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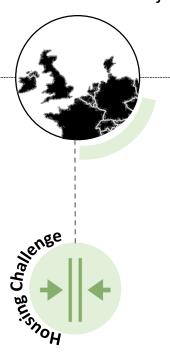


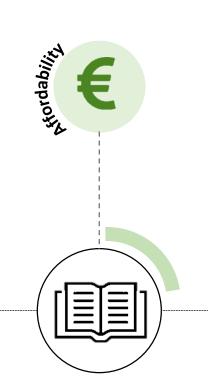
Feasibility and Market Potential of H4.0E Small, (Near) Zero-Energy Dwellings

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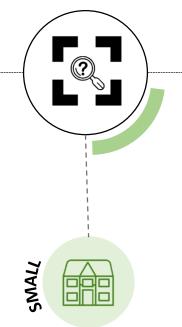
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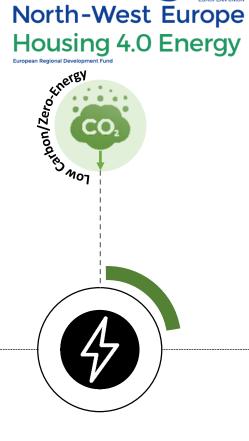
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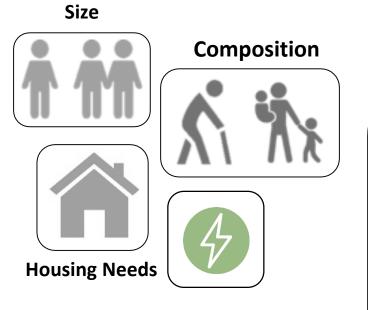
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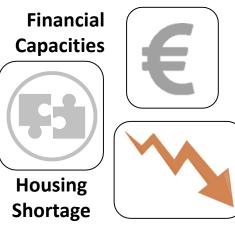
H4.0E: Affordable and Sustainable Housing through Digitization

Why?





H4.0E Contextual Background



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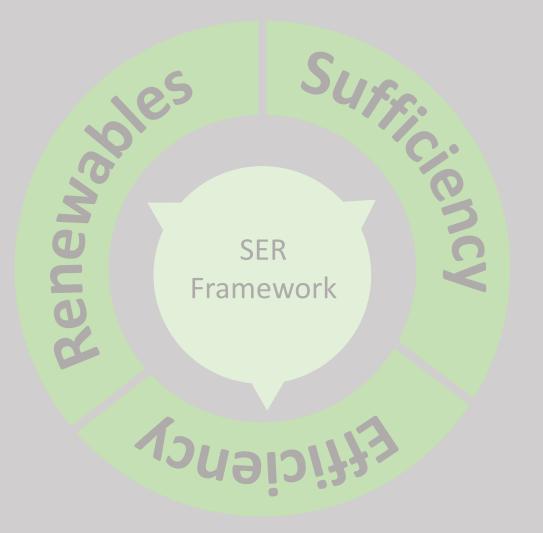
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Evidence of observed impacts, projected risks, levels and trends in vulnerability, and adaptation limits, demonstrate that worldwide **climate** resilient development **action is more URGENT than previously assessed** in AR5.



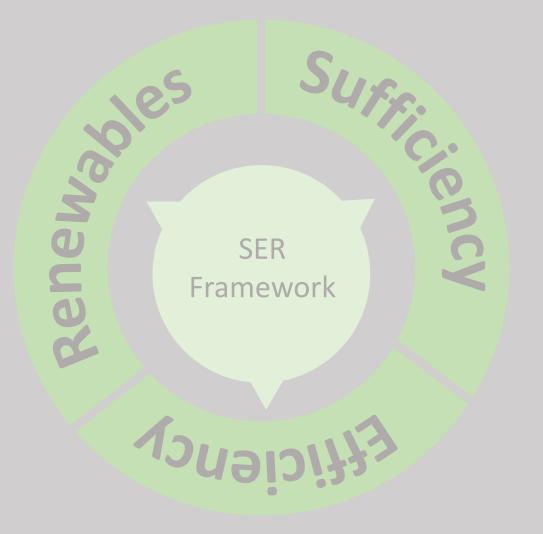


avoiding the demand for [...] natural resources while delivering **a decent living standard** [...].



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Sufficiency interventions in buildings include adjusting the size of buildings to the evolving needs of households by downsizing dwellings. What?

H4.0E Aim

Enable a significant switch of small households in NWE to new, affordable, zero-energy homes, leading to an extensive reduction of housing related CO₂ emissions.



H4.0E Objectives



REDUCE both costs and carbon emissions.



ASSESS the selection of techniques, materials and methods.

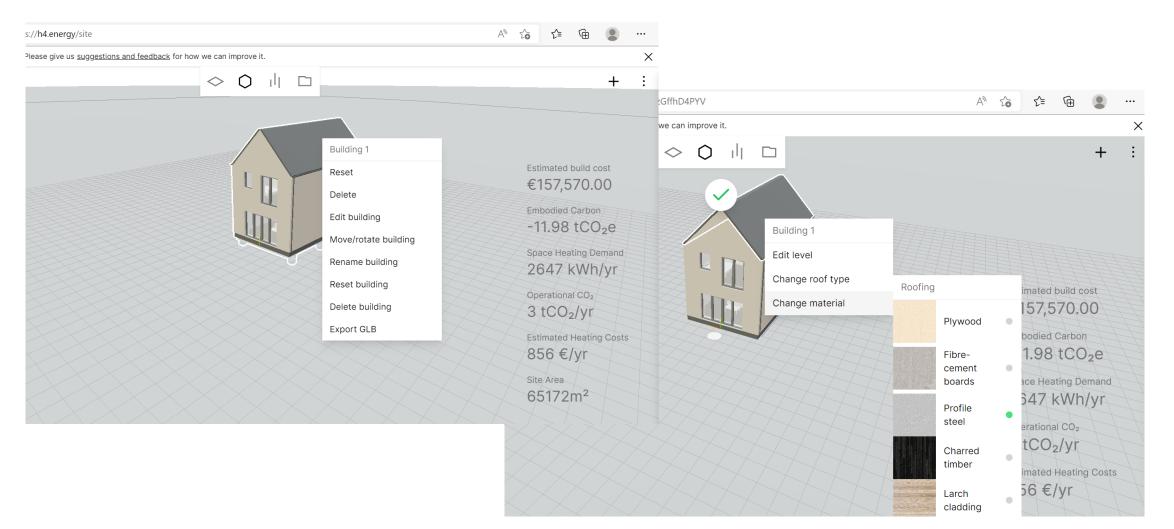


ENABLE an easy and affordable replicability through a digital platform.

Interreg How? North-West Europe Housing 4.0 Energy H4.0E Pilots & Partners SouthWest College 27 Dwellings Open Systems Lab Detached, Semi-detached Middle-income Ownership **Private Sector** Self-build 6 Dwellings Detached, Semi-detached, Low-income Gemeente Almere Social Letting Agency waiting list Rental KAMPC Private Sector, partially subsidized **T**UDelft 12 Dwellings Detached, Semi-detached, Apartment Thoma Low-income Social Housing Waiting list VLAAMS-Rental BRABANT Social Housing sector 10 Tech

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Market Supply: Barriers to Implementation and Uptake



The decarbonisation of buildings is constrained by multiple barriers and obstacles [...].

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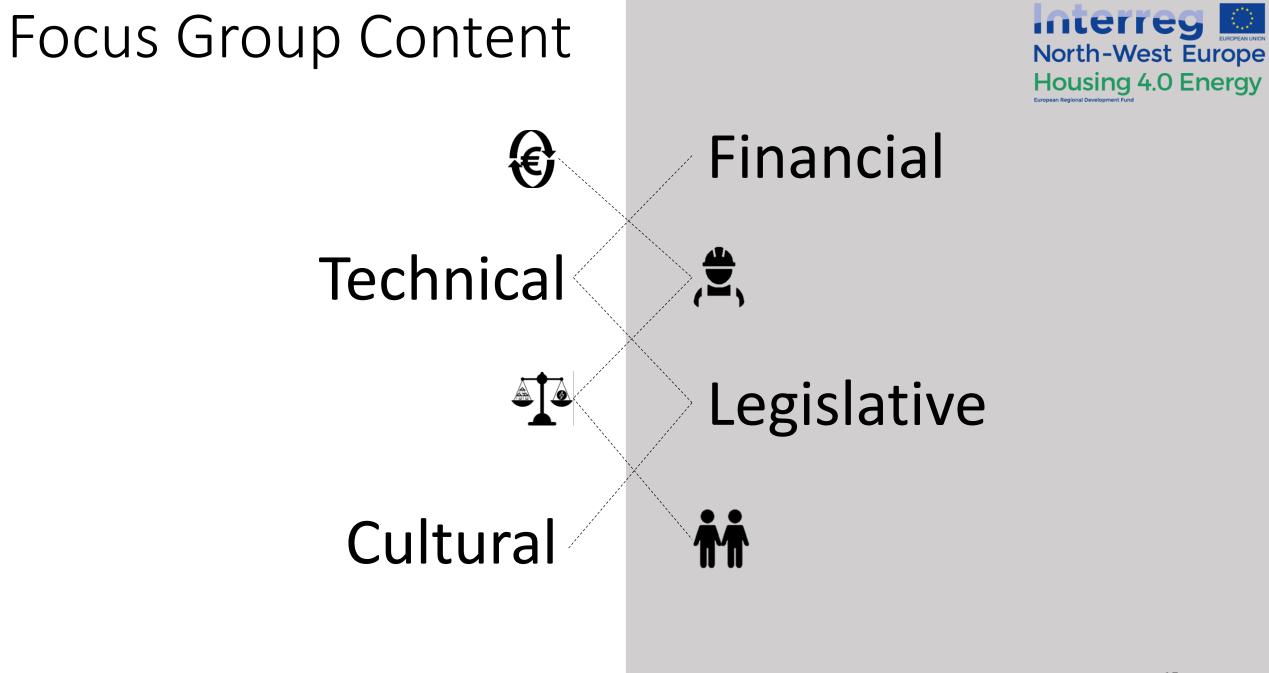
Institutional Context





