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# INTRODUCTION

In order to better understand how to maximize the energy saving potential throughout a renovation process, and in the context of the Energy Performance of Building Directives (EPBD) revision, one essential question is how to prioritise actions in the renovation cycles.

In order to raise the understanding of the respective contributions of passive (envelope improvement) and active (heating and cooling equipment, controls) technologies, a detailed thermal study has been fulfilled by TRANSSOLAR. This study has been completed by TRIBU ENERGIE which report is in the Annex III of the document with a thorough economic assessment of the main refurbishment strategies, specifically for residential buildings.

This work uses numerical thermal modeling with the TRNSYS software package to model a standard residential building, under three different climates, with different envelope performance, control strategies, and heating and cooling equipment. For each variant, numerous outputs are calculated in order to understand the respective contributions of each refurbishment solution in terms of:

- Energy demand
- Energy consumption (final and primary)
- CO2 emissions
- Thermal comfort
- Life cycle cost (Tribu study)

Main refurbishment strategies, involving successive refurbishment actions, are compared in order to understand which sequence of measures achieves the best overall performance improvement.



# METHODOLOGY

The boundary conditions for the present study are detailed in Annex II. The assumptions of the study have been defined so as to give as much as possible a realistic European picture, these are:

# Type of building.

We considered the renovation of a multi-family building (MFD) in 3 different European climatic regions (Paris, Helsiniki, Napels) with the objective to define the potential at the level of energy consumption, global warming potential, economic impacts and comfort. The reason for choosing a MFD is that it represents a typical building type across the EU while capturing different consumer behaviours and demographics.

# Level of renovation.

There are three levels of renovation and a base case which represents a building from the current building stock. A first series of calculations case 1 is representing a renovation to a good level but only for the building envelope or for the equipment. In the calculations of case 2 the renovation is completed on the good level with respectively the equipment or the building envelope. All case 2 calculations have though both an improved building envelope and an improved equipment. A non-stepwise renovation to case 3 has also been assessed. Case 3 has been put at the level of NZEB (for a renovated building).

# No on-site renewables have been assessed.

In all the studied cases it would be possible to add some on-site renewables. The share of the total consumption that can be covered by renewables will be depending of the energy demand. The lower the energy demand, the higher the part that could be covered by renewables.

The simulation modeling is done following a two steps approach. First the apartment spaces are modeled in order to calculate the building energy needs (heating, cooling, domestic hot water, electricity). Then, the heating system is modeled dynamically to assess its equipment thermal behavior and its energy consumption.

TRIBU ENERGIE's cost analysis focuses on three main refurbishment strategies and reuses TRANSSOLAR's thermal modeling results. The analysis covers energy costs, investment costs and maintenance costs over a 50 years span.

|  |  |               | Good Envelope Perf.   |  |  |
|--|--|---------------|---|--|--|
|  | Improving Controls   | Core 1        | Plant #2 - New boiler   |  |  |
|  | Low Envelope Perf.<br>Control #3 - Thermostats on radiators,<br>Nightime Setpoint Reduction<br>Plant #1 - Old Boiler       | Case I        | Improving Controls, New plant - Hea   |  |  |
|  |  |               | Good Envelope Perf.<br>Control #3 - Thermostats on radiators,<br>Nightime Setpoint Reduct<br>Plant #4 - New Heat Pump |  |  |
|  | Improving Envelope   | Case this     | New plant - Boiler  |  |  |
|  | Good Envelope Perf<br>Control #0 - No control<br>Plant #1 - Old Boiler   | Case Ibis     | Good Envelope Perf.<br>Control #1 - Nightime Setpoint Reduct<br>Plant #2 - New boiler                                 |  |  |
| Base   | New plant - Boiler   |               | Improving Envelope, Improving Con   |  |  |
| Low Envelope Perf.<br>Control #0 - No control<br>Plant #1 - Old boiler | Low Envelope Perf.<br>Control #1 - Nightime Setpoint Reduction<br>Plant #2 - New Boiler                                    | Case 1ter     | Good Envelope Perf.<br>Control #3 - Thermostats on radiators,<br>Nightime Setpoint Reduct<br>Plant #2 - New Boiler    |  |  |
|  | New plant - Heat Pump  | Case          | Improving Envelope, Improving Con   |  |  |
|  | Low Envelope Perf.<br>Control #1 - Nightime Setpoint Reduction<br>Plant #3 - New Heat Pump                                 | 1ter_HP       | Good Envelope Perf.<br>Control #3 - Thermostats on radiators,<br>Nightime Setpoint Reduct<br>Plant #3 - New Heat Pump |  |  |
|  | Improving Envelope and Controls, New P   | lant - Boiler |   |  |  |
|  | Excellent Envelope Perf.<br>Control #3 - Thermostats on radiators,<br>Nightime Setpoint Reduction<br>Plant #2 - New Boiler |               |   |  |  |





# **SUMMARY**

The only way of reducing significantly the operating and the global costs due to building energy consumptions in the medium term, and even more in the long term (more than 20 to 25 years), is to make an envelope renovation. The gain on operating costs due to insulation is about 50%, while it is lower than 20% for system improvements. Improvements only related to thermostats and/or boilers enable to get short returns on investments, but are not very economical in the long term because final energy consumptions, and therefore operating costs, remain high.

The improvements concerning the renovation of the envelope give rise to longer returns on investment, but as soon as the return on investment year is reached, they become to a great extent the best economic solution, because final energy consumptions are much lower than with a single heating system replacement.

For example, with the Paris climate, improving the existing envelope to a level comparable to a new construction would lead to a gas consumption reduction of 66%. In comparison, working only on the controls would bring a 25% reduction, and changing the boiler would involve a 30% gas consumption reduction.

When refurbishing the boiler, implementing a modulating burner helps to easily adapt the boiler to heating demand variations. Using an oversized new boiler with a modulating burner (high efficiency boiler) increases only by 1% the total gas consumption compared to a correctly sized one. This is due to the new modulating burner that is able to vary its instantaneous power in the range of 10% to 100% of its nominal power. In addition, the new boiler presents a nominal efficiency much higher than the elder one. For these reasons, the refurbishment order between the boiler and the envelope does not really impact the final energy consumption once both solutions have been applied.

However, refurbishing the envelope first would translate into a strong peak heating power reduction by 61% (-132 kW), which would limit the size of the next new boiler to be installed. As a consequence, investment costs, maintenance costs, and grey energy costs will be reduced. Also, with a "Boiler First" refurbishment strategy, as the plant equipment is generally oversized and despite being well-insulated, its generation and distribution losses are 45% higher (3.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) than after the "Envelope First" refurbishment strategy.

Moreover, in some countries like France, if the boiler size is small enough (lower than 70kW), the fire safety regulations are reduced for the boiler room, which can translate into further investment and maintenance costs savings.

Installing a heat pump to replace the old boiler achieves the lowest final energy demand, thus the highest overall building's efficiency, thanks to an efficient seasonal coefficient of performance. But to benefit from all the heat pump potential, the envelope has to be well-insulated. Otherwise, using a heat pump with a unrefurbished envelope requires to keep an existing boiler to handle high temperature regimes with low outside air temperature (cf chapter 1.8).

As thermal comfort is impacted by paramaters such as air and surface temperatures, a poorly insulated fabric can result in occupants having poorer thermal comfort perceptions. As a result they may be more likely to increase thermostat temperature points to counter act this, which will result in increased energy consumption. As a consequence, the energy savings related to improving the control strategies can't be fully reached if the building envelope has not been improved. Otherwise, the room air temperature has to be kept at a high level to avoid low perceived temperature and building pathologies like condensation and mold. In comparison, with a better insulated envelope, cold wall effects are avoided which increases the felt temperature for the occupant by up to 3°C in Winter.

Refurbishing the envelope also leads to higher summer comfort thanks to better solar gain management. As an example, for the Parisian case, peak cooling power can be reduced by 50% which could also limit the impact on the local urban heat island effect.

When considering a heat wave scenario in Paris, thermal comfort without active cooling systems can only be achieved if the envelope has been well-refurbished. In this case, passive cooling strategies have to be implemented (night time ventilation, elevated air speed via ceiling fans, etc.) to extract internal heat gains and improve the occupant perceived temperature. In comparison, with a non-refurbished envelope, internal felt temperature can rise up to 32°C, which translates into thermal stress.

When comparing the energy results for the three different climates, heating energy demands reach similar levels despite different heating degree day values. This is why working on the combination of envelope and equipment makes sense in the 3 climatic regions in order to achieve an excellent energy performance. No climatic region can achieve this excellent energy performance without a well-thought interaction between envelope refurbishment and equipment refurbishment.

In conclusion, envelope improvements would allow reducing energy consumption and guaranteeing thermal comfort while the systems improvements will not produce an improvement of thermal comfort.



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**1.1. Results Summary (area specific)** 

| BOUNDARY CONDITIONS                        |              | Base Paris | Case1 Paris | Case1ter Paris | Case1ter_HP | Case1bis Paris | Case2 Paris | Case2 HP | Case2bis Paris | Case2ter Paris | Case2ter_HP | Case3 Paris |
|--|--------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Climate                                    |              | Paris      | Paris       | Paris          | Paris       | Paris          | Paris       | Paris    | Paris          | Paris          | Paris       | Paris       |
| Envelope performance                       |              | Low        | Low         | Low            | Good        | Good           | Good        | Good     | Good           | Good           | Good        | Excellent   |
| Night time reduction                       |              | No         | Yes         | Yes            | No          | No             | Yes         | Yes      | Yes            | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Thermostat on radiators                    |              | No         | Yes         | No             | No          | No             | Yes         | Yes      | No             | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Split unit                                 |              | Old        | Old         | New            | New         | Old            | New         | New      | New            | New            | New         | New         |
| Boiler                                     |              | Old        | Old         | New            | Old         | Old            | New         | No       | New            | New            | Old         | New         |
| Heat Pump                                  |              | No         | No          | No             | Yes         | No             | No          | Yes      | No             | No             | Yes         | No          |
| RESULTS                                    |              | Base Paris | Case1 Paris | Case1ter Paris | Case1ter_HP | Case1bis Paris | Case2 Paris | Case2_HP | Case2bis Paris | Case2ter Paris | Case2ter_HP | Case3 Paris |
| Energy demand                              | 1000         |            |             |                |             |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Zone Heating demand                        | kWh/m²/y     | 290.9      | 205.5       | 254,9          | 254.9       | 69.6           | 47.4        | 47.4     | 62.3           | 47.4           | 47.4        | 7.8         |
| Hot water demand                           | kWh/m²/y     | 12.6       | 12.6        | 12.6           | 12.6        | 12.6           | 12.6        | 12.6     | 12.6           | 12.6           | 12.6        | 12.6        |
| Cooling demand                             | kWh/m²/y     | 2.0        | 1.6         | 1.8            | 1.8         | 1.1            | 0.8         | 0.8      | 1.0            | 0.8            | 0.8         | 0.7         |
| Electricity demand                         | kWh/m²/y     | 53.5       | 48.6        | 51.3           | 51.3        | 40.8           | 38.4        | 38.4     | 39.5           | 38.4           | 38.4        | 39.2        |
| Total                                      | kWh/m²/y     | 359.0      | 268.4       | 320,6          | 320.6       | 124.2          | 99.3        | 99.3     | 115.3          | 99.3           | 99.3        | 60.3        |
| Final Energy Consumption                   |              |            |             |                |             |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas - Heating                              | kWhFE/m²/y   | 358.3      | 251.0       | 268.4          | 189.1       | 81.7           | 49.7        | 1.0      | 65.3           | 48.1           |             |             |
| Gas - Domestic Hot Water                   | kWhFE/m²/y   | 15.6       | 15.4        | 13.3           | 9.4         | 14.8           | 13.2        |          | 13.2           | 12.8           | 11.2        | 18.5        |
| Gas - Generation and supply losses         | kWhFE/m²/y   | 45.5       | 46.8        | 10.0           | 22.6        | 47.5           | 7.3         |          | 7.2            | 10.1           | 27.0        | 7.3         |
| Electricity - HP Heating                   | kWhFE/m²/y   |            |             |                | 31.6        |                | -           | 17.5     |                | -              | 17.5        | -           |
| Electricity - HP Domestic Hot Water        | kWhFE/m²/y   | -          | -           | -              |             | ±1             |             | 5.2      | -              | -              | -           | -           |
| Electricity - HP Generation Losses         | kWhFE/m²/y   |            |             | -              | 3.1         |                | -           | 1.7      |                | 1 (el )        | 1.7         | -           |
| Electricity consumption - Auxiliaries EPBD | kWhFE/m²/y   | 36.0       | 31.0        | 33.4           | 33.4        | 23.0           | 20.3        | 20.3     | 21.4           | 20.3           | 20.3        | 21.1        |
| Total                                      | kWhFE/m²/y   | 455.5      | 344.2       | 325.1          | 289.2       | 167.0          | 90.5        | 44.8     | 107.2          | 91.3           | 77.7        | 46.9        |
| Primary Energy Consumption                 |              |            |             | 1              |             |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas consumption                            | kWhPE/m²/y   | 419.4      | 313.3       | 291.7          | 221.0       | 144.0          | 70.1        | -        | 85.8           | 71.0           | 38.1        | 25.7        |
| Electricity consumption                    | kWhPE/m²/y   | 93.0       | 79.9        | 86.2           | 175.9       | 59.4           | 52.4        | 115.6    | 55.3           | 52.4           | 102.2       | 54.5        |
| Total                                      | kWhPE/m²/y   | 512.4      | 393.2       | 377.9          | 396.9       | 203.4          | 122.5       | 115.6    | 141.0          | 123.4          | 140.3       | 80.2        |
| CO2 Emissions                              |              |            |             |                |             |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas emissions                              | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 101.9      | 76.1        | 70.9           | 53.7        | 35.0           | 17.0        |          | 20.8           | 17.3           | 9.3         | 6.3         |
| Electricity emissions                      | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 7.6        | 6.6         | 7.1            | 14.4        | 4.9            | 4.3         | 9.5      | 4.5            | 4.3            | 8.4         | 4.5         |
| Total                                      | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 109.5      | 82.7        | 77.9           | 68.1        | 39.9           | 21.3        | 9.5      | 25.4           | 21.5           | 17.6        | 10.7        |

Primary Energy Factor France (source:Arrêté du 26 octobre 2010)

Evlectricity 2.58 Natural Gas 1.00 CO2 emission factor France(source: Ademe)Electricity82 kgC02eq/kWh

Natural Gas 243 kgC02eq/kWh

It is important to notice that the category Electricity consumption Auxiliaries EPBD refers only to the consumptions defined in this European standard.

