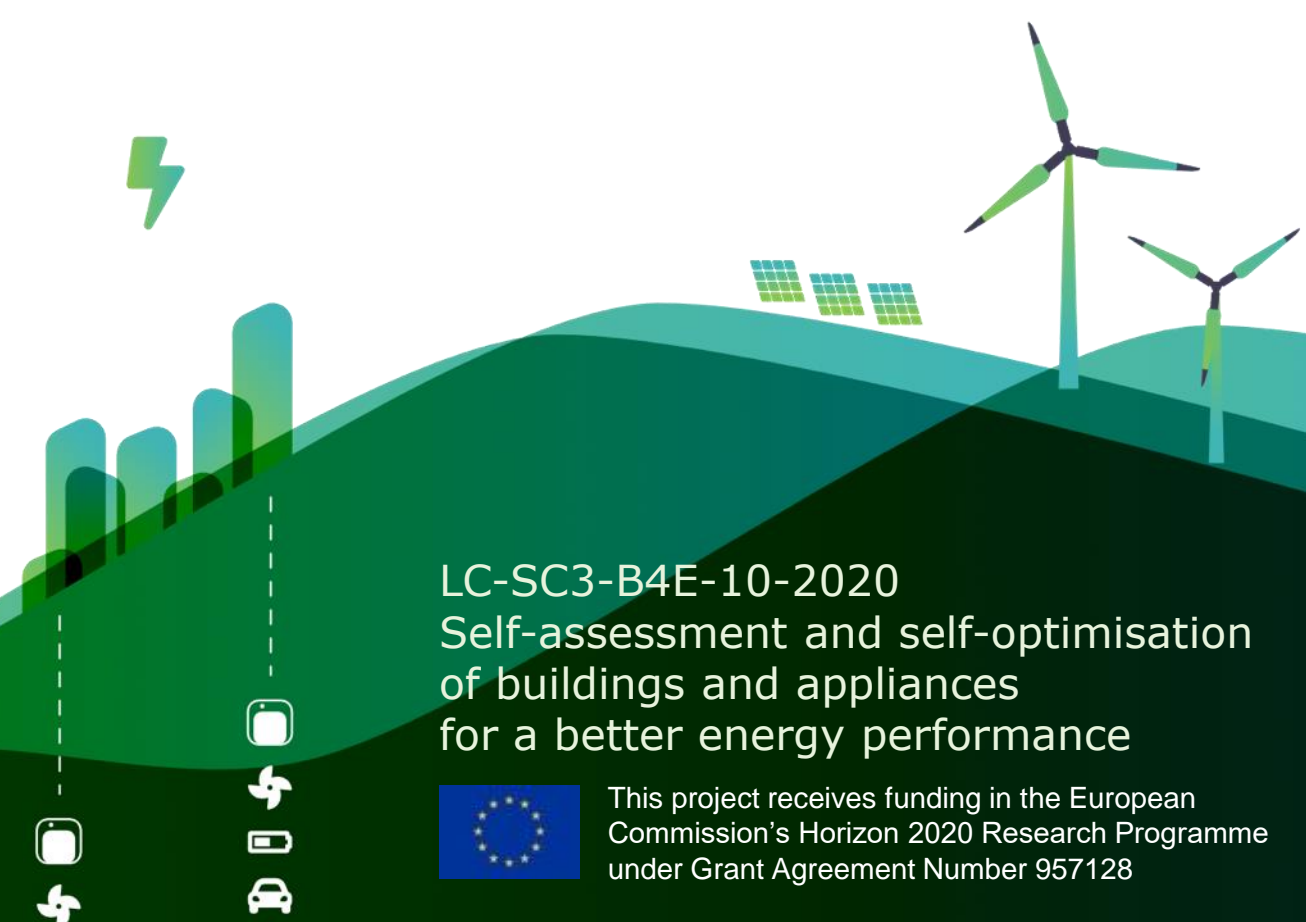
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Smart Buildings in Europe

SmartBuilt4EU Final public conference

Self Assessment Towards Optimization of Building Energy



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Self-assessment and self-optimisation
of buildings and appliances
for a better energy performance



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| Challenge

Most EU homeowners and building managers are unable to assess the energy performance of their buildings and energy consuming equipment, including appliances.

What's our objective?

