

## Innovation and the post carb perspectives

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# Issues of my presentation

- Why Do We Talk about Post Carbon Perspectives
- What Does Innovation Mean In Post Carb Perspectives
- How Can We Progress Post Carb Perspectives

### EU related projects

- 1. Definition of Post Carbon City from SSH **POCACITO** project
- 2. Anticipatories experiences from SSH MILESECURE-2050 project
- 3. Innovation solutions from ICT Smart City **DIMMER** project
- 4. Future perspectives in SHAPE-ENERGY



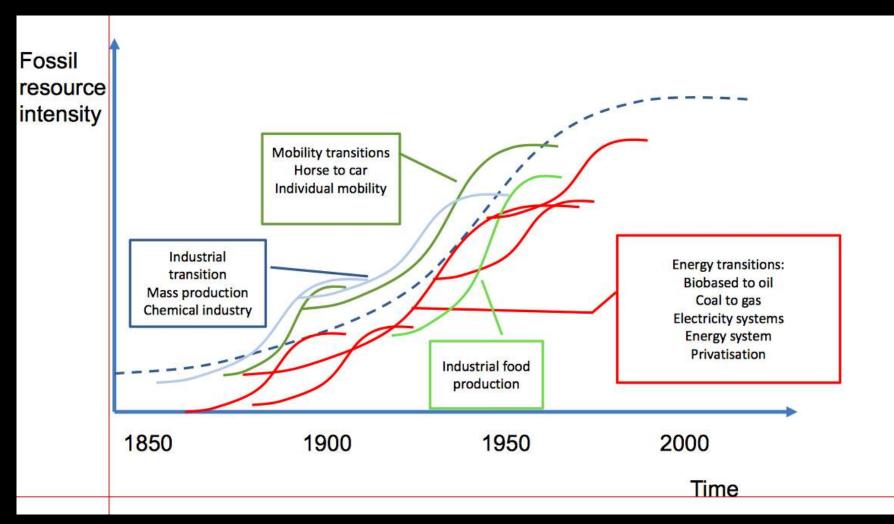
#### **MILESECURE-2050**

Multidimensional impact of low-carbon European strategy on energy security, and socio-economic dimension up to 2050 perspective

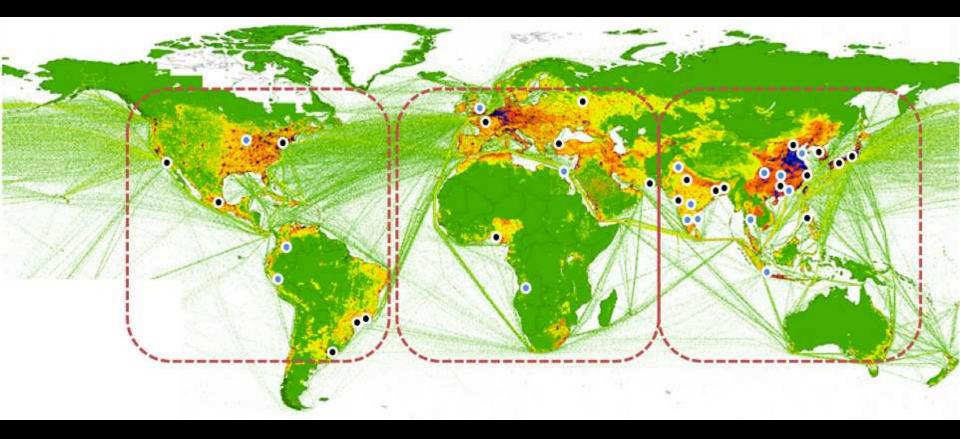




### THE GREAT TRASFORMATION the evolutionary revolution of modernization



## Distribution and intensity of fossil fuel CO2 emission sources



10-km-resolution map from: https://megacities.jpl.nasa.gov/

# **URBAN METABOLISM**

Cities consume:

Cities produce:

