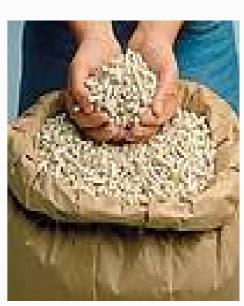


The SErENADE project: Sharing Expertise in Energy Advice across Europe



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What is SErENADE?

- a project to share knowledge and experience in energy advice, 2006-2008
- partnership of energy advice practitioners from 7 European countries





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SErENADE activities:

- research current 'state of the art' in energy advice provision in Europe – report to be available online
- collect information on methods, materials, results and make freely available through online toolkit
- publicise these resources & facilitate exchange of experience through the website and online forum









Reasons for the project - 1

Significance of advice in enabling achievement of sustainable energy objectives:

- behavioural change
- take up of measures
- full realisation of savings from measures
- supporting other policy tools:
 - Energy Performance Certification of Buildings
 - Energy End-Use and Services Directive



Reasons for the project - 2

- Survey of work of European energy agencies, European Commission, 2005:
 - advice provision patchy
 - wide variation in interpretation of what advice is
 - widespread assumption that it is 'covered'
- Guide to Change, SAVE, 2001:

need for better trans-national exchange of experience on behavioural change



Scope of project: definitions agreed

Energy advice:

- deals with any aspect of energy use, efficiency or sources
- specific to client
- interaction with client, whether face-to face, phone, post, e-mail.
- recommendations for action
- commercially impartial



Scope of project: activities linked to advice

Awareness-raising: engaging interest

simple facts

bringing clients to advice

Information: generalised, not specific

supports advice



Scope of project: area and target group

 27 countries of EU - including new member states

- Advice to:
 - Households
 - SMEs
 - local authorities





Results - overview

- a minority of countries in Europe have national coverage of free energy advice for households – and even less for SMEs
- most cover renewables as well as energy efficiency, few cover sustainable transport
- very limited evaluation of results



Different categories of energy advice emerging

- network of local delivery agents, with central coordination
- centralised, information-orientated
- energy audits, linked to grants for measures
- aimed at specific target groups only
- project based, time limited
- ad hoc, occasional



Free and impartial energy advice programmes with full geographical coverage

- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Slovakia

- Slovenia
- Sweden
- UK
- Upper Austria
- Walloon (Belgium)





ESPACE INFO- ÉNERGIE

France

- network established 2001
- 160 Energy Information Centres, 260 advisers
- energy efficiency, renewables, sustainable transport
- free advice to all sectors
- advice is customer-led
- over 1m clients p.a., 85% are households



Sweden

- network (re) established 1998
- energy efficiency and renewables
- free for households
- funded by government through national energy agency - municipalities can apply
- 200 energy advisers (many part time) cover
 290 (all) municipalities





Slovenia

- national energy advisory network 1991
- 75 licensed advisers, in 35 offices
- free advice to domestic sector
- efficiency, renewables
- 6000 advised directly in 2005, plus awareness
- evaluation indicates 19% energy savings





Germany

- freephone hotline run by national energy agency, dena:
 - for homes and businesses
 - energy efficiency and renewables
- National Consumer Organisation gives energy advice:
 - free at regional offices (75,000 in 2005)
 - home survey for fee of 45€ (subsidised) for more specialist technical advice (480 in 2005)



Netherlands

- 'Milieucentraal' website: 3,000 visitors daily
- covers wide range of environmental topics
- phone and e-mail enquiries also taken, 20-30 calls per day
- 'Meten is Weten' scheme loans electricity consumption meters – 4000 in circulation, 19,000 households have used them



Estonia

- 75% of population live in large apartment blocks
- most are owner-occupied, purchased at low price and/or with vouchers linked to jobs during Soviet time
- most are district heated
- advice programme recently established for apartment owners and administrators



Poland

- energy audits as precondition for 'thermomodernisation' grant
- auditors are licensed
- owner pays for audit but can reclaim if approved for grant
- 99% of measures recommended are implemented



Upper Austria

- federal country, different arrangements in each of 9 regions
- strong regional energy policy and well resourced energy agency
- well developed services for homes & businesses, linked into procedures for obtaining subsidies
- energy efficiency and renewables



Some interesting issues arising....

- advisers/funds per population/household
- quantity vs depth / detail / quality
- cost and results of advice using different approaches:
 - holistic vs single topic
 - systematic vs customer-led
 - centralised vs local delivery



Some more interesting issues arising....

- attitude and approach to evaluation
- linking advice to subsidies
- adviser image, qualifications, career structure
- use of variety of media to communicate:
 tv, internet, phone, e-mail, text messages



Making the results available:

- report on energy advice provision in Europe onto website - June
- energy advice toolkit onto website August
- online energy advice forum now
- conference, Paris, November
- www.energy-advice.org



SErENADE energy advice toolkit





