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Welcome

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Introduction

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Case studies presentations

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Case studies presentations

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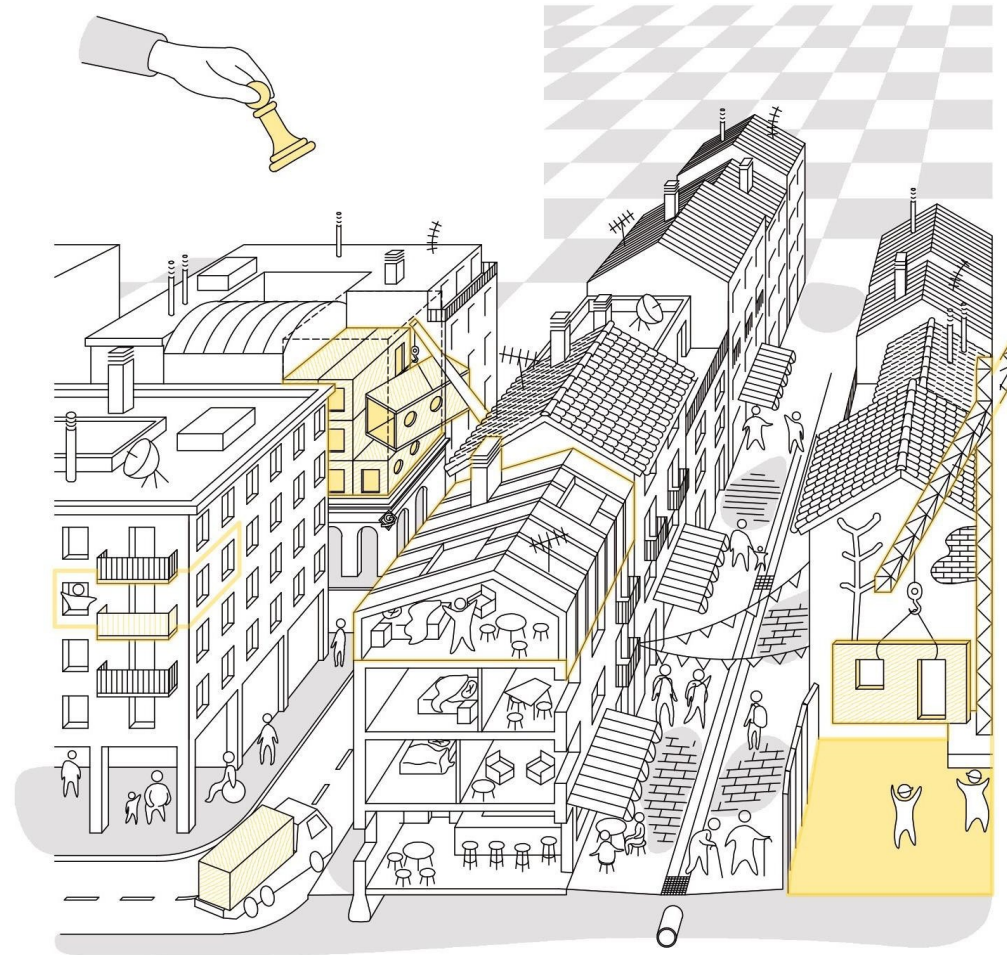
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WikiHousing Barcelona
Achieving
fast, sustainable, and
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affordable housing



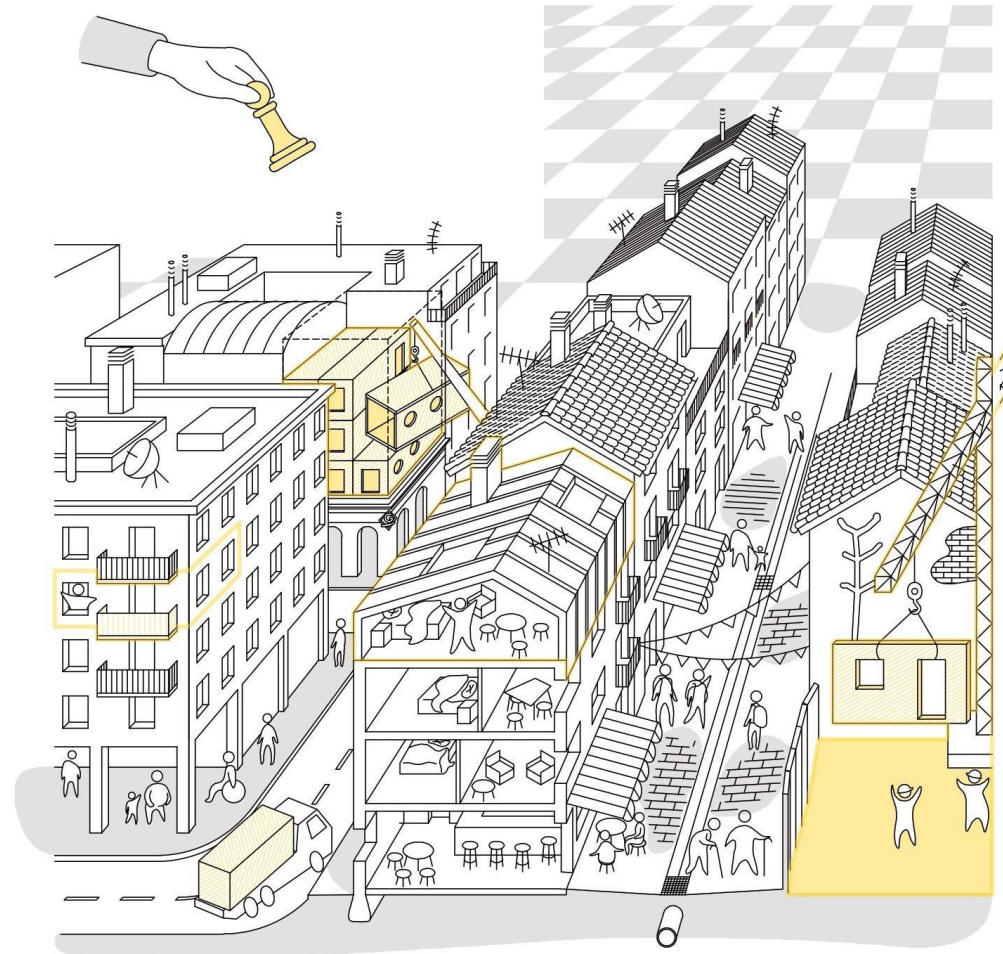


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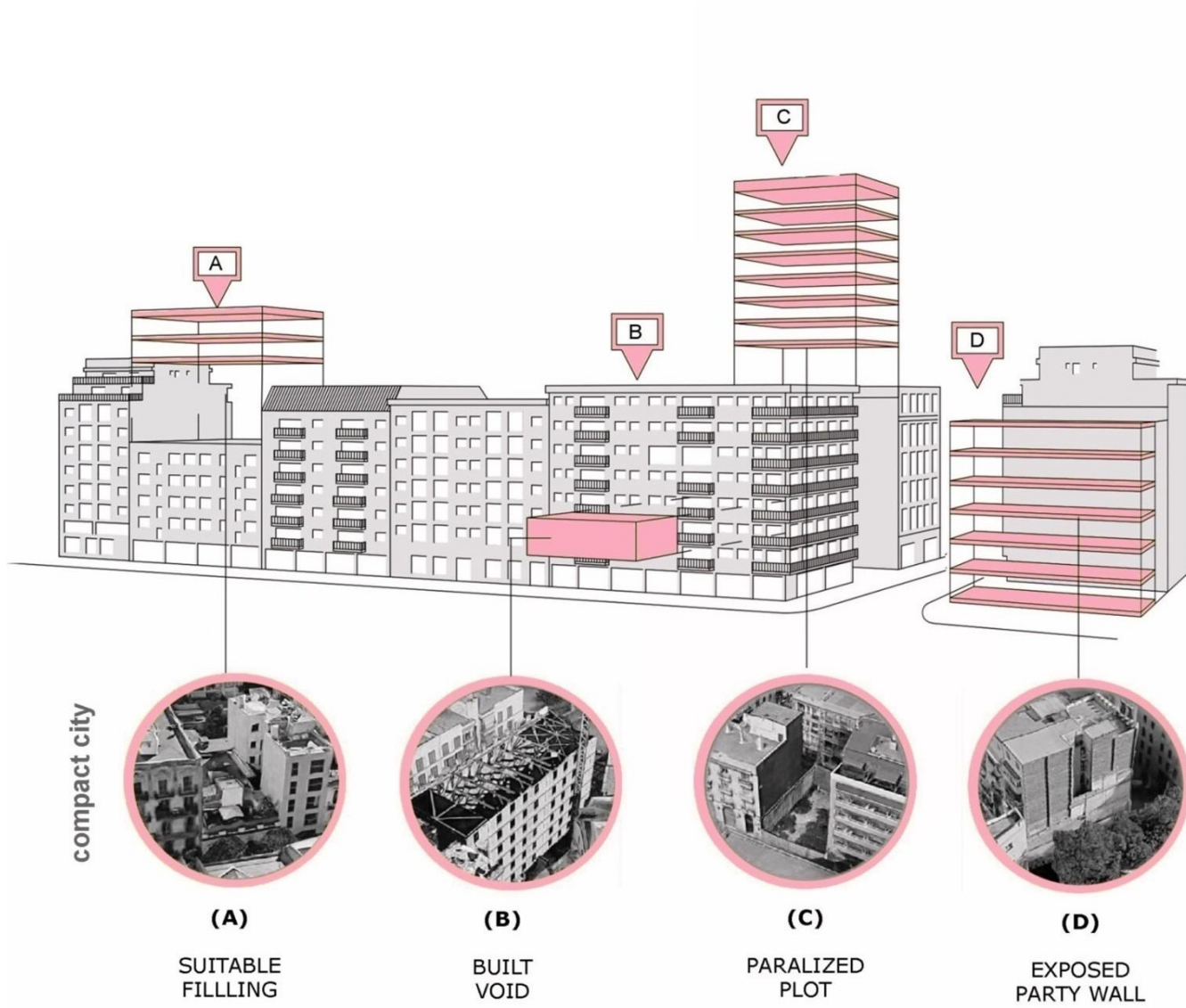
Participation
Upskilling
Re-industrialisation

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Urban dimension



Aquest primer escombratge es fa amb una mirada ampla i imaginativa per tal de no menysprear cap de les possibilitats que puguin haver-hi al districte, que com ja sabem és un teixit molt compacte i amb pocs racons urbans sense edificar.

CASOS ESTUDIATS EN NIVELL PRELIMINAR

GÒTIC SUD

- 01- Passatge de la Pau 5. Pàrquing.
- 02- Passatge de la Pau 12. Pàrquing.
- 03- Carrer Josep Pijoan 7b.
- 04- Passatge de la Banca 6. Pàrquing.

RAVAL SUD

- 05- Carrer Marquès de Barberà 16. Pàrquing.
- 06- Carrer Riereta 24b. Antiga fàbrica de guatas.
- 07- Carrer Riereta 34.
- 08- Carrer Carretes 45. Pàrquing.
- 09- Carrer Aurora 18. Pàrquing.
- 10- Av. Drassanes 14. Escola oficial d'idiomes.
- 11- Carrer Santa Mònica 3

CASOS ESTUDIATS EN NIVELL INTERMEDI

GÒTIC SUD

- 12- Carrer d'en Carabassa 8bis.

RAVAL SUD

- 13- Passatge de Guttenberg 5.
- 14- Av. Drassanes 13-15. Centre Salut Peracamps.
- 15- Av. de les Drassanes 3. Associació de Mestre Rosa Sensat.
- 16- Ronda Sant Pau 46. Gimnàs Sant Pau.

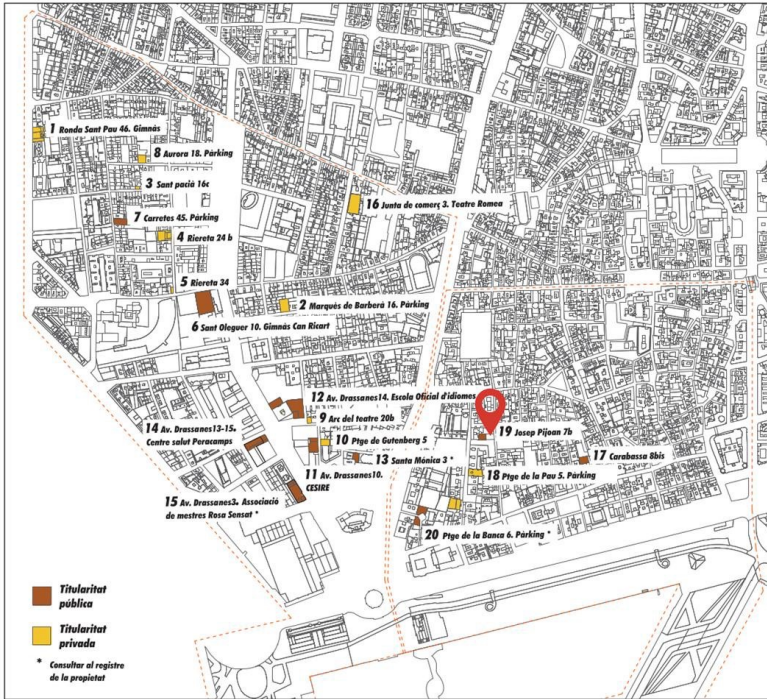
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RAVAL SUD

- 17- Carrer Sant Pacià 16c.
- 18- Carrer Arc del Teatre 20b.
- 19- Av. Drassanes 10. Escola d'adults CESIRE.

CASOS DESESTIMATS

- 20- Solar al carrer de la Junta de Comerç 3. Teatre Romea.
- 21- Gimnàs Can Ricart

