



## **INNOVATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES**

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# Some Words about Acciona

# KEY FIGURES

ACCIONA is one of the foremost business corporations located in Madrid, Spain. **Leader in infrastructure, energy, water and services for sustainable development and social wellbeing.**

It is staffed by over **30,000 professionals** in more than **30 countries** on all **five continents**.

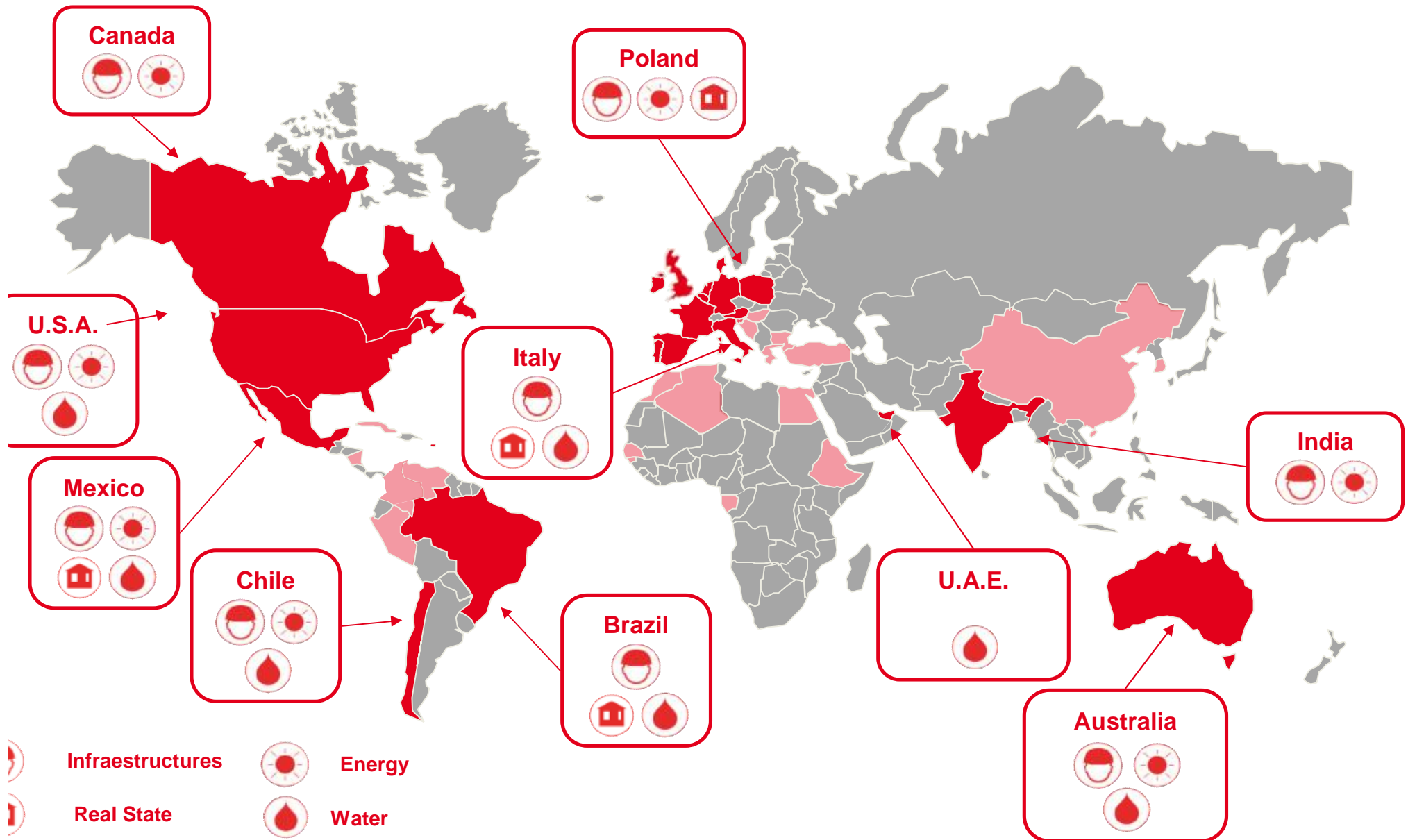
It is **economically solid** (2010 year-end figures):

- Sales: \$7,000 million
- EBITDA: \$1,500 million

**Over \$100 million dollar investment in research and innovation in 2011.**

**ACCIONA is listed on some of the world's major stock markets:**  
IBEX-35, Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DSJI World), Dow Jones Stoxx Sustainability Index.

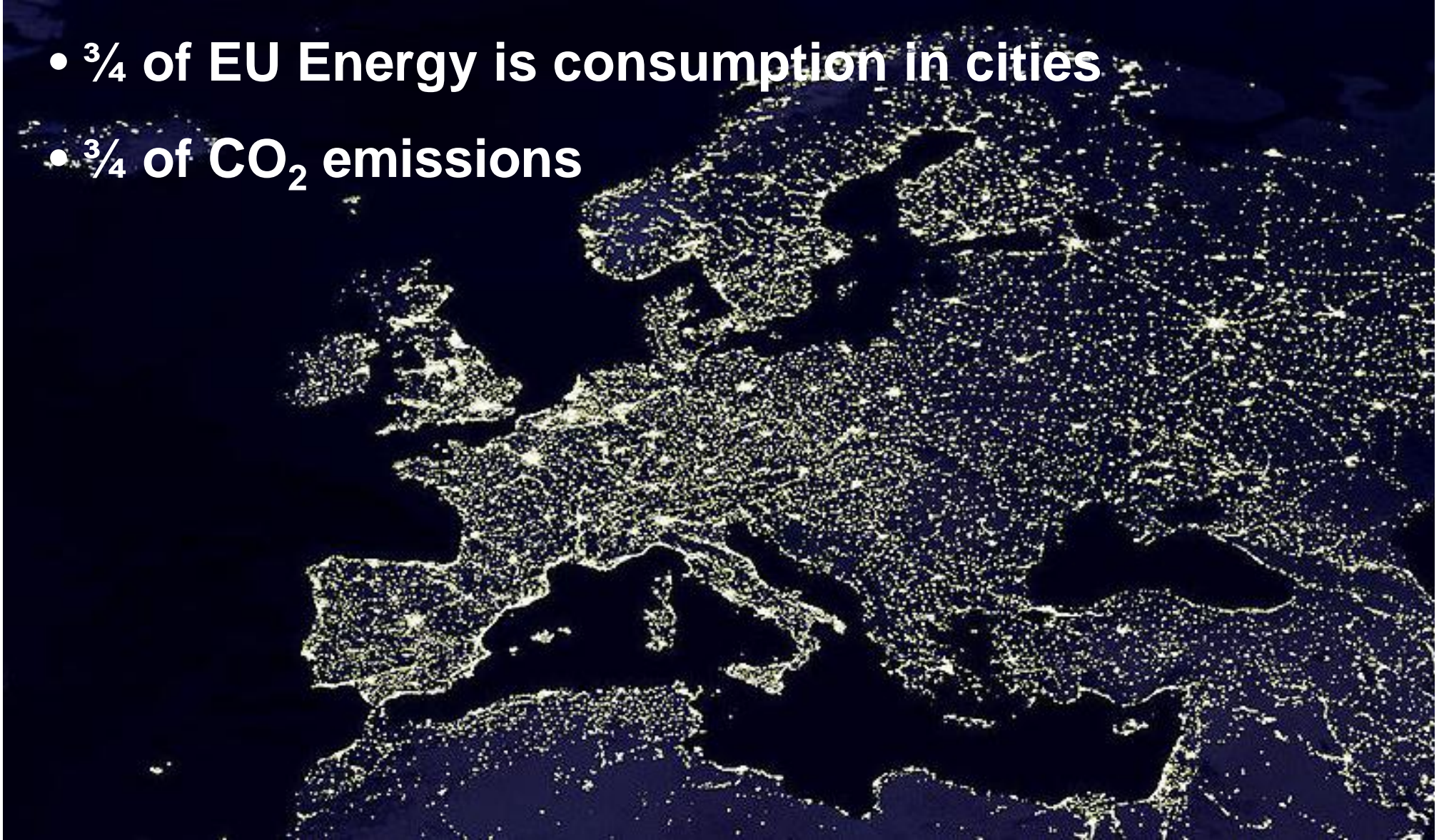
# OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE



