



# WP4 – Techno-economic Aspects and Pathways Towards PEDs

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# Outline

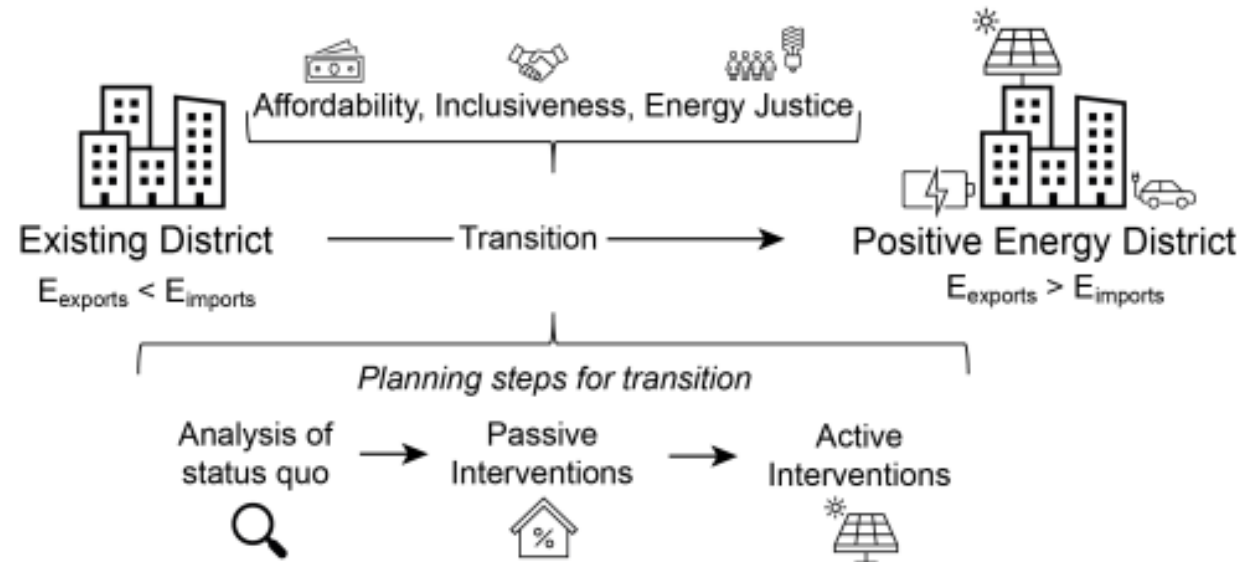
- WP goals/tasks
- Deliverables
  - Status quo
  - Methods and models
  - Transition pathways
- Conclusion
  - Limitations and Outlook
  - Achievements and lessons learnt

# WP aim and the deliverables

Develop a methodology for systemic planning of infrastructure investments by designing a systemic modelling approach combining techno-economic aspects and pathways towards PEDs

Tasks	Deliverables
Task 4.1. Status quo and framework conditions as a basis for techno-economic pathways	D4.2 - <b>Status quo and framework conditions</b> as a basis for developing techno-economic pathways in selected case studies
Task 4.2. Investigating the infrastructure requirements for developing PEDs sustainably	D4.3 - Report on <b>infrastructure requirements</b> for developing sustainably PEDs, summarizing the outcome of the techno-economic modelling activities
Task 4.3. Energy provision and emerging needs system modelling for future	D4.4 - Report on <b>developed methodologies and models</b> for techno-economic modelling of PEDs and the transition towards their realisation

# Connection between the deliverables



Status quo and  
framework conditions  
as a basis for techno-  
economic pathways

