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Summary

This document is an annex to the final report of EBC Annex 68 Subtask 5. As part of Subtask 5's activities, the energy use and indoor air quality data monitored in recently built high-performance buildings were presented at each annex meeting and, as a common exercise, collected using a common template. Data from 7 (groups of) buildings in 5 countries, namely Austria, Canada, France, New Zealand and United Kingdom, comprise the outcome of the second common exercise of Subtask 5.

In this annex are gathered all 7 data collection sheets, one for each specific experiment. The common template for data collection includes snapshots of the indoor air quality and energy uses of the buildings, as well as the measurement locations, sensors types and monitoring periods for each building. In addition to the common indoor air measurements, temperature, relative humidity and CO₂, formaldehyde, TVOC and particular matter (PM) are measured and reported in the houses, and other gaseous indoor pollutants in the high-rise buildings. Occupants perception is also provided.

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Subtask 5: Case Studies - 1. CaseStudy_AT_UIBK1
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Project Title: Lodenareal

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General	Building Location	Innsbruck, Austria
	Building Type	Multi-Unit Low-rise
	Year of Construction	2009
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	
	Building Floor Area (m²)	26000
	Reference (URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference)	https://doi.org/10.1080/17512549.2015.1040072 https://passivehouse-database.org/index.php?lang=en#d_1225
		
		
	<p>The image (from July 2020) shows the use of retrofitted external shading device more than 10 years after construction.</p>	

Ground + 5 topfloors

354 apartments (apt)

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	mass wall construction
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	7,7
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	
		Roof R-value (K.m²/W)	9,1
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m²/W)	7,7
	Interior finishing	Window U-value (W/K.m²)	0,72
		Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	0,18
		Type	
		Interior paint	
	Mechanical systems	Flooring	Wood laminat
		Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	plastic
		Heating	underfloor heating
		Cooling	no
		Heat/Energy recovery	Heat Recovery
Ventilation	Humidity control	No	
	Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	
	Heating season	Mechanical Ventilation	
	Cooling season	Hybrid	
	Shoulder seasons	Mechanical Ventilation	

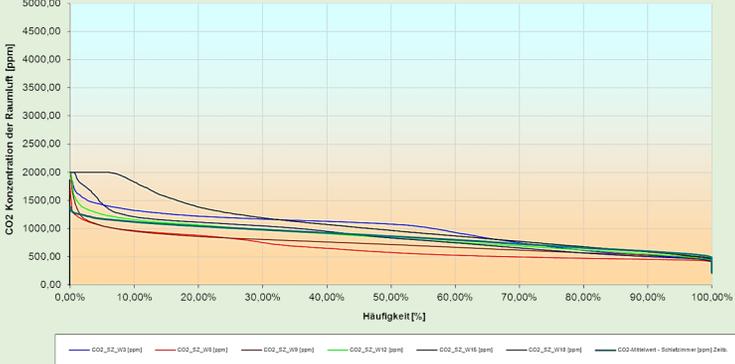
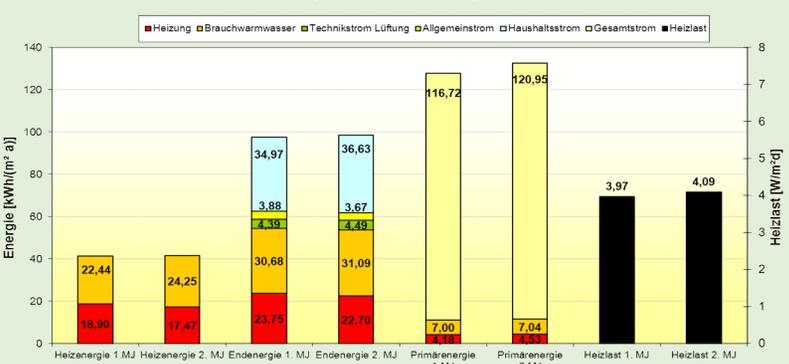
(U-value: 0,13 W/K.m²)

(U-value: 0,11 W/K.m²)

(U-value: 0,13 W/K.m²)

3-level switch for occupants

It is assumed that occup. also use their windows for additional airing and night ventilation

Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques	Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m ²)	0,05										
	IAQ	Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)	Social housing										
			Sensors used	Sampling locations	Measurement period	Data type	Minimum value	25 Percentile	Average	Median	75 Percentile	Maximum	All year (2011); avg 18 living room; values estimated from graphic. All year (2011); avg 18 living room; values estimated from graphic. All year (2011); avg 6 bedrooms; values estimated from graphic.
		Temperature (°C)	E+E Elektronik	18 apt. in living room (6 thereof also in bedroom)	2010, 2011, 2012	Time series	16	23,5	23.5 (in winter only)	24	24,5	27	
		Relative Humidity (%)	E+E Elektronik	18 apt. in living room (6 thereof also in bedroom)	2010, 2011, 2012	Time series	20%	30%		35%	45%	60%	
		CO ₂ (PPM)	E+E Elektronik	18 apt. in living room (6 thereof also in bedroom)	2010, 2011, 2012	Time series	300	700		800	1000	2000	
		Formaldehyde (PPM)											
		TVOC (PPM)		6 apt.	Before handover	Snap shot	<20µg/m ³					155 µg/m ³	
		Particulate matter (µg/m ³)											
	Other	Ambient T, RH											
Energy	Temperature control—Thermostat	Constant											
	Heating set point (°C)	Occupant											
	Cooling set point (°C)	n/a											
	Energy measurement (KWh)	Hourly or less											
Occupants' perception of their unit IAQ	Total Building Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)	98											
	Total Thermal Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)	41,7											
Occupants' view of their unit thermal comfort		Good											
		Comfortable											
Photos of typical instrumentations for IAQ measurements	Question referred to ventilation system; see paper or report.												
	Question referred to heating system; see paper or report.												
Photos of typical instrumentations for Energy measurements													
													