75% of natural

resources

67-76% of energy

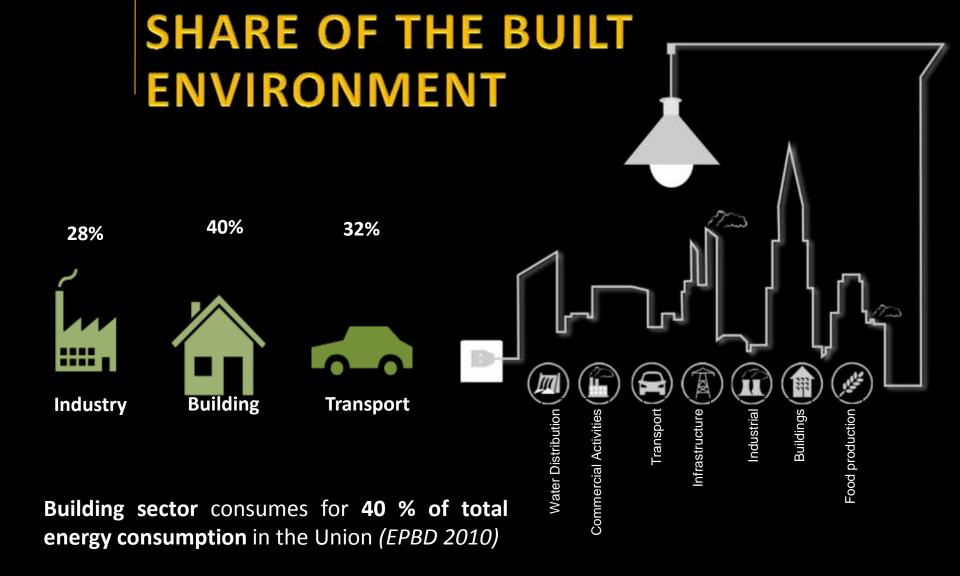
>70% of global GDP

50% of waste

71-76% of energy-

related GHG emissions

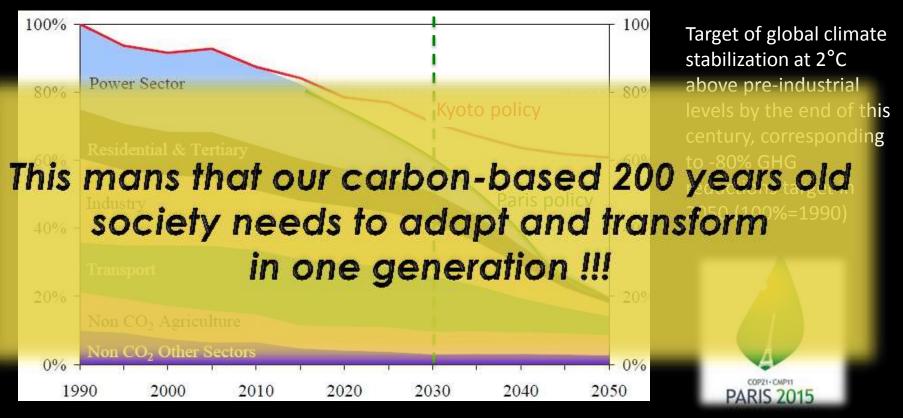
IPCC (2014) Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. UNEP (2012) Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities . United Nations Environmental Programme.



**Households** account for about 289.2 Mtoe (statistics 2012) which means **26.2** % share of final energy consumption (*European Commission 2014*)

# EU ROADMAP 2050

### The European Commission has developed a "Roadmap for moving to a competitive low-carbon economy in 2050" (COM,2011)

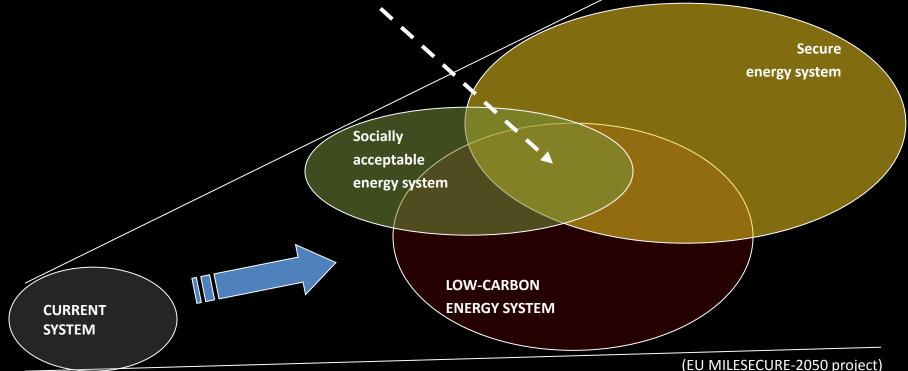


(Source: EC, December 2011)

CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction path agreed upon in Paris (COP21, Dec. 2015).

