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# BEST PRACTICES OF DEEP ENERGY RETROFIT BUILDING PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Deep Energy Retrofit of Buildings, Technical and Business Strategies  
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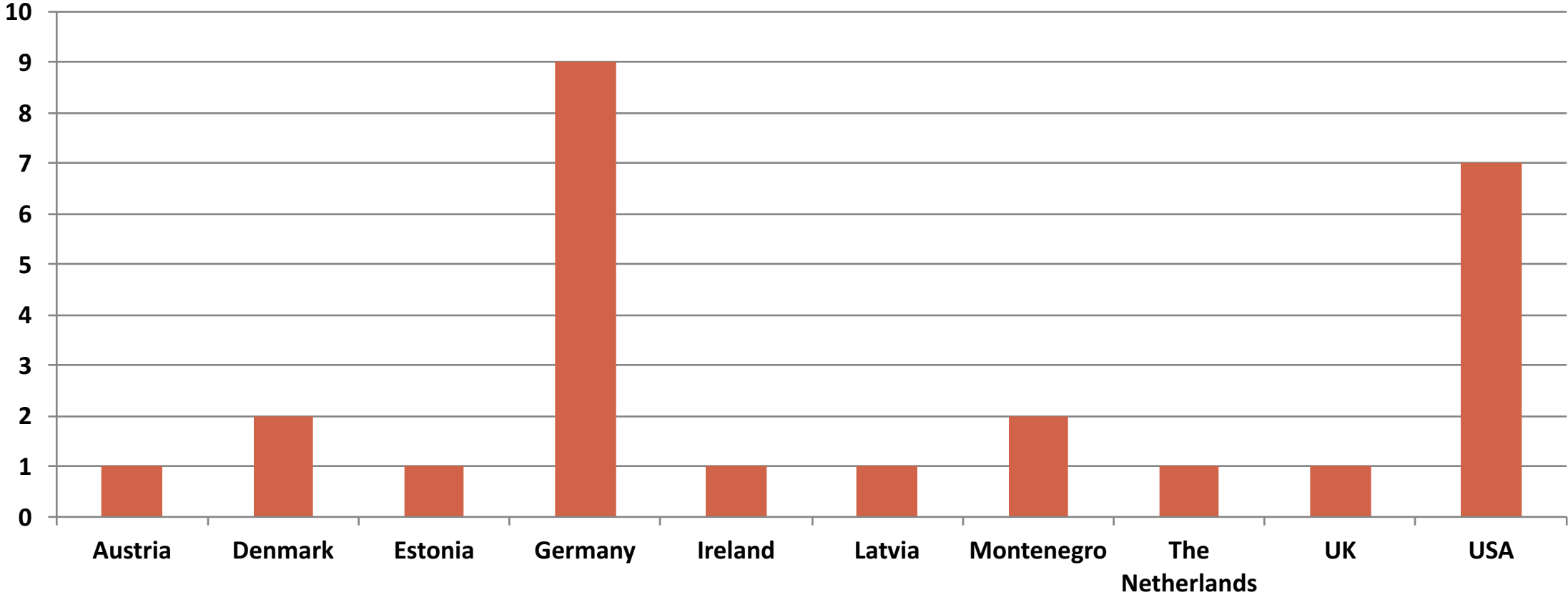
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## SCOPE OF THE WORK

- To support decision makers and experts with profound information for their future decisions by:
  - showing successful renovation projects as inspirations in order to motivate decision makers and stimulate the market
  - learning from these forerunner projects by analysing the presented information

# OVERVIEW OF CASE STUDIES

A total of 26 case studies were collected and documented:



20 schools and offices and 6 multifamily houses

## ANALYSES UNDERTAKEN

- Energy saving strategies
- Energy savings/reduction
- Reasons for renovation/anyway measures
- Co-benefits
- Business models and funding sources
- Cost effectiveness
- Experiences/lessons learned