For each of these variants, there are in addition 18.2 kWh/yr/m<sup>2</sup> not mentioned in this summary, that are brought to the building by internal gains beyond the normative frame (domestic equipment). Those gains are positive to the thermal balance in winter, but are not taken in consideration by the EPBD guidelines. They are nonetheless presented in the variants comparisons below.



**1.2. Results Summary (total)** 

| BOUNDARY CONDITIONS                        |          | Base Paris | Case1 Paris | Case1ter Paris | Case1ter HP                              | Case1bis Paris | Case2 Paris | Case2 HP | Case2bis Paris | Case2ter Paris | Case2ter HP | Case3 Paris |
|--|----------|------------|-------------|----------------|--|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Climate                                    |          | Paris      | Paris       | Paris          | Paris                                    | Paris          | Paris       | Paris    | Paris          | Paris          | Paris       | Paris       |
| Envelope performance                       |          | Low        | Low         | Low            | Good                                     | Good           | Good        | Good     | Good           | Good           | Good        | Excellent   |
| Night time reduction                       |          | No         | Yes         | Yes            | No                                       | No             | Yes         | Yes      | Yes            | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Thermostat on radiators                    |          | No         | Yes         | No             | No                                       | No             | Yes         | Yes      | No             | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Split unit                                 |          | Old        | Old         | New            | New                                      | Old            | New         | New      | New            | New            | New         | New         |
| Boiler                                     |          | Old        | Old         | New            | Old                                      | Old            | New         | No       | New            | New            | Old         | New         |
| Heat Pump                                  |          | No         | No          | No             | Yes                                      | No             | No          | Yes      | No             | No             | Yes         | No          |
| RESULTS                                    |          | Base Paris | Case1 Paris | Case1ter Paris | Case1ter_HP                              | Case1bis Paris | Case2 Paris | Case2_HP | Case2bis Paris | Case2ter Paris | Case2ter_HP | Case3 Paris |
| Energy demand                              | 10.00    |            |             |                | 1. |                |             |          |                | 1              |             |             |
| Zone Heating demand                        | MWh/y    | 306        | 217         | 269            | 269                                      | 73             | 50          | 50       | 66             | 50             | 50          | 8           |
| Hot water demand                           | MWh/y    | 13         | 13          | 13             | 13                                       | 13             | 13          | 13       | 13             | 13             | 13          | 13          |
| Cooling demand                             | MWh/y    | 2          | 2           | 2              | 2  | 1              | 1           | 1        | 1              | 1              | 1           | 1           |
| Electricity demand                         | MWh/y    | 56         | 51          | 54             | 54                                       | 43             | 40          | 40       | 42             | 40             | 40          | 41          |
| Total                                      | MWh/y    | 378        | 283         | 338            | 338                                      | 131            | 105         | 105      | 122            | 105            | 105         | 64          |
| Final Energy Consumption                   |          |            |             |                |  |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas - Heating                              | MWhFE/y  | 378        | 264         | 283            | 199                                      | 86             | 52          |          | 69             | 51             |             | -           |
| Gas - Domestic Hot Water                   | MWhFE/y  | 16         | 16          | 14             | 10                                       | 16             | 14          |          | 14             | 14             | 12          | 19          |
| Gas - Generation and supply losses         | MWhFE/y  | 48         | 49          | 11             | 24                                       | 50             | 8           |          | 8              | 11             | 28          | 8           |
| Electricity - Heating                      | MWhFE/y  |            |             | -              | 33                                       |                | 1           | 18       | -              | -              | 18          | -           |
| Electricity - Domestic Hot Water           | MWhFE/y  | (-**       | -           | -              | -  | -              |             | 5        | -              |                | -           | -           |
| Electricity - Generation Losses            | MWhFE/y  |            | -           |                | 3  |                |             | 2        | -              | -              | 2           |             |
| Electricity consumption - Auxiliaries EPBD | MWhFE/y  | 38         | 33          | 35             | 35                                       | 24             | 21          | 21       | 23             | 21             | 21          | 22          |
| Total                                      | MWhFE/y  | 480        | 363         | 343            | 305                                      | 176            | 95          | 47       | 113            | 96             | 82          | 49          |
| Primary Energy Consumption                 |          | 1          |             |                | -  |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas consumption                            | MWhPE/y  | 442        | 330         | 307            | 233                                      | 152            | 74          | 1.0      | 90             | 75             | 40          | 27          |
| Electricity consumption                    | MWhPE/y  | 98         | 84          | 91             | 185                                      | 63             | 55          | 122      | 58             | 55             | 108         | 57          |
| Total                                      | MWhPE/y  | 540        | 414         | 398            | 418                                      | 214            | 129         | 122      | 149            | 130            | 148         | 85          |
| CO2 Emissions                              |          |            |             |                |  |                |             |          |                |                |             |             |
| Gas emissions                              | tCO2eq/y | 107        | 80          | 75             | 57                                       | 37             | 18          |          | 22             | 18             | 10          | 7           |
| Electricity emissions                      | tCO2eq/y | 8          | 7           | 7              | 15                                       | 5              | 5           | 10       | 5              | 5              | 9           | 5           |
| Total                                      | tCO2eq/y | 115        | 87          | 82             | 72                                       | 42             | 22          | 10       | 27             | 23             | 19          | 11          |

Primary Energy Factor France (source:Arrêté du 26 octobre 2010)

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**1.3. Energy Demand** 

The following results compare different envelope, control and system variants for the Parisian climate.





Increasing envelope performance from Base performance level to Good performance level reduces heating demand by 76% (-221 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) while reducing at the same time heating peak loads (-59% heating peak load, 70kW reduction). Thanks to a better protection against solar gains, this improved envelope also reduces cooling energy demand (-44%, -0.9 kWh/m²/h) and peak

Night time reduction consists in reducing the heating temperature set point during nighttime in order to save energy when we sleep. It has several

• It reduces heating energy demand by 12% (-35 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) thanks to the temperature set point decrease (-5°C) during night time.

• But it also increases heating peak loads by +18% (+22 kW) due to additional power needed to increase the room temperature each morning from the night time temperature set point, to the daytime temperature set point (5°C difference). This morning reheat overload has already been mitigated by using a set point ramp progressively increasing the temperature between 6AM and 7AM.

Combined with night time reduction, implementing thermostats on radiators

• Compared to the base case with the same level of envelope, it reduces heating energy demand by 29% (-85 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y),

• Compared to the base case with the same level of envelope, there is still an increase for the total heating peak power (+12%, +14 kW), but it is reduced in comparison with the variant where only the night time reduction has been implemented.

The best studied variant with an Excellent envelope and new control strategies show a heating energy demand reduction of -97% (-283 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) and a peak heating power reduction of -73% (-88 kW). In this situation, heating is no longer

**NB:** It is important to notice that electrical demand for domestic equipment is limited (18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.y) which translates an eco-friendly behavior from the building occupants. As a consequence, heating demand is slightly increased. This domestic equipment is not taken into account in the summary tables, because it is not tackled by EPBD directives. It is coherent to show these gains here because they have a positive role in

# **Final Energy Consumption**

sized acc. to good envelope performance

sized acc. to low envelope performance

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|-------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| BOUNDARY CONDITIONS     | Base Paris | Case1 Paris | Case1ter Paris | Case1ter_HP | Case1bis Paris | Case2 Paris | Case2_HP | Case2bis Paris | Case2ter Paris | Case2ter_HP | Case3 Paris |
| Climate                 | Paris      | Paris       | Paris          | Paris       | Paris          | Paris       | Paris    | Paris          | Paris          | Paris       | Paris       |
| Envelope performance    | Low        | Low         | Low            | Good        | Good           | Good        | Good     | Good           | Good           | Good        | Excellent   |
| Night time reduction    | No         | Yes         | Yes            | No          | No             | Yes         | Yes      | Yes            | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Thermostat on radiators | No         | Yes         | No             | No          | No             | Yes         | Yes      | No             | Yes            | Yes         | Yes         |
| Split unit              | Old        | Old         | New            | New         | Old            | New         | New      | New            | New            | New         | New         |
| Boiler                  | Old        | Old         | New            | Old         | Old            | New         | No       | New            | New            | Old         | New         |
| Heat Pump               | No         | No          | No             | Yes         | No             | No          | Yes      | No             | No             | Yes         | No          |





# **Comments**

Refurbishing the boiler equipment and increasing its overall efficiency translates into a gas consumption reduction of -30% (-127 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/v) for the same poorly insulated envelope. This improvement is due to different factors:

- The new condensing boiler operates at a higher efficiency by limiting the heat losses during heat generation
- Due to the modulating burner, the gas boiler adapts its power according to the demand, which translates into a higher heat generation efficiency
- As the boiler room has been refurbished, the piping distribution has been well insulated, which reduces supply losses

As a well-insulated building (envelope performance = Good) tends to have lower energy demand for space heating, the generation and supply heat losses represent a higher portion of the total gas consumption if the boiler equipment has not been refurbished. As a consequence, improving the boiler equipment in a well-insulated building translates into a gas consumption reduction of -40% (-58  $kWh/m^2/v$ ).

Using an oversized new boiler with a modulating burner (very high efficiency boiler) increases only by 1% the total gas consumption compared to a correctly sized one. This is due to the new modulating burner capacity of limiting its functioning to 10% of its nominal power. But if the building envelope has been first refurbished to a Good level, the new boiler sizing can be reduced by 61% (-132 kW). This difference can be translated into:

- investment cost savings
- maintenance costs savings
- grey energy savings

Once the envelope has been refurbished, domestic hot water and plant generation and distribution losses are representing a significant part of the gas bill (up to 43% of the total gas consumption with a Good envelope).

Installing a heat pump to replace the old boiler achieves the lowest final energy demand thanks to an efficient seasonal coefficient of performance (2.8). But to benefit from all the heat pump potential. the envelope has to be well-insulated. Otherwise, using a heat pump with a unrefurbished envelope requires to keep an existing boiler to handle high temperature regimes with low outside air temperature (cf chapter 1.8).

Also, as heat pumps are supplied by electricity, the gain in final energy (compared to a new boiler variant) is reduced when looking at the primary energy numbers (cf summary tables).

**NB:** It is important to notice that electrical demand for domestic equipment is limited (18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.y) which translates an ecofriendly behavior from the building occupants. As a consequence, heating demand is slightly increased. This domestic equipment is not taken into account in the summary tables, because it is not tackled by EPBD directives. It is coherent to show these gains here because they have a positive role in heating demand reduction in winter.



**NB:** The boiler has been sized according to standard sizing methods using a "worst case scenario" approach. For instance, no heat gains and the most critical outside air temperature is considered to calculate the peak heating load with a 20% safety coefficient. This explains the difference in the "Base" case between the boiler peak power design sizing, and the peak heating demand calculated via thermal modeling.

1.5. Refurbishment Strategies - Envelope First (boiler)

# STEP 0. BASE

# Base Case: Low Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control

The old boiler is oversized compared to the real power demand (+80%), as it is common in existing buildings. The piping is not well-insulated.

As it is equipped with a single-speed burner, it can only function at nominal power. As a consequence, it is functioning by short repeated ON/OFF cycles where the boiler, starts, then heats up the buffer tank, stops when the buffer tank is hot enough, and wait until the buffer storage has delivered its heat to the distribution loops.

This phenomenon induces numerous starts and stops for the boiler, which reduces its life expectancy.

Moreover, each time the boiler stops and starts again, heat is lost while the boiler is cooling, and heat is wasted while the boiler is starting again.



Case 1bis: Good Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control, Plant dimensioned on the Low **Envelope Demand** 

The envelope has been refurbished. As a consequence, the heating peak power and energy demands have been reduced.

Hence, the single-speed burner is functioning less frequently, but always by short ON/OFF cycles.

Stand-by and firing losses have increased (+3.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) as the boiler is functioning less frequently while still losing heat in its environment.

# **STEP 2. PLANT REFURBISHMENT, CONTROL SYSTEMS**

implemented.

(pipes, boiler) thermal insulation.

losses.

300





216 kW





216 kW



- Distribution losses:
- Peak heating + DHV

- Boiler Thermal Peak power:



- Boiler Thermal Peak power:

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- Boiler Thermal Peak power:

- Case 2: Good Envelope Performance, New Boiler, Nighttime Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators. Plant dimensioned on the Good Envelope Demand
- The old boiler has been replaced with a condensing boiler and the boiler equipment has been refurbished and insulated. Nighttime reduction and thermostats on radiators have been
- Distribution losses have been reduced (-8.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/v. -57%) thanks to the plant equipment
- Stand-by and firing losses have been reduced (-21.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y, more than 95% reduction). The new boiler loses less heat in its environment, and as it modulates its power, reduces its firing
- The boiler is better sized to the heating and domestic hot water demand. With its speedmodulating burner, it adapts its power to the right demand. As a consequence, the boiler does not function with ON/OFF cycles anymore, which should increase its durability.

| Plant      | Load Curves - Winter                                       |
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| thermal)Pr | wer demand for heatingPrower demand for Domestic Hot Water |
| ses:       | 0.5 kWh/m²/y   |
|            | 6.4 kWh/m²/y   |
| / demand:  | 64 kW  |
| power:     | 84 kW  |

**1.6. Refurbishment Strategies - Boiler First** 

# **STEP 0. BASE**

# Base Case: Low Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control

The old boiler is oversized compared to the real power demand (+80%), as it is common in existing buildings. The piping is not well-insulated.

