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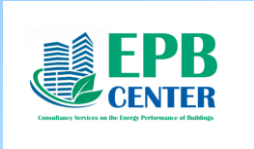
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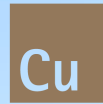
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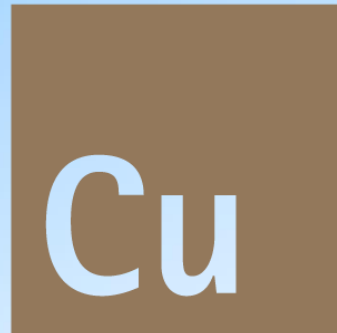
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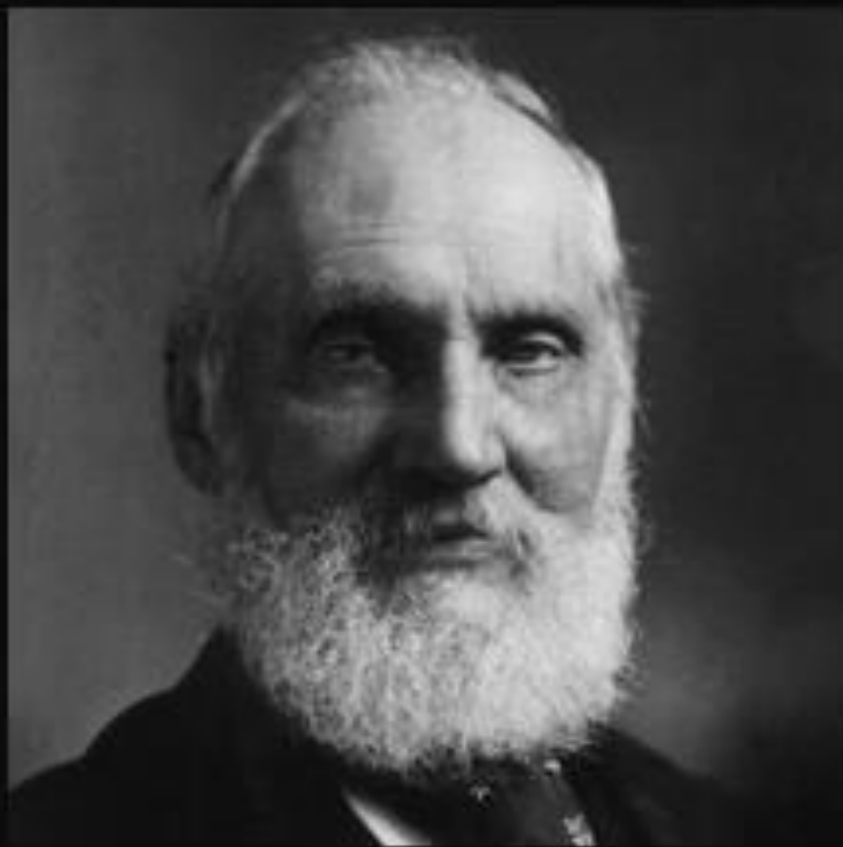
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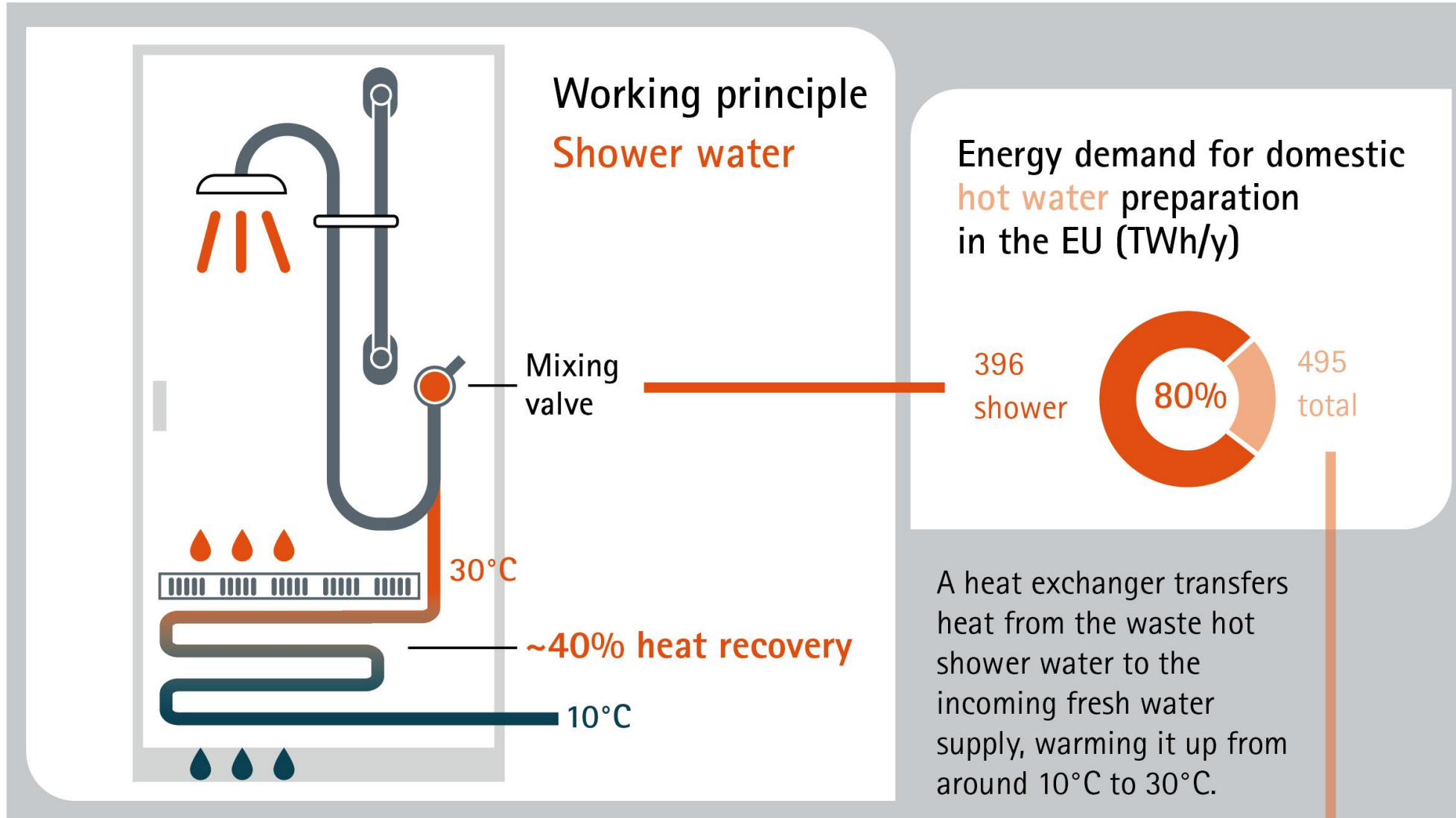


If you can not measure it, you  
can not improve it.

~ Lord Kelvin

# Waste Water Heat Recovery (WWHR) systems

Low hanging fruit for energy efficiency and decarbonisation of buildings

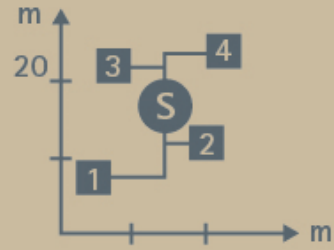




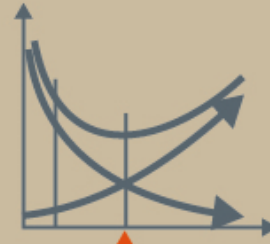


# Efficient in-building electrical installations can save 1% of the electricity generated in Europe

## Basic principles



Optimal location



Proper sizing



Load management



Control and monitoring

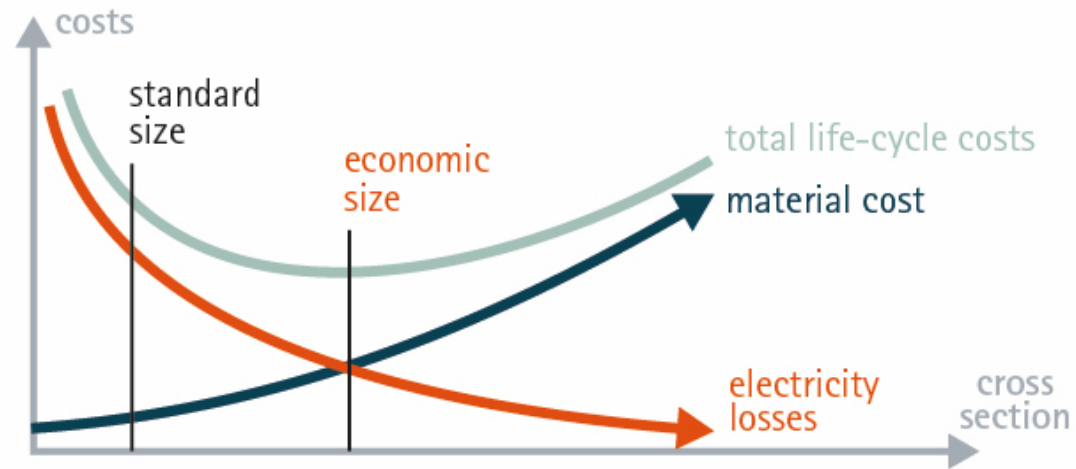
## Proper sizing

● ● ● cross section

≡ ≡ ≡ resistance

Increasing the conductor cross section reduces the energy losses.

