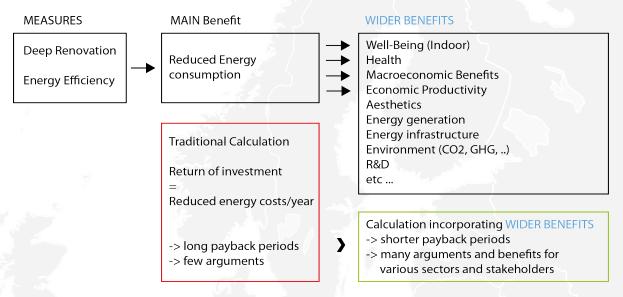
FACTSHEET - WIDER BENEFITS



What are WIDER BENEFITS of energy efficiency and deep renovation?



Why are WIDER BENEFITS not yet incorporated into public budget balancing?

- Energy efficiency policies may lack of visibility and their importance is not properly communicated.
- Deep renovation or energy efficiency measures are often considered as negative positions in public budget balancing
- Payback periods are calculated only on the base of energy savings and the monetary payback.
- Wider Benefits are sometimes difficult to quantify.
- Non-market nature of socioeconomic Wider Benefits
- Effects due to energy efficiency alone can be complex to isolate and to determine causality.
- The full value of energy efficiency measures is poorly recognised and almost never implemented into investment schemes
- Due to longer payback periods it can be very difficult for public officers or stakeholders to communicate planned measures to potential voters, investors or public authorities.

The potential of incorporating WIDER BENEFITS:

- For each EUR 1 million invested in energy efficiency creates 8 to 27 jobs per year (modelled data).
- GDP growth rates ranging from 0.25% to 1.1% induced by energy efficiency
- When quantified health and well-being impacts (reduced illness, better indoor comfort) are included in assessments of energy efficiency retrofit programmes, the benefit-cost ratio can be as high as 4:1
- Incorporating a broad range of multiple benefits could create a benefit-cost ratio of 2.3:1 for the services offered by energy provideders (improving energy security and energy prices)
- Reduction of CO2 Emissions. Carbon emissions from regulated and efficient energy use in the building sector across the EU-27 could be reduced by 71% up to 90% in 2050
- Removing 1,375 households from fuel poverty (out of 22,618 households in 2006) in three years (Scotland)



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