As it is equipped with a single-speed burner, it can only function at nominal power. As a consequence, it is functioning by short repeated ON/OFF cycles where the boiler, starts, then heats up the buffer tank, stops when the buffer tank is hot enough, and wait until the buffer storage has delivered its heat to the distribution loops.

This phenomenon induces numerous starts and stops for the boiler, which reduces its life expectancy.

Moreover, each time the boiler stops and starts again, heat is lost while the boiler is cooling, and heat is wasted while the boiler is starting again.

# **STEP 1. PLANT REFURBISHMENT, CONTROL SYSTEM**

# Case 1ter: Low Envelope Performance, New Boiler, Nighttime Reduction, Plant dimensioned on the Low Envelope Demand

The old boiler has been replaced with a condensing boiler and the plant equipment has been refurbished and reinsulated. Nighttime reduction has been implemented

As the envelope stays the same, the boiler has the same peak load as before. But with its speed-modulating burner, it adapts its power to the right demand. As a consequence, the boiler does not function as much as before with ON/OFF cycles, which should increase its durability.

Stand-by and firing losses have been greatly reduced (-21 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y, more than 95% reduction). The new boiler loses less heat in its environment, and as it modulates its power, reduces its firing losses.

Distribution losses have also been greatly reduced (-6.5 kWh/m²/y, -43%) thanks to the plant equipment (pipes, boiler) thermal insulation.

# **STEP 2. ENVELOPE REFURBISHMENT, CONTROL SYSTEM**

functioning less frequently, with shorter cycles.





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- Case 2ter: Good Envelope Performance, New Boiler, Nighttime Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators. Plant dimensioned on the low Envelope Demand
- The envelope has been refurbished and thermostats have been implemented on radiators, reducing the heating peak power and energy demands.
- As a consequence, the new boiler is strongly oversized and the variable-speed burner is
- Stand-by and firing losses have slightly increased (+0.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) as the boiler is functioning less frequently while still losing heat in its environment.
- With this "Boiler First" refurbishment strategy, as the plant equipment is generally oversized and despite being well-insulated, its generation and distribution losses are 45% higher (3.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y) than after the "Envelope First" refurbishment strategy



1.7. Refurbishment Strategies - Envelope first (Heat pump)

# STEP 0. BASE

# Base Case: Low Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control

The old boiler is oversized compared to the real power demand (+80%), as it is common in existing buildings. The piping is not well-insulated.

As it is equipped with a single-speed burner, it can only function at nominal power. As a consequence, it is functioning by short repeated ON/OFF cycles where the boiler, starts, then heats up the buffer tank, stops when the buffer tank is hot enough, and wait until the buffer storage has delivered its heat to the distribution loops.

This phenomenon induces numerous starts and stops for the boiler, which reduces its life expectancy.

Moreover, each time the boiler stops and starts again, heat is lost while the boiler is cooling, and heat is wasted while the boiler is starting again.

# **STEP 1. ENVELOPE REFURBISHMENT**

Case 1bis: Good Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control, Plant dimensioned on the Low **Envelope Demand** 

The envelope has been refurbished. As a consequence, the heating peak power and energy demands have been reduced.

Hence, the single-speed burner is functioning less frequently, but always by short ON/OFF cycles.

Stand-by and firing losses have incvreased (+3.2 kWh/m²/y) as the boiler is functioning less frequently while still losing heat in its environment.

The old boiler has been replaced with two heat pumps and the hydraulics have been refurbished and insulated. Nighttime reduction and thermostats on radiators have been implemented. One heat pump is dedicated to heating, the other one to domestic hot water preparation.

performance (COP).

seasonal COP heating: 2.8 seasonal COP domestic hot water: 2.4









216 kW





- Boiler Thermal Peak power:

216 kW

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- Boiler Thermal Peak power:

# **STEP 2. HEAT PUMP, CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Case 2\_HP: Good Envelope Performance, New Heat Pump, Nighttime Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators. Heat Pump dimensioned on the Good Envelope Demand

The heat pumps are functionning efficiently, which results in elevated seasonal coefficient of

**1.8. Refurbishment Strategies - Heat Pump first** 

# **STEP 0. BASE**

# Base Case: Low Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, No Control

The old boiler is oversized compared to the real power demand (+80%), as it is common in existing buildings. The piping is not well-insulated.

As it is equipped with a single-speed burner, it can only function at nominal power. As a consequence, it is functioning by short repeated ON/OFF cycles where the boiler, starts, then heats up the buffer tank, stops when the buffer tank is hot enough, and wait until the buffer storage has delivered its heat to the distribution loops.

This phenomenon induces numerous starts and stops for the boiler, which reduces its life expectancy.

Moreover, each time the boiler stops and starts again, heat is lost while the boiler is cooling, and heat is wasted while the boiler is starting again.

# **STEP 1. HEAT PUMP, CONTROL SYSTEM**

# Case 1ter\_HP: Low Envelope Performance, Old Boiler, Heat Pump, Nighttime Reduction, Plant dimensioned on the Low Envelope Demand

A heat pump has been added to cover the heating demand when outside air temperature is above 7°C, otherwise, heating is provided by the old boiler. The old boiler also covers the domestic hot water demand. The heat pump is running around 1000 hours.

This limitation is due to the temperature regime that has to be supplied to the radiators. With the old envelope, a high temperature regime is required in winter (80°C) which is not feasible for the selected heat pump. But in shoulder season, the radiator temperature regime can be reduced (lower than 55°C) and hence supplied by the new heat pump.

As the boiler supplies a major part of the heating demand, the overall efficiency is limited. But as the heat pump only functions when the outside air temperature is higher than 7°C, its seasonal coefficient of performance is higher than usual.

seasonal COP heating: 3.1 (only when T°C outside is above 7°C)

# **STEP 2. ENVELOPE REFURBISHMENT, CONTROL SYSTEM**

pump covers all the heating demand. its low performance.

seasonal COP heating: 2.8





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The envelope has been refurbished and thermostats have been implemented on radiators, reducing the heating peak power and energy demands.

As the heating demand has been reduced, the temperature regime in the radiators has been also reduced, which makes it possible to use the heat pump all year long.

As a consequence, the boiler is only used for domestic hot water preparation, while the heat

The heat pump is functionning efficiently, which results in an elevated seasonal coefficient of performance (COP), while the old boiler generates important stand by and firing losses due to



**1.9. Boiler Refurbishment Strategies - Sizing comparison** 

The load duration curves after different refurbishment strategies are gathered on this page.

# STRATEGY 1. Envelope First, Level GOOD, then new BOILER



## **UNREFURBISHED BULDING**



# STRATEGY 2. Boiler First, then Envelope, level GOOD



# STRATEGY 3. Envelope First, Level EXCELLENT, then new BOILER



## Remarks

In all 3 cases, the building envelope and boiler room have been refurbished.

sizing.

translates into:

- investment cost savings
- maintenance costs savings -

grey energy savings



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The order in which the refurbishment has been done has an impact on the boiler equipment

When refurbishing the boiler first, a new boiler has to be installed which has the same peak power as before. As it is equiped with a modulating burner, it can adapt to the new the heating demand profile once the building envelope has been refurbished.

When refurbishing the envelope first, the new boiler size can be reduced, as the heating peak power demand has been reduced. Compared to the "Boiler first strategy", this

Moreover, in some countries like France, if the boiler size is small enough (lower than 70kW), the fire safety regulations are reduced for the boiler room, which can translate into further investment and maintenance costs savings.

1.10. Heat Pump Refurbishment Strategies - Sizing comparison

The load duration curves after different refurbishment strategies are gathered on this page.

# STRATEGY 4. Envelope First, Level GOOD, then HEAT PUMP



-Heat pump power (thermal) 

# UNREFURBISHED BULDING



## STRATEGY 5. HEAT PUMP first, then Envelope, level GOOD



## Remarks

With an unrefurbished envelope, it is not possible to install a heat pump that can cover all heating demand for the following reasons:

As a consequence, when installing the heat pump first, the old boiler has to be kept to handle the the winter season and the domestic hot water preparation. During this stage, the heat pump is only used when the outside air temperature is high enough (7°C).

In comparison, refurbishing the envelope first, is very interesting when a heat pump is going to be installed. Indeed, reducing first the heating demand via an improved envelope performance makes it possible, in a second step, to install a heat pump that can cover all heating demand. Another heat pump is installed to handle domestic hot water preparation.

In the end, both strategies end up with the same heat pump to cover heating demand. In the "Envelope First" strategy, it is also possible to install a separate heat pump to produce domestic hot water, whereas with the "Heat Pump First" strategy, the old boiler has to be kept as long as the envelope has not been refurbished.

by a heat-pump.



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- the existing radiators require a high temperature regime (80°C) to cover the high heat losses, which is difficult to supply with a heat pump

heat pumps are less efficient with low air temperature. An unrefurbished building would require numerous high-power heat pumps to cover all heating demand.

It is important to underline then that this "Heat Pump First" strategy is only working if there is still a fully-fonctionning boiler able to supply heat for domestic hot water and high heating loads. If a boiler is broken in a poorly insulated building, it is really difficult to replace it only

# 2. Paris Climate - Comfort

# 2.1. Yearly Comfort

Operative temperature is frequently associated with the real temperature felt by the human body in indoor environment. It takes into account air temperature of surrounding surfaces. Each point of the graphs below represents one hour of the year, the point's abscissa is the ambient temperature at this time of year, its ordinate is the correspondent operative temperature inside. To achieve comfort, the points must be in between red and blue lines.



The first column considers only basic radiators without thermostatic valves. It can be seen that increasing envelope performance from "base" to "good" reduces cold wall radiative effects and increases operative temperature by up to 3°C in winter.

Some lower operative temperature can be observed for outside air temperature between 10°C and 20°C. These points correspond to the period where central heating is shut off (June to August). When the envelope is poorly insulated, it leads to low operative temperature for cool summer nights.

The second column shows the impact of implementing thermostats on radiators. Using thermostats on radiators helps to ensure the 21°C room air temperature set point. As a consequence, implementing this local control can reduce the operative temperature in the room by approx. 3°C compared to the previous variants, as the radiators do not tend to overheat.

For a poorly-insulated wall, this can lead to lower operative temperatures and discomfort due to low surface temperatures. Whereas, for a good-insulated envelope, operative temperature stays in the comfortable range. This illustrates the need to combine good envelope refurbishment with a good control strategy for the emitters in order to ensure high thermal comfort and low energy demand.

Night time reduction decreases operative temperature by 4 to 5 °C during sleep time. In theory, as occupants are sleeping, it does not always translate in discomfort.

But as poorly-insulated buildings suffer from cold wall radiative effects in winter, this 21°C room air temperature leads to a 18°C operative temperature in daytime and less than 15°C operative temperature during sleep time. There is a high chance that this phenomenon creates discomfort and will bring the occupant to increase the room air temperature set point, compensating the energy savings made with the room thermostat.

It is also important to note that these low temperatures may translate into building pathologies like condensation, mould, etc.

For well-insulated building, the operative temperature stays in a comfortable range during night time, as there is no cold-wall phenomenon.



# 2. Paris Climate

# 2.2. Comfort - Active Cooling for summer comfort

The following charts display the evolution of air and operative temperature during a typical summer week in the current Paris climate, without consideration for heat island effect.

Two variants are presented, one with a Low envelope performance, the other one with a Good envelope performance. Both of them are actively cooled by split units that ensure a maximum 26°C air temperature during day and night.

It is important to note that, in this simulation, the split systems are ON all day long. Shutting them OFF during daytime (when nobody is in the apartment) would reduce the energy demand, but also increase the overall peak demand, as a higher power would be needed to cool down the room at the end of the day, when people are back from work

# Low Envelope Performance, Active cooling



Increasing the envelope performance from a "base" level to a "good" level includes:

- increasing shading and glazing solar control efficiencies,
- reducing outside air infiltrations
- implementing efficient roof insulation

As a consequence, cooling peak loads are reduced by 52% (-11 kW).

With this mild Parisian weather data, there are heat waves period where cooling strategies seem to be required. Hence, the related energy demand for cooling is limited, but without it. comfort issues would appear.

This active cooling demand could have been met partially by passive cooling strategies like nighttime natural ventilation.

This strong sizing reduction can also play a role to limit the urban heat island effect that tends to increase the air temperature downtown in summer. As more and more buildings are equipped with air conditioning devices, more and more heat is rejected in the urban area during night time. It is important to precise that this phenomena has not been taken into account in the calculation. Reducing the size of air conditioning equipment will help to limit this phenomena, while also giving the possibility not to use any of these active systems if passive measures can be implemented.

With efficient solar control strategies such as the one implemented with the good envelope performance, the maximum operative temperature is reduced by 1°C during the day. This difference is mainly due to reduced surface temperature (essentially window and ceiling surfaces), as the newly implemented solar control strategies tend to limit the amount of solar gains entering the occupied space.

During the night, well-insulated buildings tend to release less heat stored in their inertia and get 1°C warmer. It is important to remind here that no natural ventilation during nighttime has been implemented here. This would be an efficient solution to release heat from the building inertia.



# Load Duration Curves - Cooling Demand

|    |     |    | curves - coom | gDemanu |    |  |
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|    |     |    | Davs          |         |    |  |

# 2. Paris Climate

2.3. Comfort - Passive Cooling for summer comfort

The following variants have been calculated with a parisian weather data considering a summer heat wave.

No active space cooling has been taken into account for these variants. But nighttime natural ventilation (by window opening) has been considered as a passive cooling strategy.









lead to high indoor temperatures.

There is a clear improvement in terms of summer comfort when comparing the low envelope with the good one. Thanks to:

- increased thermal insulation
- better solar control glazing •

climate heat gains are limited and indoor operative temperature is reaching 29°C maximum. This is a clear example where improving envelope performance leads to higher thermal comfort in summer. Combined with an elevated air speed strategy (ceiling fan, desk fan, etc.) and low clothing factor (shorts and T-shirt), this solution can lead to thermally comfortable spaces.