D4.2

Developed methods and  
models for transition  
towards PEDs

D4.4

Infrastructure  
requirements for  
developing PEDs  
sustainably

D4.3

# Status quo & framework conditions (D4.2)

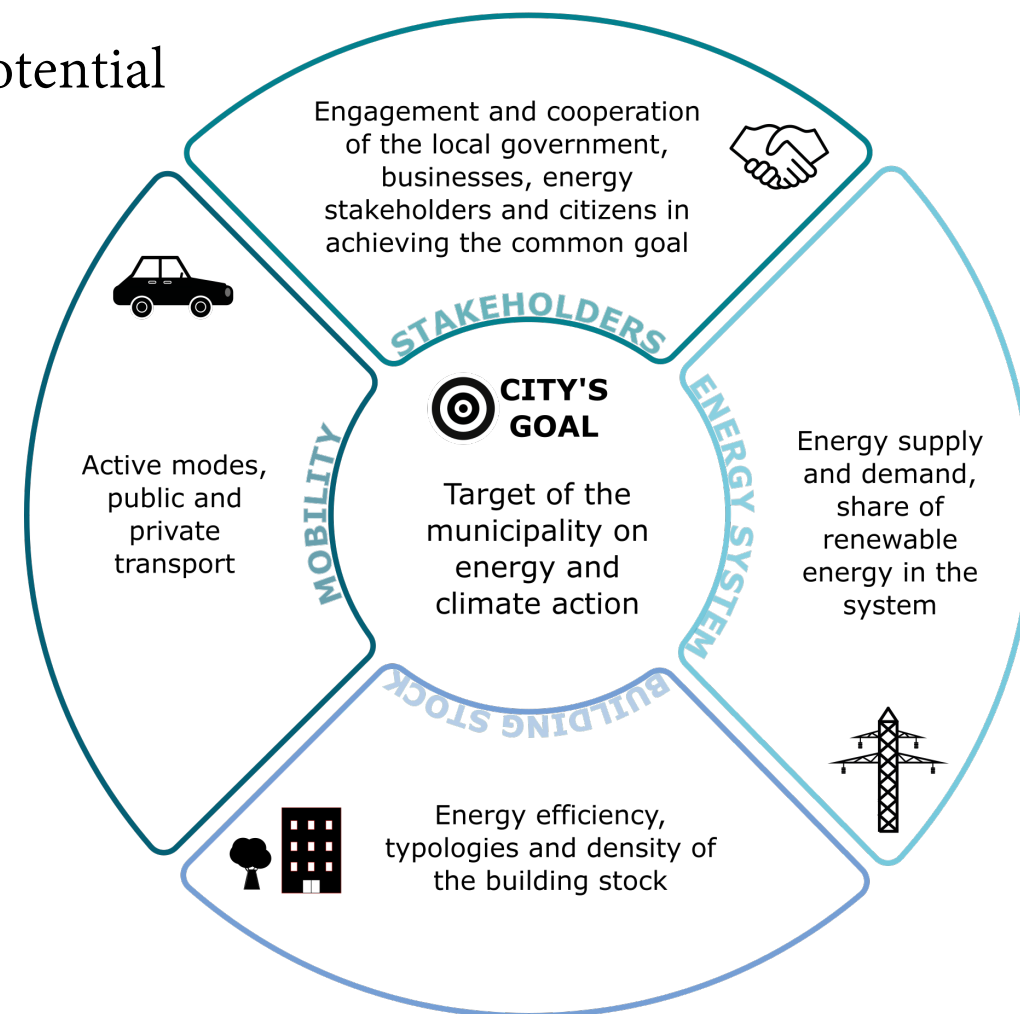
Present the context that frames the development of potential PEDs

- 4 case studies
  - Frankfurt
  - Vienna
  - Torres Vedras
  - Nottingham
- 5 Analysis Dimensions
  - Policy Framework (City's goals)
  - Building Stock
  - Energy System
  - Mobility
  - Stakeholders

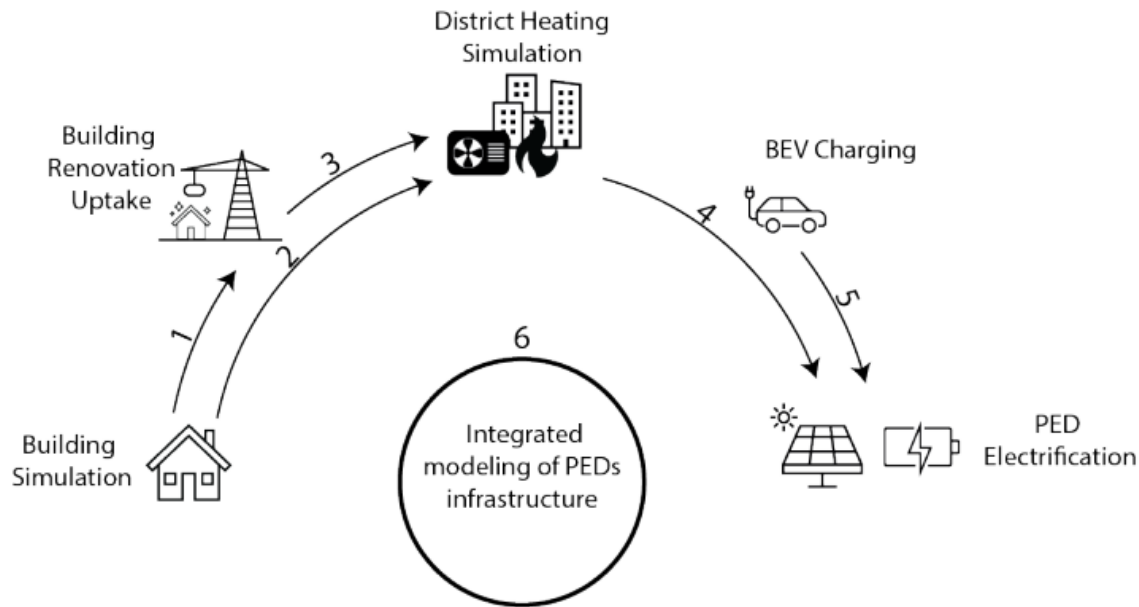
Different status-quo, Different needs, Different aims, Different Solutions