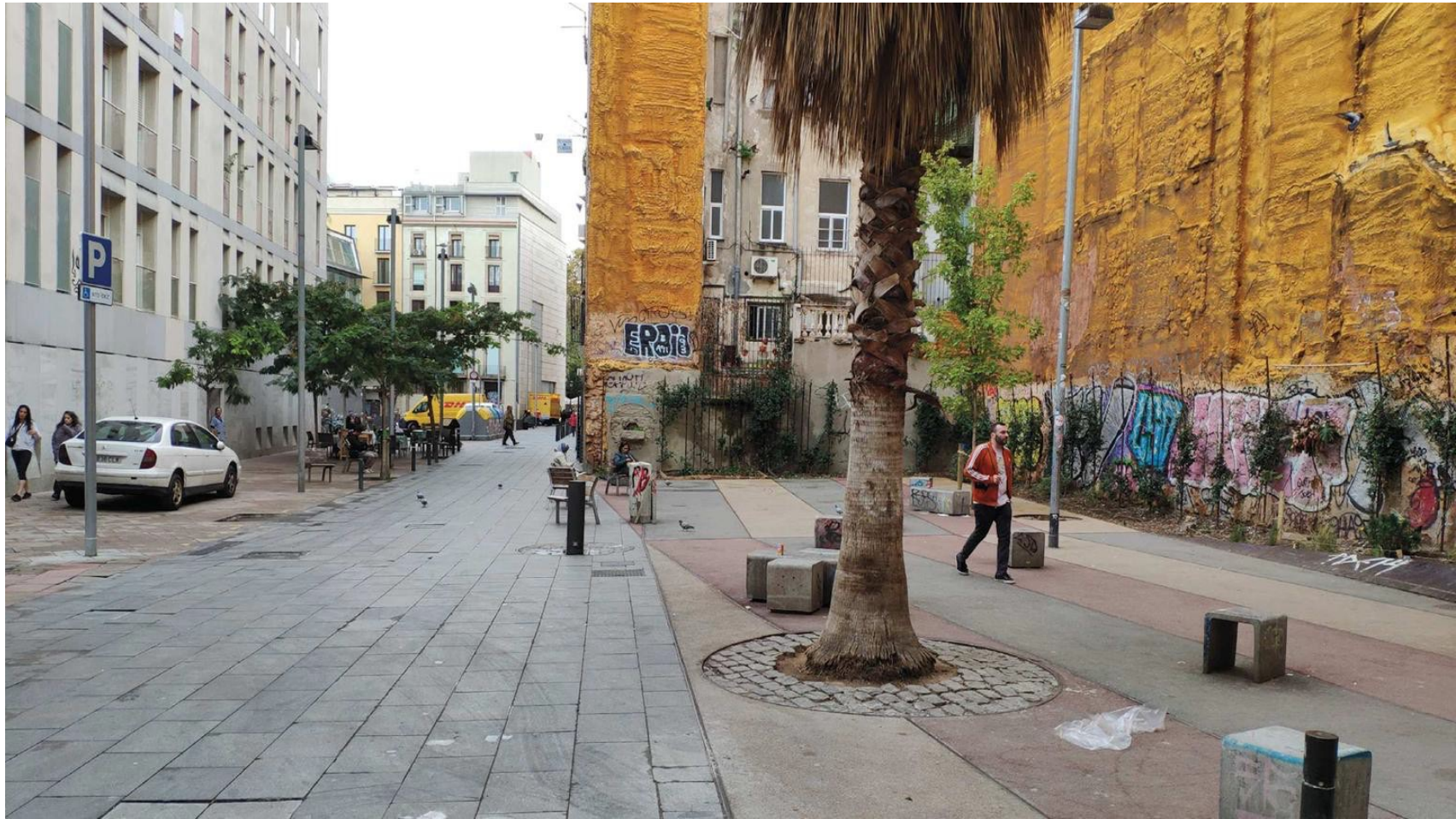


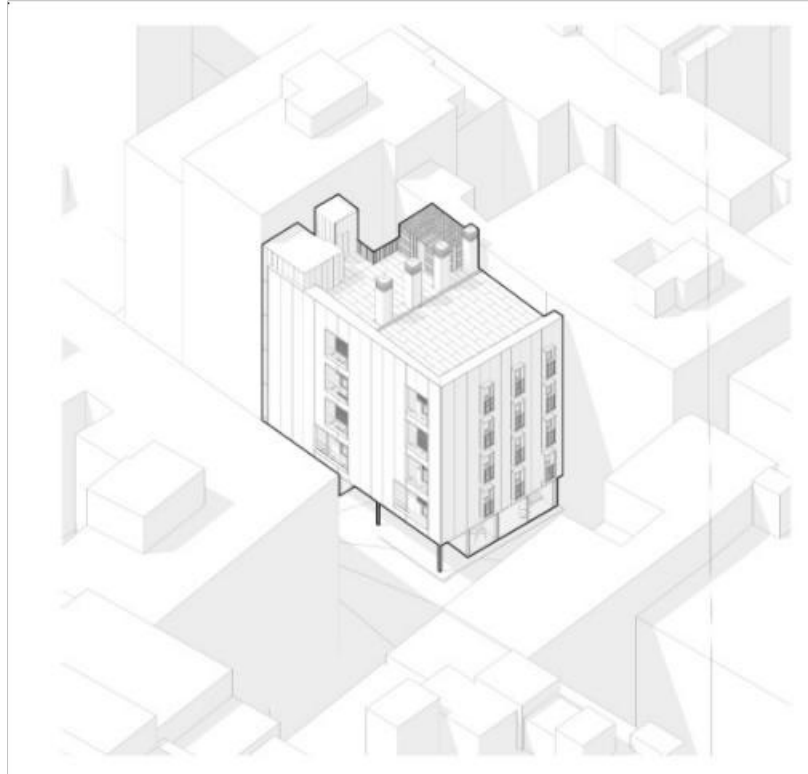
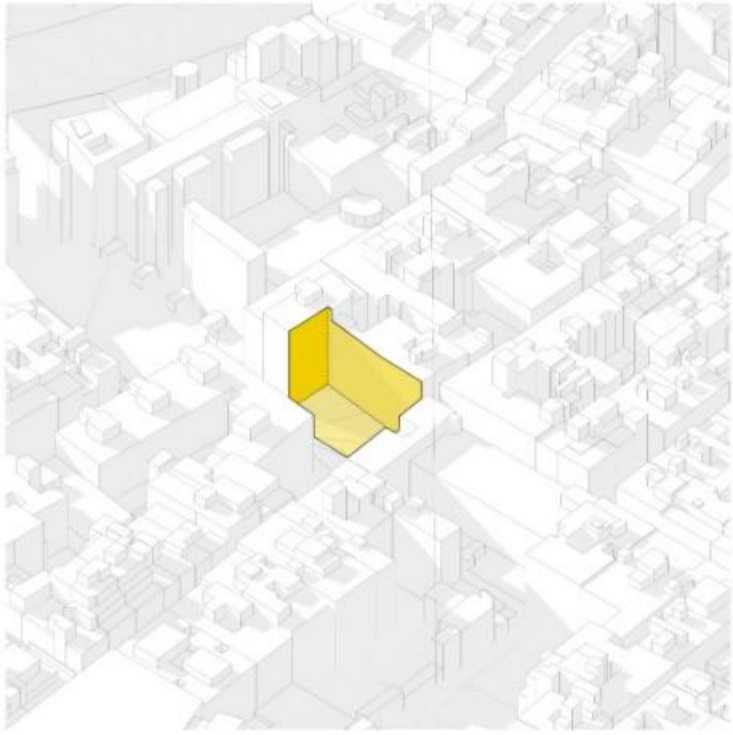
Espais d'oportunitat en Avinguda Drassanes (BCN)



Precedent:
emergency
housing

aprop ciutat vella







▲ People walk by the construction site of the first building built with shipping containers in Barcelona. Photograph: Pau Barrena/AFP/Getty Images

Just a stone's throw from La Rambla, the Spanish city is building 12 shipping container flats to help tackle its social housing crisis

Barcelona has begun installing its first **shipping container homes** just a

Most viewed









un reportatge de: Francis Manzano i André Roseira



La raça de la gossa era un impediment per accedir al pis, però finalment li van permetre entrar-hi amb ella



Fa un any de l'entrada dels primers inquilins als pisos fets en contenidors

Drama juvenil

En casa hasta después de los 30: España registra la edad de emancipación más alta de los últimos 20 años

Cada vez se retrasa más la edad con la que salen de casa de sus padres. Ahora de media lo hacen al superar los 30 años y es la primera vez que se pasa esa edad.



Sociedad

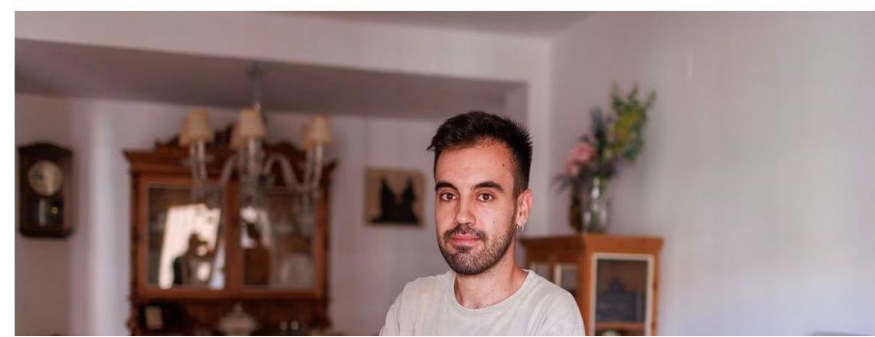
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URGENTE La activista iraní Narges Mohammadi, Premio Nobel de la Paz 2023

JÓVENES >

Los jóvenes no pueden irse de casa: la edad media de emancipación supera por primera vez los 30 años

La pérdida de poder adquisitivo y la subida ininterrumpida de los precios de la vivienda dificultan la independencia, a la que solo accede el 15,9%, la mitad que en la media de la UE





12 Nov 2021

WikiHousing Barcelona guanya la convocatòria de La ciutat proactiva 2021



Ajuntament de
Barcelona

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An initiative by



Plot and funding



Additional funding



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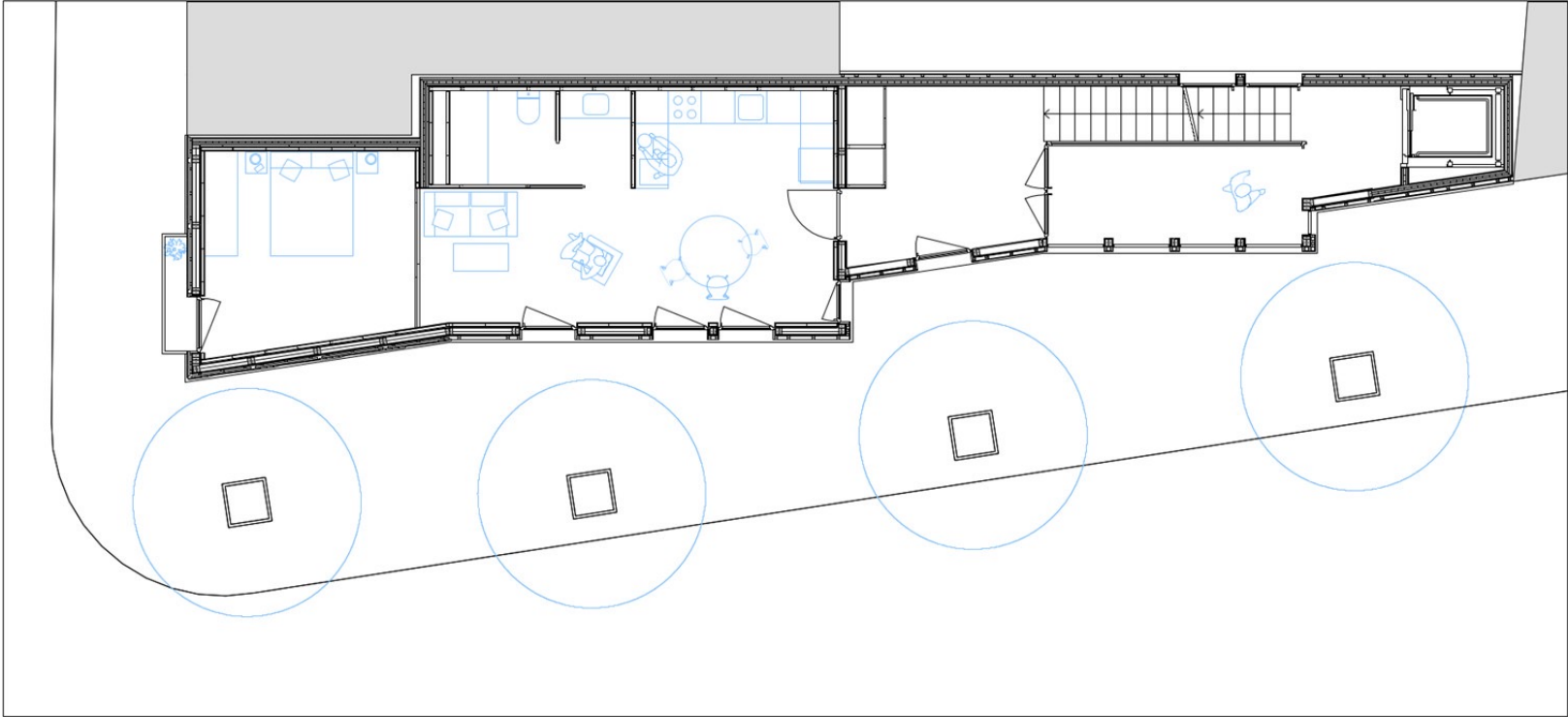


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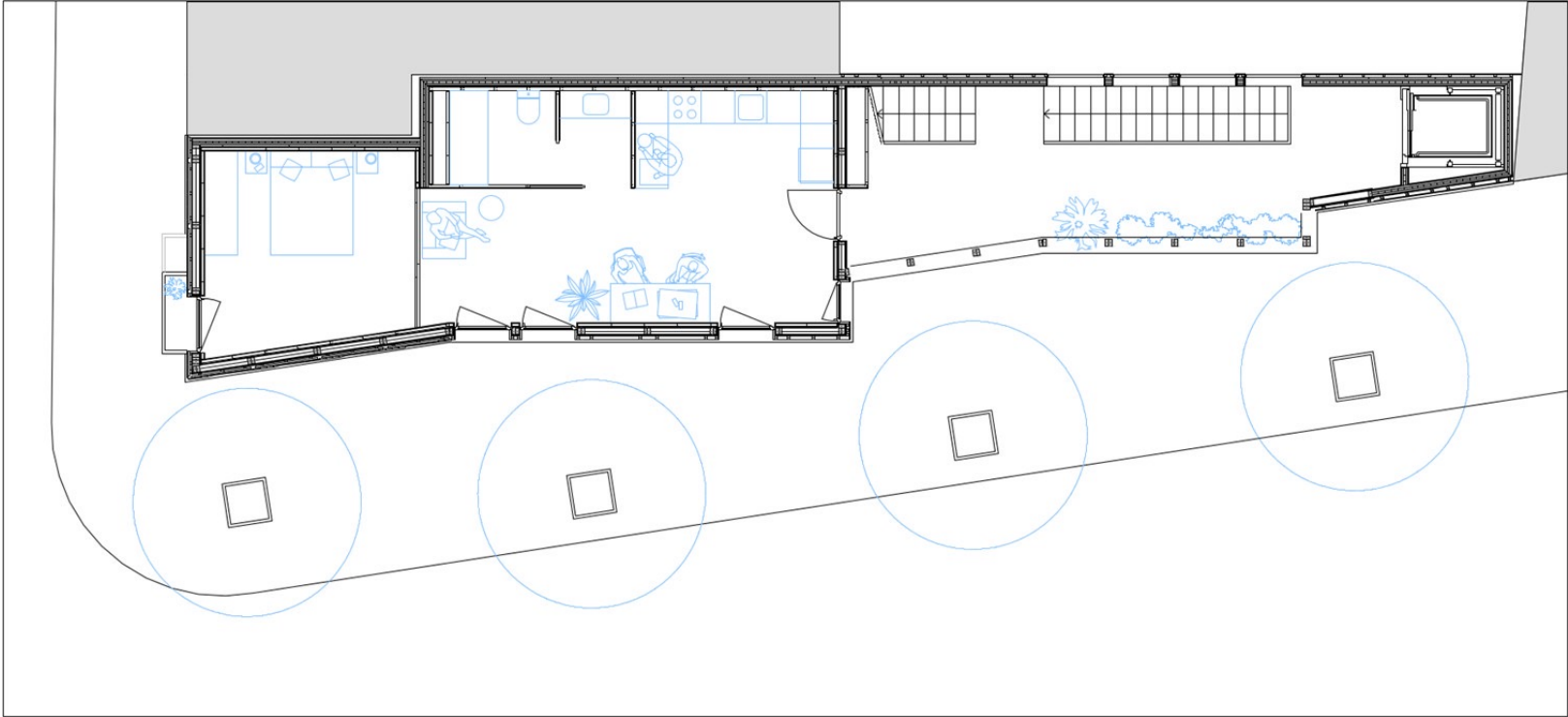




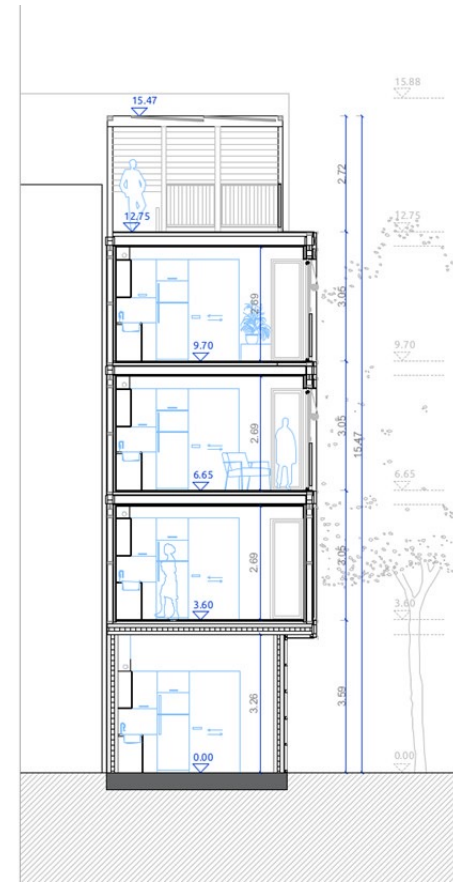
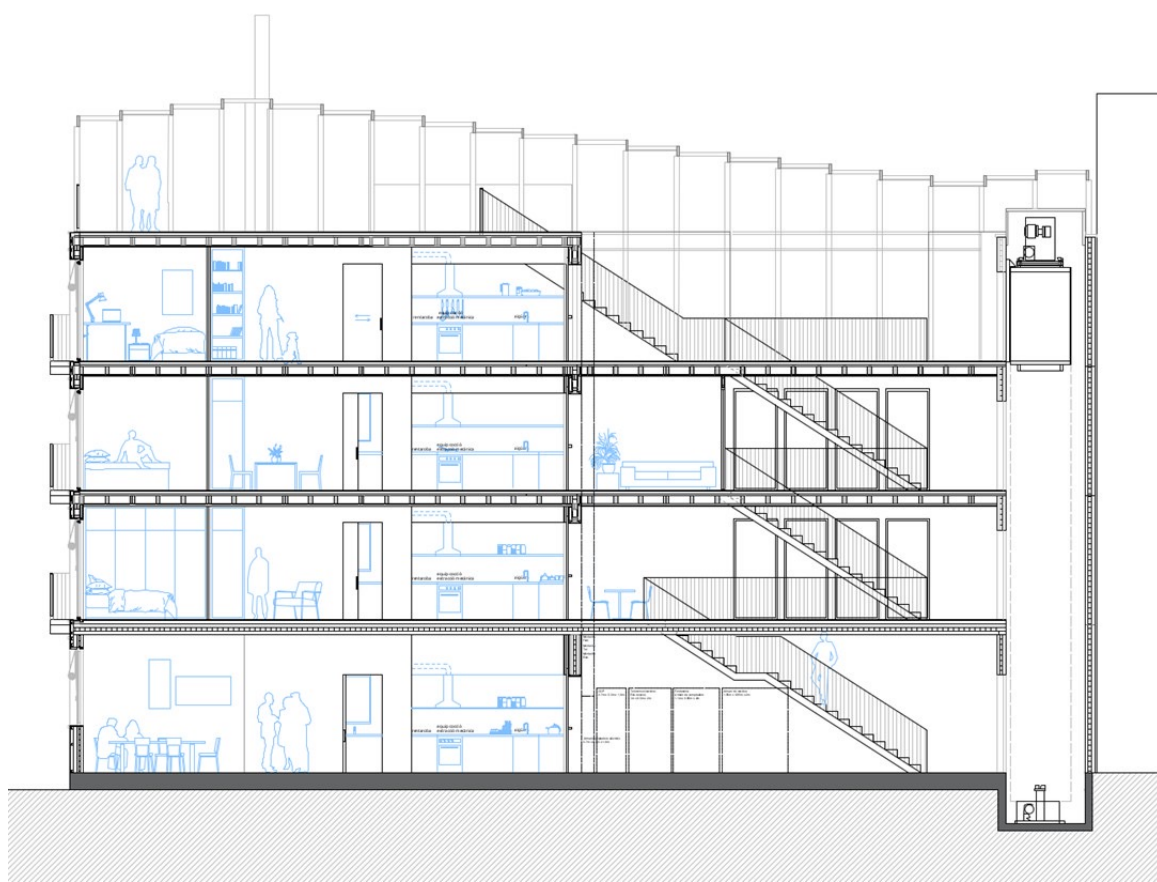




