



# One-Stop-Shops to empower citizens: Examples from Bulgaria Gyorgy Sumeghy Habitat for Humanity International on behalf of EnEffect

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Focus: owner occupied multi-apartment buildings -

establish resource centers











# **Project structure**

**Identifying energy poor** 



Empowering and activating the communities of homeowners

Developing/adapting financial tools for low income

Optimizing technical Solutions for EE in MFABs









**Pilot implementation** 



Hungary Budapest Bulgaria

Burgas

Ukraine Odessa

North Macedonia

Karpos & Kavadarci

Lithuania

Kaišiadorys and Tauragė Five pilot cases





# The baseline – national programmes for EE and RES in Bulgaria

National renovation program 2015 – 2016

100% grant, local authorities leading the process, HOA just take decision for participation

National renovation program 12.2022 – 05.2023

100% grant, HOA must provide energy audit and technical passport of the building

• National renovation program 06.2023 – 01.2024

80% grant, HOA must provide energy audit and technical passport of the building and 20% of the project costs

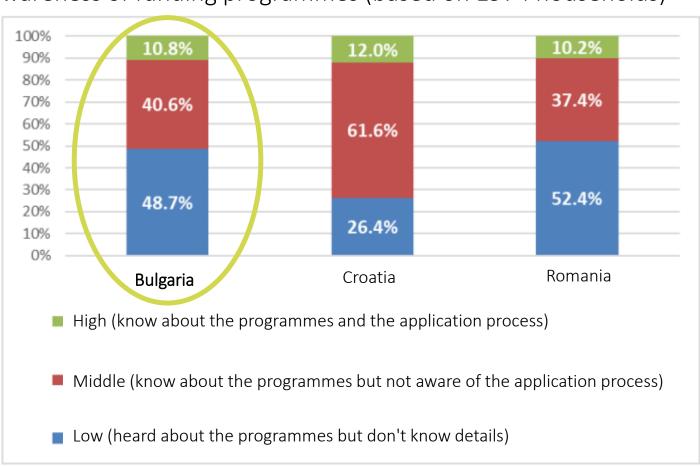
• RES for households 05.2023 – 11.2023

PVs and solar thermal, grant between 70% and 100%



## The baseline

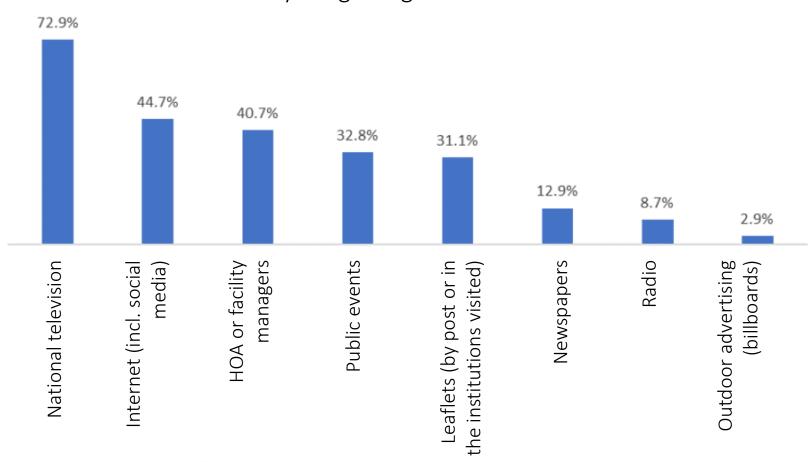
Level of awareness of funding programmes (based on 1974 households)





# The baseline







# **OSS** in Burgas

*Name OSS*: Energy office Burgas

**Local Authority**: Burgas Municipality

<u>Structure:</u> LA provides an in-person service point for the HOAs and individuals to support them in the whole renovation process and provide them consultation. The office in entirely owned by the municipality.

### <u> Statistics (12.2022 – 08.2023):</u>

- ❖ Total number of visitors + phone calls ~ 3200 people
- ❖ Renovation ~ 2350 people
- ❖ RES ~ 450 inquiries + consultation
- ❖ Old stoves replacement ~ 600 enquiries

<u>Achievements:</u> 213 projects to a total amount of  $^{\sim}$  BGN 460 mln submitted (BGN 80 mln limit set for the municipality)



# **OSS** in Burgas







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# **OSS in Gabrovo**

*Name OSS*: Energy Center Gabrovo

**Local Authority**: Gabrovo Municipality

<u>Structure:</u> The OSS belongs to the municipality. It provides both online and offline consultations and it situated in the building of the municipality.

<u>Statistics (02.2022 – 05.2023):</u>

- ~ 1500 people reached
- ~ 400 individual consultations
- ~ 200 buildings (8000 households)

Achievements: 84 projects submitted (resources available for 20 buildings)



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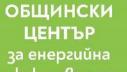
























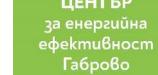














# **Lessons learned**

In order for the centres to function actively, it is necessary to have working financial schemes. In addition to free advice, citizens are also looking for funds to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.

Business and industry are aware of the financial schemes and can afford technical consultations, OSSs should be primarily citizen oriented.

# Thank you!

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