



People First – Resource Centers to support owner occupiers in multi-apartment buildings

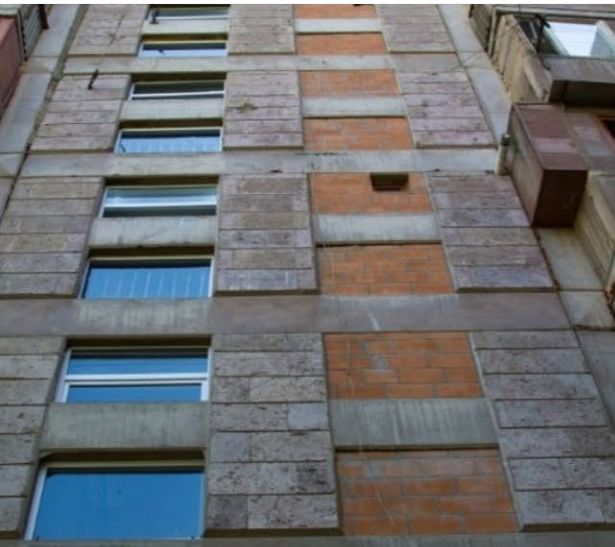
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We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Context of residential building stock in Central and Eastern Europe

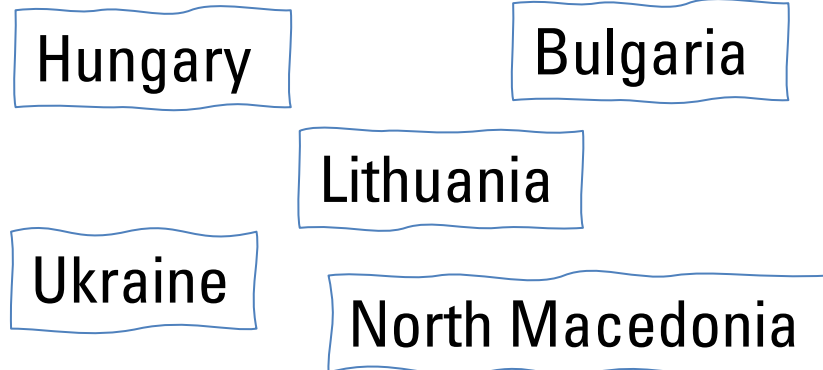
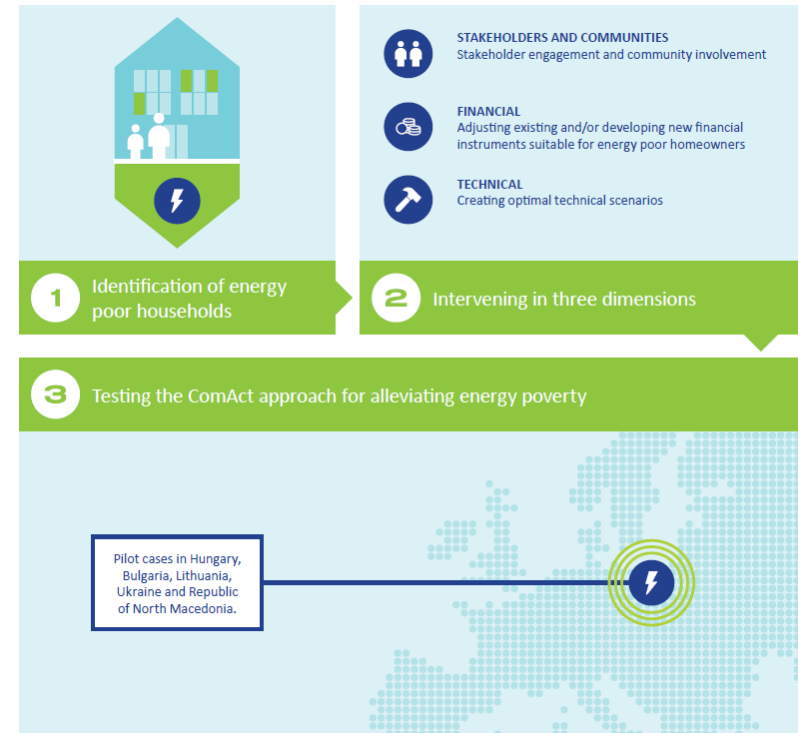
- **Pre-fabricated multi-apartment buildings** built between 1960-90 represent **30-70%** of the total housing stock in the CEE region
- Quick mass privatization in the 1990s led to **80-90% owner-occupation rates**, **without an adequate framework for building maintenance and management**
- New homeowners **lacking resources to maintain their own apartment and common building facilities**
- New homeowners **not aware of their ownership rights and responsibilities**