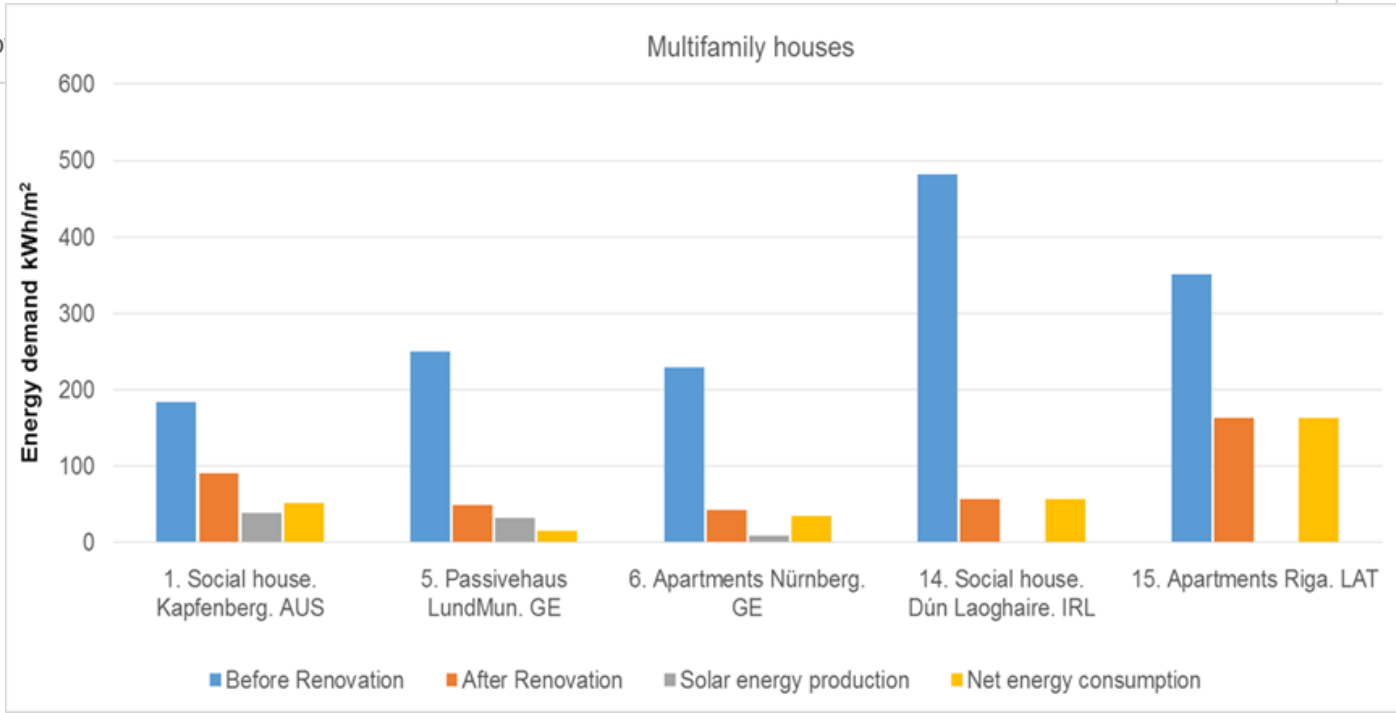
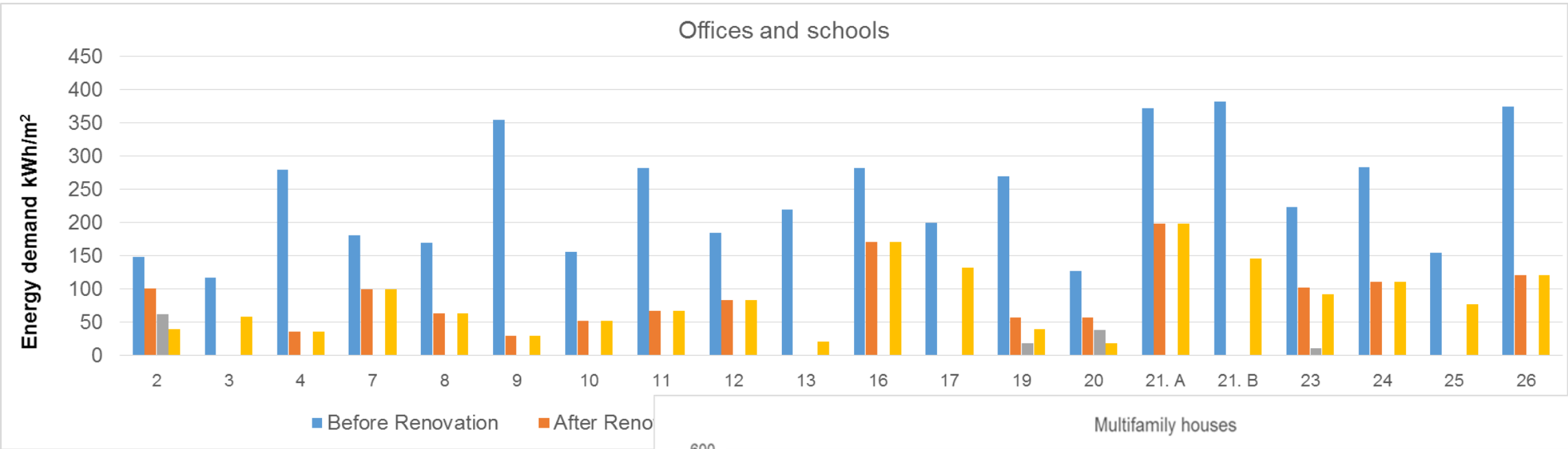
# ENERGY SAVING STRATEGIES

