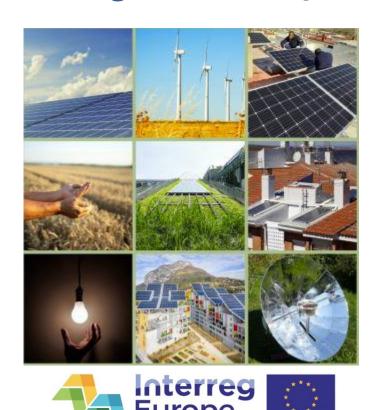




POWERTY

Renewable energies for vulnerable groups

STUDY VISIT N° 6 PV WITH BATERIES IN SOCIAL BUILDINGS Plovdiv (Bulgaria) – 14 of June 2022



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1. INTRODUCTION

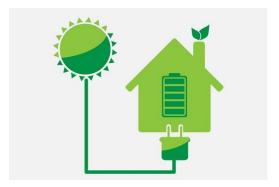
In the framework of the <u>exchange of experiences meeting of the POWERTY project</u> held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 13th and 14th June 2022, the Energy Agency of Plovdiv (EAP), as hosting partner of the meeting, organised a **study visit in Plovdiv** which was also attended by all partners.

Recent sharp rise of energy prices is putting tension of buildings with high concentration of vulnerable consumers, such as the social housing sector. Most of ongoing practises in Bulgaria related to the support of the most vulnerable groups are limited to the provision of short-term financial support without focusing on sustainability matters.

There is an urgent need to establish innovative practises and protect end users through renewable energy. Photovoltaic (PV) and battery energy storage (BESS) hybrids are a key technology option for realizing a sustainable energy supply, as such systems are providing competitive renewable power to cover building needs. Such hybrids are enabling significant increase of the building's energy self-consumption and self-sufficiency by storing the surplus energy for use during hours with no PV generation.

To demonstrate the viability of such technology the **EAP implemented a total of 3 PV + BESS** with a total installed power of 26 kWp and 82 kWh of storage capacity within three building with social purpose. The practice demonstrates a model where self-sufficiency increases considerably when battery storage is connected, enhancing prosumer`s autonomy, especially in off-heating season. Thus, any user of such technology can achieve significant cuts of electricity consumption and CO₂ emissions, especially in months with high solar radiation. At the end, this is a prerequisite for reducing to minimum the risk of energy vulnerability.

The objective of the study visit was to learn more about the specifities of the good practise developed within the POWERTY Pilot Action, namely <u>3 hybrid systems</u> consisted of Photovoltaics and Battery Energy Storage systyms there were implemneted within 3 social building owened by the Municipality of Plovdiv.







2. DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The POWERTY Pilot Action tested the impact of innovative hybrid of PV plus Battery Energy Storage System (PV+BESS) within 3 social buildings. The practise is seen as a possible solution pilot buildings (consumers) to achieve significant share of renewable self-consumption and self-sufficiency.

Thus, on 14.06.2022 project partners were able to visit two of the three pilots that were developed within the POWERTY course of action. The pilots were implement in the city of Ploydiv.



During the event the project promoter explained in details all phases needed for the implementation of such pratises, as well as the building specifities that were analysed in order to calculate the proper sizes and capacities of the PVs and the BESS.



A speciall attention was put on the **Agreement that was reached with the Municipality of Plovdiv**, who are the owners of the buildings and the social housing operator that is taking care for the building`s matainance.

The process included detailed explanation on how from a list of total 7 social building we picked up the three of them that fit to POWERTY Pilot Action circumstance. In more concrete, the buildings selection methodology was explained given POWERTY budget limitations and to achieve maximun impact.





The different analyses taking place were also described, such as the daily and hourly load patterns were studied for each building.

Bulding specifities were also mentioned, such as roof and wall insulation and the efficient heating system, which is place and how we are actually transforming a very efficient building into nearly zero energy building.

3. TECHNICAL DATA

In total 35.8 kWp PV capacity an 81,2 kWh of BESS were implemented, as follows:



• Building 1:

Installed power 10 kWp and battery capacity 34.80 kWh.

Building 2:

Installed power 10 kWp and battery capacity 34.80 kWh.

Building 3:

Installed power 5.8 kWp and battery capacity 11.60 kWh.