In comparison, it is very difficult to ensure a good comfort level inside the room with an operative temperature above 32°C, as the low envelope variant is displaying. In this situation, high thermal stress can be expected.

Night time ventilation is very important to unload the thermal energy stored in the building inertia during the day. Thanks to daytime/nighttime temperature amplitude, the room does not tend to progressively overheat during an extended hot summer week.

**NB:** It is important to underline that Urban Heat Island effect is not completely taken into account with this weather data, which can reduce the passive cooling potential of this strategy.



# **Comparison between Standard Weather and "Heat Wave" Weather Data**

The new weather data shows high outside air temperatures (>34°C). As the rooms are not equipped with active cooling systems, these outdoor conditions

- and external solar protection (like shutters)

# 3. Climates Comparison

3.1. Results Summary (area specific)

| BOUNDARY CONDITIONS                        |              | Base Naples | Case2 Naples | Case3 Naples | Base Paris | Case2 Paris | Case3 Paris | Base Helsinki | Case2 Helsinki | Case3 Helsink |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Climate                                    |              | Naples      | Naples       | Naples       | Paris      | Paris       | Paris       | Helsinki      | Helsinki       | Helsinki      |
| Envelope performance                       |              | Low         | Good         | Excellent    | Low        | Good        | Excellent   | Low           | Good           | Excellent     |
| Night time reduction                       |              | No          | Yes          | Yes          | No         | Yes         | Yes         | No            | Yes            | Yes           |
| Thermostat on radiators                    |              | No          | Yes          | Yes          | No         | Yes         | Yes         | No            | Yes            | Yes           |
| Split unit                                 |              | Old         | New          | New          | Old        | New         | New         | Old           | New            | New           |
| Boiler                                     |              | Old         | New          | New          | Old        | New         | New         | Old           | New            | New           |
| RESULTS                                    |              | Base Naples | Case2 Naples | Case3 Naples | Base Paris | Case2 Paris | Case3 Paris | Base Helsinki | Case2 Helsinki | Case3 Helsink |
| Energy demand                              |              |             |              |              |            |             |             |               |                |               |
| Zone Heating demand                        | kWh/m²/y     | 249,3       | 36,6         | 5,9          | 290,9      | 47,4        | 7,8         | 256,5         | 39,1           | 17,1          |
| Hot water demand                           | kWh/m²/y     | 10,5        | 10,5         | 10,5         | 12,6       | 12,6        | 12,6        | 15,1          | 15,1           | 15,1          |
| Cooling demand                             | kWh/m²/y     | 24,7        | 6,8          | 5,1          | 2,0        | 0,8         | 0,7         | 1.81          | 1.0            |               |
| Electricity demand                         | kWh/m²/y     | 52,8        | 39,0         | 38,9         | 53,5       | 38,4        | 39,2        | 52,8          | 42,8           | 40,6          |
| Total                                      | kWh/m²/y     | 337,3       | 92,9         | 60,4         | 359,0      | 99,3        | 60,3        | 324,4         | 97,1           | 72,8          |
| Final Energy Consumption                   |              |             |              |              |            |             |             |               |                |               |
| Gas - Heating                              | kWhFE/m²/y   | 304,5       | 37,9         | 5,9          | 358,3      | 49,7        | 7,9         | 316,4         | 40,8           | 17,6          |
| Gas - Domestic Hot Water                   | kWhFE/m²/y   | 12,9        | 10,9         | 10,6         | 15,6       | 13,2        | 12,8        | 18,7          | 15,8           | 15,6          |
| Gas - Generation and supply losses         | kWhFE/m²/y   | 49,0        | 6,4          | 4,8          | 45,5       | 7,3         | 5,0         | 40,0          | 7,5            | 5,7           |
| Electricity consumption - Auxiliaries EPBD | kWhFE/m²/y   | 43,7        | 22,0         | 21,6         | 36,0       | 20,3        | 21,1        | 34,6          | 24,6           | 22,4          |
| Total                                      | kWhFE/m²/y   | 410,0       | 77,2         | 42,9         | 455,5      | 90,5        | 46,9        | 409,7         | 88,6           | 61,2          |
| Primary Energy Consumption                 |              |             |              |              |            |             |             |               |                |               |
| Gas consumption                            | kWhPE/m²/y   | 498,3       | 75,1         | 29,0         | 570,4      | 95,4        | 35,0        | 510,1         | 87,1           | 52,8          |
| Electricity consumption                    | kWhPE/m²/y   | 144,5       | 72,8         | 71,4         | 119,3      | 67,2        | 69,9        | 114,5         | 81,3           | 74,1          |
| Total                                      | kWhPE/m²/y   | 642,8       | 147,8        | 100,4        | 689,7      | 162,6       | 104,9       | 624,6         | 168,4          | 126,9         |
| CO2 Emissions                              |              |             |              |              |            |             |             | 1             | -              |               |
| Gas emissions                              | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 307,4       | 46,3         | 17,9         | 352,0      | 58,9        | 21,6        | 314,8         | 53,7           | 32,6          |
| Electricity emissions                      | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 40,0        | 20,2         | 19,8         | 33,0       | 18,6        | 19,4        | 31,7          | 22,5           | 20,5          |
| Total                                      | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 347,5       | 66,5         | 37,7         | 385,0      | 77,5        | 41,0        | 346,5         | 76,3           | 53,1          |

| Primary | / Energy | Factor | Europe | (source: | IS015603:2008) |
|---------|----------|--------|--------|----------|----------------|
|         |          |        |        | `        | ,              |

CO2 emission Factor Europe (source: ISO15603:2008)

| Electricity | 3.31 |
|-------------|------|
| Natural Gas | 1.36 |

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| Electricity           | 617 kgCO2eq/kWh |
| Natural Gas           | 277 kgCO2eq/kWh |



Climates Comparison
 3.2. Results Summary (total) Annex 1: Detailed Results

| BOUNDARY CONDITIONS                        |          | Base Naples | Case2 Naples | Case3 Naples | Base Paris | Case2 Paris | Case3 Paris | Base Helsinki | Case2 Helsinki | Case3 Helsinki |
|--|----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Climate                                    |          | Naples      | Naples       | Naples       | Paris      | Paris       | Paris       | Helsinki      | Helsinki       | Helsinki       |
| Envelope performance                       |          | Low         | Good         | Excellent    | Low        | Good        | Excellent   | Low           | Good           | Excellent      |
| Night time reduction                       |          | No          | Yes          | Yes          | No         | Yes         | Yes         | No            | Yes            | Yes            |
| Thermostat on radiators                    |          | No          | Yes          | Yes          | No         | Yes         | Yes         | No            | Yes            | Yes            |
| Split unit                                 |          | Old         | New          | New          | Old        | New         | New         | Old           | New            | New            |
| Boiler                                     |          | Old         | New          | New          | Old        | New         | New         | Old           | New            | New            |
| RESULTS                                    |          | Base Naples | Case2 Naples | Case3 Naples | Base Paris | Case2 Paris | Case3 Paris | Base Helsinki | Case2 Helsinki | Case3 Helsinki |
| Energy demand                              |          |             | 1.5          |              |            |             |             |               |                |                |
| Zone Heating demand                        | MWh/y    | 263         | 39           | 6            | 306        | 50          | 8           | 270           | 41             | 18             |
| Hot water demand                           | MWh/y    | 11          | 11           | 11           | 13         | 13          | 13          | 16            | 16             | 16             |
| Cooling demand                             | MWh/y    | 26          | 7            | 5            | 2          | 1           | 1           | -1            | -              |                |
| Electricity demand                         | MWh/y    | 56          | 41           | 41           | 56         | 40          | 41          | 56            | 45             | 43             |
| Total                                      | MWh/y    | 355         | 98           | 64           | 378        | 105         | 64          | 342           | 102            | 77             |
| Final Energy Consumption                   |          | _           |              |              |            |             |             |               |                |                |
| Gas - Heating                              | MWhFE/y  | 321         | 40           | 6            | 378        | 52          | 8           | 333           | 43             | 19             |
| Gas - Domestic Hot Water                   | MWhFE/y  | 14          | 11           | 11           | 16         | 14          | 13          | 20            | 17             | 16             |
| Gas - Generation and supply losses         | MWhFE/y  | 52          | 7            | 5            | 48         | 8           | 5           | 42            | 8              | 6              |
| Electricity consumption - Auxiliaries EPBD | MWhFE/y  | 46          | 23           | 23           | 38         | 21          | 22          | 36            | 26             | 24             |
| Total                                      | MWhFE/y  | 432         | 81           | 45           | 480        | 95          | 49          | 432           | 93             | 64             |
| Primary Energy Consumption                 |          |             |              |              |            |             | 1           |               |                |                |
| Gas consumption                            | MWhPE/y  | 525         | 79           | 31           | 601        | 101         | 37          | 538           | 92             | 56             |
| Electricity consumption                    | MWhPE/y  | 152         | 77           | 75           | 126        | 71          | 74          | 121           | 86             | 78             |
| Total                                      | MWhPE/y  | 677         | 156          | 106          | 727        | 171         | 111         | 658           | 177            | 134            |
| CO2 Emissions                              |          |             |              |              |            |             |             | 1             | -              |                |
| Gas emissions                              | tCO2eq/y | 324         | 49           | 19           | 371        | 62          | 23          | 332           | 57             | 34             |
| Electricity emissions                      | tCO2eq/y | 42          | 21           | 21           | 35         | 20          | 20          | 33            | 24             | 22             |
| Total                                      | tCO2eq/y | 366         | 70           | 40           | 406        | 82          | 43          | 365           | 80             | 56             |

| Primary | Energy | Factor | Europe | (source: | IS015603:2008 | ) |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|---------------|---|
|         |        |        |        |          |               | 7 |

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# CO2 emission Factor Europe (source: ISO15603:2008)

| Electricity | 617 kgCO2eq/kWh |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Natural Gas | 277 kgCO2eq/kWh |



Electricity

Natural Gas

# 3.3. Energy Demand and Final Energy Consumption

The following results compare different envelope performance variants for 3 representative european climates.



# LEGEND

- Base: Low Envelope Performance, No Control, Old Boiler, Low efficiency split unit. Plant dimensioned on the low envelope demand.
- Case 2: Good Envelope Performance, Nighttime Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators, New Boiler. High efficiency split unit. Plant dimensioned on good envelope demand.
- Case 3:Excellent Envelope Performance, Nighttime Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators, New Boiler, High efficiency split unit. Plant dimensioned on the excellent envelope.

Two other climates have also been considered to study whether the previous conclusions were specific to France, or could also be applied to other european areas. As a reminder, the base case variants have been defined according to an estimation of the envelope performance of the local existing building stock. As a consequence, the building envelopes differ between the three climates, as they tend to do in reality.

The Helsinki Base variant presents the lowest energy demand between the 3 different climates. As Finland has been implementing for a longer time energyefficient regulations for buildings, the envelope performance chosen for its base case is increased compared to France and Italy.

For that same reason, Naples shows a high heating demand, as its envelope is the least performant from the 3 Climates.

demand.

## Naples Heating Degree Day 1649 (15°C) [Kd] Ubuilding [W/m<sup>2</sup>/K] 3.29 (EN15603 definition) 1/Ubuilding [m<sup>2</sup>.K/W] 0.30 Heating Demand 249 [kWh/m²/y]

The limited differences between each climate heating demand are due to the different envelope performance which increases when the climate is colder. As an example, the Paris climate is 77% colder than the Naples one (speaking of heating degree days), but also 63% better insulated. As a consequence, the building heating demand in Paris is only 17% higher than in Naples.

It could be argued that in Italy, buildings are not heated up to 21°C (air temperature) in winter, which would reduce the heating energy demand for this climate. However, reducing the heating temperature setpoint to, say 19°C (air temperature) for Naples climate only leads to a 20% reduction for the heating demand. Hence, the previous statements stav also true with this hypothesis.

**NB:** It is important to notice that electrical demand for domestic equipment is limited (18.2 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.y) which translates an eco-friendly behavior from the building occupants. As a consequence, heating demand is slightly increased. This domestic equipment is not taken into account in the summary tables, because it is not tackled by EPBD directives. It is coherent to show these gains here because they have a positive role in heating demand reduction in winter.



In order to better understand the previous remarks, the following table illustrates the correlation between climate, envelope performance and heating

| Paris       | Helsinki     | Comments   |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 2931 (+77%) | 4941 (+200%) | Characterizes how cold the climate is                    |
| 2.04        | 1.04         | Characterizes how much heat is lost through the envelope |
| 0.49 (+63%) | 0.96 (+220%) | Characterizes how well insulated the envelope is         |
| 291 (+17%)  | 257 (+3%)    | Space heating demand for the building                    |

It is important to note that in all three climates, the base envelope performance leads to a final heating energy consumption higher than 250 kWhEF/m<sup>2</sup>/y. Hence, improving the envelope performance makes sense for all three climates.

