

Barriers, Success Factors and Policy Measures for the Decarbonisation of Neighbourhoods across Europe

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The CONCERTO Initiative



**Initiator:
EC Commission**

Start 2005

22 projects

58 communities

23 countries



The CONCERTO Initiative



Focus on

- Renewable Energy Sources
- Energy Efficiency Measures
- Community Scale

Approach:

- Demand site & supply site measures
- New Buildings and Refurbishment

The total funding for the programme was 175 million EUR, covering for each project typically 5-10% of total costs

The CONCERTO Initiative



Targets:

CONCERTO demonstrates implemented examples of:

- innovative technologies that are ready to be applied
- the use of renewable energies sources for cities
- energy efficiency measures
- sustainable building and district development
- economic assessments
- affordable energy
- energy transparency for citizens

→ CONCERTO Projects were obliged to be at least 30% better than national building regulations at the time

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Accompanying Research Project

Mission:

- Providing a Database for the EU Commission
- Policy Recommendations
- Assessment of Results
- Support networking and knowledge transfer

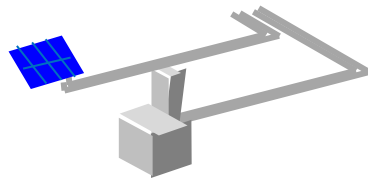
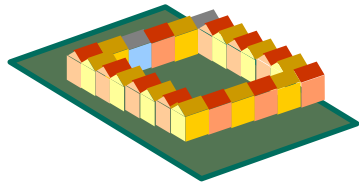
Team:

- Steinbeis Europe
- KIT

Time Frame: 2010-2014

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Things We Look at...



- At building level: Building regulations
- At neighbourhood level: Spatial planning/ development control
- Energy planning / energy supply strategies
- “People factors” - Social Issues, user engagement
- Business models
- Barriers for a CO² reduction
- Success factors

Data Collection on Policy Issues

Phase 1: Written responses to a catalogue of questions

- January 2012: Development of questions
- April 2012: Pretest
- August-September 2012: Data Collection

Phase 2: Guided Interviews (Phone & Face to Face)

- October 2012: Adjustment of the Questions
- November 2012- April 2013: interviews

Data basis:

- Written Responses 27
- 9 interviews

Challenges:

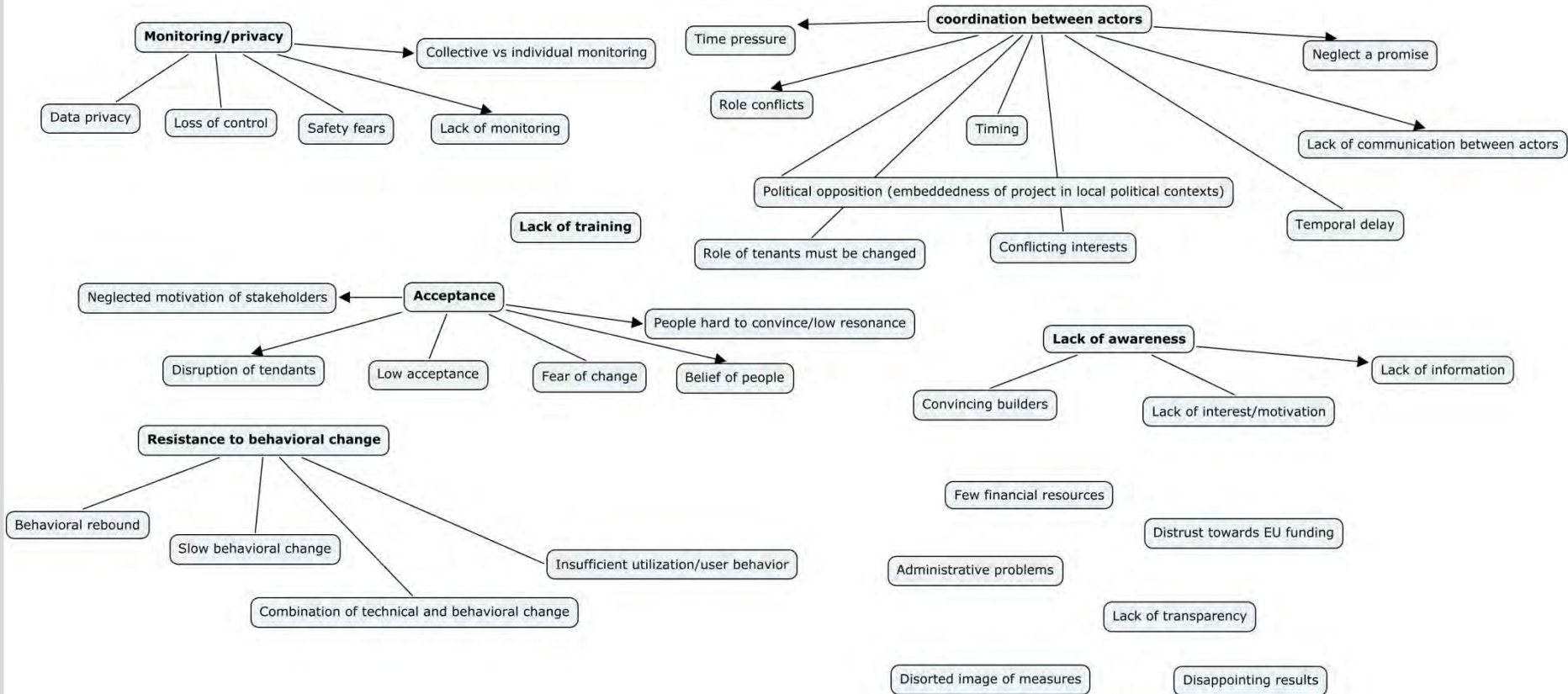
- Diversity of cases
 - 23 country contexts
 - Different technologies and measures
 - Refurbishment and new construction projects
- 3 waves of projects → different state of projects
- Availability of site coordinators
- Other data collections (about technical matters)
- Financial crisis in 2008 leads to a shift in projects from new buildings to refurbishment projects