Create an IT platform for **automated self-assessment and optimization** of building's energy,

capable of **Assessment of real-life building energy use and energy consuming equipment operation**

Impacts

- Increased accuracy in energy performance and energy consumption assessments
- Forward-looking contributions to EPBD, SRI, and labelling approaches
- Consumption reduction to exceed ICT cost and operation
- Significant primary energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Trigger investments in sustainable energy and smart technologies

• BIM-based deployment and interface approach

- Building structure and systems are specified and input through BIM (IFC)
- KPIs and assessments are displayed through BIM

• IoT systems integration and computing services

- Knowledge Graph (KG) for IoT level integration
- Context-awareness layer supports building self-operations
- Automated computational workflows for KPIs, assessments, and services

• Context-aware self-assessment framework

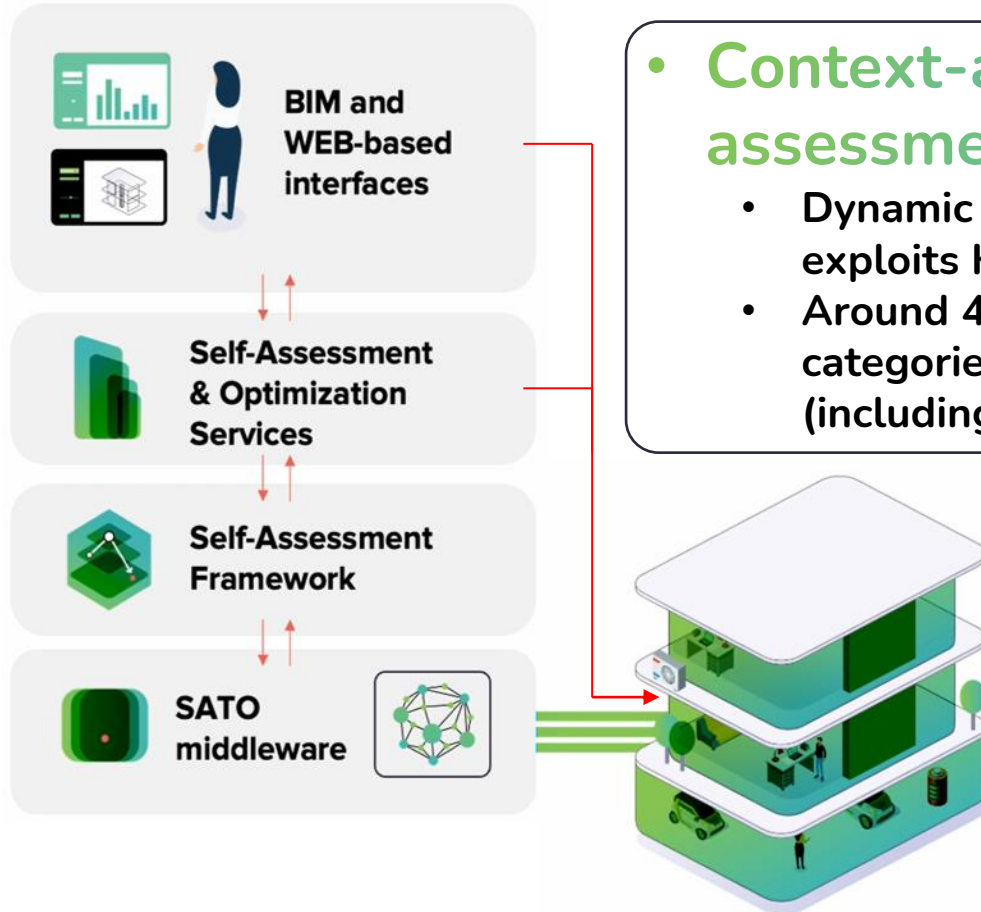
- Dynamic AI predictive framework exploits KG data and context
- Around 40 Assessments in 5 categories are implemented (including SRI)

• Energy management control services

- Simultaneous management of energy efficiency, flexibility, and user satisfaction
 - Hierarchical approach to integrate legacy systems
 - Holistic AI-based control

• User interfaces

- BIM-based for service buildings
- WEB-based for residential buildings
- Mobile app for real-life appliance assessment (Performance, efficiency, utilization patterns)