second floor



third floor



sections



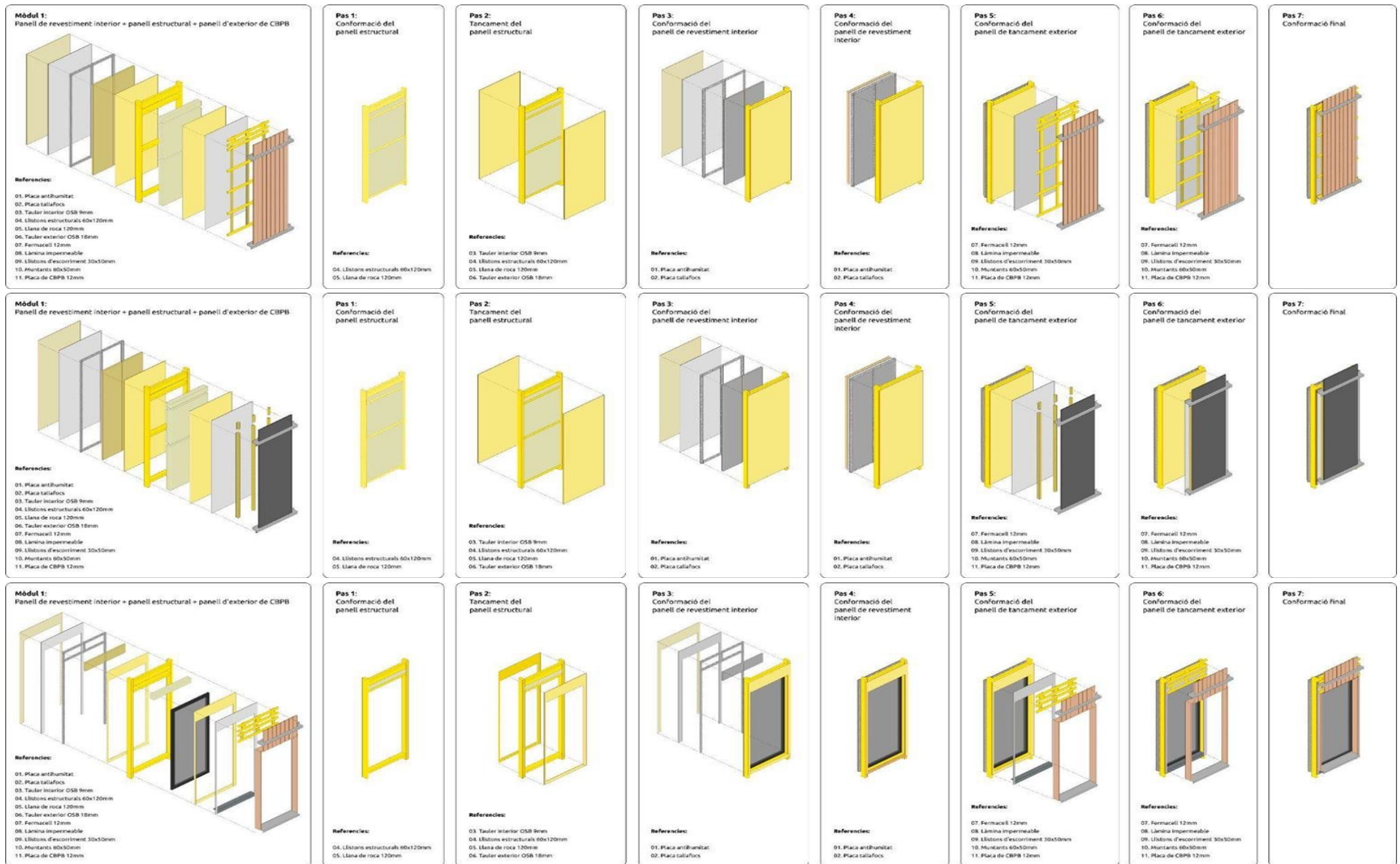


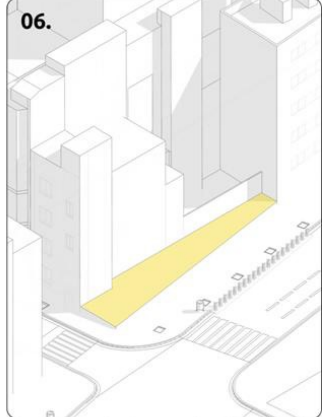
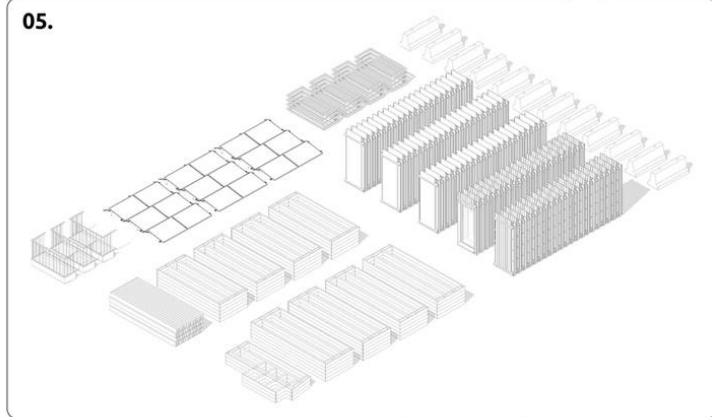
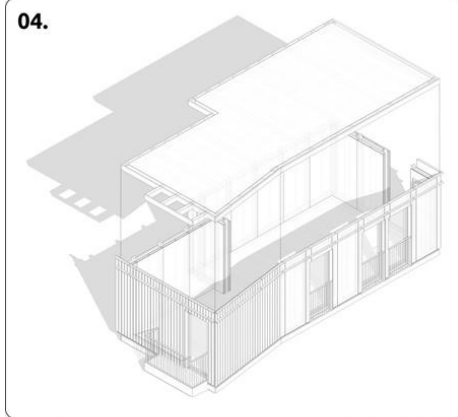
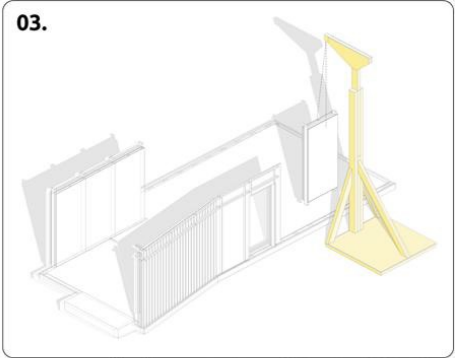
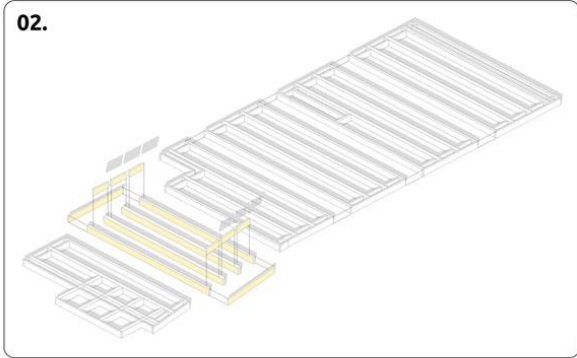
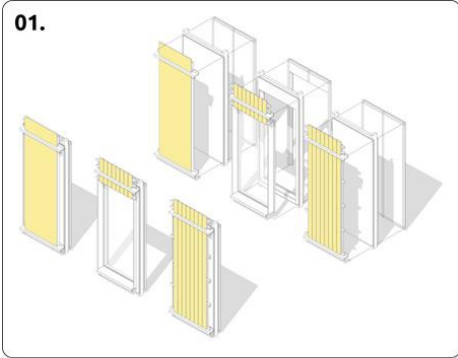


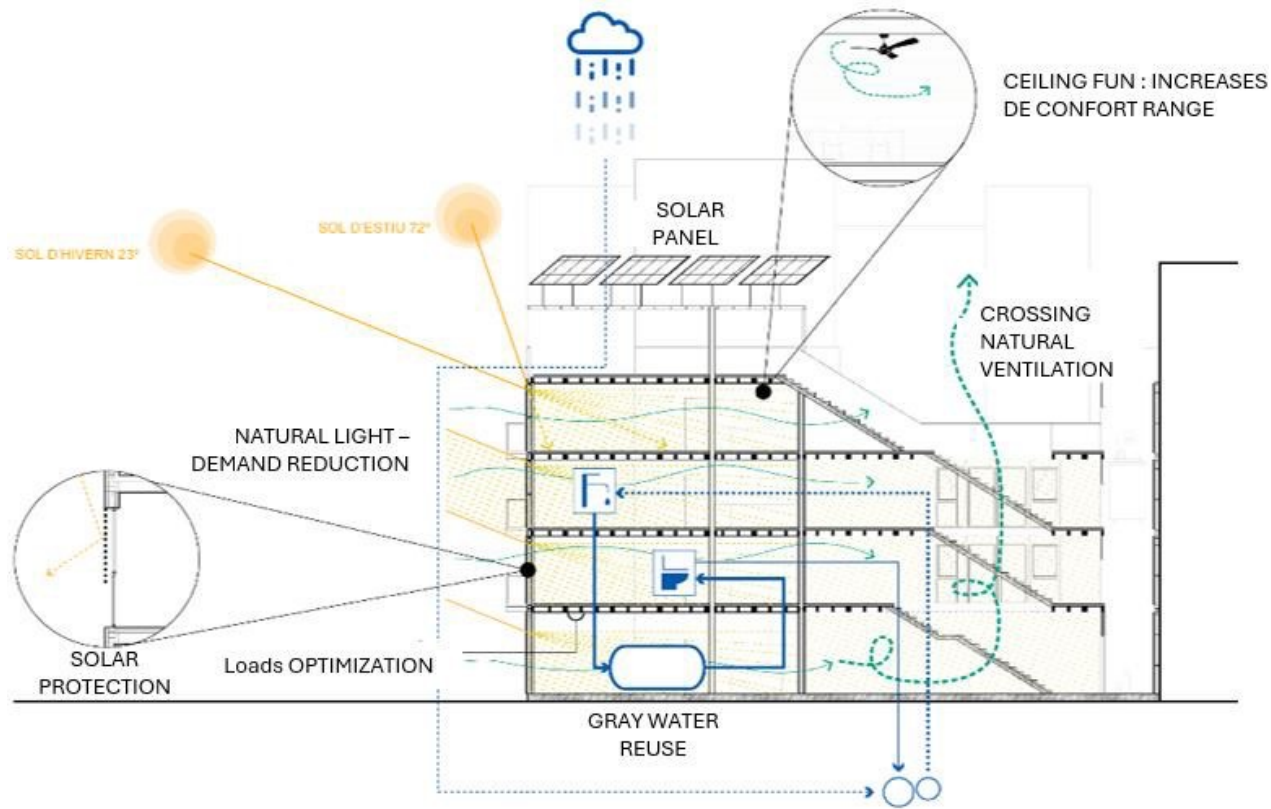


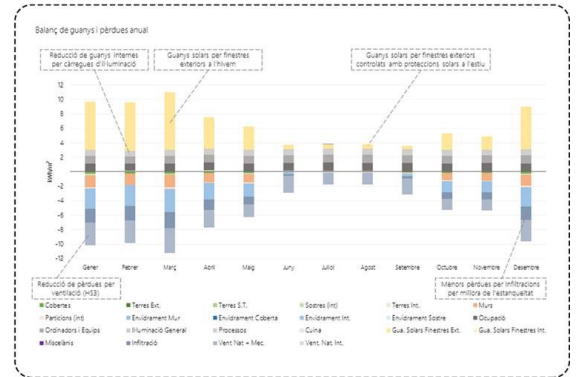
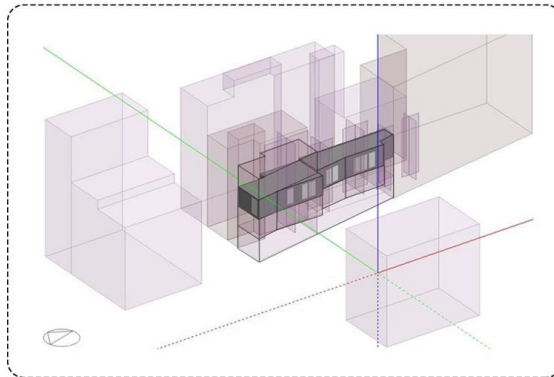
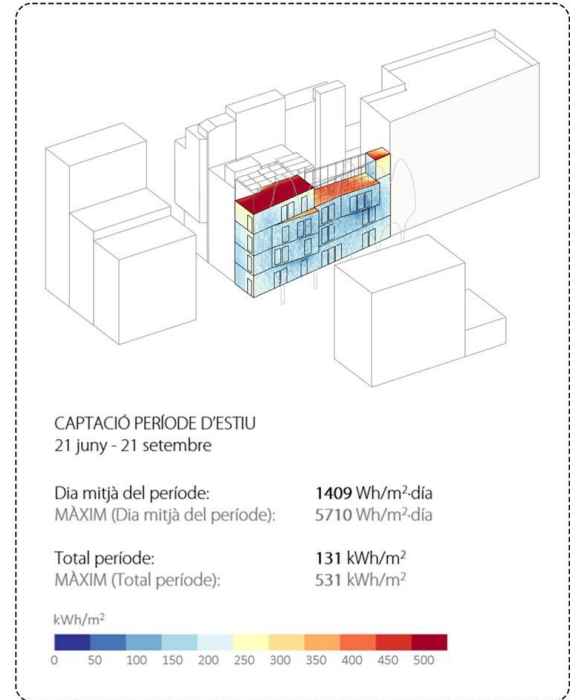
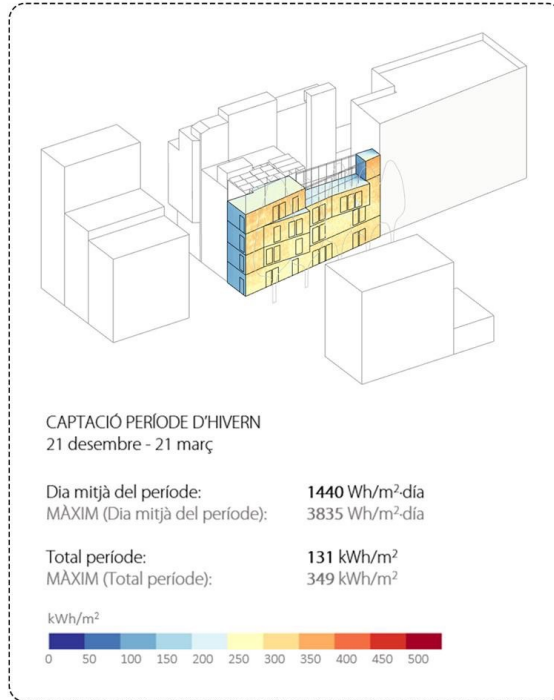


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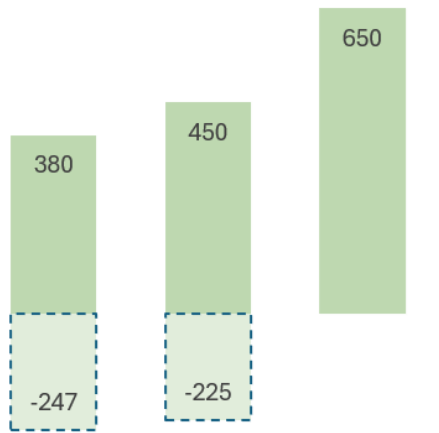








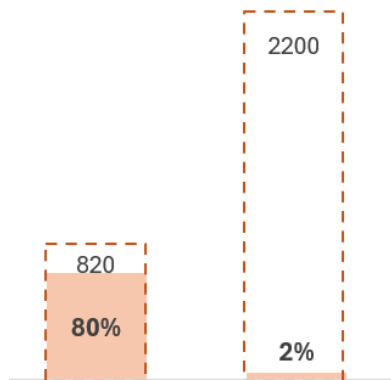
Total embodied CO₂ (Kg CO₂/m²)



WikiHousing Optimized Conventional

- Emitted
- Absorbed

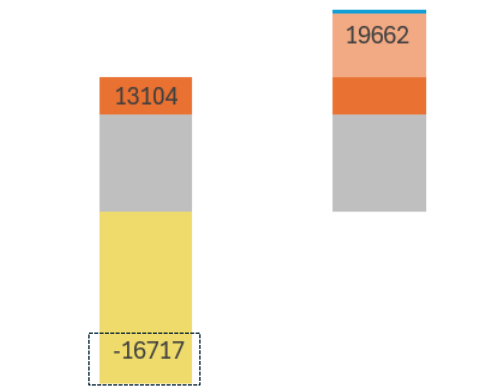
Weight and circularity (kg/m²)



