

# The European Approach to Decrease Energy Use in Buildings Towards ZEB (Zero Energy Buildings)

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# Energy Demand-Energy Efficiency- Renewable Energy Sources

- **Decrease energy demands (building design)**
- **Increase energy efficiency (HVAC systems)**
- **Increase use of renewable energy sources (wind, solar, geothermal, biomass)**
- New energy sources (fuel cell,fracking)

# Role of the Building Sector in Europe

40 % of EU's energy use

- 36 % of EU's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Cost-effective energy savings potential: ~30 % by 2020
- 9 % of GDP, 8 % of employment and
- €2 trillion annual turnover

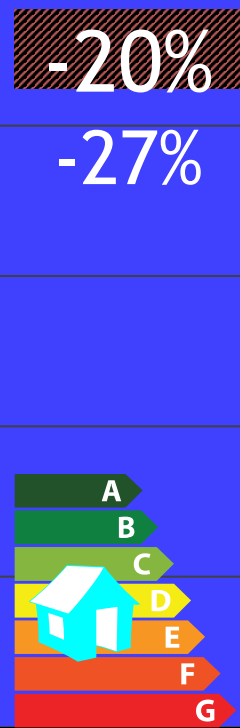


# The 20-20-20 EU policy by 2020

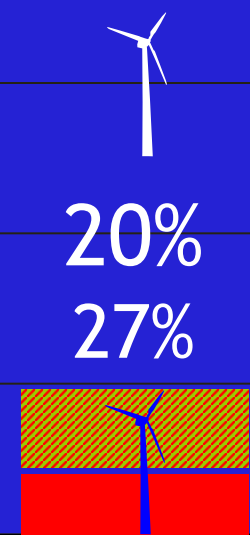
## New policy for 2030 proposed



Greenhouse gas levels



Energy Use

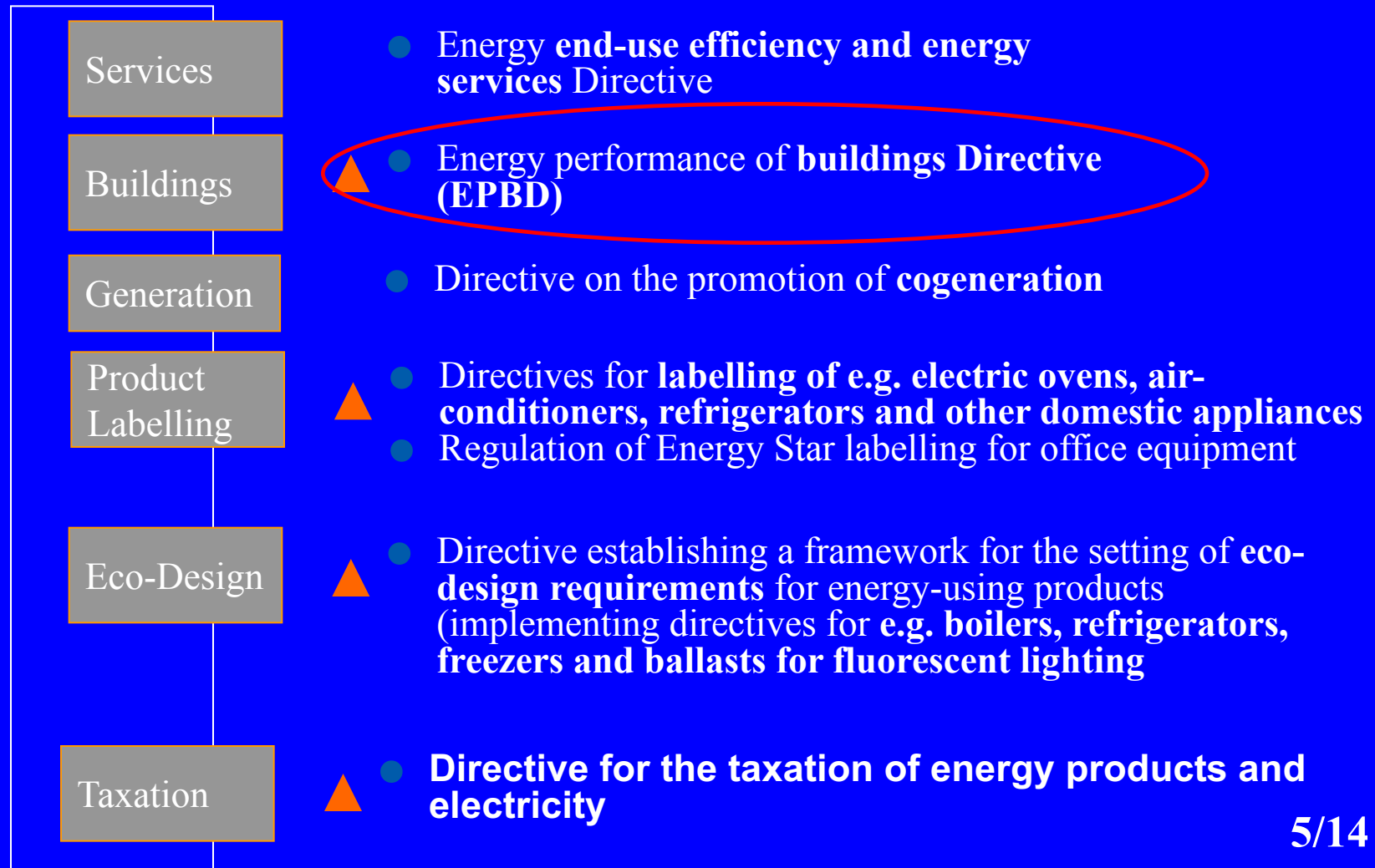


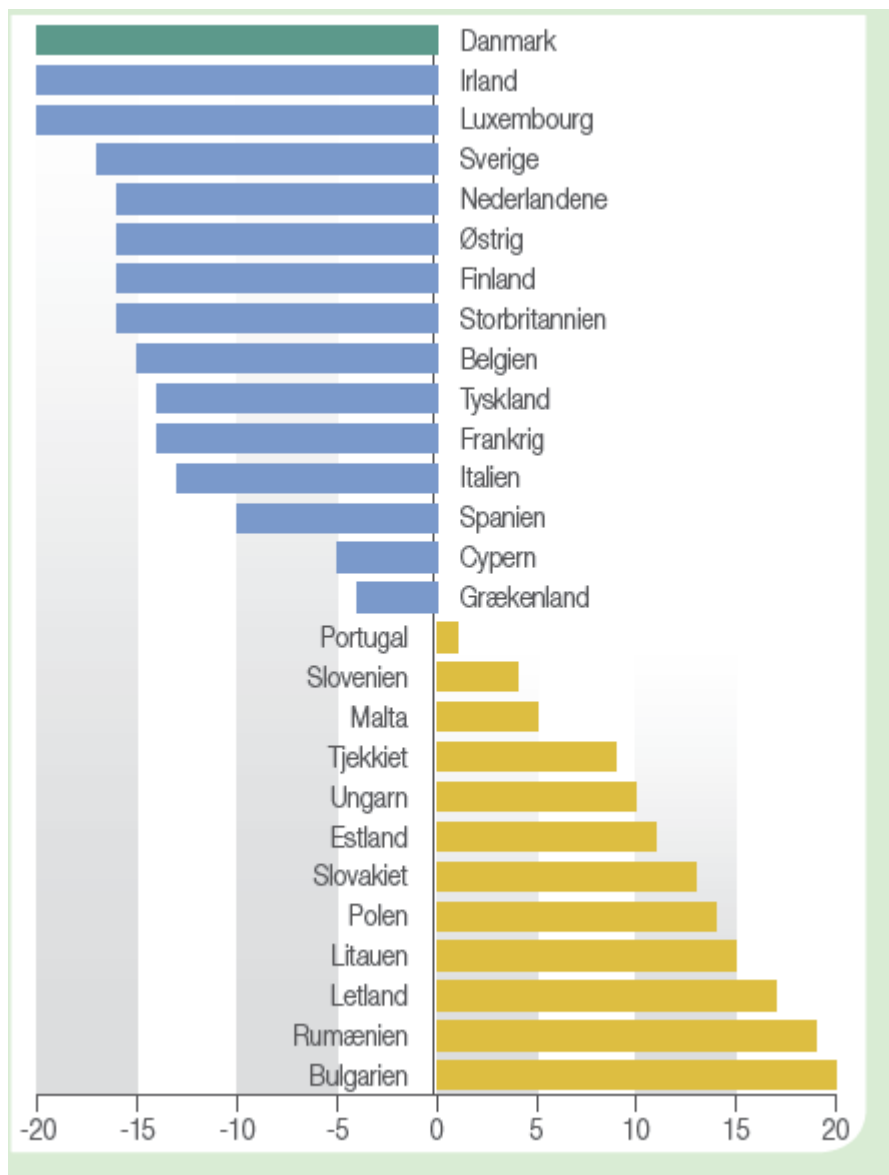
Renewables in energy mix

100%-1990

8,5%

# Comprehensive set of legislation to enhance energy efficiency





Required reductions in  
energy use in European  
countries  
2020 in relation to 2005

**Directive 2009/28/EC (Renewable Energy Directive 2009)  
of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April  
2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from  
renewable sources**

