

Innovation in early planning and design for energy efficient retrofitting



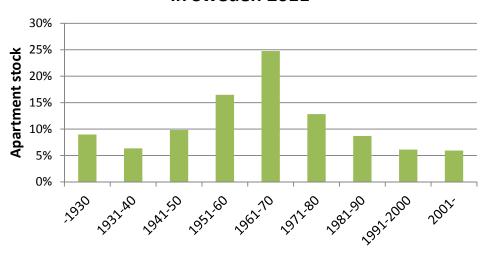
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Background

Building year of the apartment stock in Sweden 2011



Statistiska centralbyrån, 2013

- Many Swedish/European apartment buildings are from the post war era
- They are 40-60 year old today
- Extensive renovation needed
- Wet areas, pipes, electricity, ventilation, windows, balconies, facades...



Renovation barriers

- Financial hinders, large investment costs
- Operation and maintenance costs increase due to old materials/installations
- Can lead to socio-economic segregation
- Often isolated renovation measures based on short-term strategies
- May hinder future renovations



Voiron – Before renovation Foto: E2ReBuild



Renovation opportunitets

- See the life cycle profitability!
- Energy and operation savings helps funding the investment cost
- More attractive building and surroundings
- Social benefits for the tenants
- Added rentable area
- Possible rental increase
- Replication potential



Voiron - During renovation

Foto: E2ReBuild



Objectives

- Create innovative decision criteria for energy efficient renovation (energy goal of 30-50 kWh/m², year delivered energy for heating, hot water and ventilation)
- Identify successful renovation strategies
- Evaluate and spread the on-going work with the Retrofit Advisor a new easy-to-use decision tool for property owners in early stage



Method

- Evaluation of the seven demonstration buildings
- Questionnaires sent to demonstration leaders
 - Location, construction, before energy use, ownership structure, costs
- Before facts, before energy (energy bills)
- Demo facts, demo energy (calculation results)
- Socio-architectural benefits for tenants

Evaluation and national adaption of The Retrofit Advisor



Evaluation of renovation measures

Envelope improvements

- Prefabricated façade elements (4)
- Additional external insulation in façade (2)
- New windows (5)
- Additional insulation in roof (7)
- Additional insulation in floor (5)
- Improved air tightness (5)



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Evaluation of renovation measures

Heating and ventilation improvements

- District/central heating (2)
- Improved heating supply system (4)
- Heat pump (air-water) (1)
- Mechanical return air (1)
- Mechanical return/supply air with heat exchanger (3)
- Window supply (trickle vents) (1)



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Evaluation of renovation measures

Renewable energy

- Solar thermal energy (4)
- Heat pump (air-to-water) (1)

Additional improvements

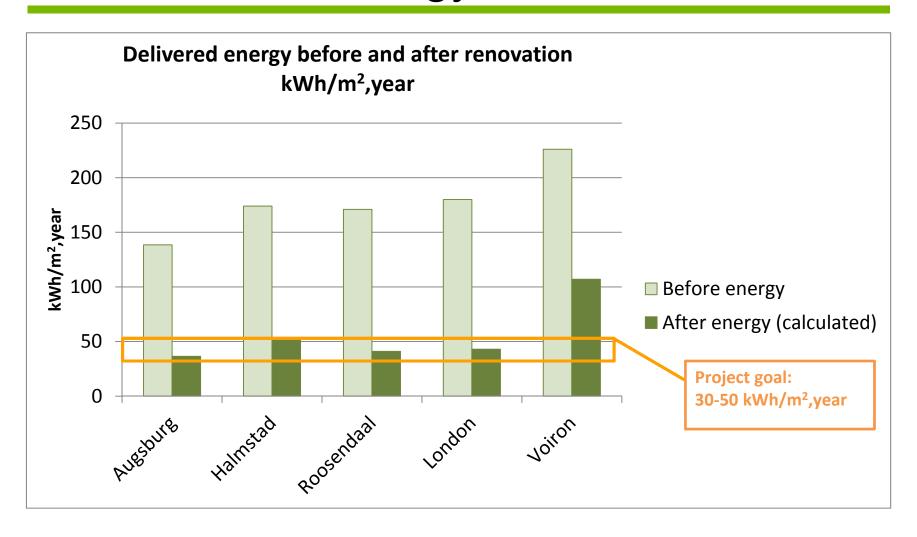
- New wet areas/kitchens (3)
- Added rental space (3)



