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# Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings towards the Nearly Zero Energy Concept

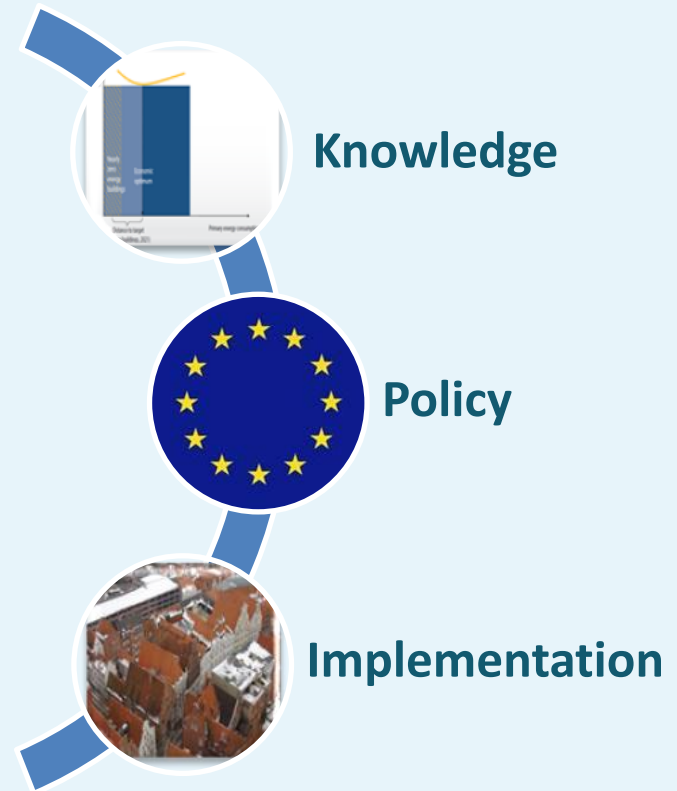
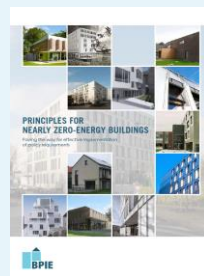
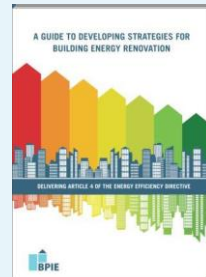
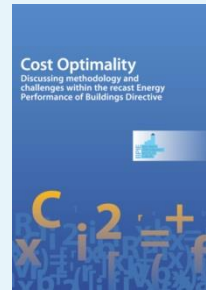
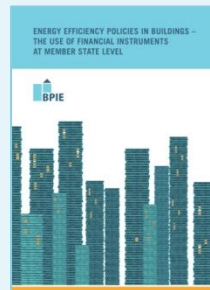
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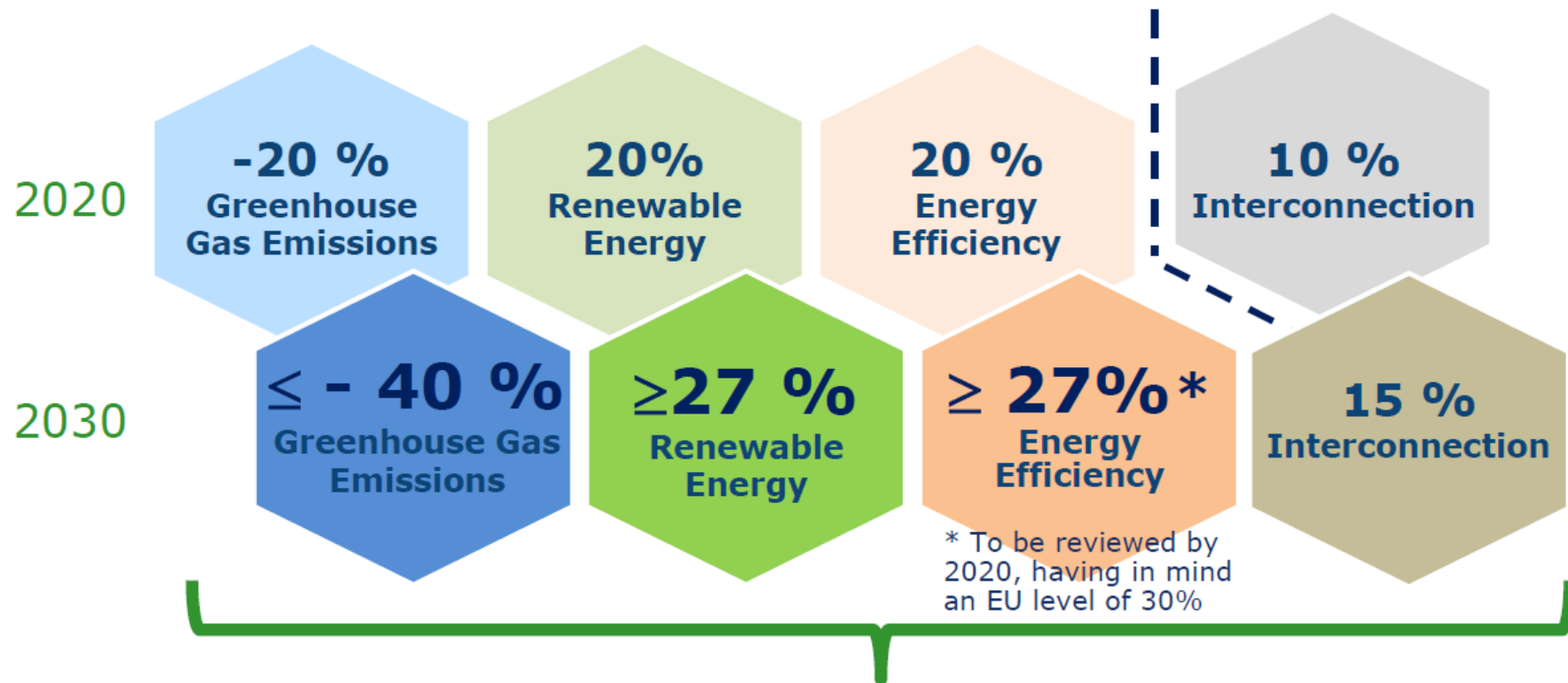
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# Content of this presentation

- 🏠 The NZEB concept
- 🏠 How do EU countries implement nZEBs?
- 🏠 Beyond nZEBs...
- 🏠 Conclusions