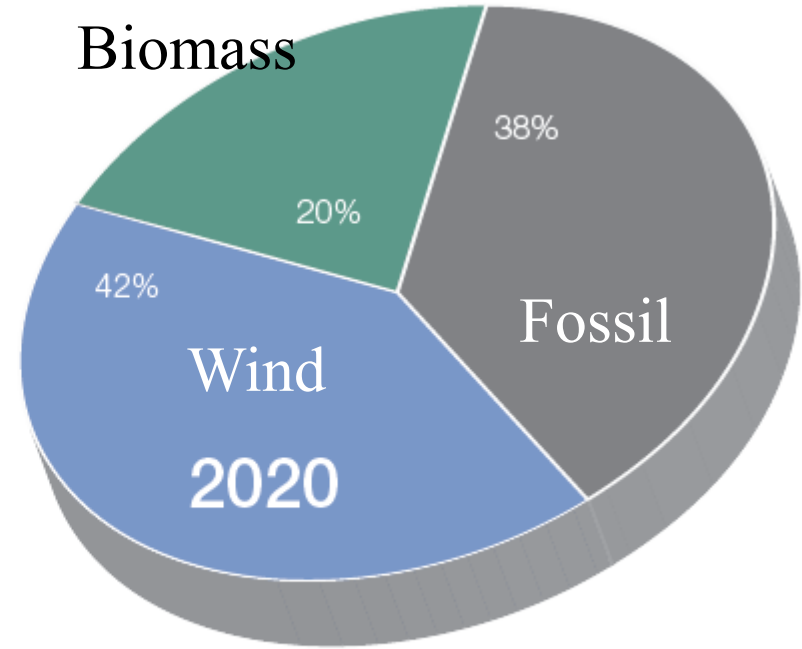
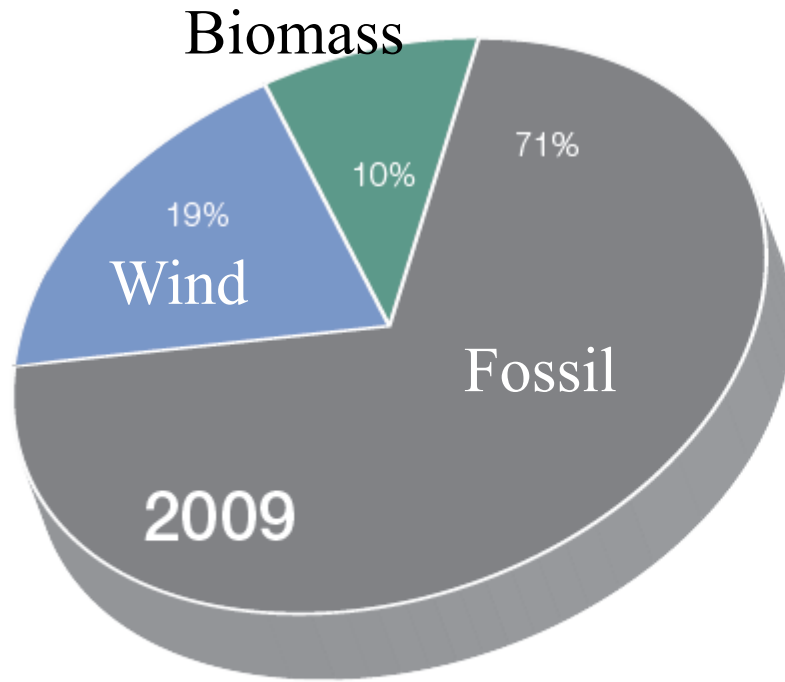
# National overall targets for the share of energy from renewable sources in gross final consumption of energy in 2020

	2005-2020	
Belgium	2,2	13 %
Bulgaria	9,4	16 %
Czech Republic	6,1	13 %
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>17,0</b>	<b>30 %</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>18 %</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>18,0</b>	<b>25 %</b>
Ireland	3,1	16 %
Greece	6,9	18 %
Spain	8,7	20 %
France	10,3	23 %
Italy	5,2	17 %
Cyprus	2,9	13 %
<b>Latvia</b>	<b>32,6</b>	<b>40 %</b>
Lithuania	15,0	23 %
Luxembourg	0,9	11 %

	2005-2020	
• Hungary	4,3 %	13 %
• Malta	0,0 %	10 %
• Netherlands	2,4 %	14 %
• <b>Austria</b>	<b>23,3 %</b>	<b>34 %</b>
• Poland	7,2 %	15 %
• Portugal	20,5 %	31 %
• Romania	17,8 %	24 %
• Slovenia	16,0 %	25 %
• Slovak Republic	6,7 %	14 %
• <b>Finland</b>	<b>28,5 %</b>	<b>38 %</b>
• <b>Sweden</b>	<b>39,8 %</b>	<b>49 %</b>
• United Kingdom	1,3 %	15 %



# Part of renewable energy sources (wind and bio-fuel) in power generation in Denmark

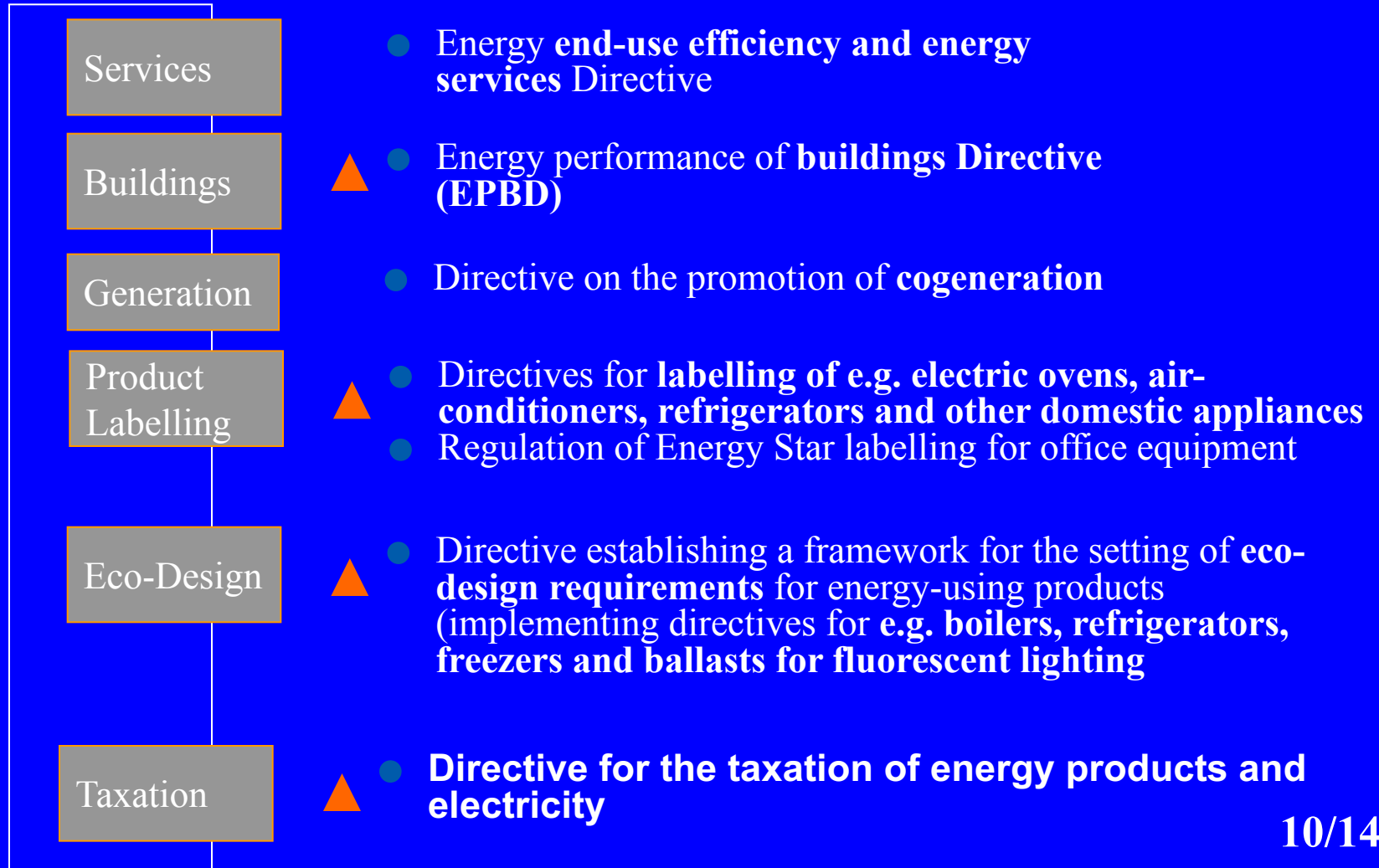


■ Vind ■ Biomasse ■ Fossil energi

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4.2 Andel vedvarende energi i elproduktion 2009 og 2020

# Comprehensive set of legislation to enhance energy efficiency



# Research Program

## Innovation opportunities in Europe

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- ▶ EU RTD and Innovation framework program  
*HORIZON 2020*



### Energy Efficiency

- ▶ Heating and cooling8
- ▶ EE 1 – 2017: Waste heat recovery/heat recycling from urban built spaces (buildings and transport infrastructures) and from urban waste water for district heating networks 9
- ▶ EE 2 – 2017: Demonstration of the applicability of low temperature district heating in areas of buildings with high energy standards 10
- ▶ EE 3 – 2017: Replication of successful approaches for the retrofitting of inefficient district heating networks guaranteeing substantial primary energy savings and efficiency gains 11
- ▶ EE 4 – 2016: Standardised installation packages for the integration of multi-components (hybrid) renewable and energy efficiency solutions including thermal energy storage into buildings 12
- ▶ EE 5 – 2016: Development and demonstration of low-energy heating and cooling systems and of heating and cooling solutions using low and very low temperature resources 13
- ▶ EE 6 – 2016: Models and tools for heating and cooling mapping and planning 14