4. **ANNEX I: Detailed Results** 



4.1. Base Case: Low Envelope, No Control



# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**







|                        | Unit                      | Gas   | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 419.4 | 54.3        | 473.7 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m <sup>2</sup> /y   | 419.4 | 140.0       | 559.5 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 101.9 | 4.5         | 106.4 |

4.2. Paris - Case 1: Low Envelope, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit                      | Gas   | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 313.3 | 49.2        | 362.5 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 313.3 | 126.9       | 440.2 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 76.1  | 4.0         | 80.2  |

4.3. Paris - Case 1 bis: Good Envelope, No Control



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit         | Gas   | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y   | 144.0 | 41.2        | 185.3 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y   | 144.0 | 106.4       | 250.4 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 35.0  | 3.4         | 38.4  |

4.4. Paris - Case 1 ter: Low Envelope, Night Time Reduction







# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit                    | Gas   | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y              | 291.7 | 51.7        | 343.3 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 291.7 | 133.3       | 424.9 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m²/y            | 70.9  | 4.2         | 75.1  |

4.5. Paris - Case 1 ter HP: Low Envelope, Night Time Reduction with Heat Pump





Control: Night time reduction

Envelope Performance : Low

Heating: Old boiler (for domestic hot water and outside temperature  $< 7^{\circ}$ C), Heat pump

Cooling: Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)

# Heat pump sized for T°C outside = 7°C







# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit                    | Gas   | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y              | 221.0 | 86.4        | 307.4 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 221.0 | 222.9       | 443.9 |
| missions               | kgCO2eq/m²/y            | 53.7  | 7.1         | 60.8  |

4.6. Paris - Case 2: Good Envelope, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



### operative room temperature over ambiant temp, during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 []C] 30 arre 28 E 26 E 24 ergy 22 17 3 5 1 G ST 20 18 16 10 15 25 -10 20 outside air temperature [°C] 50 · operative room temperature Night time (22h - 6h) -set temperature heating failed 2580h -set temperature cooling exceeded. Oh P321\_G or h

# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 70.1 | 38.5        | 108.7 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 70.1 | 99.4        | 169.6 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 17.0 | 3.2         | 20.2  |

4.7. Paris - Case 2 HP: Good Envelope, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators, Heat Pump



Control: Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators Envelope Perfomance: Good Heating and Domestic Hot Water: 2 separate Heat Pumps Cooling: Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)

# Plant sized following the good envelope demand

# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 70.1 | 38.5        | 108.7 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 70.1 | 99.4        | 169.6 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 17.0 | 3.2         | 20.2  |

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4.8. Paris - Case 2 bis: Good Envelope, Night Time Reduction



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 85.8 | 39.7        | 125.4 |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 85.8 | 102.3       | 188.1 |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 20.8 | 3.3         | 24.1  |

4.9. Paris - Case 2 ter : Good Envelope, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



### operative room temperature over ambiant temp, during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 [o] 400 [Å/km/34 30 ture 28 26 E 24 rgv 22 200 20 1290 18 16 -10 10 15 20 25 35 30 outside air temperature [°C] 50 operative room temperature Night time (22h - 6h) -set temperature heating failed 2580h P321\_G\_nc\_h

# Plant sized following the low envelope demand

# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                         | Gas | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                   | 0.0 | 63.0        | 63.0  |  |
| ary Energy consumption | nergy consumption kWhPE/m²/y |     | 162.6       | 162.6 |  |
| Emissions kgCO2eq/m²/y |                              | 0.0 | 5.2         | 5.2   |  |

4.10. Paris - Case 2 ter HP : Good Envelope, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators, Heat Pump



# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

# operative room temperature over ambiant temp, during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 450 hFE/m<sup>3</sup>/y] [kw] Final 10 B 14

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# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



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Night time (22h - 6h)

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operative room temperature

-set temperature heating failed 2580h

outside air temperature [°C]

# **Plant Model - Load Curves**



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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**

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|  | Unit                   | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|--|------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption kWhFE/m <sup>2</sup> /y |                        | 38.1 | 57.8        | 96.0  |  |
| ary Energy consumption                     | consumption kWhPE/m²/y |      | 149.2       | 187.3 |  |
| missions                                   | kgCO2eq/m²/y           | 9.3  | 4.7         | 14.0  |  |

4.11. Paris - Case 3: Excellent Envelope Performance, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



# Plant sized following the excellent envelope demand

# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**

|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 25.7 | 39.5        | 65.2  |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 25.7 | 101.9       | 127.6 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 6.3  | 3.2         | 9.5   |  |

4.12. Naples - Base Case: Low Envelope, No Control



# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**







|                        | Unit                      | Gas   | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 366.4 | 61.9        | 428.3 |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 384.7 | 149.8       | 534.5 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 73.2  | 26.8        | 100.0 |  |

4.13. Naples - Case 2: Good Envelope Performance, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiator



# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

### operative room temperature over ambiant temp. during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 5 hFE/m<sup>4</sup>y] 30 ante 28 26 E 24 rgv 22 20 200 15 20 25 air temperature [°C] 50 · Night time (22h - 6h) operative room temperature -set temperature heating failed; 2287h -set temperature cooling exceeded: 2h N321\_G\_nr\_th

# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 55.2 | 40.2        | 95.4  |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 55.2 | 103.8       | 159.0 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 13.4 | 3.3         | 16.7  |  |

4.14. Naples - Case 3: Excellent Envelope Performance, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiator



# Plant sized following the excellent envelope demand

# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

### operative room temperature over ambiant temp. during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 5 hFE/m<sup>4</sup>y] 30 ant 28 26 E 24 22 20 200 15 20 25 air temperature [°C] 50 \* Night time (22h - 6h) operative room temperature -set temperature heating failed: 854h -set temperature cooling exceeded: Oh

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# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 21.3 | 40.8        | 62.1  |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m <sup>2</sup> /y   | 21.3 | 105.3       | 126.6 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 5.2  | 3.3         | 8.5   |  |

4.15. Helsinki - Base Case: Low Envelope, No Control



# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**





# **Plant Model - Load Curves**







|                        | Unit         | Gas   | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y   | 375.1 | 52.8        | 427.9 |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y   | 375.1 | 89.8        | 464.9 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m²/y | 118.2 | 17.5        | 135.6 |  |

4.16. Helsinki - Case 2: Good Envelope Performance, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

### operative room temperature over ambiant temp. during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 5 400 [Å/km/350 350 30 28 26 E 24 rgv 22 200 20 18 16 ture [°C] 50 Night time (22h - 6h) operative room temperature - set temperature heating failed: 2920h -set temperature cooling exceeded: 10h H321\_G\_nr\_th

# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 64.0 | 42.8        | 106.8 |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 64.0 | 110.4       | 174.5 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 15.6 | 3.5         | 19.1  |  |

4.17. Helsinki - Case 3: Excellent Envelope Performance, Night Time Reduction, Thermostat on Radiators



# Plant sized following the excellent envelope demand

# Comfort - Apartment L3\_T2 (3rd floor, 2 rooms, SE-SW)

### operative room temperature over ambiant temp. during operation time 500 L3\_T2\_1 34 450 32 5 40 [Å/km/350 30 28 adua 26 E 24 rgv 22 20 200 18 16 -20 10 ture [°C] · Night time (22h - 6h) operative room temperature -set temperature heating failed: 1702h -set temperature cooling exceeded: 6h

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# **Energy Demand - Load Curves**



# **Plant Model - Load Curves**





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# **Final Specific Energy Consumption**



|                        | Unit                      | Gas  | Electricity | Total |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|-------|--|
| Energy consumption     | kWhFE/m²/y                | 21.3 | 40.8        | 62.1  |  |
| ary Energy consumption | kWhPE/m²/y                | 21.3 | 105.3       | 126.6 |  |
| Emissions              | kgCO2eq/m <sup>2</sup> /y | 5.2  | 3.3         | 8.5   |  |



5.1. Modeling

This document summarizes the boundary conditions for the thermal modeling to be done with Trnsys during Phase 2 and 3.

The building to be modeled is a 3-story residential building

The boundary conditions for the building geometry, building operation and domestic hot water demand are the same for all variants.

# Weather Data

4 different climate have been selected for this study

| <u>Climate</u>      | Weather data  |
|---------------------|---|
| Mediterranean       | IWEC Naples   |
| Oceanic             | IWEC Paris Orly   |
| Oceanic - Heat Wave | Predicted weather data for Paris, using the Meteonorm v7 software for Paris Montsouris, and taking into account the A2 IPCC scenario for 2020 |
|                     | This weather data is only used to study summer comfort during a typical Parisian Heat wave for different envelope typologies.                 |
| Continental         | IWEC Helsinki   |

# Modeling

TRNSYS uses legal winter time all year long. As an example, simulations in Paris are all based on GMT+1.

A 2 steps approach is followed to model the building.

Step 1: A dynamic thermal simulation using TRNSYS is modeling the building as it is defined independently from the plant settings, with ideal heating and cooling demands. Ideal space heating and space cooling demands represent the exact amount of energy needed to reach setpoint temperature in winter and summer in the room. It doesn't take into account any efficiency of the heating and cooling production systems. Heating and cooling demands are processed to get annual heating and cooling load curves over the whole building.

Step 2: The load curves are used as inputs for a second dynamic simulation which is modeling the plant (energy production, regulation, efficiencies). This second calculation gives as results the final energy consumption, primary energy consumption, and the carbon emissions.



# **STEP 2 - TRNsys**



5.2. Geometry

# GEOMETRY



**Residential Building - Groundfloor** 



Residential Building - Level 1 to 3





| <u>Façade</u>    | NW    | NE    | SE    | SW    | Total |  |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Façade area [m²] | 308.4 | 170.5 | 308.4 | 170.5 | 957.9 |  |
| Window area [m²] | 51.1  | 25.9  | 115.0 | 28.4  | 220.3 |  |
| Ratio            | 17%   | 15%   | 37%   | 17%   | 23%   |  |

| Netto Area [m <sup>2</sup> ] | T2_1   | T2_2   | T2_3  | T3_1   | T4_1   | Corr  | Stairs | Unheated |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| LO                           | 55.67  | 44.96  | 52.63 | -      | -      | 39.78 | 24.65  | 96.93    |
| L1                           | 55.67  | 44.51  | -     | 67.37  | 102.55 | 16.78 | 25.87  | -        |
| L2                           | 55.67  | 44.51  | -     | 67.37  | 102.55 | 16.78 | 25.87  | -        |
| L3                           | 55.67  | 44.51  | -     | 67.37  | 102.55 | 16.78 | 25.87  | -        |
| Total                        | 222.68 | 178.49 | 52.63 | 202.10 | 307.65 | 90.11 | 102.26 | 96.93    |

| Total appartments [m <sup>2</sup> ]          | 963.55 |
|--|--------|
| Total corridor [m <sup>2</sup> ]             | 90.11  |
| Total unconditionned space [m <sup>2</sup> ] | 96.93  |



# 5.3. Operation

# OPERATION

|                        | Occupation       |                  |                  | Domestic E    | quipments          | Artificial Lightin | ng                    |         |                    | Ventilation                         |   | Comfort                          |                                  | Domestic               | c Hot Water                    |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                        | Daily schedule   | Holiday Schedule | Number of people | Power density | Daily Schedule     | Power density      | Illumminance Setpoint | Control | Daily Schedule     | Mechanical Ventilation<br>Airchange | Natural Ventilation<br>through Window<br>openning (summer<br>comfort) | Temperature Setpoint -<br>Winter | Temperature Setpoint -<br>Summer | DHW Outlet Temperature | Daily DHW volume per<br>person |
|                        | [-]              | [-]              | [pers]           | [W/m²]        | [-]                | [W/m²]             | lux                   | [-]     | [-]                | [ACH]                               | [-]   | [°C]                             | [°C]                             | [°C]                   | [L/p/day]                      |
| Programs               |                  |                  |                  |               |                    |                    |                       |         |                    |                                     |   |                                  |                                  |                        |                                |
| two-rooms appartment   | occ_2r_apartment | holiday_year     | 1                | 5.7           | equip_2r_apartment | 7.1                | 300                   | DLF     | light_2r_apartment | 0.60                                | yes   | 21°C                             | 26°C                             | 40                     | 50                             |
| three-rooms appartment | occ_3r_apartment | holiday_year     | 3                | 5.7           | equip_3r_apartment | 6.9                | 300                   | DLF     | light_3r_apartment | 0.60                                | yes   | 21°C                             | 26°C                             | 40                     | 50                             |
| four-rooms appartment  | occ_4r_apartment | holiday_year     | 4                | 5.7           | equip_4r_apartment | 7.2                | 300                   | DLF     | light_4r_apartment | 0.60                                | yes   | 21°C                             | 26°C                             | 40                     | 50                             |
| corridor               | -                | -                | -                | 0.0           | -                  | 5.0                | 100                   | SCHED   | light_corridor     | -                                   | no  | 19°C                             | -                                | -                      | -                              |
| stairs & elevators     | -                | -                | -                | 0.0           | -                  | 5.0                | 150                   | SCHED   | light_corridor     | -                                   | no  | 19°C                             | -                                | -                      | -                              |
| entrance hall          |                  | -                | -                | 0.0           | -                  | 5.0                | 100                   | SCHED   | light_corridor     | -                                   | no  | 19°C                             | -                                | -                      | -                              |
|                        |                  |                  |                  |               |                    |                    |                       |         |                    |                                     |   |                                  |                                  | -                      | -                              |

Vacations Winter vacations: Summer vacations: Christmas vacations:

Last week of February 3 first weeks of August Last week of December



5.4. Schedules - T2

# **SCENARII - OCCUPATION & DOMESTIC EQUIPMENTS & ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING**

All the following schedules are given without Daylight saving time (GMT +1h)







# 2-rooms appartment

Young working person Scenario inspired from the French RT 2012 and the Swiss SIA2024. Adapted according to our experience





| [%] | 0 | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 100  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0  | 0 |
|-----|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
|     | 1 | 2     | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23 | 2 |
| 10  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 20  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 30  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 40  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 50  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 60  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 70  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 80  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 90  |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| 100 |   |       |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |
| [%] | I | light | _2r_ | apar | tmer | nt_v | veek | end |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |



5.5. Schedules - T3

# **SCENARII - OCCUPATION & DOMESTIC EQUIPMENTS & ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING**

All the following schedules are given without Daylight saving time (GMT +1h)







# 3-rooms appartment

Retired couple Scenario inspired from the French RT 2012 and the Swiss SIA2024. Adapted according to our experience





| [%] | I | light | _3r_ | apar | tmer | nt_w | /eeke | end |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|---|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 100 |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 90  |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 80  |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 70  |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 60  |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 50  |   |       |      |      |      | -    |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 40  |   |       |      |      |      | -    |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 30  |   |       |      |      |      | -    |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 20  |   |       |      |      |      | -    |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10  |   |       |      |      |      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|     | 1 | 2     | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7     | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| [%] | 0 | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 100   | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |



5.6. Schedules - T4

# **SCENARII - OCCUPATION & DOMESTIC EQUIPMENTS & ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING**

All the following schedules are given without Daylight saving time (GMT +1h)







# 4-rooms appartment

Family apartment 2 parents, 2 teenagers Scenario inspired from the French RT 2012 and the Swiss SIA2024. Adapted according to our experience









**5.7. Schedules - Corridor** 

# SCENARII - OCCUPATION & DOMESTIC EQUIPMENTS & ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

All the following schedules are given without Daylight saving time (GMT +1h)



## Corridor\_Shared areas

Hall entrance, stairs, floor corridors source: Enertech Study, 50 apartments in Bordeaux





**5.8. Domestic Hot Water Demand** 

# Boundary conditions for DHW demand

Daily DHW demand per person50 L/pers/day(source : Recknagel)Outlet Temperature40 °C out of tap (hot water and cold water mixed)DHW temperature from tank57.5°C to 62.5°CDomestic Hot Water is produced at roughly 60°C in the plant. It is then mixed with cold water to 40°C to avoid burning

# All the following schedules are given without Daylight saving time (GMT +1h)









From Xpair website

http://conseils.xpair.com/consulter\_savoir\_faire/eau-chaude-sanitaire-bbc-rt2012/evaluation-besoins-eau-chaude-sanitaire.htm





**5.9. Artificial Ligthing Control** 

# **Artificial Lighting control**

# For the apartments

Artificial lighting is controlled according to the artificial lighting schedule and according to internal illumance estimated via a mean daylight factor for each apartment. The apartment mean daylight factor will be calculated with a Daylight factor calculation.