## Core bundles of technologies

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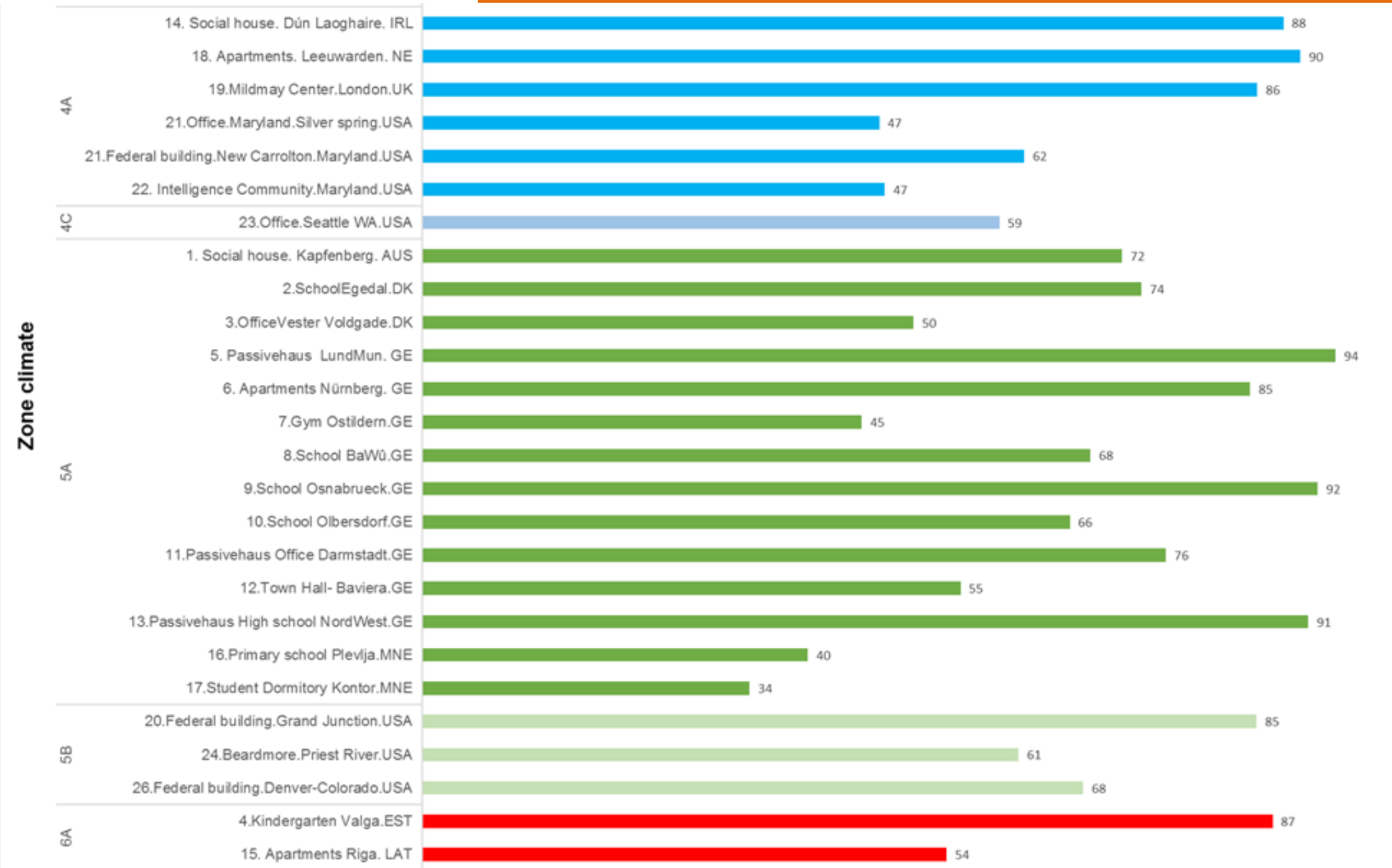
	Building Envelope						Lighting & Electrical systems		HVAC				Renewable energy systems			
	Wall insulation	Roof insulation	Floor insulation	New window/ door	Roof lights	Daylight Strategy/external shading	Efficiency lighting/control	BEMS	MVHR	New ventilation system	New heat-cooling supplier/distribution system	New heat supply: radiators, floor heating	Air source heat pump	Ground coupled heat pump	Solar thermal system	Photovoltaic panels
1. Social house Kapfenberg. AT	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓						✓	✓
2. School Egedal. DK	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
3. OfficeVester Voldgade. DK	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	
4. Kindergarten Valga. EE	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓				✓	
5. Passivehaus LudMun. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓		✓				✓
6. Apartments Nürnberg. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓				✓	
7. Gym Ostildern. GE	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓							
8. School BaWû. GE	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓					✓
9. School Osnabrueck. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
10. School Olbersdorf. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓		
11. Passivehaus Office Darmstadt. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓						
12. Town Hall- Baviera. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓					
13. Passivehaus High school NordWest. GE	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓
14. Social housing Dún Laoghaire. IE	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓					
15. Apartments.Riga. LV	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓	✓				
16. Primary school Plevlja. MON	✓			✓			✓	✓			✓					
17. Student Dormitory Kontor. MON	✓	✓		✓			✓				✓	✓			✓	
18. Shelter home. Leeuwarden. NL	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	
19. Mildmay Center London. UK		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
20. Federal building Grand Junction. USA	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
21. Office/Federal building Maryland. USA		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22. Intelligence Community Maryland. USA	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	
23. Office.Seattle WA. USA				✓		✓	✓		✓			✓				✓
24. Beardmore Priest River. USA	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓		✓				
25. Office/Warehouse Indio. USA	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
26. Federal building Denver-Colorado. USA	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓			✓	

