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- Energy is needed for everything we do, consume or produce. If we want to contribute to reducing the impact on the climate, we must first understand that we need to reduce energy consumption



For drastic change, we need innovative solutions



#### Role of local and regional authorities



- Political debate on EU and national levels
  - Multilevel governance involving Croatian local and regional bodies as well
  - 3 of 5 Croatian energy agencies in northern part of Croatia
- Local and regional authorities play a leading role in climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Energy and climate planning in Croatia
  - SEAPs and SECAPs
  - Energy efficiency action plan (three year planning)
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  - Financial, regulatory, political, technical, social, lack of infrastructure and interconnections
- Overcrowded with their daily activities
  - Lack of capacity
- Support for facilitation of climate and energy planning and implementation



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Support through the whole process

C-Track 50 project boost cooperation

- Data collection
  - Energy consumption
  - Climate data
- Information system for energy management
- Adaptation and mitigation measures development
- Innovative financial sources and tools
  - Crowdfunding
  - Revolving funds
  - ➢ EPC

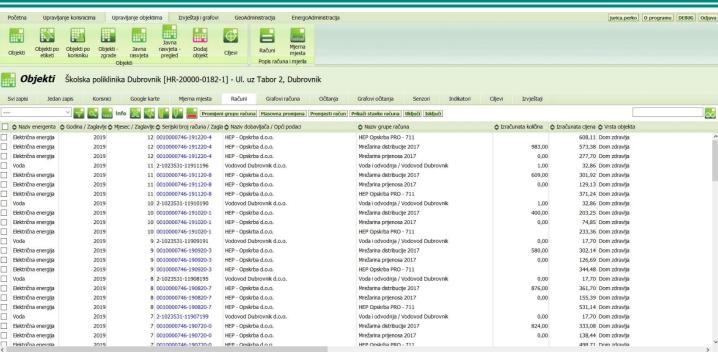






Information System for Energy Management – national tool that facilitates and accelerates decision making process

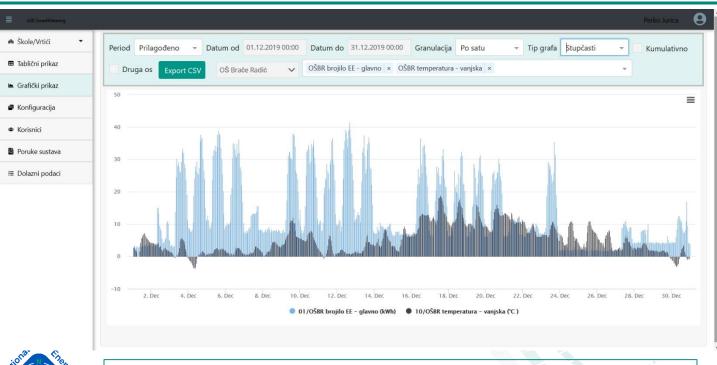






Manually and automatic energy and water bills evidence – cooperation with energy and water suppliers and distributors







Smart metering and monitoring – more detailed user profiles and behavior monitoring at the point

## Project fiches produced within project $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$



- > 10 cities and municipalities
- ▶ 17 project fiches worth more than 30 M€
  - 7 public lighting systems and 32 public buildings
- European and alternative financial sources
  - Structural and Investment Funds
  - Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development loans
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#### How to understand energy savings?



- Covenant of Mayors objectives applied to City of Krizevci:
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction for at least 40 % by 2030
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#### 90.218.000 kWh



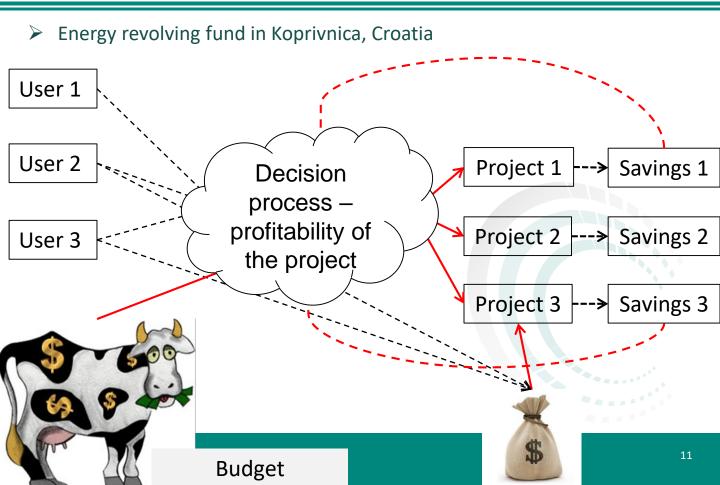
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90.218.000 / 1.100 kWh/kW = 82.016 kW



