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Activity A.T4.2 Implementation of pilot actions for EE improvements

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1. Introduction

The deliverable T4.2.1 belongs to the activity related to the implementation of pilot actions for EE improvement (A.T4.2). In particular, for each implemented pilot action, a document has been created reporting the information on how Pilot Action is developed, what upstreamed and downstreamed TARGET-CE tools are used in the new pilot areas and what is the overseen outcome of performed Pilot Action.

This document describes Pilot Action included in D.T4.2.1 and performed by PP7 WEIZ in TARGET-CE project.

2. Pilot Action Statement

The overall objective of the W.E.I.Z. pilot actions was to realise a replicable system for energy monitoring and management in public buildings and to generate a database which unites different source of energy data within the municipality (electrical and heating data, constructional data, mobility data, data for RES, etc.) so that all data can be accessible and updated regularly and presented in an easy and descriptive way to city officials and simplify the work of city and energy planners. The original scope of the database could not be realised within the projects budget, but the database was constructed in a modular way so that additional functionalities can be added to the database. Within the project the realisation of the data collection for energy data on building level was implemented so that new and/or updated data can be included easily into the system.

3. Pilot Action Objectives

In Weiz several pilot actions were implemented. Detailed building and energy-related data of the three pilot (public office) buildings (W.E.I.Z. 1 to 3) was implemented into the BOOSTEE-CE 3D Energy Management System (3DEMS). Also (not so detailed) building and energy-related data from almost every building in the city of Weiz was provided as input for the 3DEMS so that data can be accessed by the public and public authorities to analyse the relevant energy data within a building, a local area or the municipality included in the system. This data provides a valuable overview of the city's energy data and helps city and energy planners to develop detailed and specifically adapted plans in the future.

Another pilot action implemented in the W.E.I.Z. pilot buildings was the living EPC tool on how to reach near zero emission in public buildings (NZEB) with specific measures. Therefore, the building data of the three pilot buildings was input into the online tool and then based on these data automatically generated measures on how to reach NZEB-status with the approximate costs. As the three W.E.I.Z. pilot buildings are relatively new (the oldest building W.E.I.Z. I is just 20 years old) and were already built in a very energy efficient style the living EPC tool could not find measures to improve the pilot buildings.

The goal of the pilot actions was to improve energy efficiency in the 3 pilot buildings by additionally implementing a energy management system that monitors energy production and consumption to increase the autarky rate of the pilot buildings. Also, the energy data of the buildings in the municipality of Weiz provided for the 3DEMS was expanded into a pilot action energy and data platform.





3.1 Objective scope and targets values

The objective of the pilot actions is to improve the energy efficiency in public buildings and decrease obstacles for doing so.

One part of this objective is to monitor the energy consumption and production and based on this data improve energy usage. For example, optimise the use of renewable energy sources, as public buildings are operated generally in the daytime when energy from renewable energy sources is highest. To include a monitoring system for all public buildings within the municipality, which can improve energy efficiency, could be a convincing argument for local public authorities to implement such systems.

The second big objective of the pilot actions is the realisation of an energy database which collects data from different sources and unites them into one general platform. This platform was programmed by a technical expert who will monitor and oversee the use and can implement additional features regarding e.g., electromobility, parking, public transport, and others. This system should be used by the responsible staff of the municipality (building authority, office for mobility, district heating, and so on) so the database is always up to date.

Objective	Target indicator	Method of measurement and validation
Improve energy efficiency in the three W.E.I.Z. pilot buildings	Implementation of an energy monitoring system that includes energy production and consumption and energy flow	Measuring overall data consumption with comparison to previous periods Input building data into the living EPC tool to see if measures to increase the building standard are necessary
Summarise all relevant energy data of buildings within the area of the municipality of Weiz	As this is a continuous process the target is to update the database on regularly (at least once every period) and to instruct the responsible personnel within the municipality to keep data up to date	Summarise and compare provided energy related data and train the responsible personnel within the municipality in using the database

3.2 Target indicators

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4. Pilot Action description

The relevant energy data (status quo) of the three pilot buildings was already described in detail in the deliverable D.T4.1.2 and the according appendix. To implement the energy management system a technical expert installed measuring equipment and programmed an interface in which measured data is visualised, and historic data stored.