# ENERGY BEFORE AND AFTER



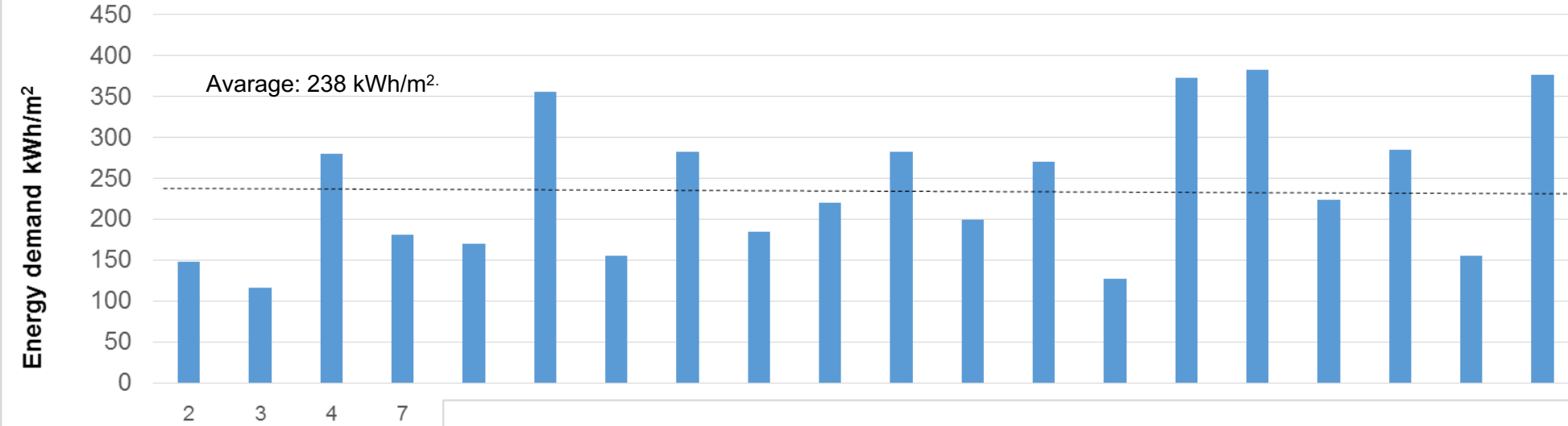
Climate zone -  
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# ENERGY SAVINGS BY CLIMATE ZONE, %

