# **H2020 Save the Homes**

One-Stop Shops as Citizens' Hubs to support the decision-making process for integrated renovations

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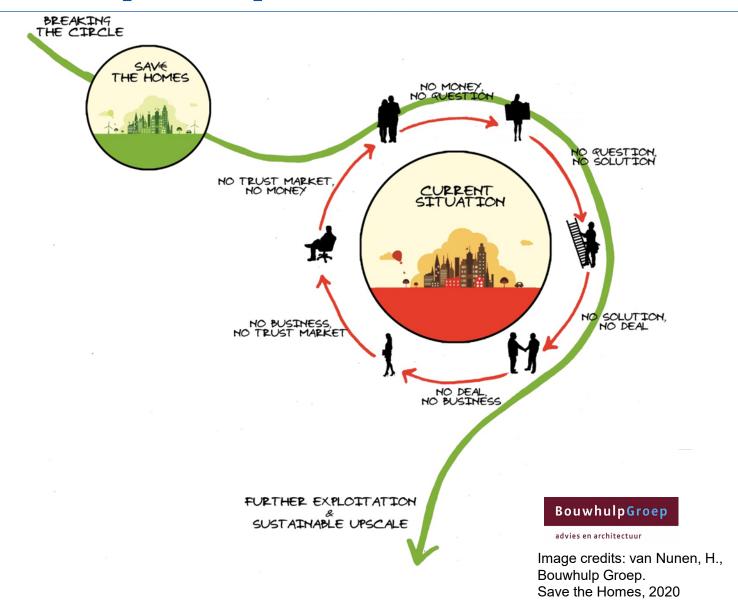
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# Why One-Stop-Shops & Save the Homes?







# Save the Homes in the Netherlands, Spain, Slovenia

Save the Homes builds upon the current activities at:

- City of Rotterdam, NL
- Municipality of Valencia, ES

and aims to strengthen them & bring the cities renovation ambitions further within **Citizen Hubs** -> OSS inspired concept.

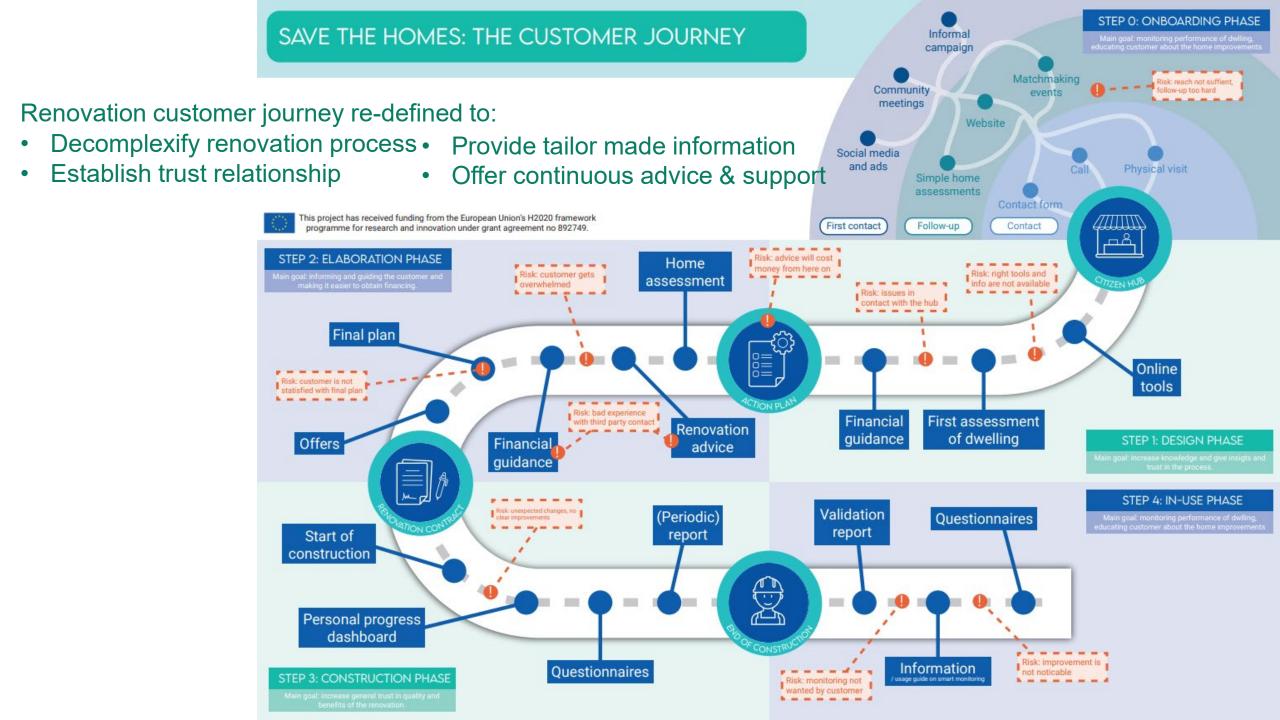
The two follower cities City of Ljubljana, SI & Sant Cugat, ES are developing blueprints for OSSs in their cities.

These Citzen Hubs are endorsed by a municipality, a trustworthy entity ensuring that the process is independent, transparent and of high quality for their citizens.

