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

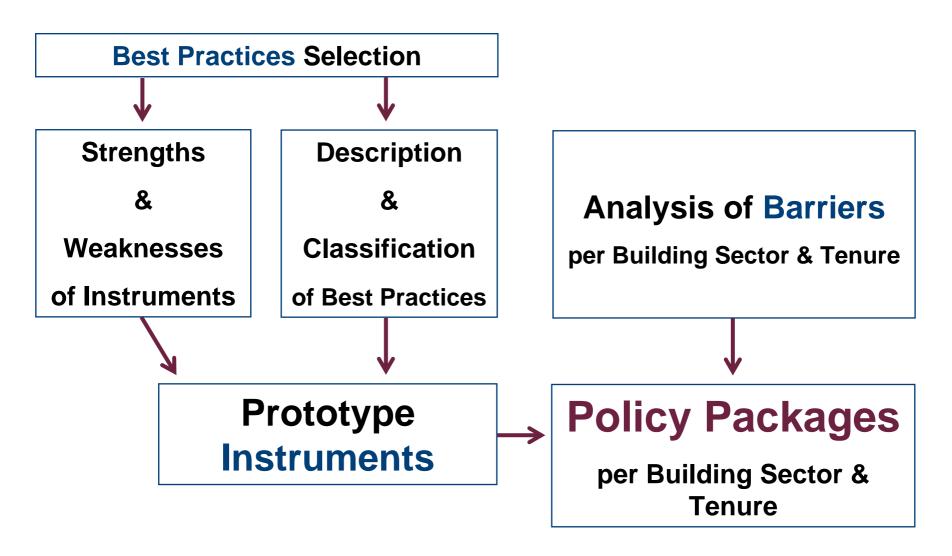
- Selection of Best Practices
- Description and Classification (fact sheets)
- 3. Strengths & Weaknesses of Instruments
- 4. Definition of Prototype Instruments
- 5. Barriers & Instruments of Sectors
- 6. Policy Packages, per Building Sector & Tenure

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Building Blueprint Model





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
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
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 associations
	Demonstration projects
	 Energy regulations for the existing stock



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
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 PackagesExisting Commercial & Public Buildings

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





Thank you for your attention