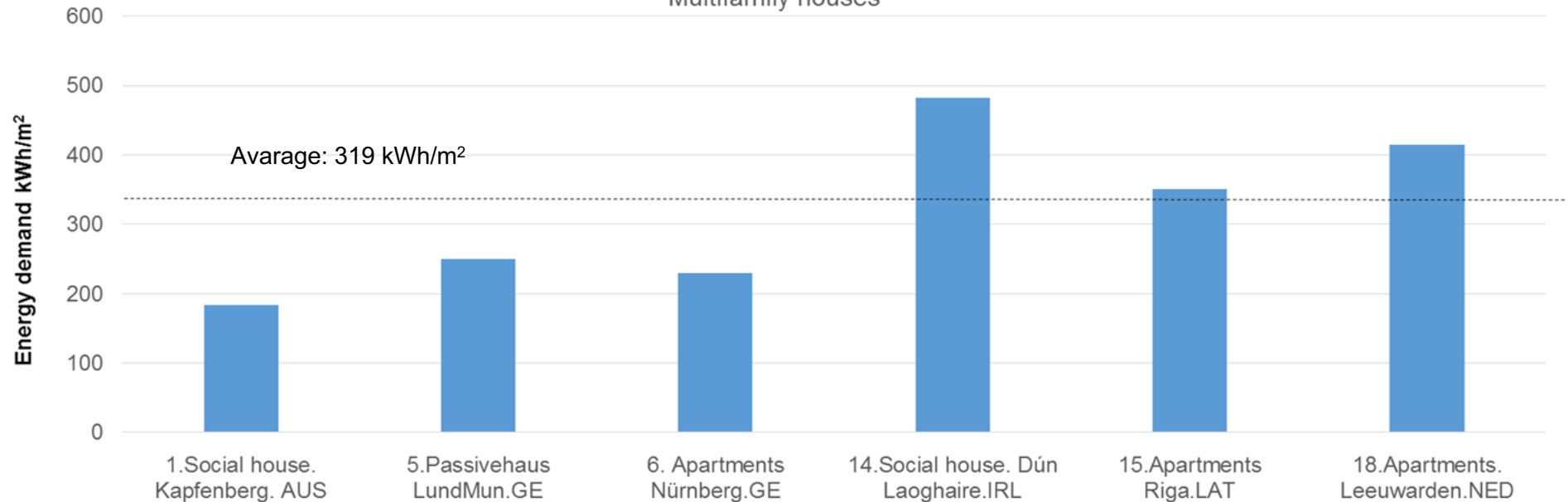


# ENERGY USE INTENSITY PRE-DER

## Offices