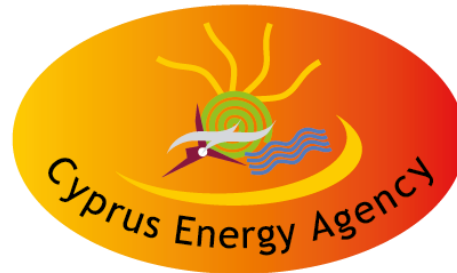


# **“Upgrading the energy performance of residential buildings in Cyprus Energy Services, Barriers & Opportunities”**

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Member of  
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# The Cyprus Energy Agency

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- Non Governmental Non profit organization
- Officially established 9/2/2009
- Funded for 3 years by the European Commission and the Cyprus Union of Communities (IEE)

## *Vision*

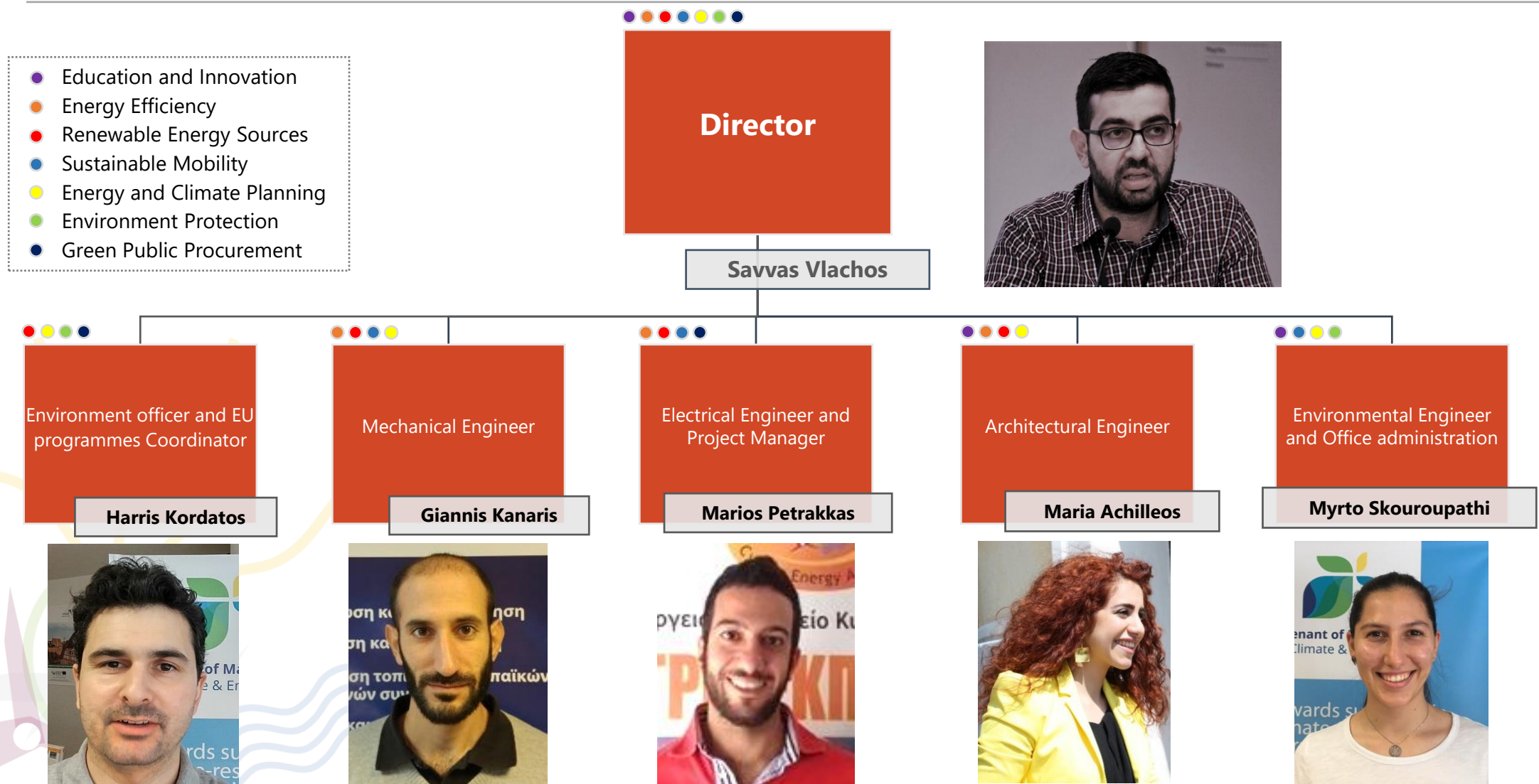
*"to contribute actively to the conservation of energy resources, protecting the environment and contributing to the quality of life!"*

## *Specific objectives*

*"Promotion of renewable energy sources, sustainable transport, improvement of energy efficiency and contribution to the mitigation and adaptation to climate change"*



