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**Policy guidelines** to implement  
**Energy Efficiency First** in  
planning and investment  
schemes for buildings and  
related energy systems

## Introduction

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**MAKING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FIRST PRINCIPLE OPERATIONAL**

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# Energy Efficiency First (E1st) ?

## Definition of Energy Efficiency First (E1st) in the context of the ENEFIRST project

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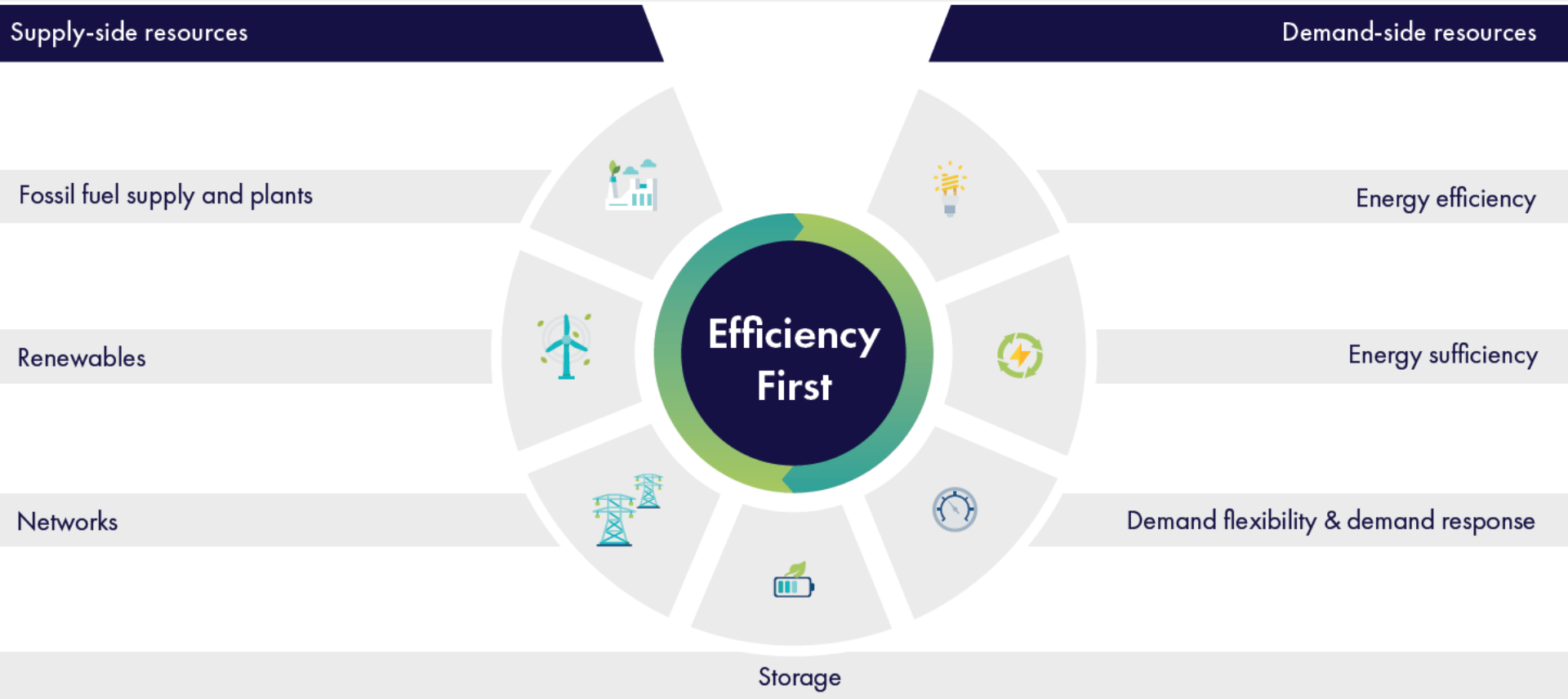
*‘Efficiency First’ gives **priority to demand-side resources** whenever they are more cost effective from a societal perspective than investments in energy infrastructure in meeting planning and policy objectives.*

*It is a **decision principle** that is applied systematically at any level to energy-related investment planning and enabled by an ‘**equal opportunity**’ policy design.*

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For more details, see the [first ENEFIRST report](#) about background analysis