and schools

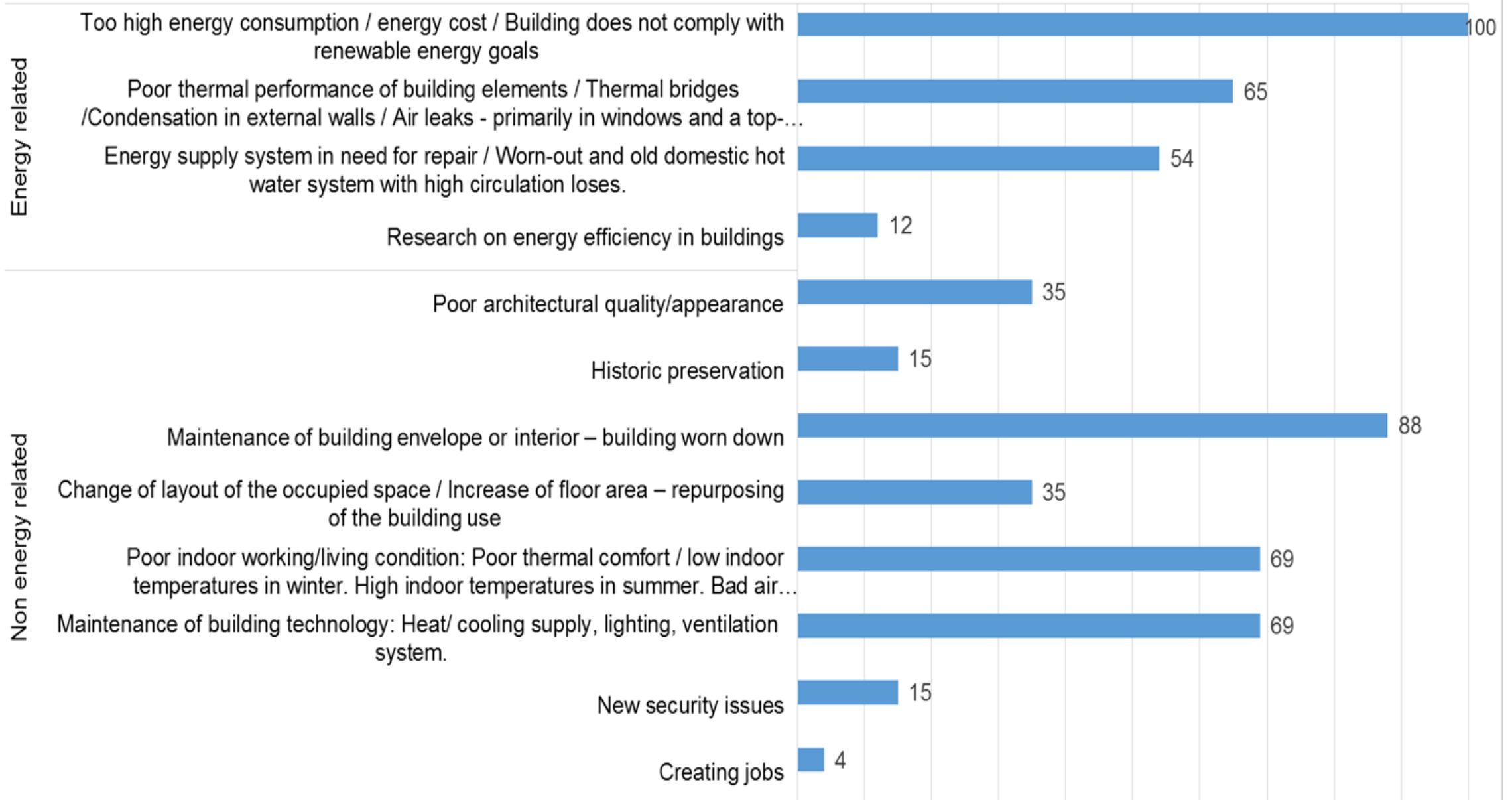


## Multifamily houses