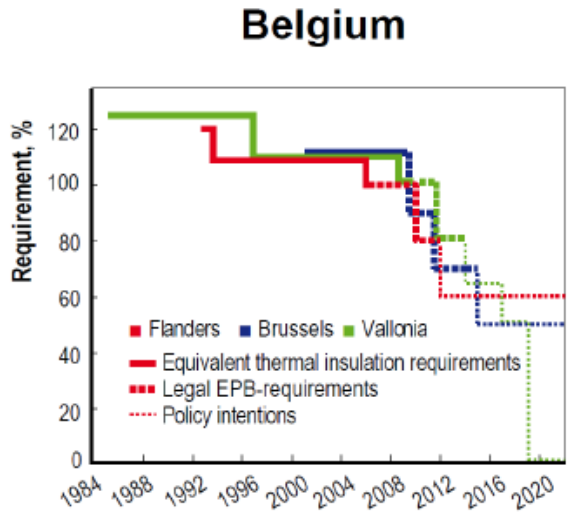
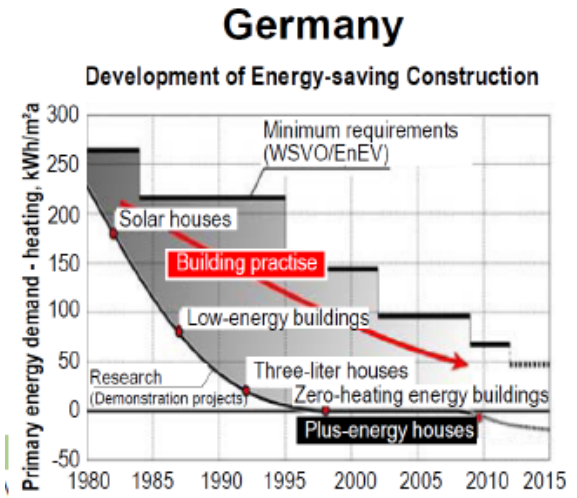
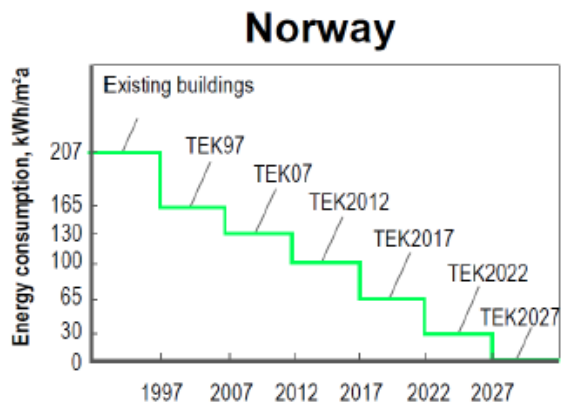
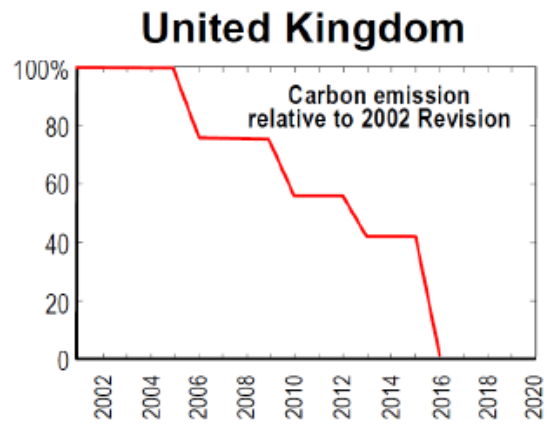
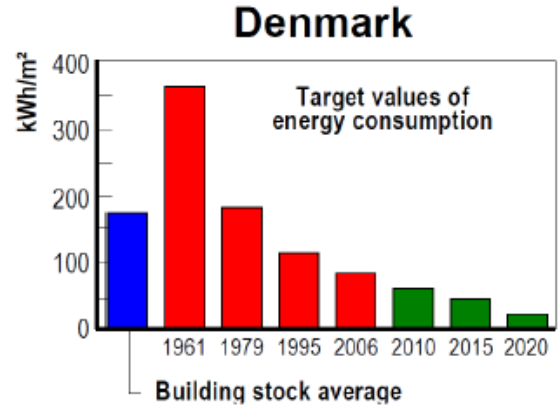
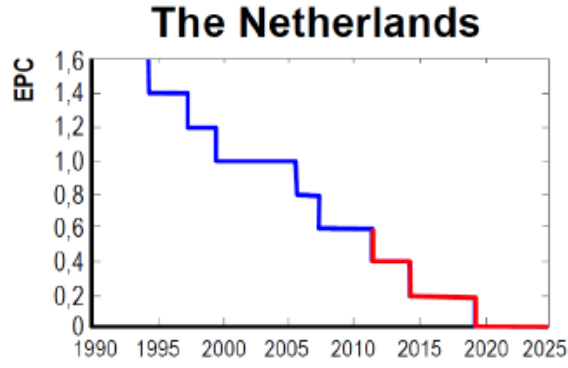
# Energy Performance of Buildings Directive – EPBD (2002/91/EC)

**Requirements - for Member States to specify and implement:**

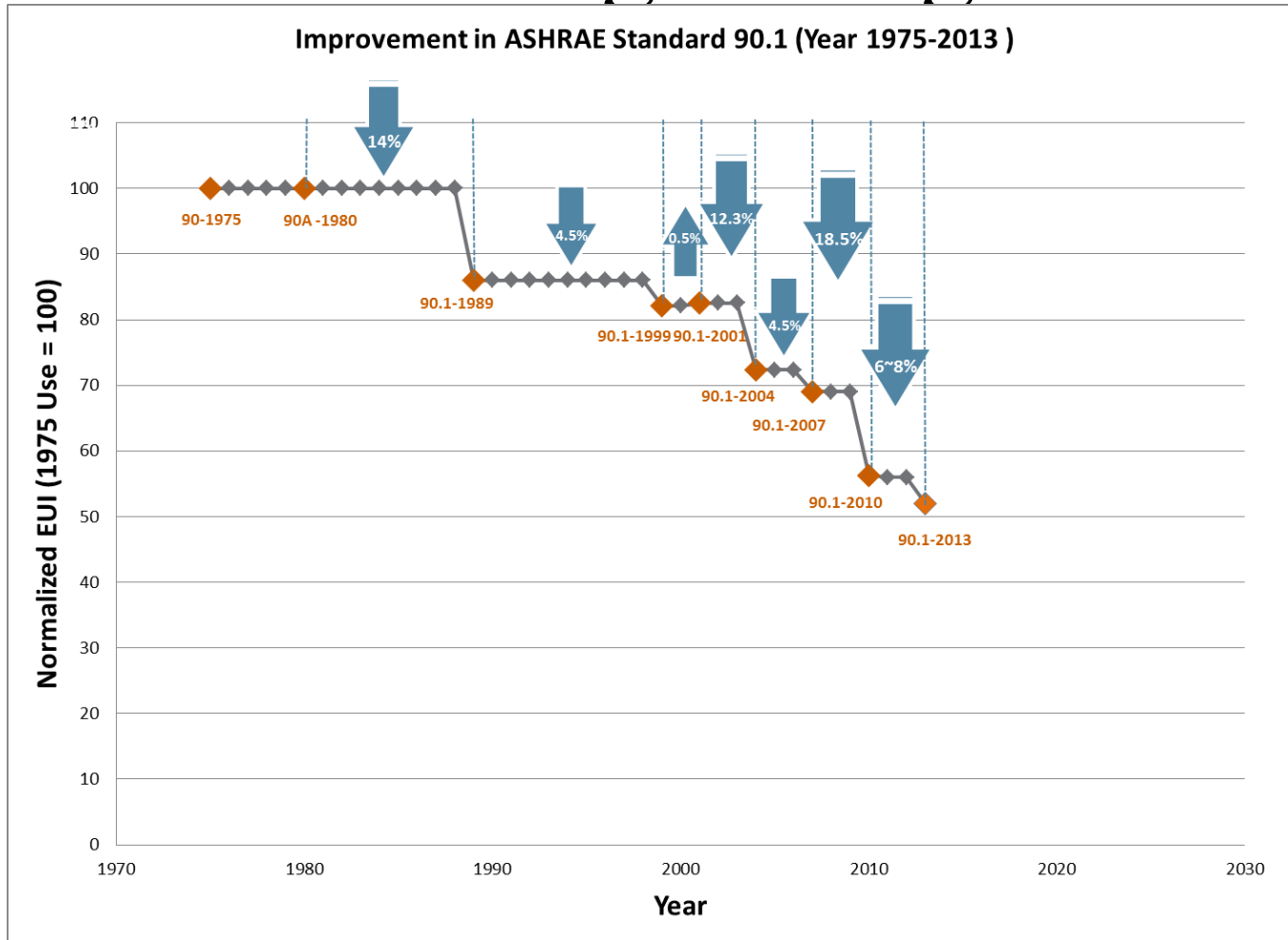
- **An integrated methodology to rate the energy performance of buildings**
- **Minimum energy performance standards for new and for existing buildings that undergo major renovation**
- **Energy performance certificates for buildings**
- **Regular inspections of boilers and air-conditioning systems**



# The effect of building regulations



# Driving Change





# “Nearly zero-energy buildings”

*Article 9: Member States shall ensure, that*

- **After 31 December 2018, new buildings occupied and owned by public authorities** are nearly zero-energy buildings, and;
- **After 31 December 2020 all new** buildings are nearly zero-energy buildings
- **MS shall develop national plans** for increasing the number of nearly zero-energy buildings including a detailed application of the definition in practice
- **MS shall develop policies and take measures** to stimulate refurbishments into nearly zero-energy buildings

**Commission launched a study** end of 2011





# EPBD recast – Nearly zero energy buildings nZEB

- In the directive 'nearly zero-energy building' means a building that has a very high energy performance. The nearly zero or very low amount of energy required should be covered to a very significant extent by energy from renewable sources, including energy from renewable sources produced on-site or nearby.

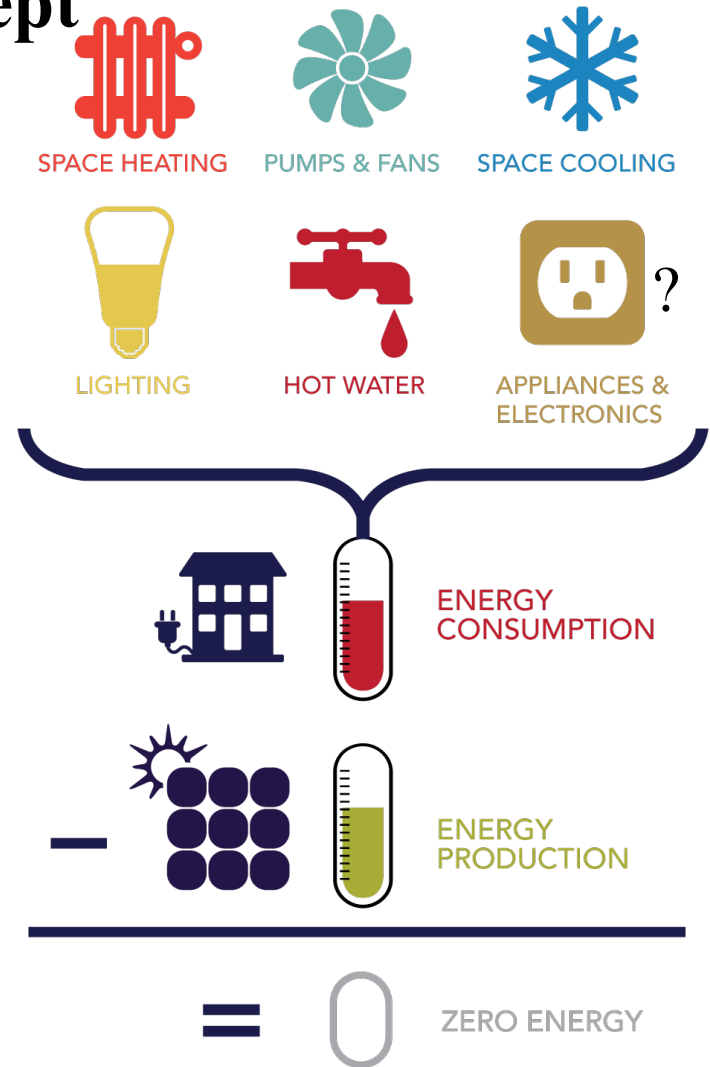
⇒ **nZEB = very high energy performance + on-site renewables**