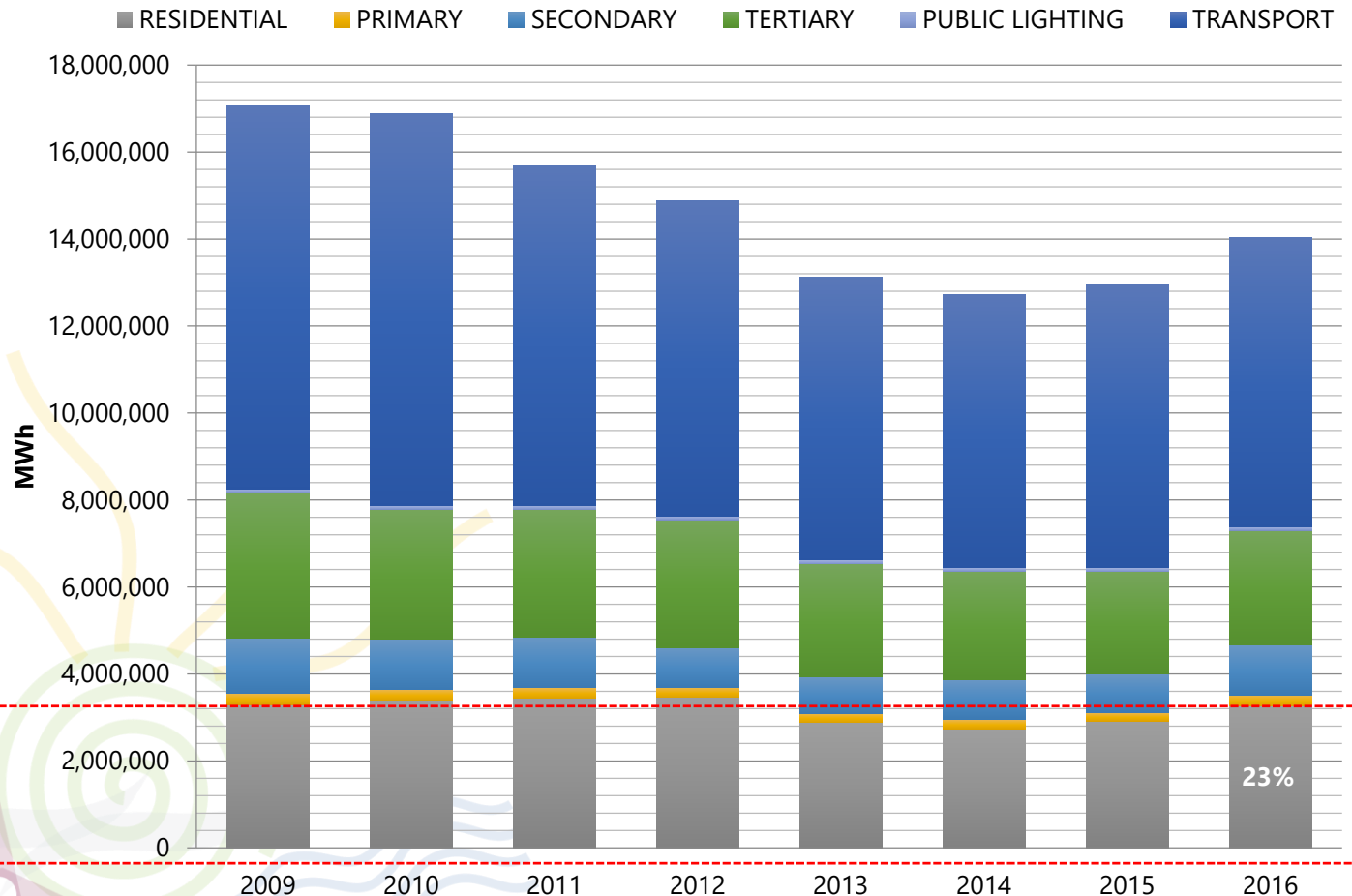
# Our team



# Introduction

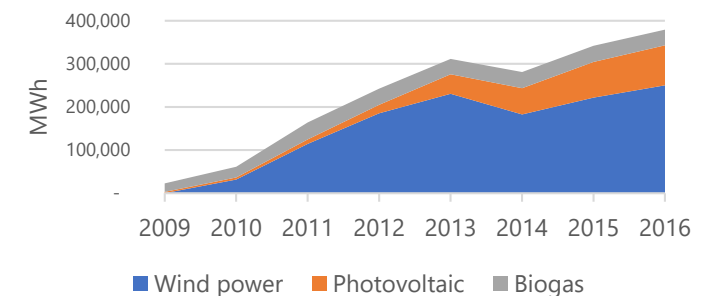
## Current Situation in Cyprus Analysis of Cyprus' energy sector

FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN CYPRUS



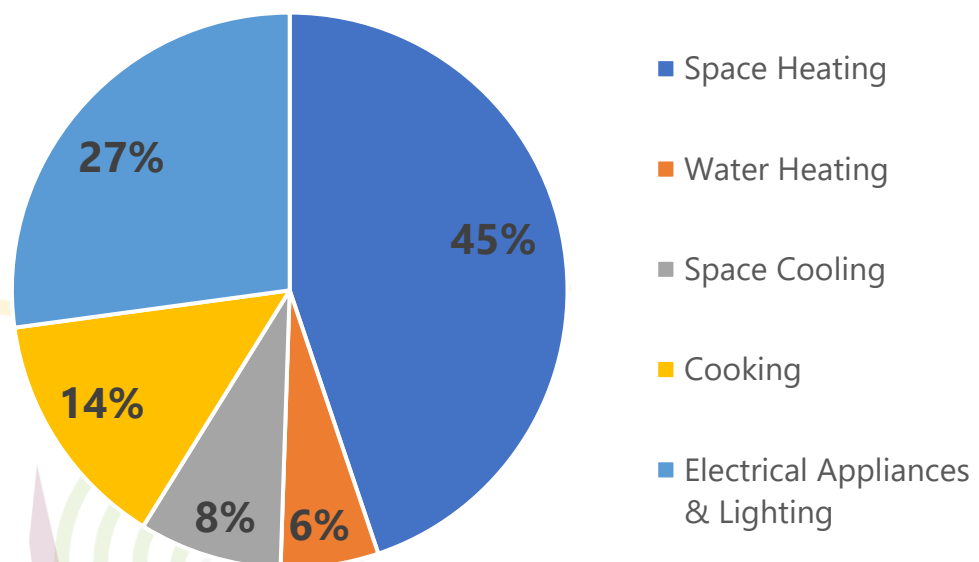
- Population of Cyprus is about 900,000
- The residential sector represents the **23% of the final energy consumption** in Cyprus and 35% of the final electricity consumption.
- Living quarters (occupied): 337,000
- Living quarters (vacant/of temporary residence): 165,000
- Households: 343,000
- Average households size: 3 members