Also, the preparation of the building and energy data for all the buildings in the Weiz municipality which were included in the 3DEMS and the Weiz pilot action energy database had to be done.

4.1 Business-as-usual

As the pilot buildings were already built in a very energy efficient way and are relatively new (the oldest building is 20 years old) constructional improvements are/were not yet necessary. But without the implemented energy management system, the use of the already implemented renewable energy sources and storage capacities cannot be optimally used in the three pilot buildings.

Without the second implemented pilot action implemented the collection of energy related data on the buildings in the municipality of Weiz would be very time and resource consuming. Several different departments are involved, and they use different datasets (with different measuring units, nomenclatures, and so on) which have to be integrated into one general system database. Also, the tracking of changes (conversion of heating systems, electricity consumption) cannot be done efficiently, if at all, and therefore the historical development of the data over time cannot be demonstrated.

4.2 Action and development scenario

For the implemented pilot actions detailed building data for the three pilot buildings had to be collected (energy certificates, already implemented measuring systems and energy management tools). Also, for the use of the 3DEMS geospatial, energy and general building data had to be collected. Based on this collected data the additional pilot actions (energy management system for the three pilot buildings and energy database for all Weiz buildings) were implemented by external experts (technician and programmer) and are in use.

The technician had to install additional measuring instruments for the three pilot buildings and create a visualisation (Figure 1) and management system. Building management received training on the system.







Figure 1: Visualization of the energy management system

In coordination with the Target-CE project team and members of other departments (GIS-System representative, district heating, building authority) the programmer developed a basic database system with login and import functionality so employees of the municipality can input/update/edit building data in the database. Data can be visualized in table format for the whole database (Figure 2), data on single building level (Figure 3) and tracks changes of data (Figure 4). The imported data has to be checked for plausibility by an inhouse expert and after that the data is accepted by the system. This database can also be extended with additional functionalities. The programmed system is also built for replicability so that other municipalities or public authorities can adopt it for their area/region, provided the necessary data is available.





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Figure 2: Database with all Weiz buildings (and according building and energy data)

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Figure 3: Data of single building (information on heating, consumption, ...)





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Figure 4: Tracking of data history (consumption, change of heating system, renovation, ...)

4.3 Time schedule and milestones

	BOOSTEE-CE, Living EPC Tool (eCentral)							
No.	Phase	hase Phase description		End of phase	Resources needed			
1.	Data collection	Collection of data to be implemented	April 2020	September 2020	Internal expert			
2.	Planning of PA's Designing a monitoring in pilot buildings system for the PA buildings		September 2020	December 2020	Internal & External Expert			
3	Input data into Living EPC tool	Data collection and input of Pilot building data into Living EPC tool	December 2020	March 2021	Internal Expert			
4	Selection of external expert by public procurement to purchase the equipment and install it in the chosen buildings	Installation and implementation phase for the PA monitoring system	December 2020	December 2021	External Expert			

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5	Selection of external expert by public procurement to implement the energy database for the buildings of the municipality Weiz	Programming the energy database and importing already collected energy data (preparing the database to be expanded with other energy, spatial data or other relevant inputs)	March 2021	March 2022	External Expert
	Weiz				

5. Pilot Action imported solutions

No.	Name of building	Type of building (school, public utility ect.)	Tools used in PA	Scope of tool usage (what will be done by using the tool (training, visualizations, behavior change ect.)
1	W.E.I.Z. 1	office building / tertiary building	 BOOSTEE-CE eCentral Living EPC Tool CitiEnGov Energy Dashboard 	 Visualisation and query of energy audits evaluation of NZEB status (and measures to implement) Implementation of building data into 3DEMS
2	W.E.I.Z. 2	office building / tertiary building	- BOOSTEE-CE - eCentral Living EPC Tool - CitiEnGov Energy Dashboard	 Visualisation and query of energy audits evaluation of NZEB status (and measures to implement) Implementation of building data into 3DEMS
3	W.E.I.Z. 3	office building / educational building	 BOOSTEE-CE eCentral Living EPC Tool CitiEnGov Energy Dashboard 	 Visualisation and query of energy audits evaluation of NZEB status (and measures to implement) Implementation of building data into 3DEMS