- Definition of "a very high energy performance" and "significant extent of renewables" let for Member States

# ZEB Concept

Over the course of a year, if the (on-site or source) renewable energy produced  $\geq$  the energy used within the boundary, it is considered a ZEB

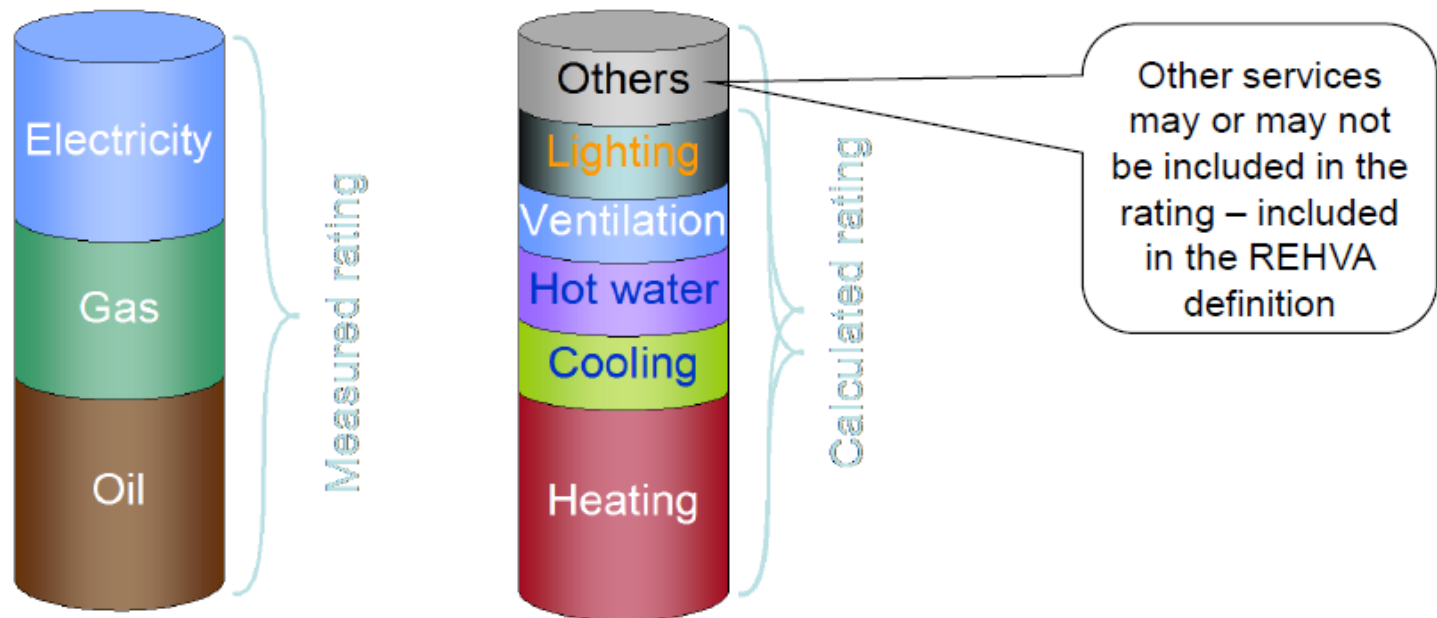
MEASURED FOR 365 DAYS



# EPBD definition for energy performance

EPBD definitions (article 2):

- 'energy performance of a building' means the calculated or measured amount of energy needed to meet the energy demand associated with a typical use of the building, which includes, **inter alia**, energy used for **heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water and lighting**



**Table I.** Primary energy frames for new buildings in Denmark 2006, 2010, 2015 and 2020.

Building Code	Energy frame kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a) BR06	Energy frame kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a) BR10	Energy frame kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a) BR10 - Class 2015	Energy frame kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a) BR10 - Class 2020
Residential	70 + 2200/A	52.5 + 1650/A	30 + 1000/A	20
Non-residential	95 + 2200/A	71.3 + 1650/A	41 + 1000/A	25


**Table II.** Estonian primary energy requirements (VV No 68: 2012), which came into force since 9.1.2013. The requirements and corresponding energy certificate classes are shown in terms of primary energy for three building types out of nine.

	nZEB A kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	Low energy B kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	Min.req. new C (cost opt.) kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	Min.req. maj.ren. D (cost opt.) kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)
Detached houses	50	120	160	210
Apartment buildings	100	120	150	180
Office buildings	100	130	160	210

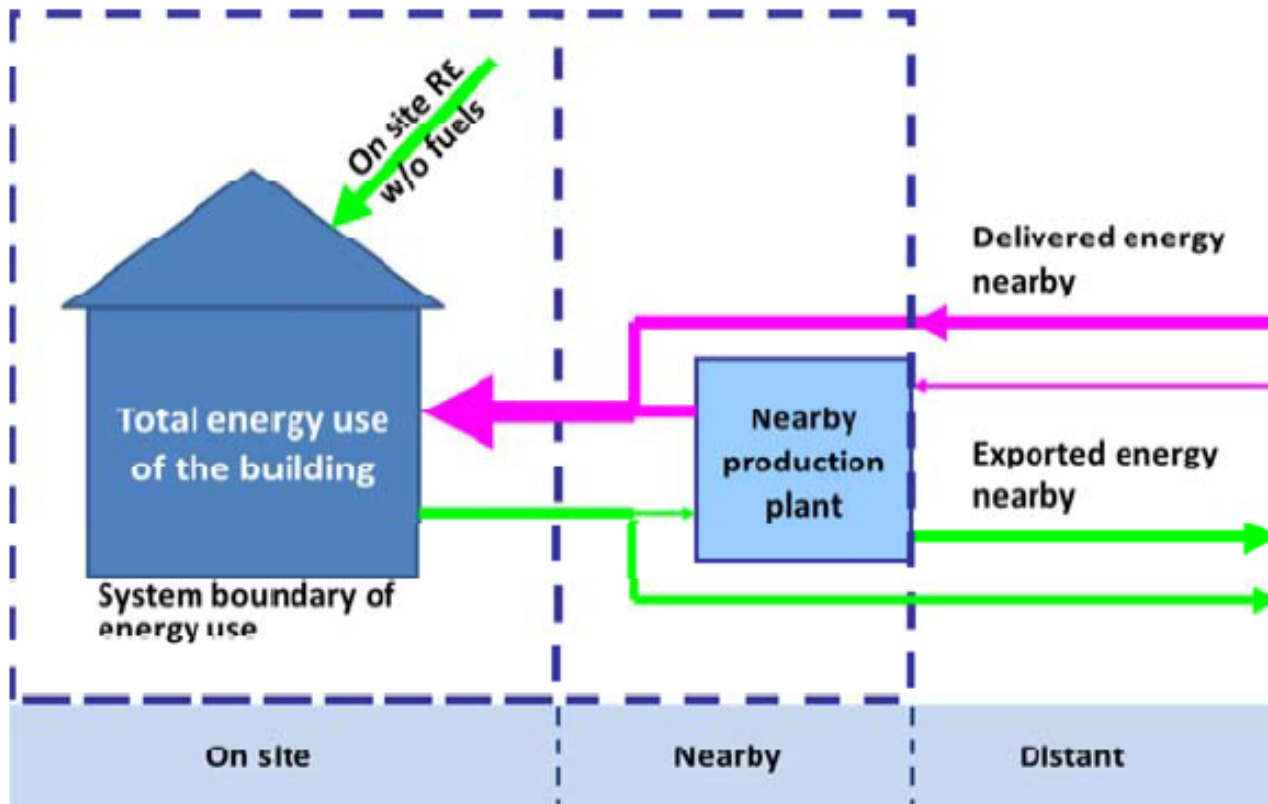
# Future net energy frames for new buildings in Norway

	Energy frame [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> y]					
Building Code	TEK07	TEK10	TEK15 Passive house	TEK20	TEK25	TEK30
Residential (detached house)	135	130	80 (Heating: 15, Cooling: 0, DHW: 30)	nearly ZEB	Intermedia te	Net ZEB
Residential (apartment block)	120	115				
Non-residential (office)	165	150				

# SWEDEN

	Annual energy use for heating, comfort cooling, domestic hot water provision and other shared services in the building (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )			
	Climate zone			
	1 (north Sweden)	2 (middle Sweden)	3 (south Sweden)	
Residential buildings with heating systems other than electric heating	130	110	90	
Residential buildings with electric heating	95	75	55	
Commercial and similar premises with heating systems other than electric heating	120 + 110 x (q - 0,35)	110 + 90 x (q - 0,35)	80 + 70 x (q - 0,35)	
Commercial and similar premises with electric heating	95 + 65 x (q - 0,35)	75 + 55 x (q - 0,35)	55 + 45 x (q - 0,35)	

q is the average specific outdoor air ventilation flow rate during the heating season (l/(s,m<sup>2</sup>)) and is an addition that must be included when the outdoor air flow exceeds 0,35 l/(s,m<sup>2</sup>) in order to maintain required hygienic air quality in temperature-controlled areas. Its maximum permissible value is 1,00 l/(s, m<sup>2</sup>).



