



## Project Fact Sheet

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### From Estonia till Croatia: Intelligent Energy Saving Measures for Municipal housing in Central and Eastern European Countries (INTENSE)

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**Objective:** To influence building developments at legislative, technical, planning, consumer behaviour level in Central and Eastern Europe

**Benefits:** Approaches and learning for an energy optimized housing planning including an implementation plan at municipalities

**Keywords:** Energy efficient buildings, municipal planning, public awareness

**Duration:** 10/2008 – 09/2011

**Budget:** € 3,230,805 (EU contribution: 75.00%)

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## Short description

INTENSE aims at transferring intelligent energy saving measures for municipal housing from “old” EU Member States to “new” Member States and Accession countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The project is implemented in 12 countries by 28 partners representing multiplier organizations, municipalities and project experts. Built on a holistic approach for planning of energy optimized housing, the project comprises an analysis of legal preconditions, experience exchange on best practice examples, development and implementation of training programmes, pilot planning activities at partner municipalities, and public awareness raising.

Increased capacities of local authorities will be an investment to the future for influencing new housing development at legislative, technical and planning level as well as guiding consumer behaviour towards efficient energy use. Experiences and lessons learned within the project will be further disseminated across Europe.

## Expected results

- Reflected learning process, pros and cons of different approaches to holistic planning of new buildings resulting from 13 concepts at partner municipalities for an energy optimized housing planning including an implementation plan, e.g. investment planning and source analysis, as well as communication exercises at municipalities.
- Enhanced development of knowledge and skills of different stakeholders in the building process (planners, architects, engineers, craftsmen, municipal advisors) by carefully assessed training needs of different stakeholder groups and elaborated set of training programmes and materials fitting especially for Central and Eastern European conditions.
- Selected set of best practice examples from Germany and other “old” EU Member States on energy saving measures at buildings under the view point of their applicability in Central and Eastern Europe; developed adaption scenarios for these best practice options including modifications and practical implementation guidance.
- Developed public awareness raising strategy and public information toolkits for municipalities for guiding of consumption patterns of inhabitants towards energy saving measures in buildings in Central and Eastern European Countries
- Assessed legal background and improvement potentials at local level based on the international comparison of by-laws, rules and technical standards set at municipalities

## Lessons learnt

This project has just started. It is therefore too early to draw lessons.