Green electricity production

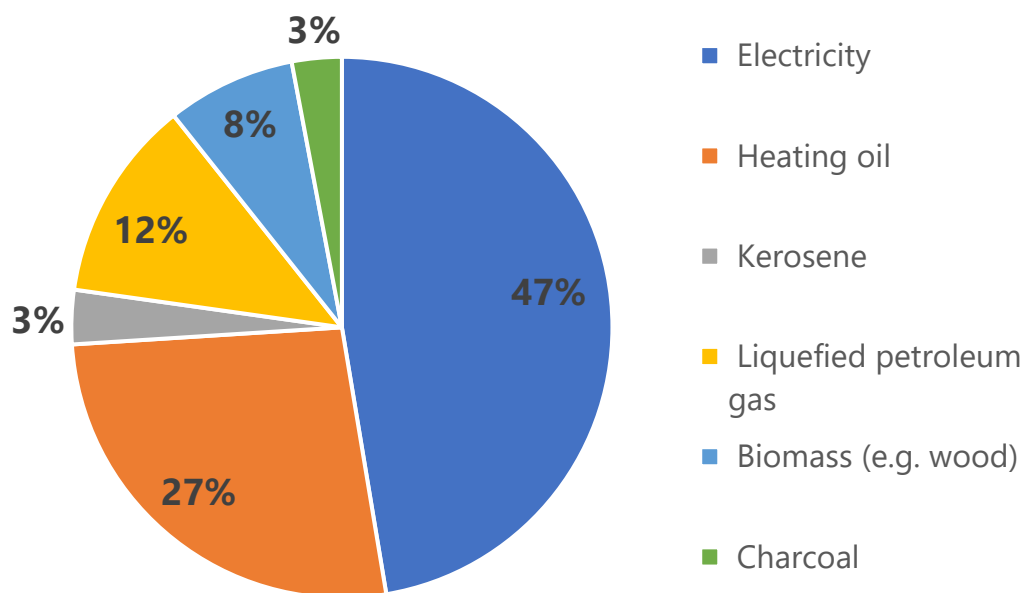


# Households energy consumption

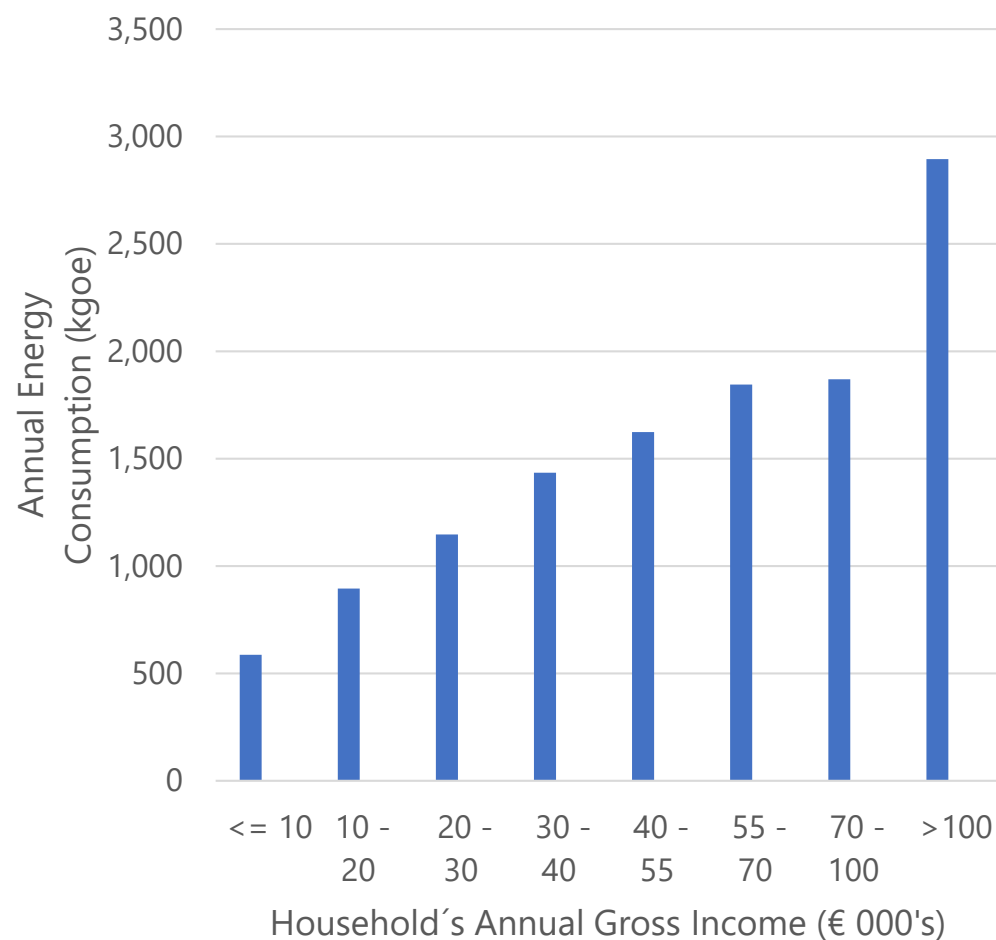
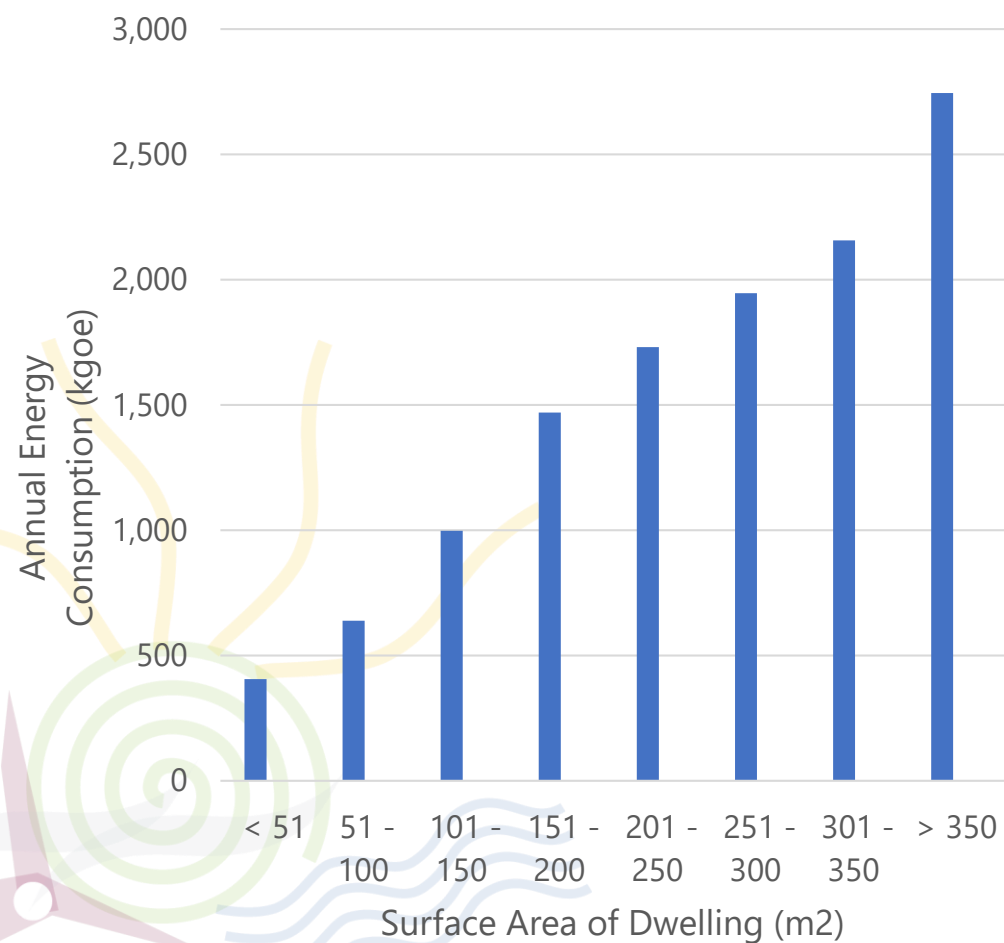
Annual energy consumption by end use category