Geordnete CO2-Konzentration in den Schlafzimmern Lodenareal 2. MJ von 1.01.2011 bis 31.12.2011													
													
Lesson learned	Problems identified												
	Elevated summer temperatures in some top floor apartments due to not installed external shading (but planned). Even with relative low nominal ventilation rates, 30% of occupants perceived indoor air as too dry. The use of passive volumenflow control valves (two in a row) to provide 3 level control did not prove to be a very reliable solution.		Adapted solution External shading devices installed on demand. Extended cascade ventilation (no supply air in living room) was tested in some apartments with positive results; the housing company applies extended cascade ventilation in new building projects. No adaption was made, the main result is that the "boost/party ventilation mode" is rather ineffective (no substantial change in airflow).										

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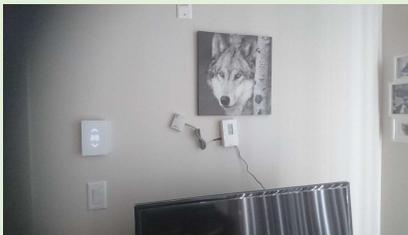
Project Title: Lodenareal

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	Institution	British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

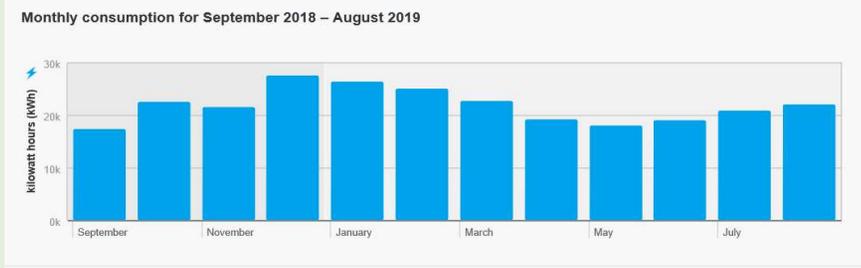
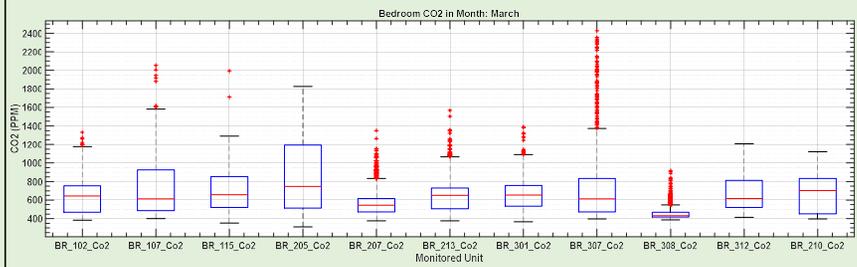
General	Building Location	Pemberton, British Columbia, Canada	Three storey 45 Units Apartment
	Building Type	Multi-Unit Low-rise	
	Year of Construction	2017	
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	New	
	Building Floor Area (m²)	3600	
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	https://doi.org/10.1080/17512549.2015.1040072 https://passivehouse-database.org/index.php?lang=en#d_1225	
			

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	wood-frame construction			
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	35			
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	6,2			
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	4,2			
		Roof R-value (K.m²/W)	12,3			
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m²/W)	Underground garage			
		Window U-value (W/K.m²)	0,8			
	Interior finishing	Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)				
		Type	ICF Wall			
		Interior paint	Latex paint			
	Mechanical systems	Flooring	Vinyl			
		Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	plastic			
		Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	Electric baseboard as supplement heating unit		
			Heating	Air to Air Heat Pump		
			Cooling	Air to Air Heat Pump		
Heat/Energy recovery	Energy Recovery					
Ventilation	Humidity control	No				
	Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates			
		Heating season	Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	33 L/s	
		Cooling season	Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	33 L/s	
	Shoulder seasons	Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	33 L/s		
				As per ASHRAE 55		
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Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m ²)		0,03								
	Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)		Family								
IAQ	Temperature (°C)	Sensors used HOBO Carbon Dioxide - Temp - RH Data Logger - MX1102A	Sampling locations 11 Units: Living room/Bedroom	Measurement period March 2019 to August 2019	Data type Time series	Minimum value 17.9/14.3	25 Percentile 22.0/21.8	Average 22.9/22.9	Median 22.9/22.9	75 Percentile 23.7/23.8	Maximum 28.8/32.6
	Relative Humidity (%)	HOBO Carbon Dioxide - Temp - RH Data Logger - MX1102A	11 Units: Living room/Bedroom	March 2019 to August 2020	Time series	22.6/19.6	36.6/36.2	42.8/41.9	42.0/41.2	48.8/47.4	67.43/69.8
	CO ₂ (PPM)	HOBO Carbon Dioxide - Temp - RH Data Logger - MX1102A	11 Units: Living room/Bedroom	March 2019 to August 2021	Time series	-/300	439/463	542/654	550/592	671/762	1697/2549
Energy	Temperature control--Thermostat	Constant									
	Heating set point (°C)	occupant									
	Cooling set point (°C)	occupant									
	Energy measurement (KWh)	Hourly or less									
	Total Building Energy use--on site(KWh/m ² /a)	73									
Total Thermal Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)		Total Energy Measured including DHW and plug Loads									
Occupants' perception of the their unit IAQ		Good									
Occupants' view of their unit thermal comfort		Comfortable									



Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques



	Problems identified	Adapted solution
Lesson learned	In general, the units have good thermal comfort except in the summer hot days when their units experience overheating.	Interior shading (Blinds) are installed to limit solar gain through the windows.
	Constant single speed fan is used for ventilation, heating and cooling, which is found to be not enough for cooling.	Based on the lesson learned with respect to overheating issue, the builder choose an HRV with double speed fan for his new building project, which has a similar design and size as Radius building.
	The existing duct size doesn't allow for increases in airflow.	In his next building project, the builder doubled the air duct.
	Occupants in the NW and SW corner units experience more overheating problem.	To address overheating problem, separate heat pump units are installed in a couple of the units.

Subtask 5: Case Studies - 3. CaseStudy_FR_Houses)
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Project Title: Total Operational Performance of Low Carbon Buildings ("TOP"): case studies from two

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General	Building Location	21 in France center region	New-build
	Building Type	Single	
	Year of Construction	2014-2015	
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	Not applicable	
	Building Floor Area (m2)	67 to 176	
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	Guyot, G., Melois, A., Bernard, A.-M., Coeudevez, C.-S., Déoux, S., Berlin, S., Parent, E., Huet, A., Berthault, S., Jobert, R., Labaume, D., 2017. Ventilation performance and indoor air pollutants diagnosis in 21 French low energy homes. International Journal of Ventilation 1–9. https://doi.org/10.1080/14733315.2017.1377393	

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	variable		
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
		Roof R-value (K.m²/W)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m²/W)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
		Window U-value (W/K.m²)	variable, total energy consumption under 50 kWh/year/m ²		
	Interior finishing	Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	less than 2,3 vol/h	qa4Pa<0,6 m ³ /h/m ²	
		Interior paint	variable		
		Flooring	variable		
	Mechanical systems	Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	variable		
			Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	
		Heating			variable
		Cooling	without		
		Heat/Energy recovery			only 7 with balanced ventilation
	Ventilation	Humidity control	Yes		only 14 with DCV systems
			Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates
Heating season				7 houses with heat recovery balanced ventilation + 14 houses with humidity DCV	
Cooling season		---		winter campaign	
	Shoulder seasons			winter campaign	

Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m ²)											
	Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)		family with and without children									
IAQ		Sensors used	Sampling locations	Measurement period	Data type	Minimum value	25 Percentile	Average	Median	75 Percentile	Maximum	
	Temperature (°C)	Thermometer	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Time series							15min intervals
	Relative Humidity (%)	Capacitive RH	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Time series							15min intervals
	CO ₂ (PPM)	NDIR	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Time series							15min intervals
	Formaldehyde (ug/m ³)	Radiello passive (diffusive) samplers by reaction with 2-4 DNPH and liquid chromatography and UV detection	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot				17,4			ug/m ³
	Other aldehydes (acetaldehyde, hexaldehyde, benzaldehyde, butyraldehyde, valeraldehyde, propionaldehyde, acroleine)	Radiello passive (diffusive) samplers by reaction with 2-4 DNPH and liquid chromatography and UV detection	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							PPB - 15min intervals
	Particulate matter (µg/m ³) - PM2.5	Active air sampling on a fi liter with a pump	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							15min intervals
	NO ₂ (ppb)	Passam AG passive diffusive sampler and spectrophotometry	1 bedroom & Living Room + outdoor	7 days heating season	Snap shot							15min intervals
	Radon	Passive sampling with Alpha track detection	1 bedroom & Living Room	2 months heating season	Snap shot							
	Ozone (ug/m ³)	Palmes diffusion tube	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Benzene (ug/m ³)	Radiello passive (diffusive) samplers by thermal adsorption+ Gas chromatography and mass spectrometry	1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Toluene (ug/m ³)		1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Trichloroethylene (ug/m ³)		1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Tetrachloroethylene (ug/m ³)		1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Styrene (ug/m ³)		1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
	Naphthalene (ug/m ³)		1 bedroom & Living Room	7 days heating season	Snap shot							
d-limonene (ug/m ³)	1 bedroom & Living Room		7 days heating season	Snap shot								
alpha-pinene (ug/m ³)	1 bedroom & Living Room		7 days heating season	Snap shot								
Energy	Temperature control--Thermostat	Programable										
	Heating set point (°C)	21										
	Cooling set point (°C)	Not applicable										
	Energy measurement (KWh)	Monthly										
	Total Building Energy use--on site(KWh/m ² /a)	37.7 kWh/m ² /annum electricity, 141.9 kWh/m ² /annum fossil fuel (natural gas)										
Total Thermal Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)		141,9										
Occupants' perception of the their unit IAQ		Good										
Occupants' view of their unit thermal comfort		Comfortable										