WikiHousing Conventional

- Weight
- Circularity

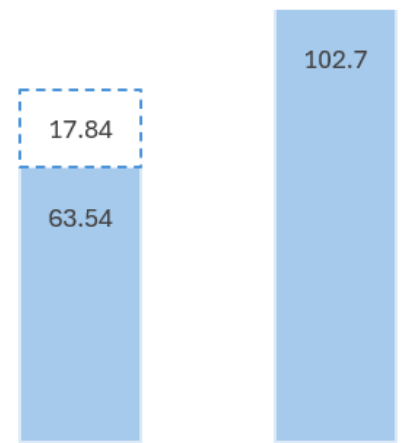
Energy consumption (kWh/año)



WikiHousing Conventional

- Other uses
- Hot water
- Heating
- Cooling
- PV production
- Net excess

Water consumption (l/p.day)



WikiHousing Conventional

- Potable water
- Grey water reuse

Social **dimens**
ion

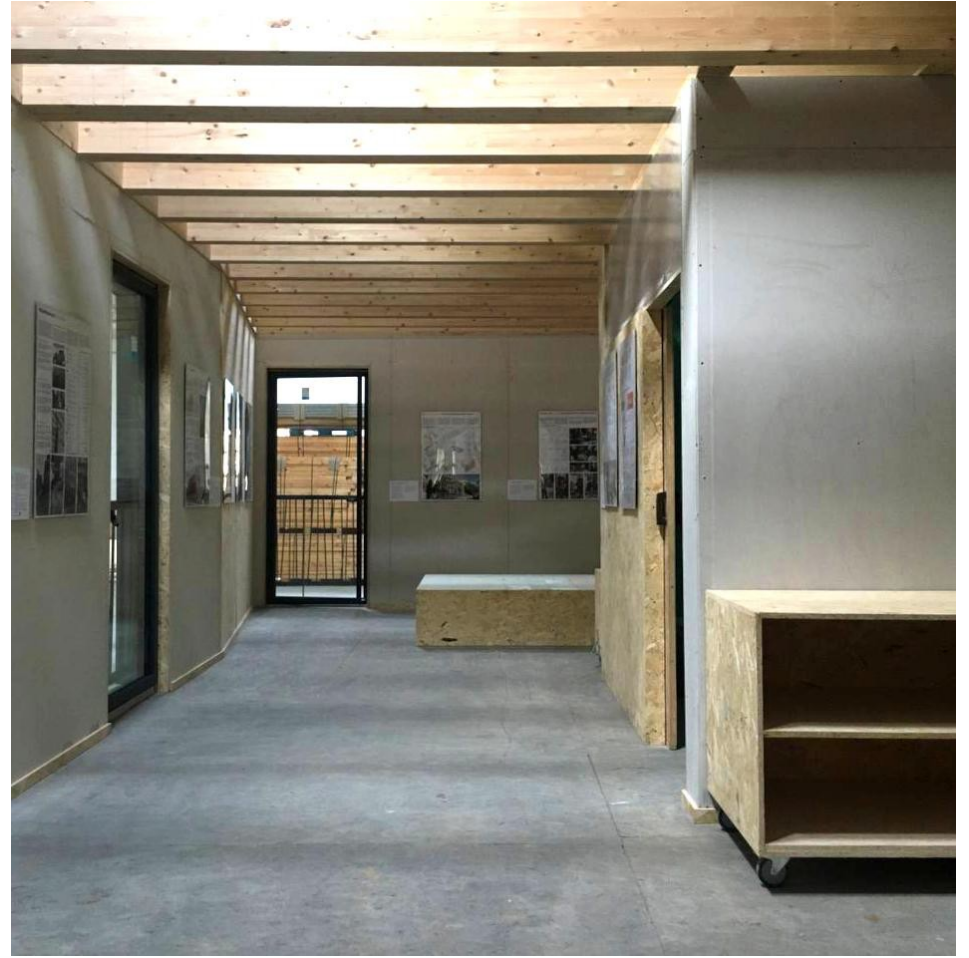


making balloon frame,
which is what we are doing



















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Thank you

Link to video



Link to web



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Delivering Affordable and Climate-Resilient Housing for All



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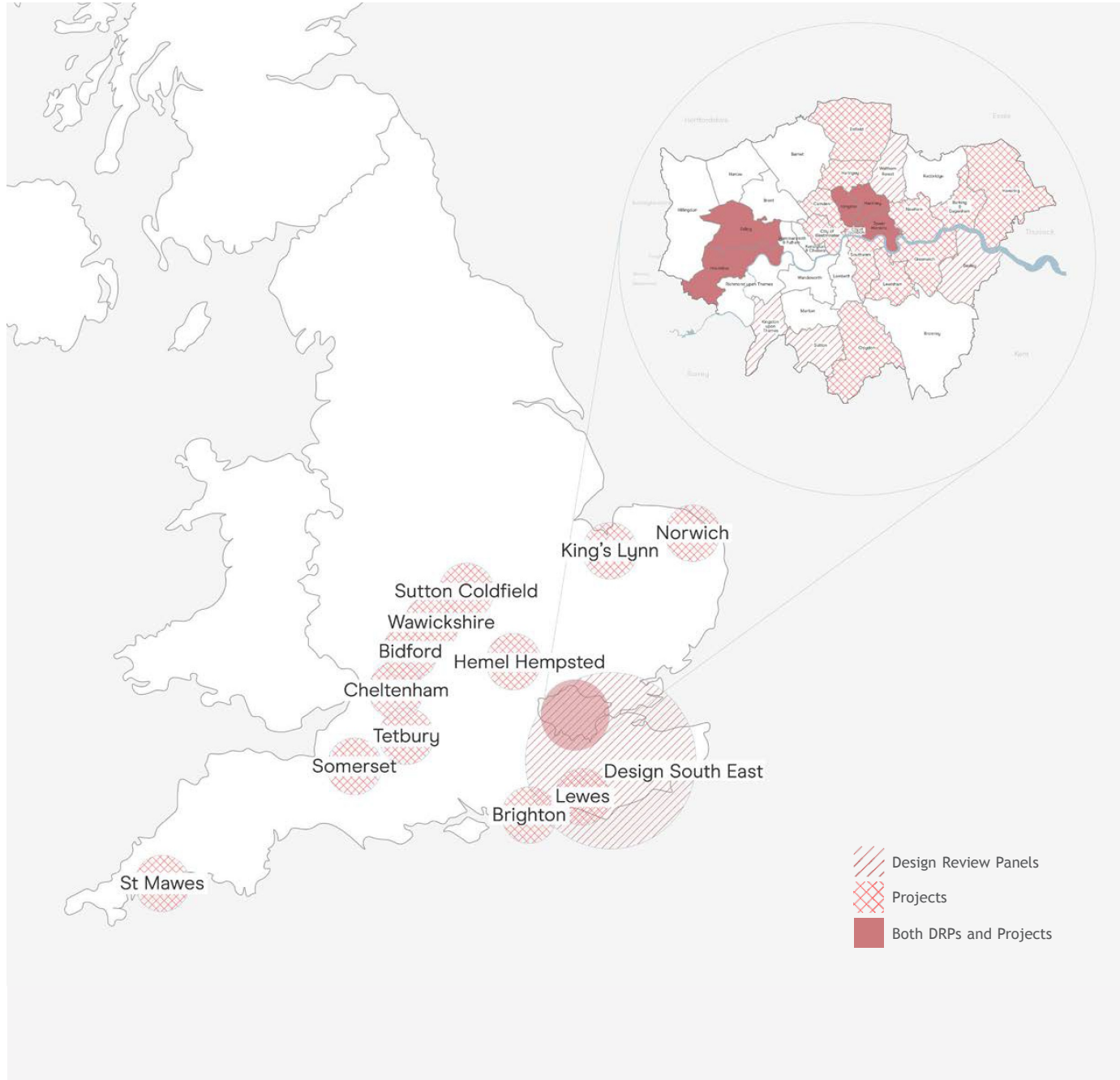
DEVELOPER REGENERATION



LOCAL AUTHORITIES



HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS



- Design Review Panels
- Projects
- Both DRPs and Projects

HOUSING EXPERTS

MIXED-USE, BtR



114 build to rent homes for LandsecU+I in Lewisham

SOCIAL HOUSING



19 homes and community space for BeFirst in Becontree

COMMUNITY LED



11 community-led homes for London CLT in Lewisham

MASTERPLAN



A 50 home co-housing plot for Human Nature in Lewes

ESTATE REGENERATION



20 homes and estate regeneration for Southwark Council

SPECIALIST



22 specialist homes for Habinteg in Dagenham

TOWN EXTENSIONS



100 homes for the Crown Estate in Hemel Hempstead

CO-HOUSING



34 homes and Common House, for TOWN in Norwich

RETROFIT



Retrofit strategy for 1,800 homes in Westminster

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GENUINELY AFFORDABLE & COMMUNITY LED: CITIZENS HOUSE

The first designed and delivered
community led housing in London

CLT
land gifted by
council

£3,800
per sq.m

65%
of market
price for
homes sold

homes held
in trust so
affordable in
perpetuity



RESIDENTS HAND-DELIVERING THE PLANNING APPLICATION TO THE MAYOR OF LEWISHAM

IMPACT THROUGH ENGAGEMENT

WHAT RISKS WERE THERE:

- Legal process behind planning permission (CLT model).
- Scale of development on a small site needed intense engagement,
- Range of expertise across client group (first direct delivery for London CLT).



Citizens House was an exemplar project for engagement in Mayor of London's guide to Delivering Quality Homes.



“There’s this real sense of safety and security that you have when you move into a development like this.”
LYNETTE, RESIDENT

107
letters of
support with
application

● TEMPORARY SITE OFFICE IN ONE OF THE GARAGE SITES

CO-DESIGN TOOLKIT

WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT DELIVERING MEANINGFUL BENEFITS

We use co-design processes to combine our expert knowledge with the lived experience of residents, so that our designs tackle the everyday issues people face in their neighbourhoods.

Our Toolkit consolidates our extensive experience into a series of 'tools' in order to demystify co-design, and to enable clients and community groups to benefit from the process.



RADICAL AFFORDABILITY

WHAT MADE THE DESIGN AFFORDABLE:

- Understanding constraints from outset (e.g. gas main 0,)
- Simple robust materials,
- Every design move has maximum benefit,
- Co-designed landscape to meet resident needs,
- No lift, 1 and 2 bedroom homes aligned with GLA funding per home.

£50k
saving by
avoiding gas
main in design



BALANCING SUSTAINABILITY + AFFORDABILITY

Balancing energy and affordability at Citizens House under the Community Land Trust scheme meant aiming for basic building regulations compliance rather than deeper sustainability, consciously prioritising lower upfront costs and cheaper energy systems over more ambitious low-carbon measures, to keep homes genuinely affordable.



● AERIAL VIEW

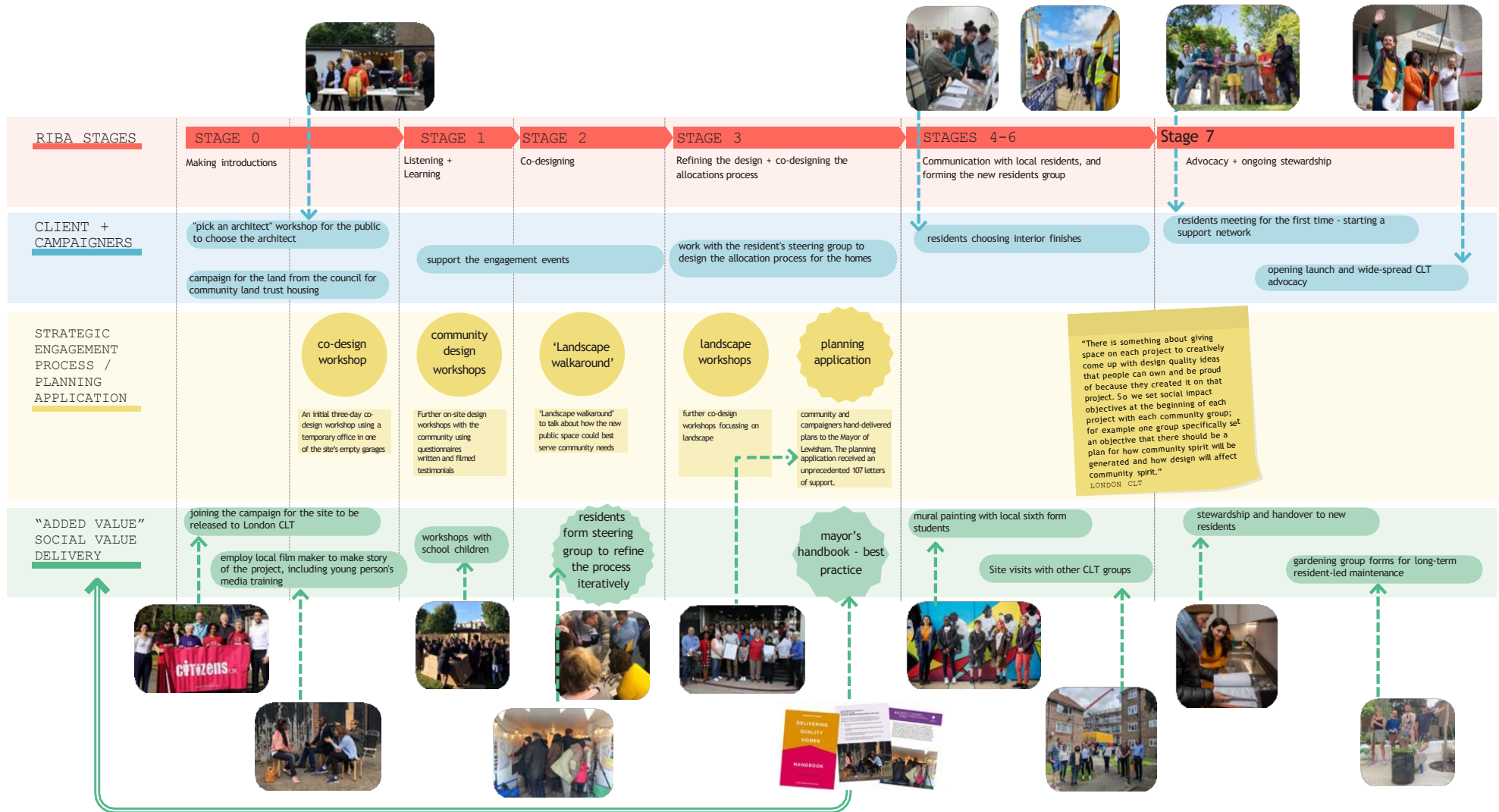
PROJECT IMPACT



London CLT and Impact on Urban Health
CLTs and Urban Health:
A case study of London CLT's Citizens
House, Sydenham

CATEGORY	STATISTIC	QUOTE
Health (Physical)	78% of residents satisfied with physical health after moving in, compared to 17% before.	<i>"Some residents gave stark examples of health improvements: no longer having migraines or having to use an asthma inhaler."</i>
Health (Mental)	56% of residents satisfied with mental health after moving in, compared to 8% before.	<i>"The most common health benefit was relief from the constant anxiety of precarious housing circumstances and unknown futures."</i>
Safety & Security	100% of people felt safe in their homes after moving to citizens house, with 68% saying they felt "very safe", an increase from 15% prior.	<i>"There's this real sense of safety and security that you have when you move into a development like this, where you know the people..." - Lynette</i>
Overall Accommodation Satisfaction	Residents reporting being "Very Satisfied" with their accommodation went from approximately 8% (before moving) to 60% (after moving).	<i>"It's like a little sort of Oasis away from all the busy stuff" - Olivia</i>
Loneliness	Average scores for frequent loneliness were higher than in England before moving in but show significant improvements twelve months later, with stats of people feeling lonely some of the time dropping from 46% down to just 14%.	<i>"We all had seen each other and sort of knew each other a bit before we even moved in. So there was no sort of awkwardness at the beginning. It's just you instantly are saying hi to people that you've, you already know and you're already really familiar with." - Olivia</i>

DELIVERING SOCIAL VALUE



STEWARDSHIP
+ LONG TERM
OWNERSHIP



PROJECT IMPACT

- Community stewardship
- Affordability in perpetuity
- Social value all the way through
- Post occupancy results aligned with GLA funding per home



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RESIDENT AT CITIZENS
HOUSE

PROJECT IMPACT



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CROWN ESTATE + TOWN INNOVATION PROJECT

CLIENT



TEAM

periscope

Archio Mole



CONTEXT

The Crown Estate's land at West Row (red) neighbours the East Hemel site (white)

Westwick Row seeks to demonstrate best practice in sustainability and will explore the necessary changes in housing delivery to enable this. The Crown Estate intend to incorporate learnings from this project into future activity at East Hemel and in other communities.

The project is participating as a pilot project in the UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard (UK NZCBS).



SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

RESOURCES & CIRCULARITY



Low upfront carbon for residential buildings and infrastructure, aspiring for less than 300 kgCO₂e/m² GIA (A1-A5) and 100 kgCO₂e/m² GIA (A1-A5).

OPERATIONAL ENERGY



Low operational carbon homes, aspiring to energy use intensity of less than 35 kWh/m² GIA per year. Homes with EPC rating of B or better.

SOCIAL IMPACT



Min. 30% tenure-blind affordable homes.

SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE



Designing in sustainable transport measures that could contribute to wider HGC target of 60% modal shift by 2050.

CLIMATE & NATURE



Exceed biodiversity net gain of 15% via on-site measures.

LANDSCAPE & LAYOUT

CONSTRAINTS :

- High BNG target +15%,
- Retained protected hedgerow,
- Steep slope,

DESIGN OUTCOME :

- 30% greenspace,
- One point of entry,
- Reduced road width to maximise public open space
- Car parking in four clusters, at the edge (unallocated, fewer)
- Terraced housing aligned with topography,
- 40 DPH, using some flats, terraces and 'tyneside' flats
- SUDs to the north (bottom of slope).

Image by periscope



ENERGY AND CARBON

SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS:

- Energy use intensity of 35 kWh/m² GIA per year, well below the UK Net Zero Carbon Building, matching LETI's benchmark for medium housing,
- Embodied carbon target of <300 kg CO₂/m² significantly exceeds LETI's 500 kg CO₂/M²,
- Minimum 15% BNG,
- On-site renewable energy,

ACHIEVED THROUGH:

- Reduced cut and fill,
- Structural stacking,
- Timber cassette systems,
- Lime render / clay tiles,
- External shading,
- Individual ASHP, maximum PV on roof incl E/W orientation



ENGAGEMENT

Layered engagement, has led to so few objections the scheme is heading to delegated decision.

- An Ideas Exchange panel (demographically representative of Leverstock Green).
- A Renters Panel which consists of local private renters and focuses on spatial design and future management structures for the rental homes.
- A co-design process with potential future residents.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Shading
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable travel
- Managing flood risk
- Solar panels and battery storage for energy resilience.



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ARV

Design and implementation of Climate Positive Circular Communities – Lessons Learned

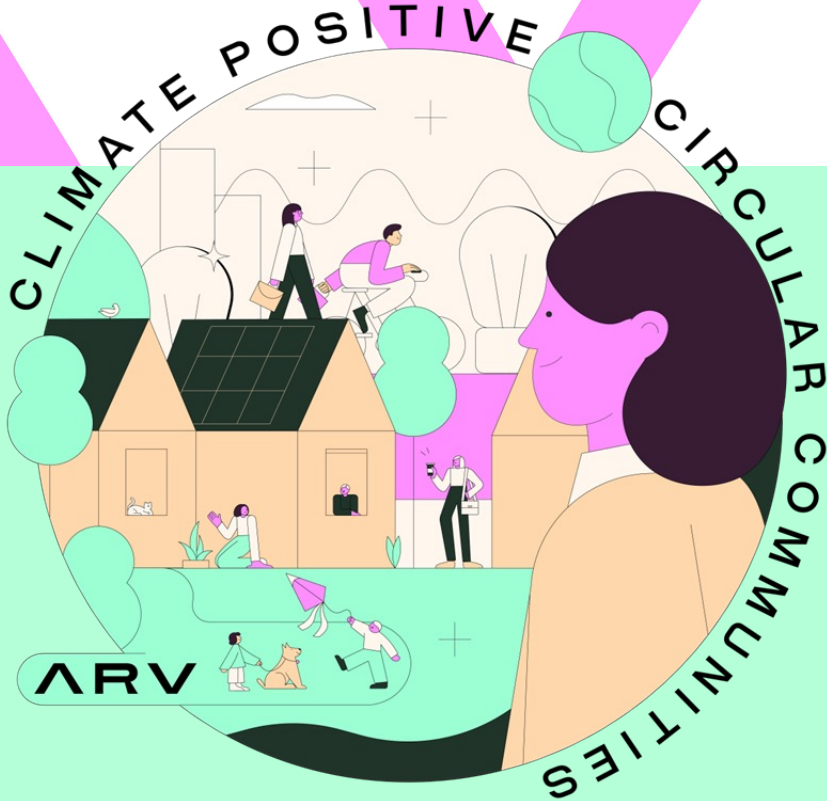
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Science and Technology



THE ARV PROJECT AT A GLANCE

EU Green Deal Innovation Action

A 5-year initiative (2022–2026) accelerating building renovation and climate-positive circular communities across Europe

Coordinator: Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU

Budget: €21.3M

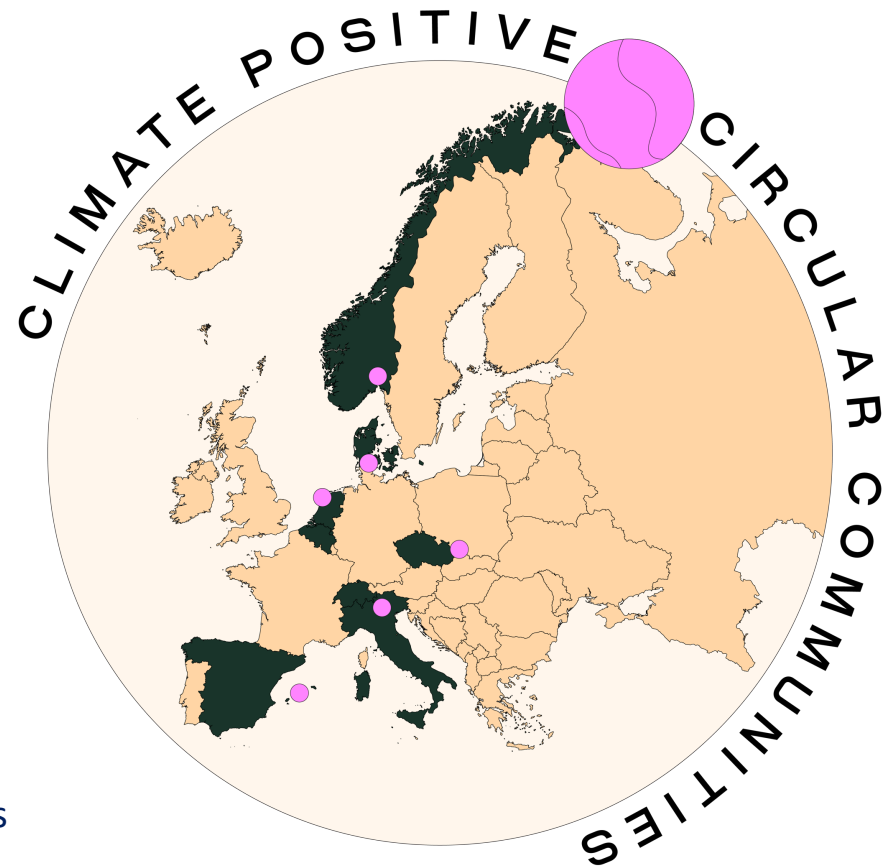
Consortium: 35 partners across the whole value chain

Countries: 8

Three Pillars

- **Circularity:** LCA, local materials, digital logbooks, material banks
- **Integration:** People–building–energy system links via integrated energy design, co-creation and digital tools
- **Simplicity:** User-friendly sustainable solutions

6 Demonstration Cases – Climate Positive Circular Communities CPCCs
Testing **50+ innovations** across **250,000 m²** in **Norway, Spain, Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, and Czechia.**

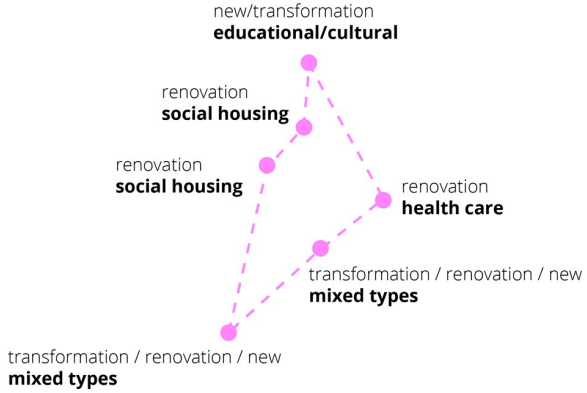


6 URBAN TRANSFORMATION & REGENERATION PROJECTS



ARV

6 climate positive circular communities



- ENERGY EFFICIENCY
- JOINT SOLUTIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
- ENERGY SHARING / SMART MANAGEMENT
- ENERGY FORECASTING / ENERGY FLEXIBILITY
- CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS / MATERIAL USE
- TRANSFORMATION/RENOVATION



Diversity of Contexts & Target Groups

Source: <https://greendeal-arv.eu/>



Plus energy school,
Retrofitted heritage
building, Sports
hall, Norway



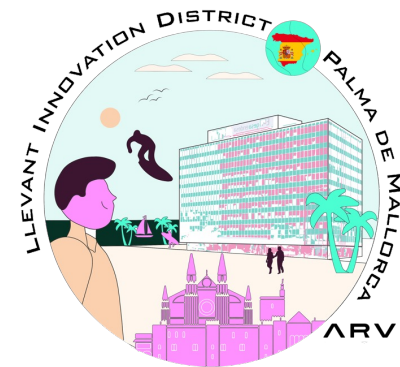
Social renovation
of high/mid-rise social
housing flat,
Netherlands



One-stop shop for
timber-based
retrofitting on
district scale, Italy

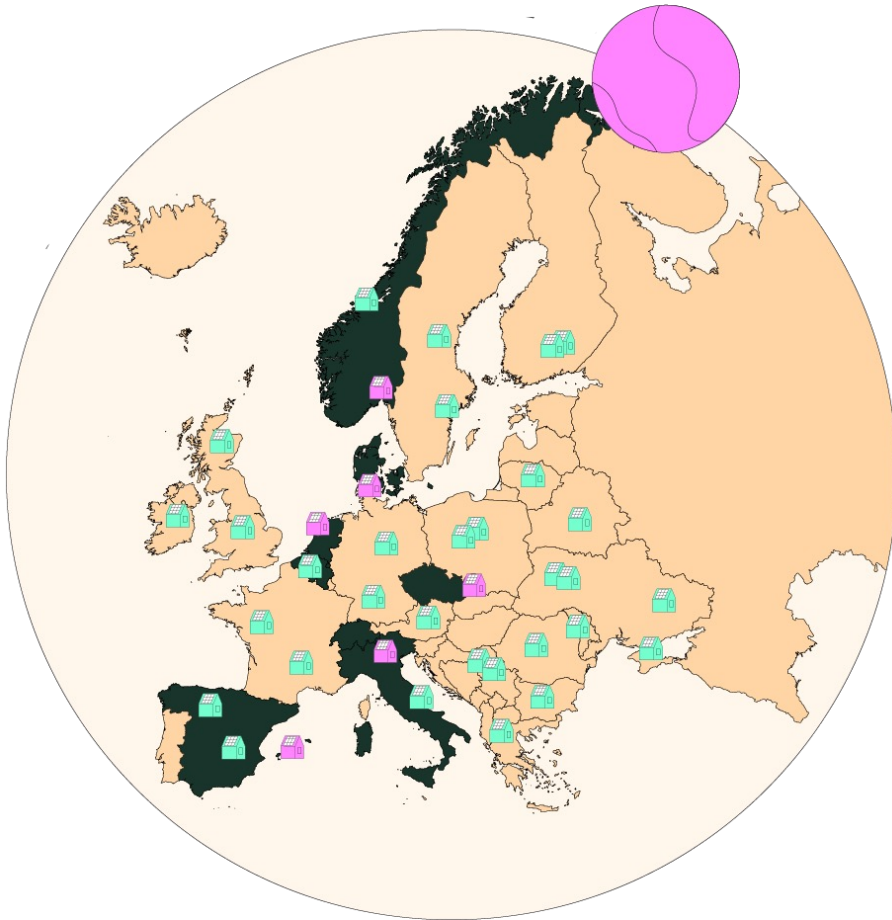


Transformation of
health care building
Czechia










Large-scale urban
retrofitting and
regeneration, Spain

AIM: TO BOOST THE BUILDING RENOVATION RATE ACROSS EUROPE



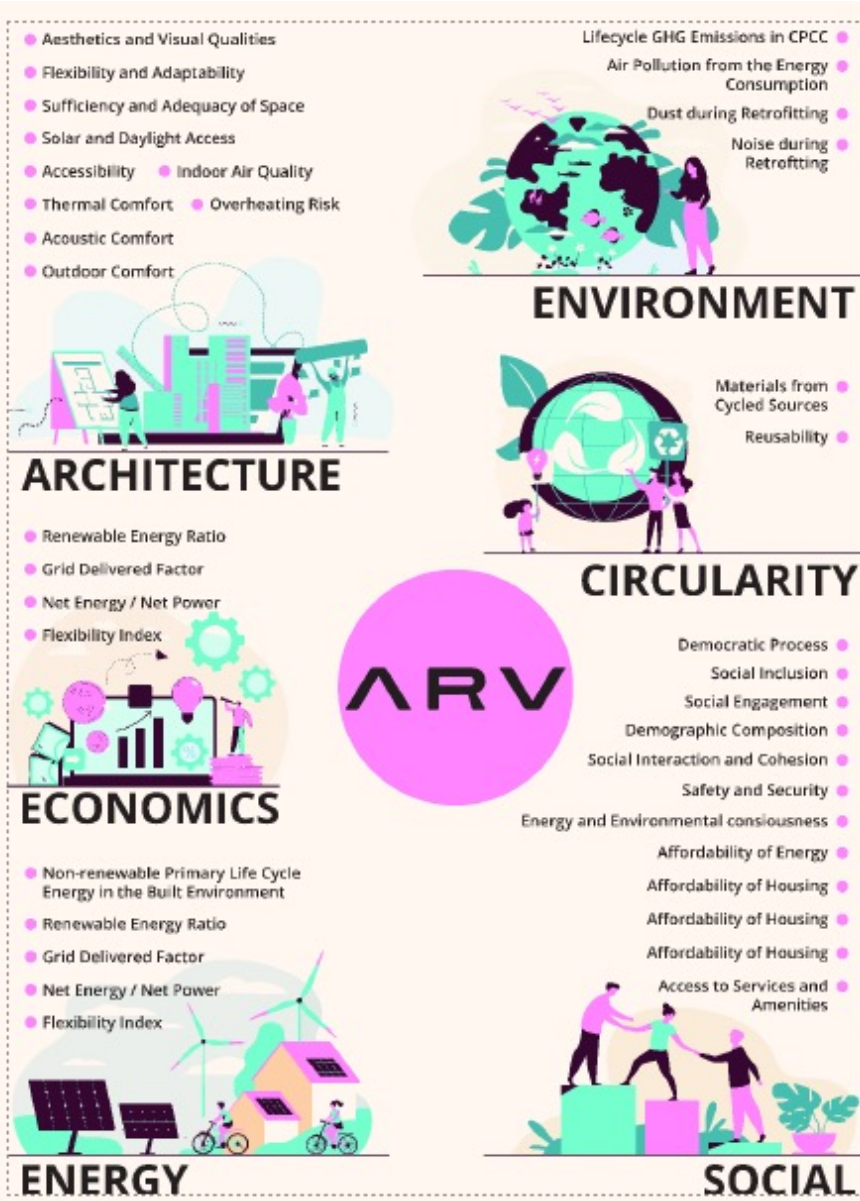
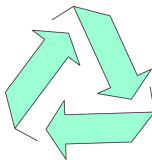
Specific performance goals

	ENERGY	IEQ	NOISE & DUST	EMBODIED EMISSIONS	TIME	LIFE CYCLE COSTS	CONSTRUCTION COSTS
NEW BUILDINGS	 At least 50% reduction in energy needs compared to current country building code. Positive energy level based on primary energy	 High levels of indoor environment quality according to EU norms	 According to the EU health, safety and environment standards	 At least 50% reduction compared to local practice	 At least 30% reduction compared to local practice	 At least 20% reduction compared to local practice	 At least 30% reduction compared to local practice
RENOVATION	At least 50% reduction in energy needs compared to pre-renovation levels. At least nZEB standard	At least 30% improvement compared to pre-retrofitting levels according to EN 16798-1:2019	At least 30% reduction in occupant disruption during retrofitting compared to current practice	At least 50% reduction compared to local practice	At least 30% reduction compared to local practice	At least 20% reduction compared to local practice	At least 30% reduction compared to local practice

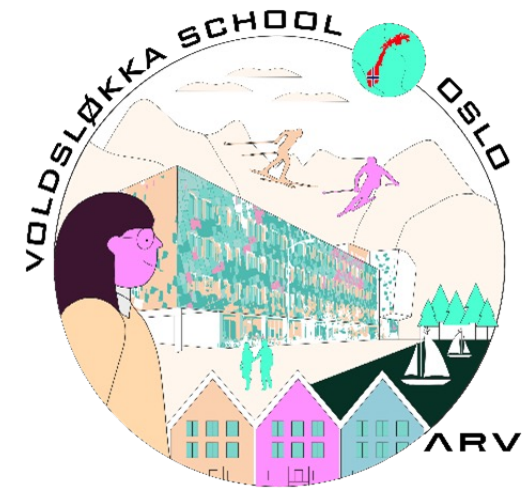
MAIN KPI FRAMEWORK IN ARV

A **multi-dimensional system** aligned with Climate Positive Circular Communities (CPCCs). The KPIs go beyond typical building metrics and cover both **building and neighbourhood scales**

1. Energy: **Net-zero / climate-positive energy balance**
2. Environmental/Climate: Strong alignment with **EU climate-neutrality goals**
3. Circularity: a **core pillar** of ARV alongside integration and simplicity
4. Architecture: how **design quality** supports climate-positive, circular, and socially inclusive buildings and neighbourhoods
5. Economic: **scalable, financially viable deep renovation models**
6. Social: ARV's emphasis on **citizen engagement and quality of life**



OSLO'S FIRST PLUS-ENERGY SCHOOL AND CULTURAL CENTRE



Combines a **new secondary school** for 810 students with the renovation of a **1922 heritage building**, including cultural facilities such as a culture hall, dance hall, and rehearsal spaces

Features **1,556 m² of integrated solar panels** producing ~192 MWh/year.

