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Development of nZEB in Romania – towards an effective implementation

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Speaking about ...



EU framework – policies for Climate & Energy → nZEB

Definition of nZEB in Romania

What does requires to be nZEB?

Cost optimal → new thinking for setting nZEB levels

Train-to-nZEB: building competences

Perspectives → nZEB



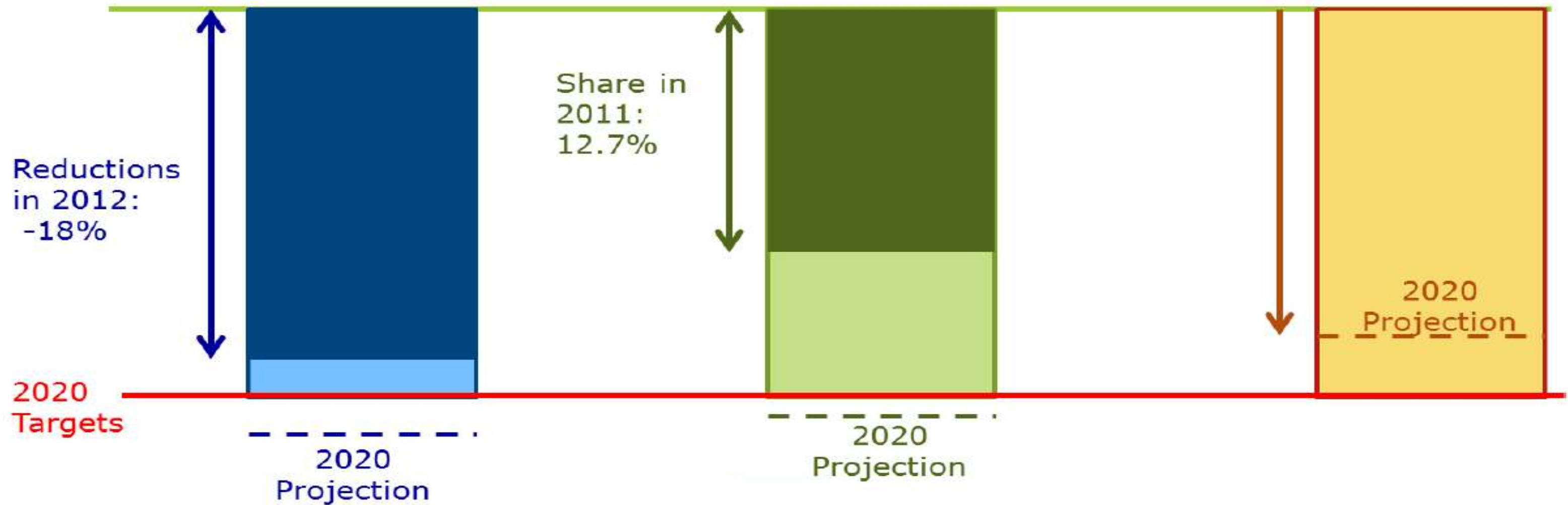
Focus

EU's 2020 Framework for Climate and Energy – where do we stand?

Reduce GHG levels
by 20%

Increase share of
Renewables to 20%

Reduce energy
consumption by 20%

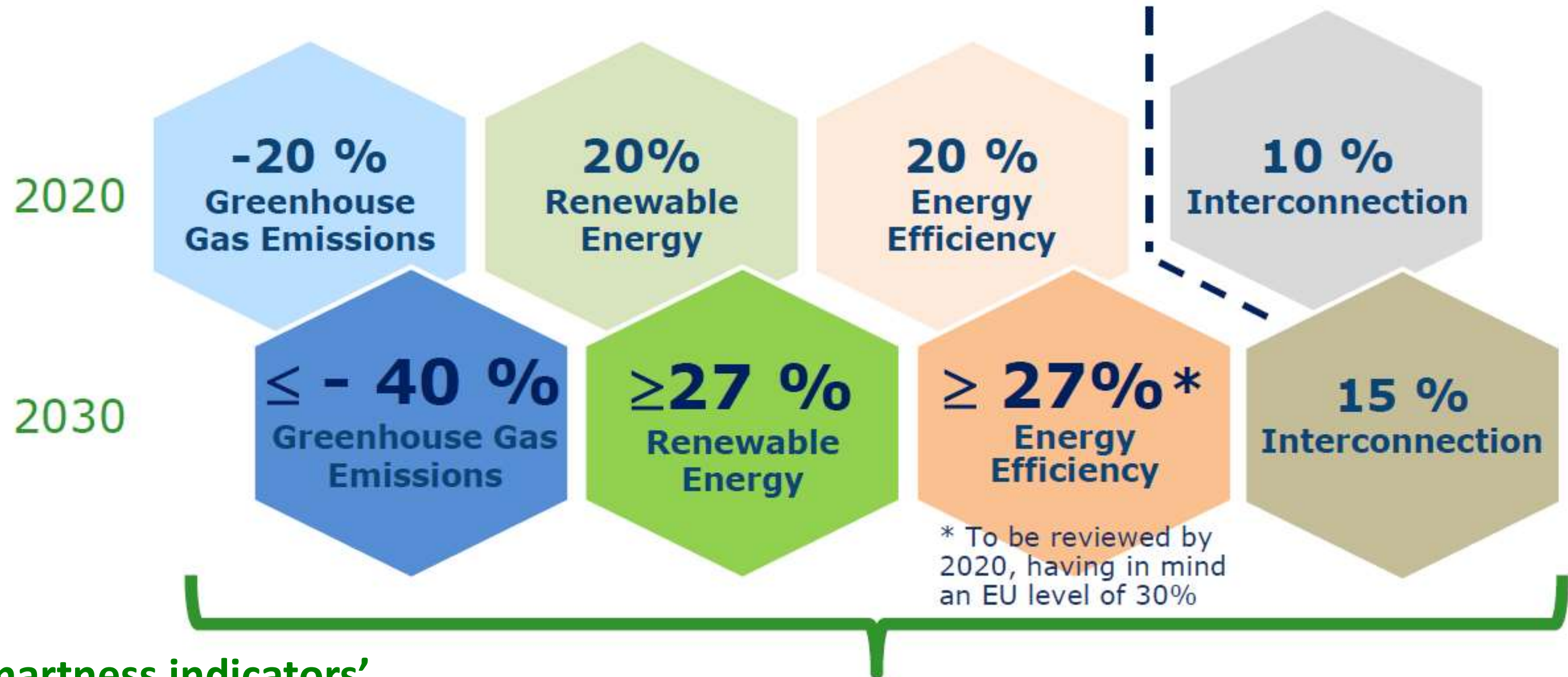


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Proposed EU's 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy – where?



+ 'Smartness indicators' for buildings

New governance system + indicators

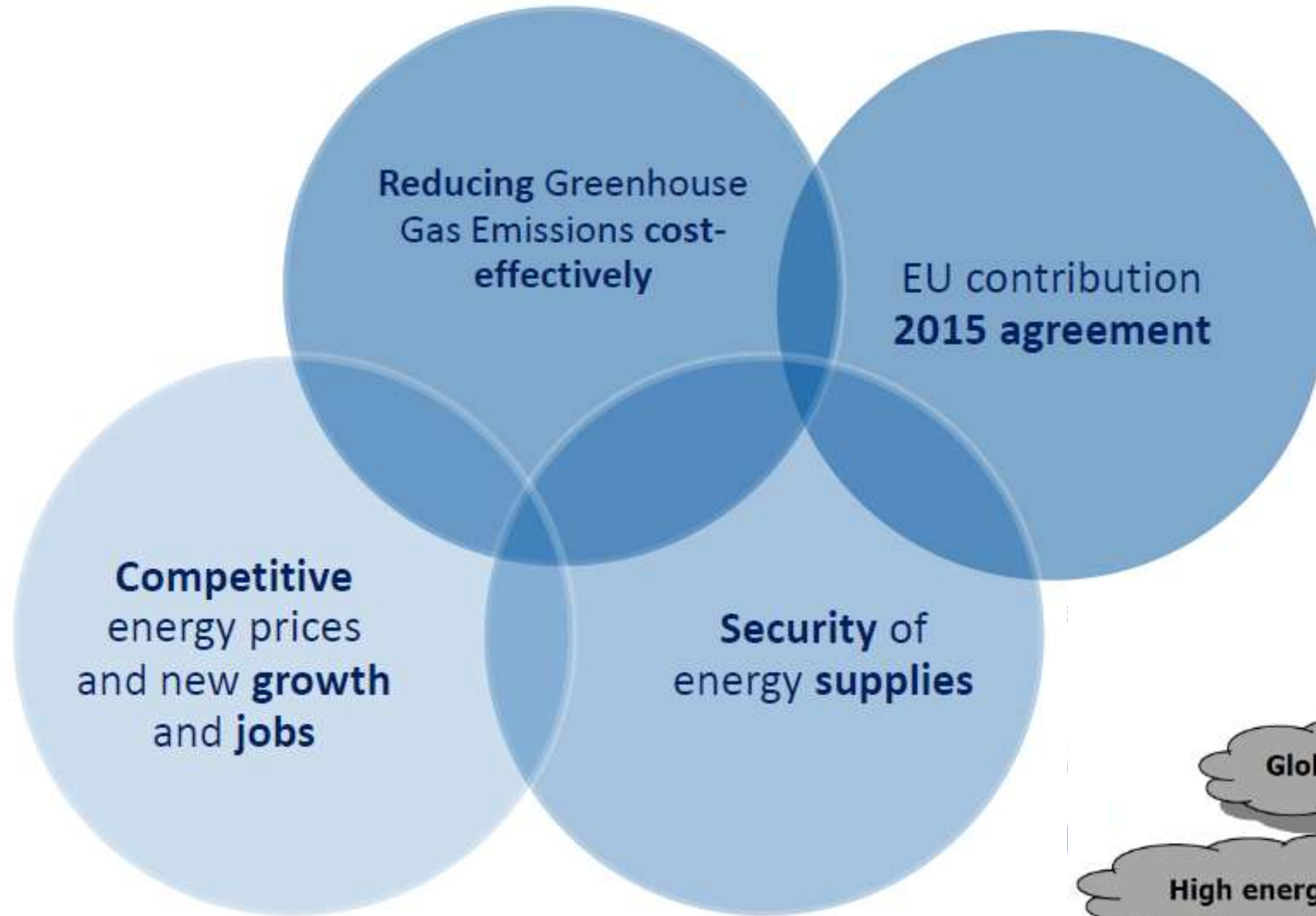


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EU's 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy - Why a new framework now?



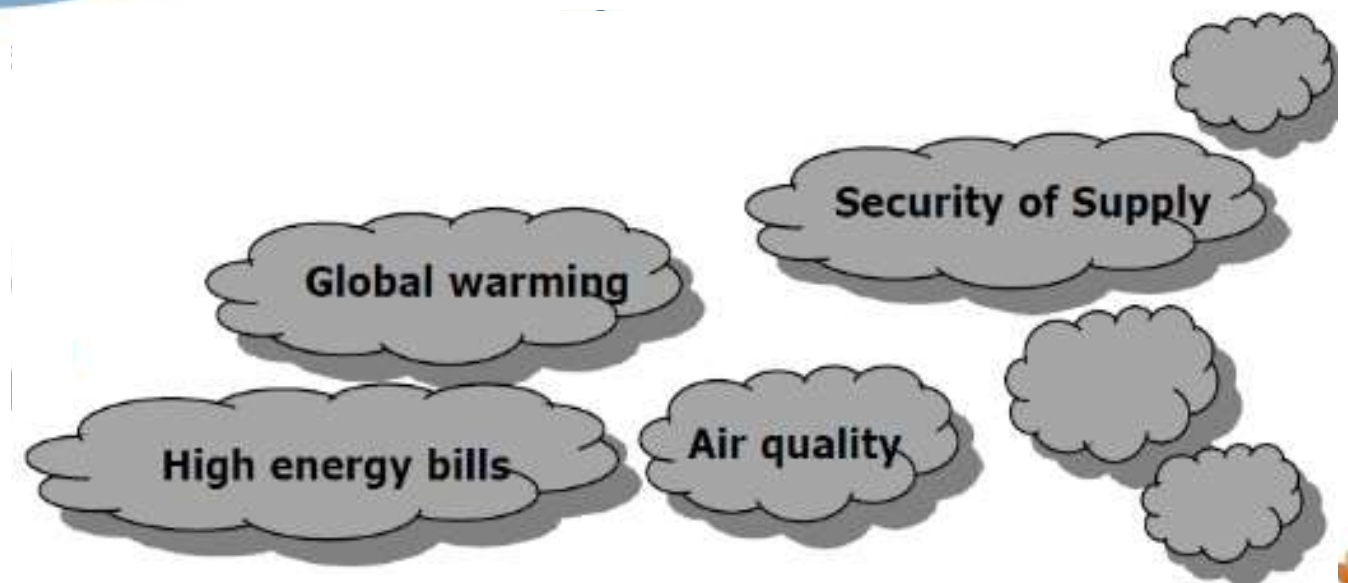
Challenges

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Opportunities

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Benefits



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nZEB = *nearly Zero Energy Building*