# Importance of Energy Efficiency in Buildings in Europe

# WHAT IS EUROPE IN TERMS OF ENERGY?

- $\frac{3}{4}$  of EU Energy is consumption in cities
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



# THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY:

- **Fight against Climate Change.**
- **Reduce Energy Dependence and imports from unstable countries.**
- **Create sustainable growth and jobs based on a green economy**

Binding commitments by 2020:

- 20% energy efficiency
- 20% GHG emission reduction
- 20% share of renewables
- All new buildings must be zero energy



**Today, Energy Efficiency is not on track!!!!**

# REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS AT THE LEAST COST

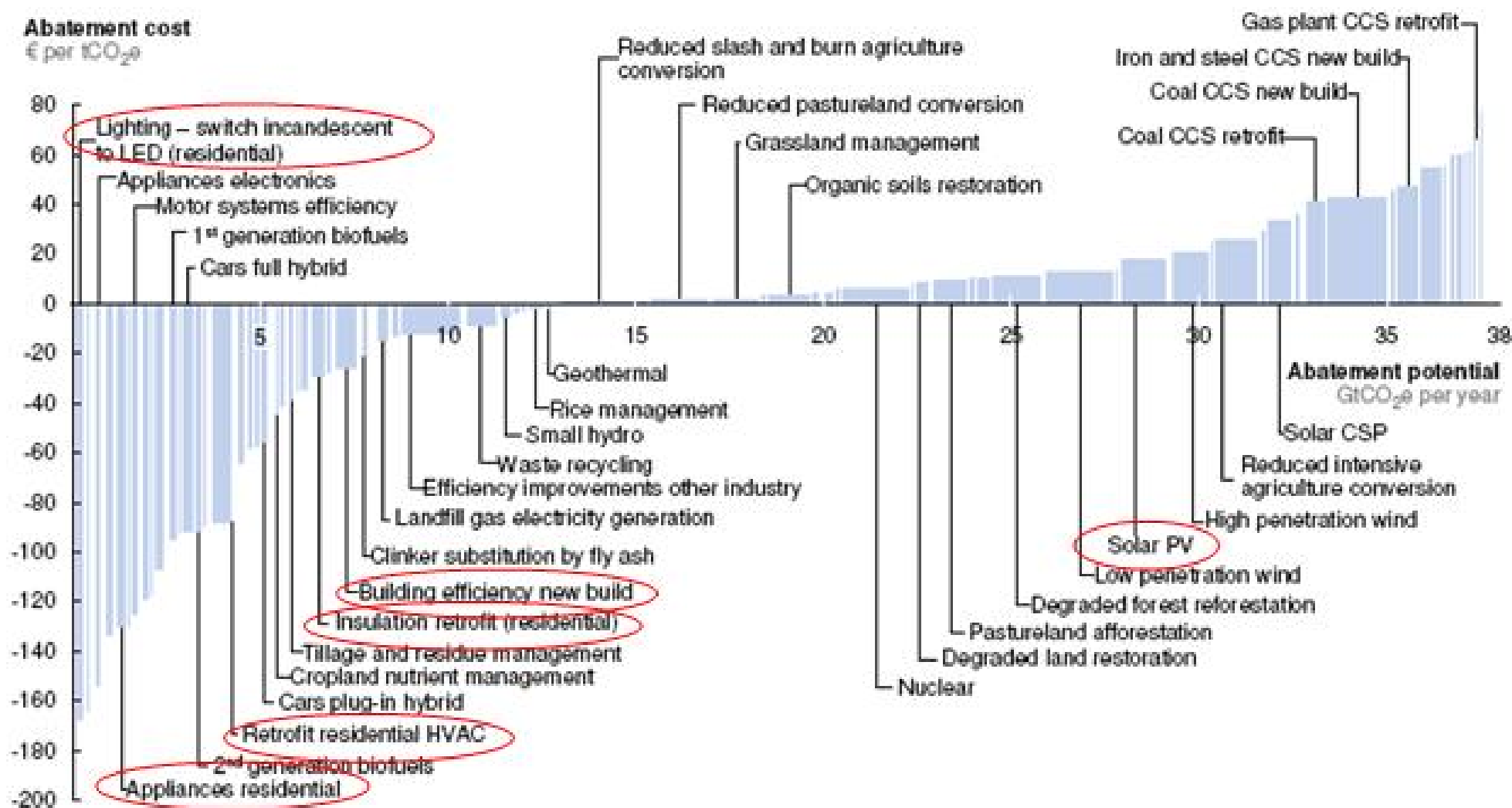


Fig 1: Global GHG abatement Cost Curve v2.1, McKinsey, 2010.

# KEY FACTS FOR BUILDINGS IN EUROPE

- Buildings use 40 % of total EU energy consumption
- The built environment generates 1/3 of GHG in Europe
- Even new buildings are far from being all energy efficient
- Replacement rate is very small (1 to 2 % per year)
- The renovation of the existing stock is a real challenge
- Many experiments are made but actual impacts are limited

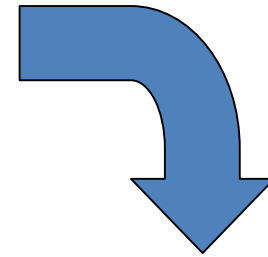


**Business as usual is not an option!**



# Innovation towards energy efficient buildings

# THE POTENTIAL AT BUILDING AND DISTRICT SCALE



**Systemic approach** for design, implementation, operation and maintenance -> high potential for **multidisciplinary developments** (i.e. ICT, RES, energy storage, envelope components, HVAC, lighting, grids, renewable heating and cooling networks...)



