Enabling consumer to learn, engage and adopt self-generation with renewables

H2020 project

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Partners:

BEUC –ICRT- DECO (Portugal)- OCU (Spain)-Altro Consumo (Italy), MIPOR (Slovenia), DTEST (Czech Republic), Test-Achats (Belgium)

Clear 2.0. It will actively guide consumers through all the stages leading to the purchase of domestic renewable and low-carbon energy technologies. It has the objective to enable consumers to become more aware, active players, to save money and to easily become "prosumers".

It builds on the foundation of IEE funded project CLEAR



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EE-RES- and consumer behaviour

Clear 2.0 wants to answer the following question: how can we influence consumer and supporting consumers in changing their behaviour to achieve:

- Overall reduction of energy consumption (heating, cooling, electricity)
- Optimisation of systems (RES and not)
- Optimise and maximise self-consumption (prosumers)



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D o n e

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- Defining baseline for each family (and each profile type)
- > Interact with families to support their changing behaviour
- Continuous monitoring and alerts
- > Extrapolate results
- Learning and generalisation
- Roll-out target communication campaigns to maximise results



Monitoring systems

Go
Home
Renewable
Intuition-e
OWL+USB
Intuition-PV
Intuition-c/h
HUB KIT
E2+USB
Energy
Plus
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Moti-1
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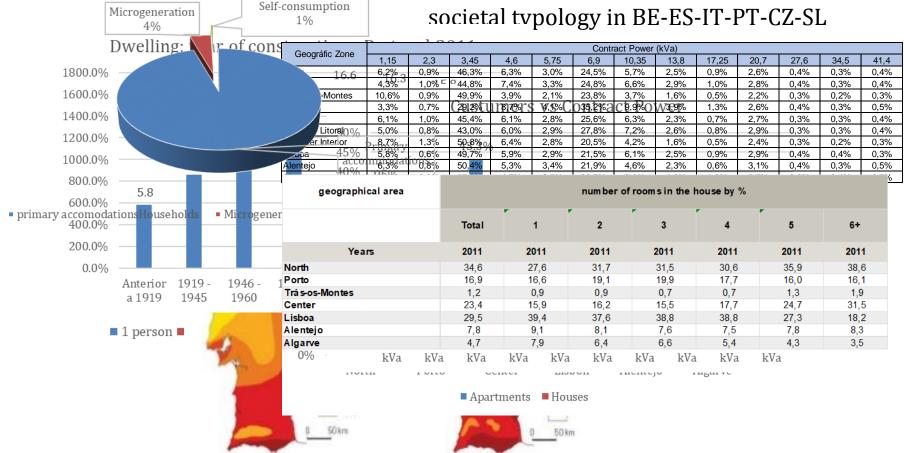
- √ 300-600 € +installation costs (reasonable ROI difficult to achieve)
- ✓ Often do not have retailers or local suppliers/network of installers in all countries
- ✓ Basic start-kit usually below 200 € but not so much useful often need to invest in other devices as smart plugs (aggregated figures do not help consumers)
- ✓ Sufficient level of accuracy for Merubee, Smappy and Cloogy
- ✓ Are difficult to install (sometimes even impossible)
- ✓ Self-learning monitoring systems are improving their detection algorithms but they have still issues and needs dedicated costumers to set it out
- ✓ Needs extremely dedicated costumer to install, personalise it and use it.



Family profiles

Penetration PV systems

The study of the household's profiles has allowed the consortium to match the behaviour of the chosen families with the societal typology in BE-ES-IT-PT-CZ-SL









Family profiles in PT

		Profile A								
GeograficZones	Prim. Accom.	Without RES								
National	3 997 724	3 409 110				85%			77%*	
Minho	422 669	329 682			79%					
Trás-os-Montes	250 828	203 720			81%					
Oporto	647 363	584 987			87%					
Center Litoral	663 386	530 709			80%					
Center Interior	231 928		18	7 862		80%				
Lisbon	1 129 789	1002966			89%					
Alentejo	299 764	252 322			8.4%					
South/Algarve	179 304	151 584			85%					
Açores	80 527	75 467			94%					
Madeira	92 166		89 813			97%				
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Minho	422669	50720	12%	126801	30%	76080	18%	76 080	18%	
Trás-os-Montes	250828	5017	2%	52674	21%	88339	35%	57 690	23%	
Oporto	647363	99001	15%	343980	53%	41829	6%	100177	15%	
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Center Interior	231928	13916	6%	62 621	27%	81175	35%	30 151	13%	
Lisbon	1129789	172834	15%	677873	60%	61875	5%	90383	8%	
Alentejo	299764	16903	6%	149882	50%	73546	25%	11991	496	
South/Algarve	179304	44686	25%	80658	45%	19068	11%	7 172	496	
Açores	80527	47983	60%	21621	27%	4000	5%	1863	2%	
Madeira	92166	71867	78%	14405	16%	2128	2%	1413	2%	

