



On-Site Energy Consulting: Sound advice for the best-possible modernisation

At a glance

What?	Funding of on-site consultations for energy-efficient modernisations
For whom?	All building/house/dwelling owners, especially households and commonhold associations, as well as housing companies and associations
How?	Subsidies
How much?	Single-/two-family homes: up to EUR 800, three or more dwelling units: up to EUR 1,100; presentation of the energy consulting report to a commonhold association: EUR 500
Where?	Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control
When?	From 1 March 2015

Brief look at on-site consultations

Germany has around 18 million residential buildings with 40 million dwelling units. Many of these buildings have a suboptimal energy balance by today's standards. In order to improve the buildings' energy performance and stimulate investment in their

energy efficiency, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy has decided to improve energy consultations. Households and commonhold associations can thus receive reliable, unbiased information that will help them understand and gauge their own energy consumption better. The optimised On-Site Consultation programme kicks off on 1 March 2015.

Summary of key changes

- 1.) More attractive subsidies:
Advisors will now receive subsidies for up to 60 per cent (previously: 50 per cent) of eligible consultation costs for an on-site consultation. The maximum allowance is 800 euros for single- or two-family homes (previously: EUR 400) and EUR 1,100 for residential buildings with three or more dwelling units (previously EUR 500). Also, advisors can now receive a one-time subsidy of up to EUR 500 for presenting their reports at commonhold association meetings or advisory board meetings.
- 2.) New option to choose between a KfW Efficiency House or a custom energy retrofit plan:
In the past, consultations were restricted to KfW Efficiency House standards. Advisors were required to show two approaches for reaching this energy standard: a complete modernisation and step-by-step modernisation. Now, building owners can specifically choose whether to receive a modernisation plan for a KfW Efficiency House or an energy retrofit plan that shows how the building can be comprehensively modernized to increase energy efficiency with carefully coordinated measures or sets of measures.
- 3.) Extended scope:
The programme applies from 1 March 2015 to all residential buildings for which a construction permit application or a developer's notice of construction on zoned land was submitted by 31 January 2002 (dating back eight more years than previously). Starting in March 2015, funding applications can be resubmitted after only four years instead of eight, as was previously the case.



4.) Clear design of consulting report:

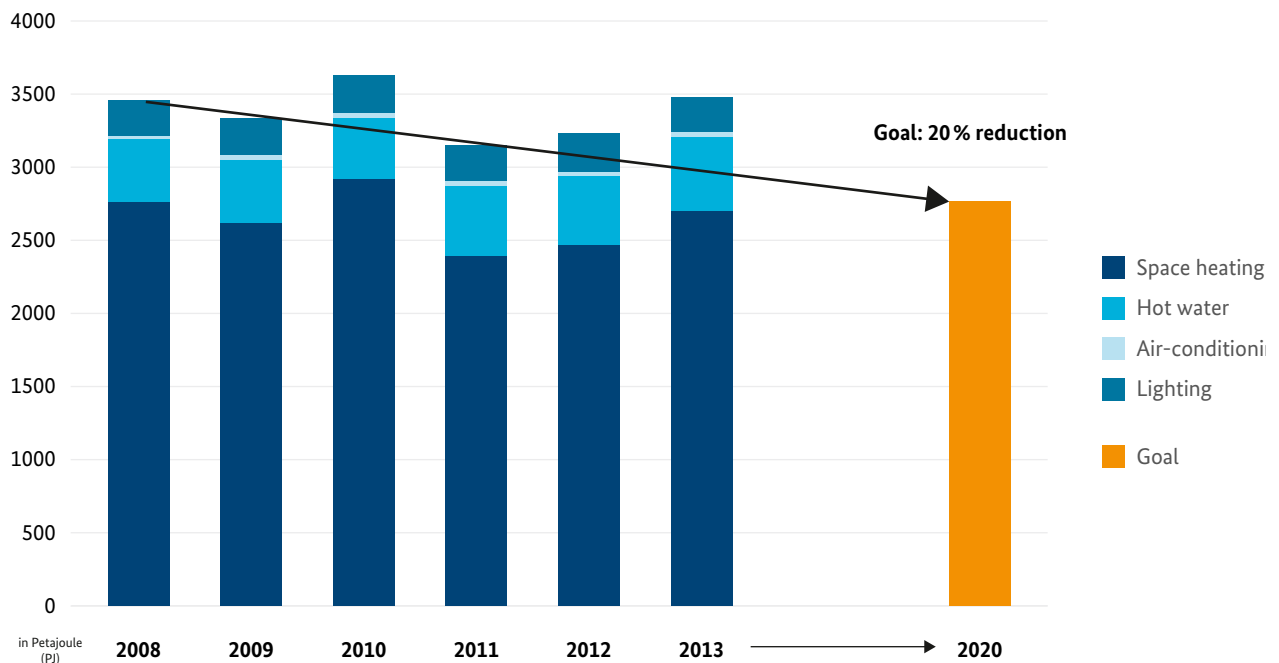
The consulting report used to be too long and confusing for many owners. To improve matters, the findings of the report must now be presented in a compact and simple form. For example, retrofit plans must now show the savings in terms of energy, energy costs and CO₂ emissions at each step of the retrofit.

5.) Better together:

The consultation may now be combined with other public assistance from state and/or local authorities. The funding must not exceed 90 per cent of the costs.

Did you know?

Heating demand to drop 20 % by 2020



Source: Working Group on Energy Balances

In Germany, buildings account for much of the energy consumption, mostly due to heating demand. We want our building stock to be virtually climate-neutral by 2050 – from single-family houses to office complexes. This is an ambitious goal: buildings account for nearly 40 per cent of total final energy consumption in Germany. The largest single item is heating.

Learn more

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