Presentation of the three approaches, which are implemented in Slovenia for energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy sources (RES) for new construction and energy recovery for older buildings.

- Eco Fund grants and loans
- ENSVET network for energy advice to households
- National Energy Path Slovenia to discover best practices

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## The Effects of Eco Fund's Grants for Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Slovenian Experience

### **E** About Eco Fund, Slovenian Environmental Public Fund

- Public fund specialized for supporting different environmental investments, implements environmental policies
- Key financial instruments to support investments in buildings:
  - o soft loans
  - o non-repayable subsidies (grants)
  - awareness-raising activities; financing of the network ENSVET (professional advice on energy efficiency, free for citizens)

Grants for investments in buildings for households only (in 2011/12 also for municipalities-local authorities) Soft loans: for citizens and legal entities

 Total funds in 2013: € 49.8 million (soft loans: € 29 million; non-repayable subsidies: € 20.8 million)



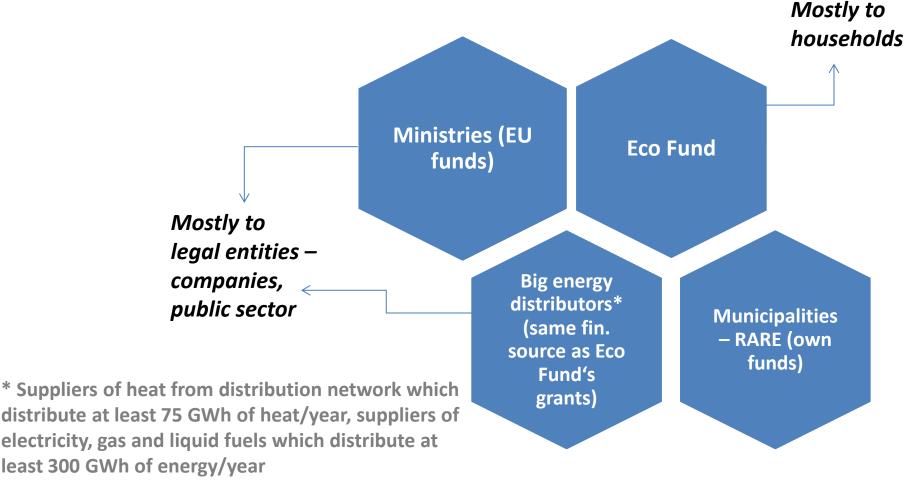






### **About Eco Fund**

 Not the only institution in Slovenia which offers grants for energy efficiency investments in Slovenia





### Problem

- Buildings contribute 40 % of end energy use and cause 1/3 of greenhouse gas emissions
- Mainly for central and water heating; also through the production and use of materials and equipment necessary for construction and refurbishment of buildings



# Solving the problem

- The building sector has the biggest potential for delivering significant and cost-effective GHG emission reductions (United Nations) – goes for refurbishment as well as new buildings – proven policies, technologies and knowledge already exist on the market
- Countries should prioritise the building sector as key to meet their national targets on energy efficiency
- Directive 2006/32/ES; National action plan AN URE (2008-16) -Slovenia should save at least 9 % of end energy use (4,261 GWh) by 2016
- One of the policies to achieve this goal: Eco Fund's nonrepayable subsidies (grants) for different investments in energy efficiency of buildings



# Eco Fund's non-repayable subsidies (grants)

- Financial source for Eco Fund's subsidies for energy efficiency: Regulation on energy savings ensured to final customers (valid until 2014) specifies:
  - Every year energy distributors and Eco Fund have to ensure energy savings in the amount of at least 1 % of energy distributed to the final customers in the previous year
  - Range of eligible investments
  - The amount of fees per unit of distributed electricity, heat and fuel, which have to be collected
- In order to reach the goal, Eco Fund and big energy distributors publish public calls for allocation of grants



# Eligible investments in buildings for which Eco Fund allocated grants under public calls, published in 2012

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Households; investments in single dwelling and two dwelling residential buildings

Households; joint investments of energy reconstruction of three or more dwelling residential buildings Municipalities; buildings for public education

- solar heating system
- wood biomass boiler for central heating
- heat pump
  - first central heating system in the case of first connection to district heating on renewable energy sources
  - replacement of old windows with energy efficient wooden windows
- thermal insulation of the façade
- thermal insulation of the roof
- heat recovery ventilation
- low-energy or passive residential building
  - purchase of individual dwelling in three or more dwelling buildings, constructed or retrofitted in passive standard