METHOD

Focus group discussions



Institutional Context





METHOD

Semi-structured Interviews

GENERAL





CONTEXT SPECIFIC

Context Specific Barriers





Netherlands



Belgium



Ireland

Kesidual counting

Land price determination based on market value and residual counting: most cost savings from self-building go into the residual land price

Testing period

Long periods of testing and development for national building regulations for future concepts and upscaling*

× Number of dwellings per plot

Often it is limited to one house per a relatively large plot which was perceived to discourage the uptake of smaller dwellings

X Restrictive building regulations

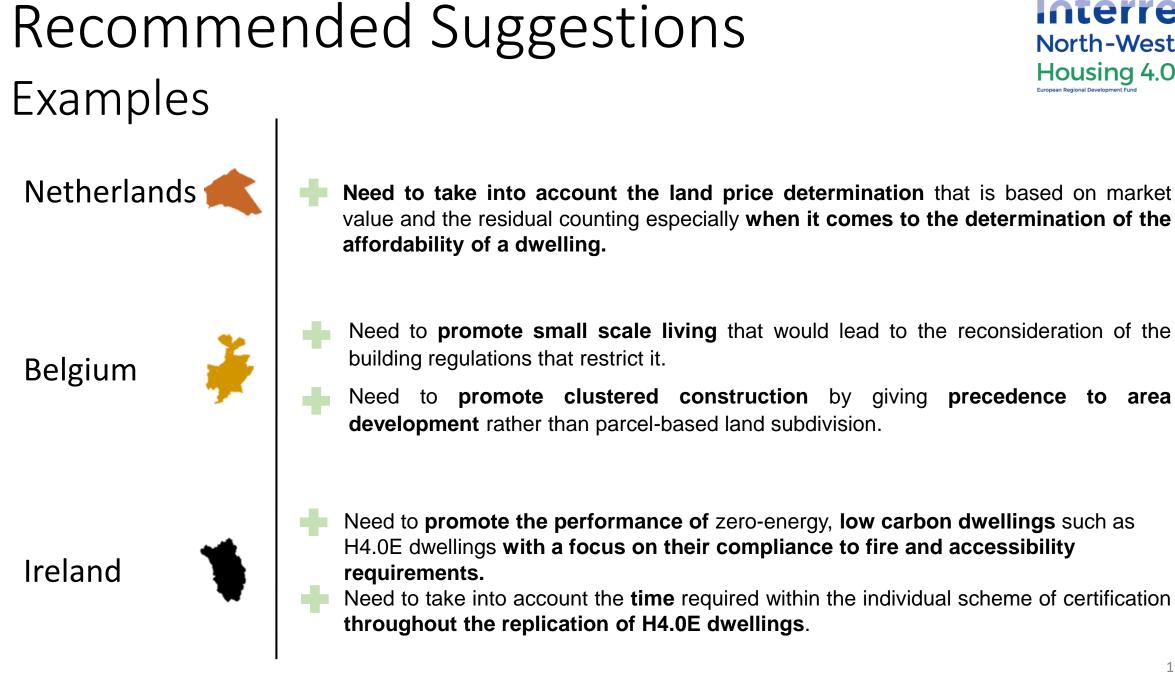
Current building and planning regulations pose minimum living area requirements often exceeding the largest H4.0E dwelling design

X Accessibility and fire requirements

Lack of information/experience of professionals when it comes to compliance of innovative dwelling designs or materials

X Individual certification

Each certification needed requires an individual application and pre-certification is not possible even if dwelling designs are being replicated





Need to take into account the land price determination that is based on market value and the residual counting especially when it comes to the determination of the

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General Barriers





Perception of higher costs

A better energy performance is linked to higher initial costs and potentially higher maintenance costs.



Trade-off between energy efficiency and affordability

The current priority leans towards providing more dwellings at potentially the same cost.



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Recommendations



INNOVATION IN INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

CHANGE

REAL

APPROACH

Recommendations





INTEGRATE information provision in the housing provision process

Trained experts should be incorporated at key decision making moments that local authorities, social housing associations, private developers, encounter throughout the process of housing provision.



TRAIN key intermediaries

Training of intermediaries would not only cover NZEB related information and regulation but also communication skills to develop the ability to address different housing professionals according to their different interests and goals

TAILOR NZEB information to the professional field it is addressing NZEB information should be personalized to the situational context of its targeted audience for a more impactful dissemination

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Market Demand: Housing Preferences of Small Households



Fulfilling current housing preferences

Downsizing for the sake of sufficiency and the environment



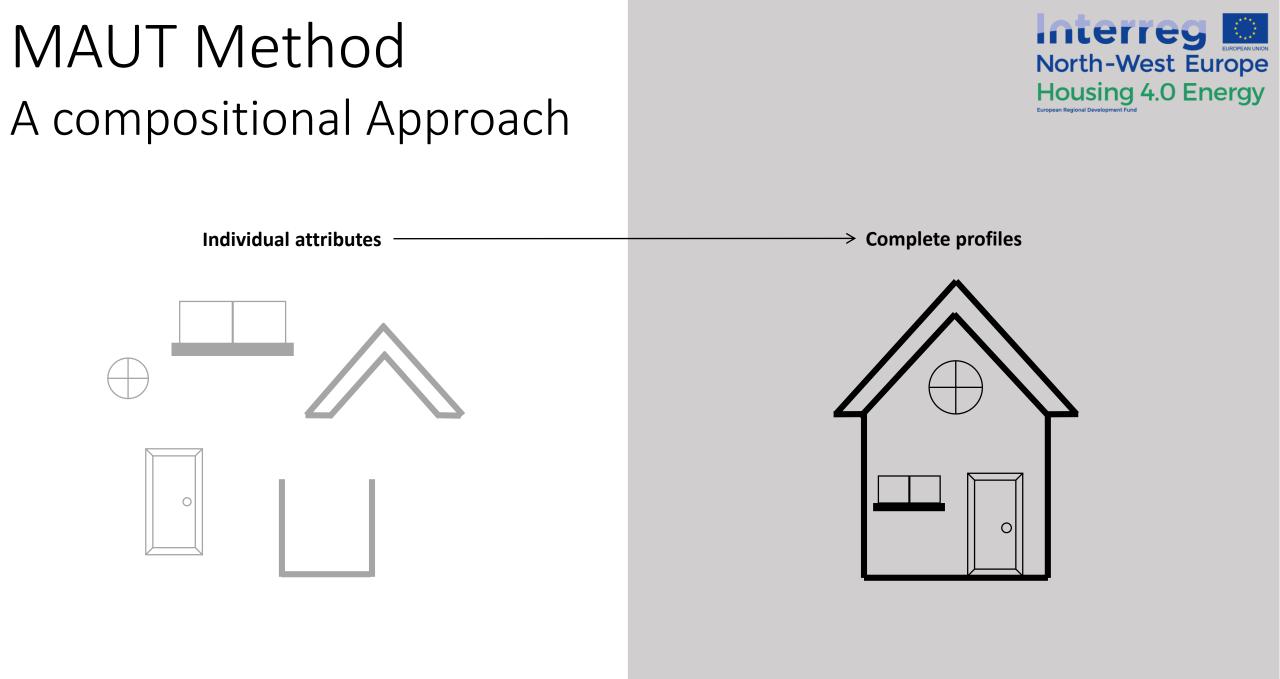
Current Housing Preferences



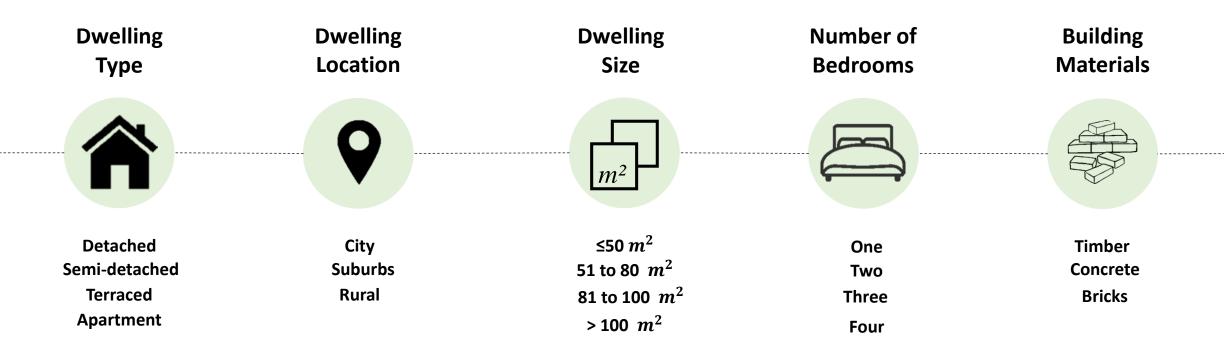


METHOD

Housing preferences questionnaire







Housing Preferences Survey



Attribute Importance

Wanneer je nadenkt over hoe je graag woont: hoe belangrijk zijn de volgende kenmerken dan voor jou op een schaal van 0 (niet belangrijk) tot 10 (zeer belangrijk)?

	niet belangrijk 0	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	zeer belangrijk 10
Type woning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ligging/Locatie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of je eigenaar dan wel huurder bent van je woning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grootte van de woning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aantal slaapkamers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materiaal waaruit de woning is opgetrokken	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woonkost (huur of afbetaling)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Energiekost (verwarming en elektriciteit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attribute **Preference**

Als je nadenkt over hoe je graag woont, in welke mate hebben de volgende woningtypen jouw voorkeur op een schaal van 0 (laagste voorkeur) tot 10 (hoogste voorkeur)?