# **A SOCIETAL PROCESS**

**Low carbon society** has to be considered as a process by nature that it is not the mere result of intentional actions but the product of the interaction of multiple intended and unintended elements (operational, cognitive and pre-cognitive processes), all defining complex **"societal processes**"



### **A NEW TRANSFORMATION** Socio-economic revolution

### **Drivers of modernity**

### Central

Representative democracy Planning and control



### **Emerging drivers**

### Distributed

Panarchy Guidance and facilitation

#### Fossil

Coal, oil, gas Chemical industry



#### Renewable

Wind, solar, biomass Biobased industry

#### Linear

Technological innnovation Efficiency

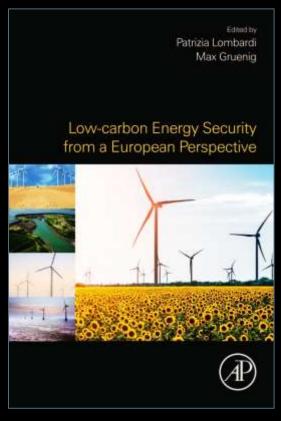


### Circular

System change Social innovation

# **Post Carbon City**

- Emerged from a rupture in the carbondependent urban system that has lead to high levels of anthropogenic greenhouse gases (*pocacito.eu*).
- Emphasis on the transformation process ("post"), shifting paradigms about relationships between energy, climate change and city.
- Cities are understood as complex, adaptive, social-ecological systems, including local ecosystem of inhabitants, companies, public utilities and local governments.





#### Biogas from waste, Peccioli



Energy Island, Samso



Eva Lanxmeer, Culemborg

### **Results from the EU MILESECURE-2050 project** show that energy transition in cities and districts has already taken place in Europe

 Overall databases:
1500 anticipatory experiences (AEs)

- × Check: 440 AEs
- Deep Analysis: 90 AEs

 Different sectors (energy production, mobility, housing, services and industry) City OI cyclists, Copenhagen



#### Superblocks, Vitoria-Gasteiz





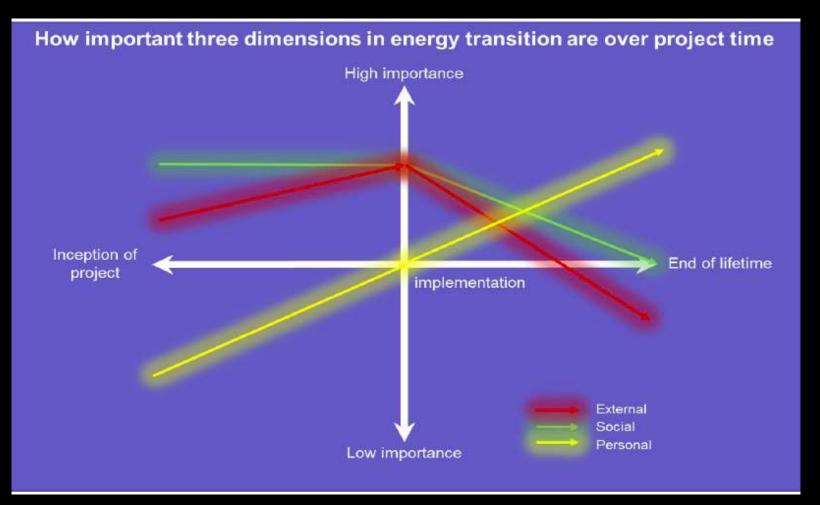


(MILESECURE-2050 WP2)

E	S	Ρ
Market, External, and	Social, Political Movement,	Personal, Cultural, and
Governance Factors	and Grassroots Factors	Site-specific Factors