The optimal size to achieve minimum life-cycle cost is in most cases larger than the standard size.





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# Building energy performance assessments and the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)**

**EPB Center**, webinar, 20 September 2022

ENER/B - Just Transition, Consumers, Energy  
Efficiency and Innovation  
Unit ENER B.3 – Buildings and products

# Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

## EPBD 2002/91/EC

- Article 3 – Adoption of methodology
- Annex I – General framework

## EPBD 2010/31/EU (recast)

- Annex I – General framework (updated)
  - Typical conditions
  - Primary energy

## Mandate 480

- EPB standards ISO-52000 (series)

## EPBD (EU) 2018/844 (amending)

- Annex I – General framework (updated)
  - Common indicator
- Introduce references to standards and obligation to report

### ANNEX

#### General framework for the calculation of energy performance of buildings (Article 3)

1. The methodology of calculation of energy performances of buildings shall include at least the following aspects:
  - (a) thermal characteristics of the building (shell and internal partitions, etc.). These characteristics may also include air-tightness;
  - (b) heating installation and hot water supply, including their insulation characteristics;
  - (c) air-conditioning installation;
  - (d) ventilation;
  - (e) built-in lighting installation (mainly the non-residential sector);
  - (f) position and orientation of buildings, including outdoor climate;
  - (g) passive solar systems and solar protection;
  - (h) natural ventilation;
  - (i) indoor climatic conditions, including the designed indoor climate.
2. The positive influence of the following aspects shall, where relevant in this calculation, be taken into account:
  - (a) active solar systems and other heating and electricity systems based on renewable energy sources;
  - (b) electricity produced by CHP;
  - (c) district or block heating and cooling systems;
  - (d) natural lighting.
3. For the purpose of this calculation buildings should be adequately classified into categories such as:
  - (a) single-family houses of different types;
  - (b) apartment blocks;
  - (c) offices;
  - (d) education buildings;
  - (e) hospitals;
  - (f) hotels and restaurants;
  - (g) sports facilities;
  - (h) wholesale and retail trade services buildings;
  - (i) other types of energy-consuming buildings.

# Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

## EPBD 2021 (proposal for recast)

- Annex I – General framework (updated)
  - Hourly calculations
  - Measured energy
  - Links to product regulation
  - Recognition of benefits of primary energy factors in supply (based on EN-17423)
  - Additional indicators

## Links to multiple articles

- Minimum energy performance requirements (MEPR – new and existing buildings)
- Cost-optimal methodology (sets MEPR)
- Energy Performance Certificates (EPC)
- Financial incentives

ANNEX I  
COMMON GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CALCULATION OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS  
(referred to in Article 10)

2018/844 Art. 1.14 and Annex 1(a) (adapted)  
new

1. The energy performance of a building shall be determined on the basis of calculated or metered energy use and shall reflect typical energy use for space heating, space cooling, domestic hot water, ventilation, built-in lighting and other technical building systems. Member States shall ensure that the typical energy use is representative of actual operating conditions for each relevant typology and reflects the typical user behaviour. Where possible, typical energy use and typical user behaviour shall be based on available national statistics, building codes and measured data.

Where metered energy is the basis for calculating the energy performance of buildings, the calculation methodology shall be capable of identifying the influence of the behaviour of occupants and the local climate, which shall not be reflected in the result of the calculation. Metered energy to be used for the purposes of calculating the energy performance of buildings shall require readings of at least hourly intervals and must differentiate between energy sources.

Member States may use metered energy consumption under typical operating conditions to verify the correctness of the calculated energy use and enable comparison between calculated and actual performance. Metered energy consumption for the purposes of verification and comparison may be based on monthly readings.

The energy performance of a building shall be expressed by a numeric indicator of primary energy use per unit of reference floor area per year, in kWh/(m<sup>2</sup>·y) for the purpose of both energy performance certification and compliance with minimum energy performance requirements. The methodology applied for the determination of the energy performance of a building shall be transparent and open to innovation.

Member States shall describe their national calculation methodology based on Annex A following the minimum criteria of the key European harmonising standards EN ISO 52003-1, EN ISO 52003-1, EN ISO 52010-1, EN ISO 52010-1, and EN ISO 52018-1, EN 16798-1 and EN 17423 or superseding documents developed under mandate M-444

2018/844 Art. 1.14 and Annex 1(c) (adapted)  
new

10a For the purpose of expressing the energy performance of a building, Member States may define additional numeric indicators of total, non-renewable and renewable primary energy use, and of operational greenhouse gas emissions emissions produced in kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/(m<sup>2</sup>·y).

2010/31/EU (adapted)

10b The methodology shall be laid down taking into consideration at least the following aspects:

(a) the following actual thermal characteristics of the building including its internal partitions:

- (i) thermal capacity;
- (ii) insulation;
- (iii) passive heating;
- (iv) cooling elements; and
- (v) thermal bridges;

(b) heating installation and hot water supply, including their insulation characteristics;

(c) air-conditioning installations;

(d) natural and mechanical ventilation which may include air-tightness;

(e) built-in lighting installation (mainly in the non-residential sector);

(f) the design, positioning and orientation of the building, including outdoor climate;

(g) passive solar systems and solar protection;

(h) indoor climatic conditions, including the designed indoor climate;- (i) internal loads.

2018/844 Art. 1.14 and Annex 1(d)

10c The positive influence of the following aspects shall be taken into account:

2010/31/EU

(a) local solar exposure conditions, active solar systems and other heating and electricity systems based on energy from renewable sources;

given to the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN). This provision shall not constitute a legal codification of those standards.

2018/844 Art. 1.14 and Annex 1(b) (adapted)  
new

2. The energy needs and energy use for space heating, space cooling, domestic hot water, ventilation, lighting and other technical building systems shall be calculated using hourly or sub-hourly time calculation intervals in order to account for varying conditions that significantly affect the operation and performance of the system and the indoor conditions, and in order to optimise health, indoor air quality and comfort levels defined by Member States at national or regional level.

Where product-specific regulations for energy-related products adopted under Regulation 2009/125/EC include specific product information requirements for the purpose of the calculation of energy performance under this Directive, national calculation methods shall not require additional information.

The calculation of primary energy shall be based on primary energy factors, distinguishing non-renewable, renewable and total energy carrier, which shall have to be recognised by the national authorities. Those primary energy factors may be based on national, regional or local information. Primary energy factors may be set on an annual, and possibly also seasonal, or monthly, or daily or hourly basis weighted averages or on more specific information made available for individual district systems.

Primary energy factors or weighting factors shall be defined by Member States. The choices made and data sources shall be reported according to EN 17423 or any superseding document. Member States may opt for an average EU primary energy factor for electricity established pursuant to Directive (EU) ... (recast EED) instead of a primary energy factor reflecting the electricity mix in the country.

In the application of those factors to the calculation of energy performance, Member States shall ensure that the optimal energy performance of the building envelope is pursued.