Woningtype

	Laagste voorkeur 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Hoogste voorkeur 10
Vrijstaand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halfopen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rijwoning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appartement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Studio/Kamer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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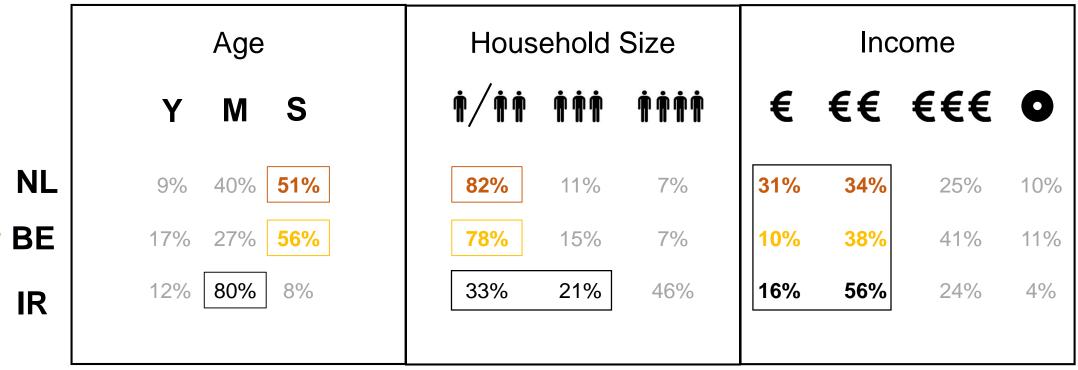
Survey

Outcomes

Survey Outcomes

Sample Characteristics





((o)) Average Response Rate 10%



Current Housing Situation



Sol Contraction	m^2			
TENURE TYPE	DWELLING SIZE	DWELLING TYPE	BUILDING MATERIAL	
Owner Occupation 70%	Larger than 100 m ² 60%	Terraced Dwelling Detached Dwelling 60% 65% NL BE/IR		Concrete 60% IR

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Survey Outcomes

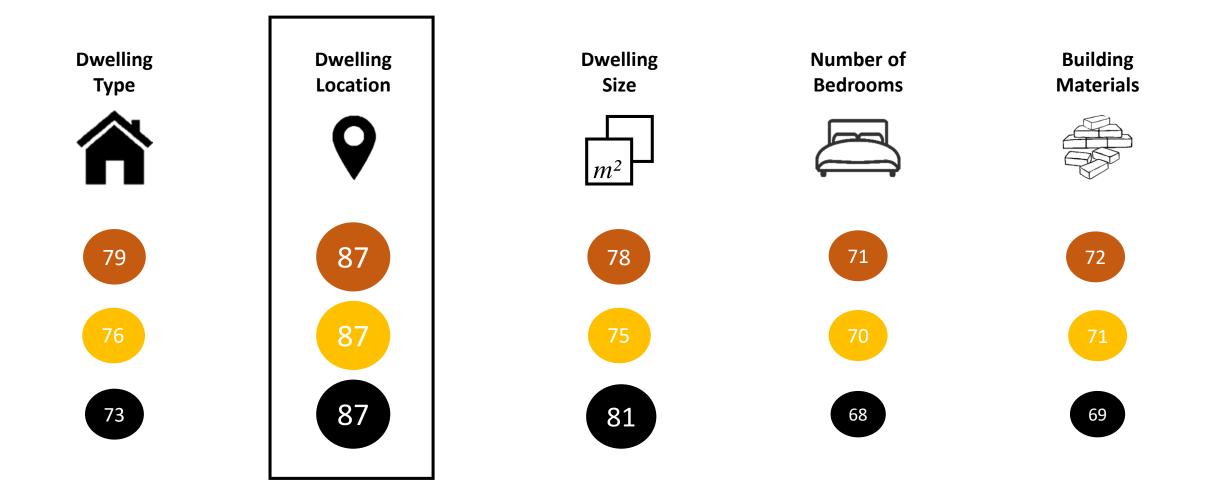
Willingness to move

60%









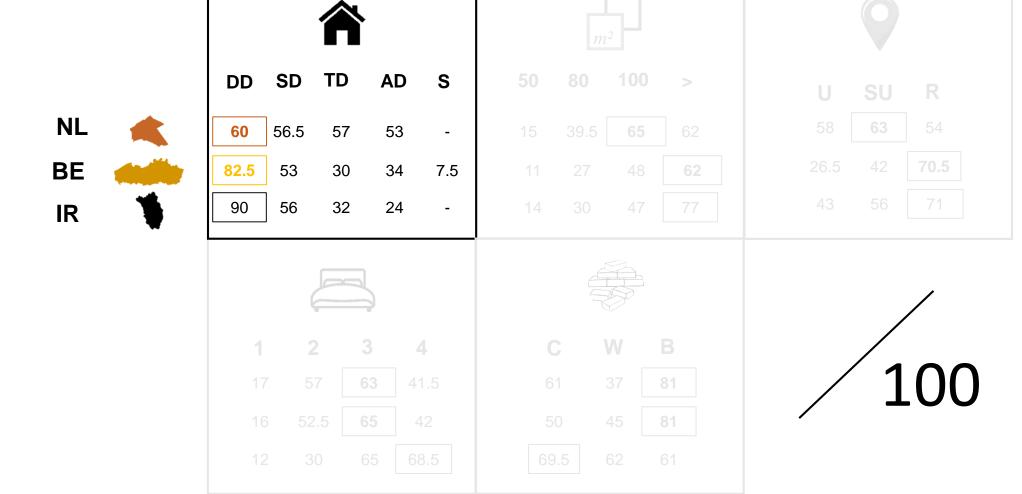














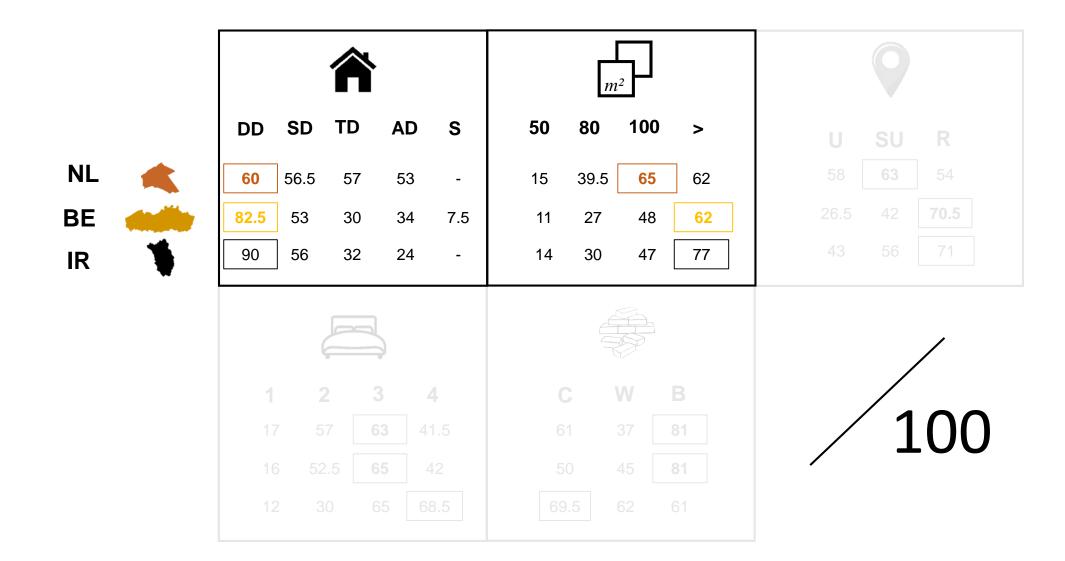
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Housing Attributes Levels Preference Scores – Dwelling Size

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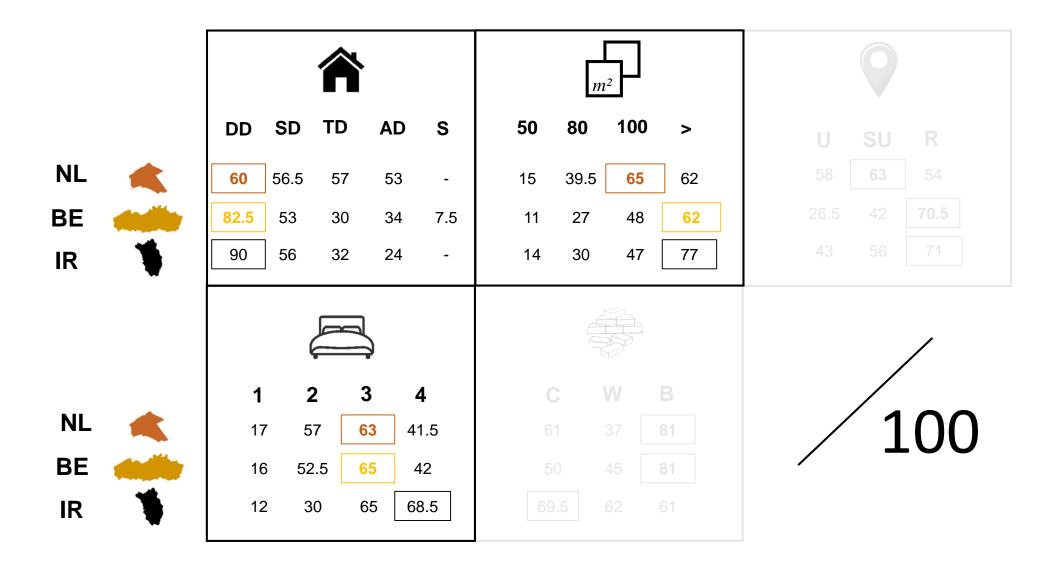