Community tailored actions for energy poverty mitigation

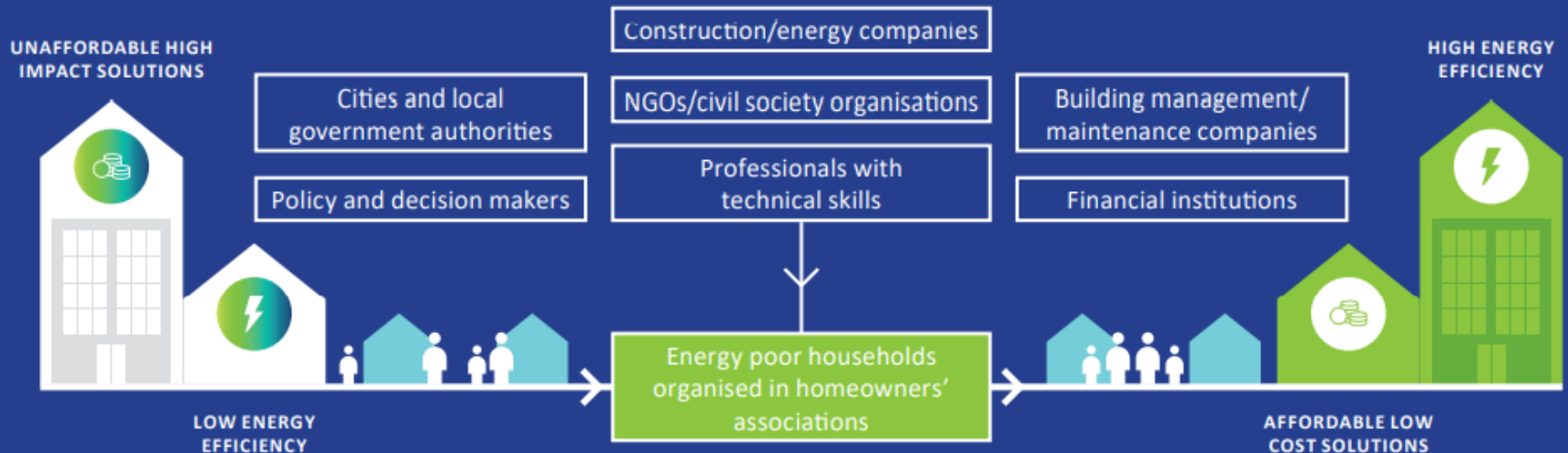


- 2020-2023
- Funded by EU / Horizon 2020
- Affordable low-cost solutions for high energy efficiency driven by community action
- **Key approach:** Resource Centers



ComAct "eco-system"

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ComAct Impact



Energy savings



Reduction of greenhouse
gases emissions



Increased investments
in sustainable energy



Inclusiveness
of homeowners



Wider replication
potential



Contribution to EU
and national targets
related to energy poverty

Addressing principles of San Marino Declaration

- People-centrality, social responsibility and inclusivity
- Climate neutrality
- Affordability and accessibility
- Inter-disciplinary cooperation and networking
- Engagement

Policy recommendations/1

- Recognize the **owner-occupied MABs** as a special form of social housing in Central and Eastern Europe
- Combine **energy policy and social policy**
- Identify the issue of **alleviating energy poverty** as one of the focus areas in shaping national building renovation goals
- Support renovations by **mixed financing models** (subsidies + loans) to make this predictable and sustainable long-term
- Create an enabling **regulatory environment for banks** to be able to scale up renovation loans for HOAs
- Strengthen the **capacity of local governments** so that they can provide complex technical assistance for HOAs

Policy recommendations/2

- National and local governments should conduct massive **awareness raising campaigns** targeting HOAs to promote energy efficiency measures in owner occupied MABs
- Provide technical assistance for **HOAs** including social facilitation
- **One-stop-shops** targeting owner occupiers of MABs should provide complex technical assistance including social facilitation. This service should be provided by independent experts and paid by national or local government subsidies to ensure scaling up renovation of these buildings in a sustainable way

Selected key regional outcomes

- [Policy Brief](#)
- [BBC video](#) on renovating MABs in North Macedonia
- ComAct [video](#) for EUSEW Award
- ComAct [research papers and toolkits](#)
- [Gap analysis of the housing sector in Western Balkan countries](#)
- REE Observatory for CEE [first publication](#)

Thank you for your attention!

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