- External governance and financial instruments (E) help bottom-up initiatives scale to a regional or national level.
  - Need to create governance environments and financial instruments to spread local-scale best practices in energy transformation.
- Social, political movement and grassroots factors (S) is a foundation for smooth energy transition.
  - Policy action should focus on S. (Citizens' orientation to change, engagement in movements and projects at the local level, willingness to pay in part for initiatives)
- Behaviour change and transformation in the Personal dimension (P) are prerequisites for the measurable success of transition.
  - Policies need to support paradigm change and new values

### Relevance of E-S-P factors over time



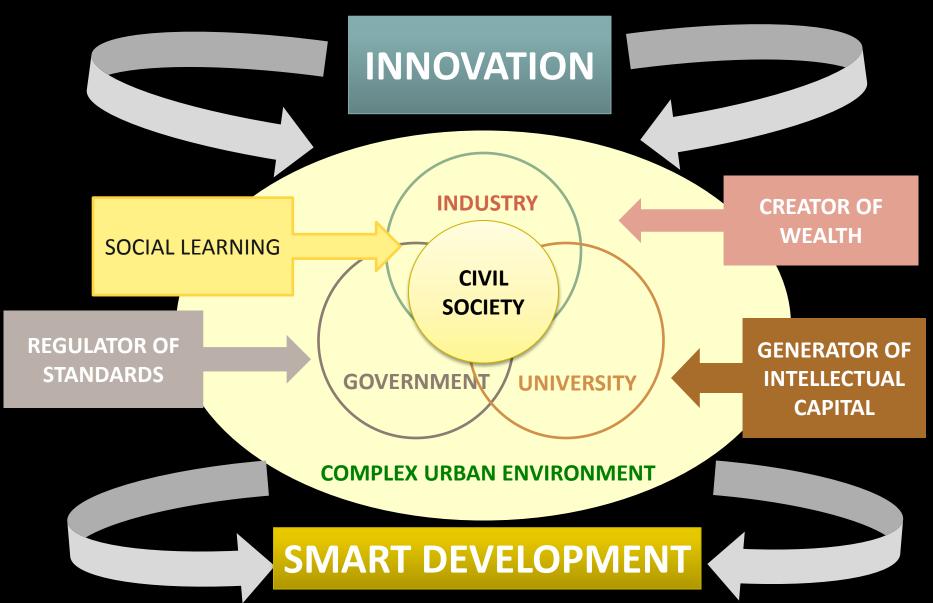
(MILESECURE-2050 D3.1)



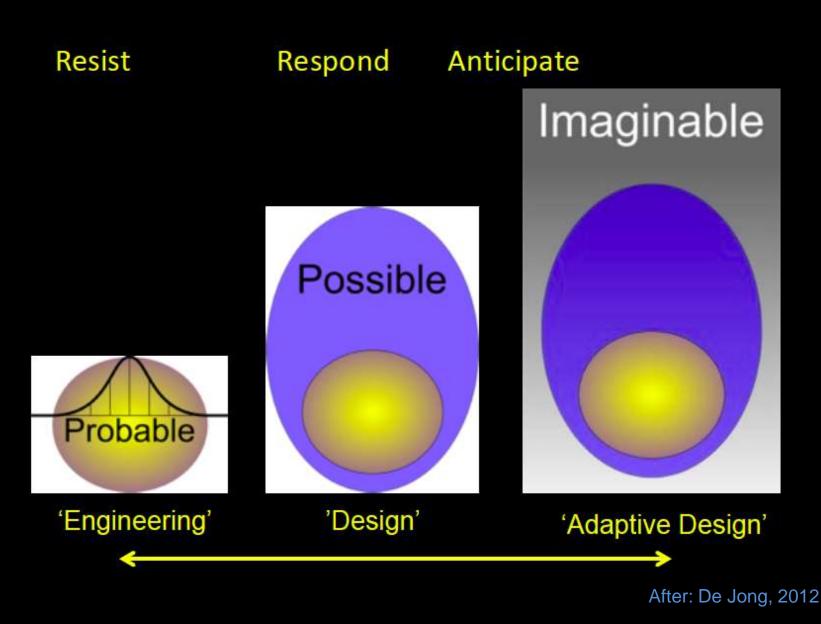
http://www.atelier.net/en/trends/articles/asia-pacific-hosts-innovative-cities-high-investment-potential\_418361