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

Primary energy
< x kWh/m²/yr

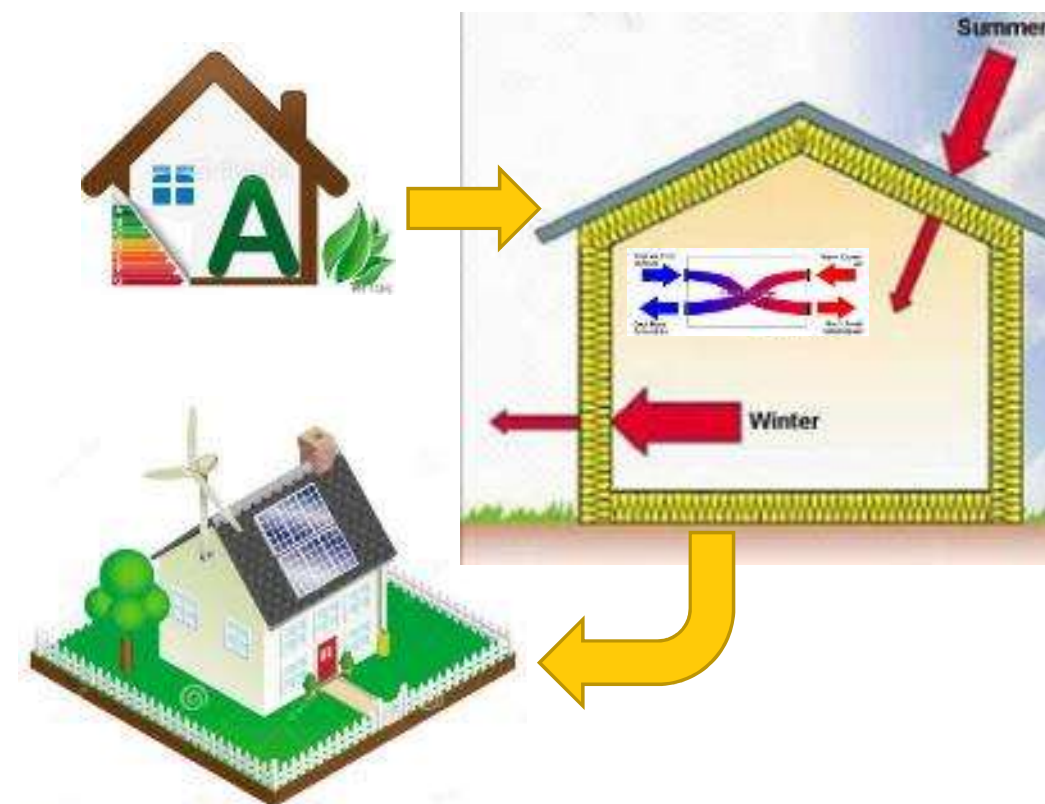
Renewables Share
> y % PE

CO₂ Emissions
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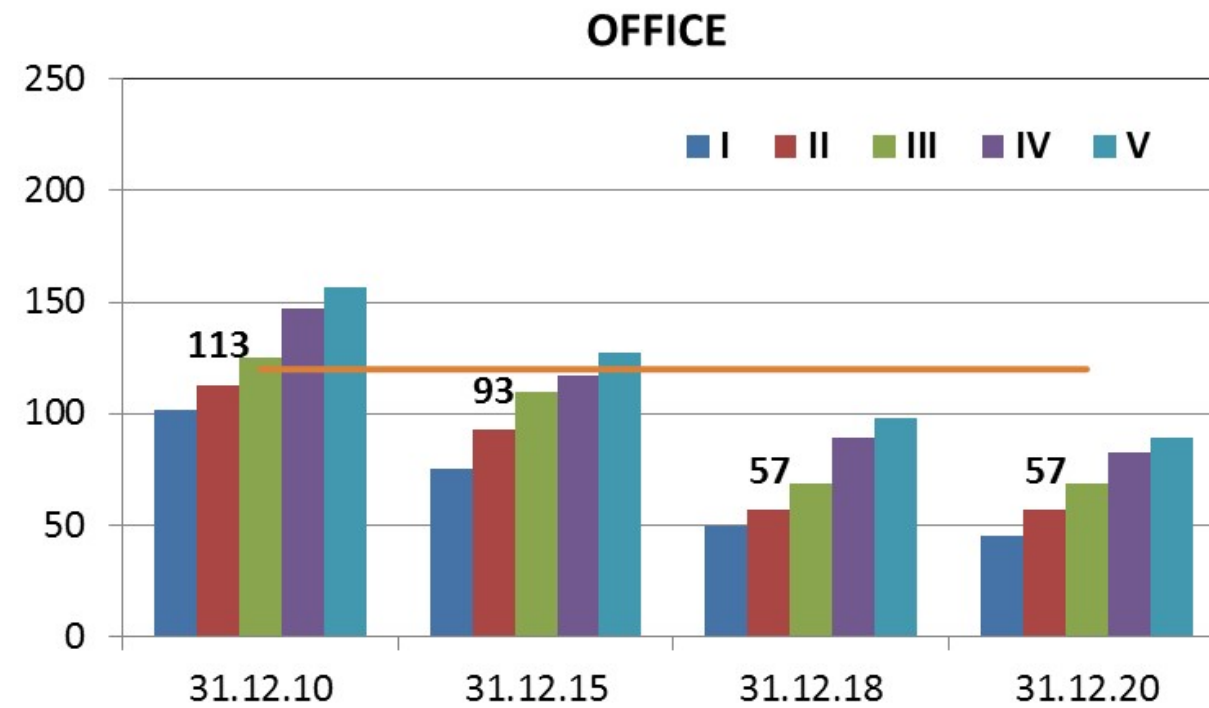
Niveluri de performanță - nZEB



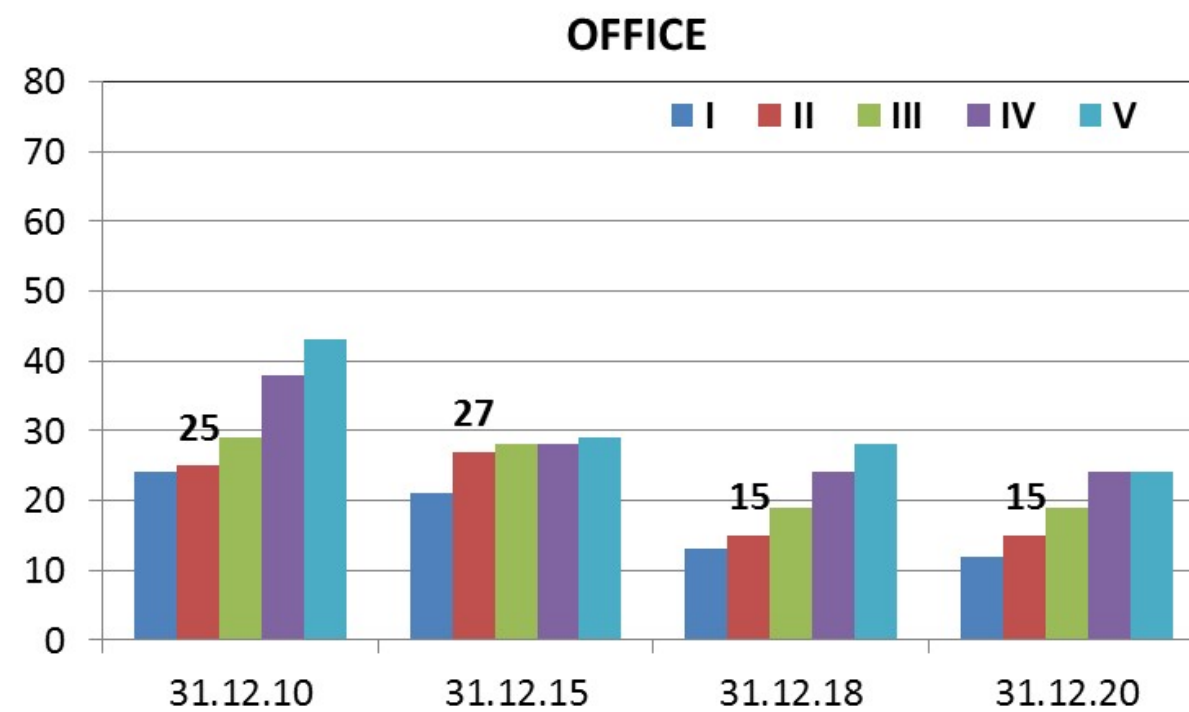
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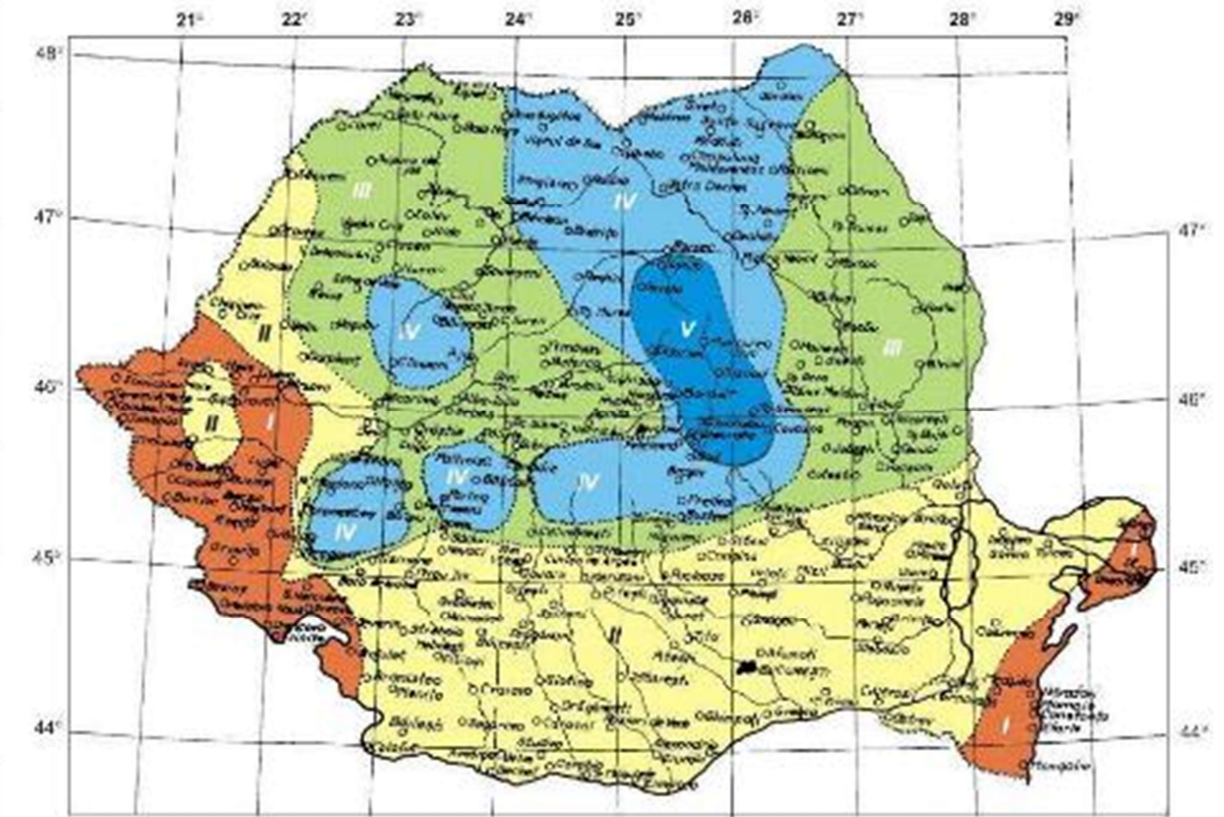
**Primary energy
< x kWh/m²/yr**