A→non use of RES

A.1 Without boiler/accumulator

A.2 Electrical portable heating

A.3 fire place/LPG heater and

GPL

A.4 central heating boiler

B → having RES (biomass, heat pumps, Photovoltaic, solar thermal..)

C→ optimised system with PV and EV cars

D → optimised system with PV and/or solar thermal with accumulator or batteries



Recruiting families



Nous lançons une étude sur le profil de conson électrique de différentes familles belges. Les fa participantes se verront outillées d'un système monitoring et bénéficieront d'un suivi personn expert de Test Achats. L'objectif est d'évaluer la avant, pendant et après notre intervention.

Dans le cadre du projet Clear 2.0 qui vise à favoriser l'u renouvelables en Europe et à réduire la consommation Achats s'engage et veut aider les consommateurs à réd énergétiques.

Cuisinière, frigo, lave-vaisselle, lave-linge, sèche-linge, ... nos maisons sont remplies d'appareils électriques qu ou moins d'électricité. Pour diminuer votre facture, vou d'investir dans des panneaux photovoltaïques, mais vo elle utilisée de manière optimale?



Mieux utiliser ma production d'énergie renouve



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fotovoltaicos. Como puede observar, no dudas más halvulasés sobre estas tecnolo-gias. Llevamos 30 y seguiremos con ellas.

Foros de discusión online para compartir alsa experiencias de los usuarios de estos sis-bien proporcionaria interesantes aborros







pero no terminamos de Imputamente sensi-Los españoles somos especialmente sensi-bles al calentamiento global: el 89% crec-que es uno de los mayores problemas a nive internacional (por encima del ISIS o la eco mia), según el Centro de Investigacion

First learnings

Installation issues

- > Family change Wi-fi Router connection
- > Some problems with some internet operators to configure the router (gates and Hz)
- Family try to access the equipment and lost the connection between the system and the wi-fi.
- > Plugs (monitoring in some parts of the house don't get wi-fi covered) or stop working

Feedback from families

- Motivated till now
- Some of them are interested to adopt RES
- Half of them accepted being interviewed
- Sometimes they don't act like we suggested (e.g. moving the monitoring plug or delivering or sending date/information on time)
- All-over openness on receiving advices by Consumer organisations but sometimes resistance in changing behaviour (e.g. temperature regulation, use of certain equipment, or the don't like to use one or other appliance, ...)





First learnings

Measurements

- different energy consumptions per day for the some appliances (example: fridge)
- profile A in Portugal is apparently overheating: A.3,wood fireplace, and A.4, central heating gpl, gas
- it is common ambience heating at the evening/night of the working days (switching it off only for 2-3h) and continuous heating during the weekends (24h).
- ➤ Photovoltaic production often higher than consumed by the dwelling (20% on average tbc)
- For Portugal central heating profile with Gas source (Petrol Profile A.4) proves to be the one with the highest consumptions.
- For Portugal the consumption of electric portable equipment has shown a reasonable consumption per day due to the smaller hours of use per day

Purchase jouney of Renewable Energy Solutions



Attitude regarding environment and climate is highly important



Strengthen the positive attitude regarding RES by reassuring that RES is a wise and suitable choice



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Financial aspects are an important player in every step of the decision making process