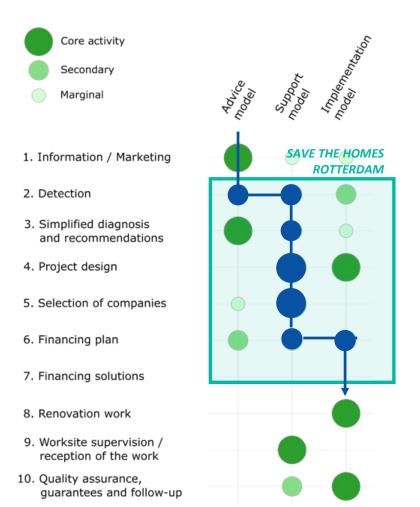








# **Main characteristics of OSSs in Rotterdam**



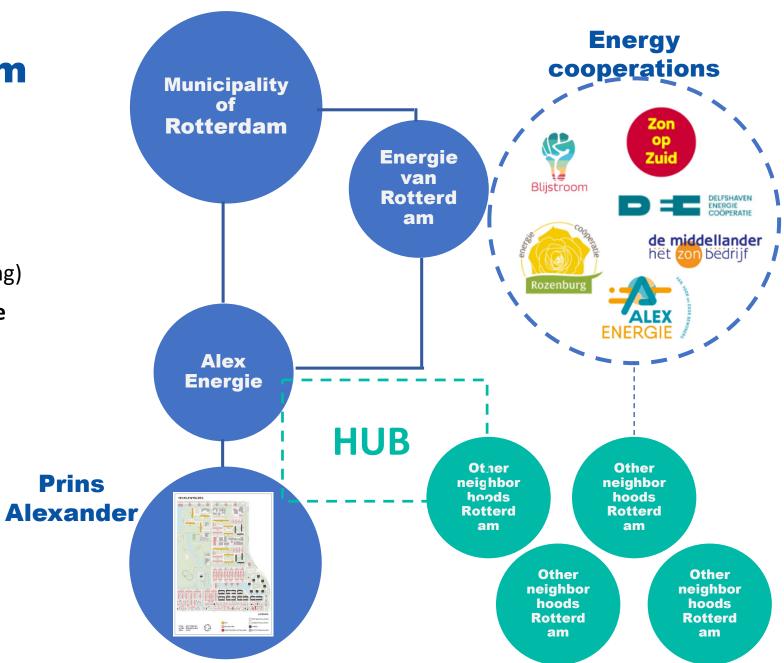
- The Rotterdam OSS aims to be an integral model
- Simple advice of **individual** homeowners
- Forming a **collective** to give support with minimum effort
- Combined with access to finance
- The HUB focuses from the part of detection until the start of renovation works

Figure: Main models of integrated home renovation services by Milin, C., & Bullier, A. (2021). Towards large-scale roll out of 'integrated home renovation services' in Europe.



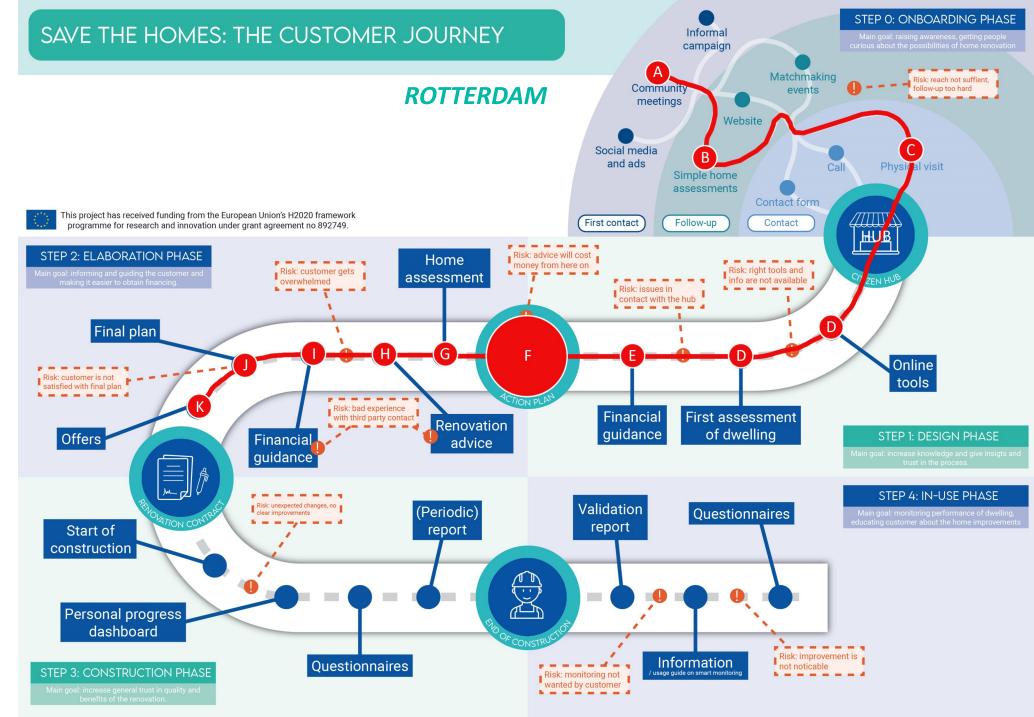
# Rotterdam ecosystem

- Municipality of Rotterdam as facilitator
- Alex Energy as local entity
- Energie van Rotterdam as possible gateway to other local entities (upscaling)
- Energie Transitie Fonds (ETF) for **finance**
- First **demonstration project** 11 homes
- Line up of **2 more projects** (6 and 350)
- **Digital campaigns** ready to start
- Renovation solutions Menu available