# GEOCLUSTERS



# USER-CENTRIC SOLUTIONS

## Reduction of **energy bill!**

**energysupplier**

Mrs J Jones,  
109 Clear Street,  
London,  
SW1 1AB



Customer Reference Number 1234 5678 1234

Bill date: **31st March**

### Your Gas & Electricity Bill

Please pay £283.68 by July 31st

#### Billing Summary

Bill period: **01 January to 31st March**

Your last bill	£193.32
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Payment received on 29th December	£193.32 credit
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Balance before this bill	£0.00
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Energy you've used (estimated reading)	£270.17
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VAT at 5%	£13.51
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<b>Please pay</b>	<b>£283.68</b>
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*We must receive your payment by 31st July*

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**Need help?**  
**Call 0845 000 123**

Mon - Fri - 7am - 8pm  
Saturday - 8pm - 6pm  
Sunday - 10pm - 4pm

Please have your customer reference number  
when you call us.

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#### Additional information

Any information your supplier  
wants to show you will be placed  
here, including details of special  
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management.

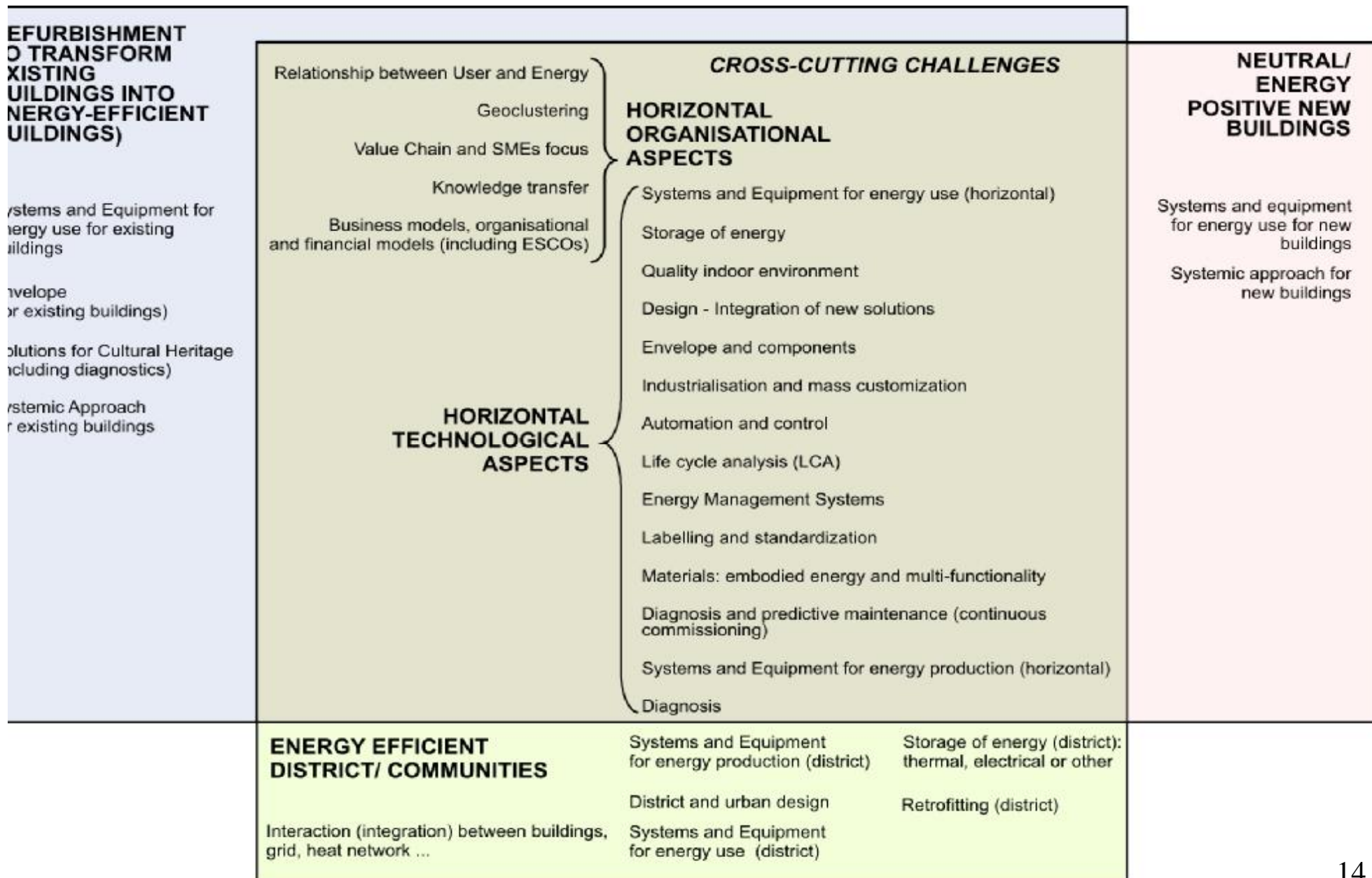
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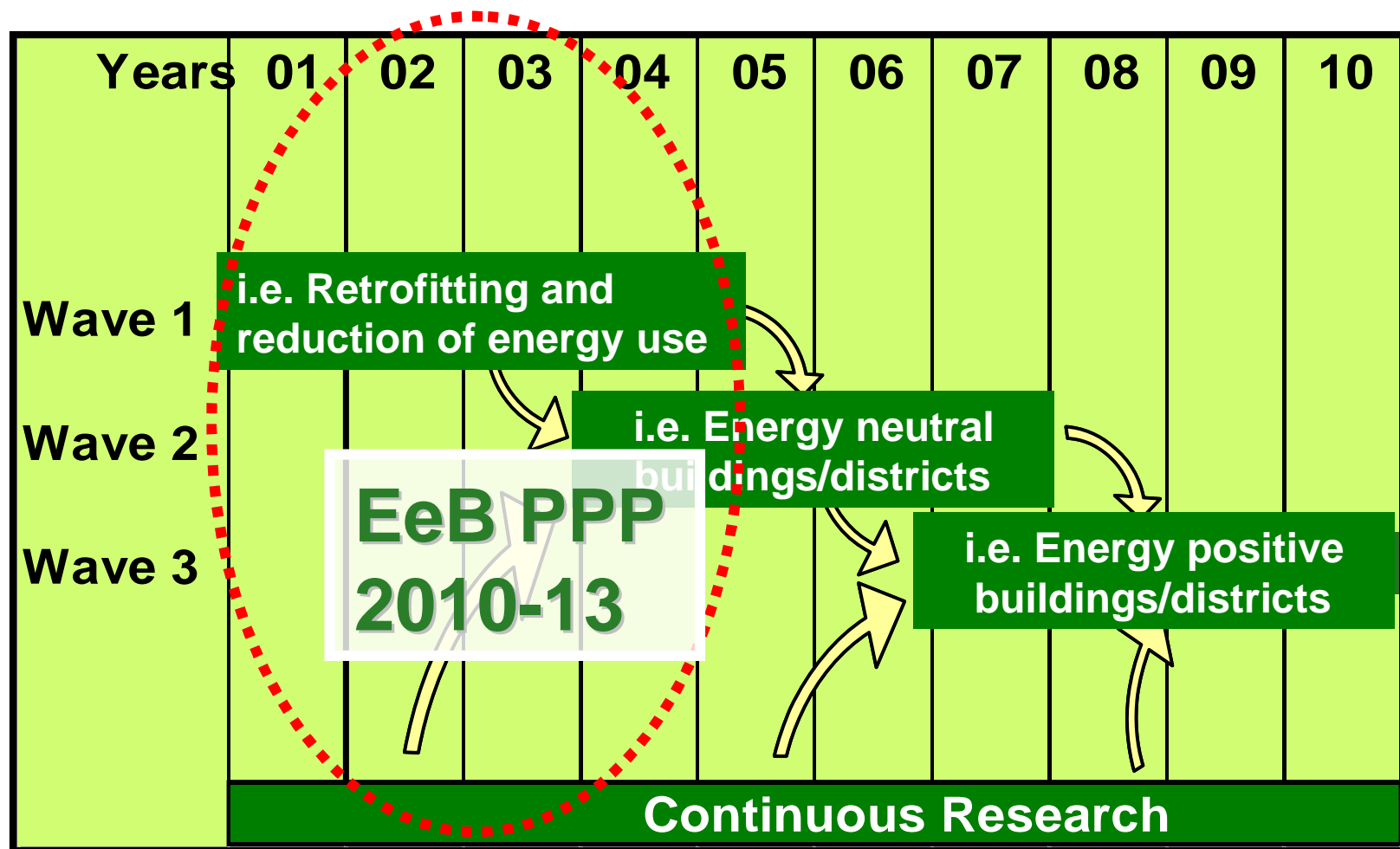
## User is key!!!