Connecess

Consumers believe in the necessity and correct fit of RES for their situation



reassurance as well as product specific information

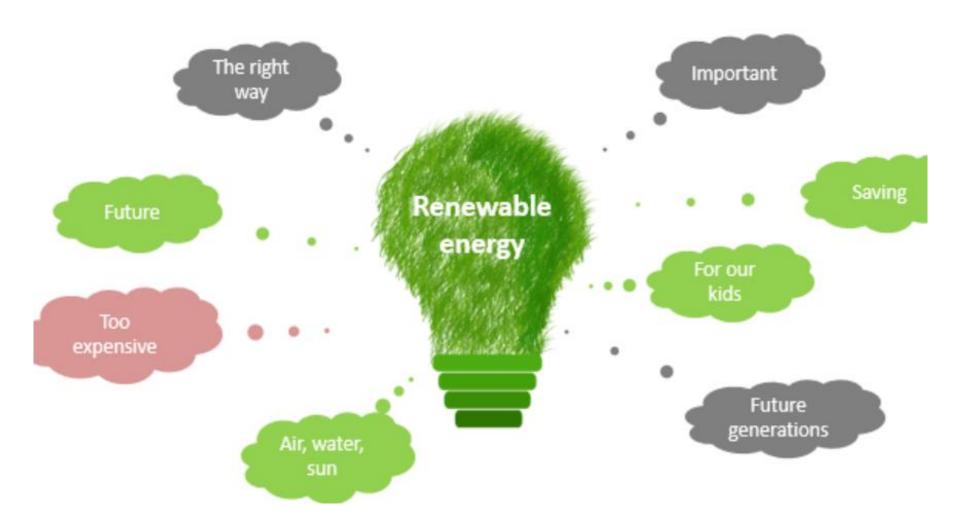


A group offer fits my needs best

- Financial
- Assurances
- Environmental











CLEAR Results

100.000

Total number of people enrolled in the 24 collective purchase group



the average discount we obtained compared to market prices



Electricity from the sun at zero polluting emissions

2.500 kWp installed capacity



Heating&cooling

heat and cool with energy efficiency your home and save money by exploiting the heat of the air

1.500 systems installed

GREEN ELECTRICITY

In addition to the colletticee purchase groups, there is the possibility to subscribe to the special tariff CasaRinnovabile.it, which energy comes only from renewable sources, at the lowest price on the Italian market.

SOLAR THERMAL

Hot water produced by using only solar energy

26.000 liters

of hot water at 50 °C per year



PELLET STOVES

Heating home by exploiting renewable wood energy at zero CO₂ emissions

1.200.000 kg

of CO₂ avoided in the atmosphere



traditional systems



CLEAR 2.0 Results*

Country	Technology	Planned	Status	Engagement	Users	Registratio n Conversion rate	Sessions	Total Installations
Italy	Photovoltaic	September 2018	Launched	3.571	23.387	15%	28.647	103
Italy	Airconditioning	June 2018	Closed	1.169	9.312	13%	11.192	312
Portugal	Photovoltaic	November 2018	Launched	742	6.103	12%	7.114	2
Spain	Photovoltaic	January 2018	Closed	1.983	9.361	21%	11.167	50
Spain	НРНС	Nov 2018	On going	487				37
Spain	Pellet	Dec 2018	On going	500				
Belgium	Photovoltaic	June 2018	Closed	4700				565
Slovenia	Airconditioning	January 2019	On the 2 nd phase	6.102	18.107	34%	24.746	151
Czeck Republic	Photovoltaic	January 2019	Launched	13.957	37.649	37%	59.137	0
				33200	103.91	26,5%	142.003	1220

^{* 28/02/2019}



consumers are open to invest in renewable energy solutions if they are aware of it and when it is **financially viable** and they are reassure by the **stability of the regulatory framework**

BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

- Purchase price
- Limited knowledge
- Needing to change/renovate the house
- Uncertainty about regulations and subsidies



WAYS TO OVERCOME BARRIERS



 Providing information and knowledge about each of these initiatives



 Financial help, subsidization and collective buying (of solar panels) will encourage people.



 Personalized proposals, tailored for people's house, habits and lifestyle, to gain insights in the profits.







2018
COLLECTIVE PURCHASES



PV Kit
Link with the decision
making tool
Negotiated advantage

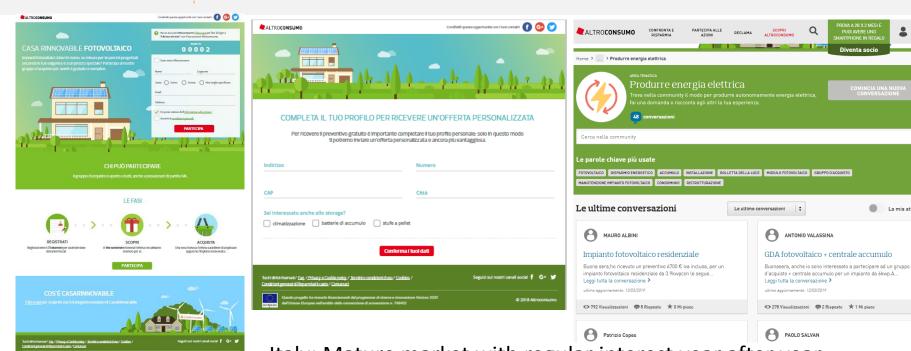


Spain: often high interest and still difficult to pass at the real purchase. From CLEAR survey it appears ¼ of subscirbers still purchase but later and /or with other providers