**CO₂ Emissions
< z kg/m²/yr**



**Renewables Share
> 10 % PE**



**Climatic areas – Romania
(Design conditions – space heating / winter)**

- Zone I : $\theta_{e_0} = -12 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Zone II : $\theta_{e_0} = -15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Zone III : $\theta_{e_0} = -18 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- Zone IV : $\theta_{e_0} = -21 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
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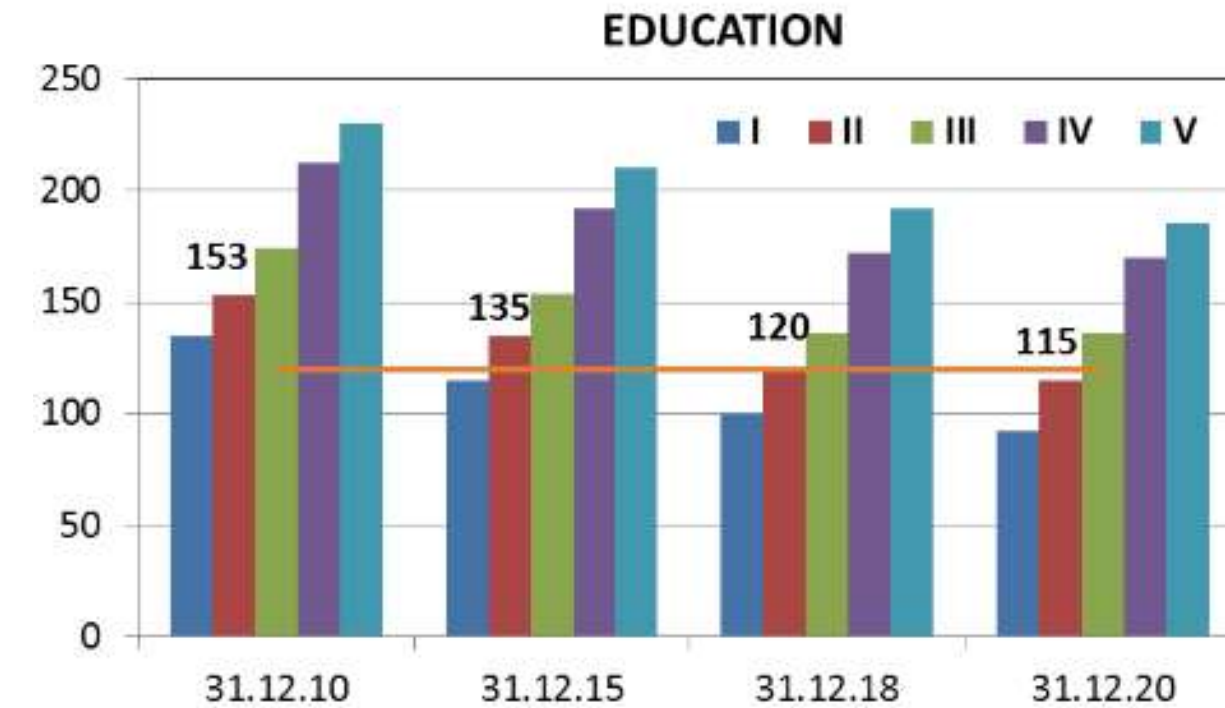
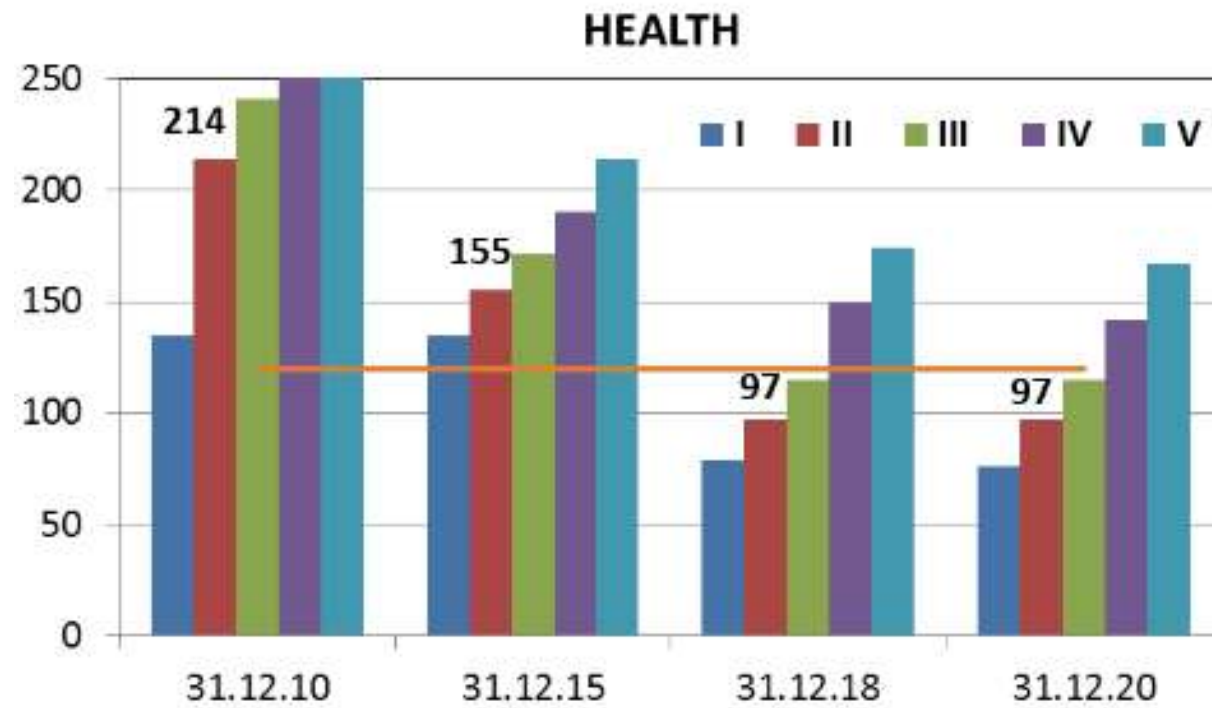
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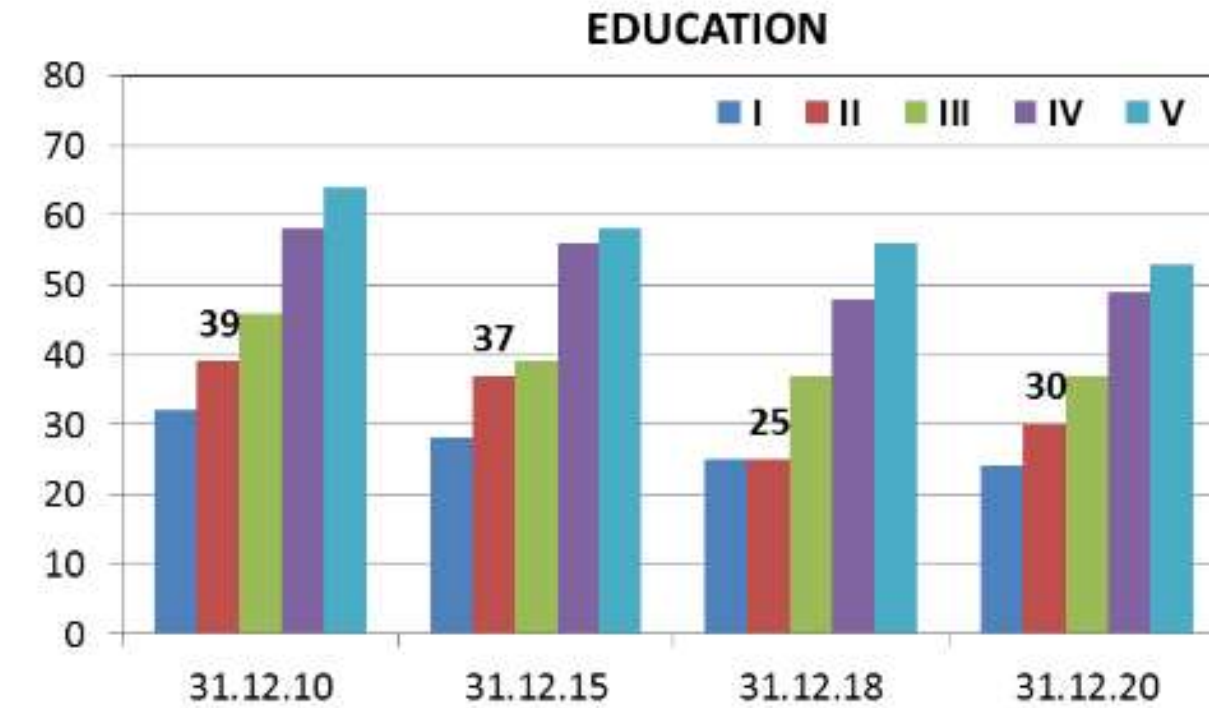
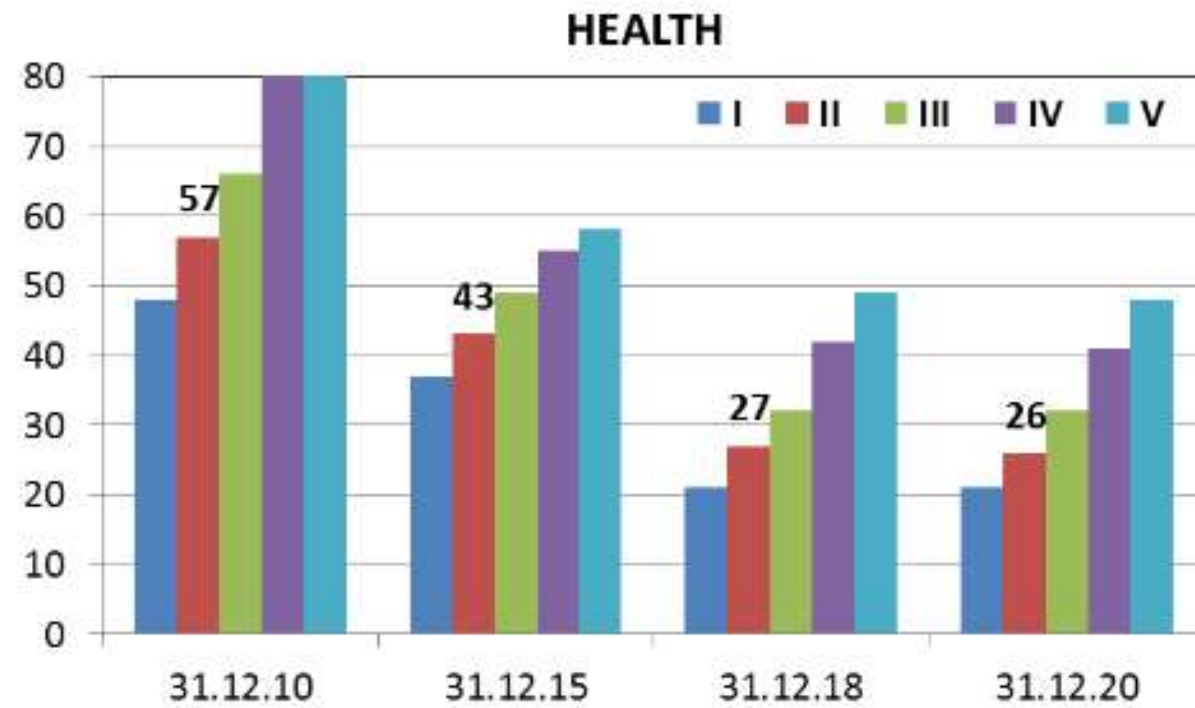
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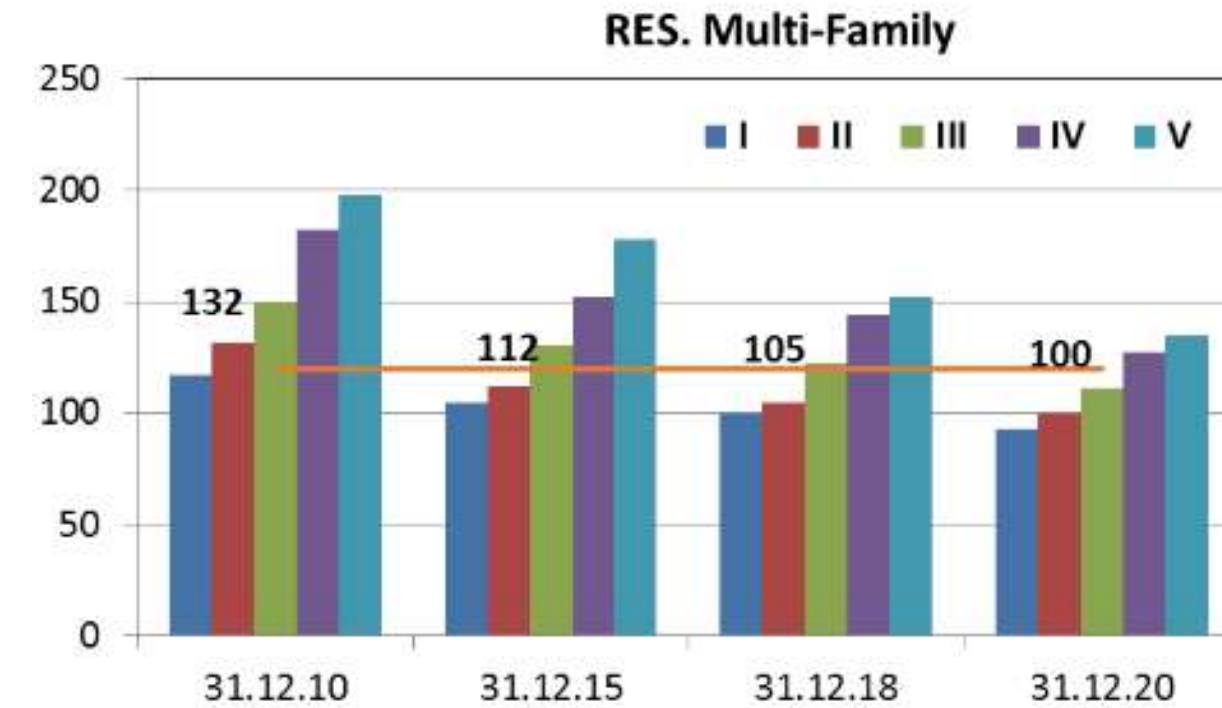
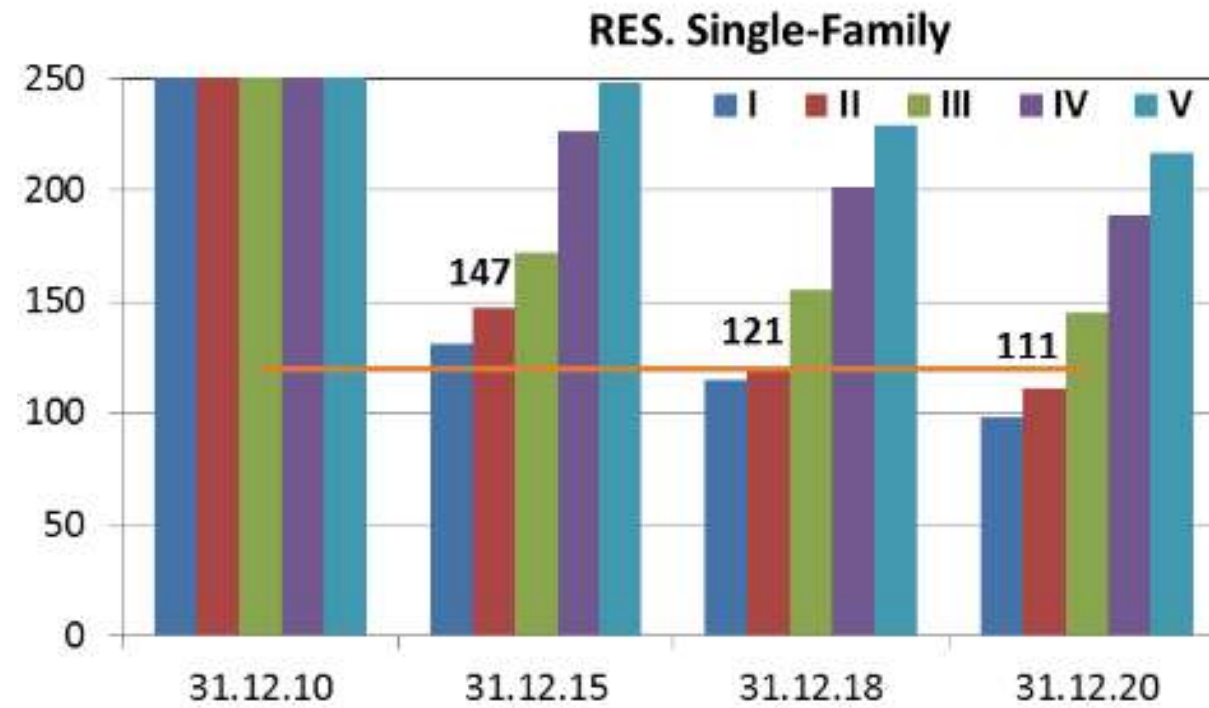
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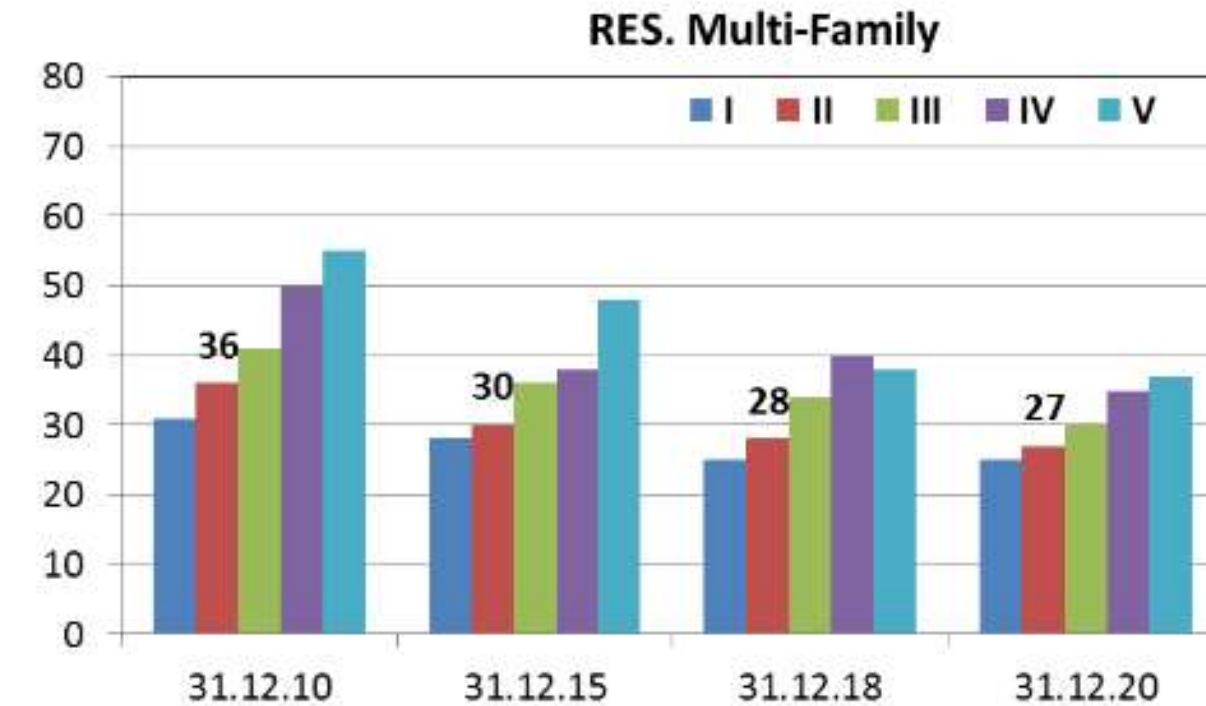
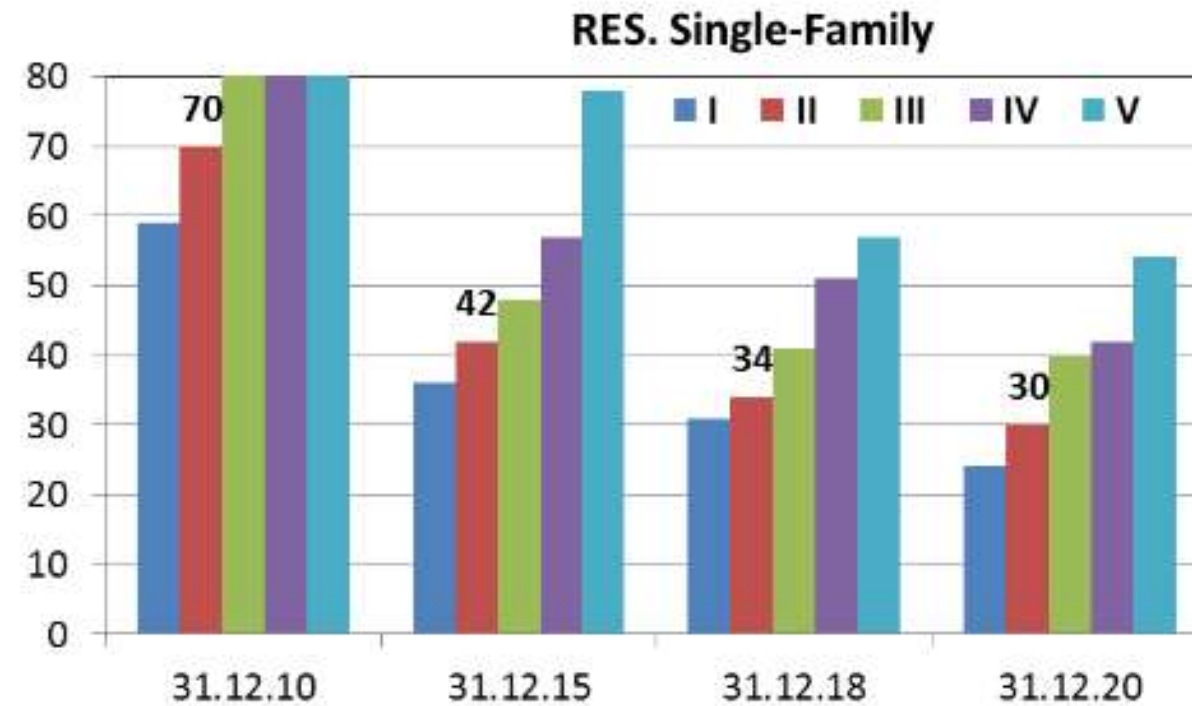