# THE KEY CHALLENGES



# A LONG TERM RESEARCH PPP PROGRAMME

## EeB PPP as first wave of a Long Term Strategy in EU



# RUNNING PRO

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## **Demonstration of Energy Efficiency in Buildings**

Building Energy Efficiency for Massive Market Uptake

Industrialised Energy Efficient Retrofitting of Residential Buildings in Cold Climates

School of the Future: Towards Zero Emission with High Performance Indoor Environment

## **Improving the Energy Efficiency of Historic Buildings in Urban Areas**

Efficient Energy for Cultural Heritage

## **ICT for Energy-efficient Buildings and Spaces of Public Use**

ICT4E2B Forum

Energy Efficiency and Risk Management in Public Buildings

Energy Efficiency for European Sport Facilities

Self Powered Wireless Sensor Network for HVAC System Energy Improvement

Smart Energy Efficient Middleware for Public Spaces

ICT Platform for Holistic Energy Efficiency Simulation and Lifecycle Management

## **New Nanotechnology-based High Performance Insulation Systems**

Development of Nanotechnology-based Insulation Systems

New Advanced Insulation Phase Change Materials

Development of a Novel Cost-effective Nanotech Coatings

New NANO-technology Based High Performance Insulation Foam System

Aerogel Based Composite Nanomaterials for Cost-effective Building

## **New Technologies for Energy Efficiency at District Level**

New  $\mu$ -CHP Network Technologies for Energy Efficient and Sustainable Districts

Energy-Hub for Residential and Commercial Districts and Transport

## **PPP Related FP7 Projects**

Clean and Resource Efficient Buildings for Real Life

Development of a Clean and Energy Self-sustained Building

Multi-source Energy Storage System Integrated in Buildings

Resource and Cost-effective Integration of Renewables in Existing High-rise Buildings

Strategic Networking of RDI Programmes in Construction and Operation of Buildings

# RUNNING PROJECTS (2/2)

## Industrialised Energy Efficient Retrofitting of Residential Buildings in Cold Climates

The current energy design research in Sweden

## Efficient Energy for Cultural Heritage

## ICT4E2B Forum

## Energy Efficiency for European Sport Facilities

## Aerogel Based Composite Nanomaterials for Cost-effective Building

## Energy-Hub for Residential and Commercial Districts and Transport

A new type of energy infrastructure for a district including an advanced system for matching supply and demand of energy (heat, cold and power) and incorporating advanced heat storage technologies such as Thermo Chemical Materials. Full-scale demonstration of the technology is to be used in the district of Tweewaters, Belgium

### Introduction

The contribution of renewable energy on district level is still modest and can presently be accommodated in the existing energy infrastructure without great problems. In cases where the contribution of renewables is the same as the contribution of fossil fuels eg when using (large) wind turbines, a particular problem is the fluctuating character of the energy supply, with the effect that it does not match the energy demand.

This may occur in the short term, when peak electricity production by PV cells occurs around noon, while



### Introduction

There are numerous historic buildings in European cities, towns and villages. These historic centres and quarters are a unique symbol of our cities and their living heritage and diversity.

Historic buildings are at the high level of energy efficiency. However, the high level of energy efficiency is contributing to a huge of greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change posing an urgent threat to people and historic buildings, it is to have an improved approach to refurbishment.

### Objectives

SENCULT demonstration

### Introduction

It is widely recognised that energy saving potential of ICT technologies should be considered over the whole life-cycle environment. However, the use of ICT technologies and possible uses, means it is necessary to consider which ones to identify the most cost effective and promising technologies.

Having identified this need, the Forum bases its roadmap on the REEB project (Roadmap for ICT enabled energy efficiency in buildings), a project that has developed a high-level roadmap on ICT and technology for energy efficiency in buildings. ICT4E2B Forum is this work and makes use of building activities. The project promotes a better understanding of ICT technologies and their potential for energy efficiency in buildings.

### Introduction

The European Sport and Building Stock accounts for 1.5 Million buildings in Europe. This represents a significant part of the overall building stock and a disproportionate amount (6-8%). Sports facilities have specific characteristics including:

- Their energy demand and peaks
- Usage patterns: long use and then short peak use sporting event
- Comfort and ventilation
- Facility characteristics: extreme peak loads

### Introduction

In the current context of climate control policies, the energy efficiency of buildings represents a great potential for savings. The thermal resistance of the insulation layer in the building can be enhanced by significantly increasing its thickness. The approach is decreasing the conductivity of the insulation by using new superinsulation composite materials.