# Overall – current status

- Informing home owners of renovation possibilities for their own homes with local people
- Organising a collective that can act as a client towards the market (contractors)
- Pointing out opportunities to enhance the local labour in the neighbourhood



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Step 0

Neighborhood actions

Alex Energie (A)

Resident 1 seeks

participate in a

the block/

invites neighbors to

feasibility study (A)

neighborhood/district

Home measurements

and calculating energy

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(B)

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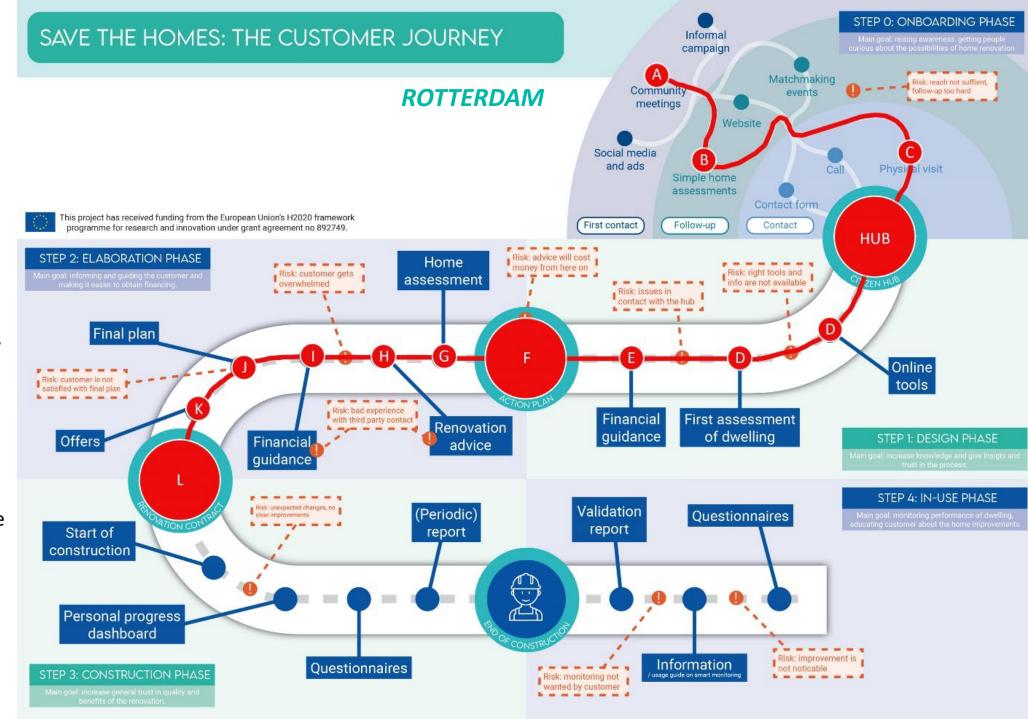
temperature heating.

Presentation is made

to convey the analysis

## Step 2

- HUB makes interactive scenario tool for financial projection of costs and benefits per home (H) (I)
- Financial guidance and decision making for residents – home visits
- 3 more resident evenings: introduction to a professional supervisor.
- Residents submit signed selection lists and offer (J) (2/3 of the residents of the block participate)
- Quotations
- Current status (K)



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Step 3

Selection of contractor

renovation collective

**Appointing supervisor** 

or forming of

Work execution

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# **Step 1.1 (4)**

- Monitoring (R)
- Information and communication (S)
- App IkWoon (digital tool) (new results) (S)
- Awareness heat scan, Sensi, Readout solar energy (R)
- Making the loop (A)

# **Business model - Rotterdam**

### 11 - Societal Costs

- Environmental unawareness
- Energy poverty
- 'Renovation poverty' i.e. citizens cannot afford funding or loans for renovation investments
- High energy costs
- Low standard of living due to outdated housing
- Social exclusion
- Lack of specialized workforce
- Lack of quality in construction works
- Unemployment
- Healthcare

### 7 - Key Activities Social

- Development of partnerships with other parties that may provide relevant resources, activities, and knowledge
- Promotion of citizen participation through the identified channels.
- Home visits. This also provided online by Ikwoon. Short term by Alex Energie

### **Technical**

- Technical and economic pre-diagnosis of the homes (Energy Diagnosis).
- Providing personal renovation measures. This is provided by the IkWoon application
- Helping define citizen needs into demand and tailor made requests. Managing relationships with the contractors
- Supervision of the executed work
- Providing financial advice. A partner is needed to perform this activity.

### Administrative

- Administrative support in procedures and application process for requesting financial options. A partner is needed to perform this activity
- Management of services such as email or phone contacts

### 8 – Key partners

### The municipality of Rotterdam

 They are important to give credibility to the activities of the HUB, could provide additional resources/facilitation at development stage and can provide guidance on subsidies/loans.