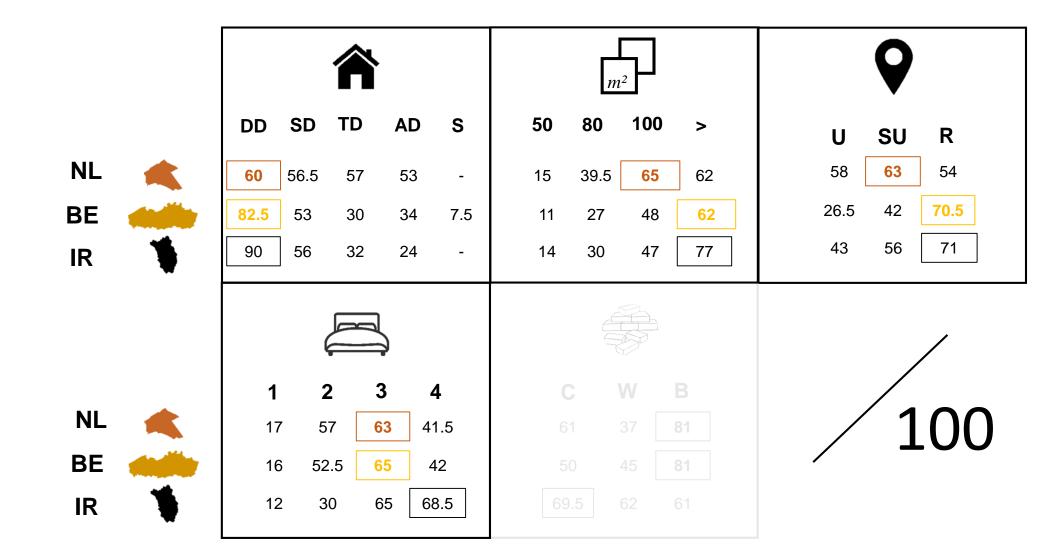
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Housing Attributes Levels Preference Scores – Number of Bedrooms



Housing Attributes Levels Preference Scores - Location



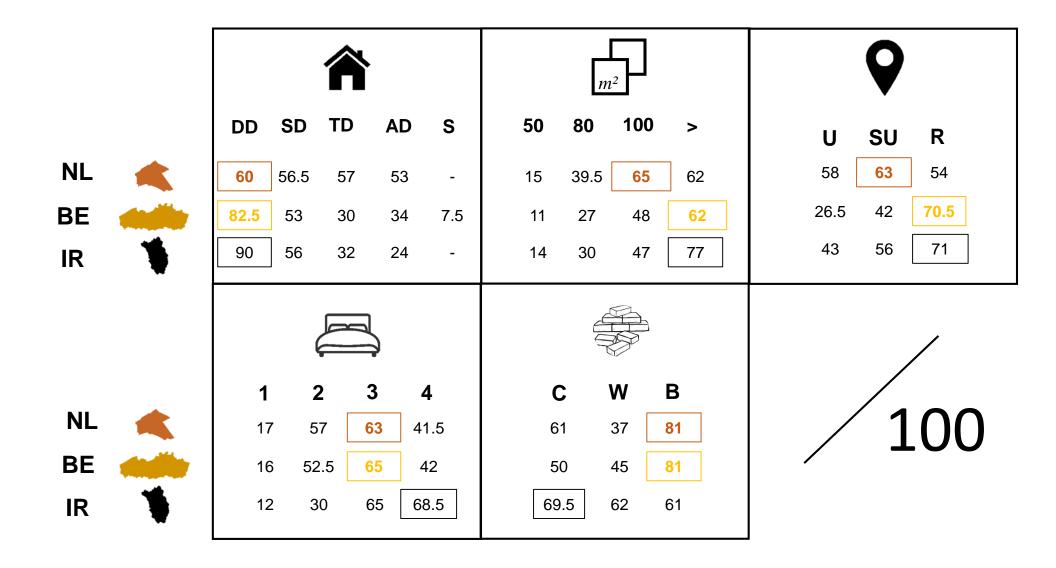


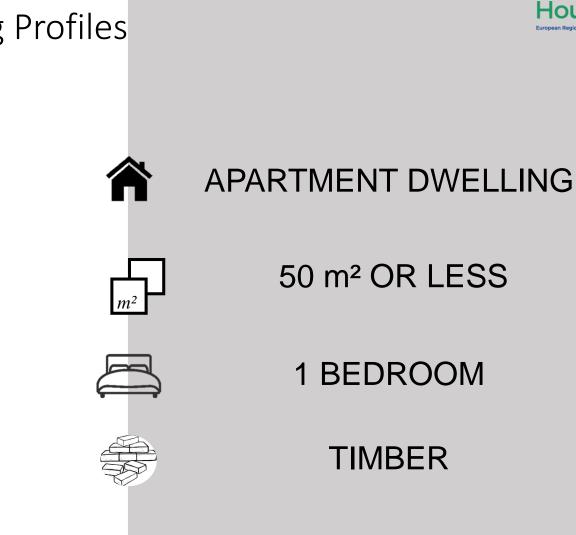


Survey Outcomes



Housing Attributes Levels Preference Scores – Building Materials

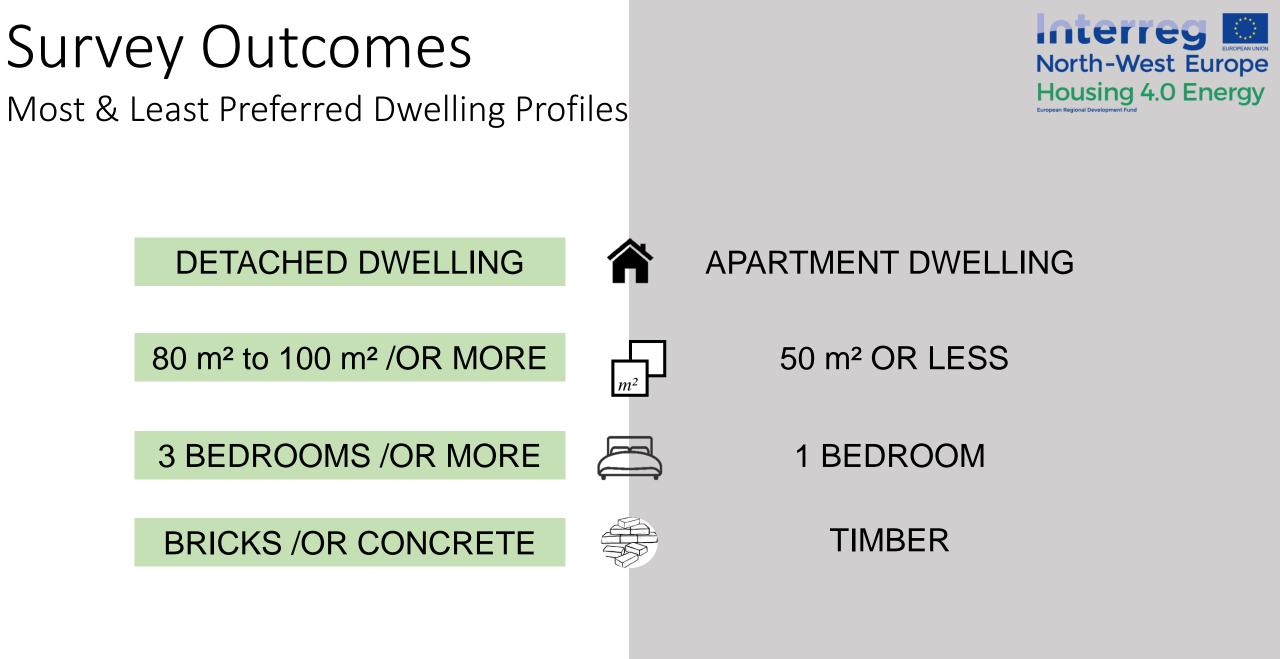




Survey Outcomes

Most & Least Preferred Dwelling Profiles







Survey Outcomes Averagely Attractive Dwelling Profile



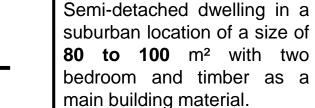


Survey Outcomes H4.0E Dwelling Profiles





H4.0E Profile #1



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Semi-detached dwelling in a rural location of a size of less than **50 m²** with one bedroom and timber as a main building material.

Apartment dwelling in a rural location of a size between **50 and 80 m²** with one bedroom and timber as a main building material.

H4.0E Profile #2

Detached dwelling in a suburban location of a size of **80 to 100** m² with two bedroom and timber as a main building material.

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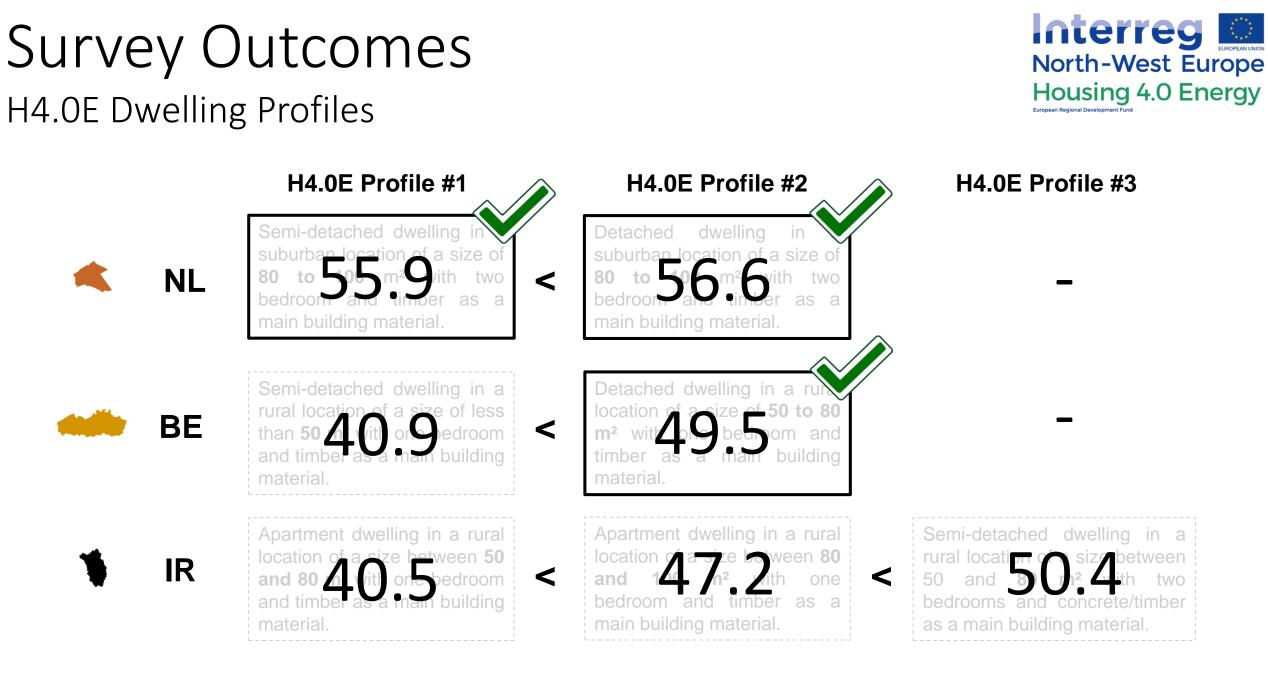
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Semi-detached dwelling in a rural location of a size between 50 and **80 m²** with two bedrooms and concrete/timber as a main building material.