In the calculation of the primary energy factors for the purpose of calculating the energy performance of buildings, Member States may take into account renewable energy sources

- (b) electricity produced by cogeneration;
- (c) district or block heating and cooling systems;
- (d) natural lighting.
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# EPBD revision – Focus areas

## ***Renovation***

- National Building Renovation Plans
- Minimum Energy Performance Standards
- Energy Performance Certificates
- Renovation passports for individual buildings

## ***Modernisation & system integration***

- Infrastructure for sustainable mobility
- EPC digitalisation & databases
- Smart Readiness Indicator

## ***Decarbonisation***

- Zero-emission buildings as new standard for new buildings and 2050 vision for building stock
- Consideration of whole life cycle carbon
- Phasing out of incentives for fossil fuels and new legal basis for national bans

## ***Financing***

- Public and private financing & technical assistance
- Deep renovation standard
- Priority to vulnerable households and people affected by energy poverty

# Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

## Calculation methodology

- Flexible
- Asset calculation – standardized conditions
- Must reflect typical operation (yet flexible)
- Common indicator: kWh/(m<sup>2</sup> year) primary energy use
- Primary Energy Factors (PEF)
- Additional indicators are possible (e.g. kg CO<sub>2</sub>/(m<sup>2</sup> year))
- Calculated or measured (\*)



## Calculation methodology – in practice

- Flexibility between Member States
  - Differences in application
- Used for compliance / design / certification
- Centralised / Licenced / Mixed calculation
  - Links to multiple calculation software suites

# Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

## EPB standards and the EPBD

- Flexibility of adoption
- Modular approach
- Obligation to report using standards
  - Common understanding
  - Overarching (ISO 52000)
  - Indoor requirements (EN 16798-1)
  - PEFs (EN 17423)
- Support service
  - [EPB Center | EPB Standards](#)
  - <https://epb.center>
  - Documentation, FAQs, case studies, webinars, etc.



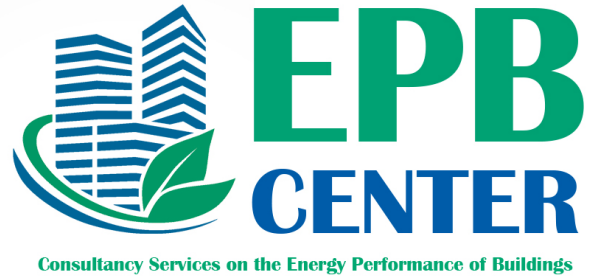




Thank you



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# The CEN/ISO EPB standards and EPBD's implementation

## Dick van Dijk

- *EPB Center expert and initiator*
- *Chair of ISO Joint Advisory Group on set of EPB standards ((EN) ISO 52000 family)*



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# Set of harmonized European and global EPB standards

## The set of CEN and CEN ISO EPB standards

- Europe-wide *-and to great extent globally-* converged calculation methodology to assess the overall energy performance of buildings
- For information (EP Certificates)
- For benchmarking and checking compliance with minimum EP requirements
- For new and existing buildings, residential and non-residential
- Most were published in 2017
- Current status: being implemented, expanded and reviewed



