

CONTEXT & CHALLENGE

- The built environment is key to Europe's transition to a **climate-neutral society** by 2050.
- An estimated **97% of dwellings are not fit for this purpose**. A clean energy system and a just transition require more than isolated technological solutions for individual buildings.
- To **optimally decarbonise the urban environment**, it is crucial to implement fully interoperable solutions at the neighbourhood level, that improve **energy efficiency** and **integrate local renewable energy sources and excess heat** more effectively.
- A **Positive Energy District (PED)** is an urban area that produces at least as much energy on an annual basis as it consumes.



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7
countries



15
organisations



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PEDvolution

Interoperable solutions to streamline
Positive Energy District evolution
and cross-sectoral integration

ACCOMMODATING THE CONSTANT EVOLUTION OF POSITIVE ENERGY DISTRICTS



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THE OPPORTUNITY

PEDs are the pinnacle of urban energy ecosystems. They can improve energy efficiency, integrate local renewable energy sources and excess heat more effectively and enable interaction with the **energy & non-energy sectors** such as **mobility, ICT and industry**.

A crucial, often neglected fact is that PEDs are in constant **evolution** due to **ever-evolving** changes in their environment, including **social context, legislation, energy market, technologies, energy prices**. As such, there is a strong analogy with the theory of evolution.

Still, the **DNA** of PEDs varies, and the implementation & evolution of different PEDs, as well as their probability of success in the urban energy transition, is determined by **the environment**.

7 INTEROPERABLE SOLUTIONS



PED Design and Planning Toolset



PED Energy Manager



PED Social Innovation tool



PED Readiness Assessment



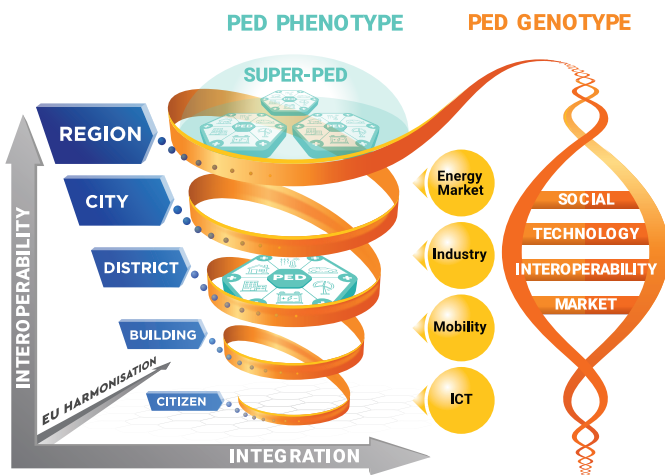
Dynamic Decision Support Guideline for PED Development



Data Exchange, Integration and Interoperability Platform



PED Business Models Innovation Tool



The PEDvolution solutions will design, process, optimise and strengthen the PEDs genotype and/or phenotype.

The **genotype** of a PED is its set of **genetic material**, built through a unique combination of Social-Technology-Interoperability-Market related aspects.

The PED's **phenotype** is the set of **observable characteristics** resulting from the interaction of its genotype with the environment.

SPECIFIC NEEDS

- Improve energy efficiency coupled with a better integration of local renewables and local excess heat sources within the districts.
- Increase citizen participation and integration of consumers and energy communities in the value chain of the energy system.
- Improve cross-sectorial integration on energy and non-energy sectors within PEDs.
- Demonstrate fully interoperable solutions for planning, design, development, and management of PEDs.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increased availability of tools, guides and interoperable solutions for planning, design, development, and management of PEDs.
- Improved integration of energy and non-energy sectors within PEDs.
- Improved integration of PEDs in energy systems and improved contribution of PEDs to energy grid robustness regarding dependencies to energy supplies.
- Increased social entrepreneurship and citizen participation and engagement in energy communities.
- Increased participation of consumers and energy communities in the value chain of the energy system.

TARGET GROUPS

- Energy service providers & Mobility service providers
- Residents / Energy consumers
- Energy prosumers
- PED developers and managers
- PED investors
- Local authorities and City planners
- Policy makers & Standardisation bodies
- Research & Academia
- Specialist media

3 PED CO-DEVELOPER DEMONSTRATORS

Schönbrunn village Wunsiedel, Germany

- In Operation
- 6,709,386.4 m²
- 1,230 residents
- 400 households & 9 businesses
- Relevant PEDvolution Partners: SWW, ZENOB, ESG



Residential neighbourhood, Planina, Kranj, Slovenia

- In planning stage
- 740,000 m²
- 16,000 residents
- 4,300 apartments & 40 businesses
- Relevant PEDvolution Partners: EG, GEK

Gemeinschaft Hard, Winterthur, Switzerland

- In Operation
- 80,000 m²
- 250 residents
- 45 apartments & 40 businesses
- Relevant PEDvolution Partners: WIN, ZHAW