Not only operational energy → **whole life carbon**

PLUS-ENERGY BUILDING PRODUCING MORE ENERGY THAN IT CONSUMES OVER ITS LIFECYCLE

Key Innovations

On-site renewable energy generation (solar PV integrated in roof and façades)

High-performance building envelope minimizing energy demand

Advanced **energy management systems and smart controls**

Use of **low-carbon and circular materials**

Parametric design of BIPV, a threefold challenge:

- Non-optimal building orientation
- Need for a non-homogenous façade appearance
- Plus energy performance goal



ADAPTIVE REUSE AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC 1922 BUILDING, NOW HOUSING THE CULTURAL CENTRE

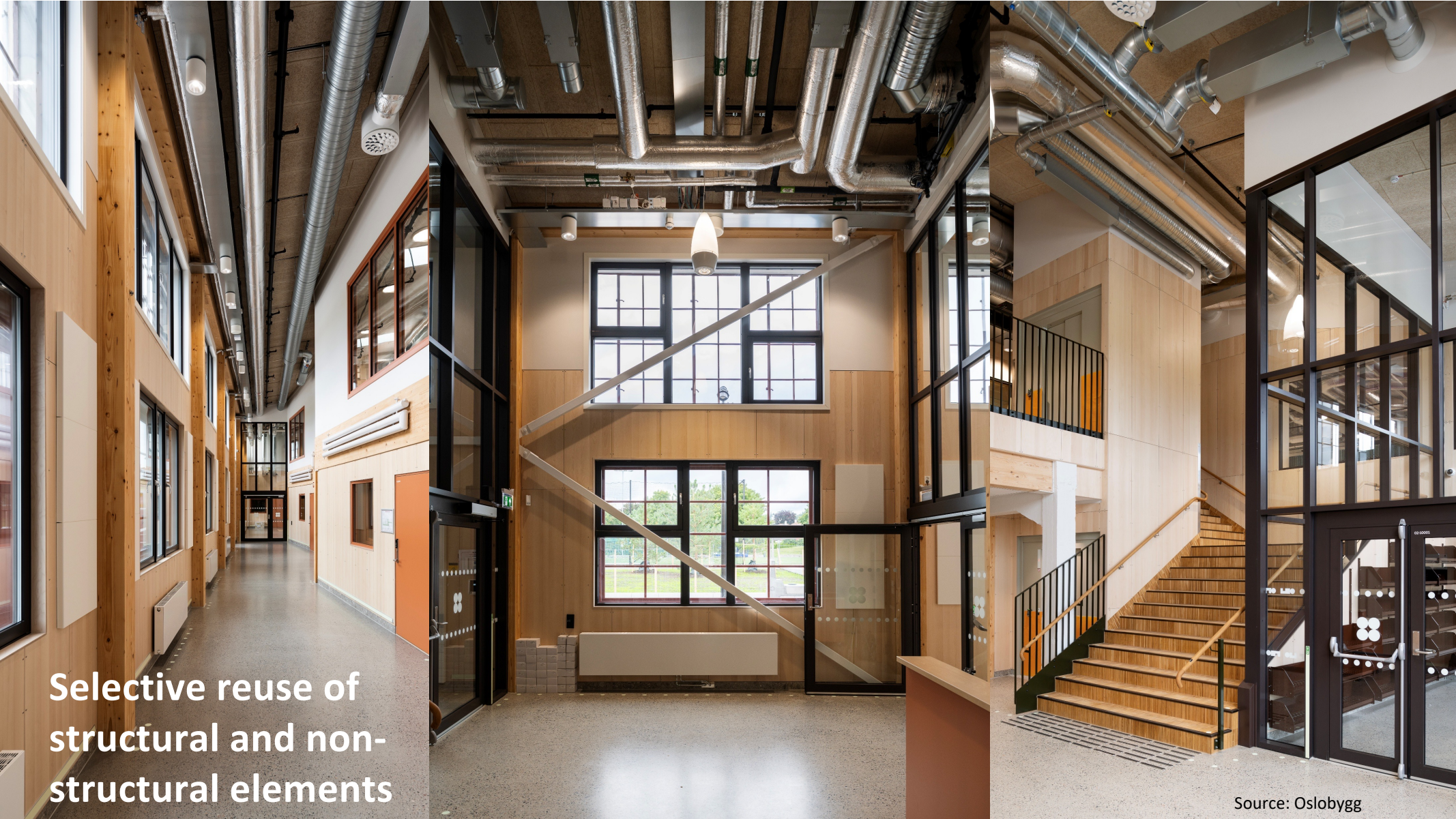


The building operates **beyond school hours** Becomes a **neighbourhood meeting point**

Multi-functional use: **education + culture + community hub**

A **public building + heritage reuse project** demonstrating **climate-positive solutions** at **neighbourhood scale**

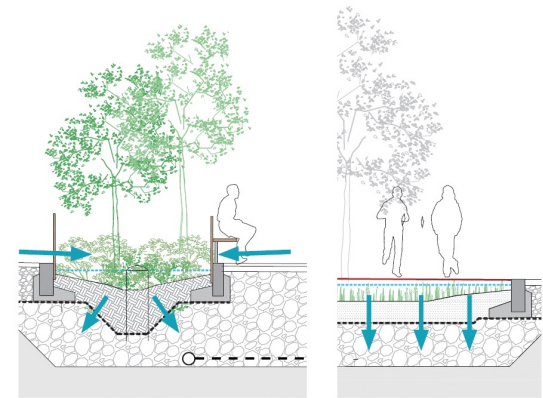
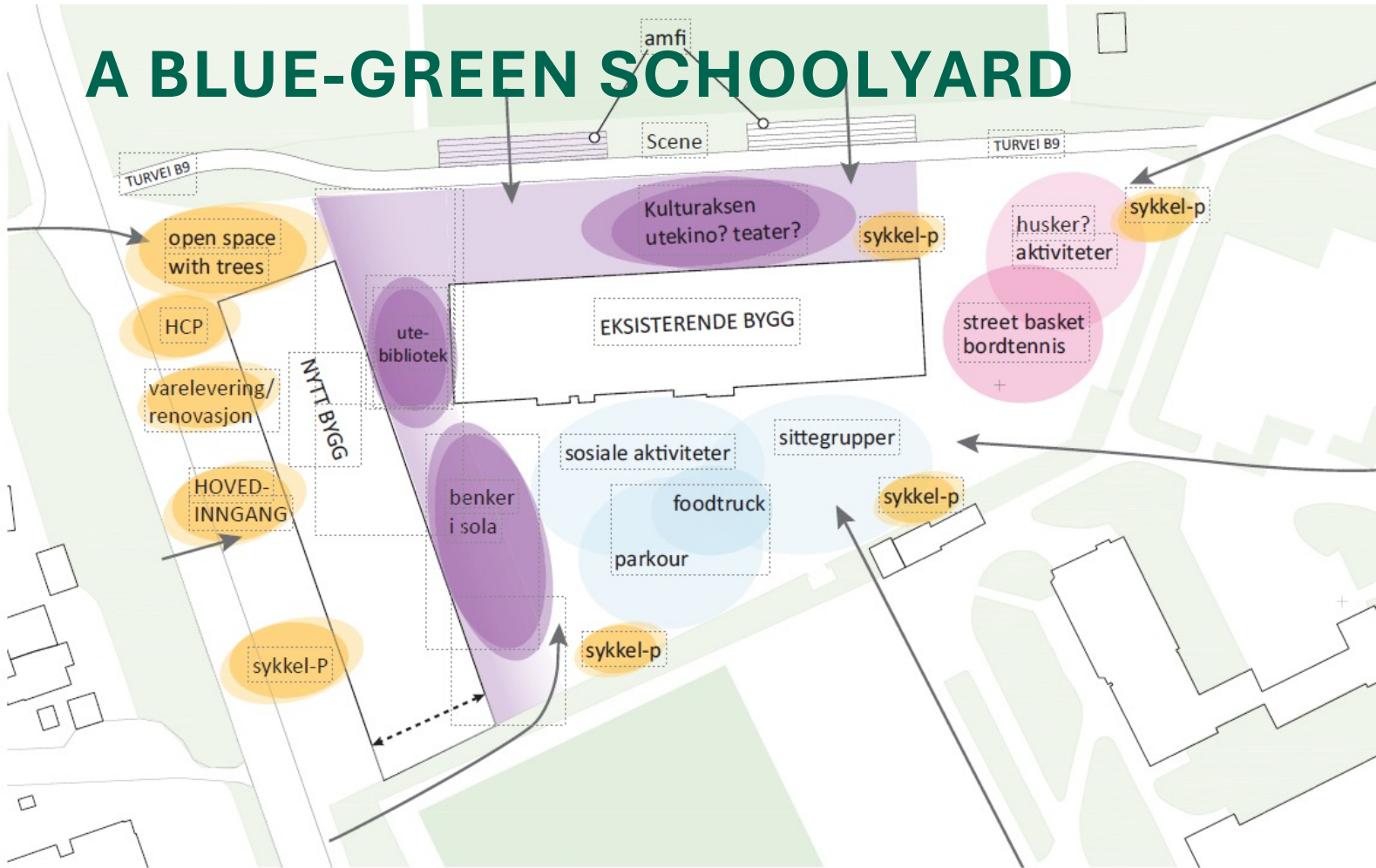
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Selective reuse of structural and non-structural elements

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A BLUE-GREEN SCHOOLYARD



Climate
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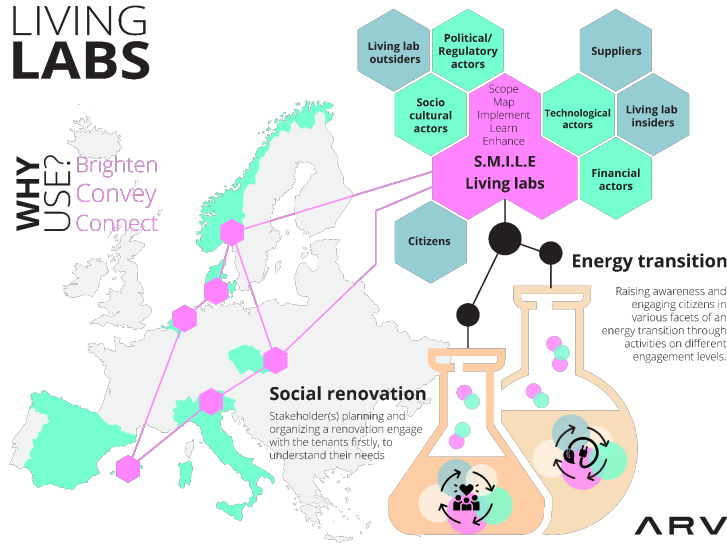
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STUDENTS CREATE CIRCULAR ART, USING REDESIGN AND RECYCLING AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Social sustainability = empowerment and ownership



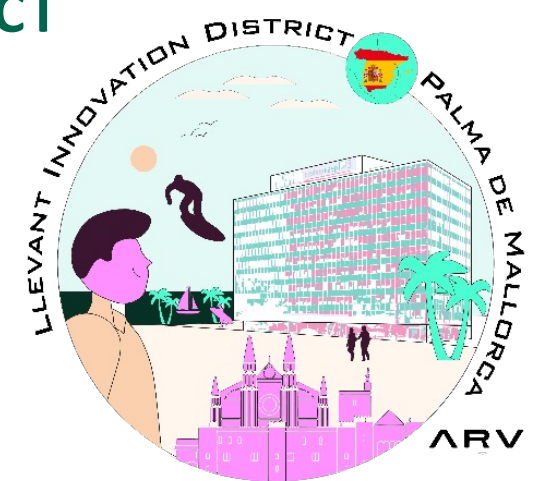
- School + cultural hub acting as a **community anchor**
- Strong **co-creation with students and users**
- Building used as a **living lab for sustainability education**
- High-quality indoor and outdoor environments supporting well-being
- Inclusive public space with climate-adaptive design

PALMA DE MALLORCA – LLEVANT INNOVATION DISTRICT

1 Large Scale retrofitting action in Llevant Innovation District of 200 - 300 private dwellings by means of a novel Public Private Partnership mechanism.

2 New Positive Energy Social Housing Building by IBAVI

5 Creating a Citizen Energy Community with public / private crowd-funded mechanisms. Installing PV on public and private roofs in the area.



6 Living Lab for community engagement and One-Stop-Shop

4 Proposal of Energy Renovation of a flagship heritage protected building from the 70's

3 Flexible operation of HVAC centralized systems in new high efficiency multifamily buildings. (Metrovacesa)



36-UNIT POSITIVE ENERGY SOCIAL HOUSING (IBAVI) | 1,750 M² | LOCAL MATERIALS | CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Cross-ventilation
- High thermal mass (stone / local materials)
- Solar control through shading
- Reduced dependence on mechanical cooling

Investment: 5.163.434,20 €

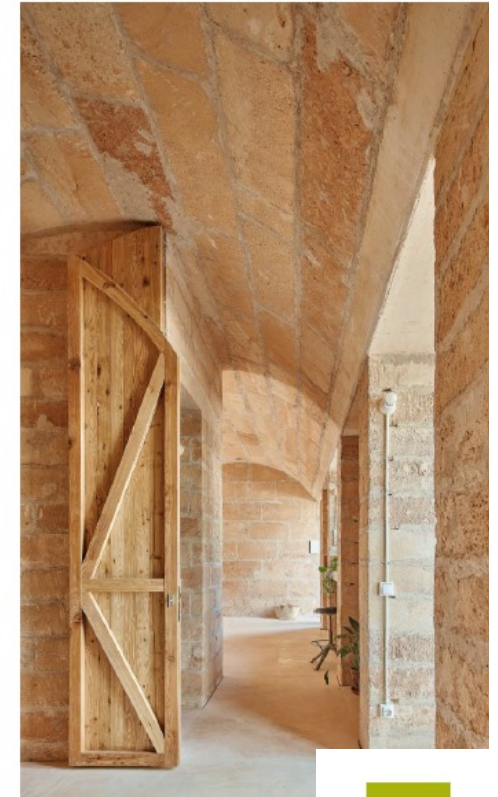
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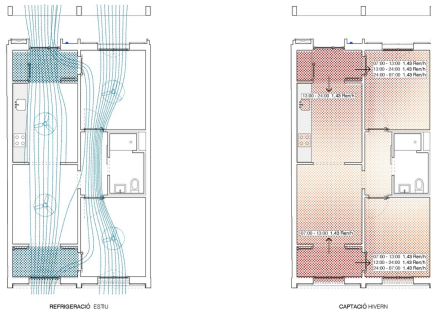
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Source: The Balearic Social Housing Institute
IBAVI

ADDRESSING NO MECHANICAL COOLING CHALLENGE THROUGH PASSIVE DESIGN AND LOCAL MATERIALS



Source: IBAVI

Comfort is achieved through local materials, passive design strategies and careful performance calculations instead of energy-intensive mechanical systems.





Source: IBAVI

SOCIAL HOUSING – PALMA ARV DEMO

Affordable housing provision

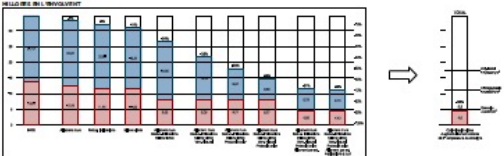
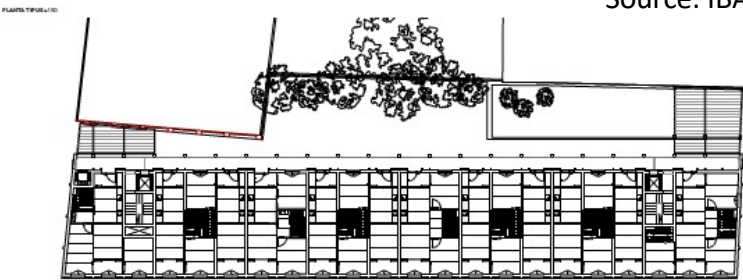
High environmental quality for vulnerable groups

Integrated into:

Living Lab (“Es Laboratori”)

Participatory processes with residents

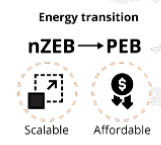
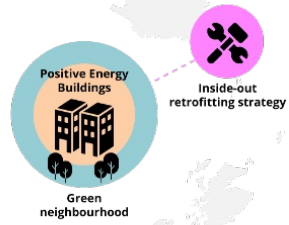
- Social housing as a frontrunner
- Demonstrates high performance at affordable cost
- Passive + active synergy
- Mediterranean passive design + renewable generation
- Circular & local
- Materials, construction, and economy aligned with circularity principles
- Integrated at neighbourhood scale. Building is part of:
 - Energy community
 - Digital systems
 - Social innovation ecosystem



DEMOS DESIGN GUIDELINES

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Residential apartment buildings from the 1960s



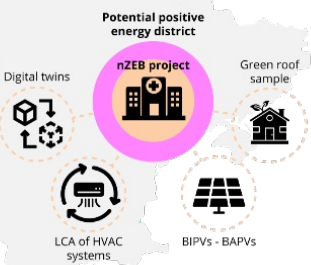
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Voldsløkka project (plus energy school) and Cultural Area



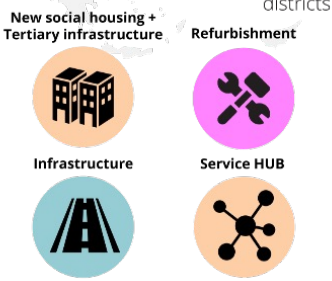
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Renovation of the Karviná Mizerov - Health Centre



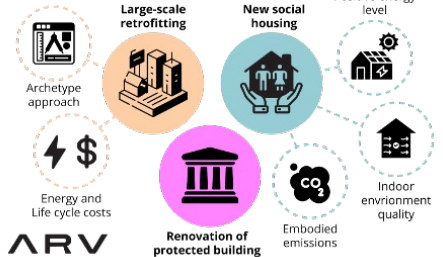
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PALMA DE MALLORCA

The Levant innovation district



ARV

- **Sustainability** – Deep renovations and new-build solutions across six European sites significantly reduce both operational and embodied carbon emissions.
- **Circularity** – Design and construction prioritize reuse, repair, and low-impact materials, supporting a circular built environment.
- **Resource Efficiency** – Integrated renewable energy systems, smart management, and adaptable design ensure long-term low energy consumption.
- **Affordability** – Sustainable, high-quality housing solutions are delivered with a strong focus on social and low-income households.
- **Aesthetics & Heritage** – Local identity and cultural heritage are preserved while enhancing public spaces, façades, and everyday community experiences.