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Usual practice – construction sector (2013)



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Qualification in the construction sector

- ✓ **Barriers and bottlenecks** (qualification in construction sector):
 - ✓ **lack of sufficient financing** sources open to construction companies to qualify their workers,
 - ✓ **poor recognition** of high quality works in constructions, **no mandatory requirements** for certified qualified workers
- ✓ **Need to change current practices and mentality** in the construction sector:
 - ✓ **managers of construction companies** – to understand the importance of qualification level in relation to obtained quality, efficiency and productivity,
 - ✓ **employees** – to generate a self-control attitude (which could be obtained by qualification).
- ✓ Effective implementation of **nZEB** requirements represents a **great challenge** which cannot be adequately undertaken without **mastering** the application of new concepts and technologies → **higher qualification level for workers.**

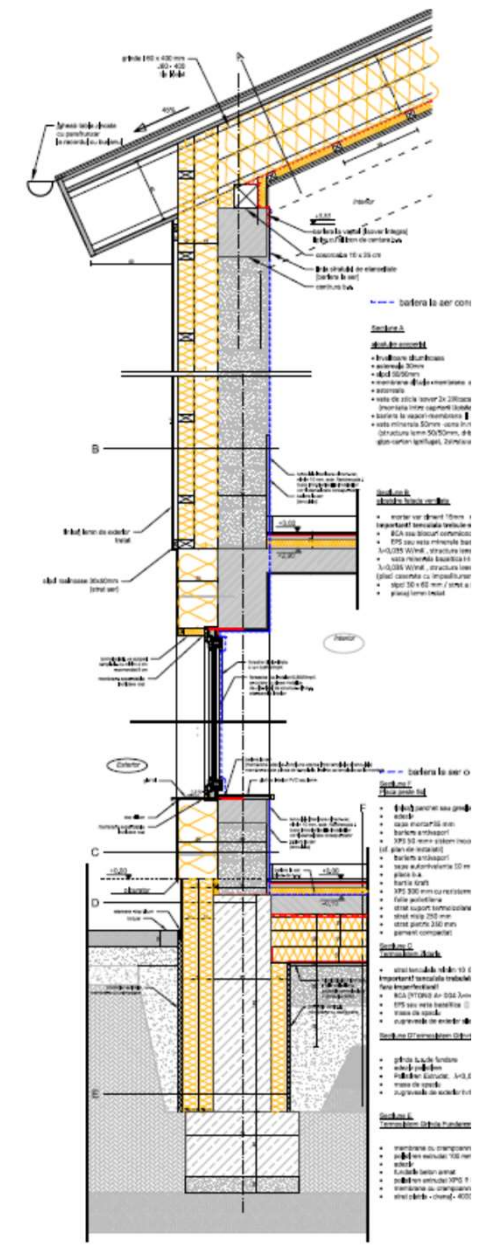
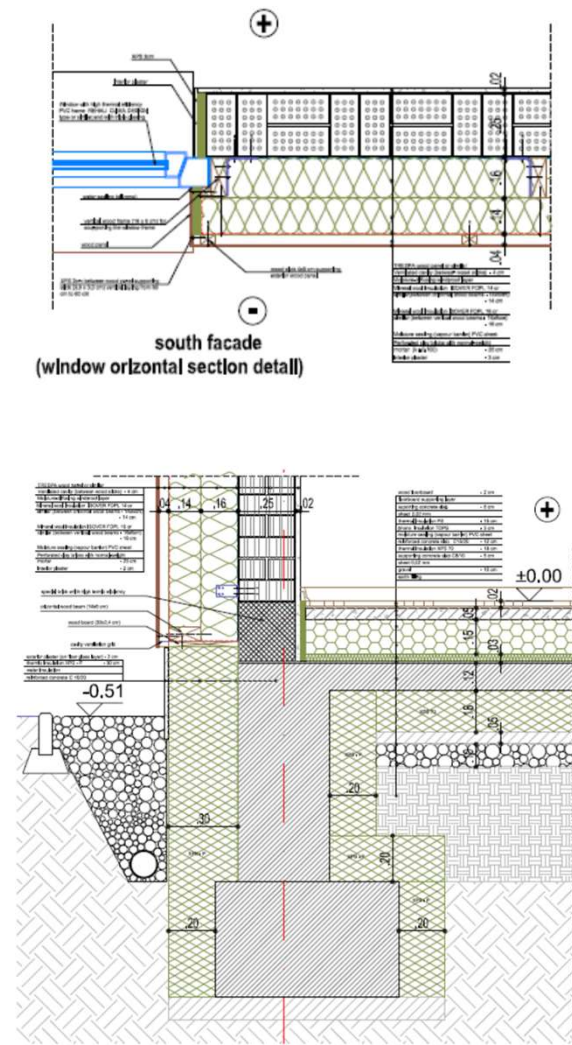
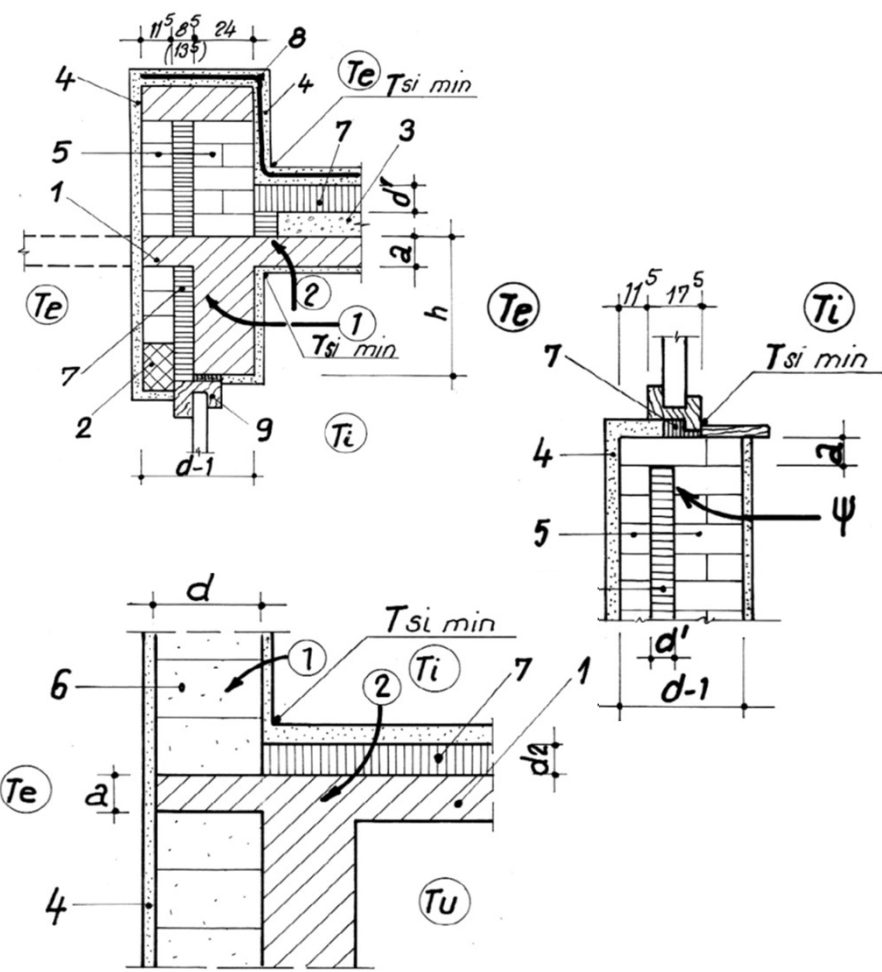