**Figure 3.** *Nearby assessment boundary to be used in the case of nearby energy production linked contractually to the building. Compared to on-site assessment boundary, delivered and exported energy flows on-site are replaced by delivered and exported energy flows nearby.*

# The CEN proposal for nZEB: a hurdle race

Start

Arrival

Hurdle 1:  
**Building needs**

Hurdle 2:  
**Building use**  
Total primary energy

Hurdle 3:  
**Building use**  
Non-renewable prim. energy

**nZEB rating**  
Primary energy  
balance

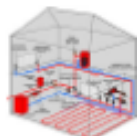


Conditioned space

Technical building systems

Energy carriers

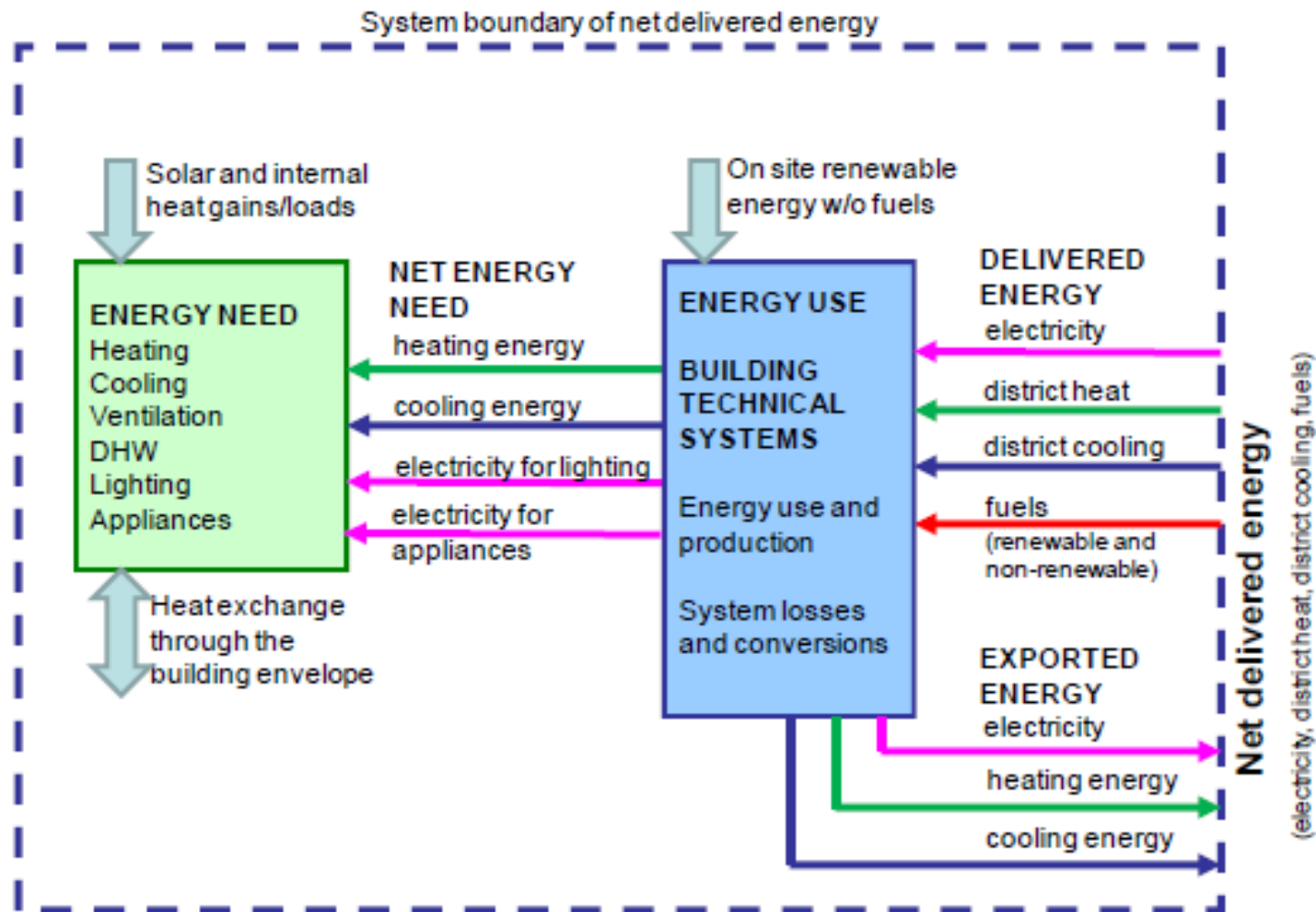
Delivered - Exported



Evolution of assessment boundaries



# nZEB – detailed system boundary



Energy boundary of net delivered energy. The box of "Energy need" refers to rooms in a building and both system boundary lines may be interpreted as the building site boundary.

# Continuity from the product to the system energy performance assessment



## JWG ISO TC 163/ISO TC 205

Holistic approach



## ISO TC 205 (System TC)

Technical Building Systems,  
bldng environment design  
(System loss calculation)

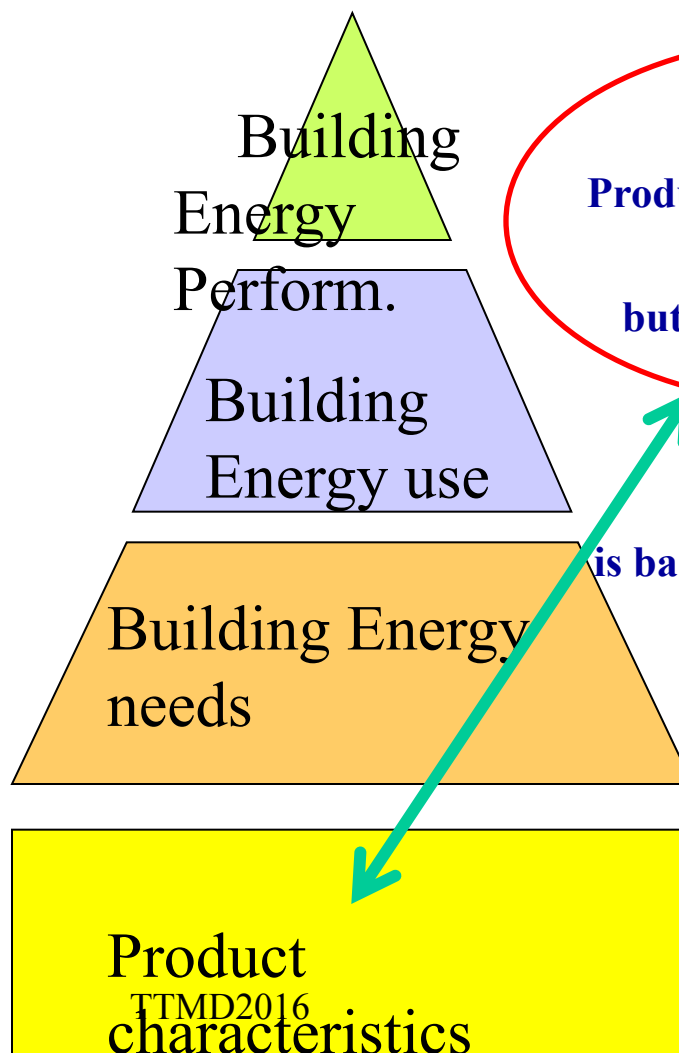


## ISO TC 163 (Building TC)

Bldng energy use, envelope  
characteristics, climatic data  
(Building energy use calculation)