Note: community heating system is not as efficient as design assumptions. The heating demand of the dwelling during the measurement period was 70.9 kWh/m²/annum.

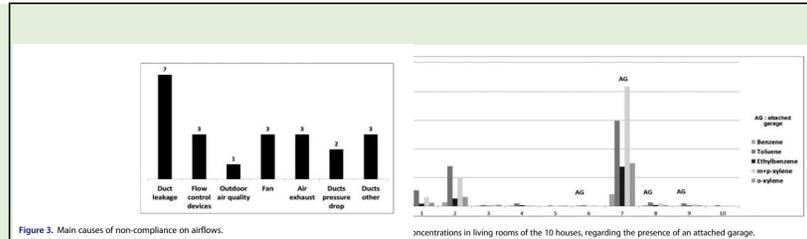


Figure 3. Main causes of non-compliance on airflows. concentrations in living rooms of the 10 houses, regarding the presence of an attached garage.

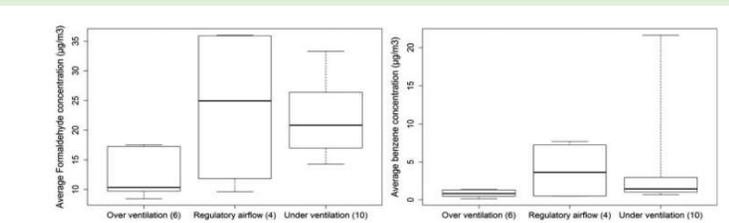


Figure 4. Average concentration distributions, according to the compliance category for: (a) formaldehyde and (b) benzene.

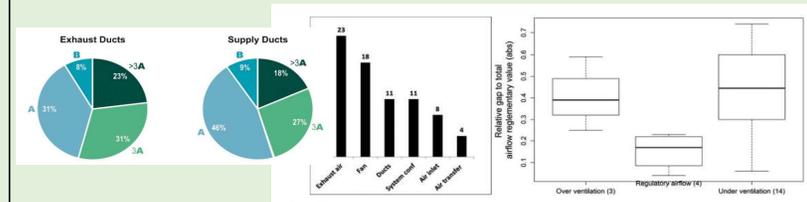


Figure 1. Non-compliances on inspected ventilation systems. (a) Number by type and (b) measured total airflows: relative gap to regulatory values according to the compliance category.

Problems identified

No house is found to comply fully with the ventilation regulation. 81% of the houses don't reach the minimum required total airflows (standard running mode), including 82% under-ventilation rates and 18% over-ventilation rates.

Around 50% of the ducts, including exhaust- and supply duct, have an airleakage class greater than or equal to 3 times the class A

Links between ventilation level and VOCs and aldehyde concentrations (Figure 4): The three over ventilated houses have lower concentrations while in the 2 regulatory houses and in the 5 under ventilated houses results are diverse. This observation is balanced by the fact that IAQ is connected to ventilation quality, but also to building materials, decorations and furnishings, to occupant behaviours, to outdoor environment

In one case, the large outdoor pollution fills in the filters (no prefilter, F7 alone) and reduces the airflow to zero after 2 months.

Cases show that even if the global air flow is correct, bad doors undercuts can explain high CO₂ concentrations especially in main bedroom.

The presence of an attached garage with access to the house can explain a part of high BTEX concentrations, but it is not a general explanation

A very critical case is underlined with high CO concentration in the presence of ventilation- and wood stove-dysfunctions

Adapted solution

In the project, we developed tools leading to better practices at every stage of the construction. Many dysfunctions could be avoided through the implementation of quality management tools. With such tools, one could pretty easily, not costly, but efficiently, control ventilation system at each stage of the building construction: from design to installation, even including maintenance and final use.

Impact of the sources are concerned in the tools we developed for our quality management approach.

Lesson learned

Subtask 5: Case Studies - 4. CaseStudy_NZ_House_A

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Project Title: Indoor air quality of four higher performance homes - pilot study

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General	Building Location	Christchurch, New Zealand
	Building Type	Single two storey
	Year of Construction	2016
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	
	Building Floor Area (m²)	169 excl. Garage
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	BRANZ Study Report 'Indoor air quality of four higher spec'd New Zealand homes – Pilot study' (2019)
	Confidential - so no pictures available.	