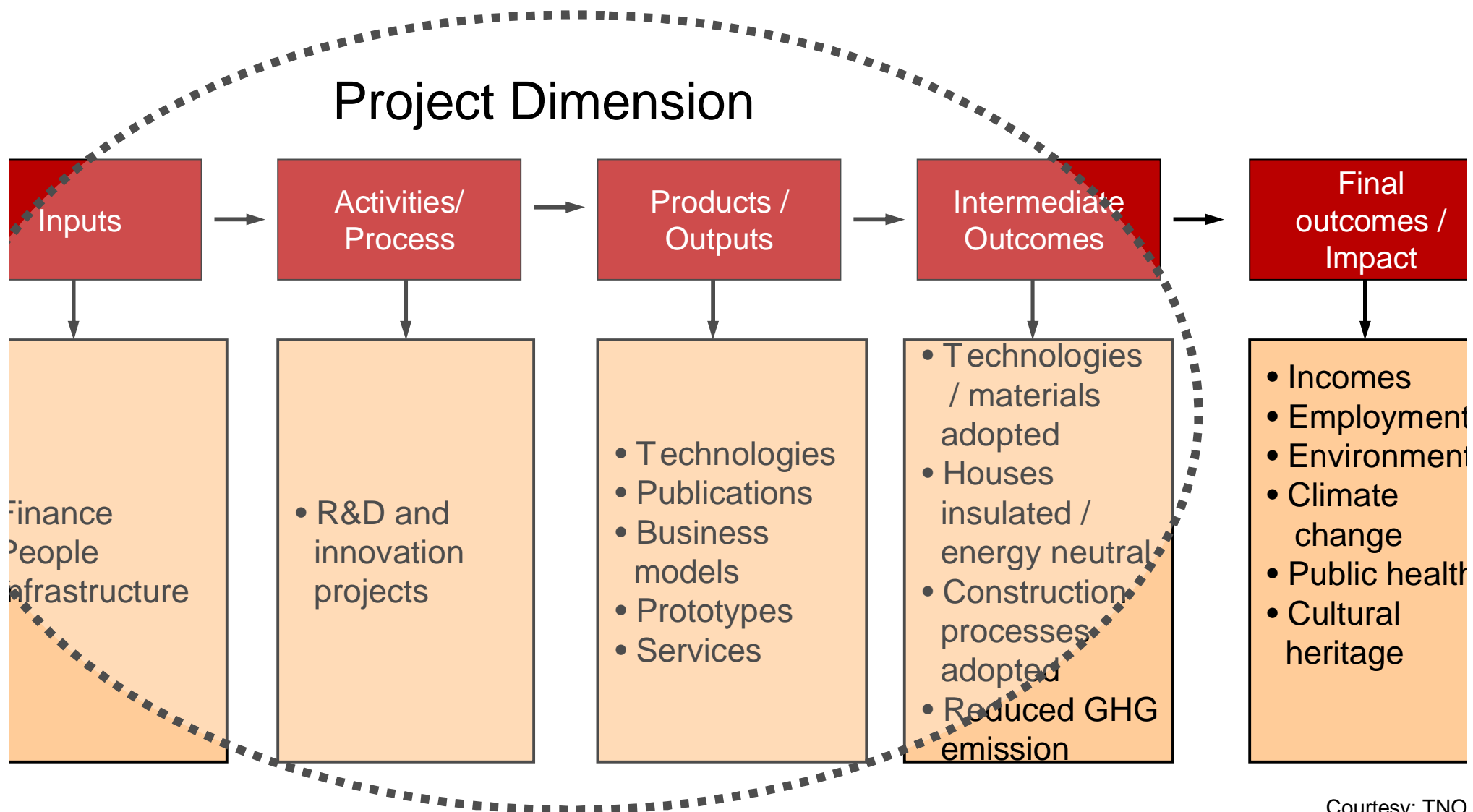
Aerogels are light weight solids perfect for thermal insulation with the lowest thermal conductivity ever known ( $k < 0.012 \text{ W/mK}$  at ambient conditions). AET

## BENEFITS OF THE PPP - INDIRECT IMPACT

Job creation?  
Economic impact?



# PROGRAMME LOGIC - IMPACT GENERATION

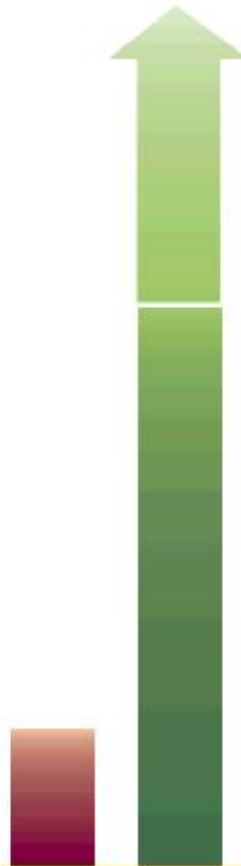


Courtesy: TNO

# Innovation in residential complexes

# WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS (1/3)

**Solar „passive houses“ save 90% of heating costs**



**Energy and  
material efficiency**

## WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS (2/3)



**The Pearl River Tower in Guangzhou (Canton) in the South of China could become the first „zero energy“ skyscraper in the world (310m tall), using solar, wind, and needs 60% less energy than usual.**

**Architects: Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (SOM)**

# WE HAVE SOLUTIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS (3/3)

## Zero Emissions District

### **Sant Cougat Zero Emissions District (SPAIN)**

Is a residential building complex of 150 dwellings. The complex is self sufficient in energy, zero emissions with passive systems for reduce energy demand, and renewal generation by PV, geothermal energy and demand response management.



An aerial photograph of a historic town, likely Matera in Italy, showing a dense cluster of stone buildings built into a hillside. A central street with several cars is visible, winding through the town. The architecture is traditional, with many windows and balconies.

## THE CHALLENGE – Renovating the existing stock

“The main contemporaneous challenge is to organize the habitability of the human being in the planet”

A close-up photograph of a tiled roof and the facade of a building, showing the texture of the tiles and the structure of the walls.

Paulo Mendes da Rocha (Premio Pritzker 2001)

# ACCIONA`S OBJECTIVE AND RESEARCH FIELDS



## Objective :

- Reducing energetic cost while improving comfort.
- Developing simulation and prediction tools for building behaviour
- Integration of efficient energy generation technologies to achieve zero energy & emissions buildings.

## Research fields :

- Energy generation and distribution.
- Photovoltaic and solar thermal energy
- Energy storage systems
- Smart management systems
- Modular façade for retrofitting
- Advanced insulation materials



# EXAMPLES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (1/4)

## Cero Emmission tri-generation pilot plant.

- First time combination of concentrated solar power and biomass for fully renewals building energy self sufficient design.