H4.0E Profile #3





Stricter Target Group

Similar Housing Preferences



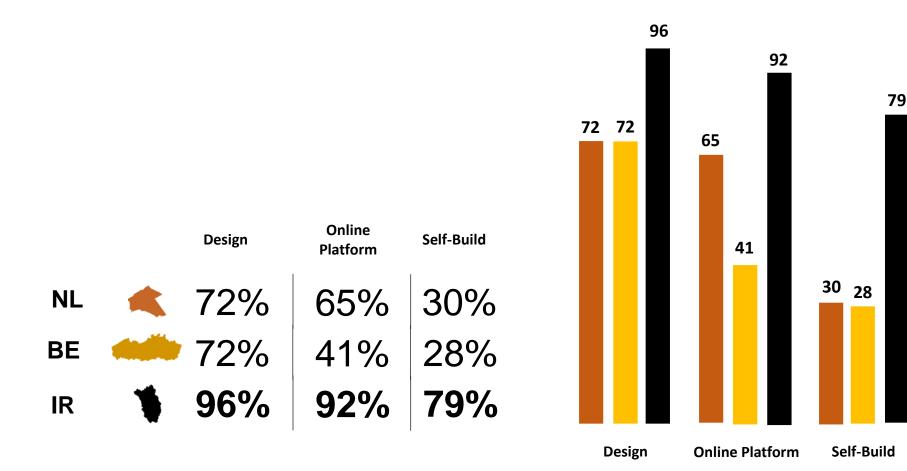
Survey Outcomes Sensitivity Analysis terreg

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Survey Outcomes Design, Online Platform, Self-build





Probably/Definitely yes

Survey Outcomes Main Conclusions



There is a market potential for H4.0E dwellings



Although H4.0E dwelling profiles did not score very high, the study of people's trade-offs showed that several housing characteristics would make them more appealing if provided.



Dwelling type – Detached dwelling Dwelling location – Rural area, Village centre



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Less than 50 m² is a stretch

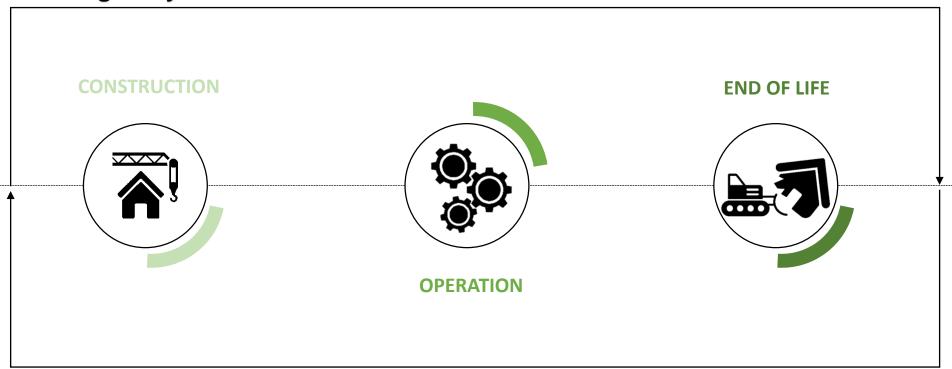
Timber There is room for change!



H4.0E Dwelling Design: Embodied Carbon

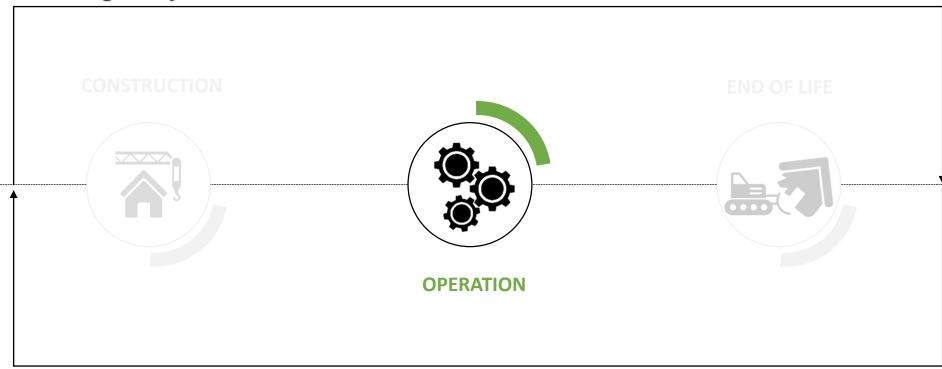


Dwelling lifecycle

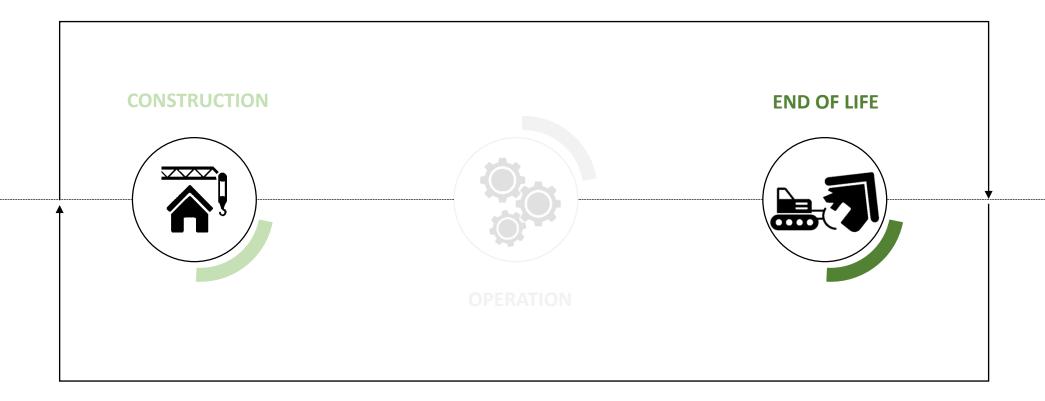




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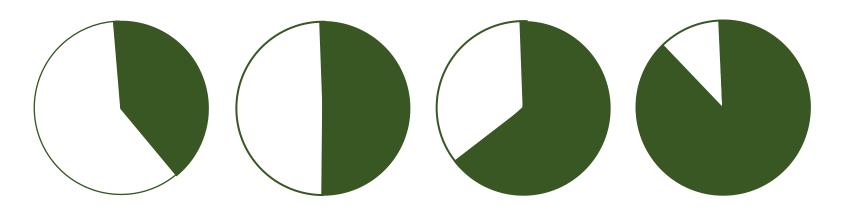








The increasing influence of embodied carbon over time



time



Embodied Carbon



 The scope of CO₂ emissions has been extended from direct and indirect emissions considered in AR5 to include embodied emissions.

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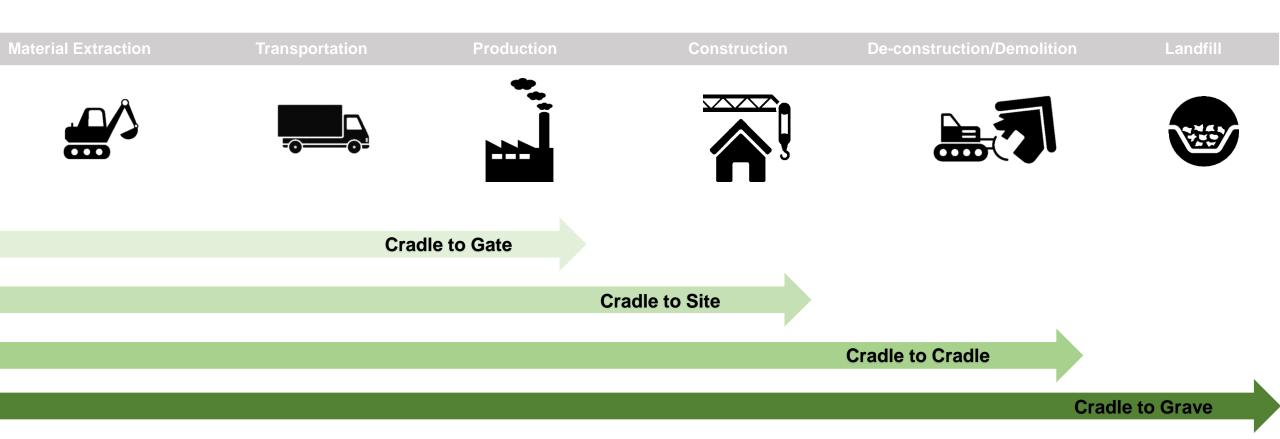