**Product TC's like ISO/TC 86;115;117;  
118; etc.** (Evaluation of product  
characteristics)  
3/25/2016

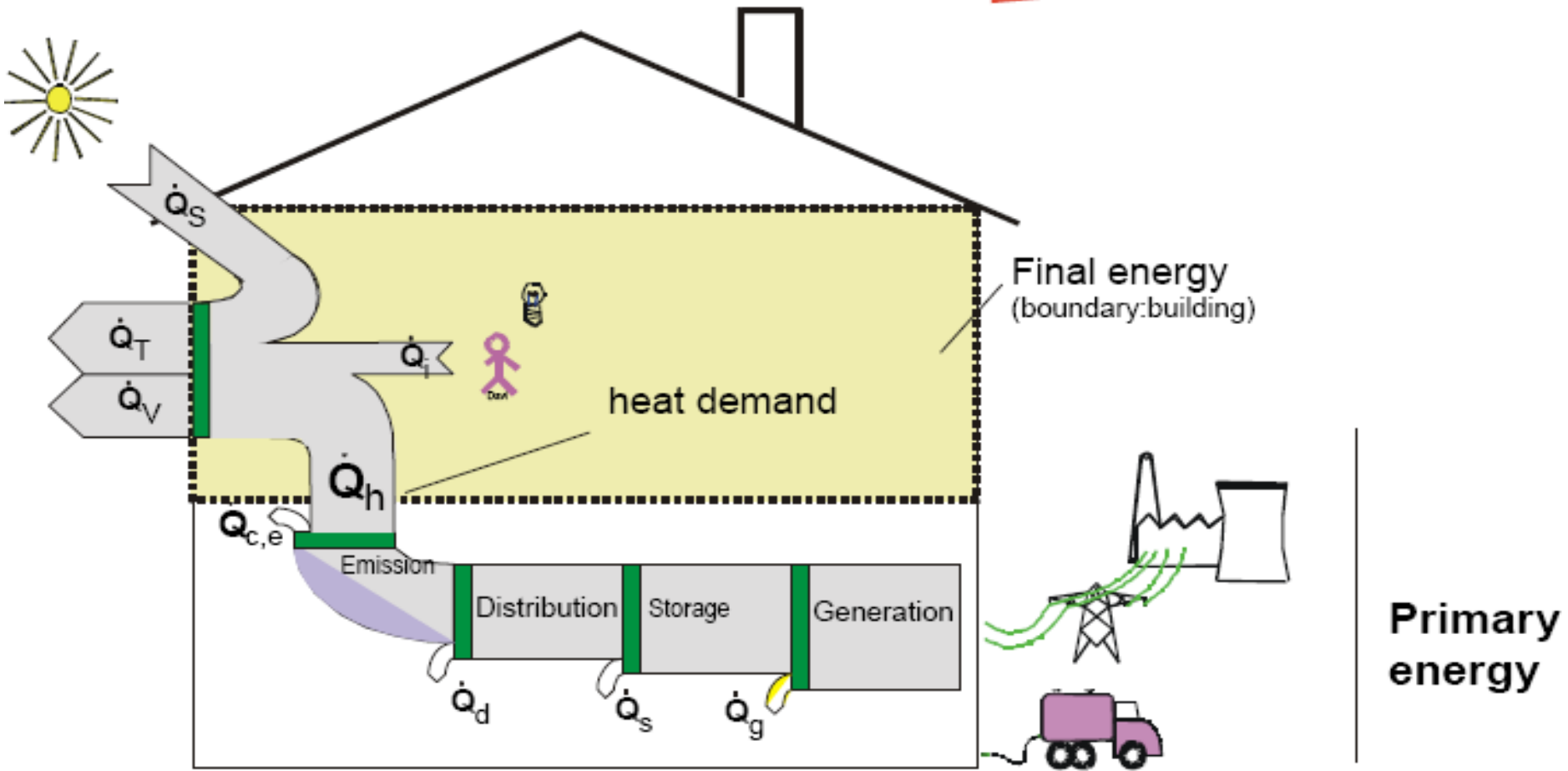


**Product no longer evaluated  
as a product  
but as a part of a system**

**IMPORTANT:  
Holistic approach  
is based on (tested) product  
characteristics**

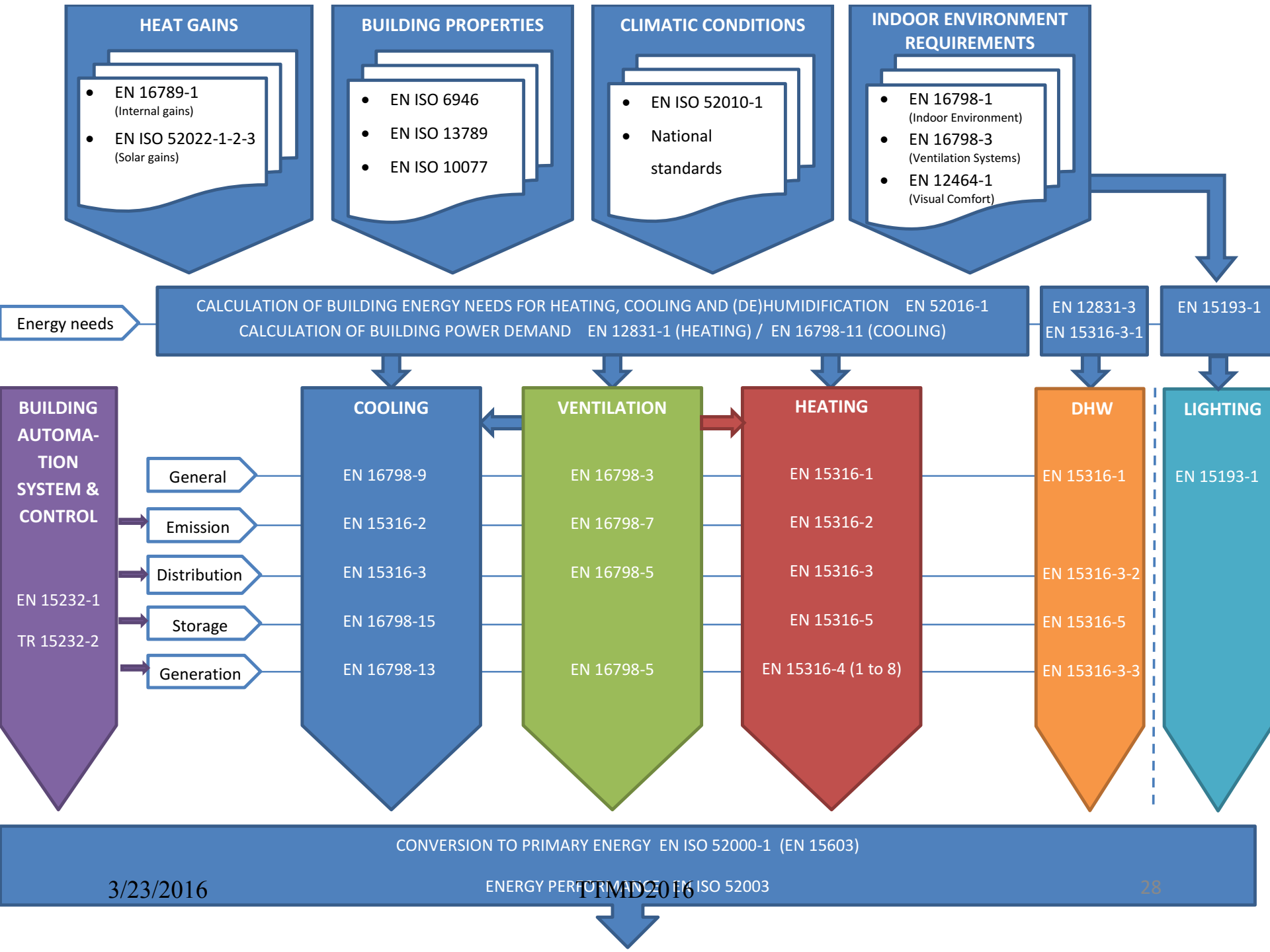
Various  
**CEN**  
product  
TC's like:  
48; 57; 62;

Calculation direction (from the demand to the source)



Energy direction (from the source to the demand)





# Primary energy factors

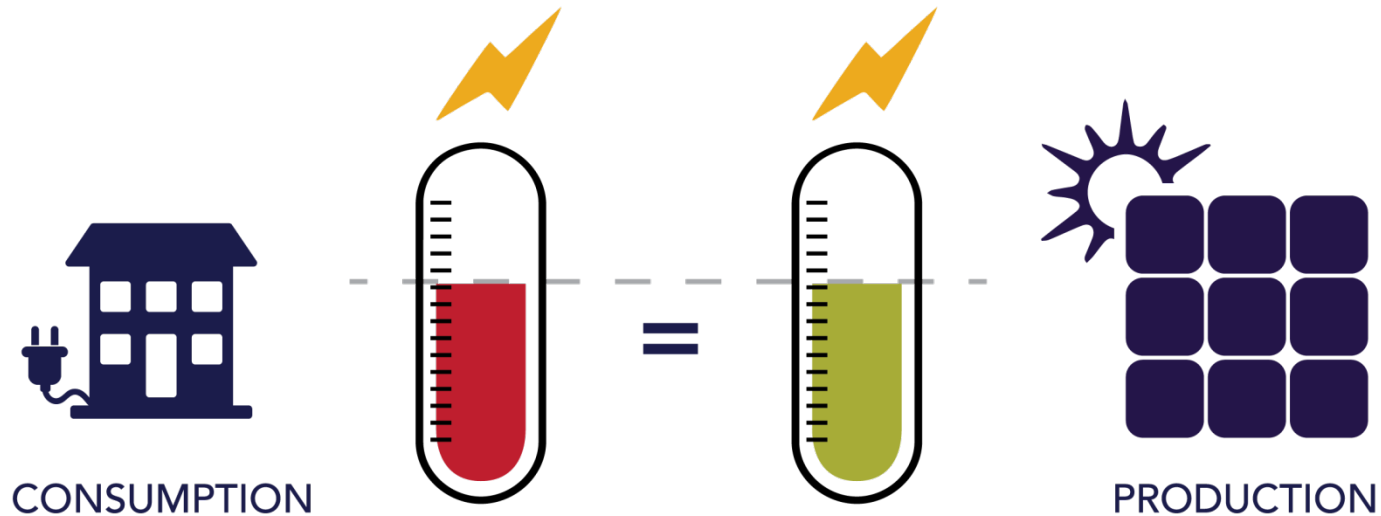
	Energy carrier		$f_{P_{nren}}$		$K_{CO_2e}$ (g/kW h)
Delivered from distant					
1	Fossil fuels	Solid	1,1		360
2		Liquid	1,1		290
3		Gaseous	1,1		220
4	Bio fuels	Solid	0,2		40
5		Liquid	0,5		70
6		Gaseous	0,4		100
7	Electricity		2,3		420
Delivered from nearby					
8	District heating <sup>a)</sup>		1,3		260
9	District cooling		1,3		260
Delivered from on-site					
10	Solar	PV electricity	0		0
11		Thermal	0		0
12	Wind		0		0
13	Environment	Geo-, aero-, hydrothermal	0		0
Exported					
14	Electricity <sup>b)</sup>	Never redelivered	2,3		420
15		Temporary exported and redelivered later	2,3		420
16		To non EPB uses	2,3		420

# ENERGY RETROFIT OF BUILDINGS

- Only 3% new buildings per year
- Requirements
- Incentives
  - Tax cuts
  - Financial support

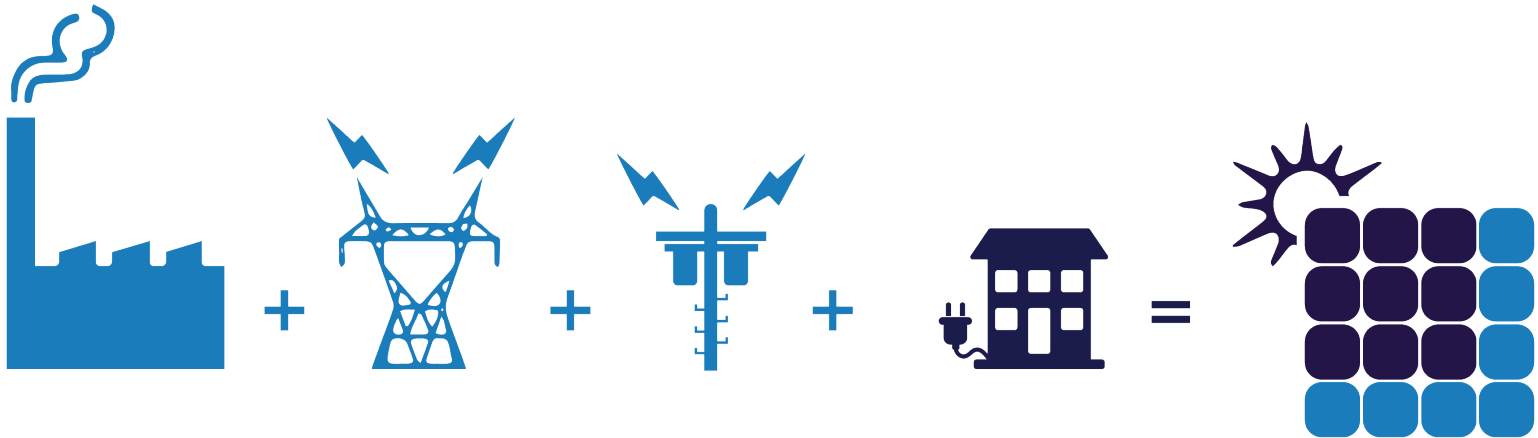
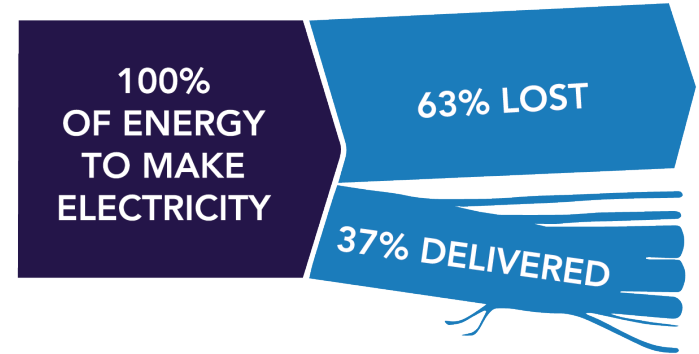
# Site Energy (n)ZEB

A building where the actual annual delivered energy  $\leq$  on-site renewable exported energy as measured at the site.



