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WI: Wuppertal Institut für KLIMA, UMWELT, ENERGIE gGMBH
CRES: Centre for renewable energy sources and saving foundation
DENA: Deutsche Energie-Agentur GmbH (dena)
EAP: Energy agency of Plovdiv Association
EKODOMA
ENERGIKLUB: Energiaklub Szakpolitikai Intezet Modszertani Kozpont Egyesulet
E-P-C: EPC Project Corporation Climate. Sustainability. Communications. mbH
FEDARENE: Federation européenne des agencies et des regions pour l’energie et l’environnement
ESCAN: Escan SL
CIT ENERGY MANAGEMENT AB
PUBLISHABLE SUMMARY

The website represents the project’s primary method of communication with external stakeholders and the wider public. It is supposed to provide all necessary information and a news feed about QualDeEPC, its objectives and activities, and about related events. At a later stage, it is intended to become an information hub for the consortium, associated partners and the Community of Interest, where information can be exchanged within a restricted area. The deliverable D6.1 describes the website created for external and internal communication about and on the project.
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1 INTRODUCTION

A website was created for the QualDeEPC project as Deliverable 6.1 as part of Work Package 6, Dissemination and Communication, and is hosted at www.qualdeepc.eu. The website was designed and developed by E-P-C, and content was created, edited and developed internally by E-P-C and WI. E-P-C will continue to maintain and update the website in cooperation with the other project partners throughout the course of the project. The website serves as the primary communication channel to inform relevant stakeholders, such as the energy experts, consultants, national and regional certification bodies etc., as well as the general public, about the general objectives, as well as news and events related to QualDeEPC.

To explain the contents of the website, this report first shows the website’s general structure, whereupon the main components of the website are explored in further detail.

The continuous update of information for the website and all reports shall be provided through information retrievals from the partners. For that, a mailing to the partners will be set up on a quarterly basis.
2 STRUCTURE OF THE WEBSITE

2.1 Website navigation tree map

The website is accessible at www.qualdeep.eu. All sections of the website have the QualDeEPC logo on top and a reference to the HORIZON 2020 funding by the European Union in the footer. Links to the main pages “About” (Home), “QualDeEPC Network”, “Results and Resources”, “News and Events” and “Contact” are included in the navigation pane and are accessible from all subpages.

Figure 1. General website structure
3 MAIN PAGES AND INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS

3.1 Navigation Pane and Footer

On each page, the navigation pane and footer are displayed, the navigation pane always remains visible on top of the site, while the footer is located at the bottom of each site. The navigation pane contains the QualDeEPC logo on the left and links to all main pages (About, QualDeEPC Network, Results and Resources, News and Events, Contact).

The footer contains funding information (grant agreement No 847100) as well as the logo of the European Union on the left side. Interactive icons on the right link to social media accounts such as Twitter and LinkedIn, and to the contact form via e-mail. Visitors can also see latest news and upcoming events, which will be updated regularly.

3.2 About

The About page is the start page of the QualDeEPC website and will display several slides with the latest project news that will be updated regularly. The main project ideas are shown on this page. A teaser text on the home page introduces the raison d’être for QualDeEPC, its structure, its methodology and its partners.
Increasing the quality and cross-EU convergence of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) schemes, and enhancing the link between EPCs and deep renovation.

Project Structure

The project is structured into work packages, all of which work in synthesis with one another to achieve the objectives of QualDeEPC.

Analysis  Development  Testing  Roadmap  Strategy

Latest News & Events

Here you can find news related to the QualDeEPC project. Stay up to date with our Newsletter and Event Calendar.

The QualDeEPC project has launched!

The QualDeEPC project has launched in October 2011, the QualDeEPC consortium
3.2.1 Background and objectives

This subpage contains more background information about QualDeEPC. The objectives are shown here as well.

Background & objectives

Considering that 40% of the European Union’s energy consumption can be traced back to its buildings, it is essential to improve their energy efficiency in order to achieve the EU’s energy efficiency targets. Both the rate of energy renovation and its depth, i.e. the amount of energy savings during a renovation, need to be improved.

Background

An important instrument to enhance the market uptake of energy-efficient new buildings and the energy-efficient renovation of existing buildings are the Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs), regulated by the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) of the European Commission.

The energy performance assessment and certification schemes offer an objective estimate of a building’s energy efficiency under normal use and cover many of the aspects for the long-term renovation strategies required by the EPBD. However, there are several challenges to overcome in order to increase market confidence and induce investments in energy-efficient buildings, such as enhanced reliability, quality of the renovation recommendations, cost-effectiveness, and compliance with relevant EU standards and the EPBD.