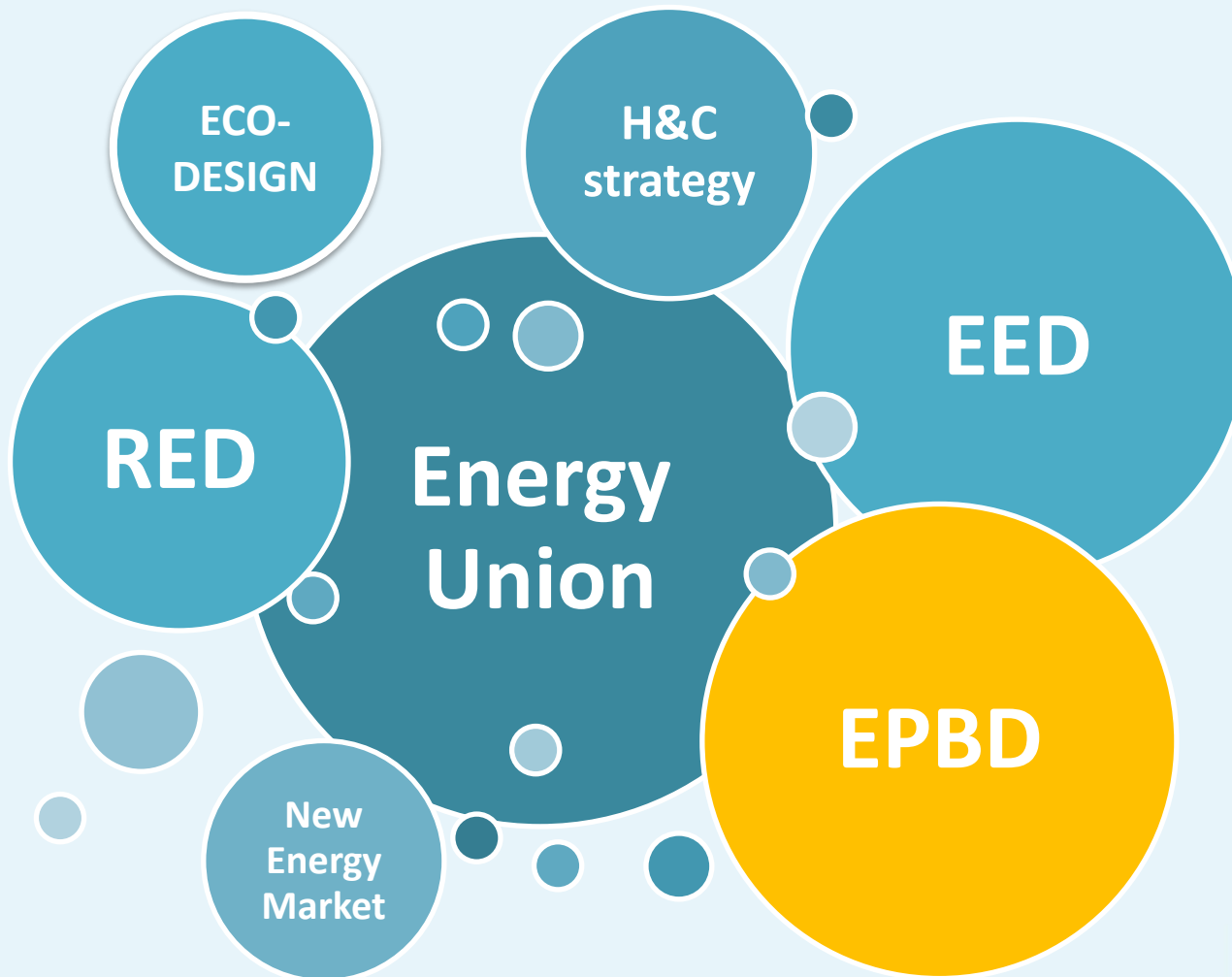
# 2030 framework for climate and energy policies