# Source Energy (n)ZEB

A building where the actual annual delivered energy  $\leq$  on-site renewable exported energy as measured at the building site and converted to source energy.





# Zero Energy Cost Building

A building where the actual annual energy costs are zero.





**Can all buildings balance energy use with  
only on-site renewable energy?**

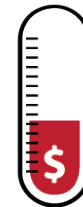
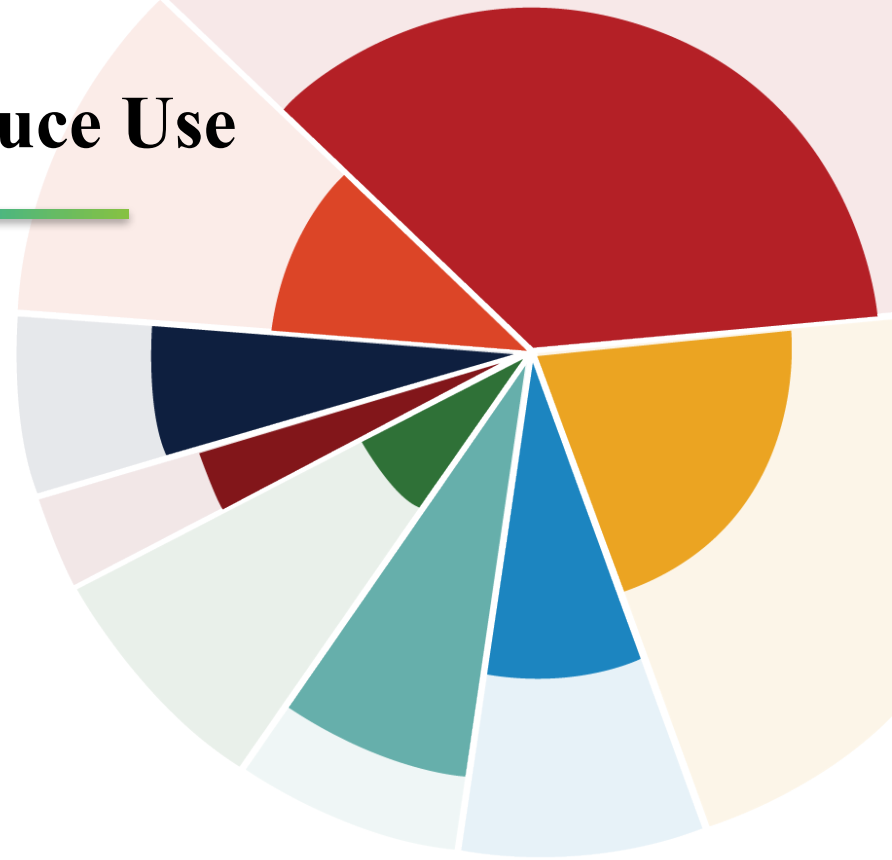
# ISO EN 52000-1

**Energy performance of buildings —  
Overarching EPB assessment —  
Part 1: General framework and procedures**

# Goal 1: Reduce Use

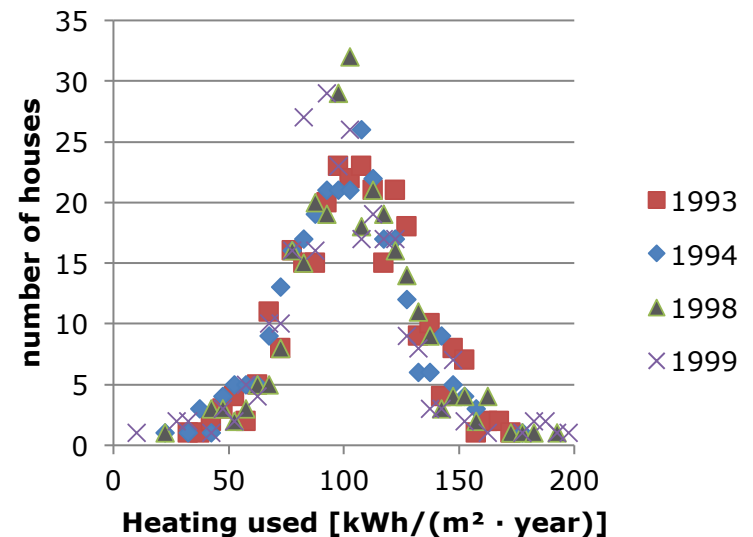
Energy use can be reduced through:

- Efficient building construction
- Passive strategies
- Efficient systems & appliances
- **User behavior**



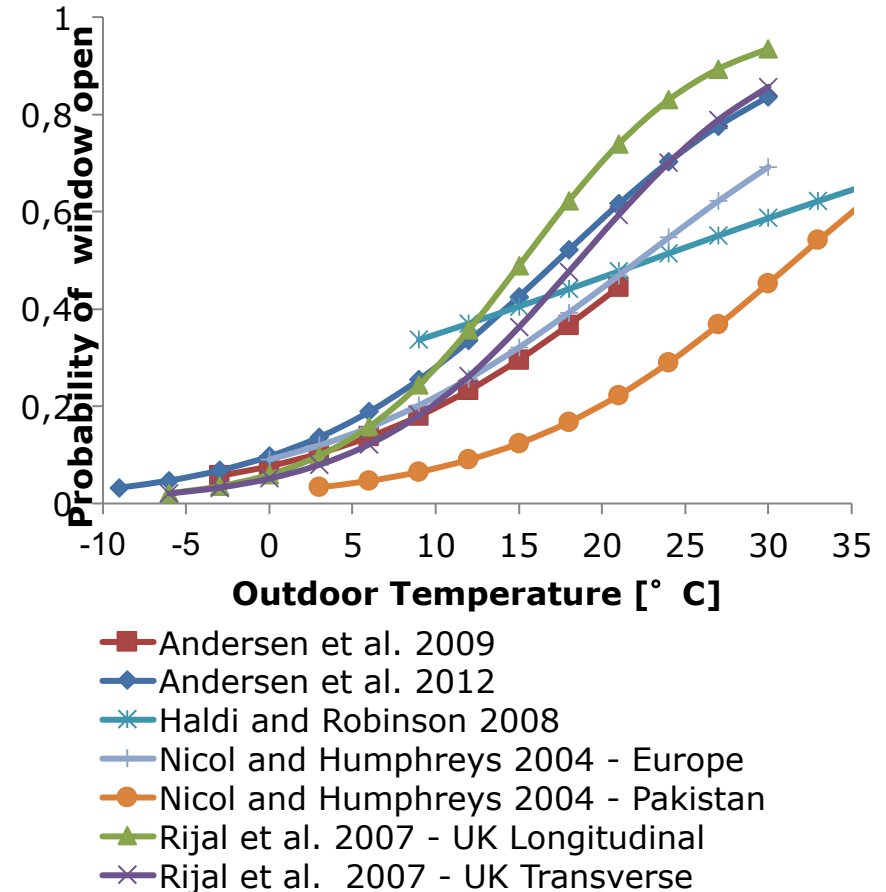
# Investigation of heating used in 290 identical houses\*

- Correction for differences in outer wall area
  - End houses vs. Middle houses
- Highest used up to 20 times higher than lowest
- Stable use distribution over time
- No measurements of indoor environment



# Models of occupants' window opening behaviour

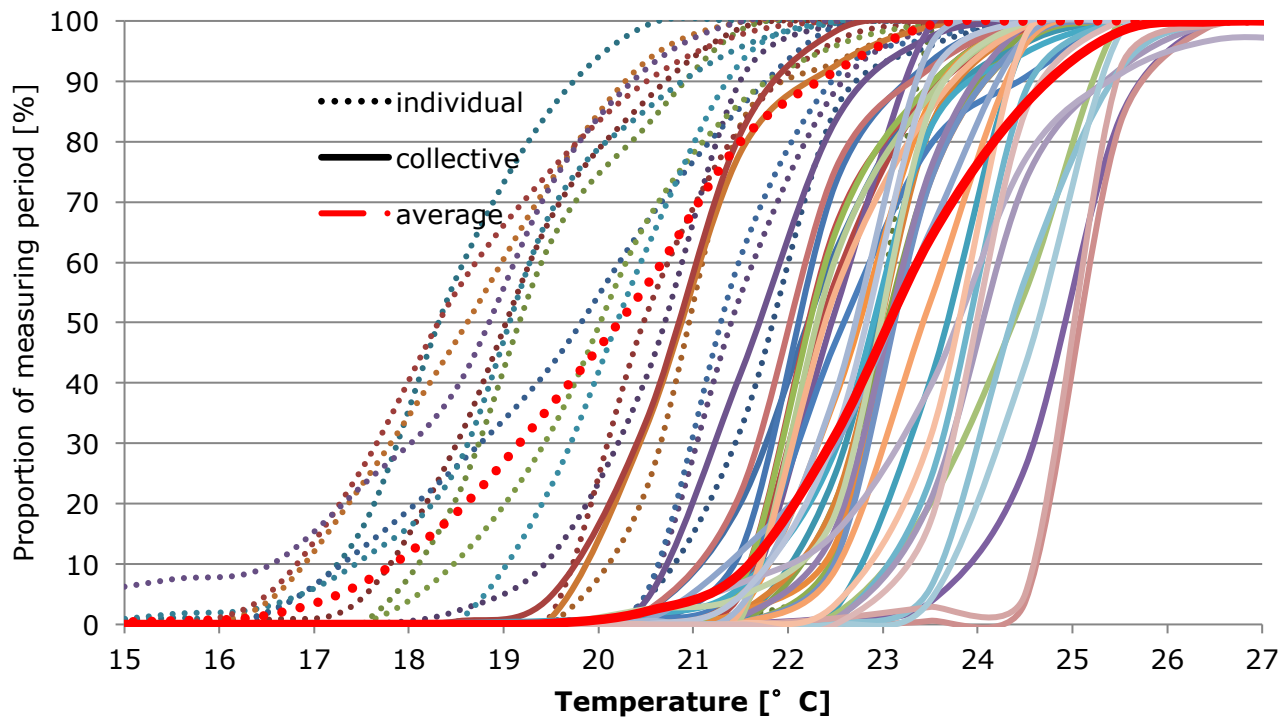
- Many models
- Most, only rely on thermal environment
  - Is that enough?
  - Which one should I use?
- Lack of validation
- Lack of validation methods