Annual energy consumption by energy source



# Households energy consumption



Source: [Statistical Service of Cyprus]

# Space heating

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- **Main type** heating system: **39% portable heater**, 29% central heating, 17 % split units
- **Surface area** of dwellings heated: **41% <51m<sup>2</sup>**, 26% 51-100m<sup>2</sup>
- **Months** of operation: **42% for 4 months**, 26% for 3 months
- **Hours** of daily operation: **46% 3-5 hours**, 30% 6-8 hours



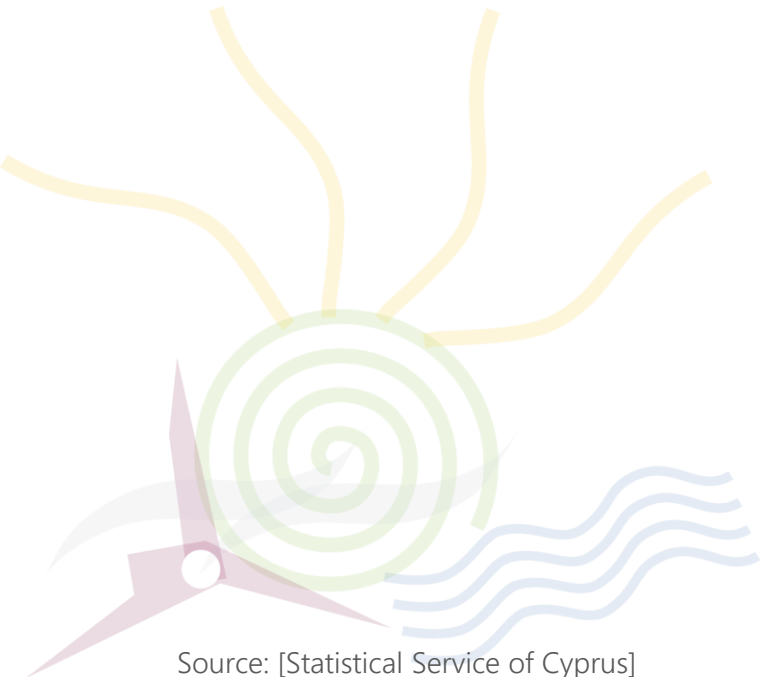
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# Hot water demand

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- Availability of different type of systems: **92% Solar heater**, 29% system connected to central system
- Hot water storage tank: **79% 150-200 litres**



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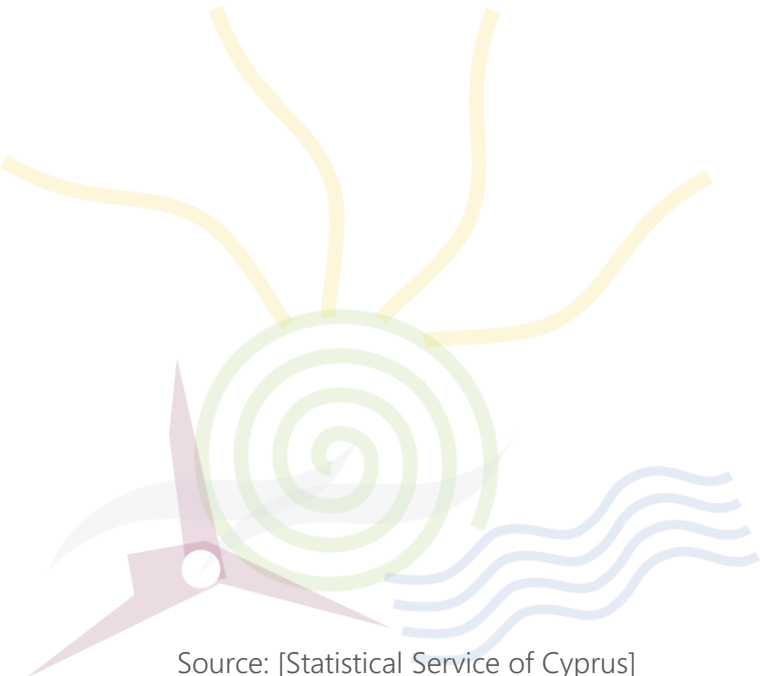