Same Objective

Different Path



# Methods and models (D4.4)

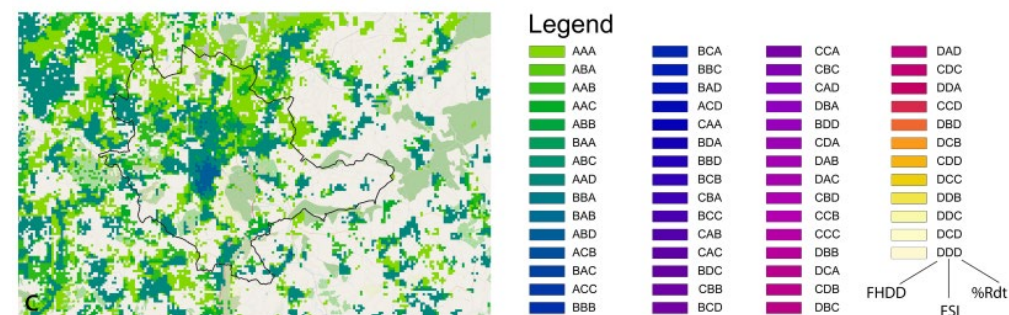
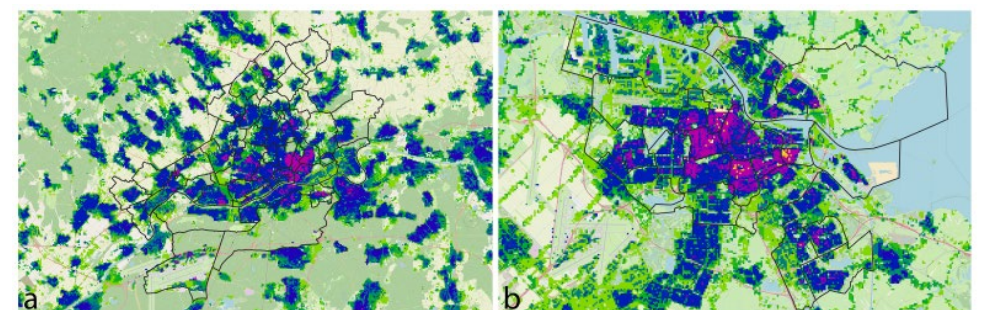


1. Positive Energy District system optimiser model - MILP model for PED system planning and analysis;
2. District Heating Model: assessment of the building renovations necessity (EnergyPlus); the total cost of renovation, NPV and sensitivity analysis of the system to energy prices;
3. Agent-based model of neighborhood-level retrofitting evaluates the uptake of retrofitting in a neighbourhood by different building owners;
4. Evaluation of accessibility of EV charging infrastructure for understanding potential future demands at a district scale (g a linear regression model)

# Comparability among EU districts

- Creating Comparability among European Neighbourhoods to Enable the Transition of District Energy Infrastructures towards Positive Energy Districts, 2022, Energies
- Can induce knowledge transfer over similar districts in terms of the energy infrastructure required
- Based on HotMaps data