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Modification of current solutions – best practice → nZEB

Details for improved constructive solutions

Analyse existing construction practice in Romania and define best practice → suitability for nZEB / PH



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Details → nZEB (insulation – thermal bridges)



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a simple example ...

Where to place the window ...

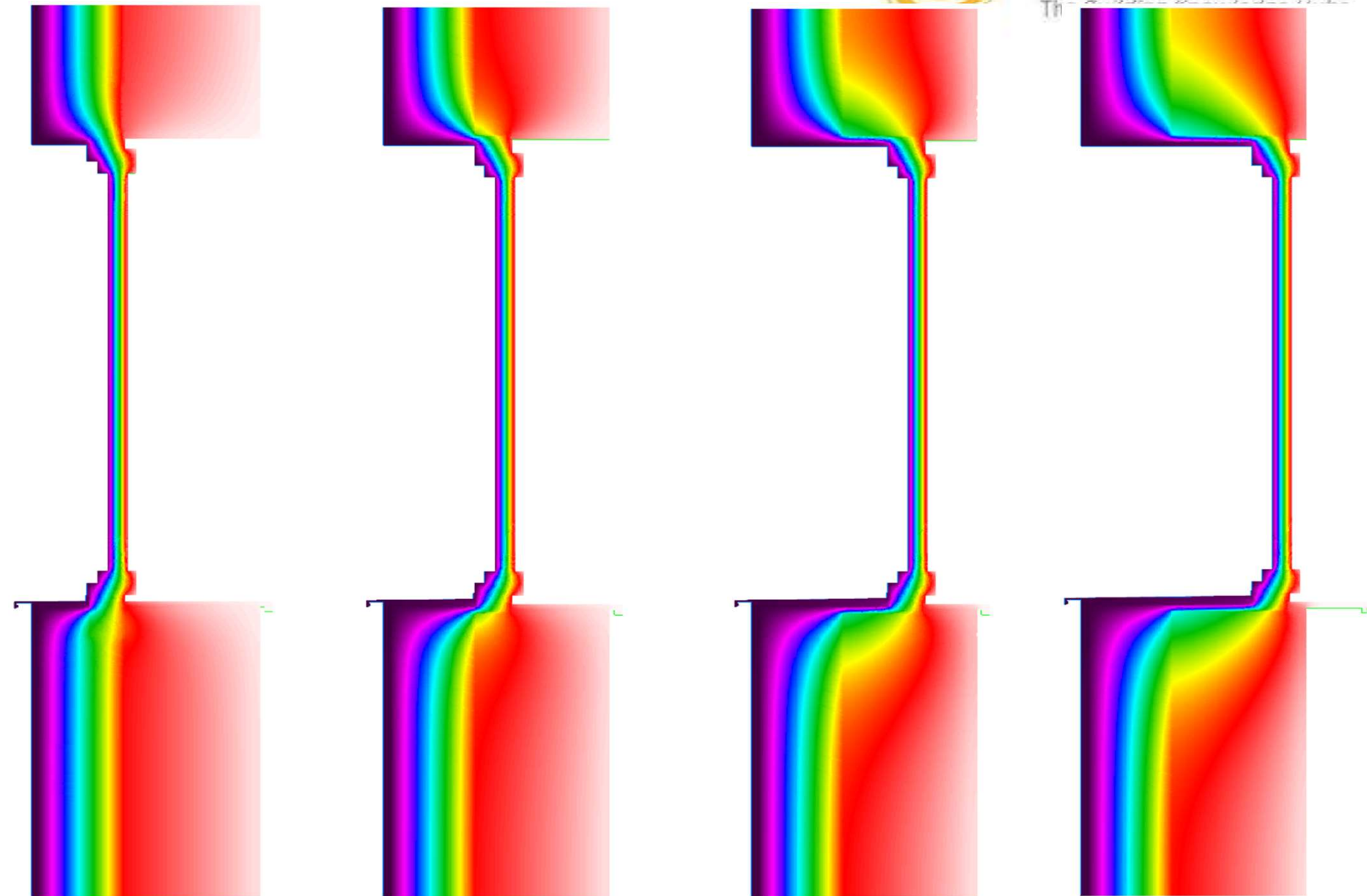
$$U_W = 0,816 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

