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D4.3 Development of the educational programme

The first task of this WP covers development of the educational programme for levels 6-7 under the EQF. All modules will consist of basic topics, specification of knowledge, skills and competences to be acquired, time allocation for the lectures and exercises, indication of the examination forms and specification of the necessary training materials, aids and equipment. The programme will be developed in English, with translations in all national languages.

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1. Curriculum

FIT-TO-NZEB

Development of the educational programme

CURRICULUM

WP4 - Training programmes for institutions of higher education
Levels 6-7 under the EQF

<i>Subject</i>	Deliverable 4.1 of the FIT-TO-NZEB Development of the educational programme
<i>Academic hours</i>	1-2 hours lecture + 1-2 hours seminar Total: 60 hours - 30 hrs lectures and 30 hrs seminars
<i>Type of discipline</i>	e-learning tools, facilities for practical demonstration and training, and examination programmes
<i>EQF level</i>	6 - 7
<i>Control and evaluation - ongoing assessment and examination</i>	
<i>Acquired knowledge</i>	advanced and highly specialised knowledge on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The physical properties of the object; (b) Thermal gains and losses of the building; (c) Properties of the building envelope; (d) Passive standards, nZEB; (e) Requirements for the operation and maintenance of buildings; (f) Proposals for energy-saving building measures; (g) The economic efficiency of the design, construction and operation of the building; (h) Principles of building ecology and sustainability.
<i>Acquired skills</i>	General and specific skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To explain the main building physics principles; (b) To carry out a fine tuning to optimize the building envelope, and the building services depending on the climate conditions; (c) To understand passive solar design in different climates – cold, warm, continental; (d) To generate solutions to specific problems related to risks and construction damage; (e) To integrate knowledge from different field; (f) To apply basic methods, tools, materials and information.
<i>Acquired responsibility and autonomy</i>	Self-management and/or management and supervision in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Within the guidelines of work related to the design process of energy saving buildings;

	<p>(b) Manage complex technical or professional activities or projects;</p> <p>(c) For decision-making contributing to professional knowledge and practice in unpredictable work;</p> <p>(d) In recommending measures/actions to optimize the functionality of a defined system;</p> <p>(e) For the proposed/promised benefits;</p> <p>(f) For completion of tasks related to preparation of construction project.</p>
<i>Preliminary requirements</i>	<p>Participants are expected to have basic knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building physics; • Building materials; • Building insulation; • Energy measures; • Energy economy; • Project planning and management.
<i>Exam procedure</i>	Final test and regular practical testing during the seminars.
<i>Technical secure (hardware and software)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White board; • Multimedia facility; • Laptop; • Demonstration models; • Practical training models; • Samples of components and materials, suitable for deep renovation; • Demonstration videos.
Leading lecturers	Lecturers will be nominated per countries.

2. Annotation

The objective of the Fit to NZEB programme is to extend the knowledge in the field of design, building and use of buildings. The programme is divided into 60 hours (30 hours of theoretical lectures and 30 hours of practical seminars) in which 17 topics will be taught.

The programme will focus on the physical properties of materials and buildings, their influence on the energy losses of the building and other parameters influencing the use of energy in the building. The principles of nZEB and passive houses will be further understood. It will contain on expanding knowledge and understanding of the operation and use of buildings, impact of building use on energy consumption, impact on the environment and building life.

One of the topics is introduction to the building physics necessary for understanding the interrelations of the major principles in deep energy renovation (DER), principles of windows orientation, their dimensions and impact on the operation of the building, the shading and ventilation of the building.

Further knowledge on building envelope, especially insulation, thermal bridges and risks, will be expanded. Another part of the programme is focused on the understanding and implementation of the nearly Zero Energy Neighbourhood in deep energy renovation projects, defined as a cluster of residential and/or non-residential units where the overall energy demand is low and is partly met by renewable energy self-produced within the neighbourhood.

