

How CASH was born



For several years, the city of Echirolles (France) has been focusing on Climate Change and sustainable development issues. A pioneer since 2004 with active involvement of citizens in Agenda 21, signatory of the Covenant of Mayors in 2009, involved in local intelligent energy forums, Echirolles wanted to go a step forward and contribute, at European level, to proposing new practical solutions and to promoting new policies for the Energy Efficient (EE) renovation of social housing - including housing belonging to social

landlords and low income owners. This shared ambition gave birth to the European CASH network of 11 partners from 9 European countries.

ADDED VALUE?

The added value of the network comes from its analysis of lessons learned, barriers and needs, through transnational exchanges around key issues related to the topic: Technological development, Legal framework, Financial instruments, Citizens' involvement, Energy production and EE renovation project management. Key collective

reflections are synthesized in tables illustrating the situation in the 9 partners' countries, which can be used for orienting programs and directives at national and European level.

As an example, the partners' legal framework table -pictured in this article- highlights most covered EE topics and pinpoints the 'orphan' ones which deserve attention.

What are the barriers to implementation? Which are the recommendations for an effective EE framework? ... are some of the questions being



SYNTHESIZED CASH PARTNERS' EE LEGALFRAMEWORK BY KEY TOPICS - Updated August 2011

| | EE DIAGNOSIS & SPECIFICATIONS | | | ENERGY PRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION | | | USERS INVOLVEMENT | | R&D | FINANCIAL TOOLS / ENGINEERING | | | | |
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| | EE Targets + Energetic requirements of buildings | Audits + Energy performance certificates EPC of buildings + posting | Renovation labels | Energy sources | Co-generation | District heating | Condominium / co-properties | Tenants contribution to energy renovation | Clusters (Industries & research institutions) | Subsidies for energy efficiency housing units renovation | Eco-loans and low interest loans | Fiscal measures | Feed-in tariffs | Funds for state & municipal buildings |
| Yambol BULGARIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sonderborg DENMARK | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRRA Echirrolles | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frankfurt GERMANY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eordea GREECE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tatabanya HUNGARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brindisi ITALY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Utrecht NETHERLANDS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridgend UK | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

answered through the network.

As regards the legal framework: coherent legal framework at national, regional and local levels with a long term vision leaving time for achieving renovation operation; legal instruments addressing the needs of mixed properties / co-properties and covering the array of EE renovation topics;

the regulation of third party financing; the scaling-up of local legal instruments which have been proved to be efficient; the integration of civil society's point of view ... are some of the recommendations which deserve being valued by policy-makers to overcome barriers. ●

... INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE about recommendations regarding financial instruments and about local action plans - being developed by CASH partners - which integrate these concerns? ... visit our CASH website: <http://urbact.eu/cash>

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