### Contractors, installers & architects

 These technical partners execute the actual renovation work and are therefore key to the HUB. The actual companies still need to be determined with the help of other partners and local contacts.

### Energie van Rotterdam

 They could provide additional revenue stream from community-owned solar panels.

### **Bouwhulp Groep**

 In the long term they may also be relevant as partner, especially for the planning of the renovation and the control/quality assurance.

### Woonwijzerwinkel

 This partner could be used to perform the Energy Diagnosis in the medium and long term (1000 homeowners in 2022 for free). They could also potentially provide a network with contractors for isolation works and solar panels and do quality control of the renovation work and build securities.

### EnergieSamen

 Their support could be helpful in providing contractor contacts, expert advice and technical training for personnel

### Speeltuin Lage Land

 Support in creating awareness and providing physical access to information for the HUB as energyrelated initiative

### 9 - Cost structure

- Personnel
- Physical office (not initially)
- Web domain
- Marketing and communication actions
- ICT tools

### 6 - Key Resources Personnel

- Physical office ("in-house", open hours)
- Online office

### Brand and credibility

- Alex Energie (trusted neighbourhoods)
- "Municipality support"

### Contractors list

### Supporting tools for staff

- Customer service protocol
- Technical and financial calculation tools
- Training for social, technical, and administrative support

### **Customer tools**

- Energy efficiency factsheets and leaflets
- Leaflets and brochures with technical and financial solutions for citizens
- Leaflets and brochures with technical and financial solutions for suppliersAids and subsidies information (online)
- IkWoon application

### 2 - Value Propositions

# Jargon free & frictionless access to the retrofitting process provided by a clear and trusted touchpoint, which results in:

- Increased comfort by reduction of energy losses, better air quality and overall wellbeing.
- Lower energy bills
- Increased property value

### 4 - Customer Relations

- Dedicated personal assistance with local people
- Communities
- Buyers collective for Collective Private Procurement

### 3 - Channels Offline

### • Alex Energie

- Alex Ellergie
- o home visits
- o energy coaches
- o heat scans
- Mobilization campaigns with flyers or letters
- o Neighbourhoods meetings

Other parties and resources are necessary to keep using these channels in the long term, because of the limited capacity of Alex Energie.

### 1 - Customer Segments

- Homeowners from middle and working classes of single-family households
- Households who suffer from energy poverty
- Stage 1: Pilot project with 16 homes in the Neighbourhood of Prins Alexander
- Stage 2: Het Lage land & Prinsenland neighbourhoods
- Stage 3: The whole Prins Alexander area

- Municipality channels:
  - o Gebiedsorganisatie
  - o Gebiedscommissie/Wijkraad
- o School communities
- Public channels
- o SME and sport associations
- Free weekly papers (Havenloods & Prinsenlandkrant)

### Online

- Advertising campaigns: social media
- Website Alex Energie
- IkWoon application
- Woonwijzerwinkel
- Municipality channels:
- o Duurzaam010.nl/Prinsenland-Het Lageland
- o Rotterdam.nl
- o Mijnrotterdam.nl
- o Gemeentepeiler app
- o Social media | Rotterdam.nl
- · Neighbourhood social media
- o Nextdoor platform
- o Website

### 10 - Societal Revenue

- Increased comfort, wellbeing, and productivity of residents
- Mitigation of energy poverty through lower energy costs
- Higher quality of life for dwellers
- Stronger economy and local job creation
- Energy savings and greenhouse gases reduction
- Raised sustainability awareness
- Social cohesion
- Healthcare system savings through less energy-poverty-related illness

### 5 - Revenue Streams

- Short term
- o Funding from the EU (StH and other similar projects)
- Long term
  - National or provincial and municipality funding possibilities
  - o Other EU Facilities for funding (such as ELENA facility, Lifeprogram etc.)



# Relevant initiatives in Rotterdam









(http://www.triple-a-interreg.eu/)



(REGIONALE) OVERHEDEN

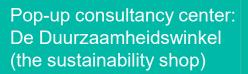


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# **Example from the ground:**





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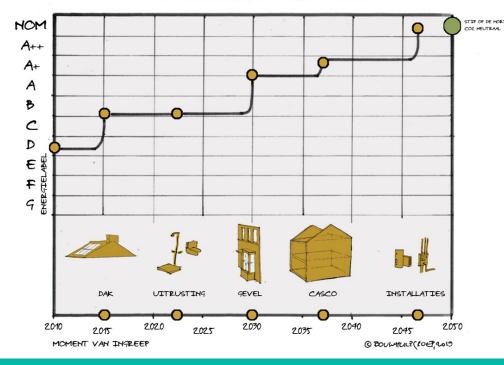
AlexEnergie -> Energy cooperative in Rotterdam, Prins Alexander

https://www.alexenergie.nl/



# STAPSGEWIJS

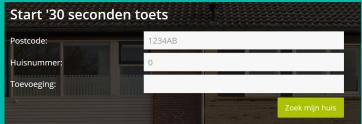
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https://www.bouwhulp.nl/