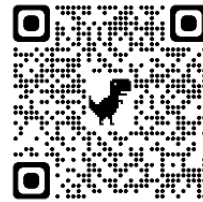
The ARV demos show that social sustainability is not one-size-fits-all: in Palma it is about equitable living and community, while in Oslo it is about learning, participation, and civic life. Together, they demonstrate how climate-positive transitions must be both technically effective and socially embedded



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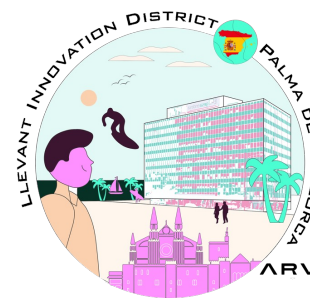
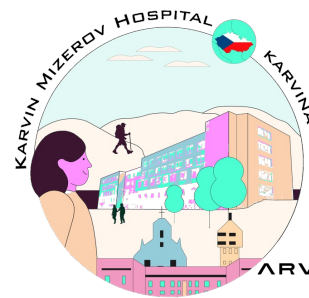
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Renovation of Social Housing:

the power(s) of the building envelope



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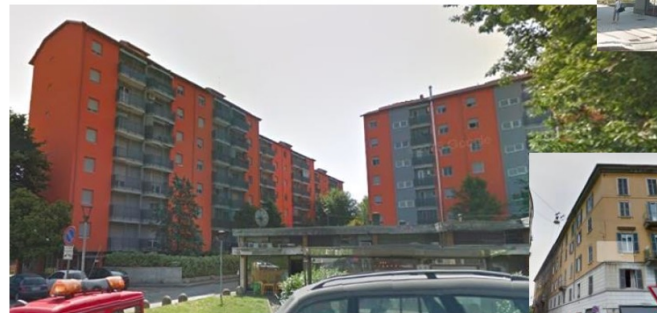
Context

An overview on public residential building included in the building stock of the municipality

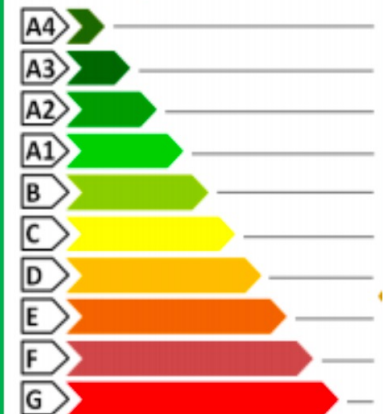
29.000 dwellings

IN

752 buildings



Building energy performance assessment



Construction period and energy performance		
Before 1991	Between 1991 and 2007	After 2008
G rating	E – F rating	B - D rating
90% of buildings	9,5% of buildings	0,5% of buildings

Where:

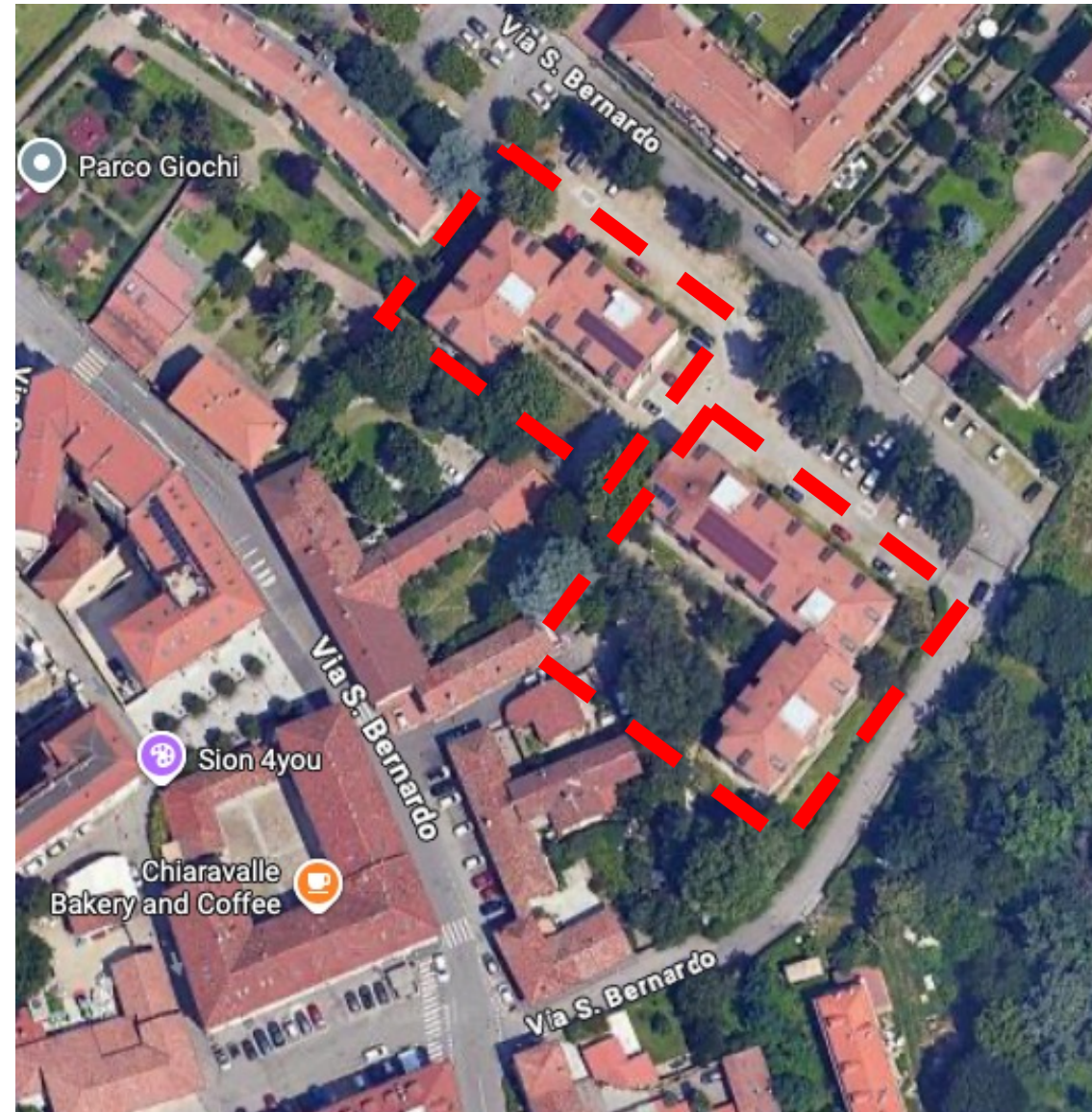
Chiaravalle district, south of
Milano,

two social housing
residential buildings,

4 floors

60 apartments

4170 m²

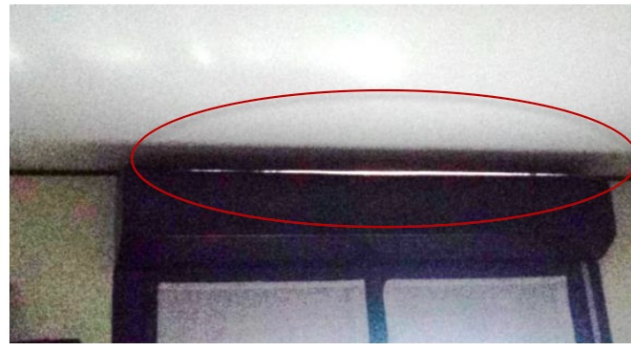


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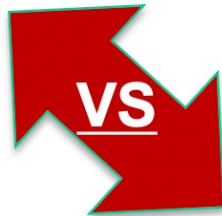
External
insulation, 25 cm





Draughts of cold air through
air gaps between windows
frame and slab/wall

Heat losses



Air tightness

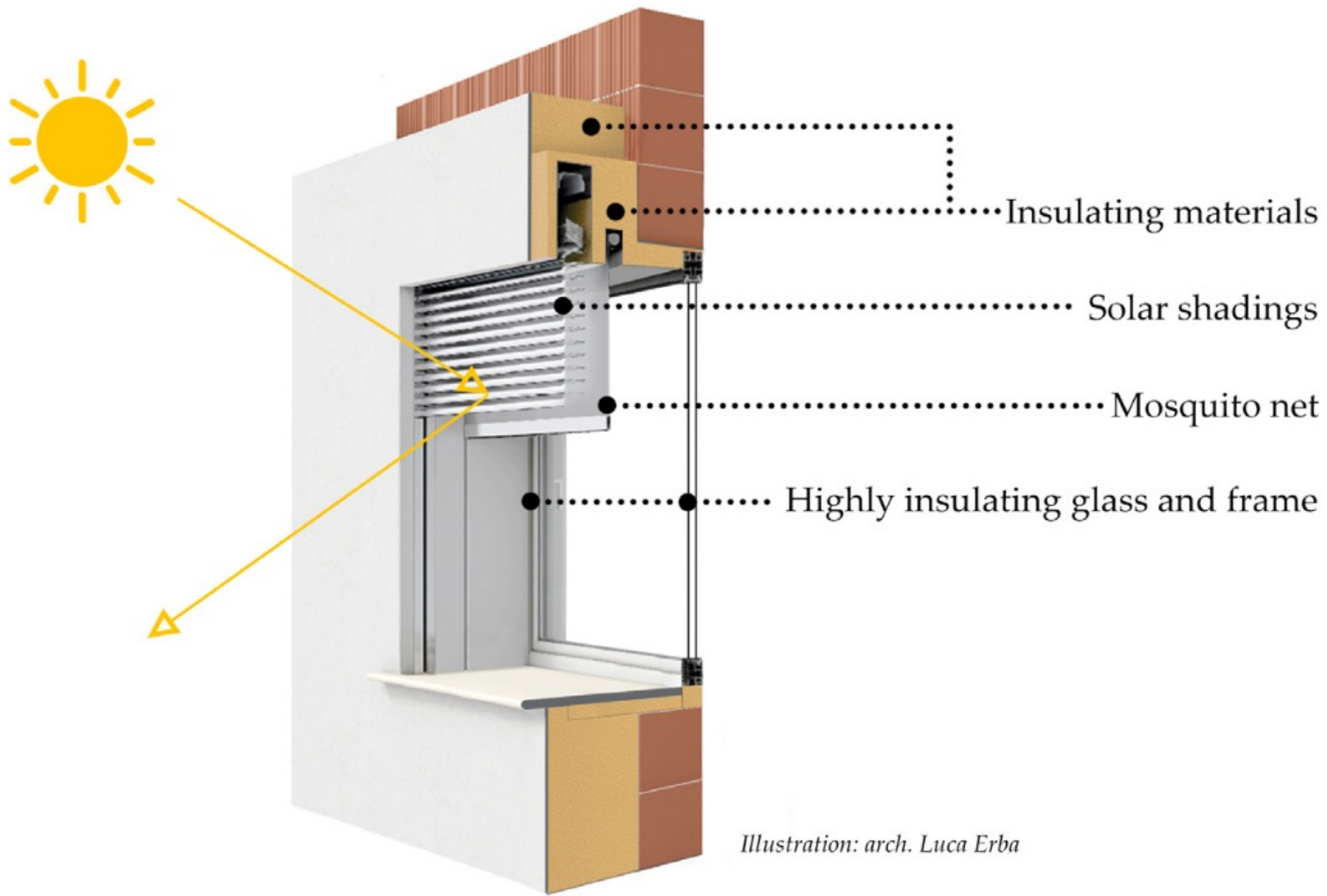


New Windows:
Windows with insulated
venetian blinds box

U_w max = 1,25 W/m²K

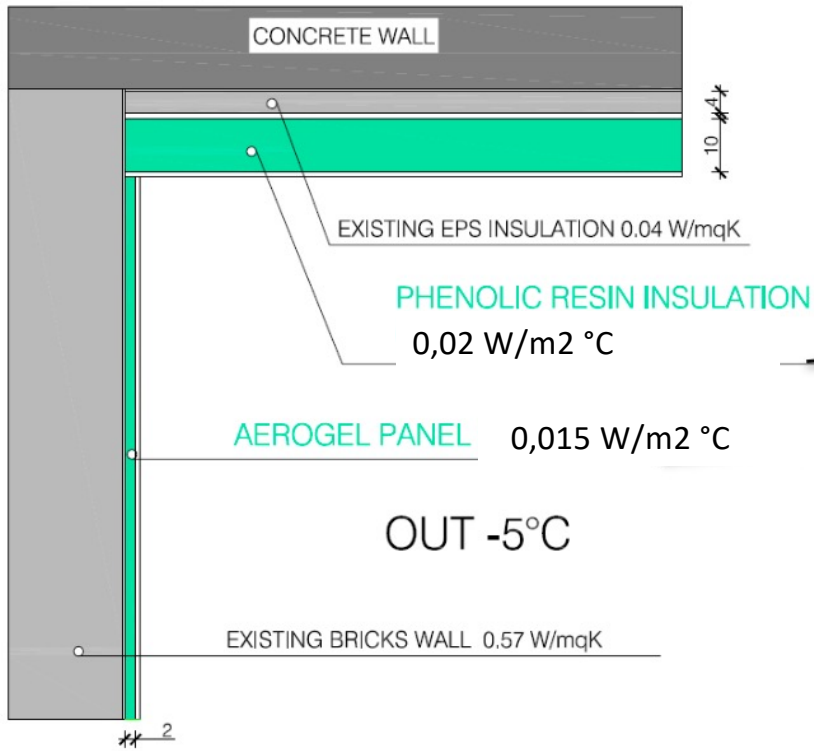
Existing Windows:
Windows combined with
not insulated roller shutters
box.