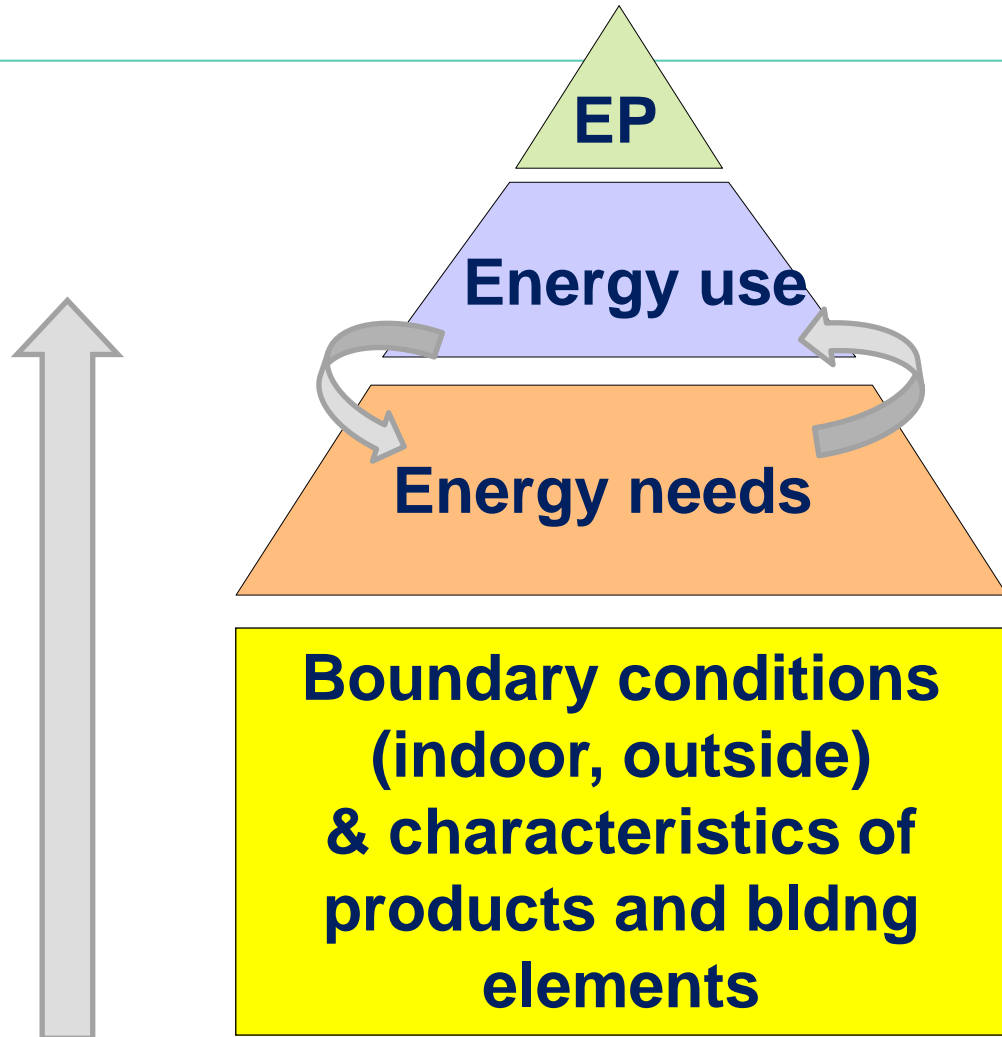
# The set of EPB standards

**Holistic (systemic) approach**

**From product & component data**

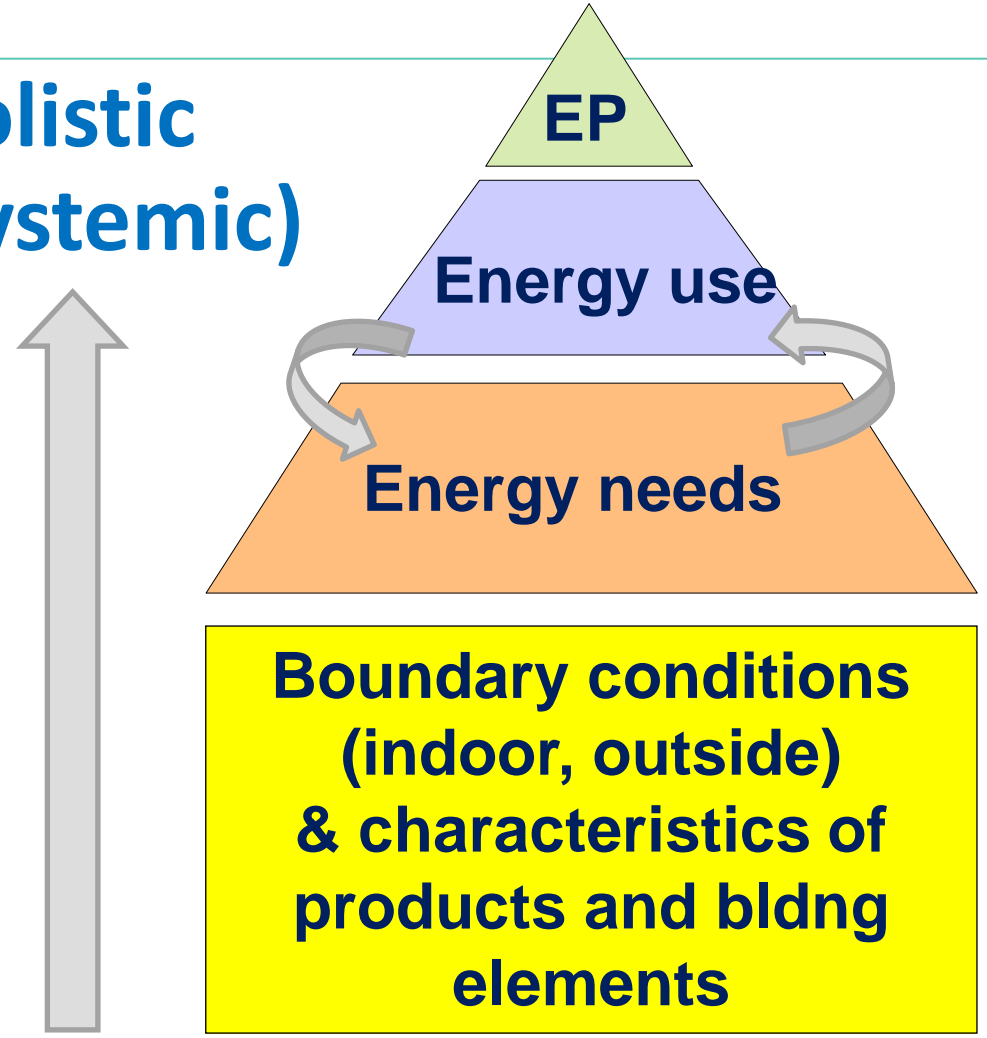
**via systems performance**

**to overall building energy performance**

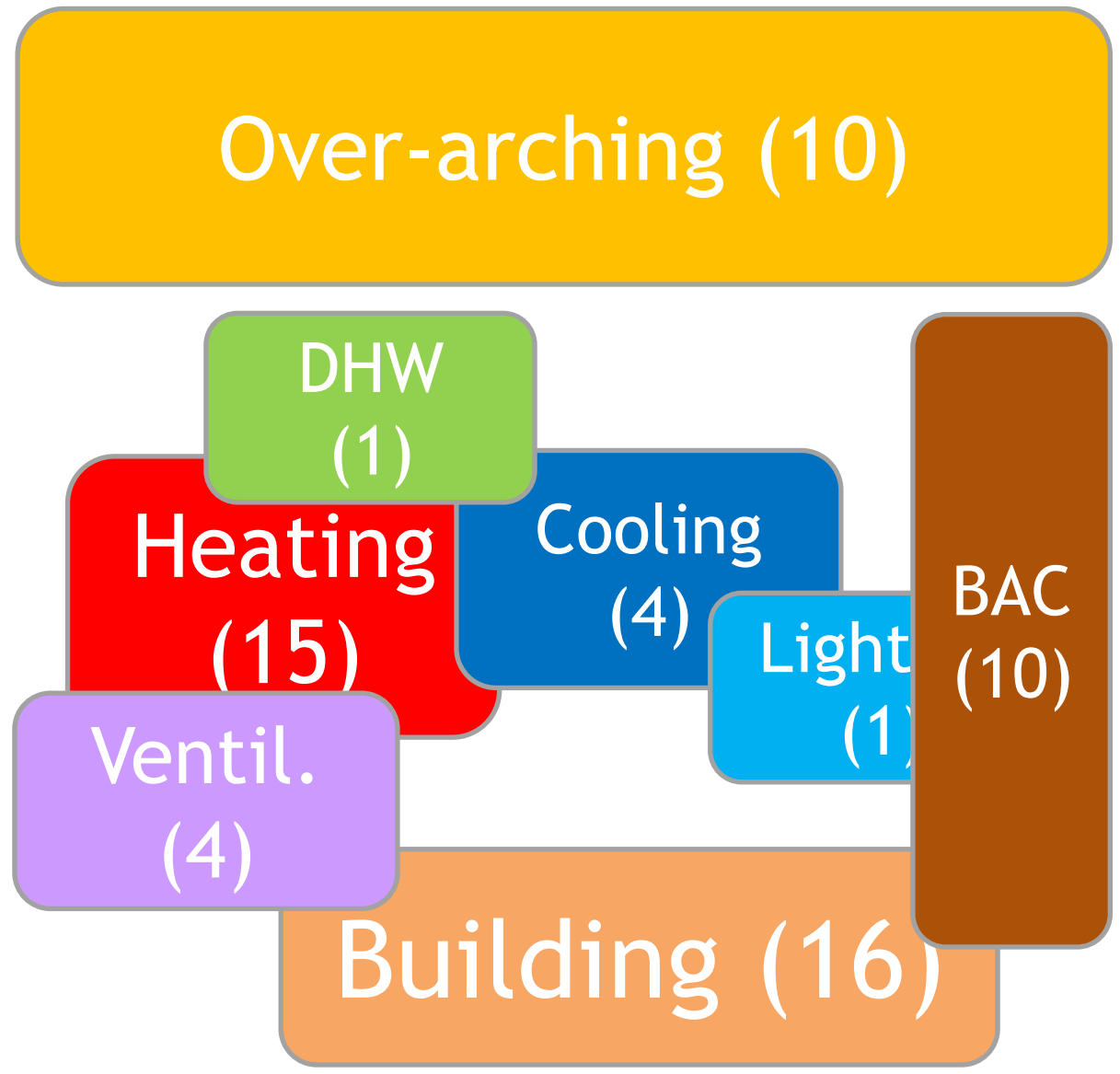


# The set of EPB standards

**Holistic  
(systemic)**



# Modular approach



# Why important to have and to use this set?

- + Definitions
  - + Calculation method
  - + (assumed) outdoor and indoor conditions
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- = EP value (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>)

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# Set of EPB standards

Common EP assessment methodology =

- + Common definitions
- + Common calculation method
- + Common [sets of] (assumed) outdoor and indoor conditions
- + Common EP indicators

**Different methodology = different meaning**

# Set of EPB standards

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***No national choices?***

Yes, but conversion to a common reference should be possible, so limited to e.g.

- Climatic conditions
- (Non)Renewable Primary Energy Factor values

For more details: go to EPB Center website



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Dozens of frequently Asked Questions

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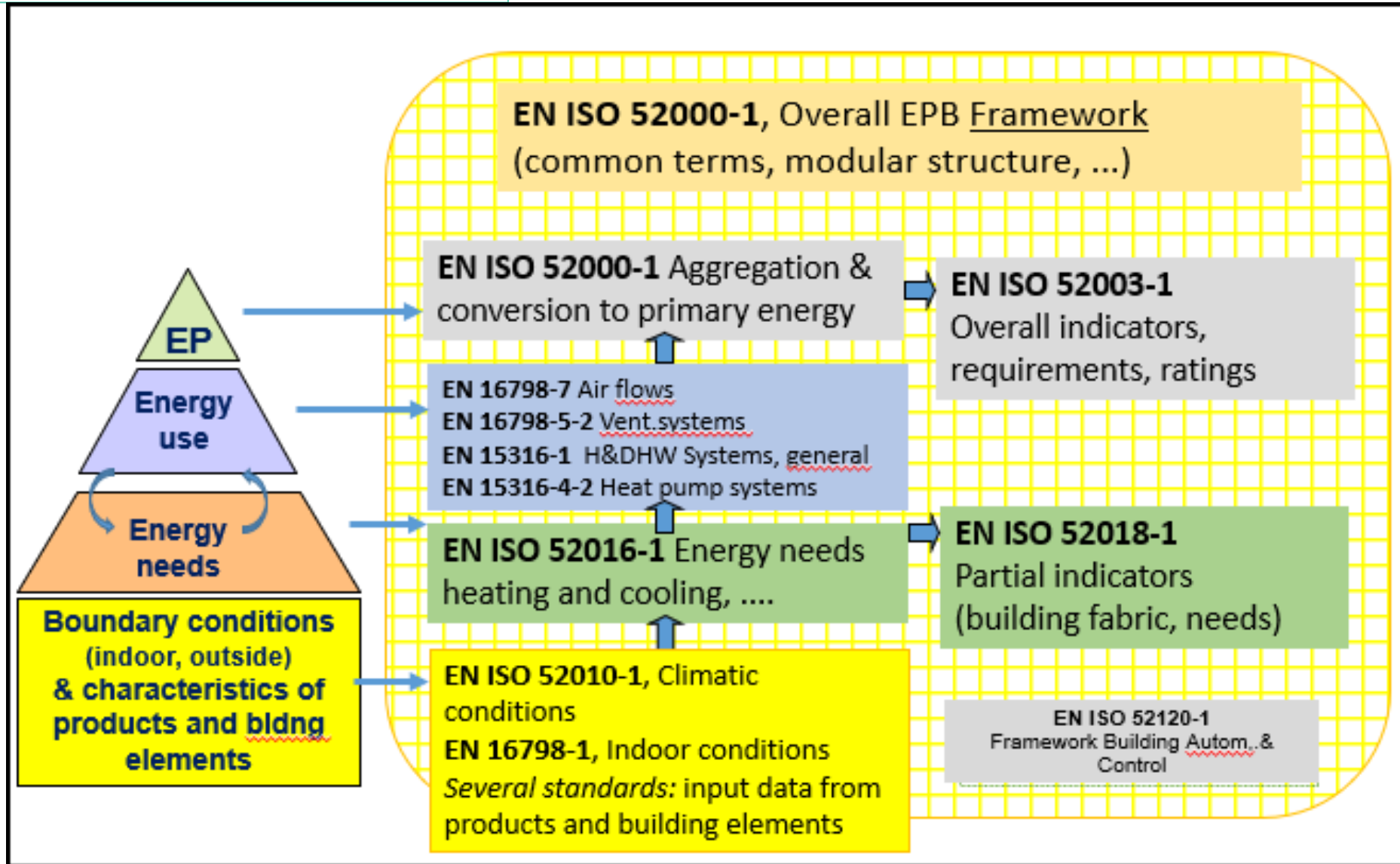
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# Key EPB standards