### **Step-by-step renovation**

Component renovation concept

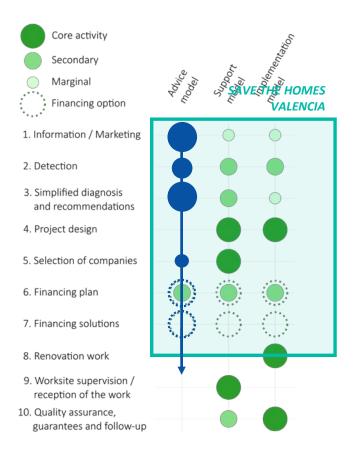


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Duurzaamheidswinkel & WoonWijzerWinkel -> Regional energy counter (Energieloket)

# Main characteristics of the Valencian OSSs



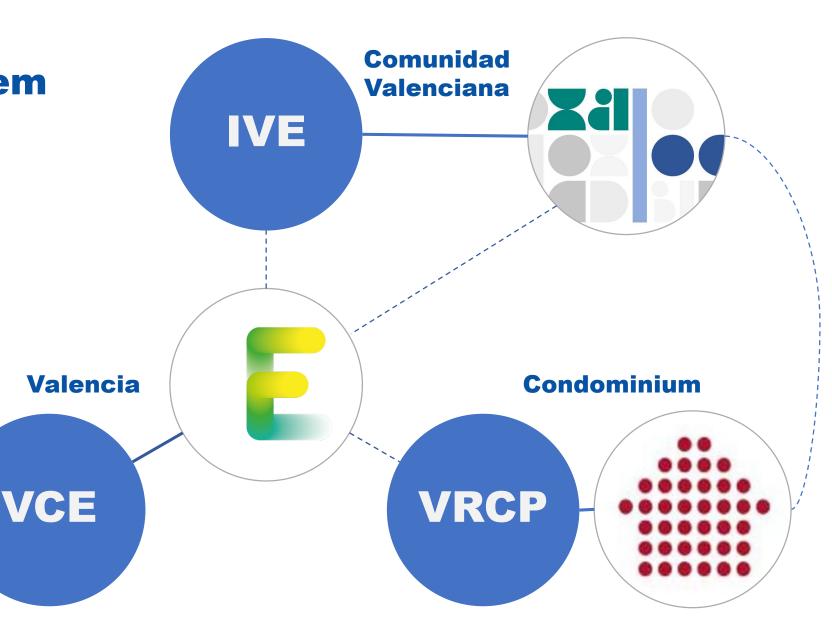
- Strong focus on dissemination & educational activities on media, on premises and third party premises
- Clustering needs, such as addressing buildings with IEE obligation or failed subsidies applications, or energy poverty situations
- Strong relay on pre-diagnosis tool renovEU
- Offering validated registries
- Pre-diagnosis comes with applicable subsidies