U_w = 4,10 W/m²K



Adapting insulation to available space

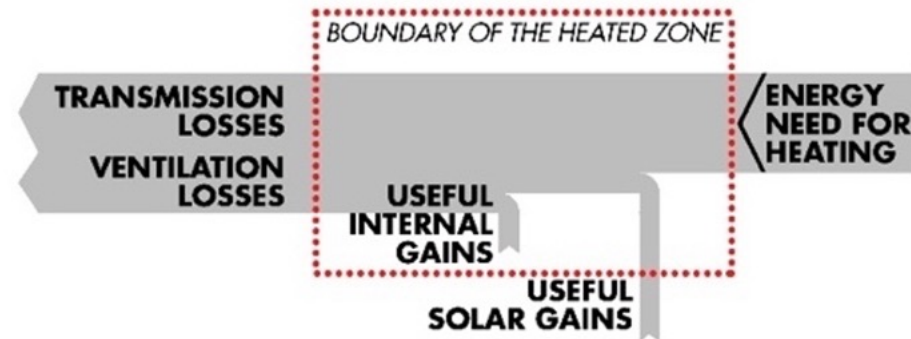
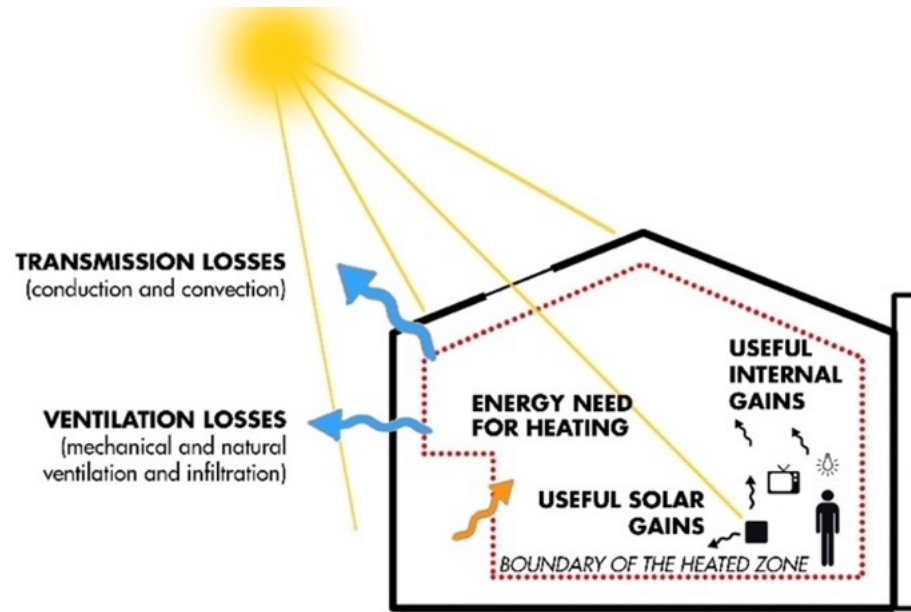
IN 20°C



- Residents remained in their apartments through the work, since almost all work (except window and blinds replacement) was external
- Internal distribution piping untouched, radiators retained with addition of thermostatic valves
- Added Technical Building Systems:
 - double flow **mechanical ventilation with heat recovery** (80% efficiency)
 - **water to water heat pump** (1 water well capturing water from underground, later fed into a nearby water canal), 116 kW thermal for the two buildings, about 33,7 W/m²
 - A **backup gas condensing boiler** (140 kW, oversized)
 - Some **solar thermal panels**
- HP possible thanks to reduction of yearly energy needs and energy needs/second (heating power) from 400 to about 90 kW for the two buildings

Results: Energy savings at low cost

- “Energy needs for heating” reduced from 200 to 20 kWh_{thermal}/m²y, from G to A2 rating
- Costs 400 - 500 €/m², half paid by a National incentive scheme (energy saving obligation as foreseen in EED)



energy need for heating

heat to be delivered to a *thermally conditioned space*

to maintain the intended space temperature conditions

during a given period of time

- Bonus:
- flexibility for using renewables when available
 - thermal safety

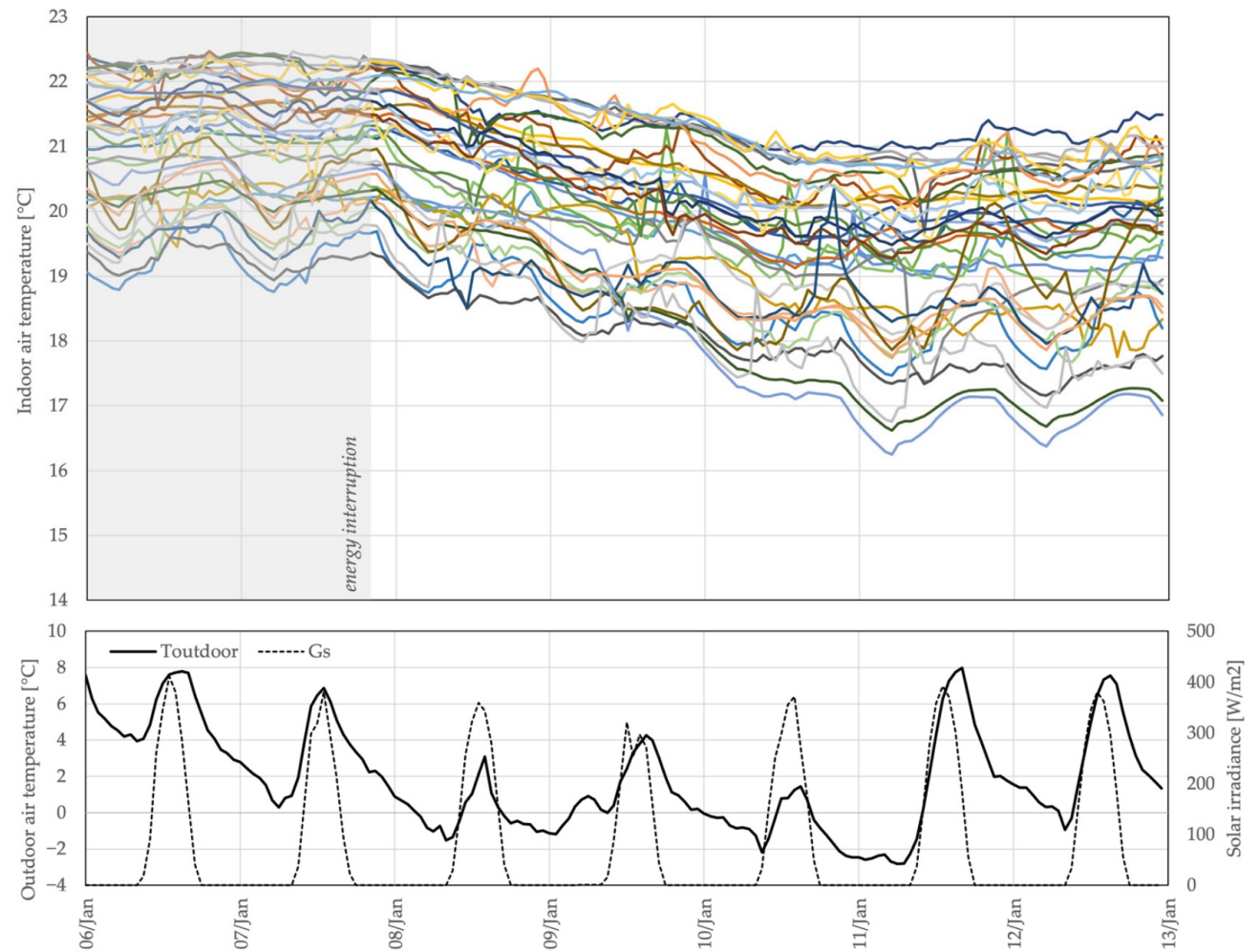
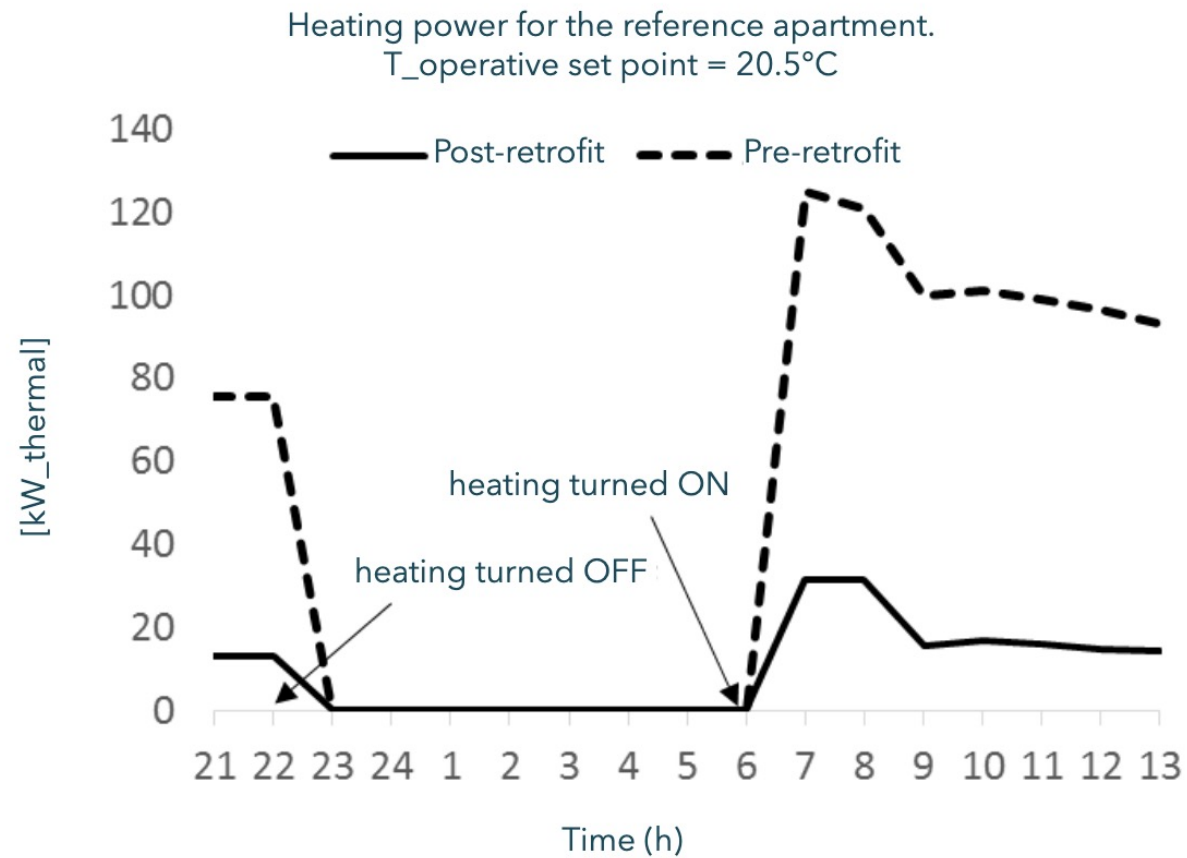


Figure 11. Upper part: Measured indoor air temperature in various apartments of the building during the January power outage (7 to 12 January 2022). Lower part: outdoor air temperature and global horizontal solar irradiance during the same days.

Bonus: heat pump possible and creating little burden to the grid at peak time



Bonus:
1 well
rather than 4

HP possible
thanks to
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Geothermal wells drilling



Geothermal pipe in the well drilled

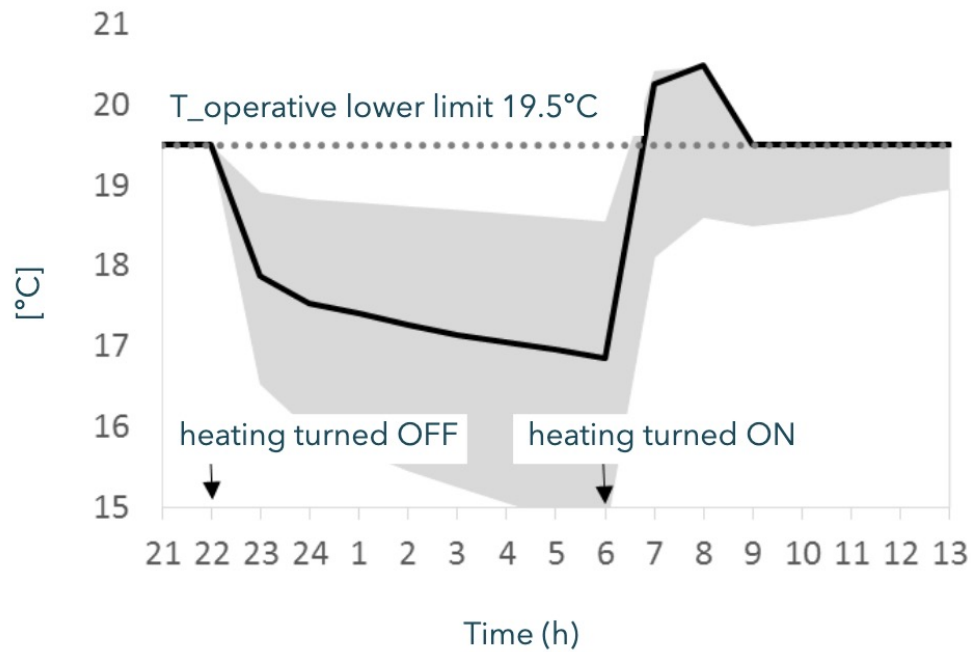


Geothermal probes plant

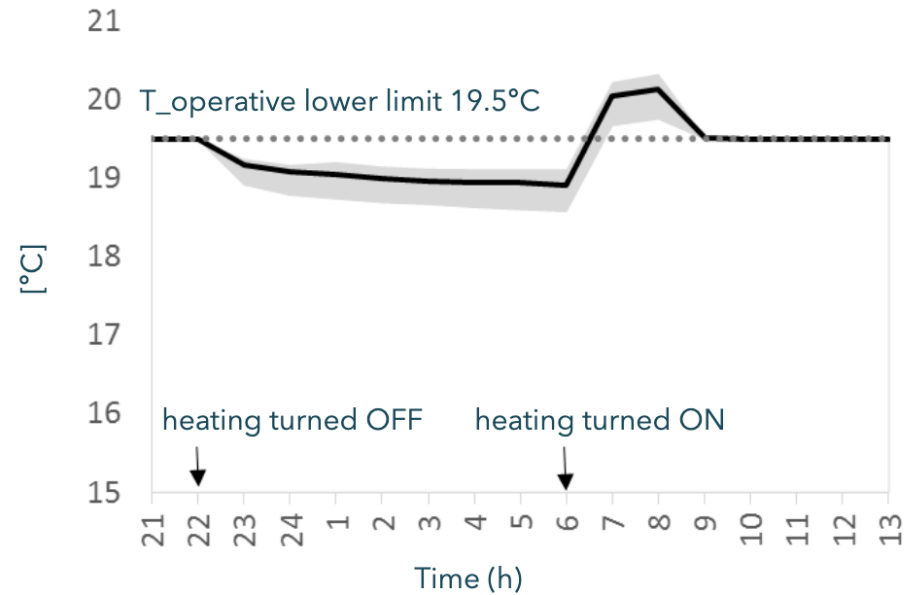


Bonus: uniform comfort

Operative temperature - all apartment
T_operative set point 20.5°C pre-retrofit



Operative temperature - all apartment
T_operative set point 20.5°C post-retrofit

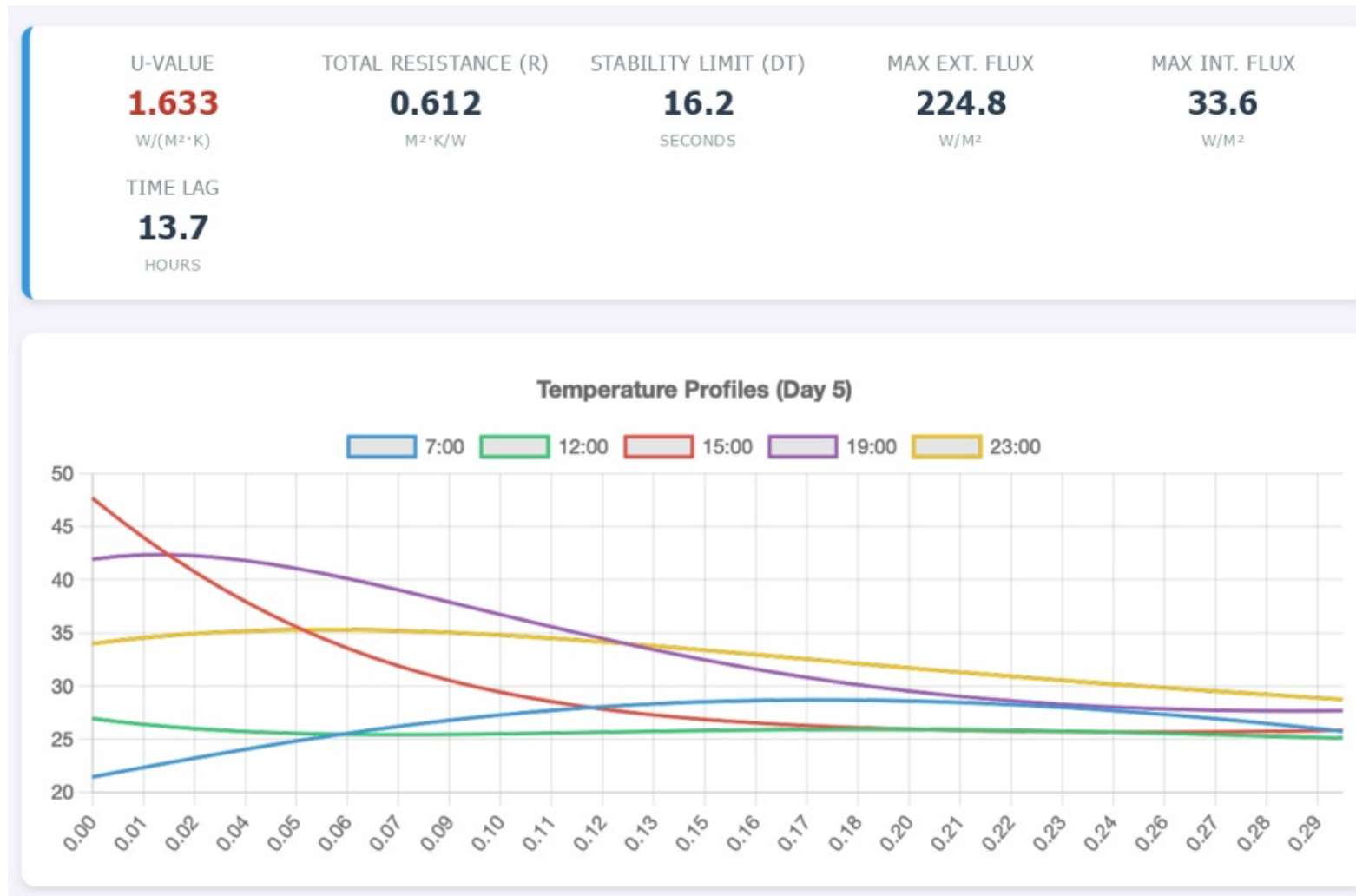


Bonus: Summer comfort obtained by solar protection and night ventilation, no AC.
Flexibility for integration of renewables

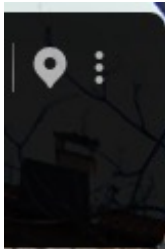
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External insulation does NOT cause overheating it PROTECTS from overheating

Under dynamic summer conditions heat does not escape through walls, it can only be exported via ventilation







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16:30 -17:30 Rooftop Room



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