Learners will be acquainted with energy-efficient building designs. The national software tools and the national legislation approaches will be used. The proposed energy-saving measures will be evaluated from an economic point of view. Knowledge about the national and international strategic objectives, funding systems and opportunities will be enhanced. Students will be acquainted with the legal regulations and requirements for building specialists and technicians. The end of the programme will extend the knowledge in ecology as a starting point for energy efficiency in building, climate change and CO₂ levels.

3. Distribution of lectures and seminars

Development of the educational programme - schedule of lectures and seminars¹

№	Subject	Academic Hours	
		Lectures	Seminars
1.	<p>Basics of building physics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat and Heating Energy (Heat Flux/Thermal Conduction); • Thermal Comfort. <p>1.1 PH Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 5 passive house Pillars; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermal envelope; • Windows; • Airtightness; • Thermal Bridges; • Mechanical Ventilation System. 	2	2
2.	<p>Optimal solar gains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate data and climate zones; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of shading and solar access to the site; • Climatic conditions using the average annual weather Data or extreme design conditions; • Hourly internal temperatures and comfort conditions; • Extent of daylight penetration and likely illuminance Levels; • Annual, seasonal, monthly, daily or hourly heating and cooling loads; • Peak heating and cooling loads; • Solar radiation and window orientation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction factor for solar gains; • Windows comfort criterion; • Windows U-value calculation; • Windows installation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept sketches; • Glazing; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptions of the glazing; • g-Values (in accordance with EN410); • Special aspects in curtain wall facades; • Shading; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation of shading reduction factors; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Horizontal obstruction factor; ○ Vertical shading factor; ○ Horizontal shading factor; • Additional shading elements; 	2	2

¹ The programme itself will consist of all topics listed in Task 2.3, spread within a general framework of 60 academic hours. The programme will consist of 60 academic hours (30 hours theoretical lectures and 30 hours of practical training). Subtopics are included in the main topics.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A line of deciduous trees; ○ Optimum roof overhangs; ○ Reveal shading on one side; ○ Courtyards; ● Software for calculating shading; ● Temporary shading; ● Cool materials for building envelop; ● Solar Reflectance Index (SRI); ● Thermal mass; ● Mitigation of urban heat islands; ● Green roofs. 		
3.	<p>Building Envelope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thermal insulation; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insulating materials and their properties; ● Hydrothermal and physical properties of materials (thermal conductivity, water vapour diffusion resistance factor, reaction to fire, etc.); ● Unbroken thermal envelope (external, internal insulation; diffusion-impermeable and diffusion-permeable solutions); ● Properties of elements comprising building envelope (U-values, water vapour resistance, fire behaviour on different kind of building envelopes, noise protection, etc.); ● Correct installation of thermal insulation; ● Risks and construction damage resulted from poor workmanship; ● Quality control of thermal insulation; ● Cross-crafting; ● Minimizing thermal bridges; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thermal bridges; ● Moisture related building damage due to thermal bridges; ● Influence of thermal bridges on the heat losses; ● Prevention and minimisation of thermal bridges; ● Thermal bridge optimised window installation; ● Cross-crafting; ● Highly efficient windows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General function of windows; ● General requirements for windows (airtight, thermally insulating (U-value), transparent, possibility of opening and providing shade when necessary); ● Glazing and glazing edge, overview of requirements, g-value; ● Role of windows regarding energy efficiency and comfort (view towards the outside, thermal protection, solar gains, ventilation during day and during night); 	2	2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermal comfort in the buildings and the resultant requirements for windows, temperatures at the window; • Window installation in a thermal bridge minimised/free manner; • Airtight window installation; • Qualitative energy balance of a window. 		
4.	<p>NZEB Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly Zero Energy Neighbourhood - principles and methods for extended building system boundary determination and performance evaluation; • Distributed energy generation regarding the basic of smart grid concept, technologies, and systems; smart grid standards; • Principles and technical characteristics of various distributed energy production technologies; • Impact and benefits of the distributed electrical energy generation grid integration; • Energy Management Systems (EMS) and District Energy Systems; advanced distribution automatization including advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) technologies • Connection of the decentralized production units with the equipment placed inside or on/near the buildings; • Energy user behaviour and pattern of energy use on the overall performance of the nZEB neighbourhood. • Temporal energy match characteristics: load match, grid interaction and fuel switching; • Legal framework for energy management, tariffs and inter-connection and inter-operability of energy systems; • Cooperatives energy management systems and correlation with new business opportunities. 	2	2
5.	<p>Airtightness, vapour and moisture movement, wind-tightness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key psychrometric concepts relating to (1) temperature (dry-bulb, wet-bulb and dew-point) and (2) vapour (relative humidity, humidity ratio and absolute humidity) and ability to interpret a simplified psychrometric chart; • Sources of vapour in dwellings (generated internally and externally); • Vapour pressure and vapour drive in different climates and the optimal location for positioning the vapour control layer (internal, central or external); • Conditions that favour mould growth and condensation; • Understanding the term 'breathable' construction as it related to vapour diffusion; • Sd (or Perm) rating for different materials and best practice use according to different site conditions (vapour closed, vapour permeable / semi-permeable, vapour open and vapour variable); • Metrics used in airtightness testing including air changes per 	2	2