2018
COLLECTIVE PURCHASES





Italy: Mature market with regular interest year after year.

Previous year very good conversion to purchase above 12%



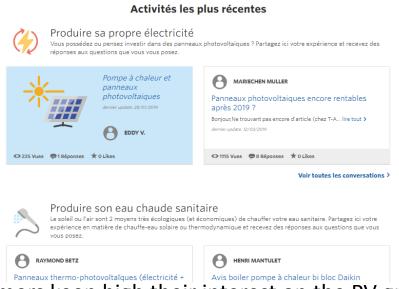




COLLECTIVE PURCHASES







Belgium: year after year Belgian consumers keep high their interest on the PV group purchase with more than 12% conversion rate+ other 10% purchase via other installers or late in the year. High competition in the market and in the three regions the rules and subsidies are different and change regularly



2018
COLLECTIVE PURCHASES



365 DAYS (Launched on 3rd Dec)

Duration

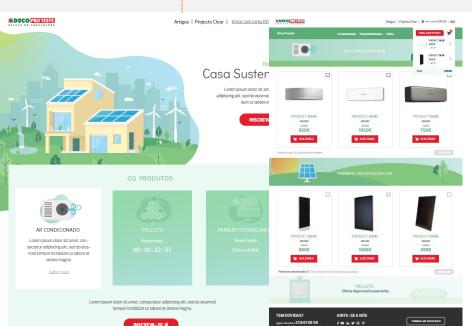
742 registrations

Engagement

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Installations

ON GOING Two actions at the same time. Open all the year Nnegotiated advantages







Portugal: difficult to negotiate with the Market compare to previous actions. Installers and producers to not offer high discount. Portugal has launched in one unique city wherein it has found a good deal for consumers via installers.



2019
COLLECTIVE PURCHASES



103 DAYS (Launched on 9th Jan 19)

Duration

6.102 registrations

Engagement

151 On-going ON GOING

First GP of technology in Slovenia. Great success













SLOVENIA: Good negotiation, very impressive results due to an optimal communication, high reputation of ZPS and an open market. ZPS itself is surprised of the welcome by consumers. Installers are afraid not to be able to match consumers'expectations due to such and high demand.



COLLECTIVE PURCHASES

CZ REP PHOTOVOLTAIC

365 DAYS (Launched on 16th Jan 19)

Duration

13.957 registrations

Engagement

Not in offer phase yet

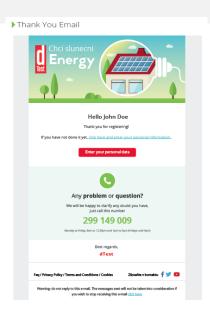
Installations

ON **GOING** First GP of technology in CZ. Astonishing and unexpected success













CZ: great success due to impressive communication plan with 6000 registrations in one single day, open mind of consumers and reputation of DTEST. PV installations are not so common in CZ and apparently there is good interest in the market.

Take-aways

- ✓ CLEAR and CLEAR 2.0 showed us that <u>stability of the regulatory and legal framework</u> and <u>financial viability</u> in the short and long term are important when consumers should invest large amounts.
- ✓ <u>Mature technologies</u> as photovoltaic installations or HPHC found better predisposition in the market although more difficult negotiations with market players.
- ✓ Spain and Portugal are facing difficulties in negotiating with the market and in engaging with consumers
- ✓ CZ and SL have launched their first group purchase on RES with great success and very good welcome by consumers
- ✓ RES for tenants and apartment blocks is still difficult. Clear 2.0 has tried to reach this market but so far in all the countries CLEAR 2.0 attempts have failed.
- ✓ <u>Clear, easy, accessible and complete information to consumers</u> is necessary (including risk assessment).



Questions?