**New governance system + indicators**

Source: DG Energy

# Building related EU policy framework

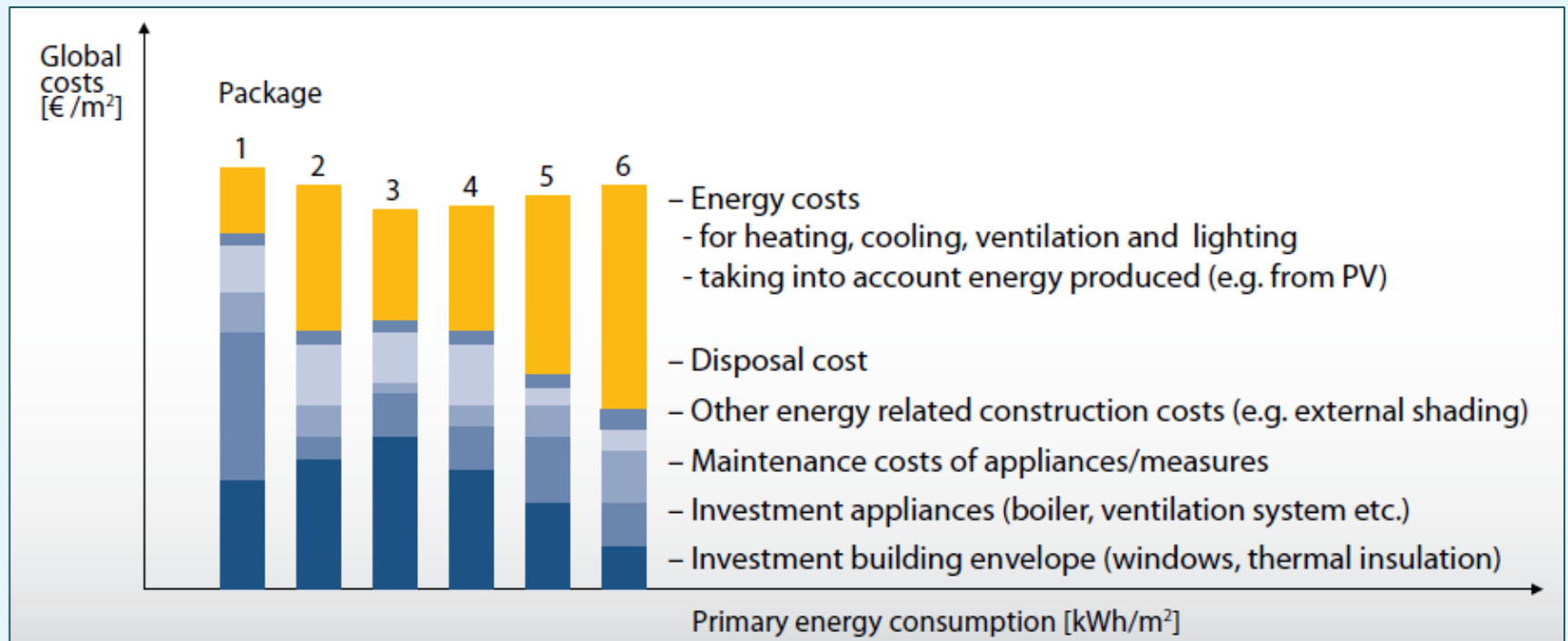


# Minimum building performance requirements

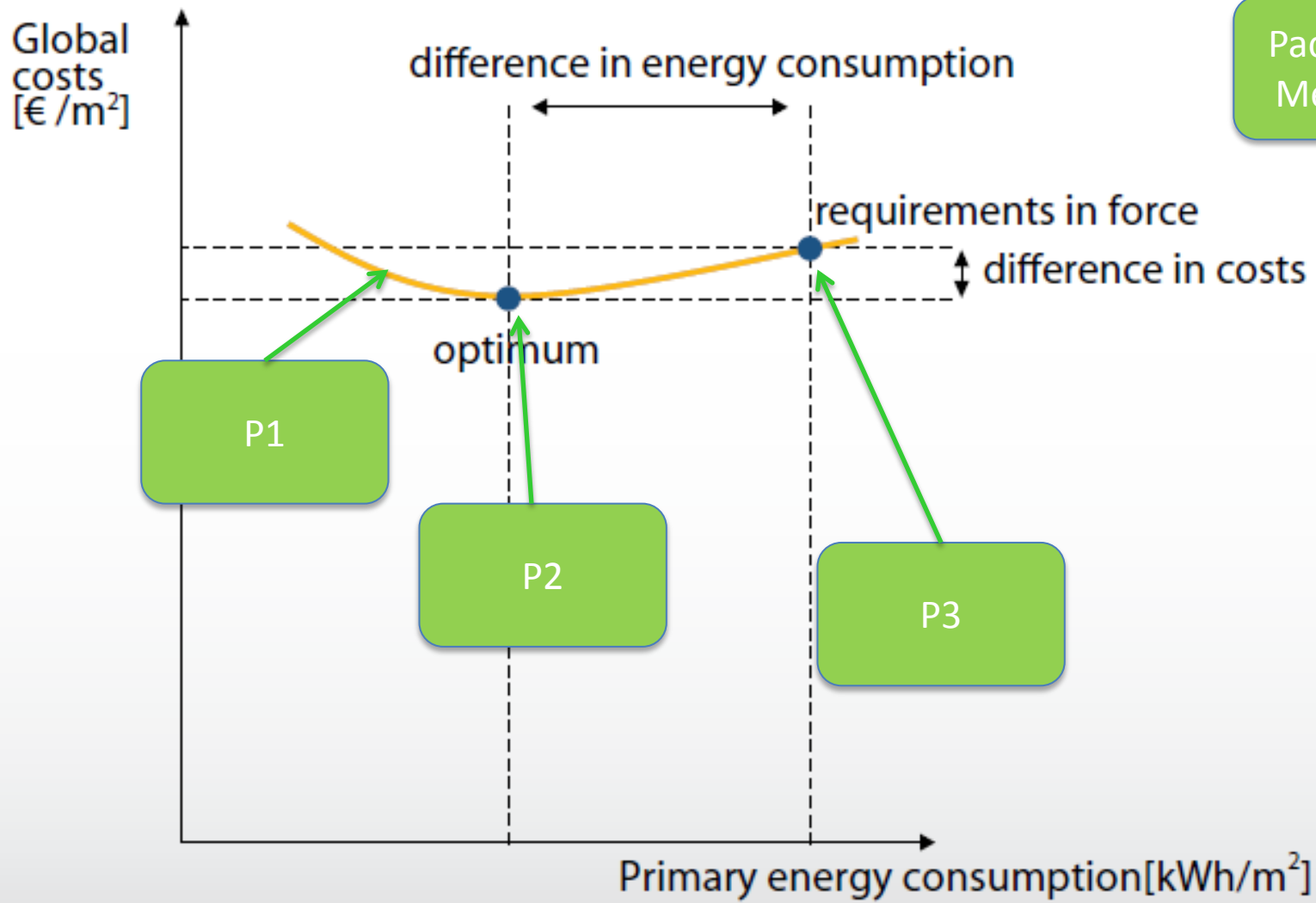
- 🏠 **Minimum energy performance requirements** for new buildings are a key element in European building codes
- 🏠 The European Commission has introduced requirements to set standards in all Member States through the 2002 EPBD
- 🏠 In 2002 no guidance on the ambition level was provided
- 🏠 The recast of the EPBD in 2010 included a provision that national energy performance requirements should be set with the view to **achieving cost optimum levels**
- 🏠 Member States to **use and apply a methodology** to calculate cost-optimal levels for their specific country
- 🏠 Compare cost-optimal levels with the national requirements set in national building regulations

# Cost optimal building performance requirements

## 🏠 Example cost calculations for different packages



# Cost optimal building performance requirements





# Nearly Zero Energy Building in the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

‘nearly zero-energy building’ means a building that has a very high energy performance, as determined in accordance with Annex I. 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;

**One EU requirement → 28 national implementation rules !**



# Factsheet on NZEB definitions

## NEARLY ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS DEFINITIONS ACROSS EUROPE

EC reports on  
the progress of  
MS in increasing  
the nZEBs  
(every 3 years)  
31/12/2012

MS 1<sup>st</sup> report to  
the EC on cost-  
optimality  
(every 5 years)  
21/03/2013

Use of minimum levels of  
RES in buildings  
(Directive 2009/28/EC)  
01/01/2015

Intermediate targets for  
improving the energy  
performance of new buildings  
01/06/2015