$$U_{1D} = 0,136 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

Design winter cond. Zone II

Façade 3,0 x 2,8 m²

Window 1,2 x 1,5 m²



$$U'_{Pe} [\text{W/m}^2\text{K}] = 0,149$$

$$0,173$$

$$0,215$$

$$0,248$$

$$\text{Total heat flow [W]} = 85,7$$

$$+7,0\%$$

$$+18,3\%$$

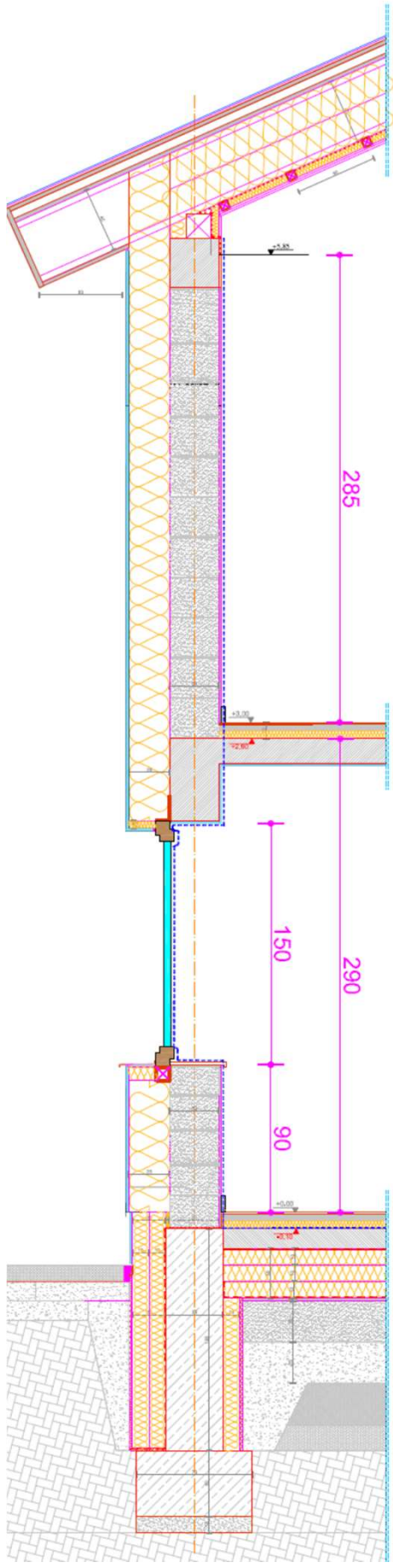
$$+27,3\%$$



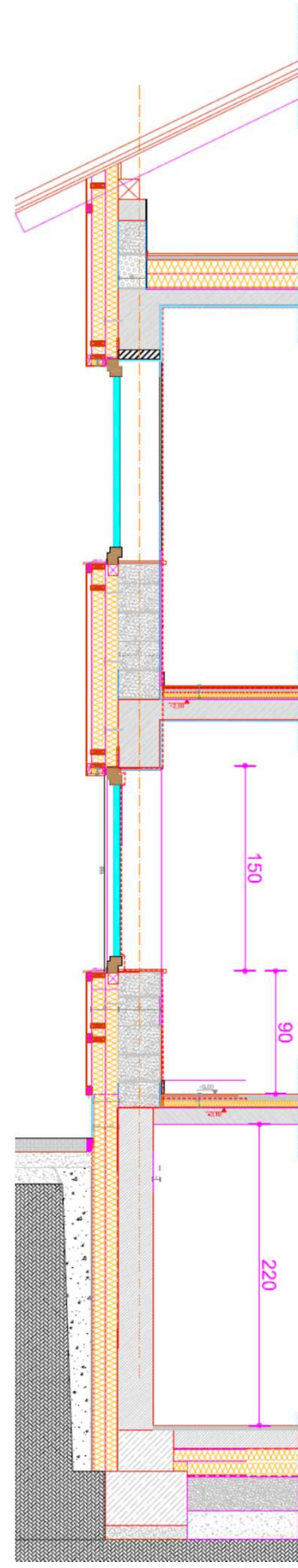
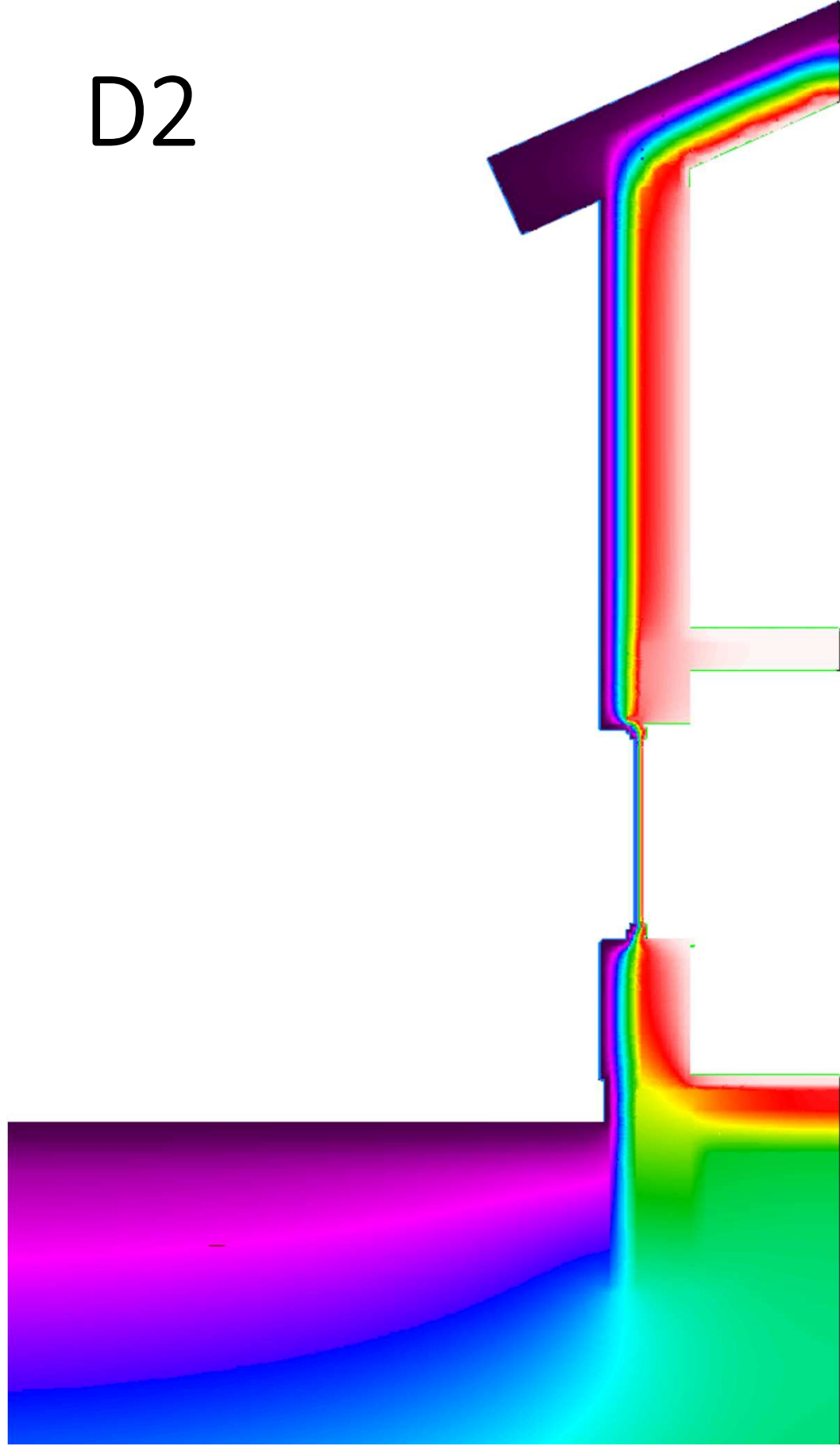
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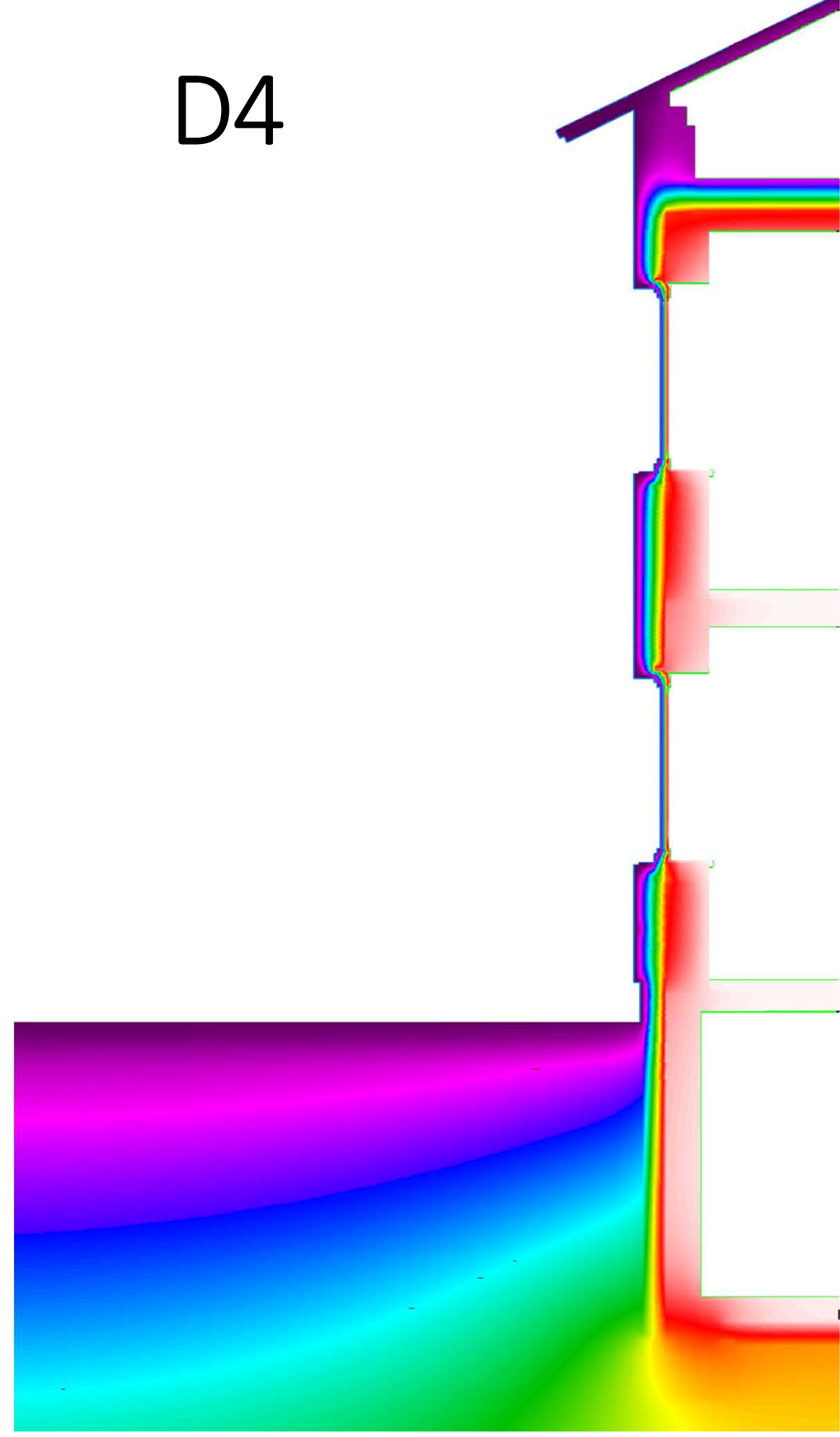




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D4



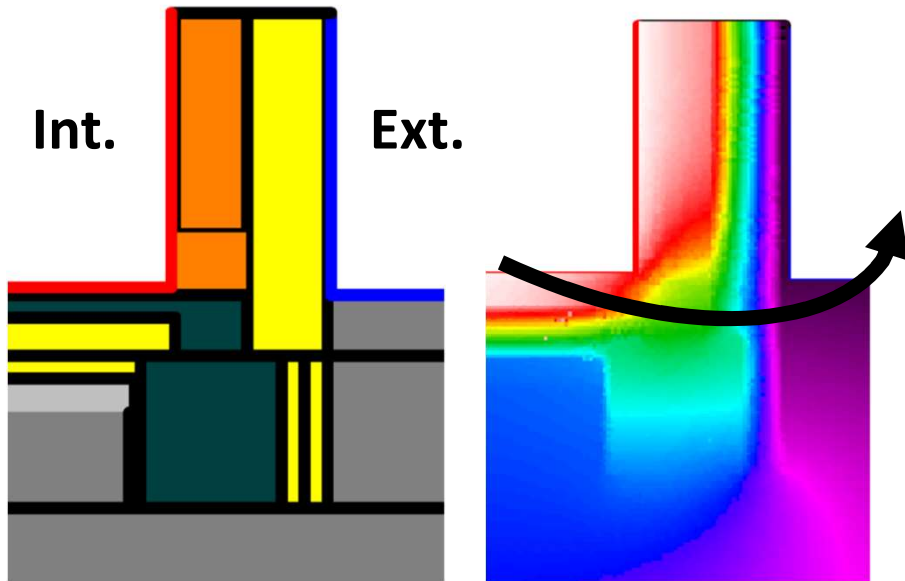
Improving details → nZEB (insulation – thermal bridges)



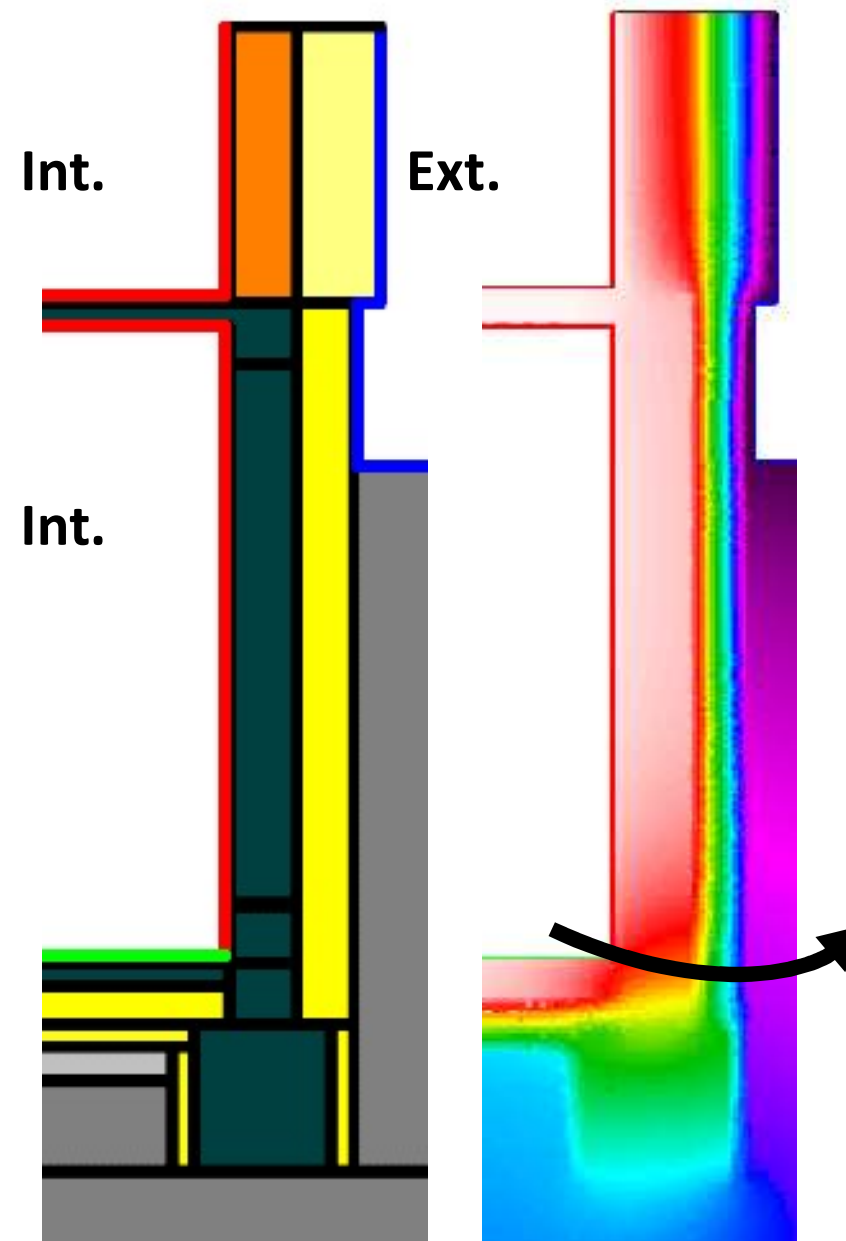
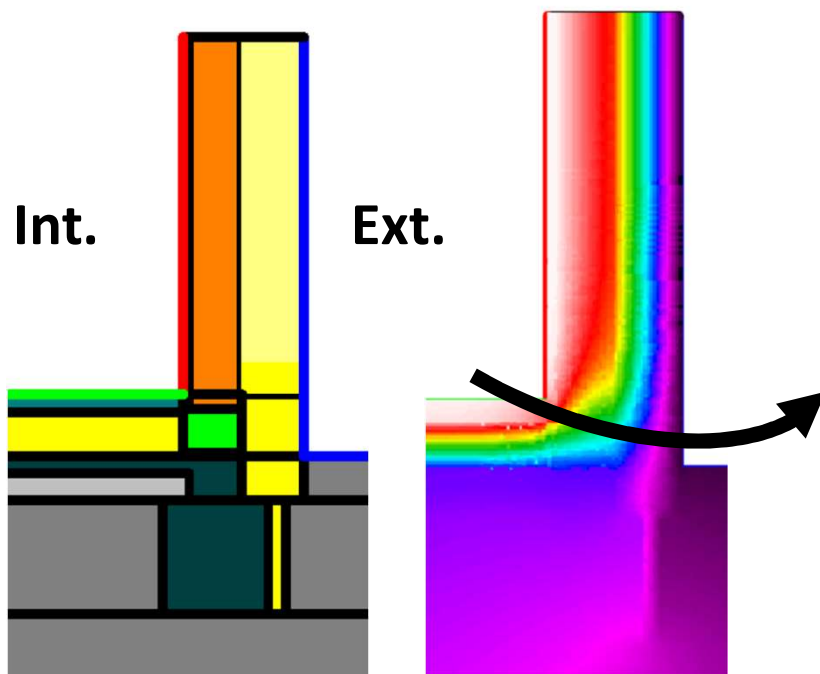
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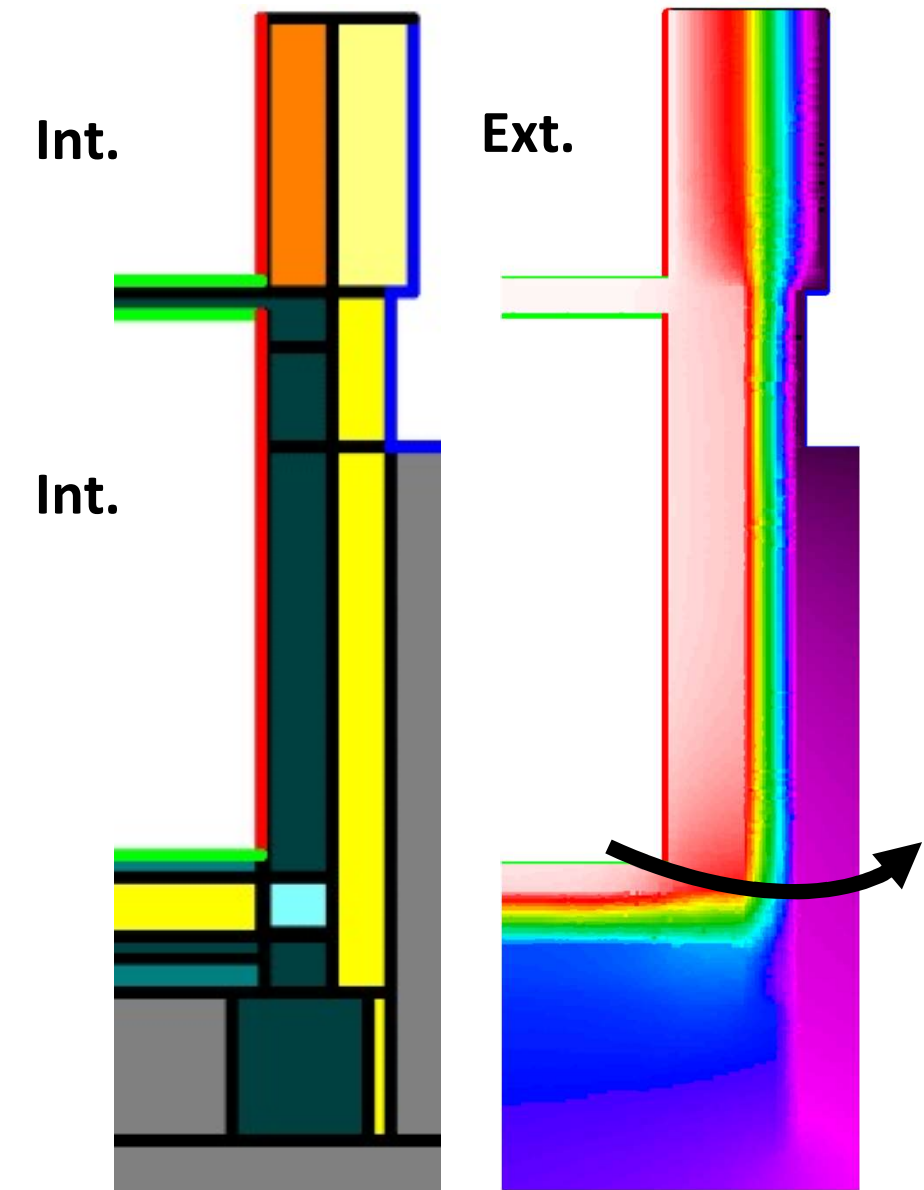
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$\Psi = 0,302 \text{ W/mK}$