# Future development of the set of EPB standards

- From July 15 to December 2, 2022:  
**Systematic (5 years, periodic) Review** of all EPB standards that were published in 2017, in both CEN and ISO
- For this unique occasion, a team of CEN and ISO experts prepared and distributed an **informal guidance document**
  - containing extensive background information, “food for thought” and questions
  - for all relevant mirror committees of the national CEN and ISO member bodies. To provide feedback: on individual EPB standards and on the total set



July 12, 2022

## Informal guidance document on the Systematic Review (SR) of EPB standards published in 2017

Prepared by

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## Tentative 'wish list'

- *Less options for national choice: increased convergence*
- *Digitalisation of the standards (~ ISO SMART programme)*
- *Prepare an open source core (framework) software tool*
- *Bring more EPB CEN standards to global (ISO) level*
- *Include new demands and features from EPBD recast*
- *Include new technologies (e.g. batteries)*



# Importance of transparent and meaningful EP indicators

Definition:

- **Total primary energy performance:**
  - This is ‘simply’ the sum of **non-renewable** energy and **renewable** energy performance

Not to be confused with:

- **Overall** (total, non-renewable or renewable) primary energy performance = EP for the whole building

# Importance of transparent and meaningful EP indicators

In particular relevant when it comes to renewable energy (like PV) produced and used on-site

- **Net annual (total, non-renewable or renewable) energy performance**
  - The energy balance is averaged over a longer period
  - The need for electricity from the grid during the evening or during winter time is compensated by the surplus of PV during the day or during summer

# Importance of transparent and meaningful EP indicators

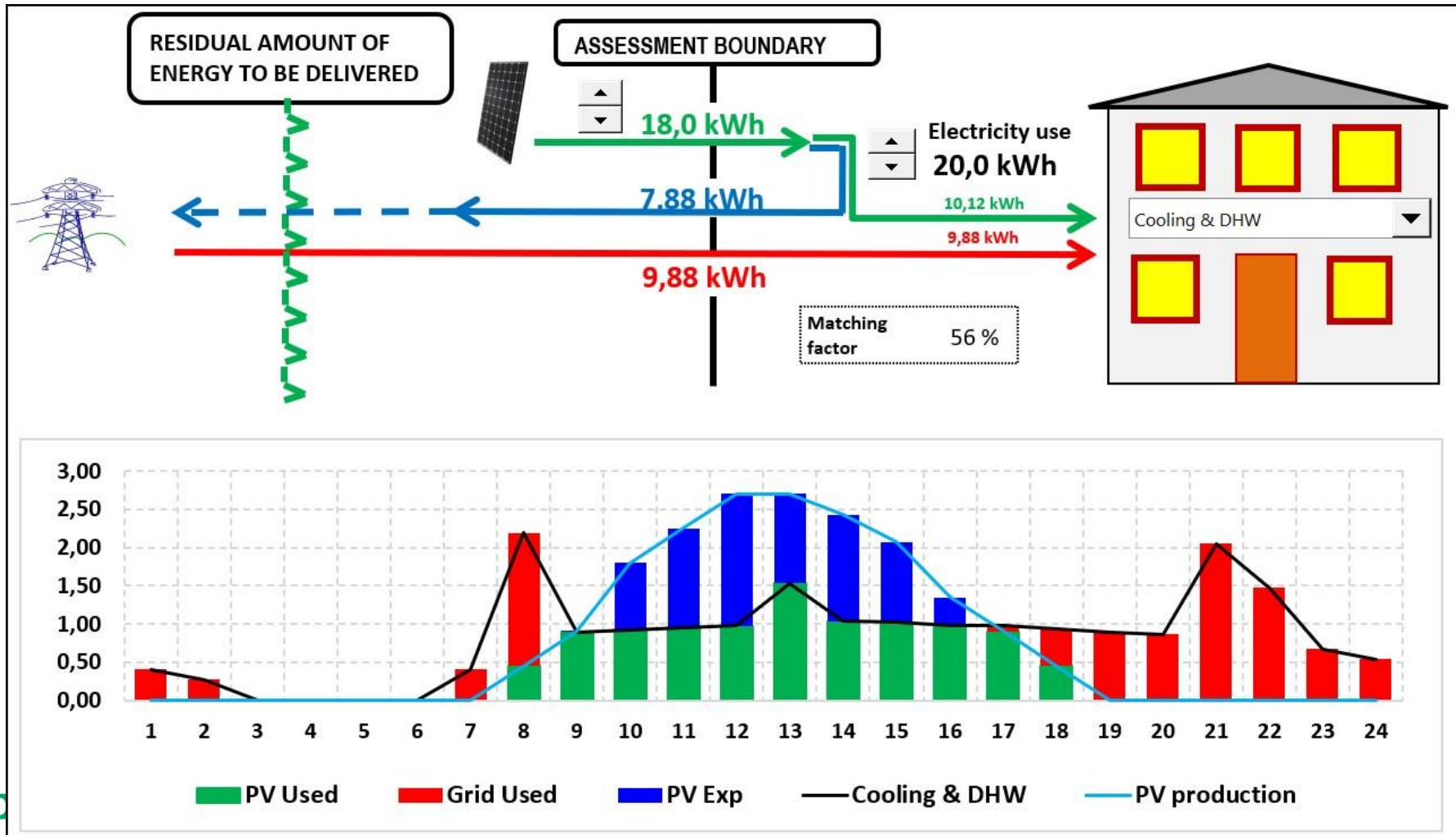
**Net annual (total, non-renewable or renewable) energy performance is**

- Summer (day) surplus does not “cover” winter (night) shortage; it is only compensated in the calculation
- It disguises non-renewable energy use: leads to fake ZEB
- It also hinders optimization of the energy balance between building and grid (e.g. smart use of equipment, batteries, ..)