All new public  
buildings are  
nZEBs  
31/12/2018

All new  
buildings  
are nZEBs  
31/12/2020

2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020



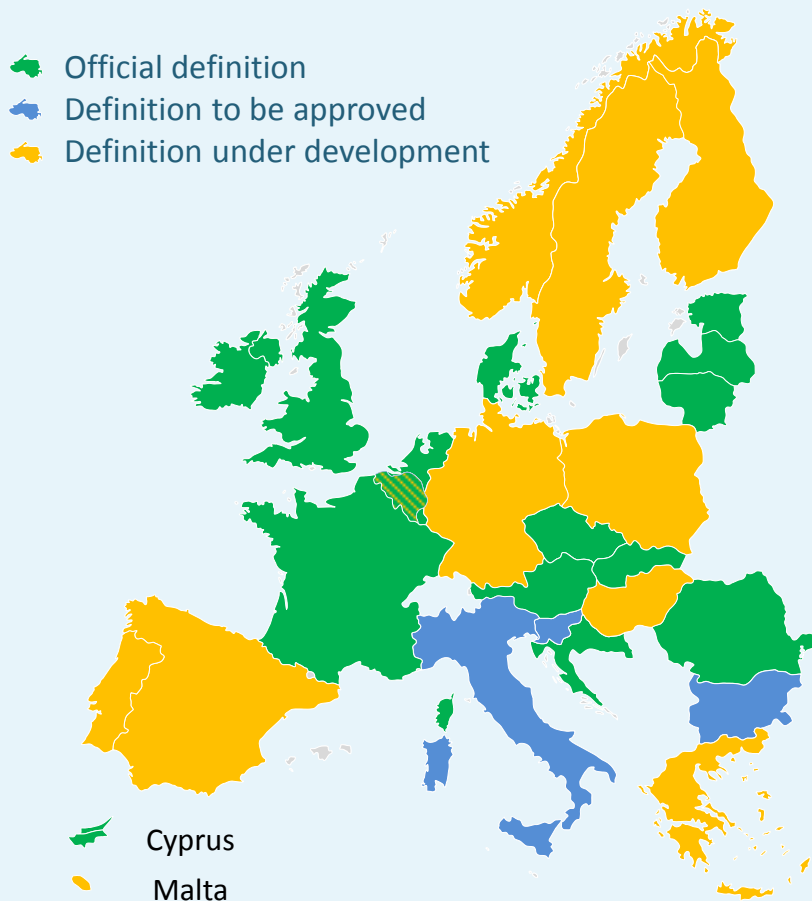
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# NZEB implementation in Europe – Status 2014

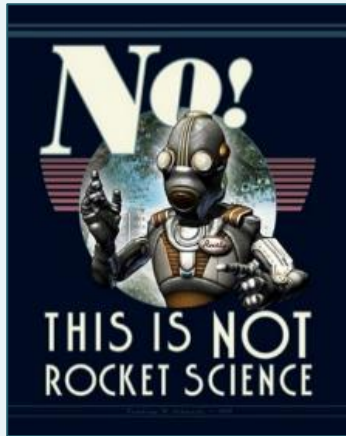


## Large variations on NZEB definitions

- 16 MS definition for new buildings
- 8 MS definition for existing buildings
- 8 MS share of RES explicitly stated
- Large range maximum primary energy (20-170<sub>kwh/m2</sub>)
- Some MSs: additional requirements



# New buildings: NZEBs are no longer rocket science



# NZEB as a paradigm shift

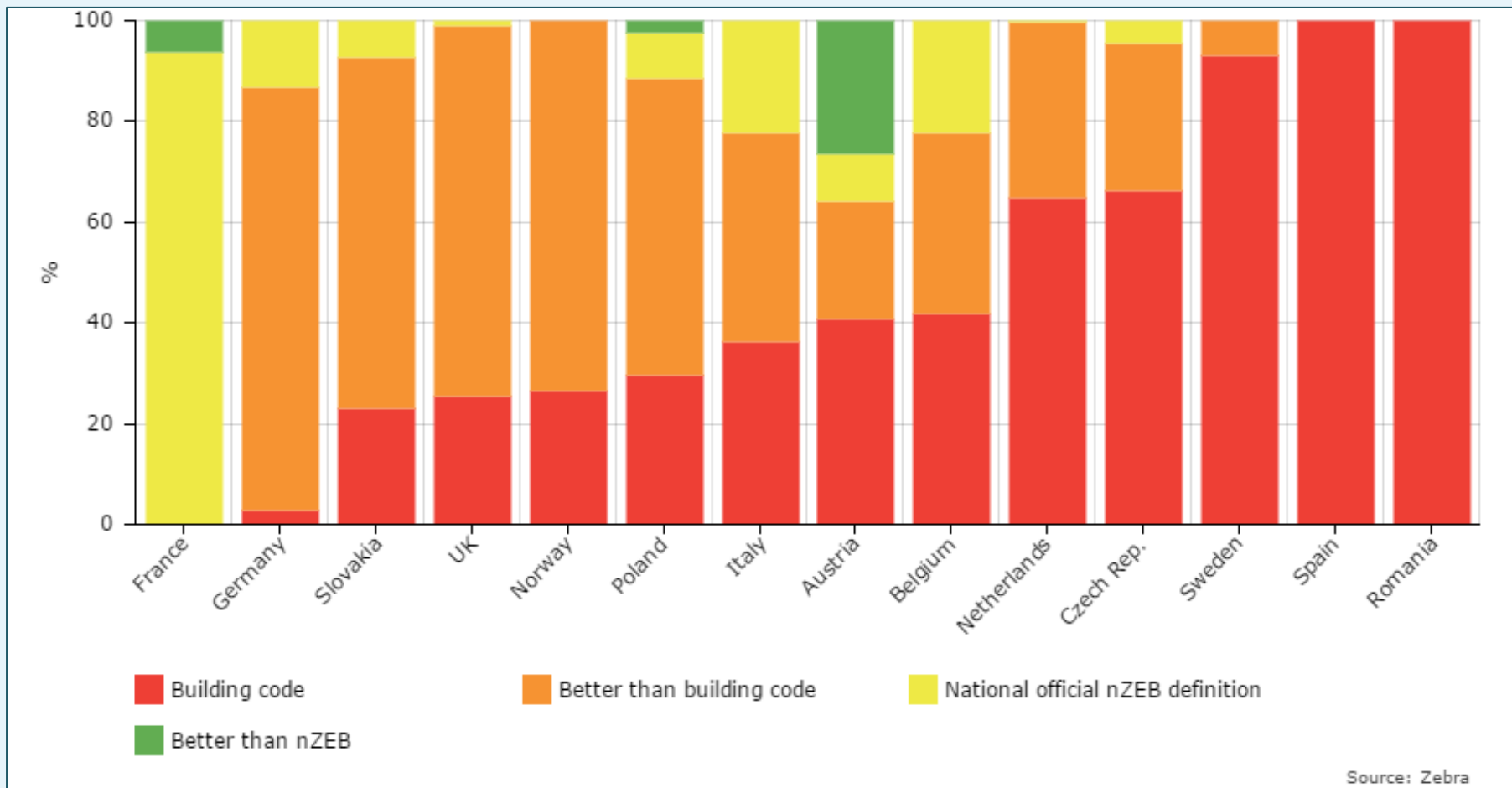
**No more rocket-science, but...**

- 🏠 Low-energy buildings are complex systems and need holistic approaches
- 🏠 Need for service-oriented 'one-stop-shop' business models
- 🏠 Quality, compliance and control are essential
- 🏠 Occupants advice is necessary