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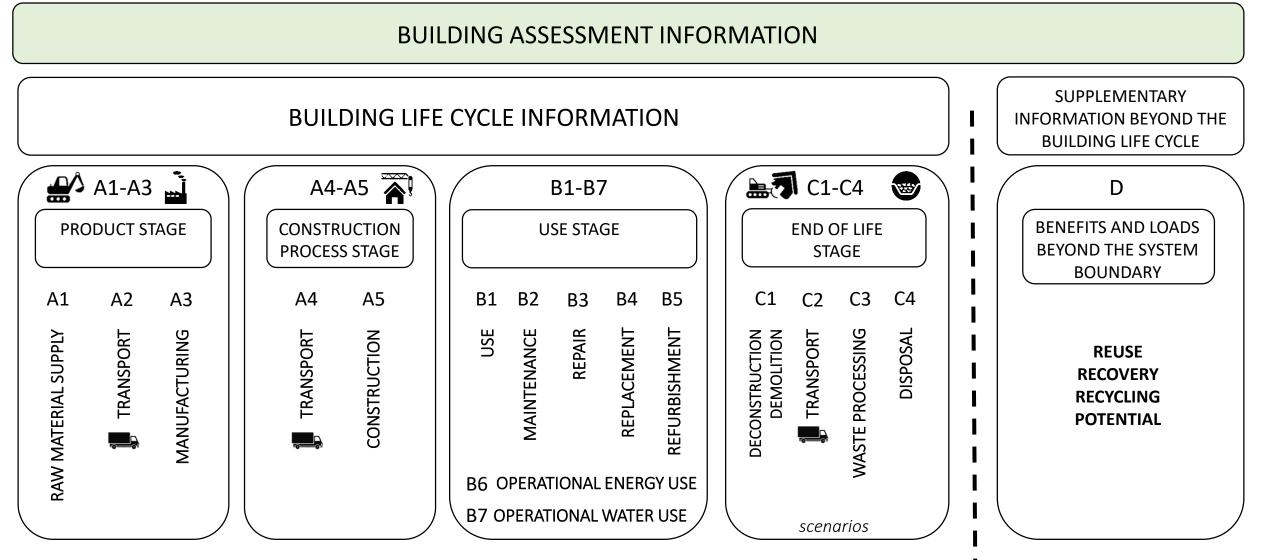
Tool to Optimize the Total Environmental Impact of Materials