**Instead:**

**Annual primary energy based on hourly energy balance**

# Illustration



➔ Absolute need for hourly calculation steps

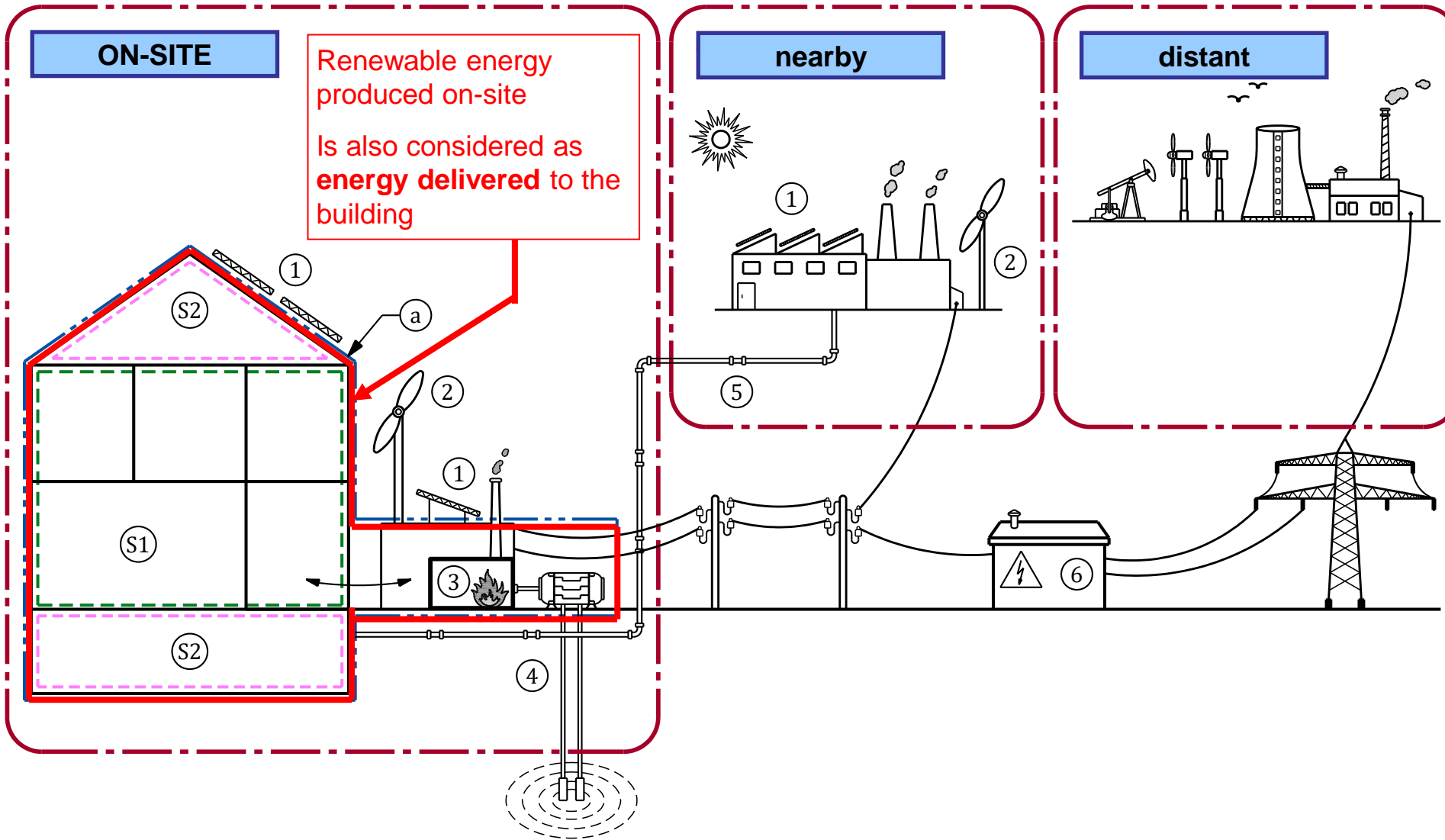
➔ (also for thermal comfort, IEQ)

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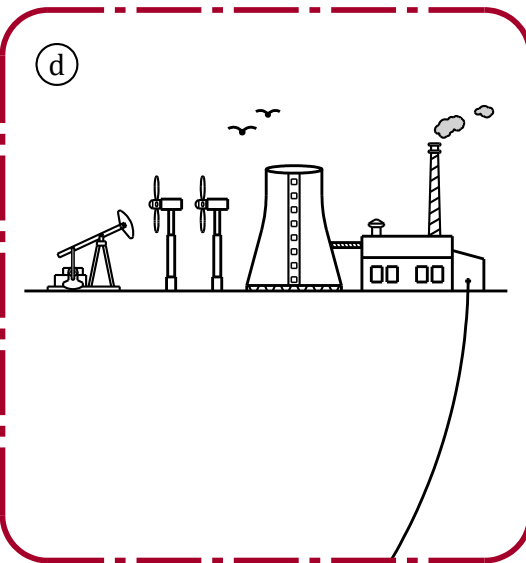
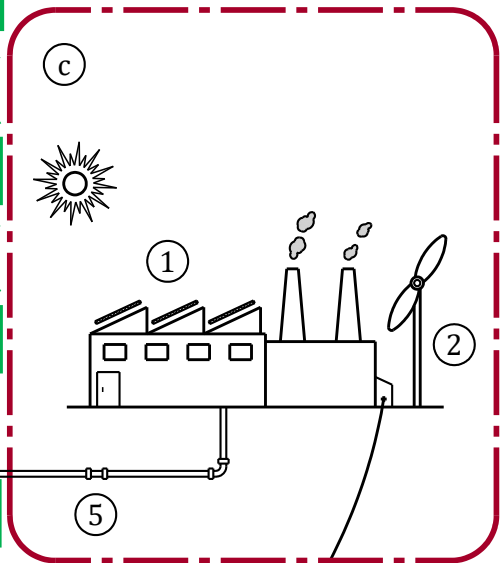
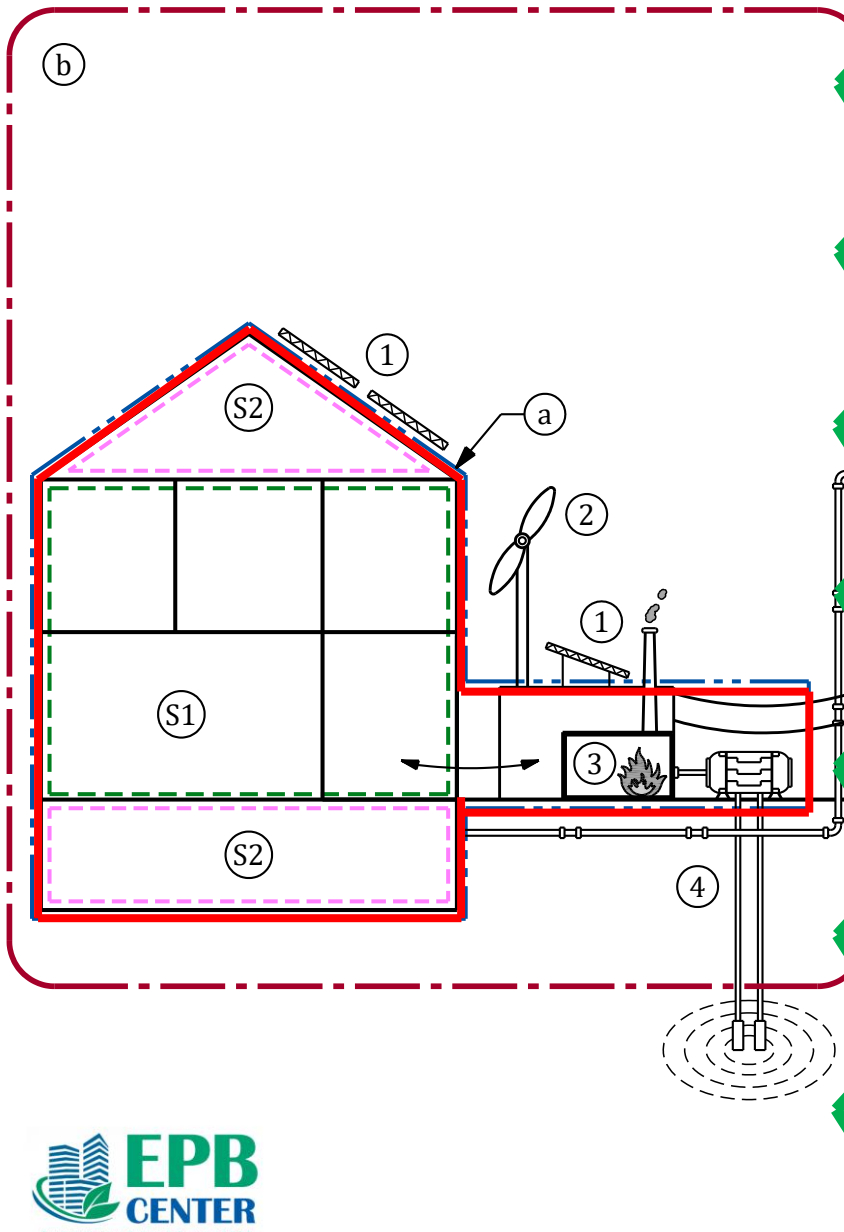
What indicator is needed to (more or less) assure a high energy efficient building?