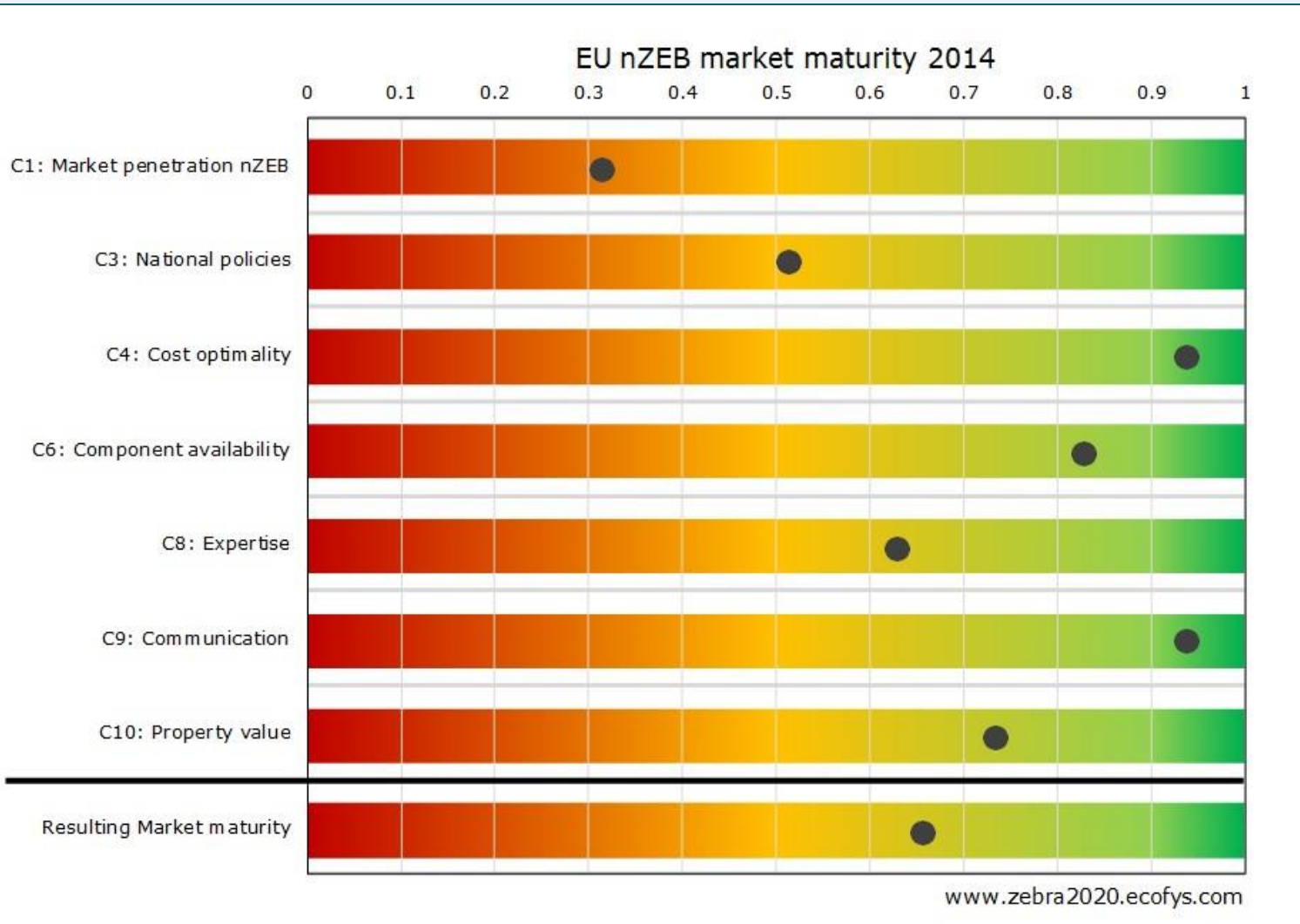


# ZEBRA 2020 project

🏠 Distribution of new constructed dwellings in the year 2014 according to different building standards



# Maturity of the EU nZEB market for 2014



Source: [www.zebra2020.eu](http://www.zebra2020.eu)

# New NATO building



NATO will have a sustainable and environmental friendly new headquarters, with low environmental impact and optimized energy consumption. The new building provides for:

- reduced heating, cooling and ventilating power thanks to thermal insulation, thermal inertia and effective solar protection of glazing.
- optimized energy consumption thanks to geothermal and solar energy use, co-generation of electricity and heating and advanced lighting systems.



# Innovative examples from MS

## Case studies for exemplary nZEBs

### Non-residential building (1/2)



Building Information	
Type	School
Year of completion	2011
Surface	1379m <sup>2</sup>
Location	Babenhausen (Bayern)



Total Primary Energy Requirement (heating, domestic hot water, electricity)	91 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /yr
Annual heating demand	12 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /yr
Heating load	13 W/m <sup>2</sup>

Financial Aspects	
Construction cost	2,600 €/m <sup>2</sup>



# Case studies for exemplary nZEBs



## Non-residential building (2/2)

Building Envelope	
Construction method	Masonry construction
Exterior walls	<b>U=0.145 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> ; 25-30 cm concrete + 24 cm insulation WLG 035 (thermal conductivity) 035 + 40mm rain-screen cladding panel
Floor in contact with the ground	<b>U=0.153 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> ; 10 cm lean concrete + 20 cm perimeter insulation WLG 040 + 20 cm base plate + 40 mm insulation WLG 040
Roof	<b>U=0.141 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> ; 22 cm hollow core slab + 20 cm polyurethane (PUR, WLG 028) + 50 mm gravel
Glassing surfaces	<b>U<sub>w</sub>=0.79W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> , <b>U<sub>g</sub>=0.5 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> g-value= 49%; triple glazing windows filled with argon
Air-tightness	0.37h <sup>-1</sup>