With this solution, we only use artificial lighting if the schedule is superior than 0, and if natural daylight is not enough to reach the illuminance setpoint

## Estimated daylight illuminance Horizontal illuminance on outside ground

Mean Daylight Factor x Horizontal illuminance on outside ground calculated from Solar irradiation on horizontal ground from weather data file.

Artificial lighting is ON if artificial lighting schedule is higher than 1 and estimated daylight illuminance is lower than the set point.

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To prevent from turning on or off all the lights in the apartment, a ratio is used to model only a part of them. Area ratio = (Living room + Bedroom) / Whole apartment = [0.7, 0.85]. This ratio modulates the total installed lighting power.

# For the corridors

As the corridors are controled according to occupancy sensors, As most of the corridor area is inside the building, it does not make sense to implement a daylight control here.

Thus, we considered occupancy sensors that cut off the light when no movement is detected.

To translate that into the model, we simply considered an artifical lighting profile which tries to take into account this phenomena.

We used the results from the Enertech study to estimate a similar profile.







5. ANNEX II - Boundary Conditions 5.10. Space Heating and Space Cooling control

| Setpoint Control |   |
|------------------|---|
| Control over Air | Temperature   |
| Control 0        | Radiators: No control<br>No thermostatic valve on radiators are implemented. As a consequence, the appartment tends to overheat as there is no control on the emitters.<br>This phenomena is translated into TRNSYS as an increase of 2.5°C on the air temperature heating setpoint.<br>As a results, the heating temperature setptoint is set to 23.5°C.   |
|                  | Split Unit for cooling: Thermostat<br>The cooling device is aiming at 26°C air temperature to which is substracted a margin error of 0.5°C from the thermostat measurement process.<br>As a results, the cooling temperature setptoint is set to 25.5°C during the entire cooling season.   |
| Control 1        | Radiators: Night Time reduction<br>No thermostatic valve on radiators are implemented. As a consequence, the appartment tends to overheat as there is no control on the emitters.<br>This phenomena is translated into TRNSYS as an increase of 2.5°C on the air temperature heating setpoint.<br>Night time setpoint reduction is implemented, which is translated into a 5°C reduction during night time.<br>As a results, the heating temperature setptoint is set to 18.5°C between 22:00 and 06:00, and to 23.5°C otherwise.   |
|                  | Split Unit for cooling: Thermostat<br>The cooling device is aiming at 26°C air temperature to which is substracted a margin error of 0.5°C from the thermostat measurement process.<br>As a results, the cooling temperature setptoint is set to 25.5°C during the entire cooling season.   |
| Control 2        | Radiators: Thermostatic vale<br>Thermostatic valve on radiators are implemented. As a consequence, the air temperature inside the appartment is close to the temperature set point.<br>This phenomena is translated into TRNSYS as an increase of 0.5°C on the air temperature heating setpoint, to include a margin error on the thermostat sensor.<br>As a results, the heating temperature setptoint is set to 21.5°C.   |
|                  | Split Unit for cooling: Thermostat<br>The cooling device is aiming at 26°C air temperature to which is substracted a margin error of 0.5°C from the thermostat measurement process.<br>As a results, the cooling temperature setptoint is set to 25.5°C during the entire cooling season.   |
| Control 3        | Radiators: Night Time reduction + Thermostatic valve<br>Thermostatic valve on radiators are implemented. As a consequence, the air temperature inside the appartment is close to the temperature set point.<br>This phenomena is translated into TRNSYS as an increase of 0.5°C on the air temperature heating setpoint, to include a margin error on the thermostat sensor.<br>Night time setpoint reduction is implemented, which is translated into a 5°C reduction during night time.<br>As a results, the heating temperature setptoint is set to 16.5°C between 22:00 and 06:00, and to 21.5°C otherwise. |
|                  | Split Unit for cooling: Thermostat<br>The cooling device is aiming at 26°C air temperature to which is substracted a margin error of 0.5°C from the thermostat measurement process.<br>As a results, the cooling temperature setptoint is set to 25.5°C during the entire cooling season.   |





**5.11. Shading and Natural Ventilation Control** 

# Shading Control

# Paris & Helsinki

Shadings are closed during summer months only (Signal 3), if occupancy is higher than 0 (Signal 2), and if solar irradiation on façade is higher than 150 W/m<sup>2</sup> (Signal 1)







# <u>Napoli</u>

During summer months, shading are closed during the day (Signal 3). During Winter and Shoulder Season, they ca be closed if occupancy is higher than 0 (Signal) and solar irradiation on façade is higher than 150 W/m<sup>2</sup> (Signal 1)



## **Natural Ventilation Control** 5 vol/h

Air change rate

(standard value based on internal Transsolar measurements for one-sided window ventilation)

# Paris, Helsinki & Napoli

During occupation (Signal 2), natural ventilation is on if outdoor temperature is lower than 23°C (Signal 1) and room temperature is higher than 23°C (hysteresis, Signal 3)









5.12. Envelope Typologies 1

# **ENVELOPE**

# **Definition of Perfomance**

| EXCELLENT | it represents the most stringent Regulations envisioning the perfomance that the envelope would have in 2020. it has been based and adjusted considering the values sugges and modified considering the recent Regulation for Spain and Finland and the products available on the market. |
|-----------|---|
| GOOD      | it represents the actual Legislation available in Europe and consequently the values the new buildings need to comply with. It has been rated considering the latest German Re<br>French Regulation RT 2012, the Italian Regulation "DECRETO 26 giugno 2015" and the Finland one.         |

it represents the existing building stock. The values have been based and adjusted considering the Regulation in France RT2000 and RT existant and our knowledge related to the building stock of the years **MEDIUM** 2000 - 2010

LOW

it represents the old building stock before the introduction of the Regulation for the energy efficiency of the building. It has been based and adjusted considering different studies developed by the IEA (International Energy Agency) and our knowledge.

There are no considerations about the construction systems here (only thermal performances). As an example, internal or external insulation are not defined here (but are defined in the economic assessment)

This assumption is correct because thermal mass is brought to the building by the floors and the

|   |            |            | CLIMATE   |          |                                |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Classe                                    |            | Cold       | Temperate | Warm     |                                |            |            |
| Glossa                                    |            | (Helsinki) | (Paris)   | (Naples) |                                |            |            |
| Unit                                      | Parameters | Value      | Value     | Value    | Unit                           | Perfomance | Components |
| the amount of heat flow                   |            | 0.12       | 0.20      | 0.29     | U (W/m²K)                      | EXCELLENT  |            |
| W/m <sup>2</sup> K building component sul | U wall     | 0.20       | 0.26      | 0.38     | U (W/m²K)                      | GOOD       | VVALL      |
| Resistance with the heat                  |            | 0.93       | 1.52      | 2.75     | U (W/m²K)                      | LOW        |            |
|   |            | 0.40       | 0.44      | 0.45     |                                |            |            |
|   |            | 0.10       | 0.14      | 0.15     | U (W/m²K)                      | EXCELLENT  |            |
| the amount of heat flow                   |            | 0.30       | 0.30      | 0.30     | Albedo / reflexion coefficient |            |            |
| W/m <sup>2</sup> k building component sul | LI roof    | 0.14       | 0.20      | 0.36     | U (W/m²K)                      | GOOD       | ROOF       |
| calculated considering                    | 01001      | 0.30       | 0.30      | 0.30     | Albedo / reflexion coefficient |            |            |
| Resistance with the heat                  |            | 0.90       | 2.35      | 4.41     | U (W/m²K)                      | LOW        |            |
|   |            | 0.30       | 0.30      | 0.30     | Albedo / reflexion coefficient |            |            |
|   |            |            |           |          |                                |            |            |
| the amount of heat flow                   |            | 0.14       | 0.18      | 0.36     | U (W/m²K)                      | EXCELLENT  | FLOOP      |
| W/m <sup>2</sup> K calculated considering | U floor    | 0.26       | 0.32      | 0.40     | U (W/m²K)                      | GOOD       | FLOOR      |
| Resistance with the heat                  |            | 0.90       | 2.02      | 3.37     | U (W/m²K)                      | LOW        |            |



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egulation "ENEV 2016", the

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Description ing in one second through a 1 m<sup>2</sup> of area of a pject to a temperature difference of 1K. It is he Internal and External Heat Transert at flowing horizontally.

ing in one second through a 1 m<sup>2</sup> of area of a pject to a temperature difference of 1K. It is he Internal and External Heat Transert at flowing upwards.

ing in one second through a 1 m<sup>2</sup> of area of a pject to a temperature difference of 1K. It is the Internal and External Heat Transert at flowing downards.

5.13. Envelope Typologies 2

|                      |            |  |          | CLIMATE   |            |                    |
|----------------------|------------|--|----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|
|                      |            |  | Warm     | Temperate | Cold       |                    |
|                      |            |  | (Naples) | (Paris)   | (Helsinki) |                    |
| Components           | Perfomance | Unit   | Value    | Value     | Value      | Parameters         |
|                      | EXCELLENT  | Ug (W/m²K)                                     | 0.99     | 0.81      | 0.61       |                    |
|                      |            | Uw (W/m²K)                                     | 1.3      | 1.10      | 0.9        | Albedo Reflexion   |
|                      |            | g tot (glazing + moveable solar protection)    | 0.07     | 0.09      | 0.09       | Coefficient        |
|                      |            | gvalue (only glazing)                          | 0.26     | 0.3       | 0.5        |                    |
|                      |            | visual transmittance VT                        | 0.43     | 0.42      | 0.7        | Ug                 |
|                      | GOOD       | Ug (W/m²K)                                     | 1.27     | 1.07      | 1.08       |                    |
|                      |            | Uw (W/m²K)                                     | 1.8      | 1.5       | 1.3        |                    |
| WINDOWS              |            | g tot (glazing + moveable solar protection)    | 0.15     | 0.15      | 0.15       | Uw                 |
|                      |            | gvalue (only glazing)                          | 0.33     | 0.53      | 0.65       |                    |
|                      |            | visual transmittance VT                        | 0.41     | 0.7       | 0.77       |                    |
|                      | LOW        | Ug (W/m²K)                                     | 5.62     | 5.62      | 2.58       | visual             |
|                      |            | Uw (W/m²K)                                     | 5.8      | 5.8       | 2.7        | transmittance      |
|                      |            | g tot (glazing + moveable<br>solar protection) | 0.3      | 0.5       | 0.5        | g tot (glazing and |
|                      |            | gvalue (only glazing)                          | 0.89     | 0.89      | 0.64       | solar protection)  |
|                      |            | visual transmittance VT                        | 0.87     | 0.87      | 0.65       |                    |
|                      |            |  |          |           |            |                    |
|                      | EXCELLENT  | n50 (ach)                                      | 0.6      | 0.6       | 0.6        | Air tightnooo      |
| <b>AIR TIGHTNESS</b> | GOOD       | n50 (ach)                                      | 1.5      | 1.5       | 1.5        | Air ugritiless     |
|                      | LOW        | n50 (ach)                                      | 6        | 6         | 6          |                    |
|                      |            |  |          |           |            |                    |
| THEDMAL              | EXCELLENT  | delta U (W/m²K)                                | 0.05     | 0.05      | 0.05       | Thormal Bridge     |
|                      | GOOD       | delta U (W/m²K)                                | 0.15     | 0.1       | 0.1        | Correction         |
| BRIDGE CORR.         | LOW        | delta U (W/m²K)                                | >0.2     | >0.2      | >0.2       | Correction         |
|                      |            |  |          |           |            |                    |
|                      | EXCELLENT  | efficiency                                     | 80%      | 84%       | 88%        |                    |
|                      |            | electric power consumption                     |          |           |            | Efficiency         |
|                      |            | (Wh/m³)  | 0.37     | 0.45      | 0.45       |                    |
|                      | GOOD       | efficiency                                     | 0%       | 0%        | 80%        | Electric Power     |
| VENTILATION          |            | electric power consumption                     |          |           |            | Consumption        |
|                      |            | (Wh/m³)  | 0.20     | 0.20      | 0.45       |                    |
|                      | LOW        | efficiency                                     | 0%       | 0%        | 0%         |                    |
|                      |            | electric power consumption                     | 0.05     | 0.05      | 0.05       |                    |
|                      |            | (vvn/m³)                                       | 0.25     | 0.25      | 0.25       |                    |



| Glossary |
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Unit

%

W/m<sup>2</sup>K

W/m<sup>2</sup>K

%

%

n50

W/m<sup>2</sup>K

%

Wh/m<sup>2</sup>

white surface)

type of filling.

edge.

| Descri | ntion |
|--------|-------|
| Descri | μισπ  |

the ratio of the reflected radiation to incident one. It can be measured in a scale from zero for no reflection (all radiation is absorbed by a black surface) to 1 for perfect reflection (all radiation is reflected by a

the amount of heat flowing in one second through a 1 m<sup>2</sup> of area of a transparent component subject to a temperature difference of 1K. It is fonction of the emissivity of the coatings, distance between panes and

the amount of heat flowing in one second trhough a 1 m<sup>2</sup> of window component. It combines the thermal trasmittance of the glazing and the frame as well as the linear thermal transmittance from the glass

it represents the total amount of visible light passing through the transparent component.

it represents the total amount of energy transmittance reduced by the reduction factor of the solar screening.

it represents the Air - Leakage through 1 m<sup>2</sup> of envelope per hour. It is (ach) measured at 50 Pascals diffrential pressure.