	<p>hour (h-1) as well as air permeability (m³/hr.m²) and targets for deep retrofitting, including 1.0 h-1 for EnerPHit;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands-on airtightness installation at key junctions, penetrations and connections for different construction types and using different materials (membranes, plaster, wooden boards (plywood), tapes, caulks and so forth); • Airtightness testing methods for local code compliance as well as Passive House / EnerPHit (considering pressure differences, testing direction (negative and / or positive), exterior weather conditions (temperature and wind speed)); • Airtightness demonstration test, including volume calculation, identification and fixing of leaks and re-testing; • Wind-tightness and its influence on interior comfort and performance of the insulation layer; • Materials used for achieving wind-tightness; and • Cross-crafting and quality assurance issues, including risks of failure. 		
6.	<p>Building Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of key building services including ventilation, heating, cooling and domestic hot water; • Key air quality indicators including relative humidity and CO₂; • Mechanical ventilation strategies (centralised, de-centralised or hybrid) and methods (extract only or balanced, with heat recovery); • Calculation of supply and extract ventilation rates to ensure high indoor air quality; • Principles of air-to-air heat exchange and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR); • Identification of key components in an MVHR unit (heat exchanger, fans, filters, condensate drain) • Optimal placement of an MVHR unit considering minimisation of thermal bridging from cold air ducts; • Vapour-proof insulation and air-sealing of cold air ducts to MVHR unit and penetration through the thermal envelope; • Duct sizing, materials, routing, air-sealing and consideration of pressure losses; • Supply and extract registers – types, placement, adjustment; • Balancing the MVHR system (including interior registers to ensure meeting designed supply and extract air flow rates as well as ensuring that the flow rates measured externally are within 10% of each other); • Heating generation strategies (boiler, heat-pump, direct-electric, CHP, district heating and others); • Heating distribution strategies (using the ventilation air, hydronic (radiators, underfloor, wall or ceiling panels) or refrigerant); • Cooling (latent and sensible) generation strategies (heat- 	2	2

