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Repentin Thierry, President of the Union Sociale pour l'Habitat

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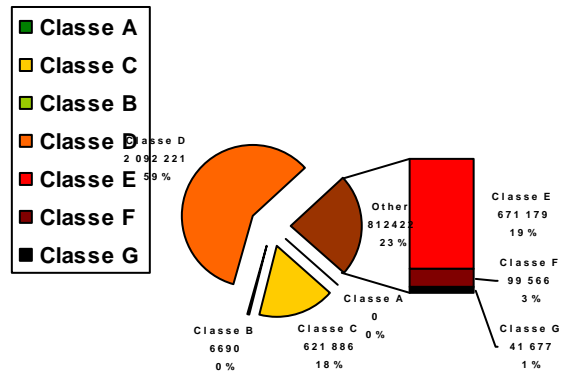
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Pierre Quercy, Managing Director of The Union for Social Habitat

- Contribute to the development of renewable energy

For the thermal renovation of the least energy performant housing, loans with a subsidized interest rate are available. This eco-loan was intended for the category of the least efficient dwellings (Class E, F and G). Since September 2010, it was open to Class D dwellings.

Breakdown of social housing stock by energy performance:



NATIONAL REGULATORY AND POLICY CONTEXT

Social Housing Organizations are key players in the increasing the energy performance of buildings. The Social Housing movement in France has three main objectives on this issue:

- Increasing comfort for tenants
- Reducing the impact of price changes of energy on living costs
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources

As part of the French Environment Strategy termed the 'Grenelle Environment Forum', the Social Housing movement in France is committed to:

- Renovate 800,000 of the least energy performant homes
- Ensure that new homes meet the 50 kWh / m² standard by 2013, already on 1 July 2011 for Urban renovation Programme

OUR ACTIVITIES

On 25 May 2010, as part of a workshop organized by Power House France three roundtables on the theme 'Energy Performance: European added value' were held. Opening the workshop, Pierre Quercy recalled "This is an opportunity for participants to learn and exchange experiences and get informed on the prospects for future EU funding". "The housing sector has a potential demonstration role to play, and may become, at European level, a key sector for ambition, in terms of energy efficiency, economic efficiency, quality of use and collaboration with residents."

In his speech, Pierre Quercy also outlined a possible path for the future of social housing on the European stage and stressed the importance of sharing knowledge with our European counterparts, learning from our experiences and, finally, being sustainable. "

All presentations from the day can be found on the Power House France site:
www.powerhousefrance.com

Power House at the HLM Congress



For the second time now, the platform Power House France HLM was at the conference held in Strasbourg on 28, 29

and 30 September 2010. The conference brings together:

- Delegates representing all the agencies: presidents, directors, technicians
- Members of government, elected officials, major institutions and social and economic partners of the Movement
- Guests regional, national, international,
- Building industry experts, companies, service companies
- Journalists from radio, television, national and regional newspapers and trade press.

This brings to nearly 10,000 the number of people present to Congress.

The Working Group Power House France bringing together "Europe, Energy and Social Housing organization representatives" met three times in 2009 / 2010. The next meeting is scheduled November 30, 2010.

We publish regular reports, brochures, articles on the results of European projects or on the experiences of our counterparts.

Thus, with these events and thanks to good cooperation between France and the Power House project coordinators, more and more members are seeking European experiences to refine their thinking, test innovative methods. For example, some agencies seek BE-

WARE project representatives to training on the involvement of local residents to save energy or ANAH (private park) Power House sought to find out experiments on the fight against fuel poverty.

Partners in Power House

- The Deposit and Consignment Office, public bank, the main funder of social housing in France, especially eco loan supports Power House France through its agreement made with the Social Union for habitat.
- Gas Distribution Networks and France (GRDF) is also a partner in Power House France. The agreement with the Social Union for Housing is being signed.
- EDF has expressed interest in participation.