The hybrid tri-generation system is composed by

- Thermal Parabolic Trough Collectors(PTC) for generation of steam
- Biomass boiler for generation of steam
- ORC for production of thermal (heat) and electrical energy
- An absorption system for cooling
- Control system to operate it

The pilot plant is under construction in Seville (Spain) and will be fully operating in January 2012.

It will provide 100Kwt and 15Kwe. Able to supply the energy needs for a educational building.

## EXAMPLES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (2/4)

### Energy Building Control Center.

Combination of meteorological prediction and building simulation for buildings energy management in an fully automatic and intelligent control center with capacity for 75 simultaneous buildings.

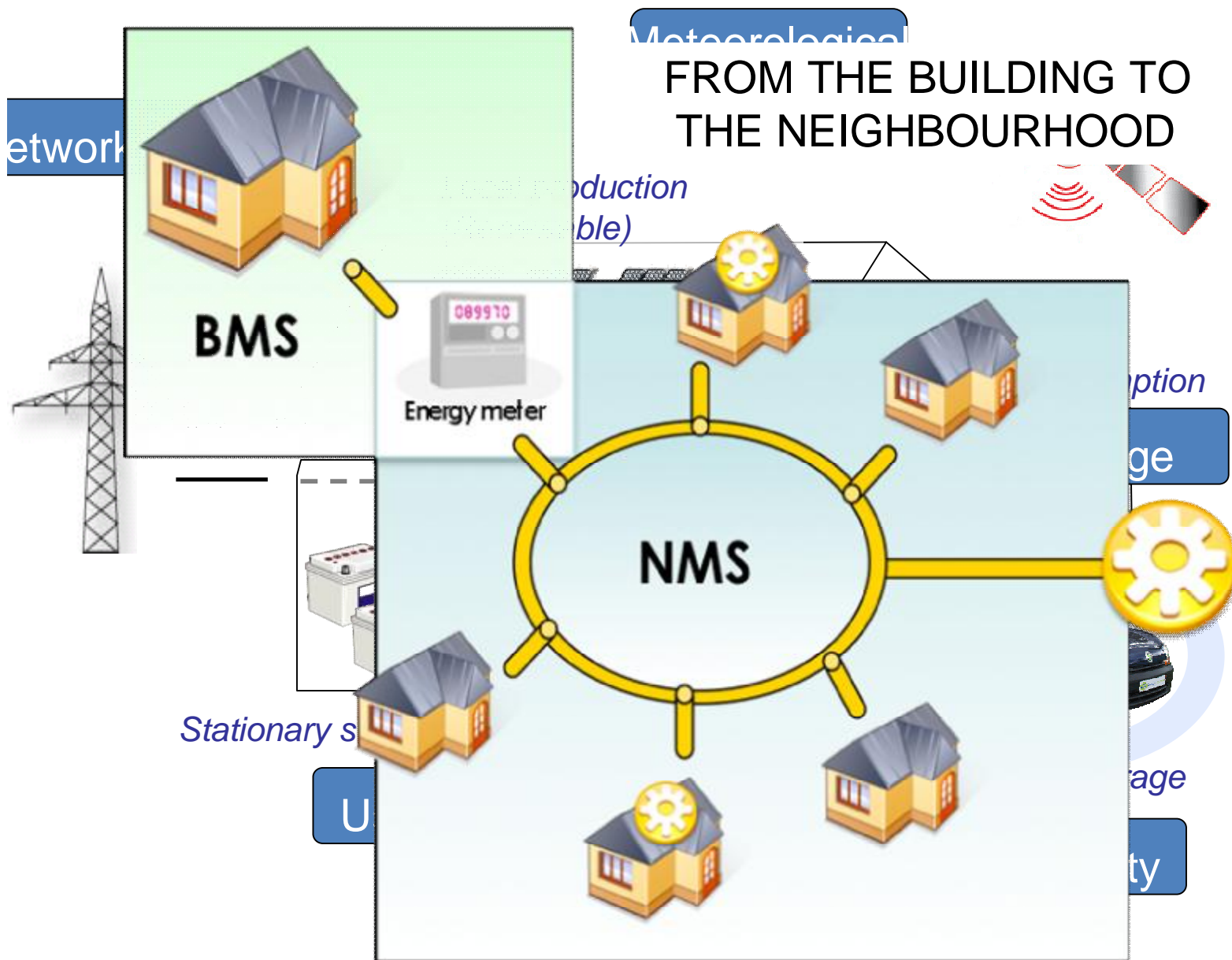


The system could be connected to any BMS available in the market.

Obtain real time monitoring information for each building equipment & linked with predictive maintenance.

Predictive information obtained from dynamic simulations and meteorological prediction allow to prepare the operation protocols in advance with higher efficiencies.

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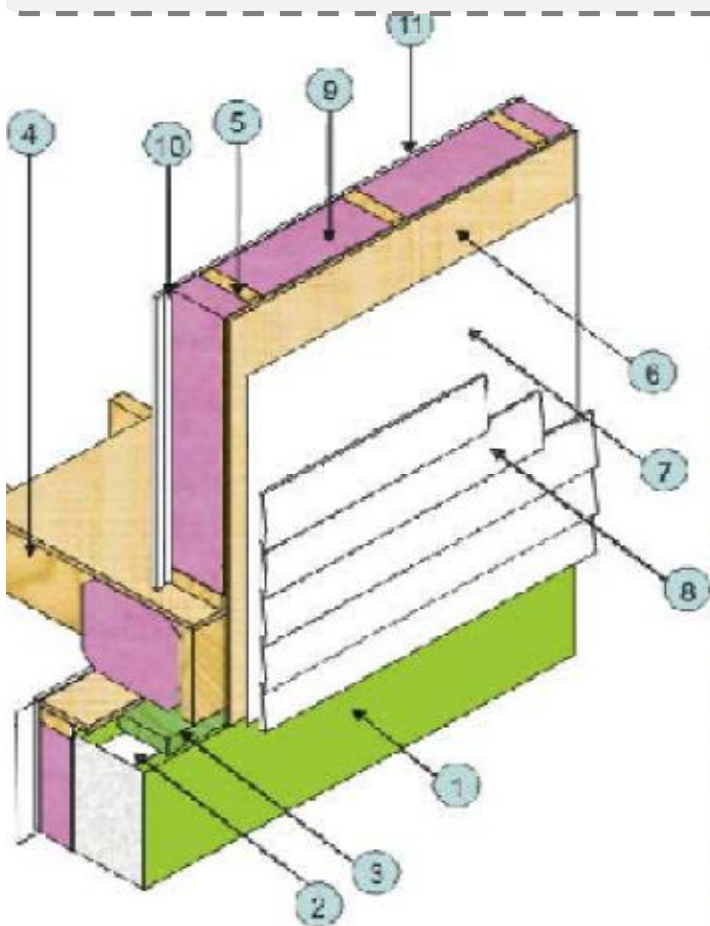


à Positive-Energy Buildings (PEB) or sites (2):

- Consuming few energy at a global level, i.e. requiring few energy for their construction (*grey energy*), an few energy for the transport o their users occupants

## EXAMPLES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (3/4)

**Cost Effective and modular systems for envelope retrofitting.** Incorporating additional functionalities like: Indoor environment control, self cleaning, CO<sub>2</sub> absorption, management of Thermal Inertia, ...