	<p>pump);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooling (latent and sensible) distribution strategies (using the ventilation air, hydronic (radiators, underfloor, wall or ceiling panels) or refrigerant); • Domestic hot water generation and distribution; • Insulation materials and thicknesses suitable for vessels, ducts and pipes conveying hot and cold water / refrigerant; • Application of insulation materials to pipework, including paying particular attention to awkward connections and junctions (which are typically poorly insulated); and • Drain water heat recovery systems. 		
7.	<p>Conservation of historic building fabric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retrofit for non-residential historical buildings with high IHG; • Improving thermal protection towards the ground when modernising historical buildings; • Solutions for ventilation in retrofits of historical buildings; • Natural light and artificial light; • Thermal comfort in summer; • Barriers to carry out comprehensive energy refurbishments; • The house-in-a-house principle; • Built examples; • Step-by-step Refurbishment Examples. 	2	2
8.	<p>RES in building renovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy sources; • Decentralized versus Centralized renewable energy systems in building; • Long and short-term energy storage; • Autonomous buildings; • Equipment for RES: Smart metering / Control strategies; • Demand response and forecasting. 	2	2
9.	<p>Cost effectiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing methods to assess cost-effectiveness, optimal cost effectiveness; • Sustainable economic development with reference to buildings, long-term benefits of DER and nZEBs; • Relationship between capital costs and costs relating to energy saving measures; • LCCA methods, comparison of renovation measures with respect to cost-effectiveness. 	2	2
10.	<p>Planning and design instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHPP: verified performance; • PHPP: the tool; • Design PH: plugin for 3D modelling. 	2	2
11.	<p>Comfort, health and safety requirements in buildings, incl. indoor air quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for comfort in buildings and healthy indoor climate, including indoor air quality (contaminants and performance 	1	1

	<p>levels), thermal comfort, daylight and lighting, noise, connection to the nearby landscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key-factors influencing indoor comfort during summer: solar loads, air exchange, indoor heat sources, impact of external colours, of thermal insulation and of thermal masses inside the building, automatic calculation tools used to assess shading in summer; • Passive cooling technologies to avoid overheating / to reduce the cooling demand during summer; • Safety requirements in buildings and the compliance ensured during the renovation process: Fire Safety and legal responsibilities in Buildings, Principles of Passive and Active Fire Protection, Environmental regulations affecting building system design and occupancy health and safety, Emergency operations and safety plan 		
12.	<p>Step-by-step retrofit plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for energy savings assessment; • Renovation standards; certification of the energy performance; • Details, products and materials; • Step-by-step retrofit plans; • RES; • Economic efficiency of the different steps, Life-cycle assessment. 	2	2
13.	<p>Energy efficiency and building renovation policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU legislation relevant to energy efficiency policy (EPBD and EED, EcoDesign, “winter package” 2016); • National support programmes for energy efficient renovation; • Requirements to issue energy performance certificate of building and perform energy audit; • Results and recommendations of energy audits of the buildings. 	1	1
14.	<p>Achieving measurable results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy audits; • Energy performance certificates; • Monitoring and evaluation; • International retrofitting standards; • Calculation of economic effective variant; • Calculation of emission factors; • Foot print of CO2. 	2	2
15.	<p>Engaging stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of DER; • Stakeholders groups: demands, needs and requirements; • National and EU policies to support DER; • Financial instruments; • Sources of information. 	1	1

16	<p>Project management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – basic principles; • Planning, executing, monitoring and controlling; • Life-cycle assessment; • Energy efficiency; • Legislation; • Energy management. 	2	2
17.	<p>Ecology and Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient use of resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equipment efficiency; ○ Measuring technologies; ○ Renewable Heating and cooling system (might be an overlapping with chapter Topic 6 – building services and 17 – RES in building renovation); ○ Grey energy; ○ Natural lighting (might be an overlapping with chapter 2 – optimal solar gains); • Water; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low water demand technologies: ultra-low flush toilets; dry toilets (specially country side buildings); ○ Water recycling/reuse concept: grey water; • Waste; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waste recycling; ○ Waste reuse; • Materials; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Degradability; ○ Recyclability; ○ Dismount by material exchange or end of life; • Building and Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport connections; • Bicycle places; • E-Mobility; • Heat island (Green surfaces; green roof); • Climate change. 	1	1
	TOTAL	30	30

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