Objectives

The Horizon2020 funded project QualDeEPC aims to enhance (i) the quality and cross-EU convergence of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) schemes, and (ii) the link between EPCs and deep renovation.

QualDeEPC will work on EU-wide convergence of the building assessment and the issuance, design, and use of quality-enhanced EPCs as well as their recommendations for building renovation. The aim is to make these recommendations coherent with deep energy renovation towards a nearly-zero energy building stock by 2050.

Under the coordination of the Wuppertal Institute, the project partners will work to create consensus in the participating countries and beyond, and to implement as many improvements as possible during the project period, involving certification bodies, energy agencies, building sector and certification stakeholders, and other relevant organisations.
3.2.2 Project structure

The project structure page provides a general overview of how the work of the project is organised. It describes the project’s main activities.

3.2.3 QualDeEPC methodology

This subpage describes the process through which QualDeEPC aims to achieve its goals, explaining the analysis, development, testing, roadmap and strategy stages of the process.

3.2.4 Project Partners

The partner page provides general information about the QualDeEPC project partners, their specific role in the project, a link to their institutional website as well as their logo. A table with the respective partners’ information is provided in the Annex.
3.3 QualDeEPC Network

The project network subpage describes the actors of QualDeEPC. This subsection is divided into two parts – Community of Interest and Related Projects.

3.3.1 Community of Interest

On this page, the networking community of QualDeEPC is presented. It includes auditors, energy experts, financing entities, consultancy firms, training entities, engineering firms, and others.

![Community of Interest](image)

**Figure 11. Community of interest**

3.3.2 Related Projects

An integral part of QualDeEPC is its continuance beyond the project’s lifetime. The networking potential of the project, as well as relevant target groups, are explained here.
3.4 Results and Resources

The subpage Results and Resources is divided into two parts – Project deliverables and Information material.

3.4.1 Project deliverables

This section will make available all public project deliverables.

3.4.2 Information material

Information materials are free to download and are made available for three target audiences - organizations, the public and the press.

![Figure 12. Information material](image-url)
3.5 News & Events

The news and events section will inform about recent activities and upcoming events within the scope of QualDeEPC and report about the latest project developments. This section is divided in three sections – news, event calendar and newsletter.

3.5.1 News

In the news section, noteworthy news will be displayed, e.g. press releases, report of relevant events attended and reports about recent QualDeEPC activities. This section will be regularly updated.

3.5.2 Event calendar

The QualDeEPC website hosts an event calendar. E-P-C will regularly collect upcoming events from all consortium partners and make them available in the calendar, together with some basic information about the events.

3.5.3 Newsletter

The QualDeEPC website also offers the possibility to sign up for a newsletter that will be published at irregular intervals. The subscription process will be in line with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), meaning that after the subscription the user will have to click on a link provided via e-mail to confirm the subscription (double opt-in). The management of the newsletter will be organised with the newsletter application Mailchimp. E-P-C oversees the contacts and will administrate them. Necessary for the subscription are name and e-mail address, naming the subscribers organisation is optional.
3.6 Contact

In case of any questions or comments regarding the QualDeEPC project, it will be possible to get in contact with E-P-C by using the contact form on the website. The contact subpage will also link to all social media channels that will be set up from M5 on.

![Contact Form](image)

**Figure 14. Contact**

3.7 Imprint/Disclaimer

The imprint gives legal information about the QualDeEPC project, the coordination institution is named including address and contact details of the coordinators. The VAT of WI is displayed, the court of jurisdiction named and the persons responsible for content and design of the website are listed. Legal information about copyright, the disclaimer, use of Google Analytics and about technical implementation are given.

3.8 Data Protection

The statement about data protection is in line with the European General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 ("GDPR"). All relevant functions of the website (e.g. newsletter, cookies, data processing) are explained in this subpage.
4 CONCLUSION

The QualDeEPC website has been launched and as a “living” medium it will grow and change over time according to the activities and outputs of the project. Acting as the main information medium for the public, the website plays a crucial role for the dissemination of QualDeEPC. A download section allows visitors to retrieve different dissemination materials, contributing also to a decentralised dissemination process of the project. Altogether, ensuring that important information is made available via the website depends on effective and timely communication within the project among partners and project participants.

