

CULTURAL-E -intro-

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Path to market valuable Plus Energy Buildings







Positive Energy Building targets

- PEB shall contribute to **reduce the greenhouse gas emissions** in the surrounding energy system
- PEBs shall **support e.g., older buildings**, where the transition to zero energy state would not be cost-efficient
- PEBs shall contribute to **reduce the stress on energy grids** by providing a flexible energy asset that allows buildings and energy communities to act as integrated part of the energy system and exchange energy between among them or with the grid





Plus energy building targets

Besides the positive energy balance verification and flexibility, Plus Energy Buildings shall ensure an added value to environment and final users by providing:

- low carbon emission over the entire life cycle
- accessible, comfortable and healthy indoor environments
- easy access to e-mobility





Overall objective



To define viable, and tailorable technology concepts and business cases for Positive Energy Building.

Successful implementation requires an integrated **climate and cultural approach** that encompasses overall building configuration, technology selection, and user/systems interaction.

While the socio-technical combinations vary across contexts, **CULTURAL-E** solution-sets are being thought as comprehensive and easily replicable, thanks to reliable methods and practical guidelines



Expected Impacts



- Expected Impact 1: Similar costs in comparison to the nZEBs 2020 as an incentive to erect Plus Energy Houses
- Expected Impact 2: Contribute to reducing CO2 emissions in the residential sector by 88% in 2050 compared to the 1990 levels
- > Expected Impact 3: Improved indoor environment quality (IEQ) and user satisfaction
- Expected Impact 4: Increase of the share of Plus Energy Houses with the view of 10% market uptake by 2030



Project pillars



- Look at building energy demand also from a socio-cultural perspective
- Put user/households at the center i) understanding user's context, needs and expectations and ii) supporting them towards better energy practices
- Agnostic approach to technology selection for the solution sets
- Define viable business models that include attractive financial mechanism and co-benefit evaluation









DECARBONIZE EU BUILDING STOCK INCREASE THE SHARE OF PLUS ENERGY HOUSES

3) Definition of solution sets for each climatecultural geocluster





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Specific objectives



OBJECTIVE 1: Define <u>cultural peculiarities</u> impacting building energy balance

OBJECTIVE 2: Define a <u>framework</u> for the performance evaluation of Positive Energy Building

OBJECTIVE 3: Develop solution sets for Positive Energy Building

OBJECTIVE 4: Understand users' behaviour and provide interventions to shift practices

OBJECTIVE 5: Identify and valuate the <u>co-benefits</u> from Positive Energy Building

OBJECTIVE 6: <u>Demonstration</u> of feasibility, reliability and replicability of solution sets

OBJECTIVE 7: Promote a European "ecosystem of <u>policies</u>" promoting Positive Energy Building

OBJECTIVE 8: <u>Dissemination</u> of projects achievements for promoting PEB feasibility



Cultural habits, preferences and expectations



understanding the interrelated variables that culture and climate bring into building science, is essential in developing clear guidance to enable successful PEB design



Residential energy consumption by end-use according to 2018 IEA energy efficiency indicators highlights



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