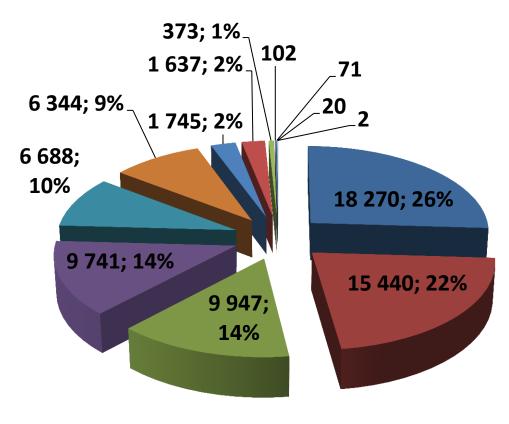
- thermal insulation of the façade
- thermal insulation of the roof
- installation of central heating devices on renewable energy sources
- installation of thermostatic valves and hydraulic balancing
- construction or reconstruction of buildings for public education (schools, kindergartens, libraries etc.) in low-energy or passive standard

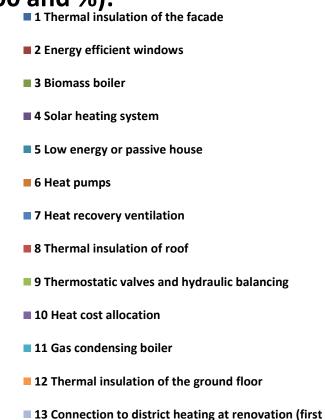
2008 – January 15th 2013:

- € 70.4 million of grants allocated to households for 50,300 investments
- € 5.4 million of grants allocated to 14 municipalities

At least one of Eco Fund's grants was allocated to about 10 % of Slovenian households and to about 8 % of Slovenian municipalities

### Grants to households allocated for (in € 1,000 and %):





system of central heating)



### Abstract of the article

The role of Eco Fund, Slovenian Environmental Public Fund, as a public actor in the process of achieving the goal of energy efficiency and lower emissions in the sector of buildings The case study of Eco Fund has shown that the policy of grants for investments in buildings stimulates investors' decisions which are above standard from energy efficiency perspective and reverses the negative effect of buildings on environment while also stimulating important economic and social goals

Financial instrument in focus: grants which Eco Fund can allocate to households (2008-) and to local authorities (municipalities) (2011-12) for different investments in energy efficiency in buildings

### Positive effects of grants that have been found & discussed

- Sustainable decisions of investors
- Environmental effect
- Grey economy decrease, budget revenues increase, jobs
- Adaptation of the building business in sustainable direction



Encouraged use of strategic materials (wood)



### E Positive effects of grants that have been found & discussed

### **Decisions of investors – the carrot principle**

- A survey shows that Eco Fund's grant encouraged investors to engage in investments which are above average in terms of energy efficiency
- 30 % of investors who received Eco Fund's grant for low-energy or passive house said they would not perform the same investment without the incentive
- Since the incentive for this measure is relatively low vis-a-vis the whole investment costs, it can be concluded that the incentive is even more important for other investors
- Based on the survey, it can be concluded that in the absence of grants, a lot of investors would not engage in the investment in the same scope and some would perform investments which are less energy efficient

### E Positive effects of grants that have been found & discussed

**Environmental effect (lower energy use & CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction)** 

- Investments for which grants were allocated to households until January 15th 2013 (ca. € 70 million for aprox. 50,000 investments) will provide for about 390 GWh/year of lower energy use and 64,000 tons/year of lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Even though the state received less excise duties with regard to less energy sold, the funds which were used for grants are quickly reimbursed in the form of households' energy savings as well as the savings of the state which will use less for solving the emissions problem in the future

### **Budget revenues, employment**

- Grey economy diminishes since formal invoices and proofs of payments have to be presented to Eco Fund
- Grants which have been paid out in 2011 (€ 17.3 million for investments worth € 101 million) have brought budgetary income of at least € 8.6 million and provided work for more than 1,000 workers (does not include the production of relevant materials and equipment)

### E Positive effects of grants that have been found & discussed

# Adaptation of the building business in sustainable direction

- The business adapts to the terms of public calls which require high standards of energy efficiency and develops experience with sustainable buildings, production and services
- Low-energy and passive houses: Eco Fund set the requirements in 2008, in the first years, professional advice was given to investors for free, progress: from nearly zero such houses in 2008 to nearly 500 in 2013 (approx. 160 of these passive)

### Encouraged use of strategic materials (wood)

- Low-energy and passive houses: grant is progressive so it encourages more decisions for natural thermal insulation materials and wooden windows
- Since 2011, Eco Fund's grant for replacement of old windows is allocated only if the new windows are wooden

# **ENSVET network** for energy advice to households



 Energy Advisory Network, ENSVET includes 75 licensed energy advisors working on a parttime basis. Creation of a structured network of independent energy certification assessors. A national network guaranteeing a certain level of quality or that serves as a communication and exchange platform for energy certification assessors.