EXCHANGE

POWER HOUSE France: tools for housing agencies and their partners:

The platform has produced a number of tools to meet the needs of housing agencies:

- Publication of a report "Energy efficiency: Europe supports your project." This report contains a summary of EU energy policies, a presentation of the ERDF measure to improve the energy performance of dwellings, calls on European energy projects of interest to social housing bodies and the results of projects. He was sent to a total of over 1,000 professionals HLM and HLM distributed at the conference in Strasbourg on 28, 29 and 30 September 2010.
- A booklet "Energy performance of social housing, ERDF: mobilization of the movement HLM. This work, done in collaboration with regional associations HLM, assesses progress in the use of the measure ERDF in France for the retrofit. It was broadcast at discharge and sent to the Strasbourg Regional Associations HLM, this tool allows them to communicate with their partners including the local level.

- A website that brings together all the information that we consider useful for housing organizations is online at www.powerhousefrance.com

You can find the Power house France toolkit on-line.

EXCHANGE—LEARNING FROM EUROPE

At our conference May 25, 2010 in Paris, the German members, Austrian, Dutch and English CECODHAS Housing Europe intervened to outline the energy & social housing policy framework in their country.

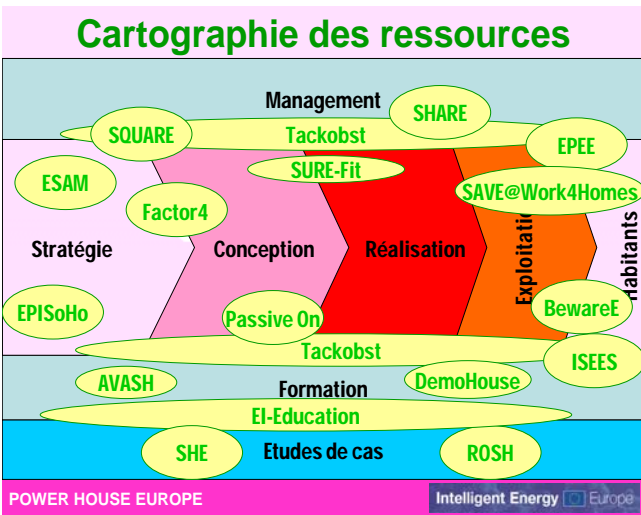
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In collaboration with regional social housing associations, the Social Housing Union has prepared a progress report on the use of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) by housing organisations.

This report shows the ERDF amounts available for retrofit projects by region, 70% of the amounts available in France, the expected performance

improvements, examples of projects supported by the ERDF and the future proposals for the extended use of funds in the post 2013 funding period. The booklet can be downloaded from: <http://www.powerhousefrance.com>



TOOLKIT

After reviewing the outputs of completed Intelligent Energy Europe Funded projects, based on a needs analysis conducted with their members, the Power House France team selected the most useful ones for social housing organisations in France and grouped them according to the planning, construction and use phases of the building.



USH – L'Union Sociale pour l'Habitat

USH– L'Union Sociale pour l'Habitat dedicates its services to the lower income families. The guiding principles of USH are solidarity and housing quality.

Its main activities are construction, acquisition, management and financing of housing, urban planning, city planning and services to the local communities. USH manages 5 million homes for rent and sale and has about 850 members with various legal statutes (public bodies, anonymous societies, cooperatives), but all are non-for-profit organisations.

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THE BIG GREEN HOUSING EXCHANGE

THE PROJECT

POWER HOUSE EUROPE is led by CECODHAS Housing Europe with the support of the European Commission's "Intelligent Energy - Europe" programme, POWER HOUSE EUROPE will serve to accelerate empowerment of residents and up-skilling of professionals working to reduce the carbon footprint of the social housing sector. This will be done by drawing on the existing European pool of know-how and resources and facilitating the exchange of success stories and lessons learned.

POWER HOUSE EUROPE is a gateway to:

- Resources for social and cooperative housing professionals to support the develop their energy efficiency strategies;
- An on-line forum for information and knowledge exchange between professionals in the social housing sector;
- Information on strategies, legal, institutional and financial measures which have proved successful around the EU and the CECODHAS-Housing Europe Energy Policy work;
- Examples of both retrofitting of older properties and low energy new construction, effective partnerships with residents, ICT applications for empowering residents and more;
- Updates on development and policy discussions on EU legislation related to energy efficiency and renewables in housing;
- Updates on EU project funding and structural funds;
- Partnerships between local social and cooperative housing providers;

POWER HOUSE National/Regional platforms which gather enablers of the energy transition from all sectors to work in partnership.