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Evaluation of energy use

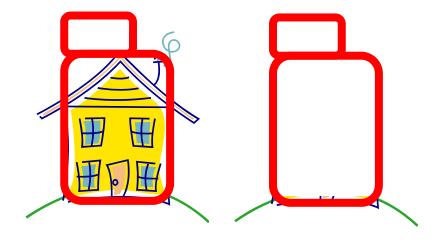




Early stage decision



- Actual state/repair
- Partial renovation/repair
- Comprehensive renovation
- New construction





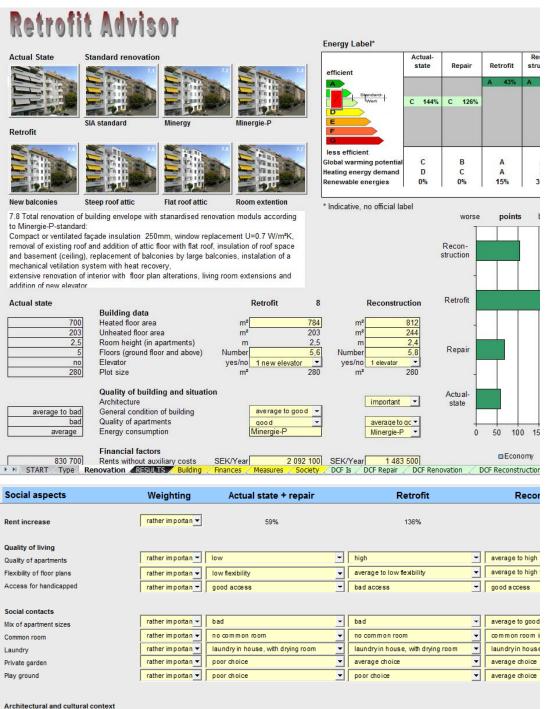
The Retrofit Advisor



- Excel-based online tool for building owners
- Empa 2007,beta version 2011final version 2014
- Ecological data from Ecoinvent
- Investment and operation costs
- Social aspects

Step by step

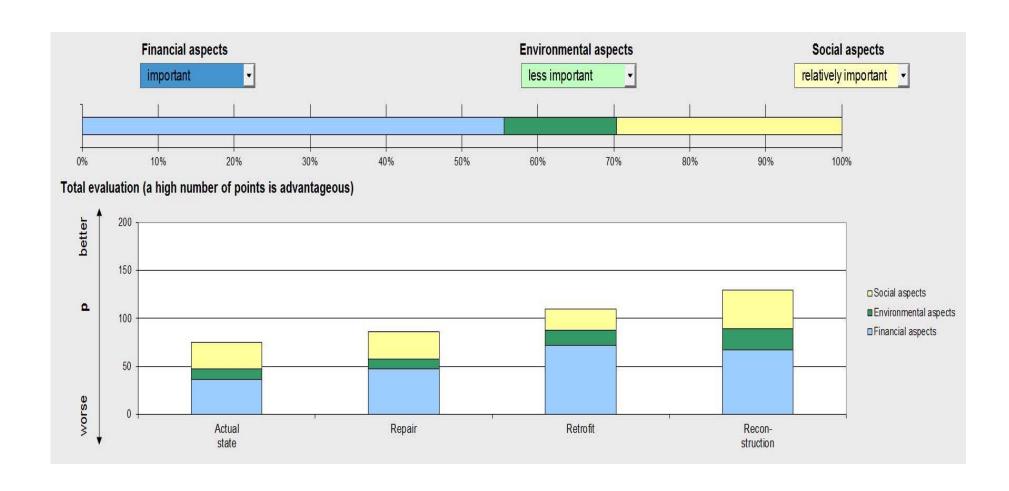
- 1. General "before data"
- 2. Financial key figures
- 3. Desired renovation level
- 4. Social aspects questionnaire
- 5. Potential energy savings are given
- 6. Final total evaluation



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Total evaluation





Discussion

- Further development of the Retrofit Advisor
- Innovative and thorough programme
- The Retrofit Advisor as an easy-to-use decision tool?
- How reliable is a Life Cycle Analysis?
- Does the building owner care about social aspects or is it all about the money?