Systems	
Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (HR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central ventilation system for administration rooms, classrooms and corridors.</li> <li>• Decentralised ventilation system for toilets (HR 78%).</li> <li>• Upstream-air heat exchanger systems for preheating the inlet air.</li> </ul>
Heating system	Gas boiler system
Hot water	Electric boiler or electric water heater

# Case studies for exemplary nZEBs

## Non-residential building (1/2)



Building Information	
Type	Sports hall (fitness room)
Year of completion	2013
Surface	614 m <sup>2</sup>
Location	Waganowice (Gmina Słomniki, southern Poland)



Total Primary Energy Requirement (heating, domestic hot water, electricity)	98 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /yr
Annual heating demand	15 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /yr
Heating load	10 W/m <sup>2</sup>

Financial Aspects	
Construction cost	1,238 €/m <sup>2</sup> (5,068 zł/m <sup>2</sup> )

# Case studies for exemplary nZEBs

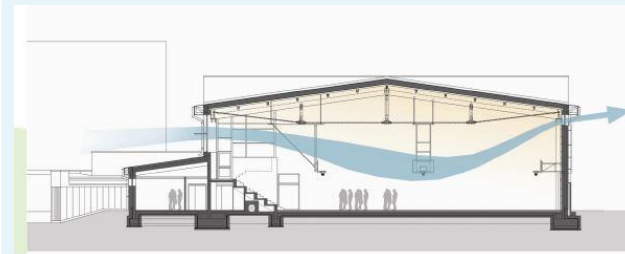
## Non-residential building (2/2)



Building Envelope	
Exterior walls	<b>U=0.1 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> ; 300 mm polystyrene
Roof	<b>U=0.08-0.09 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b> ; 400mm mineral wool
Floor in contact with the ground	<b>U=0.1 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b>
Glassing surfaces	<b>U<sub>w</sub>=0.8 W/(m<sup>2</sup>·K)</b>
Air-tightness	0.6h <sup>-1</sup>



Systems	
Ventilation	Mechanical ventilation with heat recovery >75% and summer ventilation
Heating system / Domestic hot water	Air source heat pump for heating and DHW (heat distribution: underfloor heating)





Recommendations  
for nZEB market  
transition

For Target  
Countries

For EU Member  
States

For EU level

# OVERARCHING CONDITIONS

Stakeholder involvement

Long-term strategy with intermediate targets

Continuous MRV and improvement

Incentivise frontrunners and empower the local level



# RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY INSTRUMENTS

ECONOMICS

COMMUNICATION

QUALITY FRAMEWORK

NEW BUSINESS MODELS & INNOVATION

SOCIAL ASPECTS



# EU-WIDE NZEB MARKET TRANSITION

# Long list of recommendations...

*A1 - Regulate building performance minimum standards through the building code*

*A2 - Improve the usage of Energy Performance Certificate, including a robust compliance system*

*A3 - Define a long term vision to guide the transformation of buildings as integrated parts of the society and the wider energy system*

*A4 - Provide building owners and investors with tailored advice according to specific renovation roadmaps*

*A5 - Encourage nZEB with public procurement processes*

*A6 - Implement standard methodologies for secure data gathering and assessment*

*A7 - Set long term voluntary targets for existing buildings*

*A8 - Mandatory upgrades for non-residential buildings, in case of new lease and tenancy*

*B1 - Incentivize the market uptake of nZEBs through active price signals*

*B2 - Stimulate the market uptake of Energy Performance Contracting by renovating the public buildings in an ESCO-framework*

*B3 - Financial support for (holistic or step-by-step) renovation according long term benchmarks*

*B4 - Adapting new financing products that look long term and entitle nZEB investors with preferential mortgages*

*B5 - Clever legislation can mitigate the problem of split-incentives*

*C1 - Brand nZEB buildings as part of a positive sustainability narrative*

*C2 - Promote demonstration projects to exemplify the benefits and viability of highly performing buildings*

*C3 - Promote market uptake of nZEB buildings with information campaigns and easy-grasping guidelines*

*C4 - Facilitate effective knowledge sharing via adequate communication tools*

*D1 - Develop and consolidate quality frameworks for nZEB techniques and*

*technologies*

*D2 - Training building professionals with "NZEB and beyond" qualifications preparing them to build and upgrade the building stock for the future*

*D3 - Set up a detailed data collection of training programmes and cross-learning initiatives*

*D4 - Enhance the proficiency of certifiers in order to increase the reliability of Energy Performance Certifications*

*D5 - New technologies (IoT) allow us to collect and analyse performance data in a more effective way that was not possible some years ago*

*D6 - Improve coherence within and among states through better coordination*

*D7 - Install "One-Stop-Shops" for high energy performance buildings to reduce complexity and hassle*

*E1 - Foster the uptake of industrialised renovation through increased market confidence*

*E2 - Encourage new business models to aggregate demand to provide sufficient scale*  
*E3 - Enable the market to embrace the new features of buildings as micro-energy hubs (nZEB2.0)*

*E4 - Incentivize the frontrunner entrepreneurs exploring new business models*

*E5 - Involve and empower local authorities in pilot projects*

*F1 - Explicitly define energy poverty and set up monitoring mechanisms*

*F2 - Include the benefits of alleviating (energy) poverty in nZEB decisions*

*F3 - Specify and increase support measures for vulnerable target groups customized to their profile*

*F4 - Move from fuel subsidies to energy efficiency measures*

*F5 - Improve all social housing to nZEB standards, in order to provide comfortable and affordable housing*

*F6 - Fighting air pollution to be an integrated part in NZEB*





# Need for skilled workforce

- 🏠 The better energy performance, the more important quality
- 🏠 Can the consumer rely on the building products and services?
  - Maximum lifetime?
  - Expected performance?
  - Healthy and safe?



'Smart thermostat left me with no hot water and put my home at risk of fire'

Smart thermostats for boilers are the future, according to their advocates. But for the Stowe household in Suffolk, the latest eco device was a disaster



Bill Stowe suffered endless problems after the installation of a Nest smart thermostat system. (Photograph: Martin Godwin)

Last year, npower installed the latest smart central heating thermostat in Bill Stowe's home, but he claims that rather than saving him money its botched installation caused a catalogue of problems and warns other households to think carefully before going ahead.

