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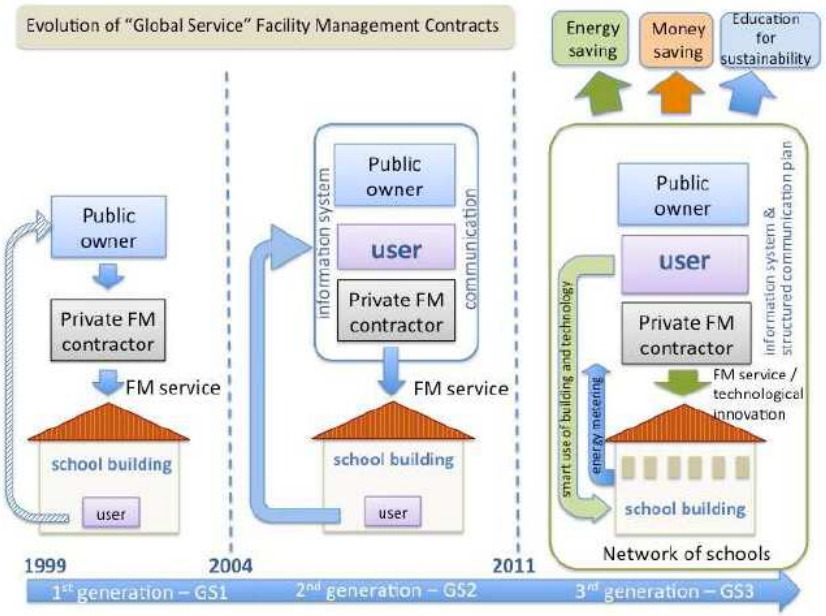
PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Antecedents and New Ambitions

Improving energy efficiency targets through the effective promotion of **behavioural change** in a building's occupants and visitors has been (and still is) a key challenge for energy managers and building owners alike. The first step in that direction is to start involving building users more and more actively in **virtuous energy management practices**. This is by no means enough, however. In fact, reality shows that the efficiency gains achieved through **interaction between human beings and smart metering technologies** are hardly permanent, if detectable at all. Leveraging on the positive fallout of the **Green Schools** experience in the province of Treviso, Italy, the new Interreg CE project **TOGETHER** has the ambitious goal of delivering sound and replicable **behavioural based improvements** of the energy performance of **85 public buildings in 8 European cities and regions**.



The "Green Schools" **Living Lab** concept (acknowledged as 7th wave member of the ENoLL, http://www.openlivinglabs.eu/livinglab/green-schools) improves over both the first generation of Global Service models (GS1), where the building user is a passive subject that simply "calls", in case of need, for heating maintenance interventions, and the second generation of these models (GS2), which starts to include the building occupants into a common information and communication system with the building owner and energy managers. Within the GS3 model, **the Facility Management issue is addressed differently: users gain a central role in the planning and execution of energy saving initiatives**.

The TOGETHER project is rooted in the same Living Lab concept, by the successful implementation of which the Province of Treviso – as the owner of about 100 school buildings – has managed to achieve a 20% rebate in its heating and lighting bills, as well as a 2.500 tons/year reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, thanks to a smart combination of technology push, financial pull and educational measures, which will be one of the key project tasks to replicate and enhance.

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TOGETHER GOALS

The three main objectives of the project TOGETHER are:
1. To increase energy efficiency and secure investments, through improved multidisciplinary in-house staff **capacity building of Public Administration** and the establishment of a **system of alliances with the more engaged and motivated building users**;
2. To produce and pilot test the most appropriate combinations of **technical, financial and Demand Side Management tools** for the improvement of the energy performance of public infrastructures;
3. To codify the project outcomes into a comprehensive policy package for a large-scale implementation, bringing **local buildings governance practices to the centre of ambitious energy saving policies**.

PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

The TOGETHER partners are:
- **LP** Province of Treviso (IT)
- **PP2** Energy Agency Vysočiny (CZ)
- **PP3** Maribor University (SI)
- **PP4** City of Zagreb (HR)
- **PP5** Association of Municipalities Polish Network "Energie Cités" (PL)
- **PP6** Municipality of Paks, which took over the South Trans-Danubian Regional Development Agency (HU)
- **PP7** Municipality of the 12th District of Budapest Hegyvidék (HU)
- **PP8** Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SK).

An overview of the 8 project pilots is presented below.

CALL FOR CREATIVE IDEAS

This idea contest will award with 1000 Euros the best set of nine communication slogans and origami subjects to be used for project dissemination.
Deadline is on February 10th, 2017.
More information and the application form can be retrieved here: http://tinyurl.com/gw5fjoo

TRAIN THE TRAINERS IN KRAKOW

On 20-24 February 2017, the TOGETHER partnership will reconvene in Krakow, Poland, for the scheduled **"Train the Trainers" Master Course**. This is aimed at familiarising a selected representation of participant organisations' staff members with the do's and don'ts of energy performance management in public buildings. The methods and tools acquired during four 8-hour classes will help trainees become true leaders of behavioural transformation and promoters of technological innovation in the respective pilot areas.
A dedicated **Call for Training Experts** has been launched to the purpose of selecting the "best brains" and the most available persons to serve this capacity building effort.
For more information please contact: http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/TOGETHER/Search-for-training-experts-in-the-field-of-energy-efficien.html

Pilot #1 LP Treviso, IT

Number of public buildings involved: **20**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **5000 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 63.350**

Pilot #2 PP2 Vysočiny, CZ

Number of public buildings involved: **10**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2500 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 14.226**

Pilot #3 PP3 Maribor, SI

Number of public buildings involved: **7**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2000 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 49.500**

Pilot #4 PP4 Zagreb, HR

Number of public buildings involved: **12**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **3000 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 80.200**

Pilot #5 PP5 Krakow, PL

Number of public buildings involved: **9**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2500 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 46.075**

Pilot #6 PP6 Paks, HU

Number of public buildings involved: **11**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2500 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 68.600**

Pilot #7 PP7 Hegyvidék, HU

Number of public buildings involved: **9**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2500 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 26.200**

Pilot #8 PP8 Bratislava, SK

Number of public buildings involved: **7**
Expected size of engaged communities: approx. **2000 end users**
Budget allocated to purchase smart meters and energy audit kit: **€ 55.300**