# EXAMPLES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS (4/4)

**Smart approaches for designing, constructing and operating Zero Emissions Districts**

## 1. Energy Demand reduction of the buildings.

- Using building simulation software, the demands for heating and cooling was optimized taking different possibilities of actuation ( Insulation materials and thickness; Control of the openings; Overhang dimensions; Terrace design; Use of amount and right glass in different building areas; Thermal inertia of the whole building; Lighting).
- By dynamic simulation is possible to obtain the demand curves in order to dimension properly the energy supply and distribution systems.

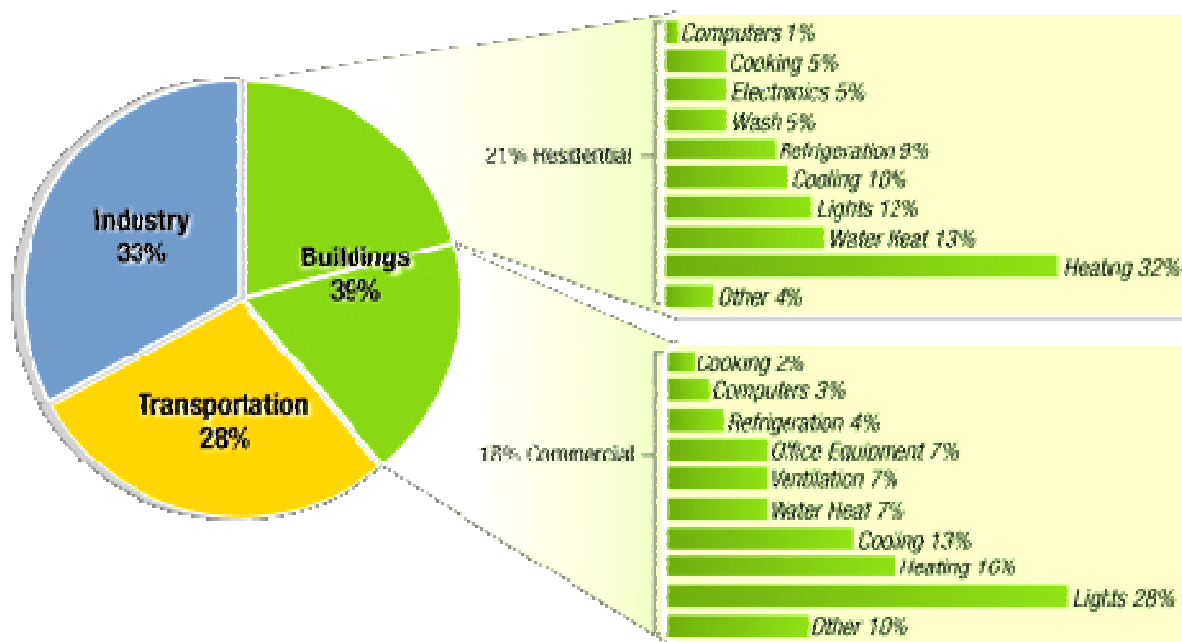
## 2. Energy Generation and recovery.

- The criteria for the energy generation system is to maximize the use of RES at reasonable payback as well as recovering wasted energy.

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## Energy Efficient Business models

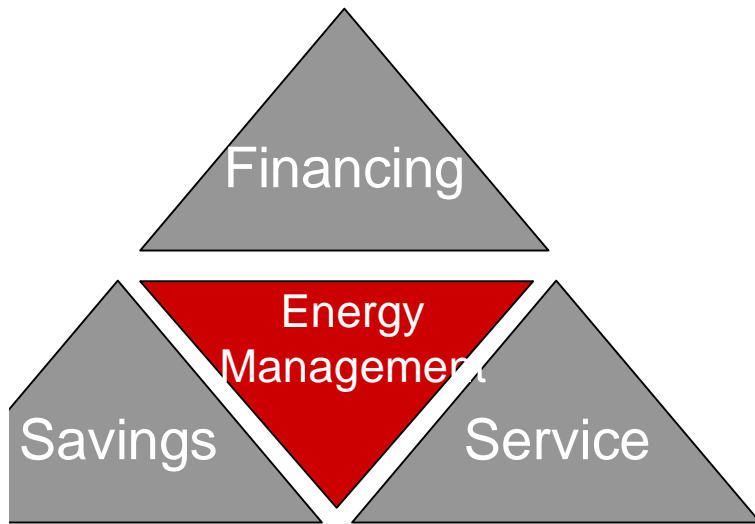


Dependant on unstable energy prices!!

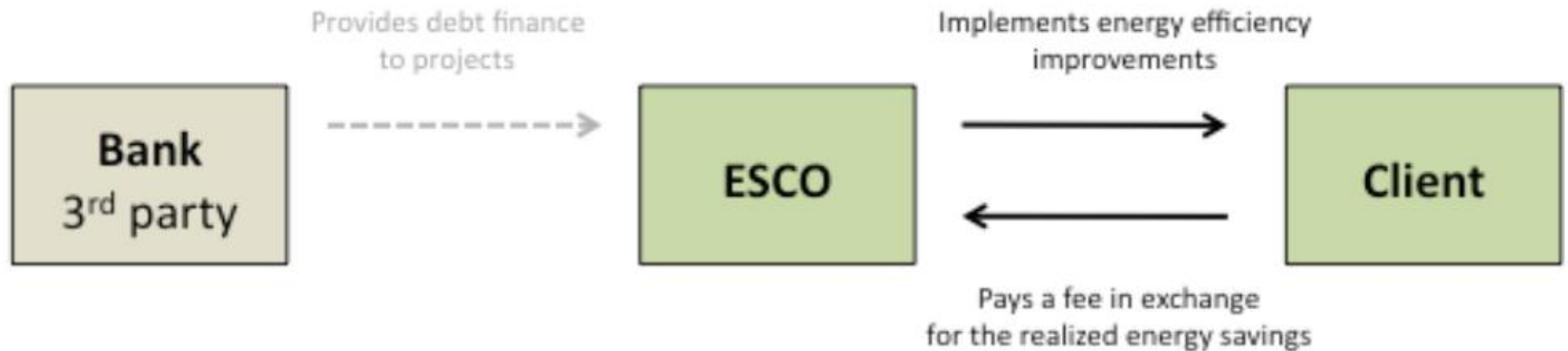
Building design, energy generation, operation and maintenance optimizations will have an increased added value for final clients.