# Cooling

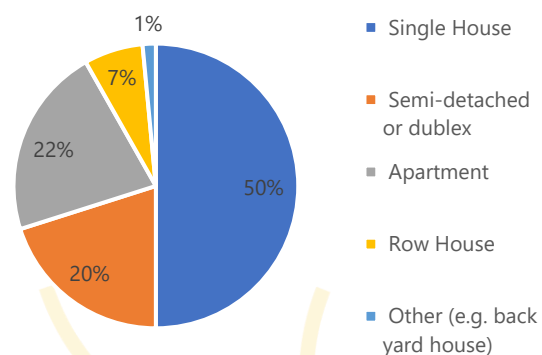
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- SPACE COOLING
  - Having air conditioning equipment: 81%
  - Surface area of dwellings cooled: 64% <51m<sup>2</sup>, 24% 51-100m<sup>2</sup>
  - Months of operation: 34% for 4 months, 28% for 2 months, 25% for 3 months
  - Hours of daily operation: 41% 3-5 hours, 27% 6-8 hours, 18% <2 hours

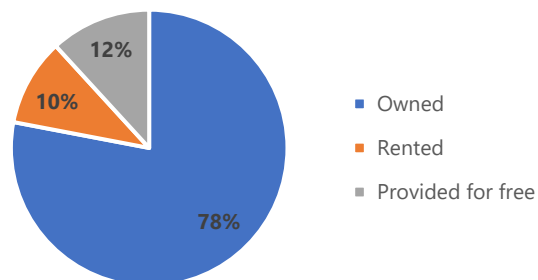


# Buildings characteristics

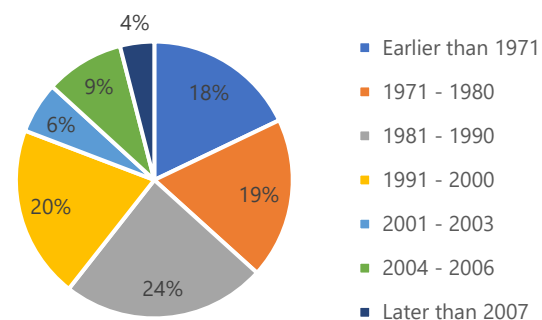
HOUSING TYPE OF DWELLING



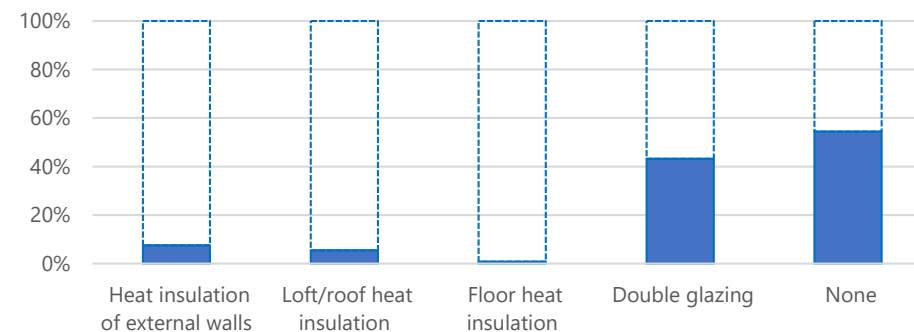
TYPE OF TENURE OF DWELLING



YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING



PROPORTION OF TOTAL DWELLINGS HAVING DIFFERENT TYPES OF HEAT INSULATION INSTALLED



# Buildings characteristics

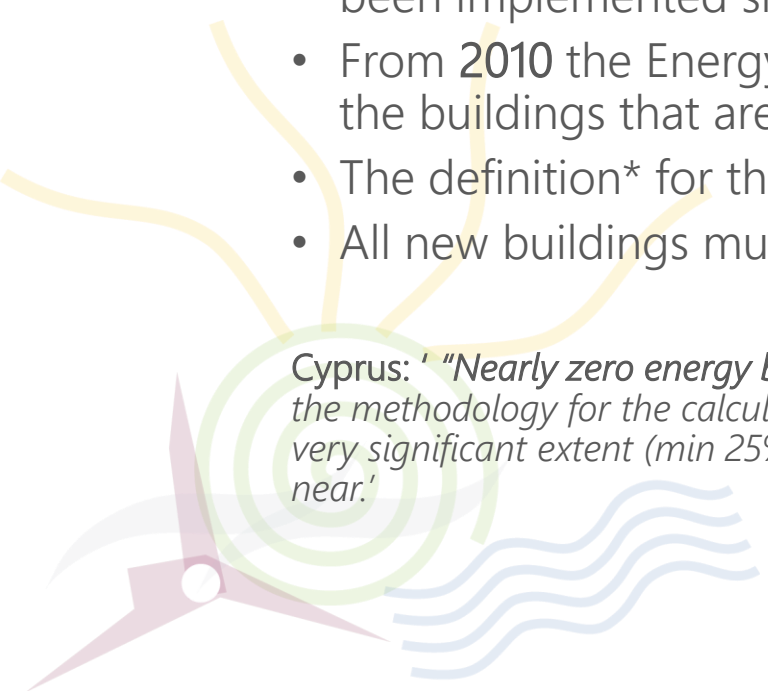
Period	Types
Before 2007	<p><u>Description</u> 1-2 floors, Reinforced Concrete structure, flat concrete roof or inclined roof with tiles, brick walls, no insulation, <b>single</b> or double glazing with aluminium frame</p> <p><u>Energy characteristics</u> Walls 1,42 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, roof 0,32 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, door/windows 6,05 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, floor 2,00 W/m<sup>2</sup>K</p>
After 2007	<p><u>Description</u> 1-3 floors, Reinforced Concrete structure, flat concrete roof or inclined roof with tiles, brick walls, envelope thermal insulation 5 cm, double glazing with aluminium or u-pvc frame</p> <p><u>Energy characteristics</u> At least B on EPC, walls 0,85 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, roof 0,75 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, windows 3,8 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, floor in covered and non-air-conditioned space 2,0W/m<sup>2</sup>K, average factor 1,3W/m<sup>2</sup>K (residential) and 1,8W/m<sup>2</sup>K (non-residential), solar heater for DHW, provision for electricity production by RES systems, maximum shading factor for openings 0,63.</p>
2017 and after	<p><u>Description</u> 1-3 floors, Reinforced Concrete structure, flat concrete roof or inclined roof with tiles, brick walls, envelope thermal insulation 8-10 cm, double glazing with aluminium and thermal break or u-pvc frame</p> <p><u>Energy characteristics</u> At least B on EPC, <b>walls 0,4 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, roof 0,4 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, windows 2,9 W/m<sup>2</sup>K, maximum shading factor for openings 0,63, for residential buildings (detached) at least 25%</b> of the total primary energy consumption must be produced by RES, for building blocks used as residential buildings at least 3% of total primary energy consumption must be produced by RES, for non-residential buildings at least 7% of total primary energy consumption must be produced by RES</p>