- **Not total primary energy**, because this includes renewable energy that is used to achieve a high efficiency building
- A useful indicator would be:  
**the amount of energy that has to be delivered to the building site**
  - From nearby or distant
  - This may be (partly) non-renewable or renewable
  - **In addition to** the overall non-renewable energy performance

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**EN ISO  
52000-1  
assessment  
boundaries**

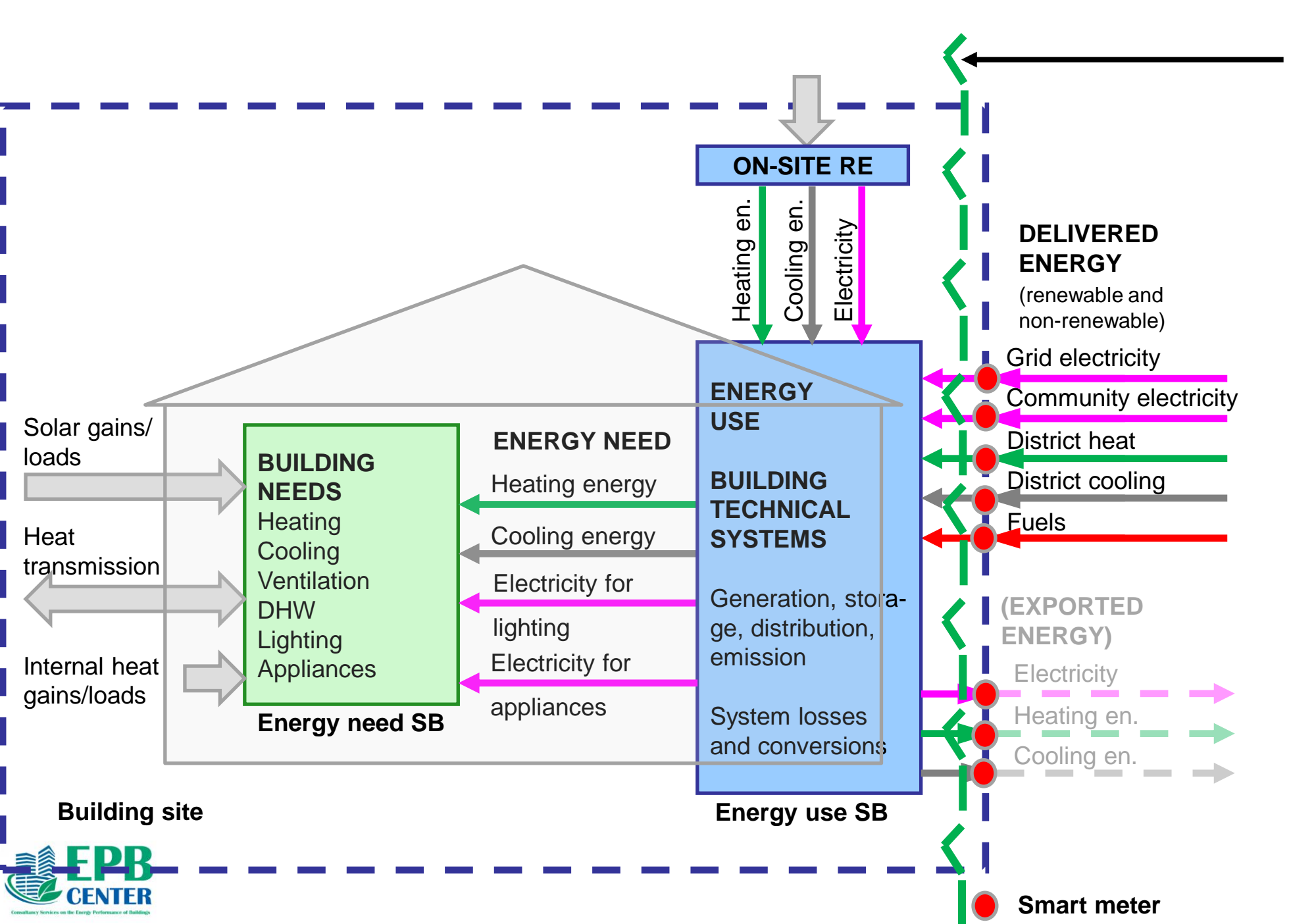


Boundary for “residual energy still required”

Renewable energy produced on-site is included in the energy balance of the building

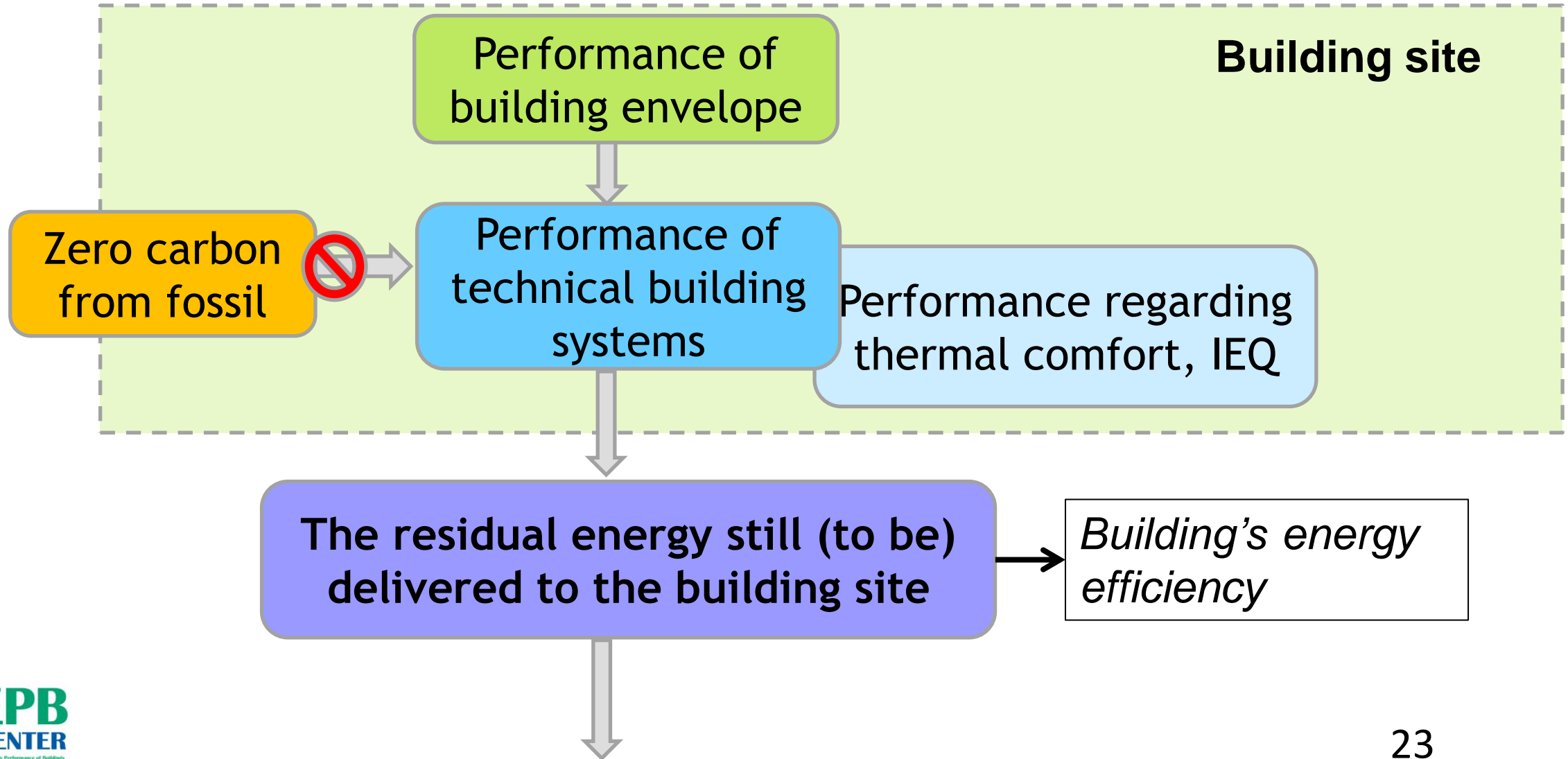
➔ No need for difficult discussions on where and how to assess the amount of renewable energy produced and used on-site

**Residual amount of energy to be delivered to the building**





# Successive assessment steps (1)



# Successive assessment steps (2)

Building site

The residual energy still (to be) delivered to the building site

Nearby and distant

The overall non-renewable energy performance, **NOW**

Zero-emission building **FUTURE**

National policy:

Trajectory for **decreasing non-renewable share** in nearby and distant energy supply



# Conclusions (1)

- Using the set of CEN and ISO EPB standards is vital to achieve European policy goals
  - Common calculation procedures
  - Common definitions
  - Common assumptions and assessment boundaries
  - Common EP indicators
- Hourly calculation steps necessary
  - Real use of non-renewable energy use instead of disguised use of non-renewable energy due to monthly or annual average (=fake zero carbon emission)
  - For assessing SRI and thermal comfort (IEQ)

## Conclusions (2)

- Main overall EP indicator: overall non-renewable primary energy
- Plus, for minimum energy quality of building
  - Metric at building site boundary
  - with renewable energy produced and used on-site already discounted
- In other words: “the residual energy still (to be) delivered to the building”
- This “residual energy” may contain energy from non-renewable sources (district heating/cooling, grid)
- → National trajectories towards 100 % renewable

# Questions?

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- [www.epb.center](http://www.epb.center)
- Informal guidance document on systematic review of EPB standards (can be downloaded from EPB Center)
- REHVA Journal paper (2022/04), van Dijk & Kurnitski



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- Why is cost-optimality important?
- What are current limitations?