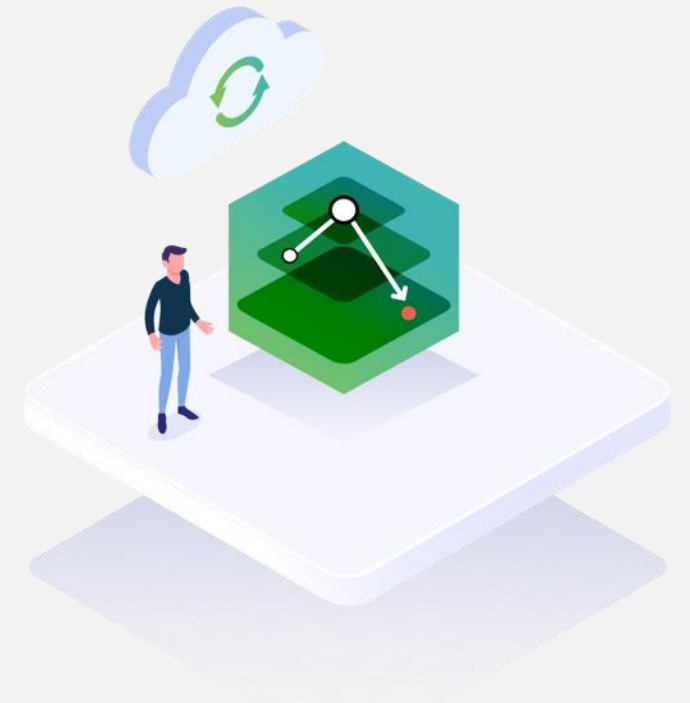
Lessons learnt & good practices

It is very **hard to setup pilots** that are on **the edge of building capabilities**.

Significant untapped potential for **data visualization in BIM**

Building energy systems and components are **not IOT enabled or open (big problem)**.

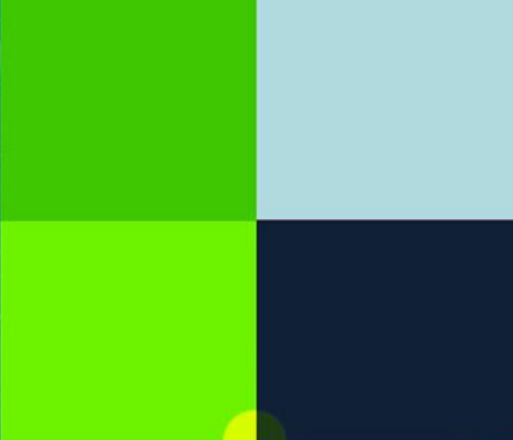
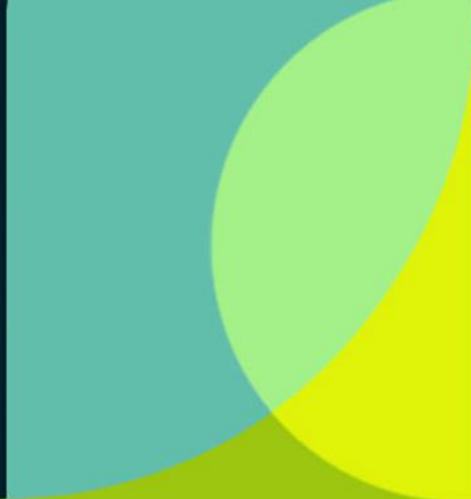
There is a need to identify a **small set of KPIs that users understand**





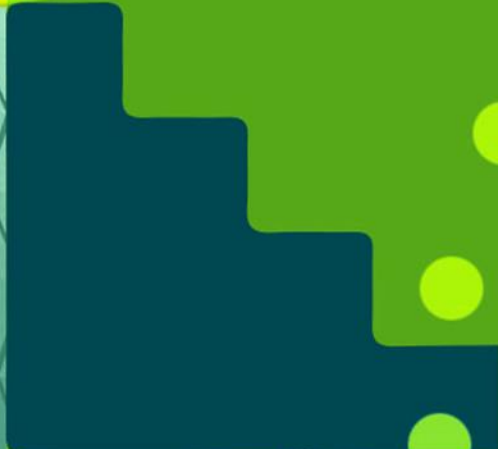
Project pitches and panel session:

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Policy recommendations

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Policy recommendations – approach

Our policy recommendations are based upon the work done with the Smart Building Innovation Community from February 2021 to July 2022:

- 12 White Papers written by 4 Task Forces:



Task Force 1: Interactions with users

Task Force 2: Efficient building operation

Task Force 3: Interactions with the external environment

Task Force 4 : Crosscutting issues

Policy recommendations – approach

March 2023

Policy Recommendations

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Introduction

The building sector is one of the key enablers to achieve low carbon emission goals for 2050. To use the full potential of this transition, buildings need to transform from passive isolated elements to smart buildings, able to adapt to occupants needs and act as active nodes well integrated to the energy grids and other infrastructures.

SmartBuilt4EU supports the innovation ecosystem of the smart building value chain in embracing this challenge through networking and communication actions. The project fosters knowledge-sharing between ongoing R&D (Research and Development) initiatives and developed a Strategic Research Innovation Agenda (SRIA) combined to policy recommendations to support the further uptake of smart buildings.