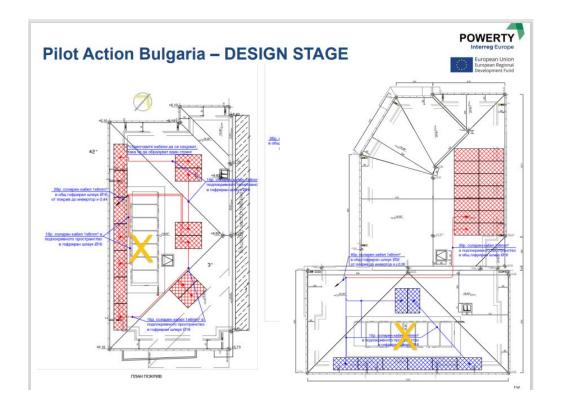
Due to lack of enough resources in POWERTY a concept for upgrading the system has been implemented through implementation of **additional batteries** within 2 of the buildings -3×5.8 kWh BESS to be funded by the Municipality of Plovdiv.











Pilot Action Bulgaria – estimated IMPACT



B1: PV power generated 14,7 MWh

- direct consumption & BESS 12.1
 MWh
- · Excess to the gird 2.6 MWh
- ~ 30 % of self-sufficiency

B2: PV power generated 14,7 MWh

- direct consumption & BESS 12.1
 MWh
- · Excess to the gird 2.6 MWh
- · ~ 30 % of self-sufficiency

B3: PV power generated 8.5 MWEH. OT MPERATA • direct consumption & BESS 6.1 MWH9

- Excess to the gird 2.4 MWh
- ~ 22 % of self-sufficiency

SELF-SUFFICIENCY SHARE







Hybrid of PV plus Battery Energy Storage System in social housing Power 7,000 W 6,000 W 5,000 W 4,000 W 3,000 W 2,000 W 1,000 W 0 W 00:00 01:05 02:10 03:15 04:20 05:25 06:30 07:35 08:40 09:45 10:50 11:55 13:00 14:05 Daily Yield Monthly Yield 30 40.20kWh 40.20kWh CO2 Reduction 40.20kWh 0 40.08 kg

Additional **estimated impact** from implementation of the practice:

- Social buildings with reduced electricity costs 3.
- Renewable energy produced 37.65 MWh/year.
- Self-consumed renewable energy 30.35 MWh/year ~ 80 % of selfconsumed RE.
- Excess power 7.3 MWh/year.
- CO₂ avoided 30.83 t/year.
- Potential direct financial savings 6,980 €/year / 230 €/ MWh.
- Further profit from excess power 670 €/year / 92 €/ MWh.
- Total savings 7,650 €/year
- Investment €55,100 without VAT (€ 6,500 funding of the Municipality).
- Payback 7.2 years.





Pilot Action Bulgaria – FINANCIAL IMPACT Total financial savings € 7650 without VAT / year. Investment 55,100 without VAT (€ 6500 funding of the Municipality) Payback period 7.2 years. Financial benefits Total Total Total Total Total Total Total Total Total Total

4. CONCLUSSIONS

Through PV+BESS hybrids end users can achieve significant share of self-sufficiency, especially notable during the off-heating season and months with high solar radiation. Such type of technical solutions has multi benefits - they generate renewable energy, while cutting onside CO₂ emissions and decreasing electricity costs. The produced power is stored locally to be used during off-sun hours. Battery storage (BESS) can also have other applications in a power network through the provision of ancillary services.

Thus, such hybrids may also maximise profit, while reducing energy poverty and achieving improved access to the energy market. This establishes the practise as a viable tool in policy making. Hybrids between PV+BESS should be included be integrated into the legislation related to energy poverty and vulnerability and used by policy makers.

To facilitate the use of BESS alongside PVs new policy schemes should be adapted promoting an increased self-sufficiency.





5. ANNEX

The slides (in ppt) presented by EAP, as well as photos from the study visit, are included as part of the Annex to this report and can be downloaded at the following link:

http://soporte.agenciaandaluzadelaenergia.es/owncloud/index.php/s/R1TJzCbjmTzWrB7

Press realeases:

• 29/09/2021 – Energy Magazine of the Bulgarian Transmission System Operator - Article on "Good practices and regulatory policy aimed at energy vulnerable consumers" highlighting the good practice (the POWERTY pilot action) do be developed in Plovdiv (Link to the article in Bulgarian).





• 29/09/2021 – Focus News - Announcement of the new issue of the magazine "Energy - Electricity perspectives" - Successful solutions to achieve the EU's green goals (Link to the article in Bulgarian).





- 29/09/2021 Publics.bg Announcement of the new issue of the magazine "Energy - Electricity perspectives" - Successful solutions to achieve the EU's green goals (Link to the article in Bulgarian).
- 29/09/2021 Energy, Ecology, Economy Announcement of the new issue of the magazine "Energy Electricity perspectives" Successful solutions to achieve the EU's green goals (Link to the article in Bulgarian).
- 02/10/2021 Energy, Ecology, Economy <u>What is the role of innovative</u> renewable energy technologies and projects to overcome energy poverty? (Link to the article in Bulgarian).