# Considering **energy systems as a whole**



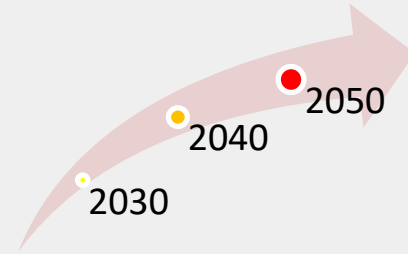
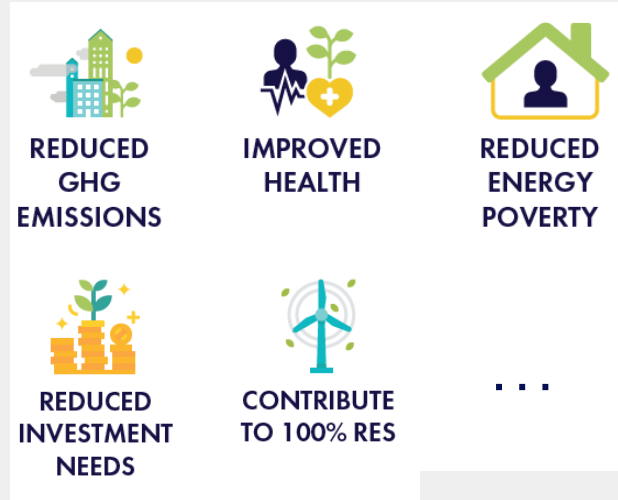
With a **societal perspective**

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Multiple impacts

+

Long-term perspective



## Check-list for implementing E1st

- 1) **Are demand-side resources considered** when comparing / planning / deciding investments?  
*(especially when planning / deciding investments in energy infrastructure)*
- 2) Are demand-side resources **assessed and valued on a fair basis** compared to supply-side investments (or other investment types)?
- 3) What is the ultimate decision-making rule once the assessment is done?  
Is a **priority** given to demand-side resources **when relevant**?

See [‘real-life’ examples](#) on the website

## Example of decision\*policy at building level

Replacing the heating system → policy promoting RES/decarbonised heat

### Efficiency **First**

→ Incentive IF minimum energy performance of the building envelope is met first (E1st conditionality)



- ✓ Right sizing
- ✓ Positive impacts on the whole energy system

Example: Fabric First Approach applied in the [SEAI Heat Pump system grant](#)

### Efficiency **Last**

→ Incentive based on the expected heat demand or amount of heat produced



- ✓ Over-sizing
- ✓ Negative impacts on the whole energy system

(see e.g. Rosenow & Pato (2020). [Efficiency First must tackle implementation issues to be effective](#))

## **Example at local level (+ electricity sector)**

Possibility for the DSO to experiment programmes where they procure **demand-side resources as alternatives** to investments in the network infrastructures in congested areas

[Social Constraint Management Zones to harvest demand flexibility](#) (UK)

See presentation at the [first ENEFIRST webinar](#)

## **Example at macro level (+ all energy carriers)**

Comparing **long term scenarios** to meet carbon neutrality, with different mix of interventions / **balance between demand-side and supply-side investments**  
(with a 'total system cost' perspective)

Under modelling by ENEFIRST (EU level)

See also examples at national level:  
e.g., RTE study to investigate the impact of heat pumps deployment according to various levels of improvements of the building stock  
(presentation at [second ENEFIRST webinar](#))