Stowe, who lives with his wife and daughter in Harwich, Suffolk, was offered the £250 Nest smart heating controller for free when he signed up to a special npower gas and electricity tariff last December. But he claims that problems resulting



## Beyond nearly Zero Energy Buildings.....

# SMART BUILDINGS IN A DECARBONISED ENERGY SYSTEM



10 PRINCIPLES TO DELIVER REAL BENEFITS FOR EUROPE'S CITIZENS

# Driver of change #1: imbalance of the power market

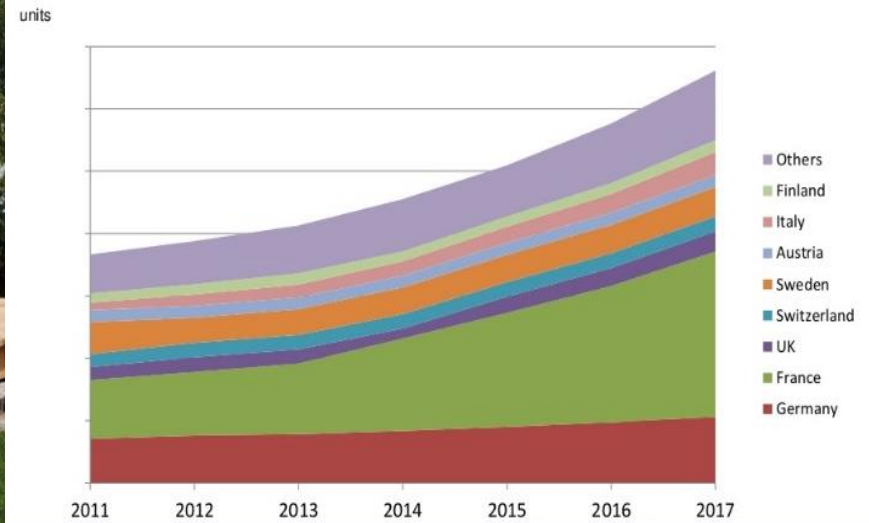


Source: National Geographic

# Driver of change #2: power-load growth



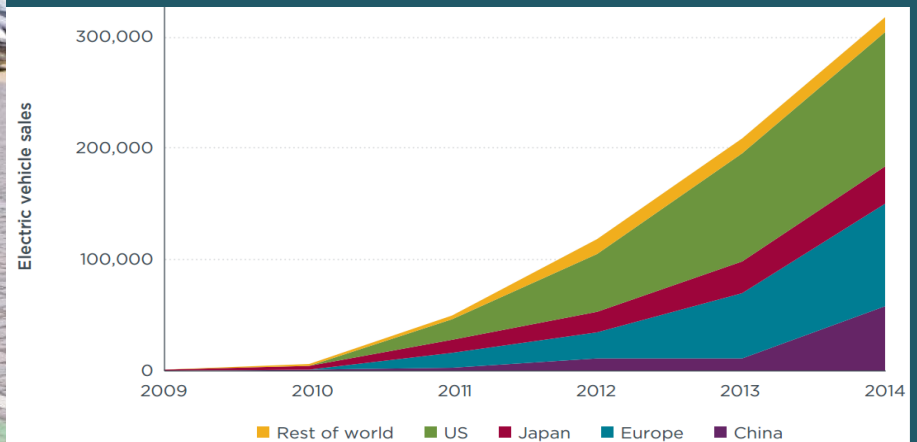
Total heat pump sales per country in Europe, units



Source: BSRIA, 2015



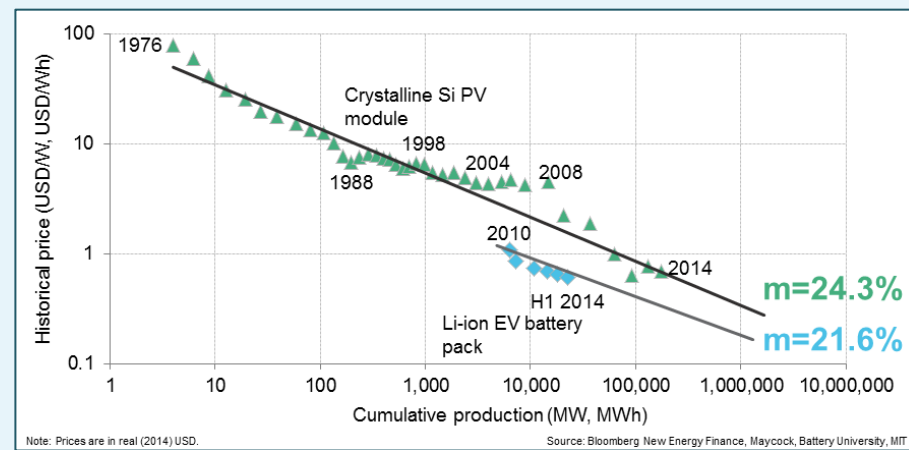
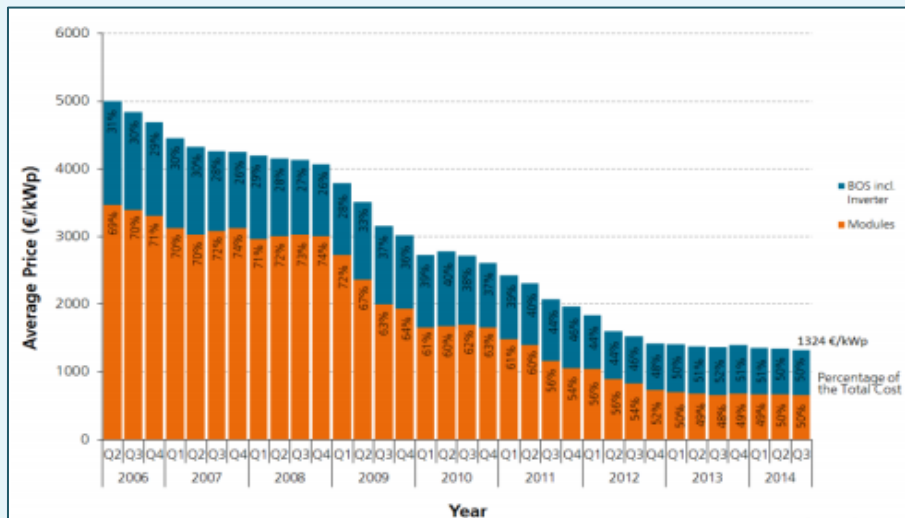
Annual global electric vehicle sales