# Legislation – energy performance of buildings

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All of our national legislations on Energy Efficiency of Buildings, are adoptions of the relevant European Directives

- The first regulation for thermal insulation of buildings, introduced from 2007
- The “Energy Performance of Buildings” law was introduced in 2009 – various regulations have been implemented since then
- From 2010 the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is obligatory for all new buildings and for all the buildings that are available for sale or rent
- The definition\* for the **near Zero Energy Building (nZEB)**, was introduced in 2014
- All new buildings must be nZEB from the 01/01/2021



Cyprus: ' *"Nearly zero energy building" means a building that has a very high energy performance, determined in accordance with the methodology for the calculations of the energy efficiency. The nearly zero, or very low amount of energy required, should -to a very significant extent (min 25%) - be covered by energy from renewable sources, including renewable energy produced on-site or near.*

# Legislation – energy performance of buildings

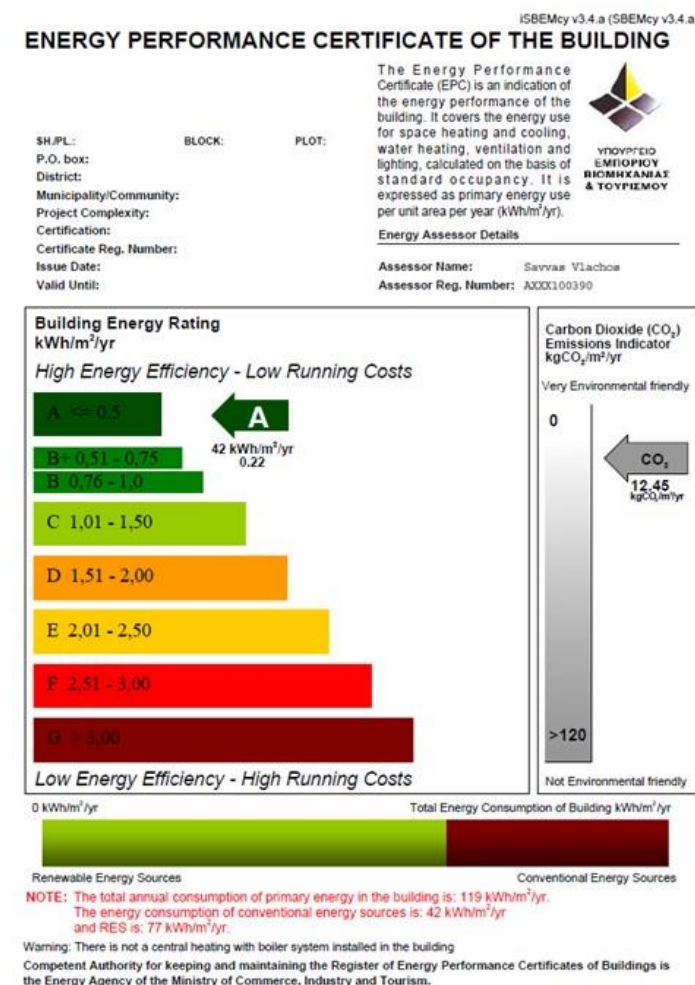
	Minimum Energy Efficiency Requirements					nZEB
	21.12.2007 - 31.12.2010	01.01.2010 - 10.12.2013	11.12.2013 - 29.10.2015	30.10.2015 - 31.12.2016	01.01.2017 - 31.12.2020	01.01.2019 (P.B.) 01.01.2021 and afterwards
	ΚΔΠ 568/2007	ΚΔΠ 446/2009	ΚΔΠ 432/2013	ΚΔΠ 359/2015	ΚΔΠ 119/2016	ΚΔΠ 366/2014
<b>Ranking - Class</b>	-	≥ B	≥ B	≥ B	≥ B	A
<b>U value - Walls</b>	≤ 0.85 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.85 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.72 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.72 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.40 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.4W/m <sup>2</sup> .K
<b>U value – Horizontal structural elements</b>	≤ 0.75 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.75 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.63 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.63 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.40 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 0.4W/m <sup>2</sup> .K
<b>U value of a ground (over non - heated spaces)</b>	≤ 2.0 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 2.0 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 2.0 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 2.0 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	-	-
<b>U value of the windows</b>	≤ 3.8 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 3.8 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 3.23 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 3.23 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 2.90 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 2.25 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K
<b>U value – Mean (Walls &amp; Windows)</b>	-	1.3 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 1.3 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 1.3 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	≤ 1.3 W/m <sup>2</sup> .K	-
<b>Maximum consumption of primary energy</b>	-	-	-			100 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .year 125 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .year
<b>Maximum energy demand for heating</b>	-	-	-			15 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .year
<b>Maximum window shading coefficient</b>	-	-	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
<b>Maximum power of lighting installations at office buildings</b>					10 W / m <sup>2</sup>	10 W / m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Share of RES in primary energy consumption</b>	-	Solar Thermal & PVs Providence	Solar Thermal & PVs Providence	Solar Thermal & PVs Providence	25% (Detached) 3% (Apartments) 7% (Non Residential)	25%