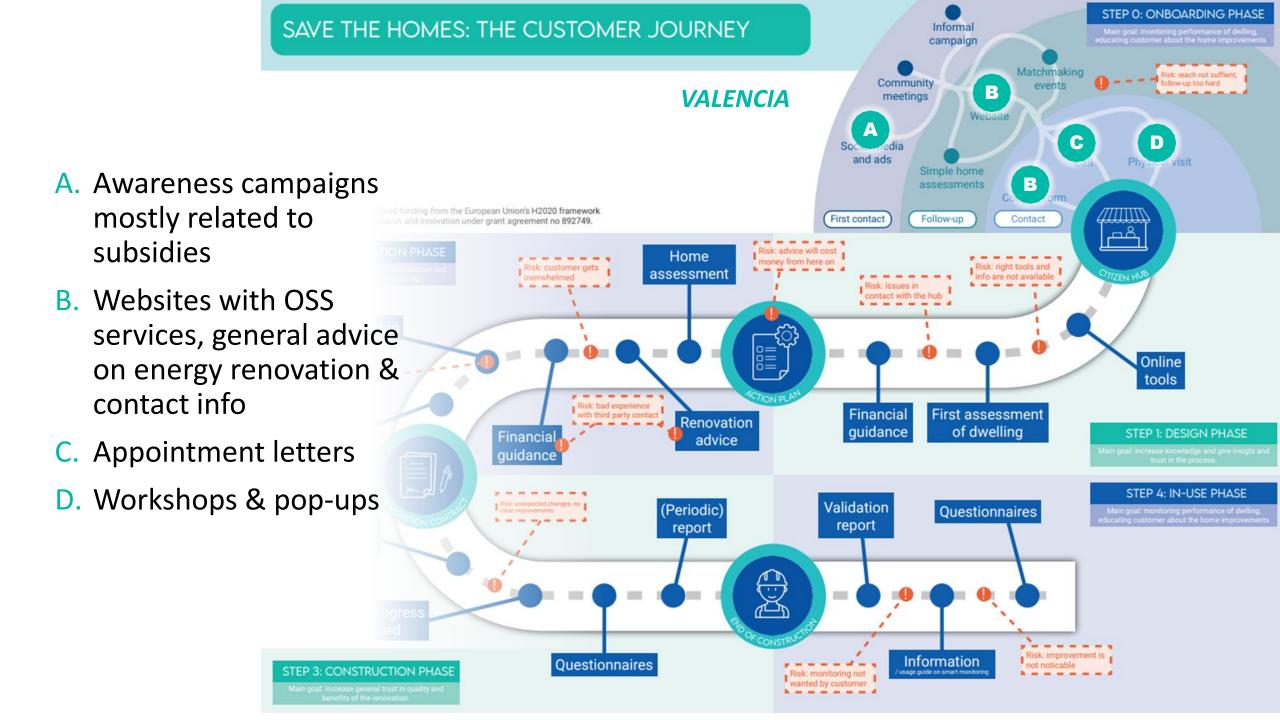
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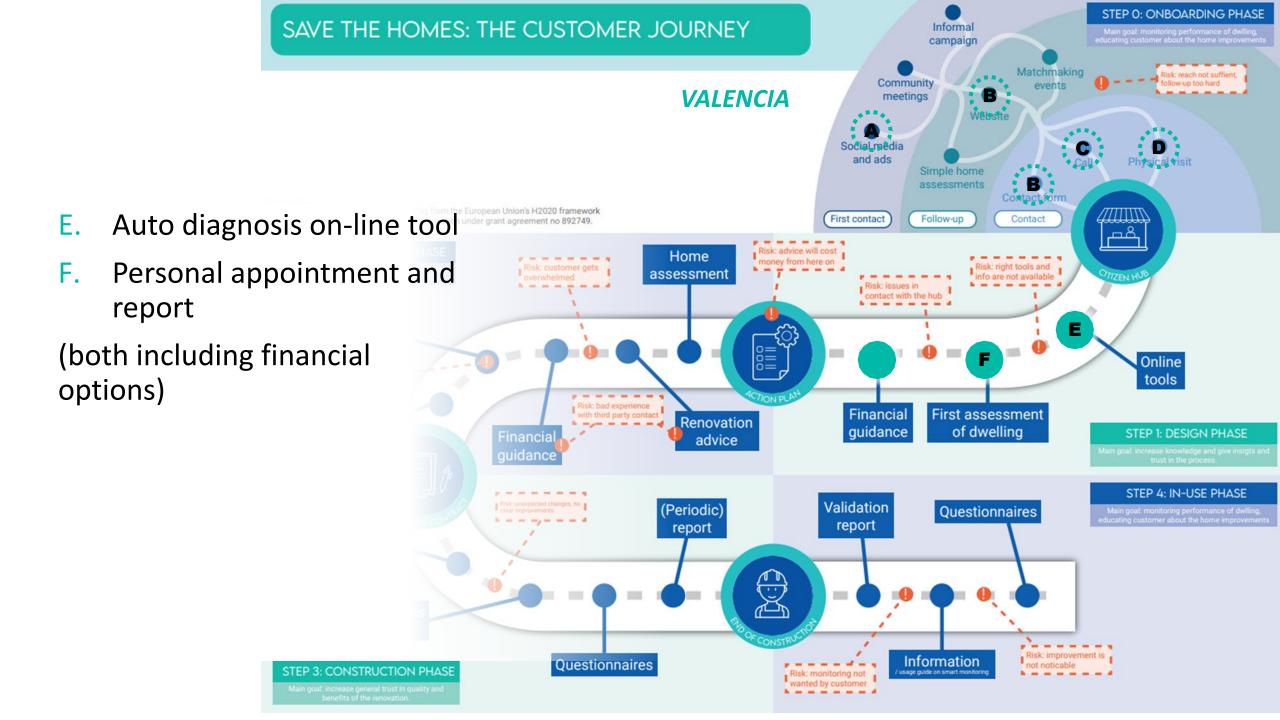