# Shared or individual heating cost

Interviews of 10 residents

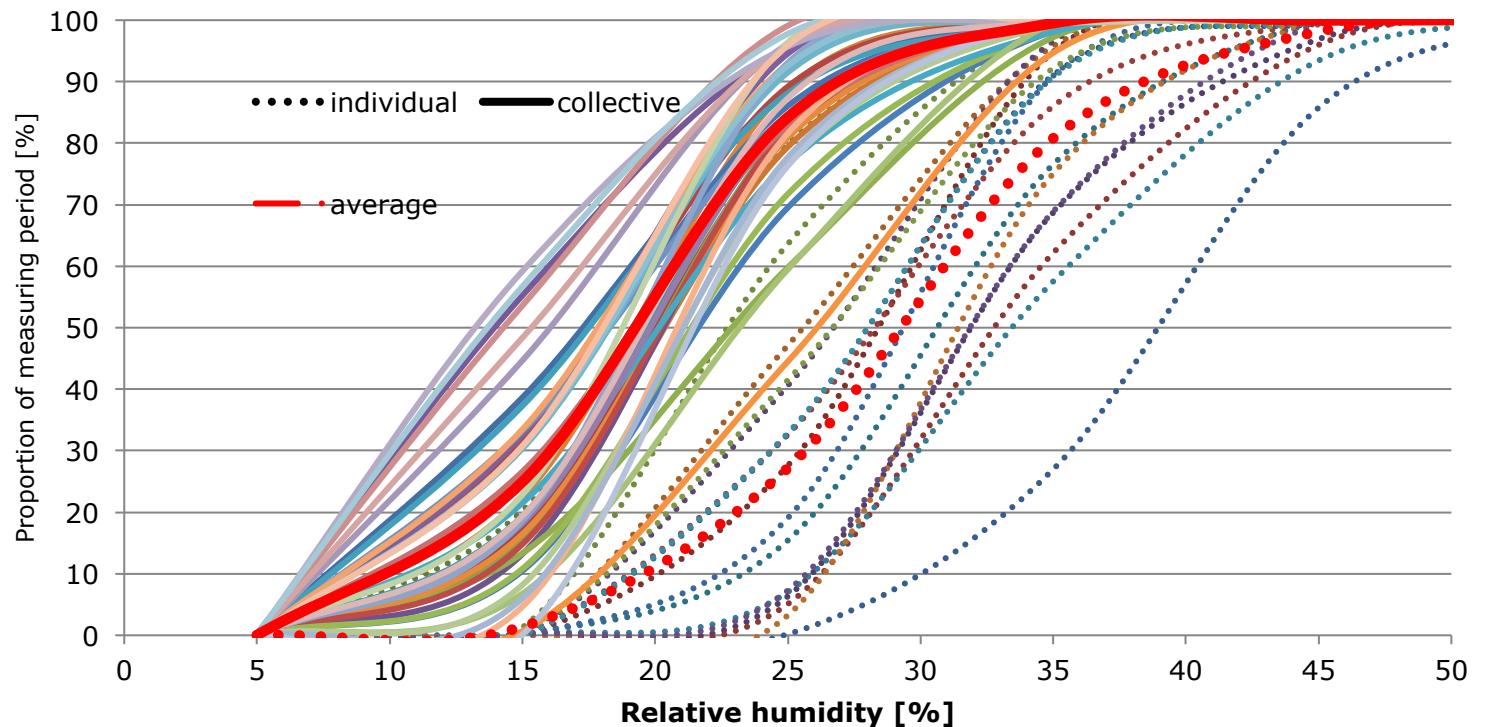
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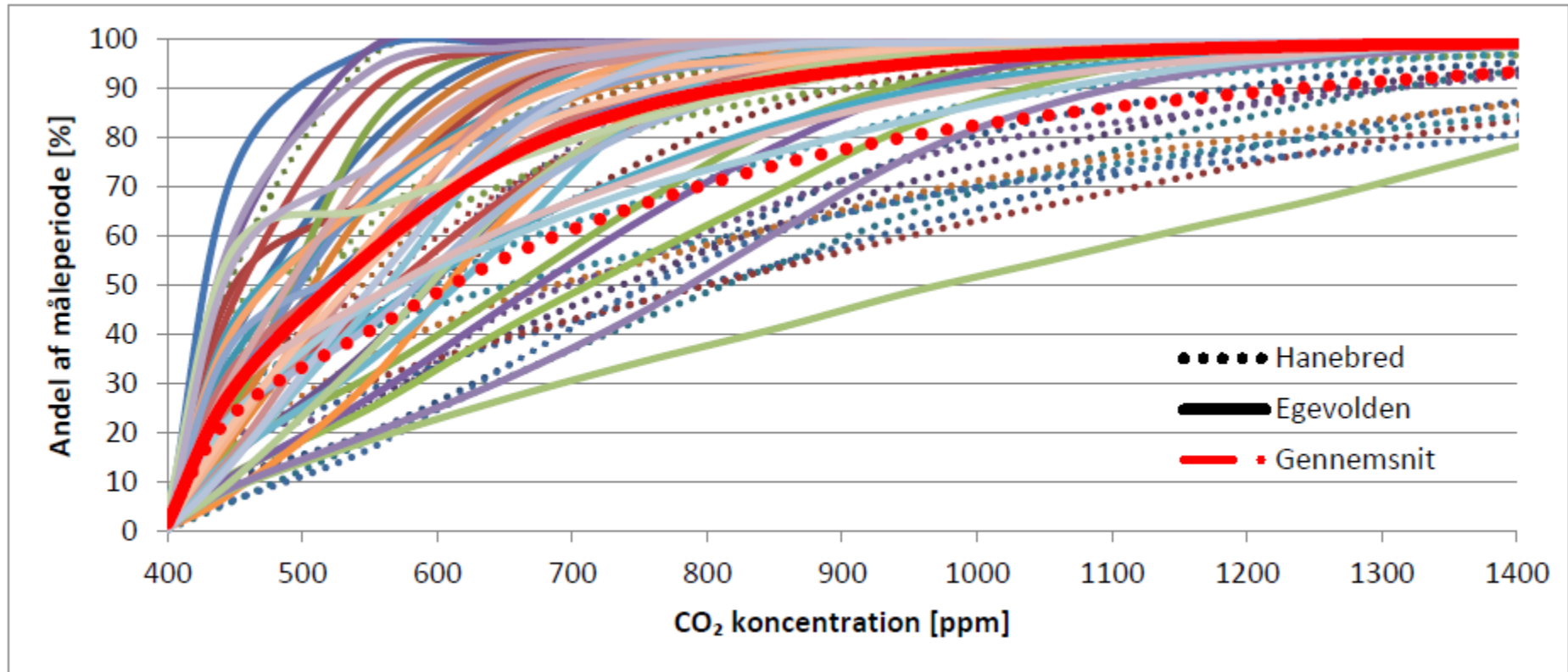
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# From deterministic to stochastic modelling

Stochastic models

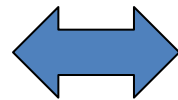
Window opening

Heating set-points

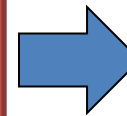
Cooling set-points

lighting

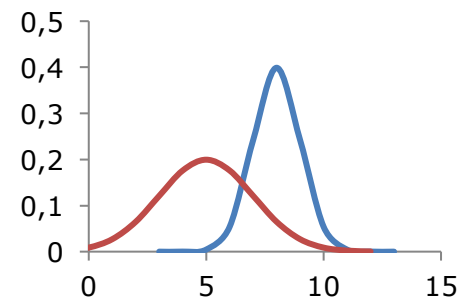
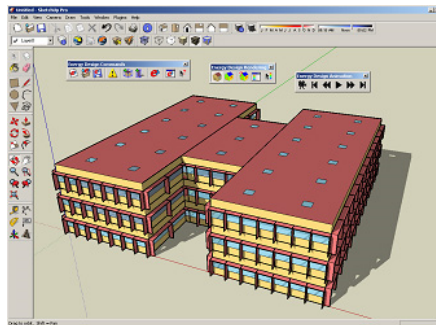
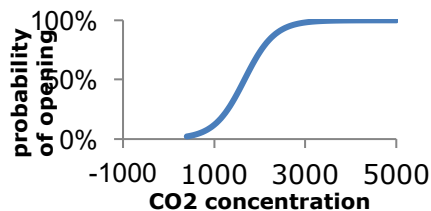
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Deterministic model of physical aspects



Probability distribution of performance indicators



# Energy Efficient Technologies

- Indoor air quality
  - Reduce loads (pollution sources)
  - Heat recovery
  - Increase system efficiency
  - Natural ventilation-Hybrid ventilation
  - Air distribution (contaminant removal) effectiveness
    - Personal ventilation
  - Air cleaning
- Thermal comfort
  - Reduce loads (building shell, solar screen, internal loads)
  - Increase system efficiency
  - Low Temperature Heating- and High Temperature Cooling Systems
  - Use of building mass to reduce peaks (Thermo-Active-Building-Systems (TABS))
  - Drifting indoor temperatures

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# COMFORT-PRODUCTIVITY

## Building costs

People	100
Maintenance	10
Financing	10
<b>Energy</b>	<b>1</b>

**This clearly show that buildings are for  
people  
not for saving energy**