> it represents the value that will be added to the U of building component in order to take into account the correction of the thermal bridge. The thermal bridge represents a higher heat flow through the envelope due to a discontinuity of the insulation. It considers a

it represents the process of exchanging the energy contained in the exhausted air using it to pre treat the incoming outdoor air. It represents the percentage of heat that could be recovered.

it represents the average power consumption of the device including regulation

5.14. Plant Typologies 1

# PLANT MODELING

# Summary

| Heating                    |                              | Cooling                                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Production                 | Distribution                 | Production & Distribution                |
| Low Efficiency Gas Boiler  | 80°C/60°C temperature regime | Decentralized Low Efficiency Split unit  |
| High Efficiency Gas Boiler | 50°C/30°C temperature regime | Decentralized High Efficiency Split unit |

NB : for the Helsinki climate, no cooling system will be implemented.

| Gas Boiler - Low Efficiency    | Gas Boiler   |                   |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Burner                         | 1 stage burner   |                   |
| Rated efficiency (80°C/60°C)   | 90%  |                   |
| Efficiency 30% Load            | -  |                   |
| Standby losses                 | 1.50%  |                   |
| Ambient losses                 | 2%   | Demand Side:      |
| Primary loop T°C control       | constant temperature 90°C  | Demand Side       |
| Secondary loop T°C control     | heating curve according to outside temperature   | Start DHW         |
|                                |  | Radiators 80/60°C |
| Distribution                   |  | Heating           |
| Secondary loop                 | No thermal losses to prevent from lowering the performance of controls                                       | Loop              |
|                                | Secondary loop is located in the heated volume so all the heat losses could be considered as internal gains. |                   |
| Primary loop                   | 3 cm insulation (lambda = 0.04W/mK) for pipes  |                   |
|                                | Diameters depending on massflow rates, dimensionned via nomograms from GILPRI tubes                          |                   |
|                                | Flow speed : 0.8m/s  |                   |
| A tank storage is implemente   | d between boiler and primary loop.   |                   |
| This buffer tank helps to redu | ce the ON/OFF boiler cycling and solve some TRNSYS convergence issues related to these cycles.               | . 🗢               |
| Heating                        | Curves - Old Boiler Variant  |                   |
|                                |  |                   |
| 100                            |  |                   |
| 90                             |  |                   |
| 80                             |  |                   |
|                                |  |                   |
| छ <sup>70</sup>                |  |                   |
| on out                         |  |                   |
| da da                          |  |                   |
| 30                             |  |                   |
| au 40                          | Boiler   |                   |
| et 19                          |  |                   |
| E 30                           |  | +                 |
| 20                             |  |                   |
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| 10                             | $\uparrow$   |                   |
| 0                              |  |                   |
| -10 -5 0                       | 5 10 15 20 25<br>Outside temperature Gas Air (atmospheric)   |                   |
|                                |  |                   |
| SO Old Car Boiler              | Drimony Joon Sto Old Gar Bailar - Secundary Joon   |                   |

# Cooling with decentralized Split Units - Base variant

•••••• S0 Old Gas Boiler - Primary loop •••••• S0 Old Gas Boiler - Secundary loop

| <b>Decentralized Low</b> | Efficiency Split unit |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| EER                      | 1.9                   |
| SEER                     | 2.7                   |





Gas Boiler - High Efficiency Gas Condensation Boiler

5.15. Plant typologies 2



# **Cooling with decentralized Split Units - Improved**

| Decentralized High Efficiency Split unit |     |
|--|-----|
| EER                                      | 3.5 |
| SEER                                     | 5.7 |



**5.16.** Plant typologies 3

# Air to Water Heat Pump + Old Boiler for DHW and temperatures below 7°C



Heat Pump COP Bivalent temperature Gas Boiler - Low Efficiency Gas Boiler Burner 1 stage burner Rated efficiency (80°C/60°C) Efficiency 30% Load Standby losses Ambient losses Primary loop T°C control Secondary loop T°C control

Primary loop temperature control Secondary loop temperature control 2.99 (45°C/40°C regime with 7°C outside air temperature) 7 °C

90% -1.50% 2% constant temperature 90°C heating curve according to outside temperature

> heating curve according to outside temperature heating curve according to outside temperature



Secundary heating loop \_\_\_\_\_T\_outlet\_tank\_setpoint



# Cooling with decentralized Split Units - Improved

| Decentralized High Efficiency Split unit |     |
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# Air to Water Heat Pump + Old Boiler for DHW only





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# Air to Water Heat Pump + Heat Pump Storage Water Heater with additional electrical resistance for DHW

# Air to Water Heat Pump

Heat Pump COP Heat Pump COP DHW 4 (35°C/30°C regime with 7°C outside air temperature) 2.5 (7°C/55°C regime with 7°C outside air temperature)

Primary loop temperature control Secondary loop temperature control heating curve according to outside temperature heating curve according to outside temperature



# **Cooling with decentralized Split Units - Improved**

| Decentralized High Efficiency Split unit |     |
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| EER                                      | 3.5 |
| SEER                                     | 5.7 |









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# Introduction

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# 1.1 Background and content of the study

The Energy Performance of Building Directives (EPBD) revision causes an increased competition between active and passive technologies. In order to raise the understanding of the respective contribution of both technologies, a detailed thermal study has been fulfilled by Transsolar. The aim of this economic study is to complete Transsolar's study in order to figure out the economic impacts of different improvement potentials of the renovation of a building. The analysis covers energy costs, investment costs and maintenance costs over a 50 years span. The costs engendered by different levels of energy efficiency improvements have been calculated for different cases in three European countries.

The following improvement cases have been studied:

|                          | Low envelope                         |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                          | Night time reduction                 |  |  |
| Base case (economic)     | Old boiler - 1 speed burner          |  |  |
|                          | Plant sized following the low env    |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (low efficien |  |  |
|                          | Low envelope                         |  |  |
|                          | Night time reduction, thermosta      |  |  |
| Case 1                   | Old boiler - 1 speed burner          |  |  |
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|                          | Split unit for cooling (low efficier |  |  |
|                          | Good envelope                        |  |  |
|                          | Night time reduction                 |  |  |
| Case 1 bis (economic)    | Old boiler - 1 speed burner          |  |  |
|                          | Plant sized following the low env    |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (low efficier |  |  |
|                          | Low envelope                         |  |  |
|                          | Night time reduction                 |  |  |
| Case 1 ter (economic)    | New condensing boiler - modula       |  |  |
|                          | Plant sized following the low env    |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (high effici  |  |  |
|                          | Low envelope                         |  |  |
|                          | Night time reduction                 |  |  |
| Case 1 ter HP (economic) | Old boiler - 1 speed burner          |  |  |
|                          | Heat pump                            |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (high efficie |  |  |
|                          | Good envelope                        |  |  |
|                          | Night time reduction, thermosta      |  |  |
| Case 2                   | New condensing boiler - modula       |  |  |
|                          | Plant sized following the good e     |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (low efficier |  |  |
|                          | Good envelope                        |  |  |
| 0                        | Night time reduction, thermosta      |  |  |
| Case 2 HP                | Heat pumps (heating and dome         |  |  |
|                          | Split unit for cooling (low efficier |  |  |
|                          | Good envelope                        |  |  |
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|               | Good envelope                                       |
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|               | Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators       |
| Case 2 ter HP | New condensing boiler - modulating burner           |
|               | Heat pump   |
|               | Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)            |
|               | Excellent envelope                                  |
|               | Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators       |
| Case 3        | New condensing boiler - modulating burner           |
|               | Plant sized following the excellent envelope demand |
|               | Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)            |

Two scenarios have been studied, in order to take into account two different possibilities for the cases which include the "New condensing boiler - modulating burner" or "heat pump" improvement:

- only the replacement of the boiler (or heat pump);
- replacement of the boiler (or heat pump) and global plant refurbishment (replacement and insulation of the pipes, replacement of the heating and hot water pumps and valves).

The following countries/climates have been studied:

- France (Paris) detailed study ;
- Finland (Helsinki);
- Italy (Napoli).

# 1.2 Methodology

The climates and cases detailed above are based on the technical results and hypothesis of the Transsolar study:

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This economic study has selected the most representative cases. Transsolar has given us results for this specific case that does not appear in the technical report: night time reduction is "ON" for all the cases of the economic study (because a low envelope building with no night time reduction isn't realistic).

The final energy consumptions taken to calculate the annual energy costs come from the Transsolar study. The improvement works and maintenance costs are based on average prices in France and have been adapted for the other European countries by using official European statistics. The sources of the hypothesis taken for the determining of the costs for each country (energy, maintenance, improvement works) are detailed in the Annex of this report.

### **Detailed Results – France (Paris)** 2

The Transsolar study includes several cases with the replacement of the old boiler by a new condensing boiler (and/or a heat pump). This replacement is in reality often combined with a global plant refurbishment (replacement and insulation of the pipes, replacement of the heating and hot water pumps and valves).

This is why in order to be more realistic, two scenarios have been studied:

- "Boiler only" replacement scenario ;
- Global plant refurbishment scenario.

On the graphs, the influence of the lifespan of the new systems (cases 1 to 3) has been taken into account. The new systems are replaced every 23 years (average new system lifespan). This can be viewed on the following graphs.



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## 2.1 "Boiler only" replacement scenario

|                                |  | Final energy consum | ption (kWhFE/m²/y) | Improvement cost                   | Annual operating cost                | Percentage gain on  | Return on investment                     | Return on investment                     | Annual energy cost - year       | Annual maintenance cost -            | Maintenance cost                                      |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|                                |  | Gas                 | Electricity        | (€/m <sup>2</sup> including taxes) | (€/m <sup>2</sup> including taxes/y) | operating costs (%) | with a 2%/y energy price<br>increase (y) | with a 4%/y energy price<br>increase (y) | 1 - (€/m² including<br>taxes/y) | year 1 - (€/m² including<br>taxes/y) | percentage on total<br>operating costs - year 1 - (%) |
| Base case<br>(technical)       | Low envelope<br><u>No control</u><br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 419                 | 36                 | -                                  | 27                                   | -                   | -  | -  | 26                              | 1                                    | 4%  |
| Base case<br>(economic)        | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)  | 375                 | 33                 | -                                  | 26                                   | -                   | -  | -  | 25                              | 1                                    | 4%  |
| Case 1                         | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction, <b>thermostat on radiators</b><br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)                        | 313                 | 31                 | 3                                  | 23                                   | 13%                 | 1  | 1  | 21                              | 1                                    | 5%  |
| Case 1 bis<br>(economic)       | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 139                 | 23                 | 328                                | 12                                   | 52%                 | 21                                       | 18                                       | 11                              | 1                                    | 11%   |
| Case 1 ter<br>(economic)       | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 292                 | 33                 | 61                                 | 22                                   | 15%                 | 13                                       | 12                                       | 21                              | 1                                    | 5%  |
| Case 1 ter<br>HP<br>(economic) | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Heat pump<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 221                 | 68                 | 101                                | 25                                   | 5%                  | More than 50                             | 43                                       | 23                              | 2                                    | 7%  |
| Case 2                         | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the good envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)               | 70                  | 20                 | 385                                | 8                                    | 68%                 | 19                                       | 17                                       | 7                               | 1                                    | 17%   |
| Case 2 HP                      | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>Heat pumps (heating and domestic hot water)<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 0                   | 45                 | 443                                | 10                                   | 61%                 | 27                                       | 19                                       | 7                               | 3                                    | 26%   |
| Case 2 bis                     | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the good envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)  | 86                  | 21                 | 339                                | 9                                    | 67%                 | 17                                       | 15                                       | 8                               | 1                                    | 7%  |
| Case 2 ter                     | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)               | 71                  | 20                 | 392                                | 9                                    | 67%                 | 19                                       | 16                                       | 7                               | 1                                    | 17%   |
| Case 2 ter<br>HP               | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Heat pump<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 38                  | 40                 | 450                                | 11                                   | 58%                 | 28                                       | 20                                       | 9                               | 2                                    | 21%   |
| Case 3                         | Excellent envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the excellent envelope<br>demand<br>Solit unit for cooling (high efficiency) | 26                  | 21                 | 432                                | 6                                    | 76%                 | 17                                       | 16                                       | 5                               | 1                                    | 23%   |

Cases 1 and 1 ter only include the replacement of components of the heating system. The investment costs for these cases are low. However, the reduction of the final energy consumption and therefore of the operating costs is limited (13% and 15%). Consequently, these improvement works are economically attractive in the short term (the return on investment is under 13 years), but less interesting on the long term (because of the low gain on operating costs).

**Case 1 bis** only includes the improvement of the envelope. The investment cost for this case is high, but the reduction of the final energy consumption and therefore of the operating costs is also high (52%). As a result, these improvement works are economically attractive as a medium and long term investment (the return on investment goes from 18 to 21 years) due to the high gain on operating costs.

Cases 2, 2 bis and 2 ter include both envelope and system improvements. As for case 1 bis, the investment cost for these cases is high, but the reduction of the final energy consumption and therefore of the operating costs is also high (67% and 68%). As a result, these improvement works are economically attractive as medium and long term investments (the return on investment goes from 15 to 19 years) due to the high gain on operating costs.