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	wood-frame construction	actually SIPs	
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	32% (approx.)		
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m2/W)	4,3	estimated	
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m2/W)		no below grade	
		Roof R-value (K.m2/W)	5,7	estimated	
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m2/W)	1,8	estimated	
		Window U-value (W/K.m2)	2,1		
		Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	3,3	measured	
	Interior finishing		Type		
		Interior paint	Acrylic		
		Flooring	concrete		and timber upper level
		Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	fabric		
	Mechanical systems		Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	
		Heating		Underfloor hydronic	
		Cooling		None	
		Heat/Energy recovery	Heat Recovery	EcoMaster - Moisture Master (central)	
		Humidity control	No		
	Ventilation		Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates
Heating season		Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	unspecified	
Cooling season		Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	unspecified	
Shoulder seasons		Mechanical Ventilation	Continious	unspecified	

Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques	Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m2)	115																																																																																			
		Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)	2 adults only																																																																																			
	IAQ	Temperature (°C)	Sensors used	Sampling locations	Measurement period	Data type	Minimum value	25 Percentile	Average	Median	75 Percentile	Maximum																																																																										
			Digital (Onset Hobo U10)	Lounge (open to kitchen)	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	18.2 / 20.0		20.5 / 23.0			23.5 / 30.0																																																																										
		Relative Humidity (%)	Digital (U10)	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	--																																																																																
		CO2 (PPM)	Dual Beam Absorption Infrared	Master bedroom	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	530 / 403		817 / 468			1277 / 611																																																																										
		Formaldehyde (PPM)	Photoelectric Absorptiometric (Passive diffusion)	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot																																																																																
		TVOC (PPM)	NA	NA		--																																																																																
		Particulate matter (µg/m³)	Optical, non-Finite Element Method (in parallel)	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	0.1 / 0		3.8 / 3.1			93.8 / 178																																																																										
	CO (PPM)	3 Electrode Electrochemical cell	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	0 / 0		0.5 / 0			8 / 0																																																																											
Energy	Temperature control--Thermostat	---	didn't record																																																																																			
	Heating set point (°C)		Note that NZers don't have continuous heating, as in other countries, generally																																																																																			
	Cooling set point (°C)		Note that NZers don't have continuous cooling, as in other countries, generally																																																																																			
	Energy measurement (KWh)	---	not recorded during period																																																																																			
	Total Building Energy use--on site (KWh/m²/a)		not used for monitoring period																																																																																			
	Total Thermal Energy use--on site (KWh/m²/a)		not used for monitoring period																																																																																			
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	Problems identified	Adapted solution
Lesson learned	Whole house mechanical ventilation is very new to NZ, and nowhere is this more evident in the placement and treatment of ducting.	A national training for proper ducting installation practices is needed for NZ.
	Useful placement of HRV controls is essential for user utility, which was not the case for this install.	This issue will fade as HRV systems all shift to smartphone controls and feedback.

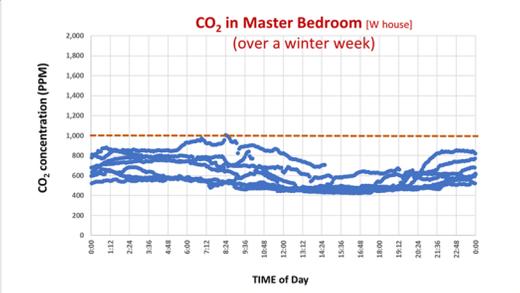
Subtask 5: Case Studies - 5. CaseStudy_NZ_House_W
Annex 68 Design and Operational Strategies for High IAQ in Low Energy Buildings



Project Title: Indoor air quality of four higher performance homes - pilot study

Contributor	Name	Roman Jaques, Manfred Plagmann
	Country	New Zealand
	Institution	BRANZ Ltd

General	Building Location	Christchurch, New Zealand			
	Building Type	Single	Single storey house		
	Year of Construction	2017			
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)				
	Building Floor Area (m²)	140			
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	BRANZ Study Report 'Indoor air quality of four higher spec'd New Zealand homes – Pilot study' (2019)			
	Confidential - so cannot include pictures/plans of houses				
Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	wood-frame construction		
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	32% (approx.)		
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	6,1	Estimated (140mm framing)	
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)		no below grade	
		Roof R-value (K.m²/W)	7,8	Estimated	
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m²/W)	4,5	Estimated	
		Window U-value (W/K.m²)	1,25		
	Interior finishing	Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	1,77	measured	
			Type		
		Interior paint	Acrylic		
		Flooring	concrete - with hydronic heat		
	Mechanical systems	Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	fabric		
			Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	
		Heating		Underfloor hydronic	
		Cooling		No cooling source	
		Heat/Energy recovery	Heat Recovery	Titan - whole house	
		Humidity control	No		
Ventilation		Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates	
	Heating season	Mechanical Ventilation	Continuous	unspecified	
	Cooling season	Mechanical Ventilation	Continuous	unspecified	
	Shoulder seasons	Mechanical Ventilation	Continuous	unspecified	

Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques	Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m ²)	47																																																																																																			
		Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)	3 adults only																																																																																																			
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		Formaldehyde (PPM)	Photoelectric Absorptiometric (Passive diffusion)	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	0 / 0																< 10 PPB = undetectable limit																																																																															
		TVOC (PPM)	NA	NA		--																	didn't measure																																																																															
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		Carbon Monoxide (PPM)	3 Electrode Electrochemical cell	Lounge	1 week in Winter/Summer	Snap shot	0 / 0																																																																																															
	Energy	Temperature control--Thermostat	Programmable	didn't record																																																																																																		
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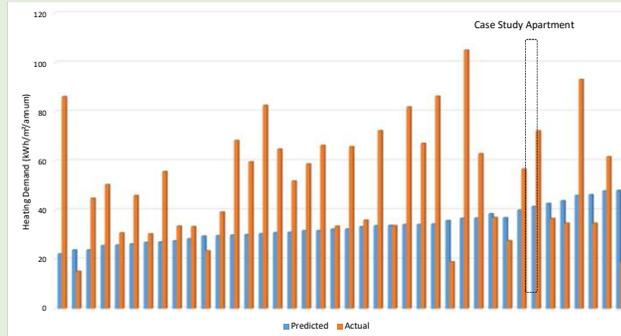
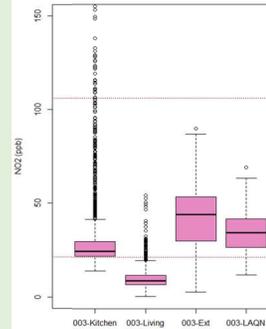
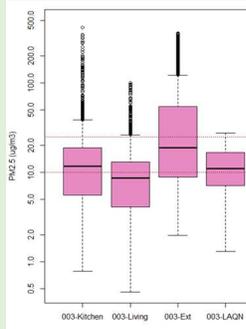
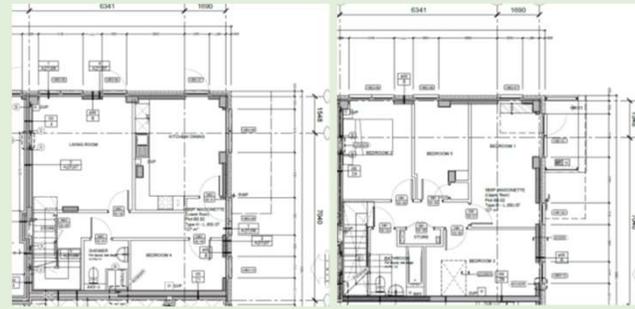
General	Building Location	East London (UK)
	Building Type	Multi-Unit High-rise
	Year of Construction	2014
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	Not applicable
	Building Floor Area (m²)	127
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	Burman, E., Shrubsole, C., Stamp, S., Mumovic, D., Davies, M., 2018. Design and operational strategies for good Indoor Air Quality in low-energy dwellings: performance evaluation of two apartment blocks in East London, UK, the 7th International Building Physics Conference (IBPC 2018), 23-26 September 2018, Syracuse, USA.
		

The case study is an apartment on the ground floor of this block.

New-build

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	mass wall construction		
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	18%		
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	Ground U value: 0.12 W/m ² *K		
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m²/W)	8.333333333		
		Roof R-value (K.m²/W)	Not applicable (ground floor and first floor apartment)		
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m²/W)			
		Window U-value (W/K.m²)	0,85		
		Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	Double-glazed windows + secondary glazing with a large air gap due to acoustic considerations Pressure test result: 3.8 m ³ /hr./m ² @50 Pa		
	Interior finishing		Type		
		Interior paint	Crown Vinyl Silk (White) in Kitchen, bathroom and other wet areas, Crown Matt (White) in other areas		
		Flooring	Carpet (except tiles used in kitchen)		
		Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	PVC framed double-glazed window		
	Mechanical systems		Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	Community heating system is based on natural gas-fired boilers with provision for integration of a CHP system in future.
		Heating	Wet radiators	Community heating system	
		Cooling	None		
Heat/Energy recovery		None			
Humidity control		No			
Ventilation		Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates	
	Heating season	Hybrid	DCV (Humidity Controlled Ventilation)	Minimum 29 l/s mechanical ventilation, natural ventilation through windows	
	Cooling season	Hybrid	DCV (Humidity Controlled Ventilation)	Minimum 29 l/s mechanical ventilation, natural ventilation through windows	
	Shoulder seasons	Hybrid	DCV (Humidity Controlled Ventilation)	Minimum 29 l/s mechanical ventilation, natural ventilation through windows	

Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques	Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m2)		0,06								
		Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)		Family with children and grand parents								
			Sensors used	Sampling locations	Measurement period	Data type	Minimum value	25 Percentile	Average	Median	75 Percentile	Maximum
IAQ	Temperature (°C)	Thermistor	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	17,4	21,6	23,6	23,8	25,4	30,5	15min intervals
	Relative Humidity (%)	Capacitive RH	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	27,2	37,2	43,8	45	49,5	74,2	15min intervals
	CO ₂ (PPM)	NDIR	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	450	540	907	747	1103	3491	15min intervals
	Formaldehyde (µg/m ³)	UMEX100 BADGES BY HIGH PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	11,8	13,1	19,7	17,5	25,9	31,4	ug/m3
	TVOC (PPB)	Alphasense PID	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0	33	63,7	56,7	76,7	1036,7	PPB - 15min intervals
	Particulate matter (µg/m ³) - PM2.5	Alphasense OPC-N2	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0,26	1,8	6,23	3	6,9	228	15min intervals
	Particulate matter (µg/m ³) - PM10	Alphasense OPC-N2	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0	5	12	8,6	13,9	244,5	15min intervals
	NO ₂ (ppb)	Alphasense A43EF (Electrochemical)	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0	5	10,2	7,2	10,7	254	15min intervals
	NO ₂ (ppb)	Palmes diffusion tube	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	8,3	12,4	15,2	13,8	19,6	21,9	15min intervals
	Ozone (µg/m ³)	Palmes diffusion tube	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	3,6	3,6	6,4	4,7	7,8	13,3	
	Benzene (µg/m ³)	ION CHROMATOGRAPHY	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,6	0,8	1,3	1,5	1,6	2,1	
	Toluene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,9	1,3	1,9	2,1	2,4	2,6	
	Trichloroethylene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	
	Tetrachloroethylene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,4	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,5	1,8	
	Styrene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,7	1,1	0,8	1,5	2,1	
	Naphthalene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,3	0,6	0,6	0,9	1,3	
	d-limonene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	5,6	7,2	43,2	39,2	76,8	89,6	
	alpha-pinene (µg/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	4,1	4,2	9,2	7,3	10,6	21,5	
	Energy	Temperature control–Thermostat	Programmable									
		Heating set point (°C)	21									
Cooling set point (°C)		Not applicable										
Energy measurement (KWh)		Monthly										
Total Building Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)		37.7 kWh/m ² /annum electricity, 141.9 kWh/m ² /annum fossil fuel (natural gas)										
Total Thermal Energy use--on site (KWh/m ² /a)	141,9		Note: community heating system is not as efficient as design assumptions. The heating demand of the dwelling during the measurement period was 70.9 kWh/m ² /annum.									
Occupants' perception of the their unit IAQ	Good											
Occupants' view of their unit thermal comfort	Comfortable											



Problems identified

Energy efficiency issues at the Energy Centre (community heating scheme)
 Information about MVHR filter replacement not provided to building users
 Basic G3 filter in the installed MVHR systems
 Formaldehyde concentration levels much higher than the most stringent ELV (9 µg/m³)

Adapted solution

Under investigation as the second phase of the development is constructed
 Information about type and function of filters, recommended replacement frequency, and method of replacement was provided to building users in a workshop following the research project.
 Opportunities to improve filtration in commercially available MVHR systems (e.g. F type filters, activated carbon filters, etc.)
 Better source control + enhanced ventilation (for future projects)

Lesson learned

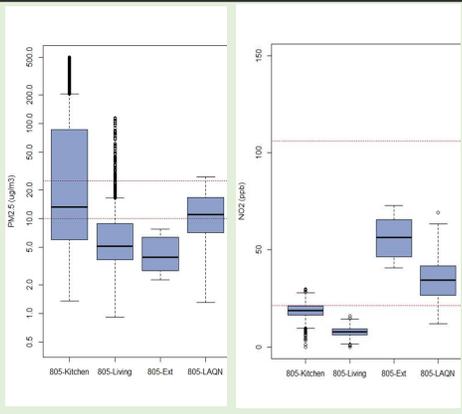
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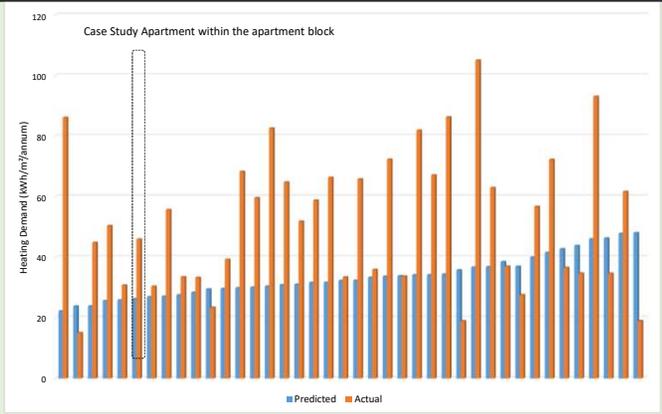
General	Building Location	East London (UK)	
	Building Type	Multi-Unit High-rise	The case study is an apartment on the 8th floor of this block.
	Year of Construction	2014	
	Major Renovation Year (if applicable, for older buildings)	Not applicable	New-build
	Building Floor Area (m²)	100	
	Reference: URL or Citation: Report, Journal, Conference	Burman, E., Shrubsole, C., Stamp, S., Mumovic, D., Davies, M., 2018. Design and operational strategies for good Indoor Air Quality in low-energy dwellings: performance evaluation of two apartment blocks in East London, UK, the 7th International Building Physics Conference (IBPC 2018), 23-26 September 2018, Syracuse, USA.	
			