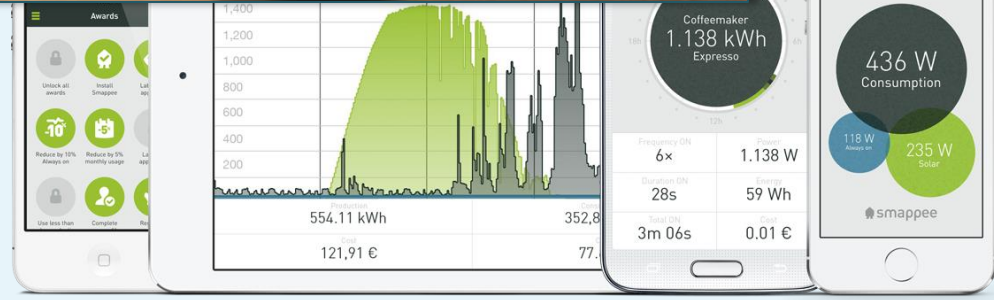
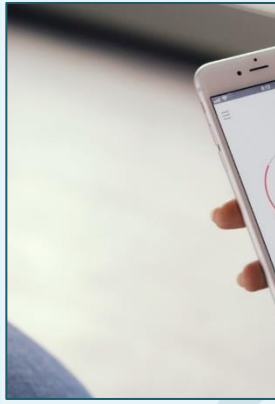
Source: Mock & Yang, 2014

# Driver of change #3: viability RES & storage

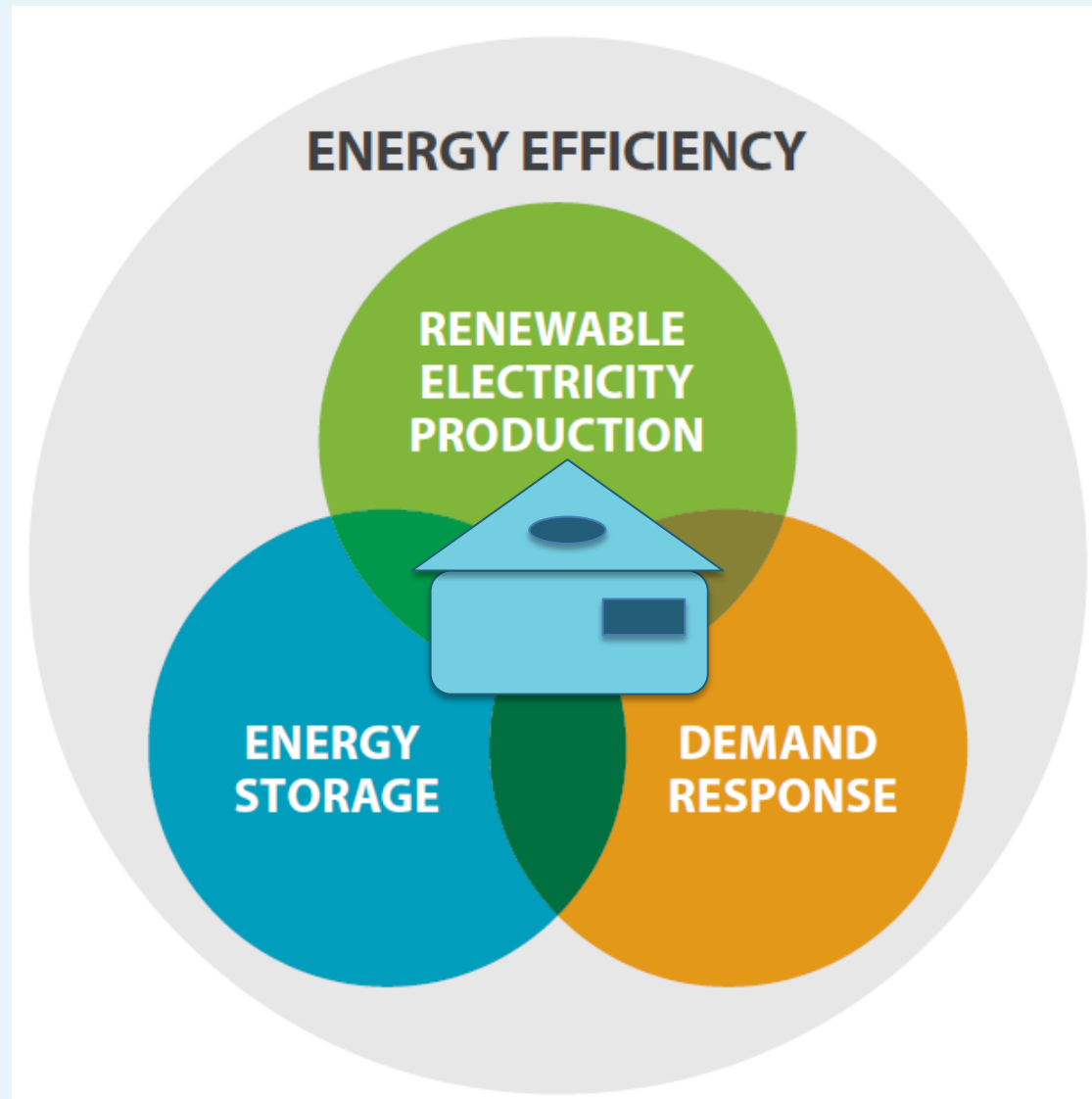
- 🏠 Deutsche Bank: “Over 50% of Countries Under Review are Likely at Grid Parity Today”
- 🏠 Tipping point for combination of PV systems and batteries in Europe to come around 2020



# Driver of change #4: Internet of Things



# Buildings are becoming micro-energy hubs



# Ten interrelated principles of buildings functioning as micro energy-hubs



## PRINCIPLE 1

Maximise the buildings' energy efficiency first



## PRINCIPLE 4

Incorporate demand response capacity in the building stock



## PRINCIPLE 2

Increase on-site or nearby RES production and self-consumption



## PRINCIPLE 5

Decarbonise the heating and cooling energy for buildings



## PRINCIPLE 3

Stimulate energy-storage capacities in buildings



# Ten interrelated principles of buildings functioning as micro energy-hubs (2)



## PRINCIPLE 6

Empower end-users via smart meters and controls



## PRINCIPLE 9

Build smart and interconnected districts



## PRINCIPLE 7

Make dynamic price signals available for all consumers



## PRINCIPLE 10

Building infrastructure to drive further market uptake of electric vehicles



## PRINCIPLE 8

Foster business models aggregating micro energy-hubs

# The future: buildings as micro energy-hubs



**Thank you  
for your attention!**

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