$\Psi = 0,073 \text{ W/mK}$



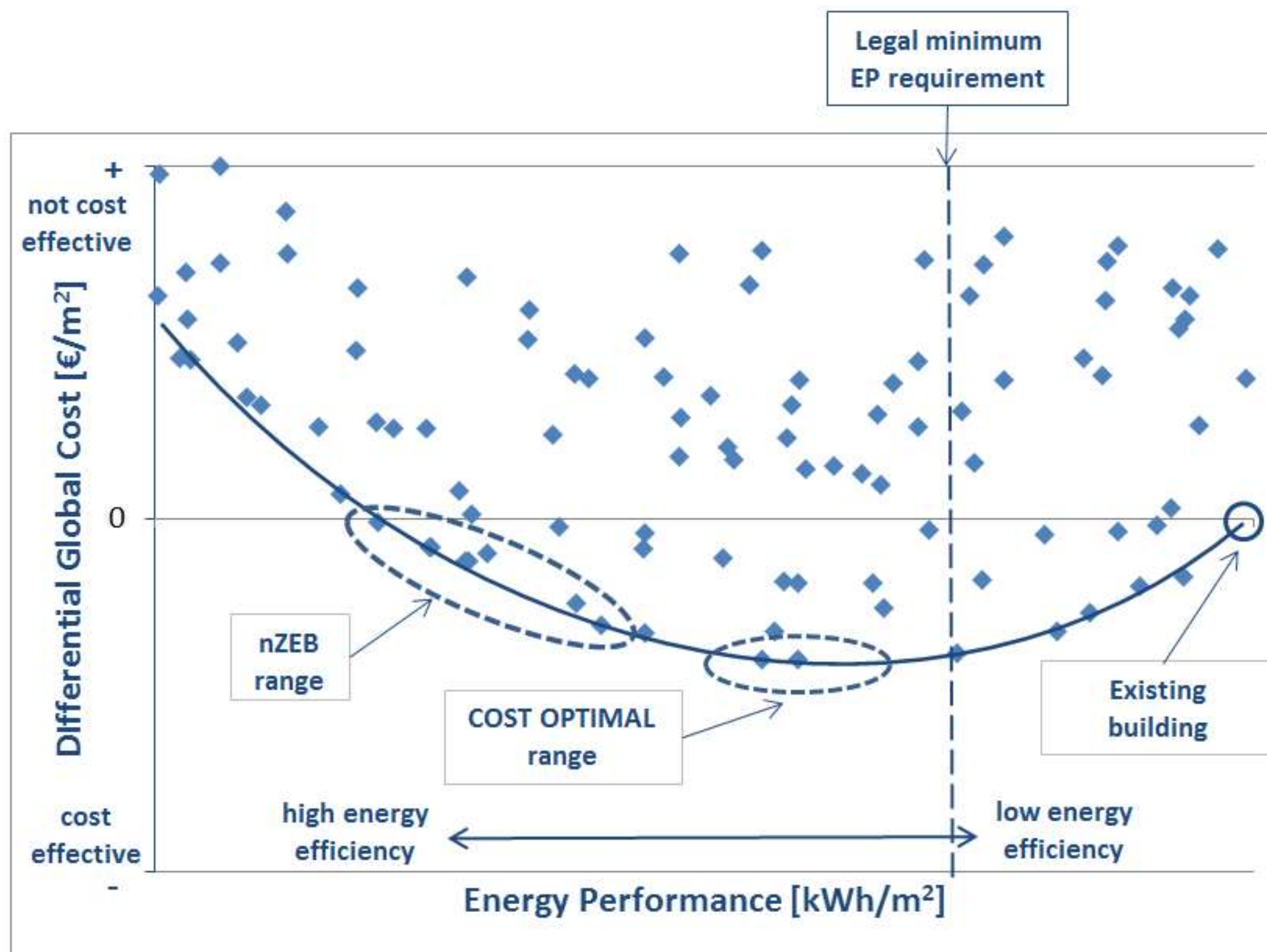
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Costs optimization → nZEB definition (renovation)



Energy Performance (EP) = the building global primary energy demand divided by the conditioned area.

Global Cost (GC) = the net present value of all costs (ref. to the starting year), is linked to the calculation period (usually 30 years) and includes:

- investment costs for refurbishment;
- replacement costs;
- running annual costs.

The **differential Global Cost** (ΔGC) → extra-costs referred to a baseline building



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Case study – Office building → nZEB renovation



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- Ext. walls + 15cm EPS (ETICS)
- Terrace + 20cm EPX
- Slab on Basement + 6cm EPS
- Triple glazing, PVC
- District heating – compact station (H+DHW)
- PV System 45kW
- Climatic + Ambient
- Lighting LED + control

- Ext. walls + 15cm EPS (ETICS)
- Terrace + 20cm EPX
- Slab on Basement + 6cm EPS
- Triple glazing, PVC
- Biomass Boiler (H+DHW)
- MV + heat recovery
- PV System 45kW
- Climatic + Ambient
- Lighting LED + control

nZEB1

nZEB2

Current status

- External wall 1,55 W/m²K
- Terrace 1,29 W/m²K
- Slab on Basem. 2,98 W/m²K
- Windows 2,64 W/m²K
- District heating – central station (H+DHW)
- Cooling *Split* (part.) EER 2,5
- Natural Ventilation
- Centralised control heating
- Lighting mixt – manual

nZEB3

nZEB4

- Ext. walls + 15cm EPS (ETICS)
- Terrace + 20cm EPX
- Slab on Basement + 6cm EPS
- Triple glazing, PVC
- Condensing Boiler GAS
- PV System 45kW
- MV + heat recovery
- Climatic + Ambient
- Lighting LED + control

- Ext. walls + 15cm EPS (ETICS)
- Terrace + 20cm EPX
- Slab on Basement + 6cm EPS
- Triple glazing, PVC + shading
- Heat Pump air (combin.)
- MV + heat recovery
- Solar thermal system 10m²
- PV System 45kW
- Climatic + Ambient
- Lighting LED + control