Detailed embodied carbon calculations of H4.0E dwellings using the TOTEM tool

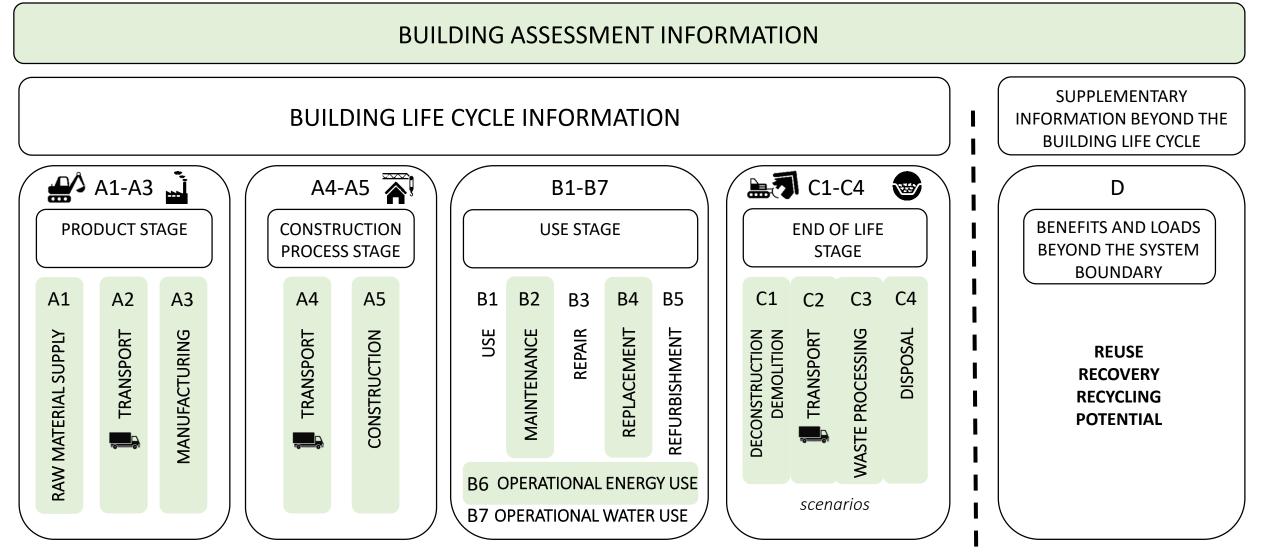




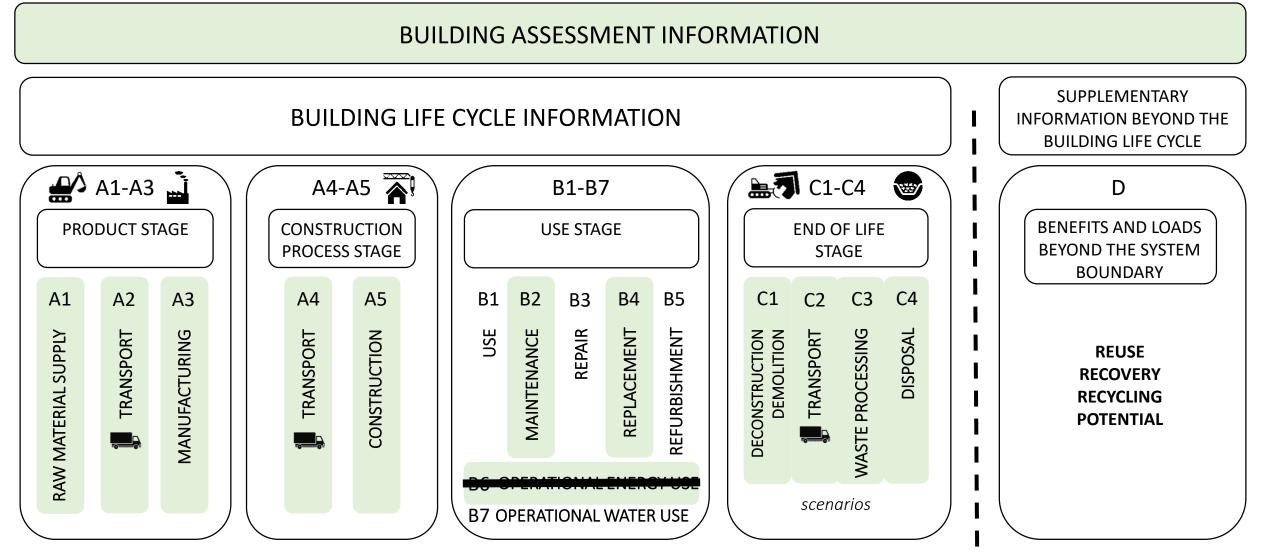






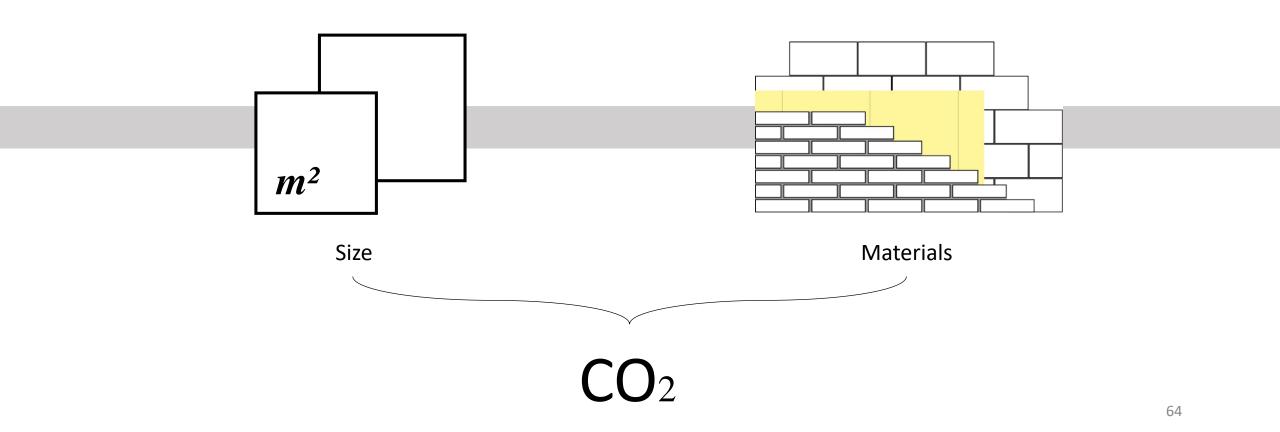






Main Dwelling Characteristics





Embodied Carbon Dwelling Sizes



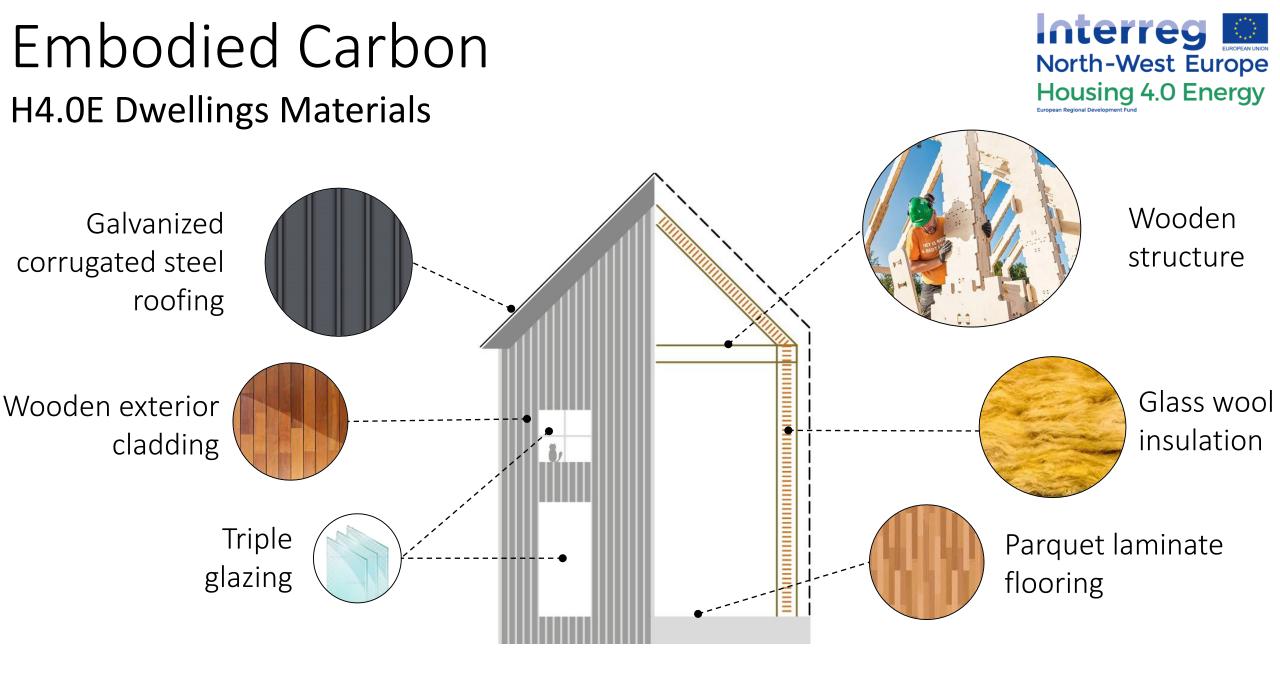
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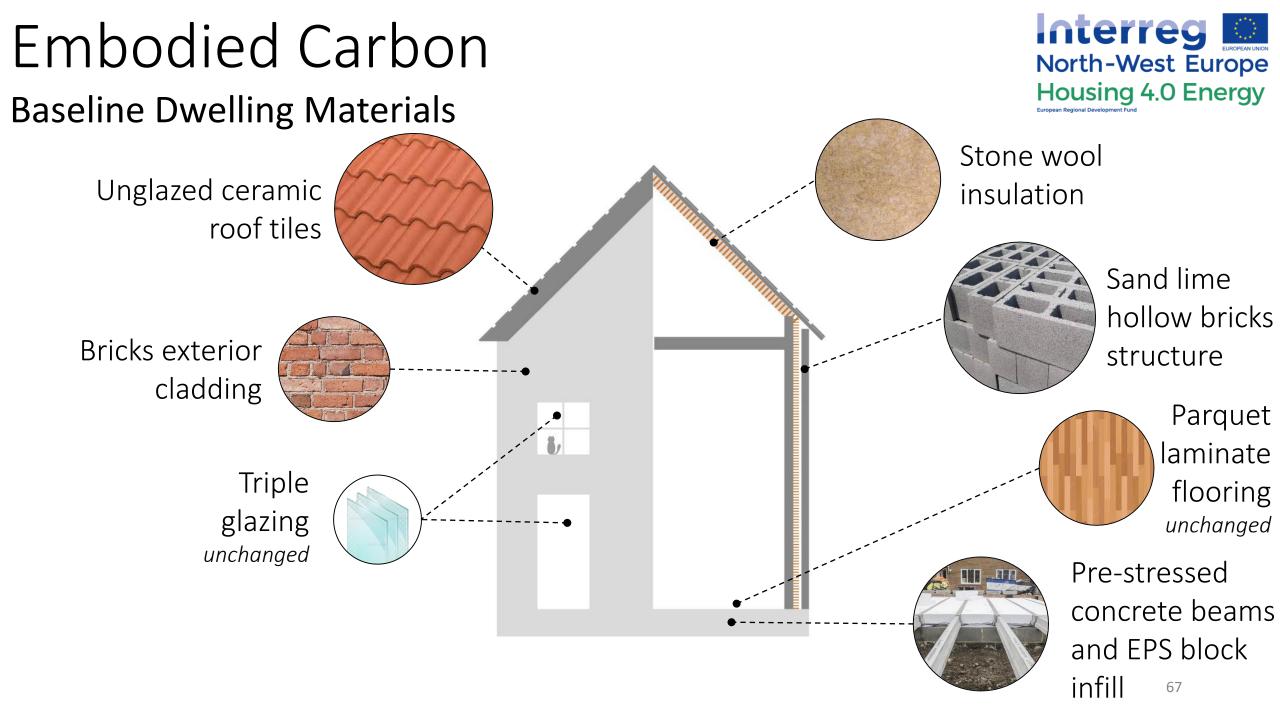
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Net Surface Area: 104 m² Gross Surface Area: 137 m²

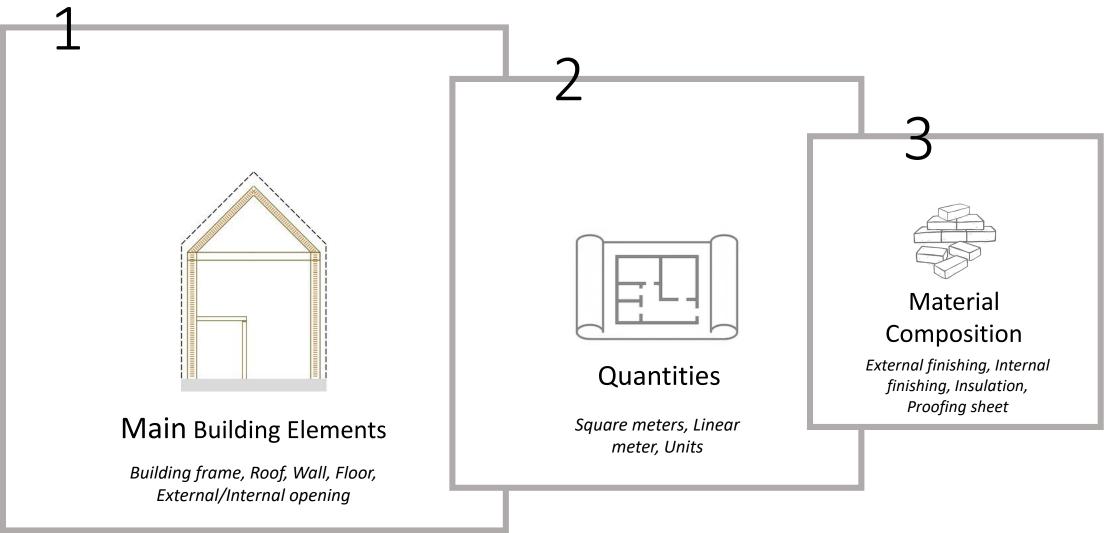






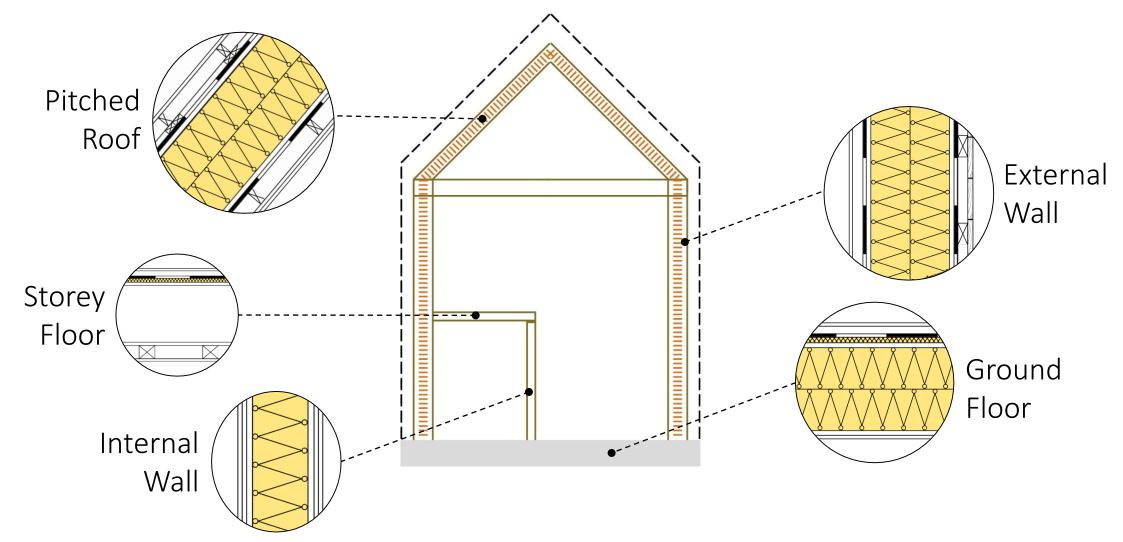
TOTEM Workflow





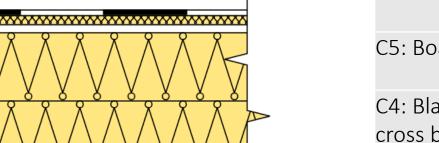


Embodied Carbon TOTEM Input



Embodied Carbon TOTEM Input Example

Ground Floor





C9: Parquet | Laminate (7 mm) - XPS (6 mm) | Loose laid

C8: Board | Gypsum fibre (18 mm) - Stone wool (10 mm)

C7: Proofing sheet | PE (0.2 mm) | Loose laid with overlap

C6: Board | EPS (20 mm) | Upon floor slab

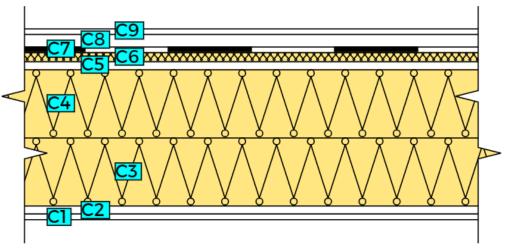
C5: Board | Plywood (18 mm) | Nailed

C4: Blanket | Glass wool (150 mm) | For between joists and cross beams | Friction fitted

C3: Blanket | Glass wool (150 mm) | For between joists and cross beams | Friction fitted

