

POSITIVE ENERGY DISTRICTS

Exploring the role of educational buildings

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As the Strategic Energy Technology Plan for Europe (SET Plan) foresees 100 urban districts to go beyond climate-neutrality advancing to becoming energy positive by 2025. The European Union has established several supportive organisation or programmes, in order to establish positive energy districts

Challenges for Positive Energy Districts

Technological challenges:

establishing demand-based renewable energy based configuration systems

Social Challenges:

establishing a level of energy literacy, which allows for stakeholder interaction, citizen's involvement and capacity building

Legal Challenges:

regulatory mechanisms need to be anchored in legal frameworks

Financial Challenges:

lack of funding mechanisms to overcome, need of fiscal deduction, soft loans and access to subsidies or incentives

Success Story: Educational Buildings Educational buildings hold a significant position in Positive Energy Districts as they are able to reduce energy consumption and emissions, by producing renewable energy and provide an example for sustainable development.

Furthermore, educational buildings provide communal space for energy education and outreach, by training future energy professionals and supporting research and development.