# Legislation – energy performance of buildings

## Energy Performance Certificates

### Residential buildings

A	1950
B+	5793
B	23014
Γ	828
Δ	446
E	403
H	175
Z	237





# Legislation – energy efficiency

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**All of our national legislations on Energy Efficiency, are adoptions of the relevant European Directives**

In 2009 the European Directive 2006/32/EC partially introduced to National Legislation

- N 31(I)/2009 – Energy efficiency on final use (modifying laws N 53(I)/2012, N 56(I)/2014, N 149(I)/2015 adoption of 2012/27/EU

Important milestones:

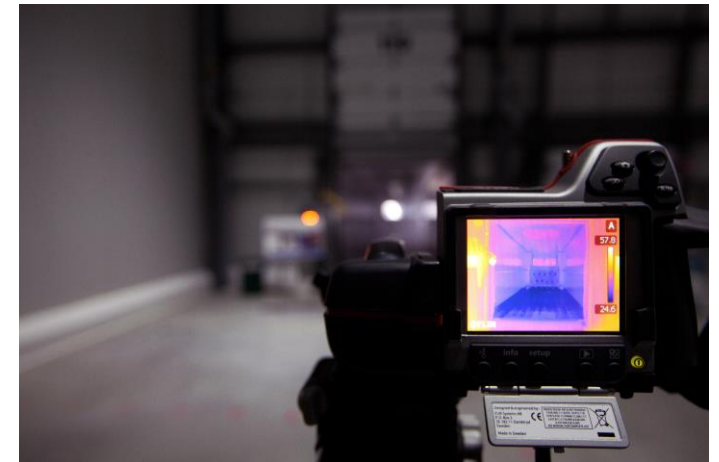
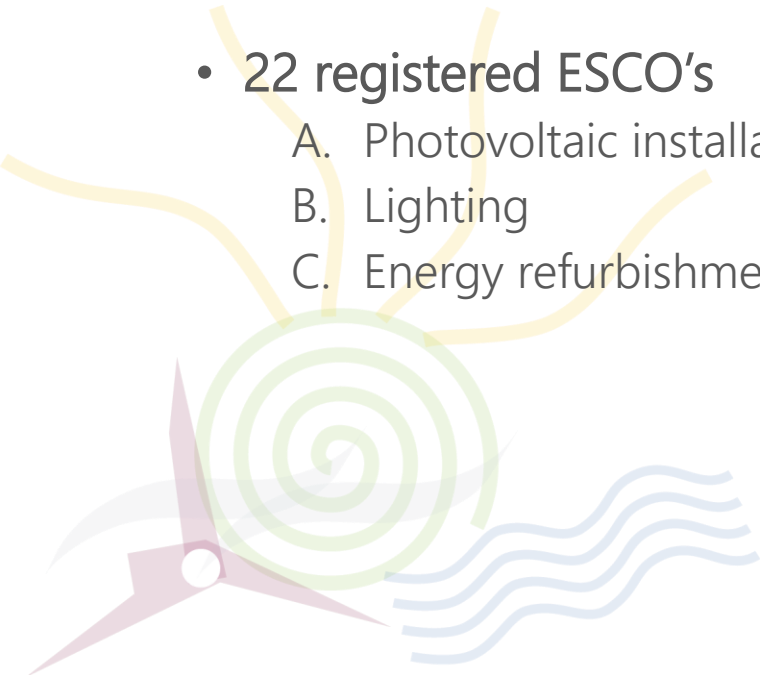
- 2012 Introduction of regulations for **energy audits** (experts, qualifications, methodology, certification bodies)
- 2014 Introduction of regulations for **Energy Service Companies** (ESCO's)



# Registry of Energy Auditors and ESCO's

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- 64 certified energy auditors
- 3 categories of energy auditors
  - A. Buildings, airports, harbors and street lighting
  - B. Industrial facilities and processes, agricultural facilities
  - C. Transports
- 22 registered ESCO's
  - A. Photovoltaic installations
  - B. Lighting
  - C. Energy refurbishments



# Funding energy refurbishments

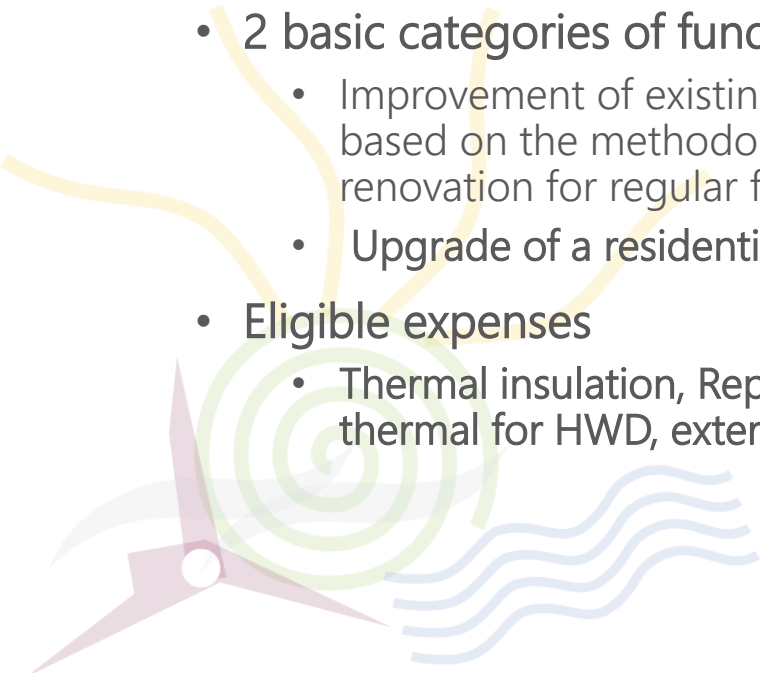
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## GRANT SCHEME "I SAVE I RENOVATE" 2014-2016