Case 3 is similar to cases 2, 2 bis, and 2 ter but even more attractive in the long term. The improvement costs are the highest among all the cases, but the gain on operating costs is the best within these cases.

Heat pump cases (1 ter HP, 2 HP and 2 ter HP) are not economically attractive (compared to similar cases with the new condensing boiler) because heat pump investment costs are higher than new boiler ones, and because of the high electricity and maintenance prices.
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Theses curves show the overall cost for each case considering a 2% energy cost increase per year (low estimation). These overall cost curves reveal three different main trends depending on the case. The first trend is the **base case**, which is the case with the highest slope (it has high operative costs:  $26 \notin /m^2/y$  because no improvement works have been done). It is the worst economic case in the medium and long term. The second group of curves contains **cases 1 and 1 ter**, that only include the replacement of components of the heating system. These cases are very similar and their slope is high (they have high operative costs: 22 to  $23 \notin /m^2/y$  because the gain on final energy consumptions due to the improvements is low). These cases are attractive in the short term (less than 20 year), but become unattractive in the long term (more than 25/30 years).

The third group of curves contains **cases 1 bis**, **2**, **2bis**, **2 ter and 3**. Their common trait is that they all include the improvement of the building envelope. Their slope is low (they have low operative costs: 6 to  $12 \notin m^2/y$  because the gain on final energy consumptions due to the improvements – in particular the envelope insulation - is high). These cases are expensive in the short term (less than 15/20 years) because of the high investment costs, but become attractive in the medium term (20/25 years) and very attractive in the long term (more than 25 years). The only way of reducing significantly the operating and the global costs in the medium and long term is to make envelope insulation improvements. Adding performant heating and cooling systems enables to be even more economically attractive only if the building has a good or excellent envelope insulation.

Heat pump cases (1 ter HP, 2 HP and 2 ter HP) are not economically attractive (compared to similar cases with the new condensing boiler) because heat pump investment costs are higher than new boiler ones, and because of the high electricity and maintenance prices.



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Theses curves show the overall cost for each case considering a **4% energy cost increase per year (high estimation)**. Compared with the previous "2% energy cost increase" graph, the main difference is the wider gap of the overall cost (which is noticeable especially in the long term) between the most energy efficient cases (1 bis, 2, 2 HP, 2 bis, 2 ter, 2 ter HP, 3) and the less energy efficient cases (base, 1, 1 ter, 1 ter HP). The returns on investment are also shorter than with a 2% energy cost increase. In this graph, base case and case 1 ter HP are clearly the worst economic cases in the long term: base case because of its high energy consumptions, case 1 ter HP because of its high investment costs combined with quite high energy consumptions. Case 2 HP and case 2 ter HP become economically similar to case 1 bis in the long term, because the advantage of having lower energy consumptions in a high increase of energy prices scenario counterbalances the high investment cost of the heat pumps. Case 3 clearly is the best economic case in the long term due to its low energy consumptions.

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# 2.2 Global plant refurbishment scenario

|                                |  | Final energy consumption (kWhFE/m <sup>2</sup> /y) |             | Improvement cost                   | Annual operating cost                | Percentage gain on  | Return on investment | Return on investment                     | Annual energy cost - year Annual maintenance |                                      | st - Maintenance cost                                 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
|                                |  | Gas  | Electricity | (€/m <sup>2</sup> including taxes) | (€/m <sup>2</sup> including taxes/y) | operating costs (%) | increase (y)         | with a 4%/y energy price<br>increase (y) | 1 - (€/m² including<br>taxes/y)              | year 1 - (€/m² including<br>taxes/y) | percentage on total<br>operating costs - year 1 - (%) |
| Base case<br>(technical)       | Low envelope<br><u>No control</u><br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 419  | 36          | -                                  | 27                                   | -                   | -                    | -  | 26   | 1                                    | 4%  |
| Base case<br>(economic)        | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)  | 375  | 33          | -                                  | 26                                   | -                   | -                    | -  | 25   | 1                                    | 4%  |
| Case 1                         | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)                               | 313  | 31          | 3                                  | 23                                   | 13%                 | 1                    | 1  | 21   | 1                                    | 5%  |
| Case 1 bis<br>(economic)       | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 139  | 23          | 328                                | 12                                   | 52%                 | 20                   | 17                                       | 11   | 1                                    | 11%   |
| Case 1 ter<br>(economic)       | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 292  | 33          | 68                                 | 22                                   | 15%                 | 14                   | 12                                       | 21   | 1                                    | 5%  |
| Case 1 ter<br>HP<br>(economic) | Low envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>Old boiler - 1 speed burner<br>Heat pump<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 221  | 68          | 108                                | 25                                   | 5%                  | More than 50         | 44                                       | 23   | 2                                    | 7%  |
| Case 2                         | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the good envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)               | 70   | 20          | 392                                | 8                                    | 68%                 | 19                   | 17                                       | 7  | 1                                    | 17%   |
| Case 2 HP                      | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>Heat pumps (heating and domestic hot water)<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)   | 0  | 45          | 450                                | 10                                   | 61%                 | 27                   | 19                                       | 7  | 3                                    | 26%   |
| Case 2 bis                     | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the good envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (low efficiency)  | 86   | 21          | 346                                | 9                                    | 67%                 | 17                   | 15                                       | 8  | 1                                    | 7%  |
| Case 2 ter                     | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the low envelope demand<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)               | 71   | 20          | 399                                | 9                                    | 67%                 | 19                   | 17                                       | 7  | 1                                    | 17%   |
| Case 2 ter<br>HP               | Good envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Heat pump<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency)   | 38   | 40          | 464                                | 11                                   | 58%                 | 29                   | 20                                       | 9  | 2                                    | 21%   |
| Case 3                         | Excellent envelope<br>Night time reduction, thermostat on radiators<br>New condensing boiler - modulating burner<br>Plant sized following the excellent envelope<br>demand<br>Split unit for cooling (high efficiency) | 26   | 21          | 440                                | 6                                    | 76%                 | 19                   | 16                                       | 5  | 1                                    | 23%   |

This "global plant refurbishment scenario" table is similar to the "boiler only replacement scenario" table (page 7). The improvement cost of the cases that include the replacement of the old boiler is perceptibly higher, but this has no significant impact on the global trend of the results.









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### 3 **Overview: climate comparison**

The climate comparison is studied with the "Boiler only" replacement scenario.

# 3.1 With a 2%/year energy price increase



Theses curves show the overall cost for three cases of the three countries considering a 2% energy cost increase per year (low estimation).

The trend of the base case is close between France, Italy and Finland. The overall cost for Finland is slightly higher than for France. In fact, the lower final energy consumptions in Finland than in France do not completely counterbalance the low energy prices in France. In spite of final energy consumptions similar to Finland's ones, the Italian case curve shows a higher overall cost than both of the other countries because of the high Italian electrical energy costs in particular.

Cases 2 and 3 highlight the differences of investment costs between the studied countries. The low Italian investment cost to be lower than the other countries, but the gap between France and Italy curves decreases with time due to the lower energy prices in France than in Italy. Finland always has the highest overall cost especially because the investment costs are globally higher in this country than in the other ones.







# 3.2 With a 4%/year energy price increase





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### **Conclusions: key messages** 4

Increasing energy efficiency by a holistic approach including the envelope is the best economic solution over the lifespan of the building. The improvements only related to thermostats and/or boilers enable to get short returns on investments, but are not very economical in the long term because final energy consumptions, and therefore operating costs, remain high. The improvements concerning the renovation of the envelope give rise to longer returns on investment, but as soon as the return on investment year is reached, they become to a great extent the best economic solution, because final energy consumptions are much lower than with a single heating system replacement.

The only way of reducing significantly the operating and the global costs due to building energy consumptions in the medium term, and even more in the long term (more than 20 to 25 years), is to make an envelope renovation. The gain on operating costs due to insulation is about 50%, while it is lower than 20% for system improvements. Adding performant heating and cooling systems enables to be more economically attractive only if the building also has a good or excellent envelope performance.

Moreover, deep and holistic energy efficiency building improvement works (good/excellent envelope insulation + efficient heating and cooling systems + active technologies) is the best way to reduce energy consumptions and CO2 emissions, and thus to reach European existing building energy consumption reduction goals (these consumptions are divided per three in case 3 for the building which has been studied, and only consumes  $26 \text{ kWhFE/m}^2/\text{y}$  of gas). The study also shows that improving the envelope before the systems (this is modelled in case 2, while case 2 ter models the opposite) is the least costly way to renovate a building.

This economic study only includes direct costs, and does not take into account the local financial investment aids. These aids, depending on the country and level of revenues, can significantly reduce the investment costs of each of the cases that have been studied. As a result, the energy efficiency improvements can become more economically interesting, with a reduction of the returns of investment times.

Overall costs have been studied with two yearly energy price increase hypotheses: 2% and 4%. If energy prices come to increase more than these hypotheses during one or several years (this eventuality is highly conceivable in the future), the returns on investments of the most energy efficient cases (cases 1 bis, 2, 2 bis, 2 ter, and 3: all containing envelope insulation) would become much lower and more attractive.

The importance of deep renovations including good envelope performances, and leading to very energy efficient buildings goes beyond the direct economic interest. They enable of course very important gains on fossil energy consumptions and consequently on CO2 emissions, as it is shown in the Transsolar technical study.

They also have a large impact on improving the winter and summer comfort aspects which are studied in the Transsolar piece, but these have not been monetised here.

Furthermore, the ECOFYS study (The role of energy efficient buildings in the EUs future power system) shows that energy efficient buildings with a highly efficient building envelope do not only show benefits at these building technical and economic levels, but that they can also deliver benefits at the electricity system. In fact, these energy efficient buildings have an increased capability to shift electricity demand (especially when the heating system is electrical), and thus reduce considerably the peak demands which are a great problem for the management of the electricity grid and which come at a high cost (not considered in this report). Highly energy efficient buildings are also a pivotal prerequisite to enable the integration of renewable energy sources and a flexible energy supply. The energy efficiency improvements also engender positive effects on national economies by reducing national debts which are partly caused by the costly importation of fossil energy (which has not been considered within this report).



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### Annex: economic hypothesis and references 5

5.1 Energy costs

|         | Energy cost per kWh (€ including taxes/kWh) |             |  |  |  |
|---------|---|-------------|--|--|--|
|         | Gas   | Electricity |  |  |  |
| France  | 0,0521                                      | 0,1675      |  |  |  |
| Finland | 0,0641                                      | 0,153       |  |  |  |
| Italy   | 0,0539                                      | 0,2428      |  |  |  |

|        | http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/submitVi | http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/submitView |  |  |  |  |
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| Source | ewTableAction.do                                 | TableAction.do                                     |  |  |  |  |
|        | Eurostat   | Eurostat   |  |  |  |  |
|        | Gas prices for domestic consumers                | Electricity prices for domestic consumers          |  |  |  |  |
|        | Band I2 : 1000 GJ - 10 000 GJ                    | Band DE : > 15 000 kWh                             |  |  |  |  |
|        | 201552   | 201552   |  |  |  |  |
|        | All taxes and levies included                    | All taxes and levies included                      |  |  |  |  |

## 5.2 Maintenance costs

|                                       | France                                | Finland | Italy |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                       | Maintenance costs (€ including taxes) |         |       |  |  |  |
| Old boiler                            | 220                                   | 239     | 168   |  |  |  |
| Mechanical ventilation                | 220                                   | 239     | 168   |  |  |  |
| New condensing boiler                 | 330                                   | 359     | 253   |  |  |  |
| Heat pump                             | 770                                   | 837     | 590   |  |  |  |
| Heat pump (domestic<br>hot water) 770 |                                       | 837     | 590   |  |  |  |
| Split unit for cooling<br>1 per flat  | 825                                   | 896     | 632   |  |  |  |

The costs are based and average costs in France, and have been adapted for the other European countries by using official European statistics:



The maintenance cost for the new condensing boiler is an average cost which does not take into account whether it is oversized or not.





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# 5.3 Improvement costs

|   | Fr                        | ance                                    | Fin                       | land                                    | Italy                     |   |  |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|--|
|   | "Boiler only"<br>scenario | Global plant<br>improvement<br>scenario | "Boiler only"<br>scenario | Global plant<br>improvement<br>scenario | "Boiler only"<br>scenario | Global plant<br>improvement<br>scenario |  |
|   | Improven                  | Improvement costs (€                    |                           | ent costs (€                            | Improvement costs (€      |   |  |
|   | includi                   | ing taxes)                              | includi                   | ng taxes)                               | including taxes)          |   |  |
| Thermostat on radiators   | 3                         | 135                                     | 34                        | 407                                     | 2401                      |   |  |
| Good envelope (internal<br>wall insulation)   | 27                        | 1376                                    | 294891                    |   | 207810                    |   |  |
| Good envelope<br>(external wall<br>insulation)  | 31                        | 5719                                    | 343                       | 3077                                    | 241767                    |   |  |
| Excellent envelope<br>(external wall<br>insulation)   | 36                        | 3458                                    | 394                       | 4951                                    | 278323                    |   |  |
| New condensing boiler -<br>modulating burner<br>Plant sized following<br>the low envelope<br>demand       | 17314                     | 24354                                   | 18814                     | 26464                                   | 13258                     | 18649                                   |  |
| New condensing boiler -<br>modulating burner<br>Plant sized following<br>the good envelope<br>demand      | 10450                     | 17490                                   | 11355                     | 19006                                   | 8002                      | 13393                                   |  |
| New condensing boiler -<br>modulating burner<br>Plant sized following<br>the excellent envelope<br>demand | 8866                      | 15906                                   | 9634                      | 17284                                   | 6789                      | 12180                                   |  |
| Heat pump   | 55880                     | 62920                                   | 60722                     | 68372                                   | 42791                     | 48182                                   |  |
| Heat pump (domestic<br>hot water)   | 10560                     | 10560                                   | 11475                     | 11475                                   | 8086                      | 8086                                    |  |
| Split unit for cooling<br>(high efficiency)<br>1 per flat   | 41250                     |   | 44824                     |   | 31588                     |   |  |

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