# ESCO – Energy Service Company Business Model

Current scenario:

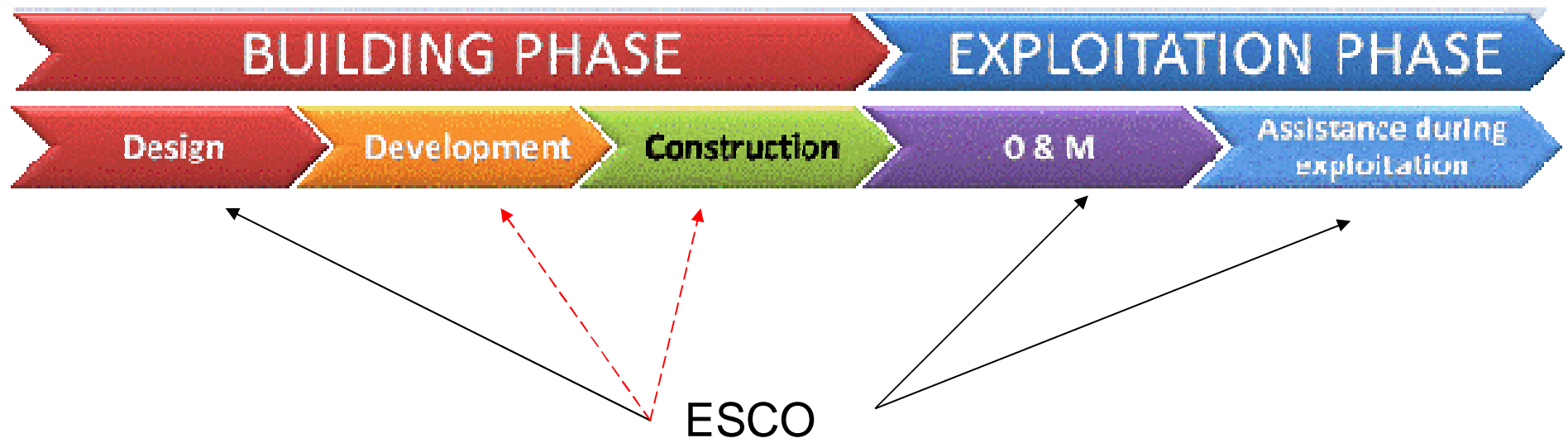


- High risk
- Require intense and high quality engineering studies.
- Clear business are limited to large projects
- High dependency on political subsidies (some countries)
- Not clear energy savings are difficult to sell → strong importance of previous energy audits and monitoring transparency.



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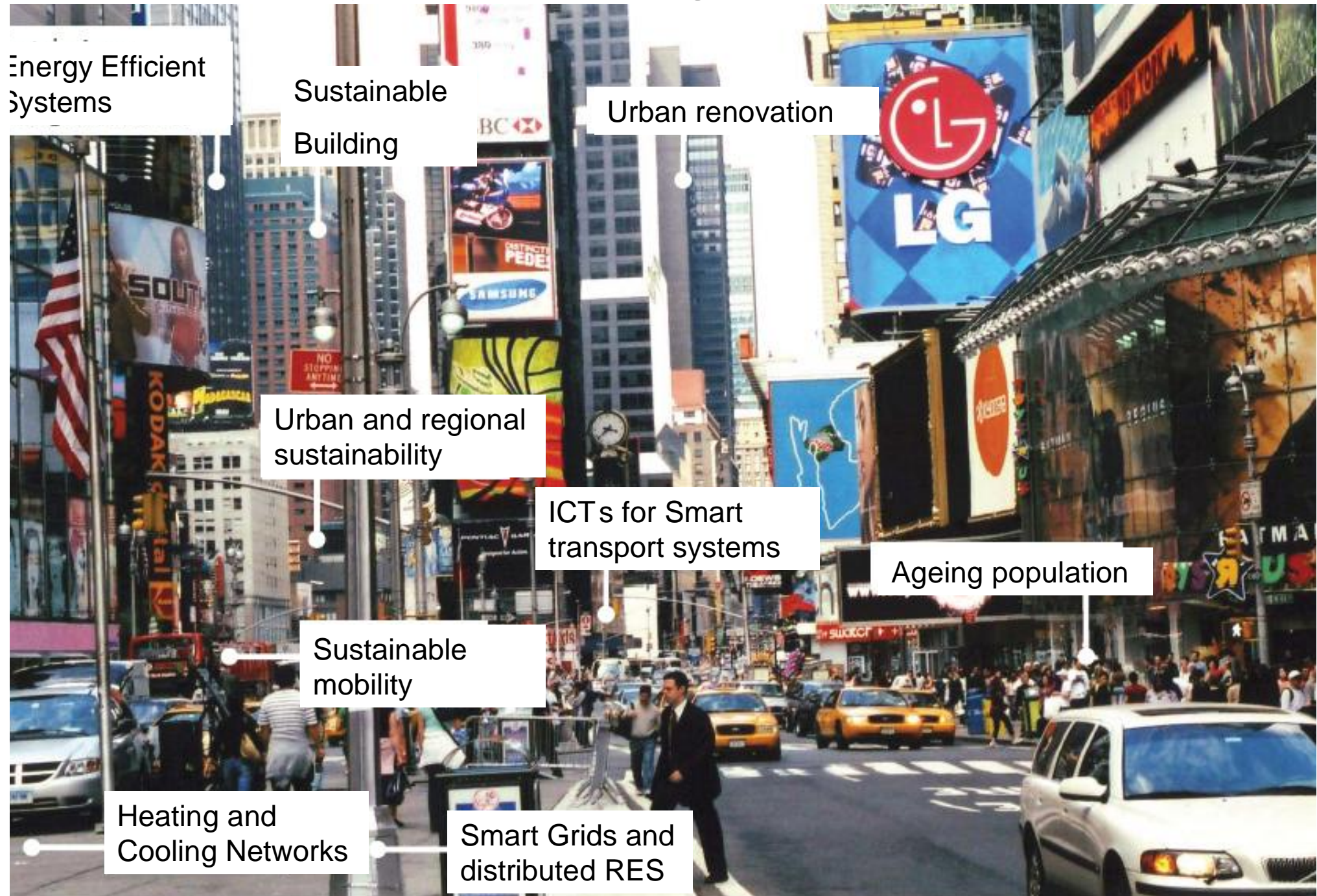
Involved phases.



Development and construction are essential parts usually not covered or considered.

In Acciona we are working on covering the whole innovation cycle.

# The Ambition – Systemic and integrated smart cities





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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