The ten policy recommendations presented in this booklet have been developed based on the collaborative work done by SmartBuilt4EU Task Forces from February 2021 to September 2022, consolidated by the consortium's expertise as well as desktop research. More than 100 persons contributed to the White Papers produced by the Task Forces. Contributors include members of the SmartBuilt4EU consortium and its Expert Board, and volunteers from the Smart Building Innovation Community (SBIC), of which a large part is involved in EU-funded projects.

SmartBuilt4EU policy recommendations cover the 10 following topics:

<p>01 smart buildings data governance</p> <p>03 dynamic building certificates (e.g. logbook)</p> <p>05 interoperability of smart solutions and flexibility of smart buildings</p> <p>07 labelling of devices and building certification</p> <p>09 (green) public procurement</p>	<p>02 open data culture/framework</p> <p>04 national or local regulations supporting the smartening of the building stock</p> <p>06 SRI implementation support</p> <p>08 regulatory sandboxes</p> <p>10 upskilling</p>
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The order of these topics is taking into account feedback received during an online consultation on the relative importance of each recommendation. In the next sections, each policy recommendation is introduced by background information and broken down into several key actions. For each key action, levels of intervention (EU, national, local) are also proposed.

01

Define clear rules at EU level for smart buildings data governance (data access, ownership, privacy, usage rights, consent) to build trust and enable new business models

Background

The building sector must deliver a smarter, more flexible and resilient data-driven built environment. This includes providing technical solutions and services building upon data (including user behaviour data) gathered from smart devices, Internet of Things (IoT) and embedded sensors. Data storage, protection and access therefore need to be addressed carefully: although data sharing to provide enhanced services and optimise the building operation is highly desirable, buildings cannot turn into 'Big Brothers' with potential cybersecurity breaches. While the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) entered into force in 2018 and the European Union (EU) is developing cybersecurity policies and strategy packages, building occupants and end-users are still largely unaware of their rights with regard to data privacy and of the fate of the data they (sometimes unknowingly) agree to share.

The notion of data governance, crucial for cybersecurity, privacy and the integrity of an activity, is becoming essential at a time when data production can hardly be slowed down. According to the EC, the term 'Data governance' means 'a set of rules and means to use data, for example through sharing mechanisms, agreements and technical standards. It implies structures and processes to share data in a secure manner, including through trusted third parties'.

Several regulations, certification frameworks and standards are relevant to the topic of data governance however none of them are specific to smart buildings:

- New Data Governance Act¹ (DGA) entered into force on 23 June 2022 and applicable from September 2023;
- General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679);
- Regulation (EU) 2018/1807 on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU;
- Directive (EU) 2019/1024 on open data and the re-use of public sector information.

In the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) proposed by the EC in December 2021, a new Article 14 specific to building data ensures that the building owner, tenant and manager or third parties can have access to building systems' data, so as to facilitate development of new services related to buildings. New rules on data interoperability and access to data are to be laid down by the EC by means of an Implementing Act. According to the proposal, MS shall set up national databases for Energy Performance Certificates of buildings, which also allows to gather data related to building renovation passports and Smart Readiness Indicators (SRI).

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ganda_20_2103#Data320governance
² <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/data-governance-act>
³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:3A202208068>

Policy recommendations – overview of topics covered

- 1 smart buildings data governance
- 2 open data culture/framework
- 3 national or local regulations supporting the smartening of the building stock
- 4 regulatory sandboxes
- 5 labelling of devices and building certification
- 6 dynamic building certificates (e.g. logbook)
- 7 SRI implementation support
- 8 interoperability of smart solutions and flexibility of smart buildings
- 9 (green) public procurement
- 10 upskilling

PR1: Define clear rules at EU level for smart buildings data governance (data access, ownership, privacy, usage rights, consent) to build trust and enable new business models

1

Action 1.1 Design and implement clear guidelines on data collection and data management procedures for smart buildings, in line with the proposal for the revision of the EPBD

2

Action 1.2 Clearly define the governance framework and the role of trusted third parties as warrant of cybersecurity and data privacy to build trust, in line with the Data Governance Act

3

Action 1.3 Set up a central registry or data space to give users a personal unique interface to make their data available and control it, in a just and safe way



PR2: Develop and enforce an **open data culture** to improve knowledge sharing and replication on building performances



1

Action 2.1 Develop a framework for an open-access platform to enable data access and data sharing in buildings and districts, and to promote the replication of successful stories

2

Action 2.2 Include “open source” requirements in regulation

PR8: Support the roll-out of interoperability of smart solutions and flexibility of smart buildings through data-driven standards and regulation

1

Action 8.1 Design principles and rules for integration of interoperability in EU regulation

2

Action 8.2 Develop open, modular end-to-end interoperability and data management frameworks

3

Action 8.3 : Support the development of certifications with the establishment of end-to-end interoperability between energy networks, BEMS and devices