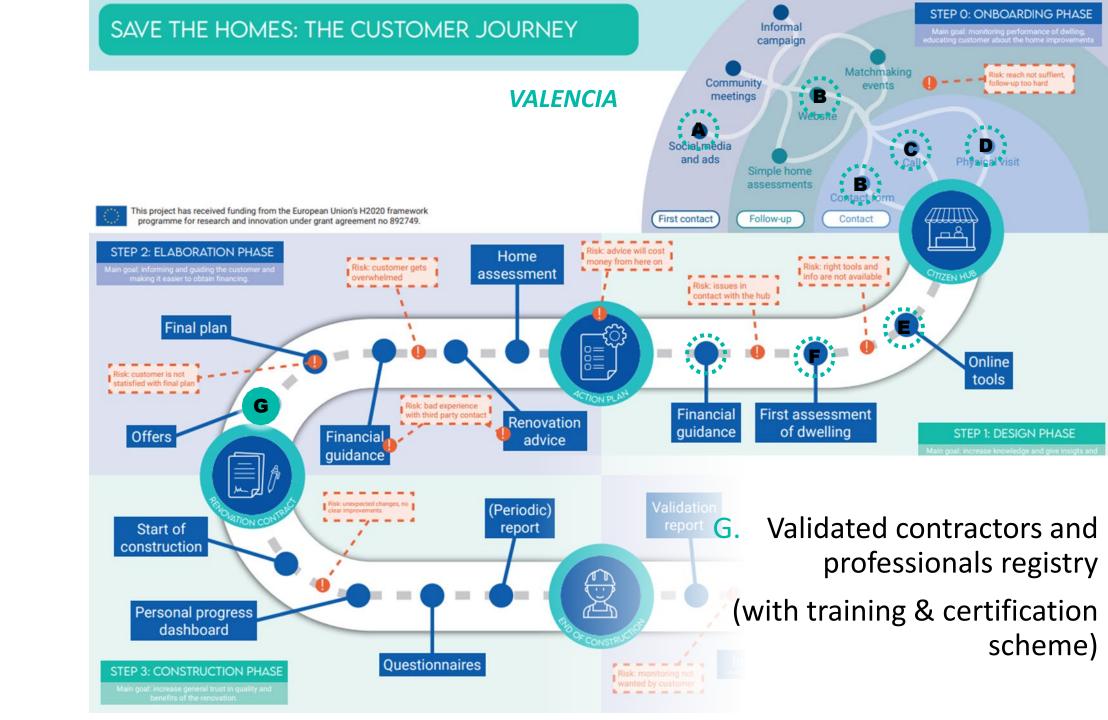
# Valencian ecosystem

- 21 physical offices
- Awareness campaigns
- Renovation solutions guidelines
- Citizens' oriented workshops
- Renovation diagnosis tool connected with subsidies
- Training program for professionals
- Validated registry









# **Business model - Valencia**

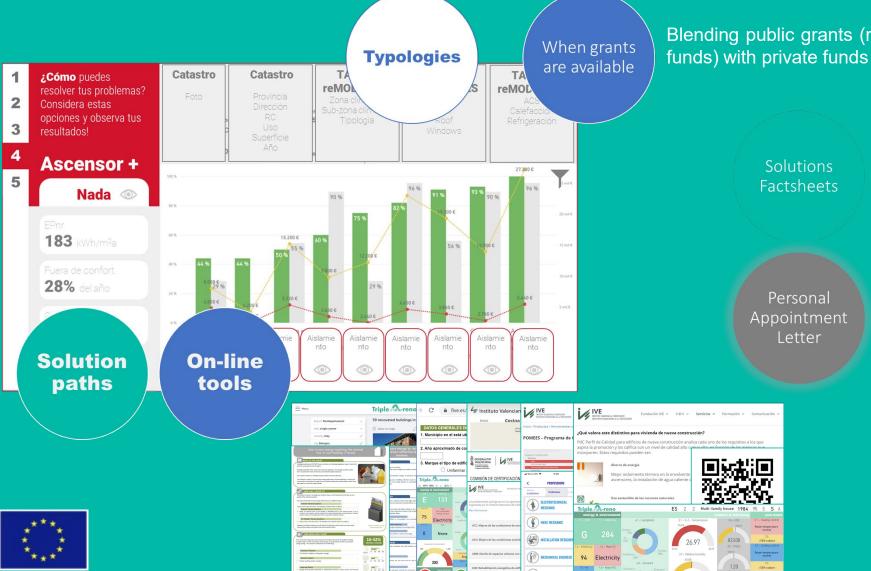
ICT tools

Travel/ outside events

### 11 - Societal Costs 2 - Value Propositions 10 - Societal Revenue Environmental unawareness Increased comfort, wellbeing, and productivity of residents in Valencia For homeowners: Frictionless access to an energy efficient, Mitigation of energy poverty through lower energy costs Energy poverty High energy costs accessible, and comfortable home. Higher quality of life for dwellers Low standard of living due to outdated housing For contractors, professionals, Stronger economy and local job creation Social exclusion and financing entities: Energy savings and greenhouse gases reduction Lack of specialized workforce Raised sustainability awareness candid project pipeline Lack of quality in construction works Social cohesion Unemployment Healthcare system savings through less energy-poverty-related illness 8 - Key Partners 7 - Key Activities 4 - Customer Relations 1 - Customer Segments OSS's personnel onboarding Primary focus: homeowners in multifamily Xaloc network Dedicated personal assistance VCE Technical and economic pre-diagnosis of the home and p Long term Secondary focus: single-family homeowners IVE and GVA Contractors' validation process Automated services \*Administradores de Fincas (Property managers) **VRCP** Service delivery workflows Communities **GNE Finance** Customer journey Co-design of projects UIPI and StH Consortium Develop jargon-free information material for HO Citizens' School as a participatory group City Council, Plan Cabanyal, Right to Hous Subsidies and licenses processing AVAESEN, ASELEC Data gathering and analysis Professionals' associations and colegios Monitoring of on-going, planned and failed projects Financial Institutions Development of partnerships (local associations and Fis) Workshops and events Mediation between users and contractors Post renovation follow-up 6 - Key Resources 3 - Channels Personnel Supporting tools for staff Offline Online Physical office Customer service protocol EO front-desk and appointed interviews EO social medial channels and monthly newsletter EO webinars and workshops: monthly workshops also on Web portal Files management platform Workshops and target events: monthly worksl-Sociodemographic and building data Energy efficiency guides Community of homeowners' meetings External webinars and events attended Brand Technical and financial calculation tools Leaflets, posters, and bus stops ads Google Ads and paid promotion Contractor's list Services Manual, phone assistance & Training program (X Information points including other municipal |-Xaloc website Protocols StH Ambassadors promoting the project **Customer tools** Word-of-mouth Energy efficiency factsheets and leaflets Newspapers Collaboration with banks offices and real estate offices Self-diagnosis tools Comparative tables with technical and financial solutions Aids and subsidies table 5 - Revenue Streams 9 - Cost structure City council funding Personnel Office utilities Regional Funding Marketing and communication actions EU Projects funding (e.g., Save the Homes and WELLBASED)