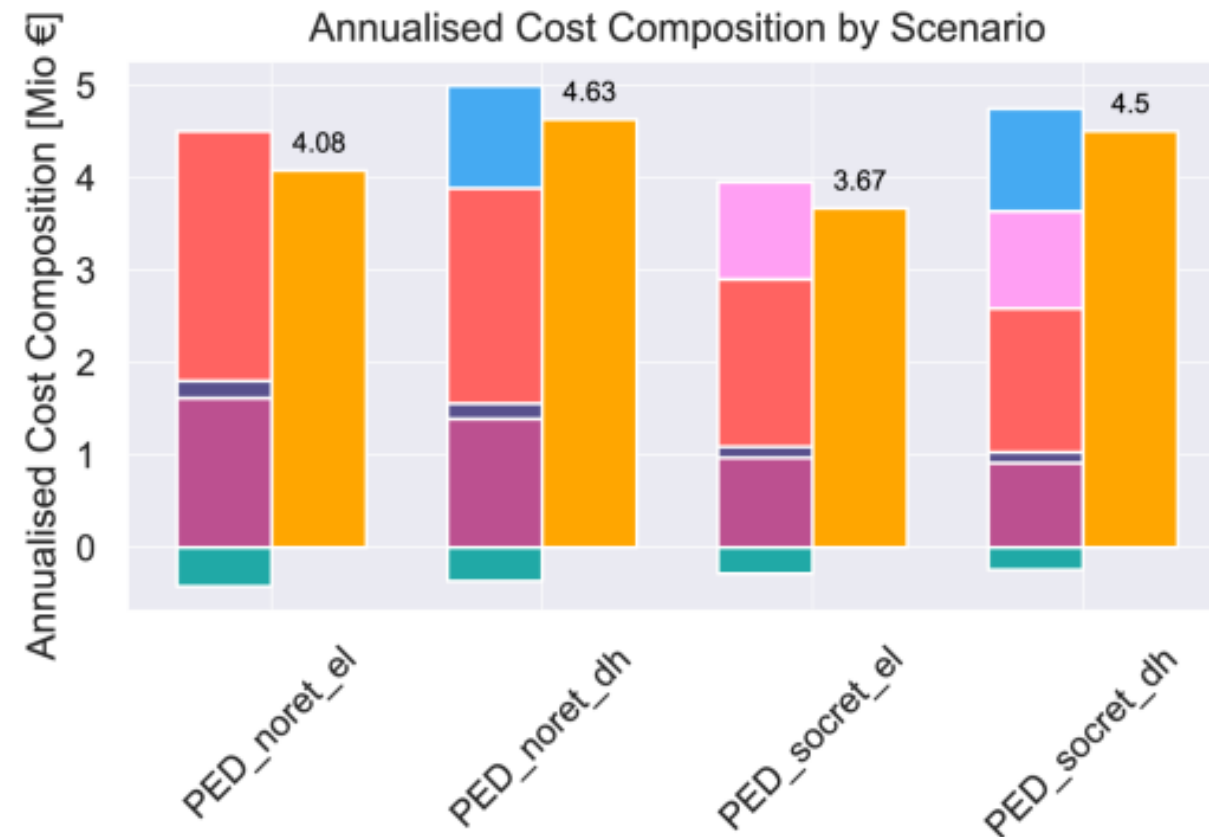
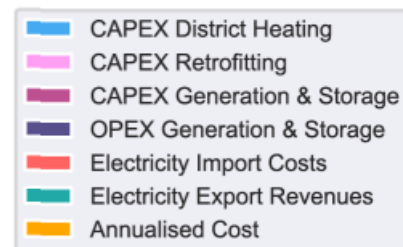
	Heat demand density (GWh/year)	Floor Space Index	Residential building share	Climate Zone
A	< 417	< 0.25	0.25	All climate zones in Europe
B	417-1417	0.25-1	0.25-0.5	
C	1417-2961	1-2	0.5-0.75	
D	> 2961	> 2	> 0.75	





# Transition pathways (D4.3)

- Building envelope retrofitting crucial for PEDs
- Individual heat pump solutions more economical than newly introduced district heating grid in discussed archetype





# Summary of the main findings

1. Different status-quo, different needs, and different aims →  
Different Solutions (contextual factors)
2. A holistic method for early planning of PEDs
  - consisting of quantitative models
  - considering techno-economic aspects and social aspects of renovation
3. Retrofitting of buildings is essential for becoming PEDs in  
Northern European districts

# Limitations & Future work

- Only one case study
- A certain set of technologies (spatially bound district → PV, heat pumps)
- Waste heat from data centers
- Only public charging infrastructure
- Hence, only one out of many pathways to obtain the infrastructure requirements for PEDs

# Thank you for your attention !



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