C2: Board | Plywood (18 mm) | Nailed

C1: Cavity membrane | PE (0.6 mm) | Taped



Preliminary

Outcomes

Embodied Carbon Almere Dwellings



	HOUSE 1 – 59 m ²	HOUSE 2 – 103 m ²	HOUSE 3 – 137 m ²
Climate change impact (KgCO₂eq/m² GFA)	721	502	503
Total Climate change impact (KgCO₂eq)	42,563	51,747	68,911
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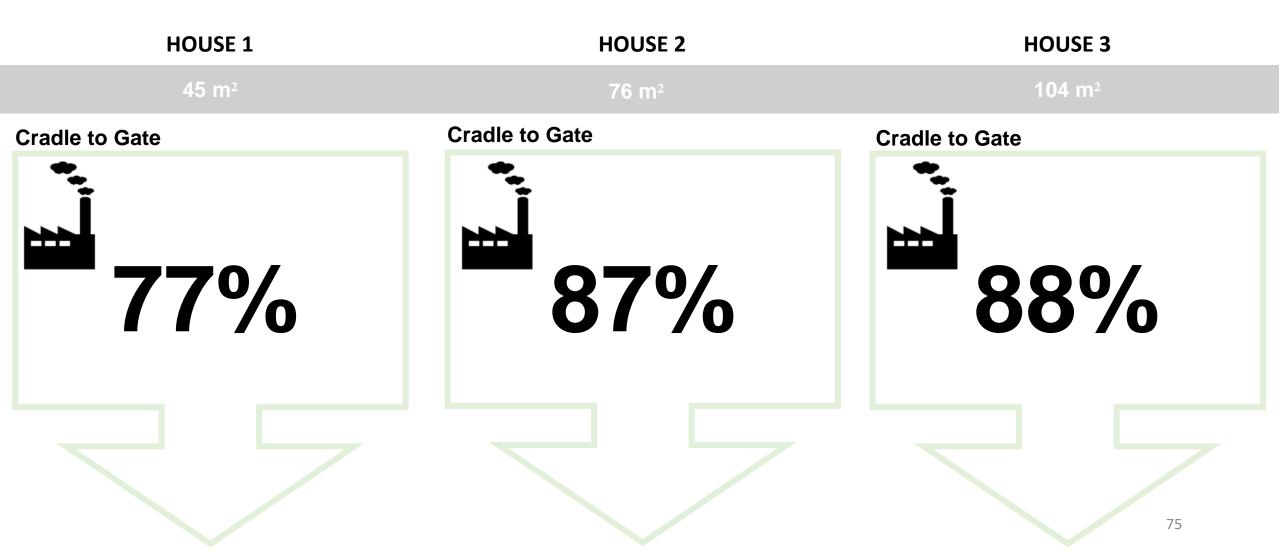


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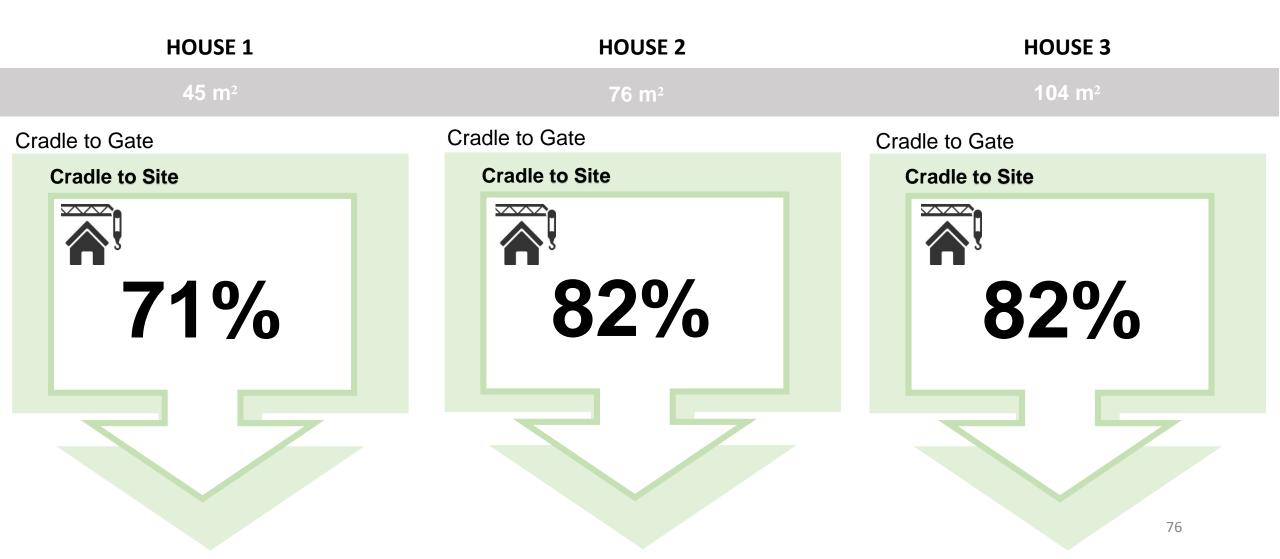
















HOUSE 1	HOUSE 2	HOUSE 3
45 m ²	76 m²	104 m ²
Cradle to Gate	Cradle to Gate	Cradle to Gate
Cradle to Site	Cradle to Site	Cradle to Site
Cradle to Cradle	Cradle to Cradle	Cradle to Cradle
49%	61%	55%
		77





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Climate Change Impact (KgCO_{2eq} per m²GFA)

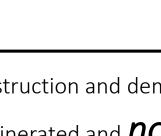
Case	Almere					
GFA	59 m²		103 m ²		137 m ²	
Scenario	House 1	Baseline	House 2	Baseline	House 3	Baseline
Production	96	415	45	356	35	294
Transportation - to site	18	33	11	26	11	24
Construction + installation	24	28	16	22	16	20
Maintenance	32	34	23	26	24	26
Replacement of components	133	108	102	98	105	99
Replacement of elements	65	103	36	76	43	62
Deconstruction / demolition	2	6	1	5	1.2	4.8
Transportation - end of life	7	10	5	8	5.4	7.4
Waste processing	51	23	39	8	38	11
Disposal	293	74	224	36	231	45
Overal impact - m ²	721	834	502	661	503	581
Overall impact - kg/yr	42563	49177	51747	68114	68911	79597
Difference - %	-1	3%	-24	4%	-13	3%

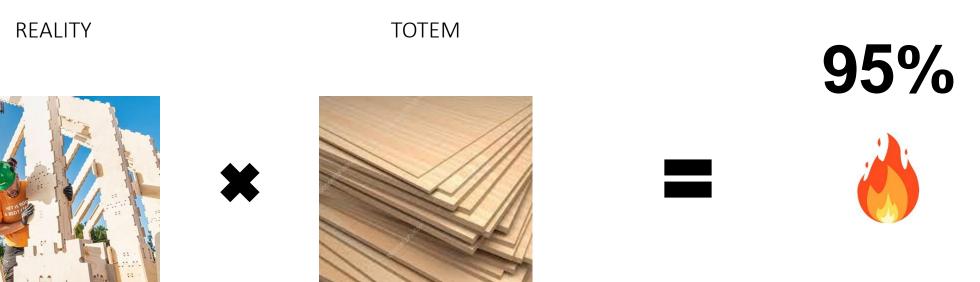
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"The environmental impact of the incineration of construction and demolition waste is attributed in its **ENTIRETY** to the material being incinerated and **not to the** energy produced."



TOTEM Assumptions End of Life Scenarios



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"For materials that are recycled or reused, it is assumed that 'end of waste' is reached at the exit gate of the sorting facility or collection point. In other words, the impact up to and including the sorting facility is allocated to the waste producing product, but that all subsequent impacts such as transportation from the sorting facility to the recycling facility or the impact of the recycling process itself fall OUTSIDE of the system boundaries and are assigned to the next material when the secondary materials are being used."

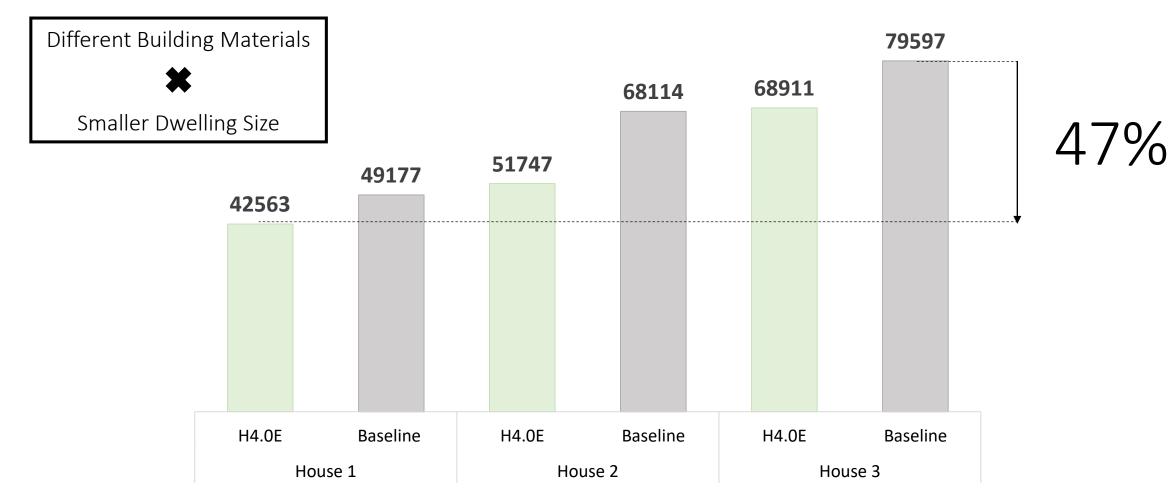
Lessons Learned



END OF LIFE

Embodied Carbon Lessons Learned

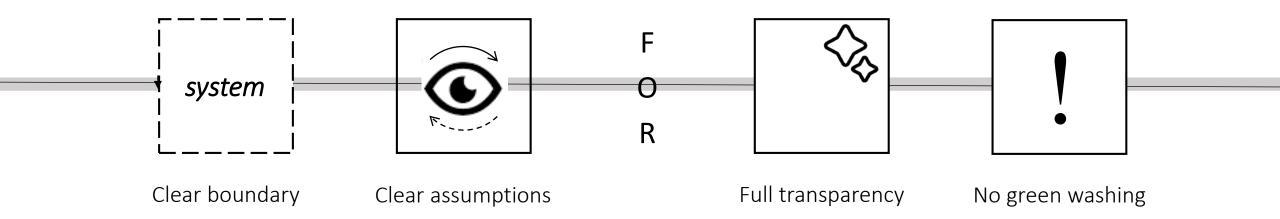




Total Climate Change Impact (KgCO₂eq)

What's next?





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