Barriers & Success Factors

Clusters:

- Legal Issues
- Administrative Issues
- Technical Issues
- Economic Issues
- Social Issues

Social Barriers



Final Clusters for Social Issues:

- The Need to increase Awareness and Acceptance
 - The Need of Training on different Levels
 - Participatory Measures
 - Importance of Stakeholder Networks
- ➔ High level of abstraction to cover the most important issues of CONCERTO
- ➔ To understand single cases a huge amount of context information is needed to interpret project outcomes

Further Information



Energy Solutions
for Smart Cities and
Communities
Recommendations for
Policy Makers

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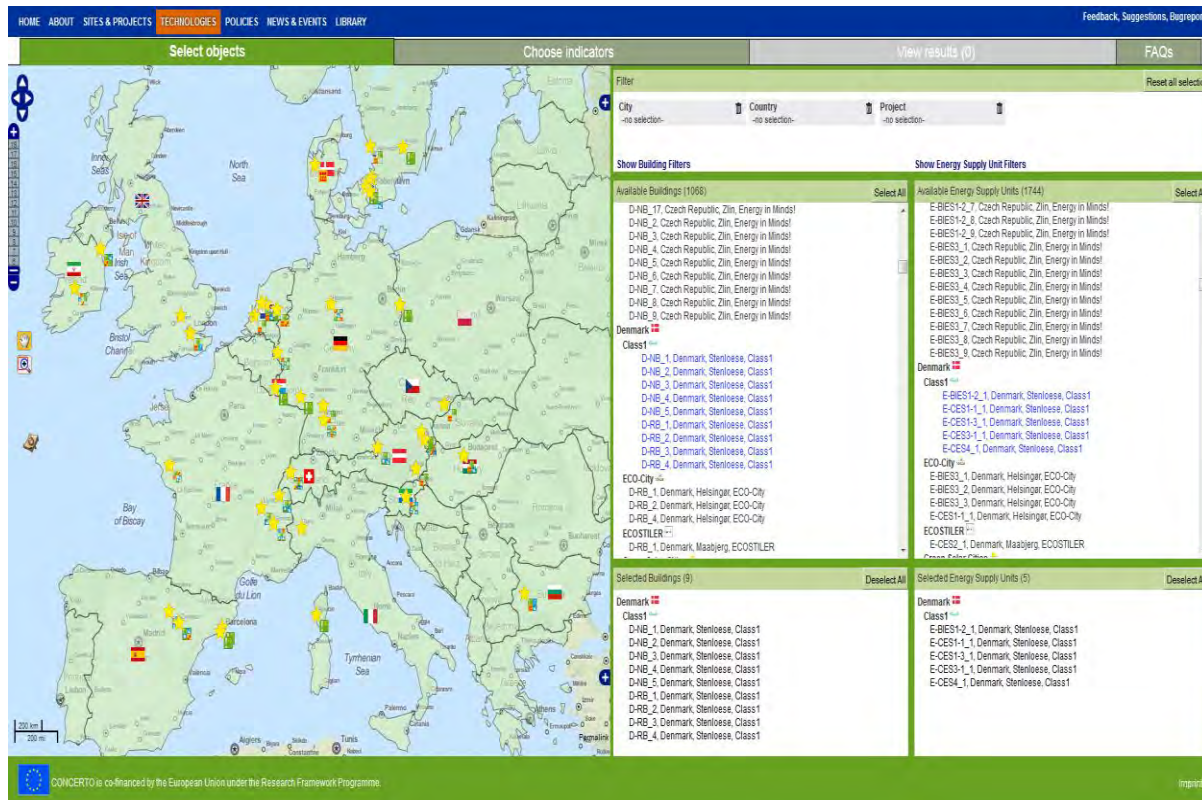
from the 58 Pilots of the
CONCERTO Initiative

Available at

<http://concerto.eu/concerto/policies/policy-recommendations.html>

Printed versions: Just send me a mail: markus.winkelmann@kit.edu

Further Information



The screenshot displays the CONCERTO web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT, SITES & PROJECTS, TECHNOLOGIES, POLICIES, NEWS & EVENTS, and LIBRARY. Below this is a header with 'Select objects', 'Choose indicators', 'View results (0)', and 'FAQs'. The main area is divided into a map on the left and a list of energy supply units on the right. The map shows Europe with various locations marked by colored icons. The list on the right is titled 'Available Energy Supply Units (1744)' and includes a 'Filter' section with 'City', 'Country', and 'Project' dropdowns. Below the filter, there are two columns of energy supply units, each with a 'Select All' button. The units are categorized by country (Czech Republic, Denmark) and class (Class1). The bottom of the interface features a footer with the CONCERTO logo and the text 'CONCERTO is co-financed by the European Union under the Research Framework Programme'.

Available at

<http://concerto.eu/concerto/db-access.html>

Further Information

→ CONCERTO Homepage

- CONCERTO Database
- Project Overviews
- Policy Recommendations
- Publications

www.concerto.eu

→ CONCERTO movies

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CONCERTOPREMIUM>

Thank you!

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