4	W.E.I.Z. 1, 2 & 3	Office building complex	- energy management system	The energy management system measures, collects and visualizes energy production and consumption of the three pilot buildings and provides an overview of the necessary improvements on the energy management and the use of RES and storage systems
5	All buildings of Weiz municipalit y	All types of buildings	- Based on the CitiEnGov Energy Dashboard	Collecting all relevant energy (and other) data on buildings from different departments of the city to provide a single platform with all data which can be updated regularly and provides the possibility to generate historical data in changes in energy data occurred

6. Pilot Action barriers

Colleting relevant energy related data, especially for private buildings, is difficult and time and resource consuming. The creation of a database that can be used by all relevant actors (authorities, energy planners, etc.) therefore offers a simple solution in which the data is kept up to date and changes can also be tracked over time. This provides new possibilities for energy planning (identify possibilities for renewable energy sources and improvements for decreasing green house emissions within one simple tool). Public awareness could also be improved through simple, graphically prepared data showing problems and potentials. The possibility of transferring the database solution to other areas/regions also offers comparability among each other and could lead to a competitive situation in which the regions want to outperform each other.

The benefits of an energy management system in public buildings can be shown through the implementation in the three pilot buildings. Although the three pilot buildings already had measuring devices in place and therefor investment costs where minimal, simple monitoring systems and devices are not unaffordable and can help provide necessary change in the use of energy in public buildings.

7. Pilot Action Monitoring

For the implementation of the energy database there is no monitoring phase planned as the relevant energy and building data is constantly changing. But as data has to be updated regularly to guarantee that the database can provide added value for the public authority and other stakeholders, the responsible persons from the different departments (office for environment and mobility, building office, etc.) should include/update new data regularly (at least every year). This should be monitored and, if necessary, reminders to perform the tasks send to all responsible parties.





The monitoring of the energy management system in the three W.E.I.Z. pilot buildings was delayed as the installation of the necessary equipment was delayed a few months due to Covid-19 restrictions and concluded in May 2021. The monitoring and evaluation phase are therefore shortened and comparability with the detailed data in the same timeframe, for example March 2021 vs. March 2022, is not given and therefore significant changes cannot be shown. Although the relevant date cannot be provided (yet) the implemented system already shows that the consumption of self-produce energy (through different RES) was already increased and therefor less energy from the grid was consumed. Provided that this energy saving can be proven by statistical data, it would be easier to convince the authorities to introduce energy management systems in more public buildings (if the possibility exists).

8. Conclusions

The capitalized tools within the Target-CE project (eCentral Living EPC tool & BOOSTEE-CE 3DEMS) and the modified pilot actions (energy management system & energy database) have proven that, if adapted to the needs of the pilots, can increase energy efficiency.

The living EPC, although could not find measures to improve the W.E.I.Z. pilot buildings, is a good tool which can be extremely helpful in providing at least a summarized data collection of detailed building data and in the best case can provide solutions/simple measures to increase the building standard to nZEB status.

Geospatial data provided by the 3DEMS tool for energy-related data can help authorities and other stakeholders identifying weaknesses and potentials in several areas (potentials for district heating, unused PV potentials, etc.).

The two additional pilot actions developed for Weiz (the energy management system for the pilot buildings and the building & energy database) can be very useful in the future to convince public authorities to improve energy efficiency in public buildings (through the implementation of other energy management systems) and help city planers and other relevant stakeholders (Identifying and mitigating weaknesses and exploiting previously unused potentials). Also, in the case of the building & energy database, reusability in other areas/regions, with small adaptions, should easily be possible which could lead to a competitiveness between regions/municipalities and therefore increase sustainability of implemented solutions.