## Innovation is about collaboration

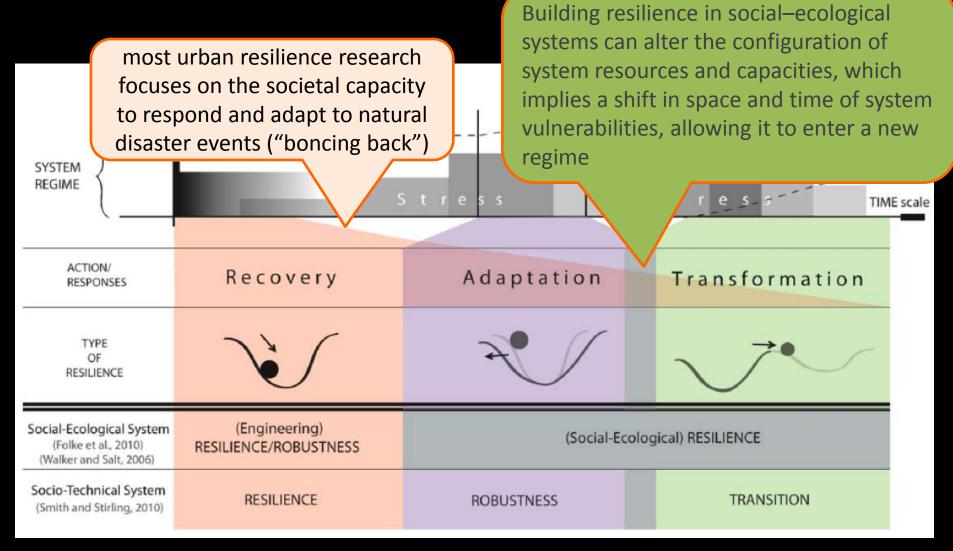
(Etzkowitz, 2003; Leydesdorff 2006)



## Innovation is about anticipation ....



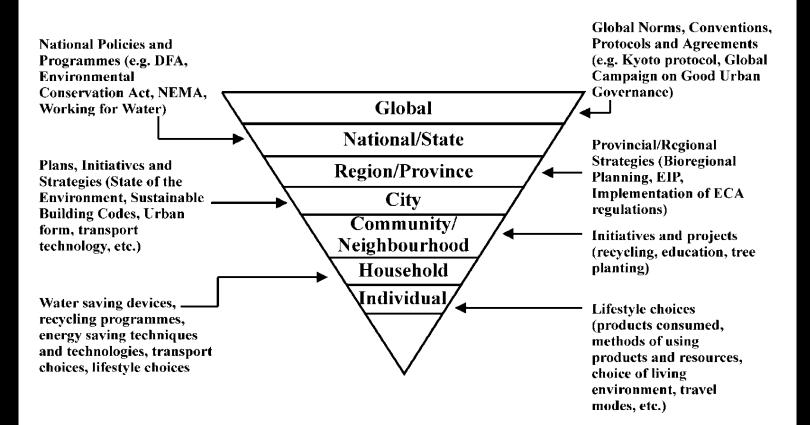
## ... and Building Resilience



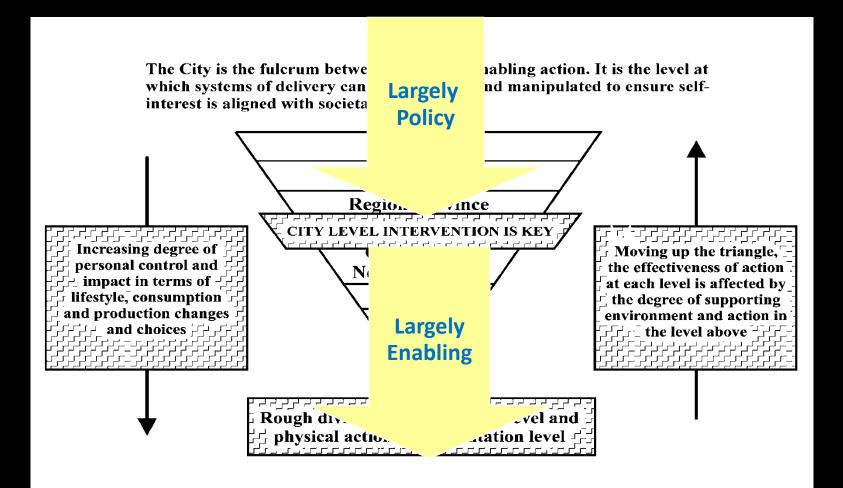
Chelleri and Olazabal (2012)



