

THE INNOVATE PROJECT

Renovation service packages for homeowners



Lessons learnt from 11 partners during 3 years

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Key facts on the project

- ✓ A project financed by the European Horizon 2020 programme
- ✓ The challenge: make sure that renovation projects get from the idea stage to the implementation stage? How can we increase deep energy retrofits?

We coached 11 partners (local authorities, retrofit support companies/cooperatives) in creating integrated renovation services:

One-stop-shops









OUR TARGET

Homeowners of single family houses and condominiums



Who is behind the project?



Coordinator

Energy Cities

Experts

Energies Demain (FR)

Experimented partners

- ✓ Brussels Environment (BE)
- ✓ Parity Projects (UK) > London Boroughs
- ✓ Riga Energy Agency (LV)
- ✓ Reimarkt (NL) > 6 Dutch cities
- ✓ Frederikshavn Municipality (DK)

Learning partners

- ✓ Heerlen Municipality (NL)
- Linnaeus University (SE) > Municipality of Växjö
- ✓ Litoměřice Municipality (CZ)
- ✓ Mantova Municipality (IT)
- ✓ AGENEX (ES)
- ✓ Aradippou Municipality (CY)





What is a one-stop-shop (OSS)?



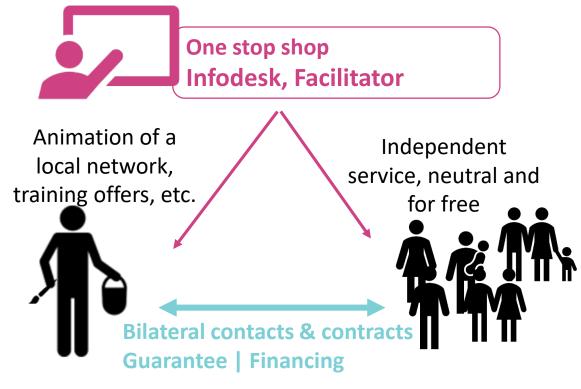


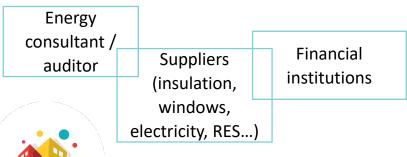






The OSS model varies depending on resources

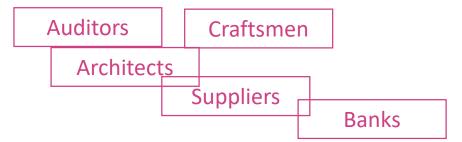






One stop shop
Service provider – turnkey
solutions

Unique contact point, deals with contracts, permits, insurances, quality control, etc.



One single contract
Payment + service fee







Financing

Revenue sources for one-stopshop:

- ✓ Public subsidies (only for part of the action)
- ✓ EE Certificates
- ✓ Fees paid by the homeowners for the service
- ✓ Fees paid by the craftsmen

Funding for homeowners:

- ✓ Bank loans
- ✓ Other loans (from public authorities, private finance,OSS)
- ✓ Subsidies
- ✓ Tax incentives
- ✓ Guarantees
- ✓ EE certificates
- ✓ Up front financing















Service offer



- First advice is free (subsidies by the local autorities)
- Than sale of a standard package : accompaniement + works
- Coordinator role: project management, involvement in case there are difficulties with companies
- Recruitment of companies and respect of an engagement charter on the quality of services (deadlines, cleanliness of the construction site, etc.)
- Clients: single family houses, but also social housing and condominiums (early stage)





A bold communication and marketing











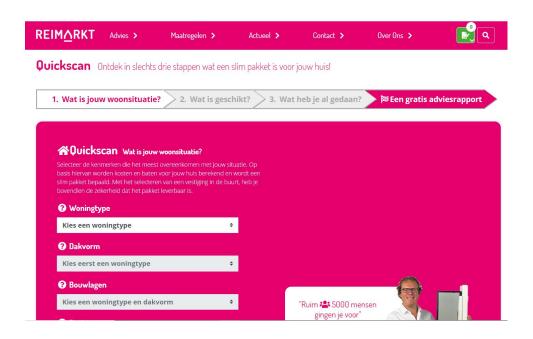








A digital tool : Quickscan



- 1. Filling in the questionnaire by the homeowner with information on the house (construction year, heating type, desired works, etc.)
- 2. Contact details of the homeowner if he wants to access the cost quote
- 3. 3 cost quotes for works each of them sent with a different priority (comfort, financial savings, environmental protection)
- **4. Phone call to the homeowner** and proposal of a visit to the Reimarkt shop or a home visit (billed 150 € but reimbursed if final works are done via Reimarkt)





Our analysis of Reimarkt

PROs

- Real shops in 5 cities
- Full coaching along the customer journey reassures the homeowner
- Strong service quality: 100 % satisfaction objective
- A financing offer combined with the Dutch NEF fund
- A bold communication: from graphic charter to pop-up stores, etc.



CONs

- Mostly minor works (€5 000 7 000 in average)
- No quality check after completion of works (unless upon client's request)
- Strong dependance on public subsidies that suffers from stop&gos => stronger focus on social housing as a more stable sector





A few advices from INNOVATE partners

- Be ready that it might take lot of time before you see the first results of your OSS
- Think big, start small: prove that your concept works and scale it up
- Take time for your local stakeholders and homeowners
- Offer innovative services to better engage your citizens
- Online platform is necessary to increase OSS efficiency and conversion rates
- Get 'real' marketers and salesmen on board





Conclusions on one-stop-shops

- A strong will by the European Commission to develop this type of (local) integrated coaching services
- An economic model which is quite difficult to make viable as it strongly depends on public subsidies
- Contents and organisational structures of OSS are very variable
- One-stop-shops complete the offer proposed by private players in the competitive market, mainly in terms of services or type of clients that are neglected









Thank You

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