Building Description	Building envelope	Construction type	mass wall construction		
		Window to Wall ratio (%)	30%		
		Above Grade Wall R-value (K.m2/W)		Wall U value: 0.18-0.19 W/m ² *K	5,55555556
		Below Grade Wall R-value (K.m2/W)	Not applicable	Not applicable	
		Roof R-value (K.m2/W)	not applicable (8th floor flat)		
		Slab on grade R-value (K.m2/W)	not applicable (8th floor flat)		
		Window U-value (W/K.m2)	0.92	Double-glazed windows + secondary glazing with a large air gap due to acoustic considerations	
		Airtightness (ACH at 50 Pa)	Pressure test result: 2.2 m ³ /hr./m ² @50 Pa		
	Interior finishing		Type		
		Interior paint	Crown Vinyl Silk (White) in Kitchen, bathroom and other wet areas, Crown Matt in other areas		
		Flooring	Carpet (except tiles used in kitchen)		
		Window cover (fabric, plastic, wood etc.)	PVC framed double-glazed window		
	Mechanical systems		Terminal unit	Equipment/Source	
		Heating	Wet radiators	Community heating system	Community heating system is based on natural gas-fired boilers with provision for integration of a CHP system in future.
		Cooling	None		
Heat/Energy recovery		None			
Humidity control		No			
Ventilation		Ventilation type	Ventilation strategy	Design Ventilation rates	
	Heating season	Hybrid	DCV (Humidity Controlled)	Minimum 21 l/s mechanical ventilation, natural ventilation through windows	
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Building Performance Monitoring & Measurement Techniques	Occupancy	Typical Occupant Density (person/m ²)	0,05											
		Typical Occupant Type (mainly office workers, elders living, family with children)	Family with children											
	IAQ		Sensors used	Sampling locations	Measurement period	Data type	Minimum value	25 Percentile	Average	Median	75 Percentile	Maximum		
			Temperature (°C)	Thermistor	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	17,3	20,2	21,6	21,4	22,8	28,9	15min intervals
			Relative Humidity (%)	Capacitive RH	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	26	36	42	42	46	72	15min intervals
			CO2 (PPM)	NDIR	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	447	502	708	641	918	1733	15min intervals
			Formaldehyde (ug/m ³)	UMEX100 BADGES BY HIGH PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	1,2	1,2	7,5	3,2	11,2	18,8	ug/m3
			TVOC (PPB)	Alphasense PID	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0	20	54	36,7	76,8	326,7	PPB - 15min intervals
			Particulate matter (ug/m ³) - PM2.5	Alphasense OPC-N2	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0,7	2,4	19	3,5	6,8	311,5	15min intervals
			Particulate matter (ug/m ³) - PM10	Alphasense OPC-N2	Kitchen & Living Room	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0,8	6,4	25,2	9,9	18,3	298,0	15min intervals
			NO2 (ppb)	Alphasense A43EF (Electrochemical)	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Time series	0,0	2,4	5,2	4,7	7,2	29,5	15min intervals
			NO2 (ppb)	Palmes diffusion tube	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	13,1	16,9	20,3	20,7	25,8	26,0	
			Ozone (ug/m ³)	Palmes diffusion tube	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	3,8	3,8	10,7	7,0	21,5	28,8	
			Benzene (ug/m ³)	ION CHROMATOGRAPHY	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,6	0,6	1,0	0,9	1,6	1,7	
			Toluene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	1,3	1,4	2,2	1,8	2,1	4,9	
			Trichloroethylene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	
			Tetrachloroethylene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,4	
		Styrene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,5	1,4	1,0	1,4	4,2		
		Naphthalene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	0,3	0,8	0,7	1,2	1,9		
		d-limonene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	0,3	1,0	32,8	15,0	53,0	88,2		
	alpha-pinene (ug/m ³)	Passive (Tenax) – ISO16017	Kitchen, Living Room & Bedroom	7 days heating season, 7 days non-heating season	Snap shot	3,8	4,0	8,6	7,6	10,9	15,8			
Energy	Temperature control—Thermostat	Programable												
	Heating set point (°C)	21												
	Cooling set point (°C)	not applicable												
	Energy measurement (KWh)	Monthly												
	Total Building Energy use—on site(KWh/m ² /a)	37 kWh/m ² /annum electricity, 101 kWh/m ² /annum fossil fuel (natural gas)												
	Total Thermal Energy use—on site (KWh/m ² /a)	101 kWh/m ² /annum												
Note: community heating system is not as efficient as design assumptions. The heating demand of the dwelling during the measurement period was 50.6 kWh/m ² /annum.														
	Occupants' perception of the their unit IAQ	Good												
	Occupants' view of their unit thermal comfort	Comfortable												



Problems identified



Adapted solution

Lesson learned	Problems identified	Adapted solution
	Energy efficiency issues at the Energy Centre (community heating scheme)	Under investigation as the second phase of the development is constructed
	Information about MVHR filter replacement not provided to building users	Information about type and function of filters, recommended replacement frequency, and method of replacement was provided to building users in a workshop following the research project.
	Basic G3 filter in the installed MVHR systems	Opportunities to improve filtration in commercially available MVHR systems (e.g. F type filters, activated carbon filters, etc.)