## Who does own the problem



### How cities can implement this agenda?



(Brandon & Lombardi, 2005)

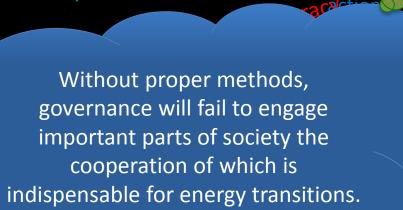
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open-source innovation

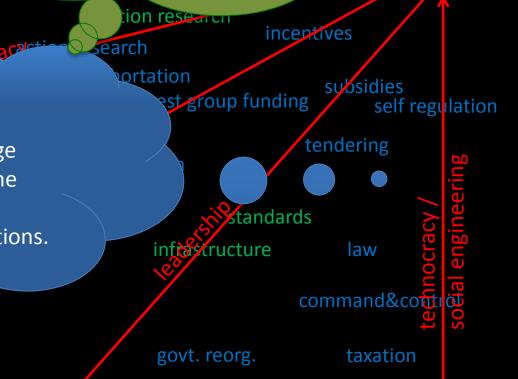
Governance of energy transitions is a matter of coordination across sectors and levels. Governance is a distributed process, which poses important challenges to processes of decision taking, giving account and enrolling actors.

public debate

resolutions, MDGs



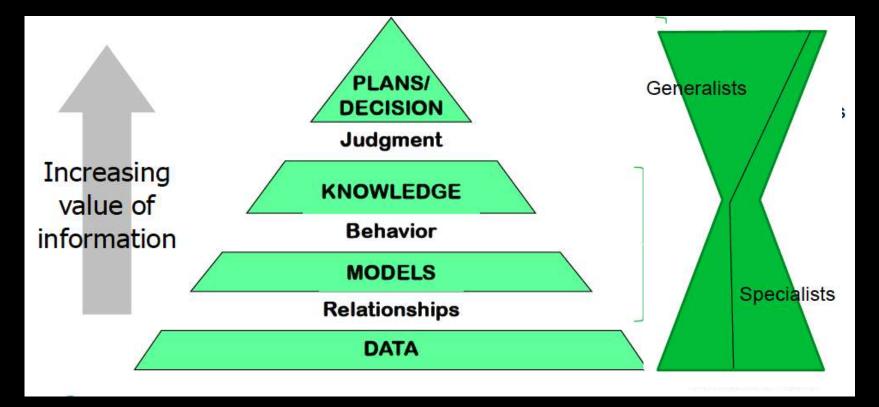
grassroot



coercition/enforcement

(MILESECURE-2050 D5.1)

## Need to incresing value of information



Adapted from Ullman 2010

### NEW SPATIAL DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS (SDSS)

Appropriate approaches or methods to support decisions and empower stakeholders are needed.

Aim: identification and assessment of both the technical and spatial aspects of the built environment.

- To help people involved to get on the "same page" (Vennix, 1996) and to have a collective insight about the issue involved
- To help the actors involved to 'choose in a strategic way rather than at a strategic level' (Friend and Hickling 2005).



