

Stakeholder workshops

Workshops taking place across Low Energy Apartment Futures (LEAF) partner countries to disseminate outputs from project

The LEAF partners are in the process of running a series of national stakeholder workshops. The aim of these workshops is to disseminate and receive feedback on the LEAF [technical](#) and [engagement](#) toolkits and suggested policy recommendations.



LEAF workshop held by the Centre for Sustainable Energy

LEAF partner, the Centre for Sustainable Energy, have already held their workshop which included a presentation of the case study buildings to explore the main challenges and barriers of retrofitting multi-occupancy buildings. There were also a number of external speakers presenting on topics including: a supply chain perspective of current UK funding for buildings of multiple occupancy and a researcher disseminating findings from a study of fuel poverty in this type of dwelling. This was followed by a group exercise to capture common barriers to retrofit and potential suggestions for change.

To date workshops have been held in England and France. Further workshops will follow in Scotland, Germany, Hungary and Austria in the coming months. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops please contact the appropriate partner via the [LEAF website](#).

Feedback from these events will be included in the policy recommendation and evaluation reports which will be available in early 2016. In the meantime the consortium plan to submit a response to the [consultation](#) on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive using experiences from the LEAF project (including feedback from partners and stakeholders).

Recent events



October 2015

Partner Meeting, Vienna

Discussion of evaluation, policy recommendations and dissemination



October 2015

Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing Workshop, Edinburgh

LEAF project and resources were introduced and explained by Changeworks



June 2015

EU Sustainable Energy Week, Brussels

LEAF was presented by Centre for Sustainable Energy to delegates attending speakers corner



Case study spotlight:

Schillgasse, Vienna, Austria

This case study consists of 29 apartments spread across two blocks which are heated by a communal gas boiler. Built in 1974 the building currently has an EPC rating of C, although the actual energy consumption is less than the modelled. The ground floor comprises a car park with the apartments built above. The loft space and the floor between the apartments and the car park are uninsulated, leaving residents in the top and bottom floor apartments exposed to the cold.

Essential maintenance work is required to the roof; which has been damaged by the wind, and the existing wall insulation which has been damaged by woodpeckers. There is also a damp problem. These issues prompted the property managers to get in contact with their local energy advice agency, e7, for guidance on how to proceed.



Building in current condition

Architect's impression

Using the LEAF model a concept was drawn up and the recommended measures: external wall, loft and underfloor insulation, were proposed at a resident's meeting in October 2015. During the meeting residents voted to decide whether or not energy efficiency measures should be included in the maintenance work. A majority of at least 15 owners was needed and this was achieved. Another vote will follow at the end of November 2015 to determine which measures will be installed.

The main barrier to date has been the long payback period of measures (20-25 years), a result of the buildings' low consumption. This has been compounded by the aging demographic of residents who as a result are not keen to invest.

The full LEAF case study report will be published at the end of 2015. In the meantime visit the [LEAF website](#) for more European case studies.

Upcoming events

LEAF will be presented at:

2015

November

- Housing Energy Forum – *Changeworks*

December

- Local Authority Home Energy Forum – *Changeworks*



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