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- What key quality principles should we keep in mind?
- What are possible ways forward in the EPBD revision?





# 1. Cost-optimality: state of play

## Why is it important?

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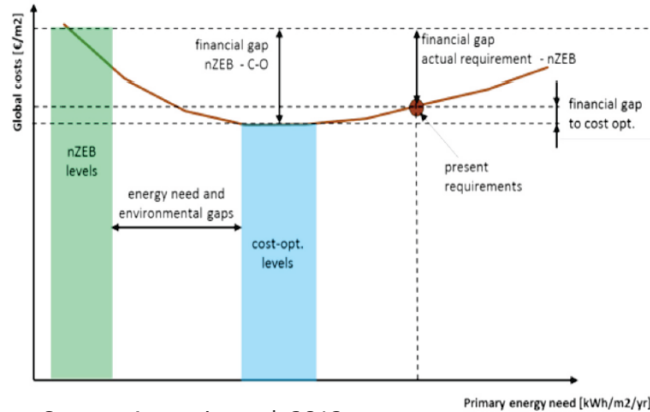
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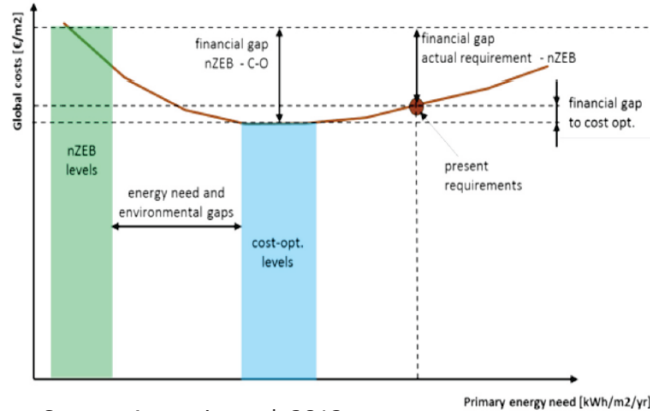
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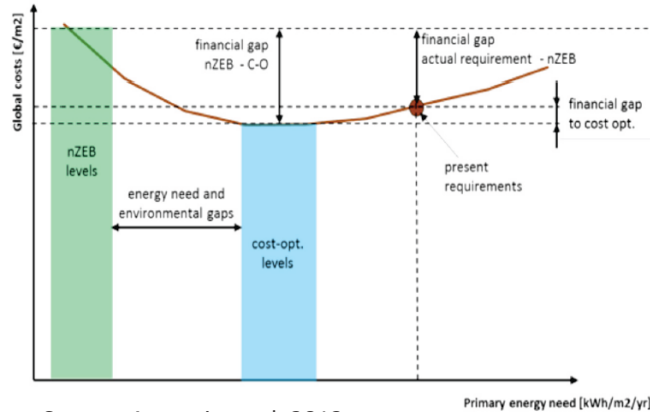
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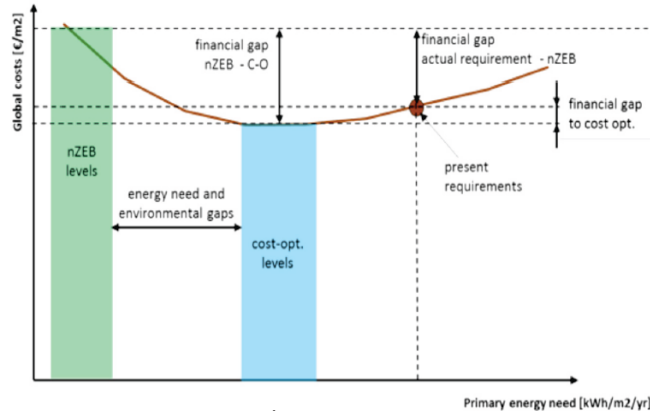
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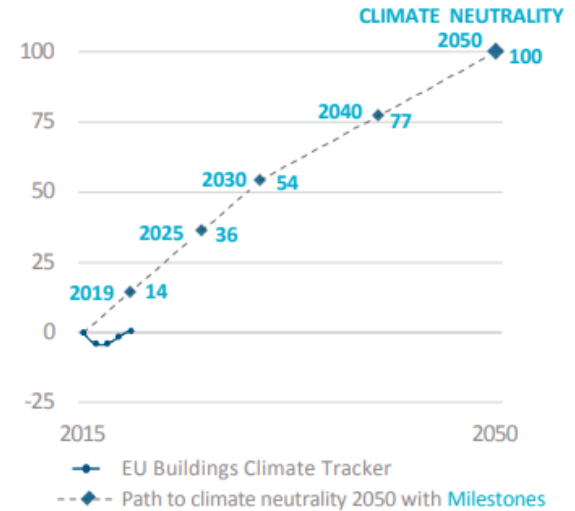
BPIE's EU Buildings Climate Tracker shows the building stock is **not on track with full decarbonisation by 2050**. There is a growing gap that needs to be closed through stronger and accelerated (policy) action.

**Yes**, we need to open the discussion on the EPBD methodological framework and question whether it is still fit for purpose.

*EU BCT policy briefing ([link here](#))*

*EU BCT methodology and results report ([link here](#))*

**Figure 2:** EU Buildings Climate Tracker compared to path to climate neutrality 2050 with milestones





# 1. Cost-optimality: state of play

## Limitations – misalignment climate targets

### Which limitations exactly?

- (Technological) assumptions outdated?
  - Outdoor temperatures, lifetime of building
- Carbon emissions costs much below current values?
  - Since rise of energy prices, some calculation results are not valid anymore (e.g., preference given to fossil fuel boilers)
- Sensitivity analyses (done by MS) not reflecting possible price shocks?
  - Analyses on discount rates or energy price developments foresee variations usually around 10-30% (sometimes 50% for gas prices) but nothing in the range of current price increase
- Externalities and wider benefits of building renovation not (enough) considered?
  - Increased property value, increased energy security, job creation, improved air quality, IEQ & comfort, higher productivity
  - Rarely discussed, even less monetised



# 1. Cost-optimality: state of play

## Limitations – misalignment climate targets

### All these parameters

- Are largely determined by Member States, with flexibility granted by EU level methodology
- Have a significant impact on the outcome of the calculations

### The consequence?

- Overall, a distorted picture of costs and benefits of building renovation
- Costs are as uncertain as benefits, but are still given the focus/priority (unequal treatment between economic and social aspects)



## 2. Cost-optimality: possible ways forward

### Key quality principles

- Ensure **multiple benefits** are expressed in economic terms and considered, that **costs of inaction** are taken into account
- Update the guidance on assumptions related to **technological developments & EU carbon price** (levels, volatility, sensitivity)
- Consider how to blend **mitigation and adaptation** considerations when setting building requirements (i.e., factoring in the benefits for adaptation)
- Consider the appropriateness of the **frequency of the update** and the **level of deviation authorised**



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**A more fundamental change needed in CO methodology?**

A shift in perspective will trigger bigger impacts than “quick fixes”



## 2. Cost-optimality: possible ways forward

### Key quality principles

Building requirements should be set based on

- What can be done (based especially on a corrected picture of costs and benefits)
- And the economically feasible should be in line with what should be delivered to achieve our long-term goals

Need to change gears

- from business-as-usual or incremental improvements
- to future-proof buildings to be climate –resilient



**Climate neutrality / ZEB stock 2050 / Energy Efficiency First  
as guiding principle for optimality (not only cost)**



## 2. Cost-optimality: possible ways forward

### Policy opportunities

Although cost-optimality might have a lot of flaws, it is **still needed as “safety net”** (for renovation of existing buildings).

Current EPBD revision includes some **policy placeholders for future technical improvement**

- Commission to adopt a Delegated Act by 30 June 2026 to revise the CO methodology
- Member States must report by 30 June 2028 all input data, assumptions and results of CO calculations

Let's use the opportunity of EPBD revision for  
**propelling a positive change to make an impact before 2030!**







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