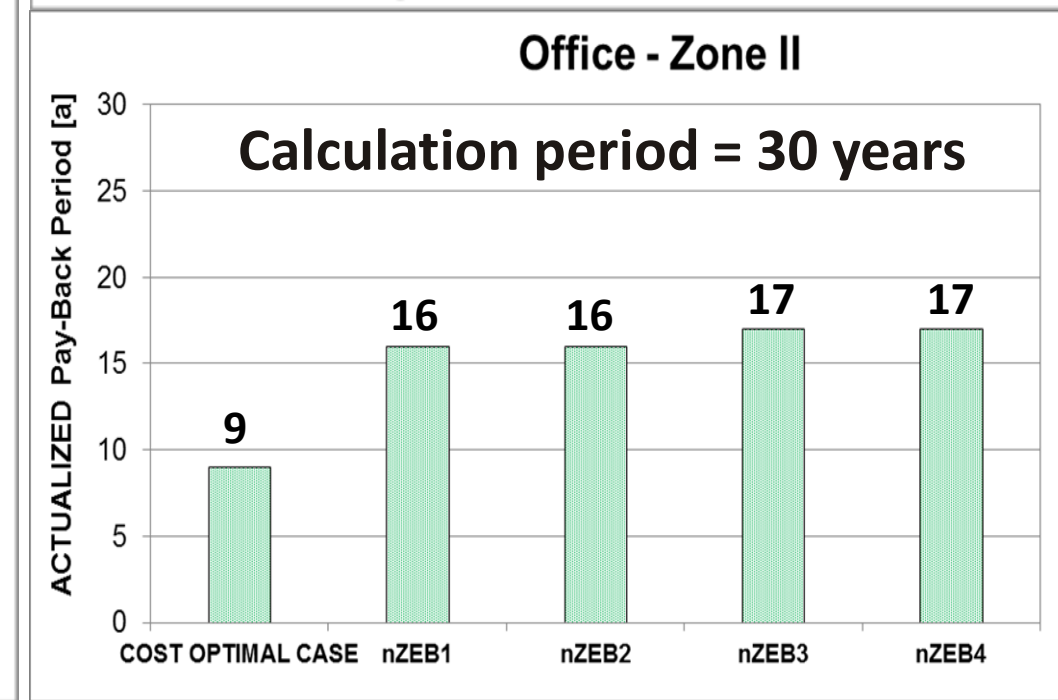
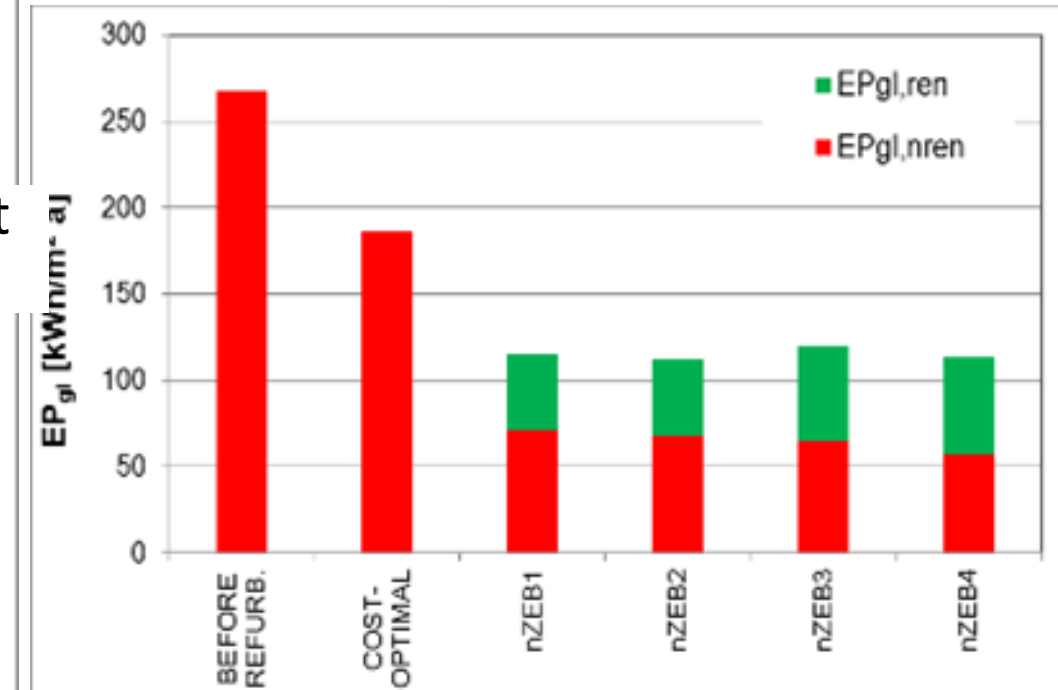
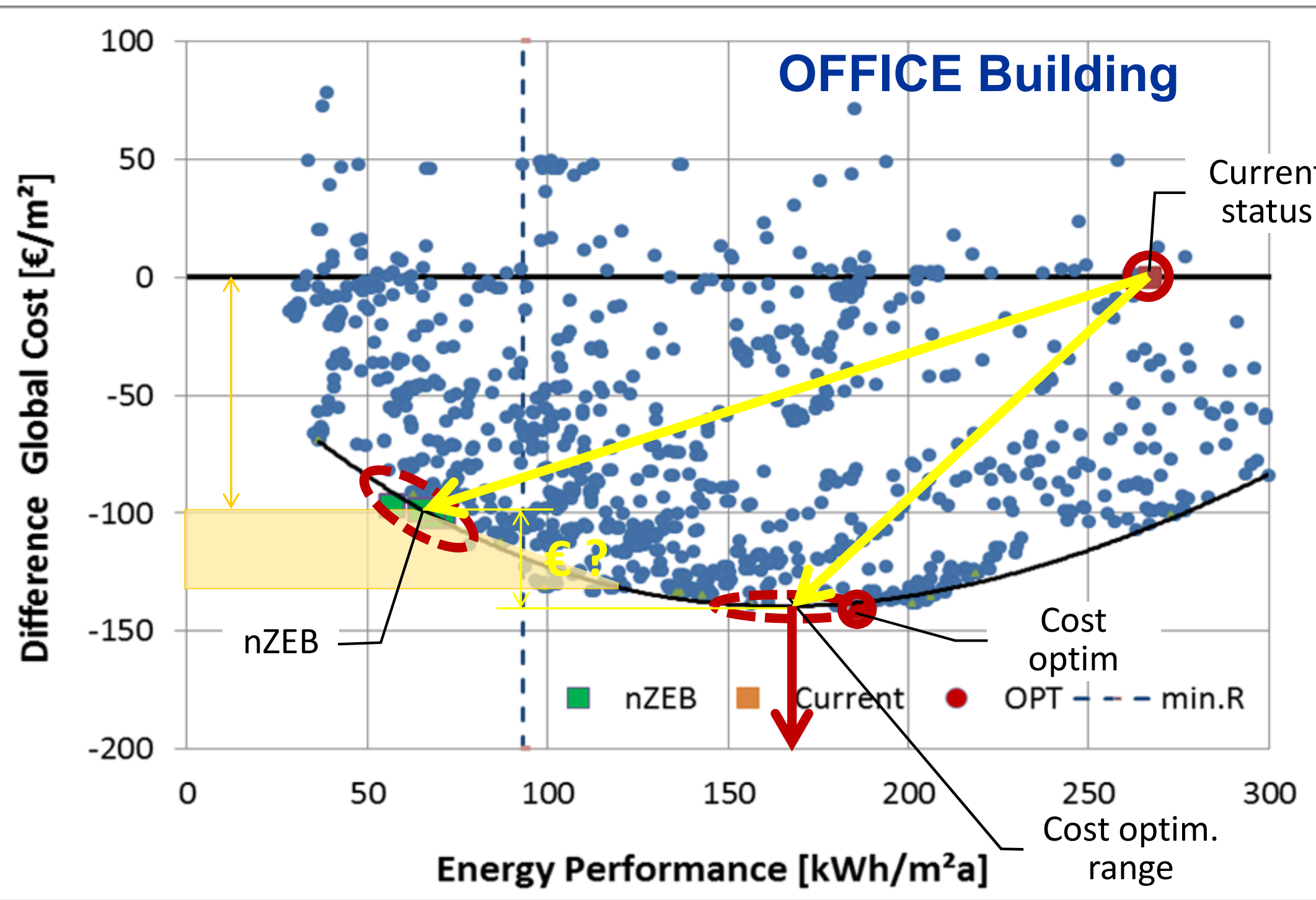
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What does *require* to be *nZEB*?



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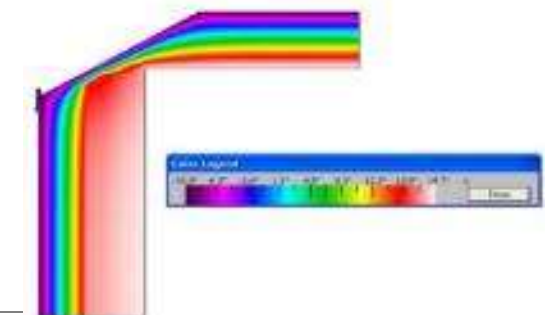
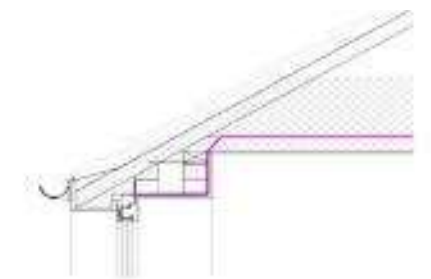
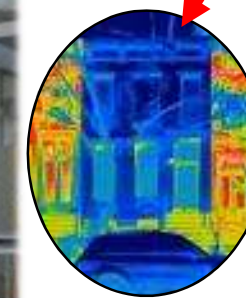
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Airtight room + MV-HR



Constructive details (mock-ups)

- IR Analysis (field)
- Simulation (numerical)



Renewable energy sources



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Qualification vs Specialization

• Qualification



- Long duration (> 720 h)
 - High costs
 - Reluctance to participate
- NQS Recognition
 - National certification of qualifications / competences
- EQF Levels 2-4
- Basic (+ cross) competences → single occupation

• Specialisation



- Flexible duration (1-9 days)
 - Reduced costs
 - Involvement availability
- NQS or Industry recognition
 - Authorised programs,
 - Label develop. → trust build
- EQF 2-7
- Already qualified → Additional Competences (nZEB) & cross-craft understanding

- Partnerships **Education – Industry** ... BKHs, Cluster Pro-nZEB

Introduction in **Train-to-nZEB**



Building Knowledge Hubs – BKH

✓ A HORIZON 2020 project: *Construction Skills* (EE-04-2014)

✓ **Aim:** to establish a functioning network of **training and consultation centres** (Building Knowledge Hubs - **BKHs**), providing practical trainings, demonstrations and complex consulting services for the implementation of nearly-zero energy buildings (NZEB):

- enhanced capacity for conduction of trainings on curricula developed **BUILD UP Skills**
- trainings for highly-qualified **building professionals** and demonstrations for **non-specialists** with **decision-making authority**, for an **increased capacity for implementation of NZEB projects** in the involved countries.

✓ Duration **36 months** (1 June 2015 – 31 May 2018).

✓ **Focus: 7 countries** (BG, CZ, DE, RO, IE, TR, UA) – 12 organiz.



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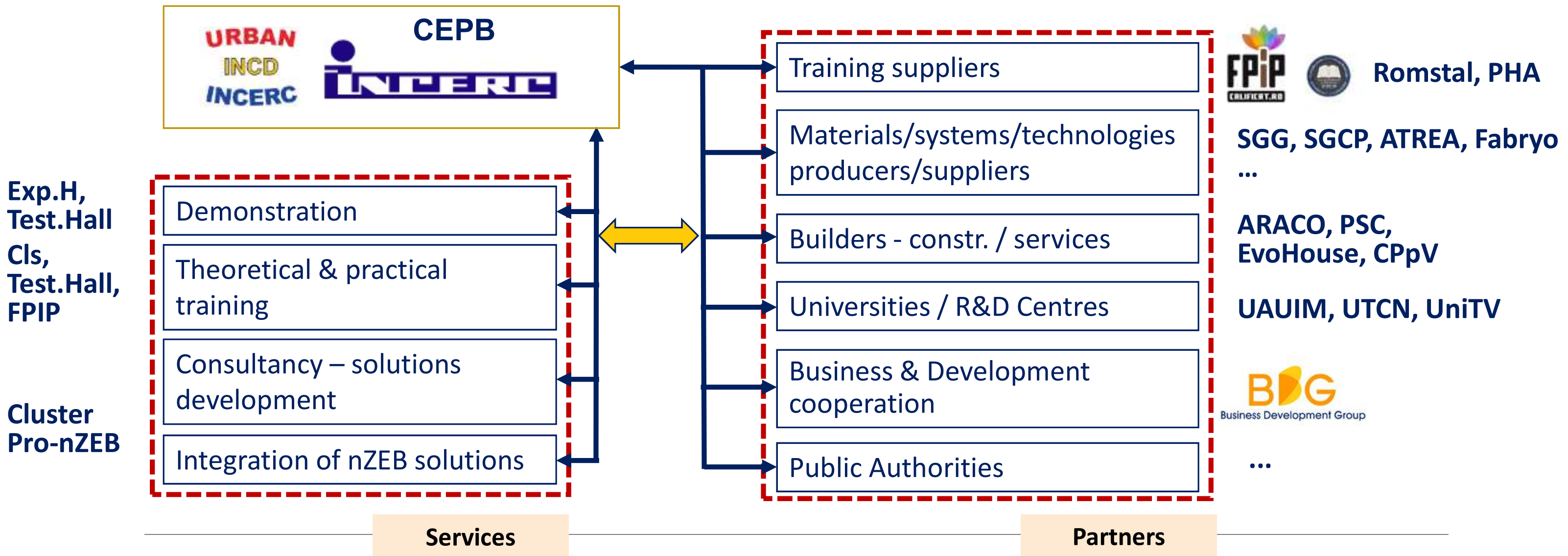


BKH Romania: General outline

- ❖ A **network organization** centered on the existing Centre for Energy Performance of Buildings within NIRD URBAN-INCERC
- ❖ During set-up and the inception phase additional **support will be provided by BDG, FPIP and other stakeholders identified and attracted within project duration**
- ❖ A new established not-for-profit entity ***Association Cluster PRO-nZEB*** could take over executive management in subsequent stage
- ❖ Main domains/activities: **training, consulting & research**
- ❖ Dedicate department for **promotion and market development**
- ❖ **Experts & trainers:** in-house and external
- ❖ **Course offer:** in-house and in partnership
- ❖ **Target groups:** as described in the following slides



BKH Romania - Setting up



Partnership Models

Model A: Suppliers of building materials and solutions with EE/NZEB expertise/concerns

Model B: Organizations providing trainings for relevant occupations in the field of EE in buildings, green buildings and NZEB

Model C: Cooperation with partners active in EU projects connected with green, passive, NZEB concepts

Model D: Building companies with a concern for NZEB



Cluster Pro-nZEB

Aim

To develop a **collaboration framework** to implement technological concepts and specific projects for promoting nearly zero energy buildings in Romania

Key objective

Construction market – R&D (– public administration):

- ❑ Initiation and performance of **joined activities** to define and implement of research and development projects for nZEB
- ❑ Creating the **market conditions** to ensure fulfilment of Romania's commitments for sustainable development and implementation of strategies for energy efficiency in the built environment

→ January 2016 ...

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Founding members



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BKH RO - Launching Event



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Technology and Innovative Solutions for NZEB Exhibition @ the BKH RO training center in Bucharest

11th of November 2016 - Conference @ INCD URBAN-INCERC BUCHAREST

- 67 participants representing all the target groups
- High potential and interest for cooperation with BKH RO



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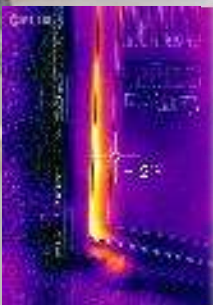
BKH RO – implementation & Training Programs

- Arrangement of existing testing hall (Centre EPB) in Bucharest + Regional Centre in Braşov
- Design and realisation of airtight room + MVHR, mock-ups, samples and small systems ...
- Training programs defined based on PH principles and nZEB definition – **content ...**
- Bucharest: Start training programs with TTT and 1-2 programs (on-site workers, non-specialists → PH-Tp) – planned for **March 2017** (1st TTT workshop **8-9 February 2017**)
- Braşov: Photovoltaic panels installer training course (authorized NQS) - 7.5 weeks, 120 hours (68% practical training, certificate of electrician pre-required)





BKH RO – Bucharest





BKH RO – Braşov



IF SKY IS THE LIMIT, THEN GO THERE.

PEB??
(positive)

ZEB?
(zero)

ALL NEW BUILDINGS!!

nZEB
(nearly zero)

Cost optimal requirements

- ☞ **Robust regulation**
- ☞ **Compliance**
- ☞ **Awareness**
- ☞ **Competences**
- ☞ **...**



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