Regional subsidies under Program 2 of the Real Decreto 853/2021: 'Support program for renovation offices'

# Relevant initiatives in Valencia



Blending public grants (recovery























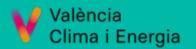












# **Examples from the ground:**







# Other initiatives













RENHATA: grants for energy renovation awareness campaigns

- Online tool: test your energy comsuption
- ENERFUND tool: energy certificates
- Catalogue of constructive solutions for energy renovation
- > TABULA tool

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Adaptative training programmes

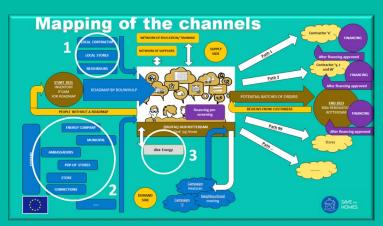
Energy consumption monitoring campaigns

**BES Certification** 

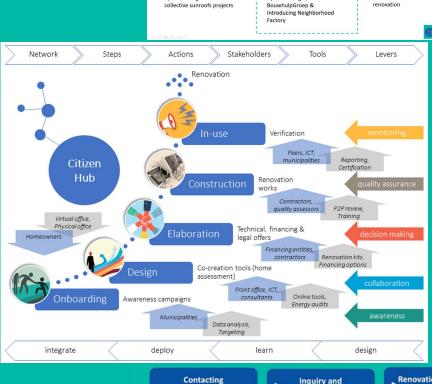
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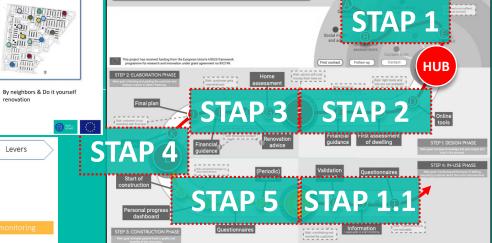
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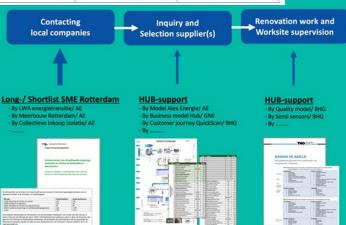


By Alex Energie & their



SAVE THE HOMES: THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY





FOCUS of OSS ROTTERDAM

By Alex Energie,

and insurance

Repetition

### **Capacity Hub Alexander**

- By Buurmannen/ AE
- By Experts/ AE
- By Ikwoon/ BHG
- By Renovatie Service Team/ StH





BouwhulpGroep

advies en architectuur



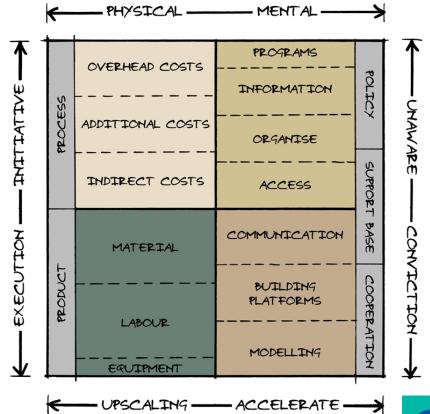
# Main challenge

Energy renovations are more than just about energy:

- Product
- Process
- Policy
- Support base
- Cooperation

From unaware to **conviction & trust** ... and from initiative to **execution** 

All together in a HUB.









# **Key takeaways**

- Think big, start small: Start working on strong network with local actors.
- Work on how to channel fundings effectively (boosting use of available public funds & leveraging private financing)
- Take time: Work on value proposition focusing on the whole customer experience.
  Single entry point to cover the whole customer journey, good marketing is important!
- Have a strong online platform to get people interested and ensure good conversion rates (OSS efficiency). Maximize use of digital solutions & available data.
- Consider different revenue streams, as quite difficult to make viable BM as it strongly depends on public subsidies.
- Widen the scope by integrating the expertise on health, aesthetics, circularity.

# Besides StH, there are many more OSS examples to learn from...

- Innovate: <a href="http://www.financingbuildingrenovation.eu/">http://www.financingbuildingrenovation.eu/</a>
- ORFEE (FR): <a href="https://orfee-project.com">https://orfee-project.com</a>
- Opengela (ES): <a href="https://opengela.eus">https://opengela.eus</a>
- Padova fit (IT): <a href="https://www.padovafit.eu">https://www.padovafit.eu</a>
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- Superhomes (IE): <a href="https://superhomes.ie/">https://superhomes.ie/</a>
- Turnkey retrofit (ES, FR, IE): <a href="https://www.turnkey-retrofit.eu">https://www.turnkey-retrofit.eu</a>
- Renonbill (ES, IT, LT): <a href="https://www.renonbill.eu">https://www.renonbill.eu</a>







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