As work package leader, E-P-C will collect information within the consortium about upcoming events, events visited, project activities etc. on a regular basis and disseminate it via the website. The creation of a restricted area on the QualDeEPC website is planned in the future in order to give associated partners and the Community of Interest the possibility to exchange confidential project information. The next steps regarding the development of the QualDeEPC website will be based on close collaboration with the project coordinator WI and all partners from the consortium.
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<td>CIT – CIT Energy Management</td>
<td>SE</td>
<td>CIT combines wide practical experience with scientific competence in the areas of energy efficiency and indoor climate in buildings. CIT is an advisor developing regulations and guidelines in order to achieve energy efficient buildings, while considering economical and technical consequences.</td>
<td>To perform state of the art of EPC in Sweden and to test and evaluate the new tools in Sweden</td>
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<td>CRES – Centre for renewable energy sources and saving fondation</td>
<td>GR</td>
<td>CRES is an independent public entity founded in 1987. CRES is active in the fields of Renewable Energy Sources, Rational Use of Energy and Energy Saving. Its primary aim is to promote technological applications in these fields both at a national and international level.</td>
<td>To develop supportive tools, Roadmap to convergence and actions towards deep renovation</td>
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<td>dena – German Energy Agency</td>
<td>DE</td>
<td>dena is Germany’s centre of expertise for energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and intelligent energy systems. As Agency for Applied Energy Transition dena helps achieve energy and climate policy objectives by developing solutions and putting them nationally and internationally into practice.</td>
<td>To lead the development of enhanced EPC schemes</td>
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<td>EAP – Energy Agency of Plovdiv</td>
<td>BG</td>
<td>Founded in 2000 under the Save II program of the European Commission, EAP is devoted to promoting the efficient and sustainable use of energy and to expanding the use of renewable energy. EAP carries out feasibility studies, energy analyses, and energy project development and management.</td>
<td>To conduct an in-depth analysis of current EPC practice and is involved in pilot actions of improved EPC schemes</td>
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<td><strong>EKODOMA Ltd.</strong></td>
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<td>Established in 1991, EKODOMA is an engineering consulting company, whose main activities are related to energy-efficient solutions and sustainable energy sources. The aim is to achieve economic growth without causing harm to the environment. This can be achieved in every phase of project planning.</td>
<td>To lead the testing of the applicability through pilot cases, and to implement all project activities that take place in Latvia</td>
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<td><strong>ENERGIKLUB – Climate Policy Institute and Applied Communications</strong></td>
<td>HU</td>
<td>Founded in 1990, Energiaklub is the only NGO in Hungary solely concentrated on energy issues, such as energy efficiency/policy, renewable resources, climate protection, conventional energy resources. Energiaklub conducts research projects, provides trainings and carries out communication campaigns.</td>
<td>To develop a stringent and topic related sustainability strategy including criteria, methods and implementation route</td>
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<td><strong>ESCAN, s.l.</strong></td>
<td>ES</td>
<td>Escan is a Spanish consultancy company founded in 1986 that offers technical, economic and financial advice on energy planning, energy efficiency, sustainable energy and smart grids for public institutions, private companies, associations and other organizations.</td>
<td>To carry out the analysis of current practices and priorities of EPCs, test new tools in buildings and deep renovation network platform</td>
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<td><strong>E-P-C – EPC project corporation for Climate. Sustainability. Communications.</strong></td>
<td>DE</td>
<td>EPC offers project management and target group specific PR, including the development of communication strategies and their practical application in renewables, climate and sustainability projects.</td>
<td>To lead the communication and dissemination, and to support the coordination</td>
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<td><strong>FEDARENE – European Federation of Agencies and Regions for Energy and the Environment</strong></td>
<td>BE</td>
<td>FEDARENE is the primary European network of regional organisations which implement, co-ordinate and facilitate energy policies. FEDARENE is involved in numerous European projects and is also part of the secretariat running two key European initiatives: Managenergy and the Covenant of Mayors.</td>
<td>To ensure the implementation of the EU dialogue and transfer activities providing major contributions to the organization of events</td>
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WUPPERTAL INSTITUT für Klima, Umwelt, Energie gGmbH | DE | The WI undertakes research and develops models, strategies and instruments for transitions to a sustainable development at local, national and international level. Sustainability research at the WI focuses on resources, climate and energy related challenges and their relation to economy and society. | To lead the coordination, analysis of country specifics, transnational comparison of pilot cases, monitoring, policy recommendations

Table 4: Partners and their role in QualDeEPC