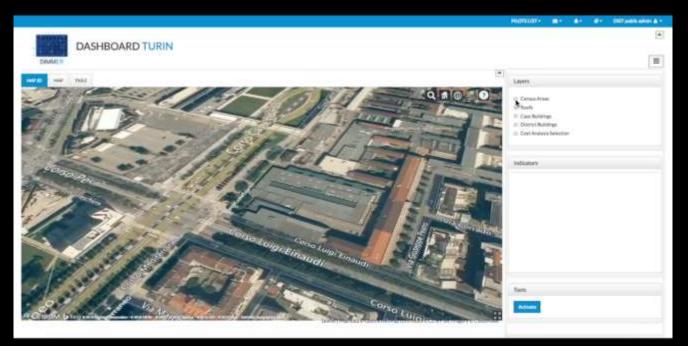


### **Example from The DIMMER project**

District Information Modelling and Management for Energy Reduction



### The DIMMER PROJECT: Dashboard

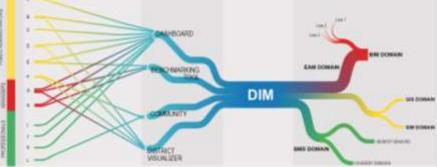


Aim

Monitor district energy data as well as simulate and implement energy management policies at ditrict level

> The maps show the spatial effect of selected criteria to generate "what-if" scenarios



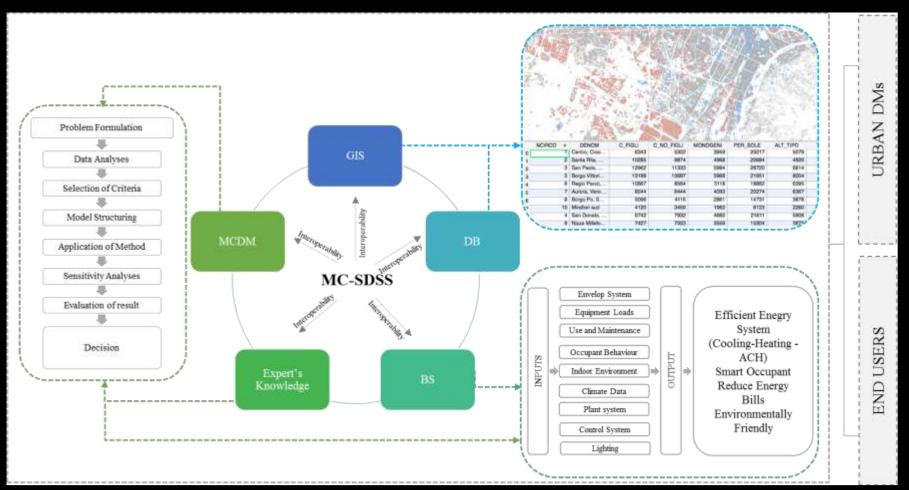


## **Example from the EEB project**

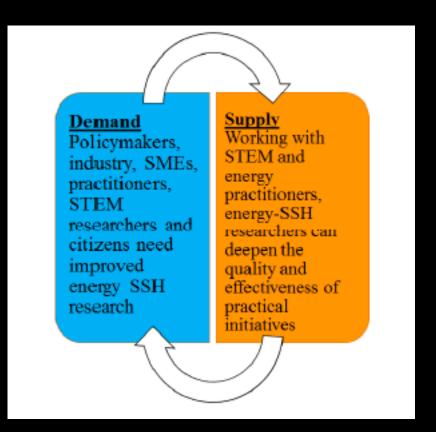


### Zero Energy Buildings in Smart Urban Districts

Integration of Building Simulation (BS), Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) and Geographic Information System (GIS) for developing a new MCA Spatial Decision Support System (MC-SDSS) in urban context



## **Future perspective**



SHAPE-ENERGY "Social Sciences and Humanities for Advancing Policy in European Energy" will develop Europe's expertise in using and applying energy-SSH to accelerate the delivery of Europe's Energy Union Strategy.

# Conclusion

- Cities are a major driver of negative global environmental impacts but have the capacity to generate the potential solutions, given the social innovation they can harness
- For energy transition to work well, it is indispensable to engage citizens and local organizations so as to mobilize local knowledge.
- Visualisation tools and SDSS are useful to support energy transition
- Research in Technical/Energy and Socio-Humanities need to be more effective shared and highlighted.

# Which direction?

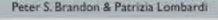




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#### EVALUATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT





Edned by Patrizia Lombardi Max Gruenig

#### Low-carbon Energy Security from a European Perspective





Future Challenges in Evaluating and Managing Sustainable Development in the Built Environment

Edited by Peter Brandon, Patrizia Lombardi and Geoffrey Shen

WILEY Blackwell

2005 (2011)

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