#### Alternative financial sources





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- General Hospital Koprivnica
- Council decision 0.5 M€ seed for the first project
  - Operational team
  - > 3-5 year Action plan
  - Low hanging fruits
- Barriers/problems
  - Weak control (decision making and money)
  - Planning
- Potential/advantages
  - Process improvement
  - Energy project realization
  - Financial savings for budgets
  - Quality project management





#### **Discussion points**



- Focus and priorities in North Croatia
  - ➤ Energy efficiency in buildings 80 % of energy consumption in households
  - ➤ Renewable energy sources PV systems
  - Electromobility development of infrastructure
  - Information and communication technologies data collection, analysis and management
- Barriers
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  - Lack of funding sources (small local/regional budgets)
  - Lack of knowledge and capacity
  - Lack of interest and different priorities
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  - ➢ GDPR



#### How project C-Track 50 helps to overcome barriers?



- Facilitation of vertical and horizontal mulitlevel governance cooperation
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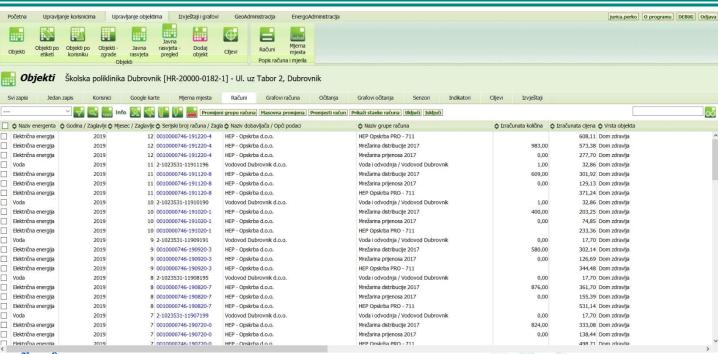






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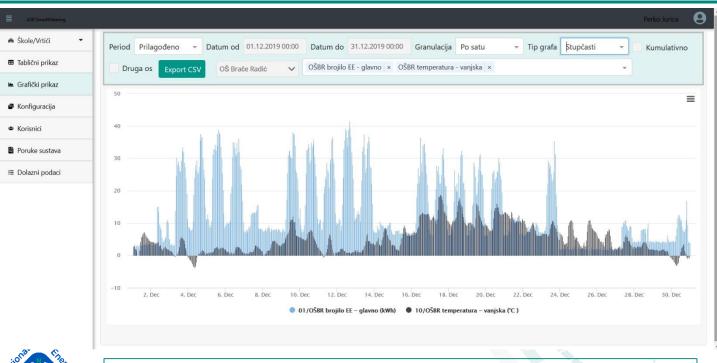






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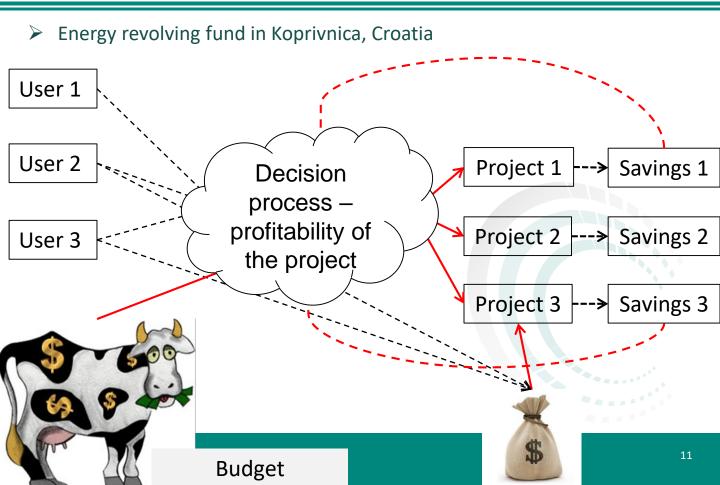
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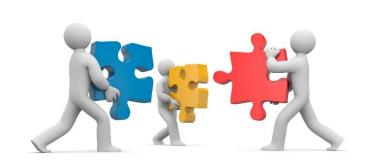


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