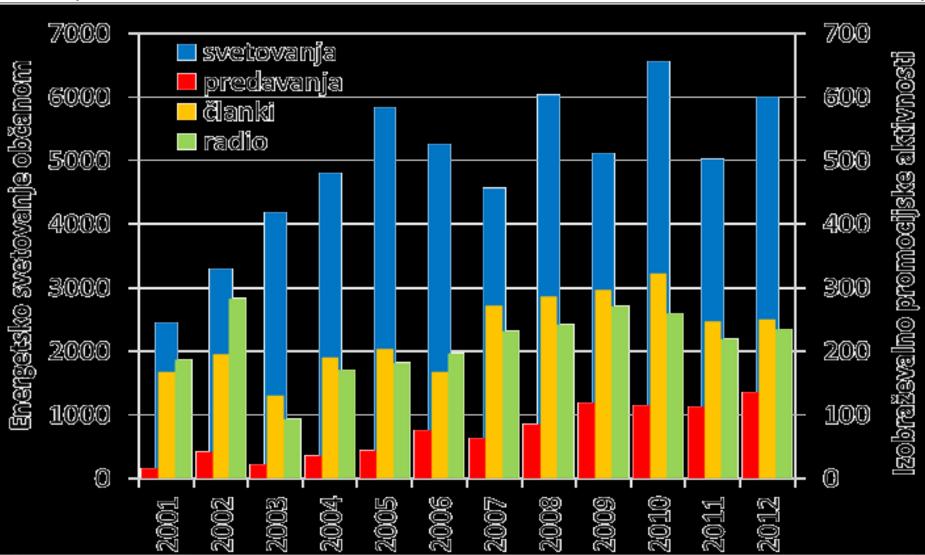
 Energy Advisory Network, ENSVET, has been giving advice since 1991. It includes 35 energy advisory offices at the municipal level (2 million inhabitants). These activities have proven successful throughout the years and there is a visible trend for the final energy consumption for heating in the country to lower. A Slovenian network has been set up on a volunteer basis (there still is no national legislation governing such a network).





### **Our results**







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Slovenian households are spending 21% of primary energy, but the full support of effective decision making for investment and organizational energy measures in new buildings or renovations of residential buildings is missing. Energy advisory network ENSVET satisfies those needs, but not enough. Advice office can not offer the view of the residential building in real situation and can not give real experiences of users. The **view** and **conversation** with the user are two main reasons for NEP Slovenia formation.



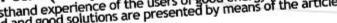
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**NEP Slovenia** is public accessible base of **770** residential, business and public buildings from **Slovenia**. They are describing **more than 1000** efficient use of energy (EUE) and renewable energy sources (RES). There are simple and transparent described good practice examples, intended to private and public investors for thoughtful implementation of quality measures by renovations and reconstructions. Web portal http://nep.vitra.si is an optimal ICT tool for good practice of EUE and RES searching and new household's registration.



## Portal (http://nep.vitra.si) makes decisions easier:

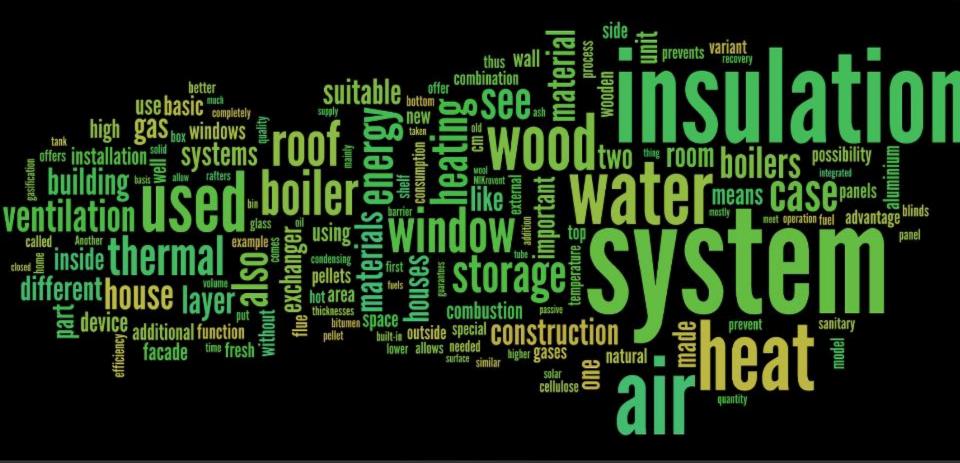
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Thanks to all players

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NEP Slovenija dobila srebrno priznanje za inovacijo Na zaključni slovesnosti sejma inovacij na Gespodarskem razstavišču v Ljubljani ga je 23. 05. 2011 podelila Gospodarska Zbomica Slovenije. Na Vitri smo pomembnega priznanja veseli, zanj pa so zaslužni predvsem lastniki 335 zasebnih in upravniki javnih stavb širom Slovenije. Ti so ključni za uspešno delovanje NEP Slovenija, saj omogočajo oglede dobrih energetskih rešitev v praksi.



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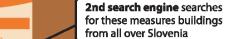
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