Source of funding: Structural funds

Operated by the Energy Service, Ministry of Energy Commerce, Industry and Tourism

- 1100 applications received for upgrading energy efficiency of existing residential buildings
- Budget 8 M€
- 2 basic categories of funding
  - Improvement of existing energy efficiency of a residential building by at least 40% or to reach B energy class based on the methodology for Energy Performance Certificates. GRANT up to 50% of the cost of energy renovation for regular families and up to 75% for vulnerable/low income households. Maximum grant €15,000
  - Upgrade of a residential building to NZEB. Grant up to 75%. Maximum grant €25,000
- Eligible expenses
  - Thermal insulation, Replacement of windows, boilers, heat pumps, air conditioning, lighting, smart meter, solar thermal for HWD, external shading, ventilation with heating recovery, CHP.



# Funding energy refurbishments

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## MOST COMMON PRACTICES OF ENERGY REFURBISHMENT OF HOUSEHOLDS IN CYPRUS

- **Improve from E class to B class with an average budget of €12,000 - €15,000**

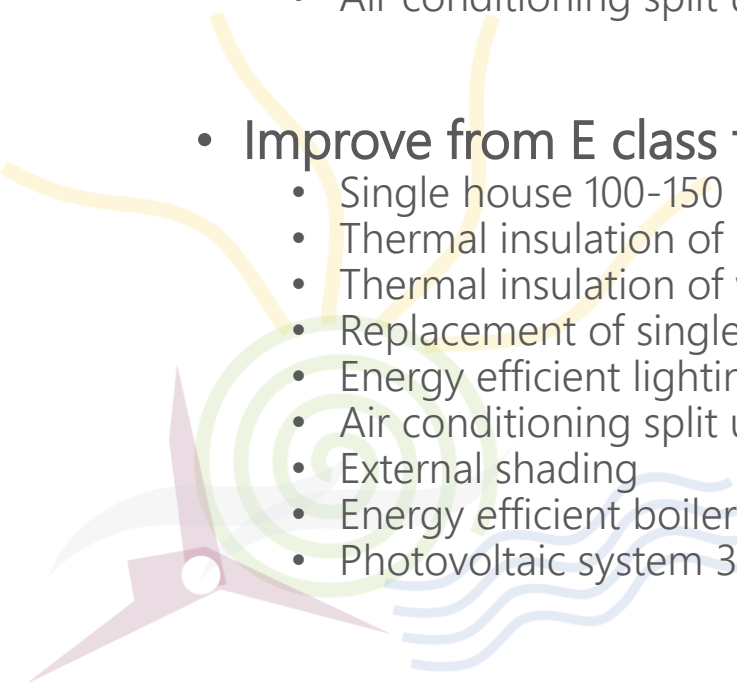
- Single house 100-150 m<sup>2</sup>
- Thermal insulation of roof
- Thermal insulation of walls OR/AND replacement of single glazing with double glazing
- Energy efficient lighting
- Air conditioning split units (heating/cooling) with improved efficiency

Potential energy  
savings  
€800-€1000/year

- **Improve from E class to NZEB with an average budget of €24,000 - €28,000**

- Single house 100-150 m<sup>2</sup>
- Thermal insulation of roof (with at least 8 cm insulation)
- Thermal insulation of walls (with at least 8 cm insulation)
- Replacement of single glazing with double glazing (with  $U_w$  less than 2.3 W/m<sup>2</sup>.K)
- Energy efficient lighting
- Air conditioning split units (heating/cooling) with improved efficiency (A++ or higher)
- External shading
- Energy efficient boiler with improved energy efficiency (>92%)
- Photovoltaic system 3 KWp (net metering) – not eligible for grant

Potential energy  
savings  
€1500-€1800/year



# Conclusions

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- The building stock of residential buildings in Cyprus has an important energy efficiency potential
- However in many cases, as a result of the energy behaviour of households, the savings in € are not so promising
- Improvement of thermal comfort is an important aspect for residential buildings but is not easy to translate it in € savings
- Energy Performance Contracting is very complex to apply to residential buildings
- ESCO market is quite new in Cyprus
- The energy savings potential of residential buildings in many cases is not sufficient for ESCO's to make business
- In many cases, the utilisation of renewable energy sources (photovoltaics) is preferred by the households in order to minimize their energy bills without improving the energy efficiency of their dwellings.
- Governmental grant schemes for energy refurbishments considered as important incentive to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings. However, the building sector should not only depend on grant schemes.
- Other financing tools like "green loans" should be promoted
- External factors such as oil prices influence the attractiveness of energy efficiency

# Thank you

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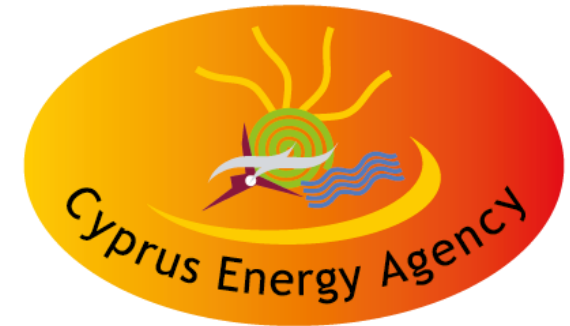
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