# Introducing ENEFIRST **‘making the E1st principle operational’**

## Objectives

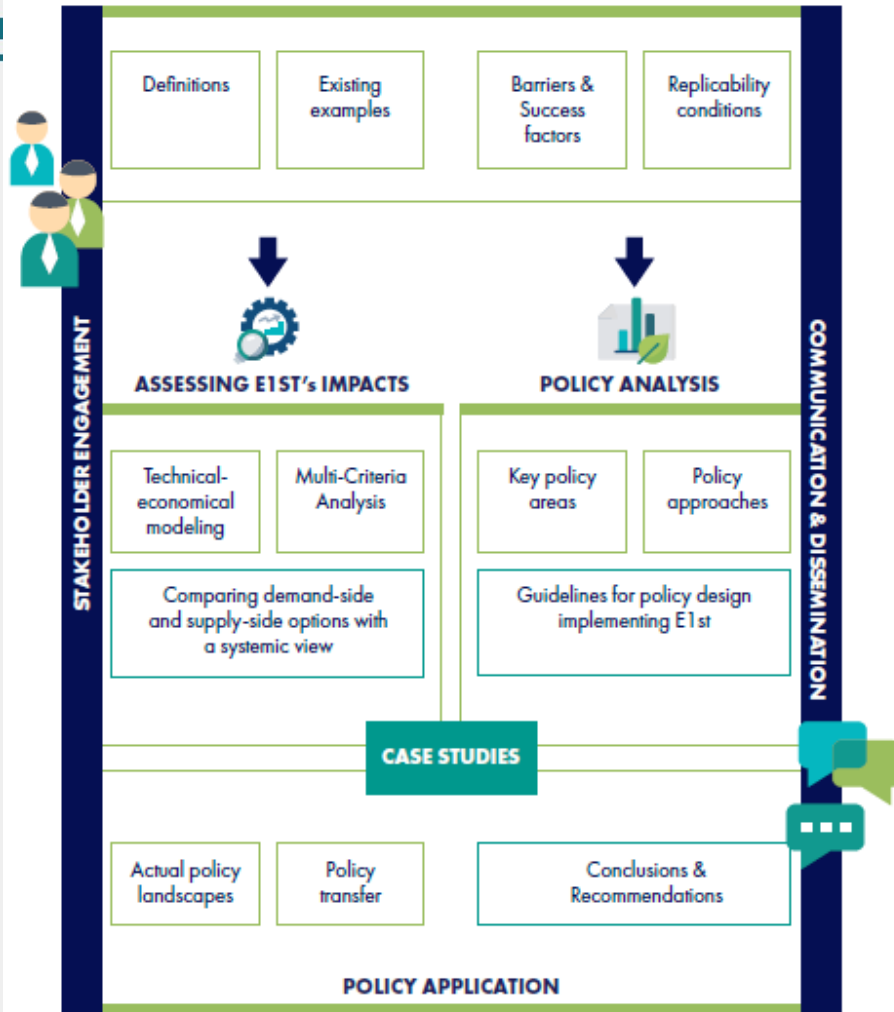
- To **define** the E1st principle in practical terms
- To **map** how E1st has been applied internationally and in the EU
- To **assess** the value of applying E1st across different policy areas
- To **quantify potential impacts**

- To develop & test **policy proposals** for the implementation of E1st

**Focus** on **buildings'** end use and **related energy systems**

Other initiatives / projects on E1st with broader scope

- European Commission's [Recommendation and guidelines](#)
- [sEEnergies](#) ; [EERAdat](#) ; [ODYSSEE-MURE](#) ; [MICAT](#)



**IDENTIFICATION** of the most relevant policy areas where the E1st principle can be applied to achieve the highest impact in terms of energy system benefits

**APPLICATION** of E1st in existing policy instruments, through assessing the applicability & transferability of international E1st approaches and quantifying the impacts of E1st

**ENGAGEMENT** with stakeholders to apply E1st through the design of new policy instruments and analyse their application in country case studies

## The ENEFIRST team

### “policy analysis” team



+ communication &  
dissemination



Coordinator  
+ stakeholder engagement

### “modelling” team



### *Policy guidelines*

- Finalizing the report End of October 2021

### *Modelling / quantitative assessment*

- Workshop to discuss the results December 2021
- Final results End of 2021

### *Applicability*

- Specific analyses done on 3 countries:  
Germany, Hungary and Spain From now to January 2022
- Regional/national workshops January-February 2022

+ webinars, and hopefully an in-person final conference !

## Two upcoming events on E1st as part of EUSEW 2021



*In the EUSEW Extended Programme*

**Energy Efficiency First:**

**let's walk the talk!**

Thursday 21 October 2021

(09.00 to 10.30 am CEST)




*In the EUSEW Policy Conference*

**Energy efficiency first principle:**

**How to make it work**

Tuesday 26 October 2021

(09.00 to 10.30 am CEST)



## Today's **workshop**

*Policy guidelines to implement Energy Efficiency First  
in planning and investment schemes  
for buildings and related energy systems*

# Following the work on barriers, success factors and [implementation maps](#)

## Buildings

- Fabric first approach
- Financial incentives for renewable energy systems linked to energy performance
- Planning instruments for investments in buildings

## Power sector

- Power market rules
- Transmission and distribution utility provisions
- Transmission and distribution incentives
- Dynamic tariff design

## District heating

- Integrated district heating planning and operation
- Network access for third-party waste heat providers

## Objectives

- discuss the draft **policy guidelines**
- highlight ways to promote **integrated approaches**

## Agenda

- Overview of the report / guidelines
- Breakout sessions

### **Integrated power infrastructure planning**

Zsuzsanna Pato, RAP  
Songmin Yu,  
Fraunhofer ISI

### **Integrated buildings and heat roadmaps**

Jean-Sébastien Broc, IEECP  
Mostafa Fallahnejad, TU  
Wien

### **E1st in households' investments related to energy**

Janne Rieke Boll, BPIE  
Benigna Boza-Kiss,  
CEU

### **E1st in public financing**

Senta Schmatzberger, BPIE  
Ivana Rogulj, IEECP

- Reporting back from the breakout groups
- **Insights on the proposed EED recast** (Lelde Kiela-Vilumsone, DG ENER)
- Final discussion



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