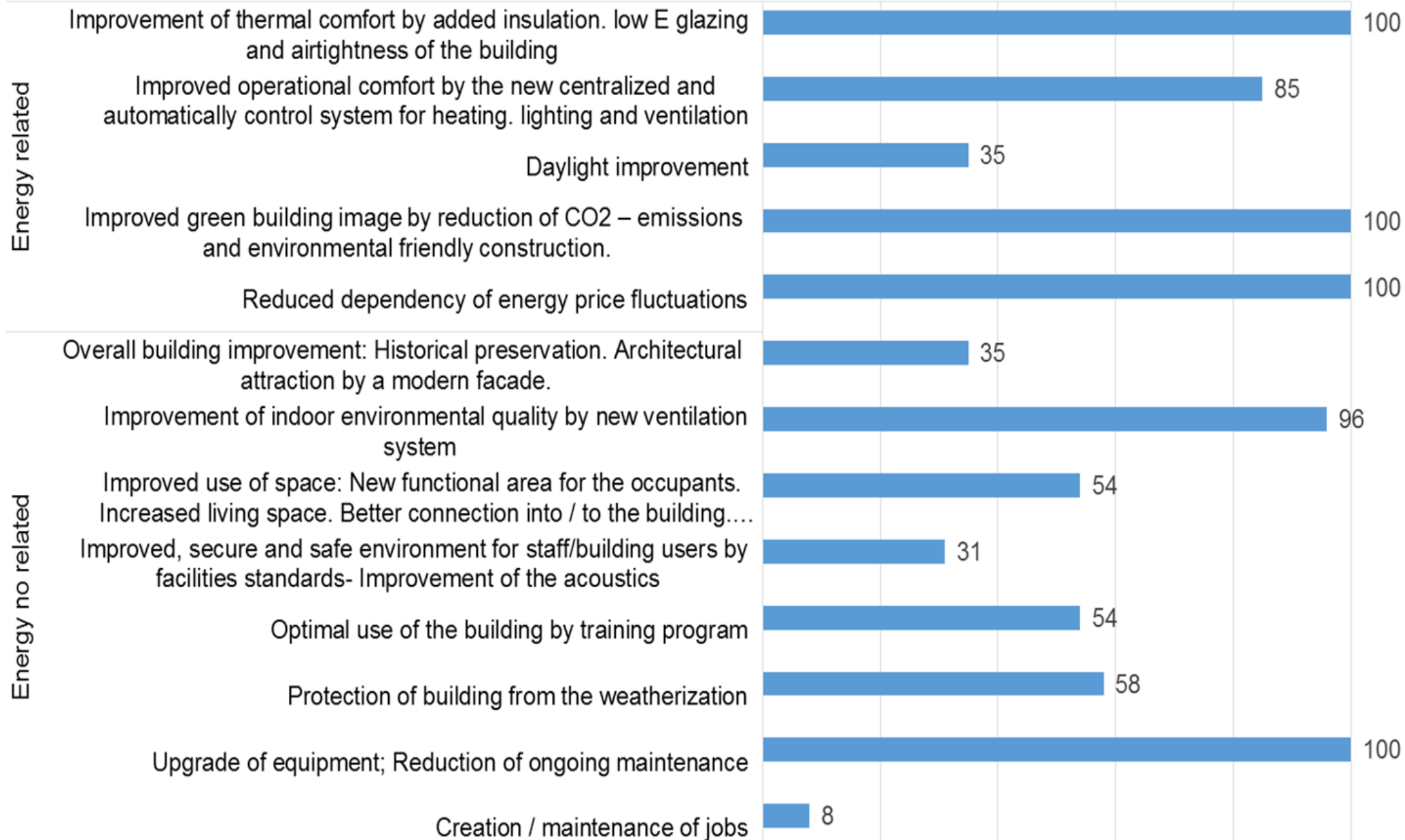




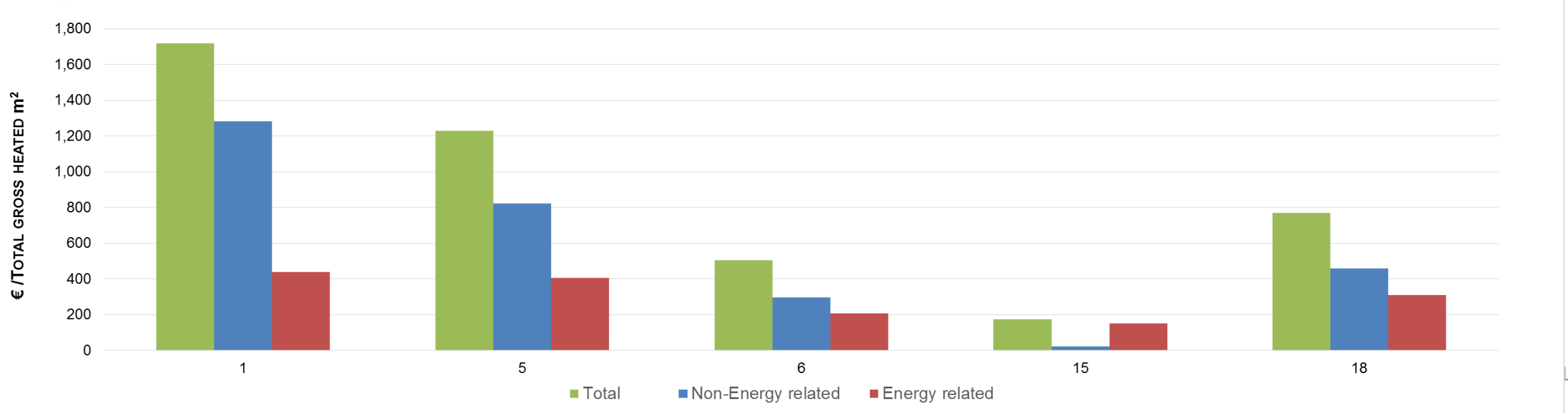
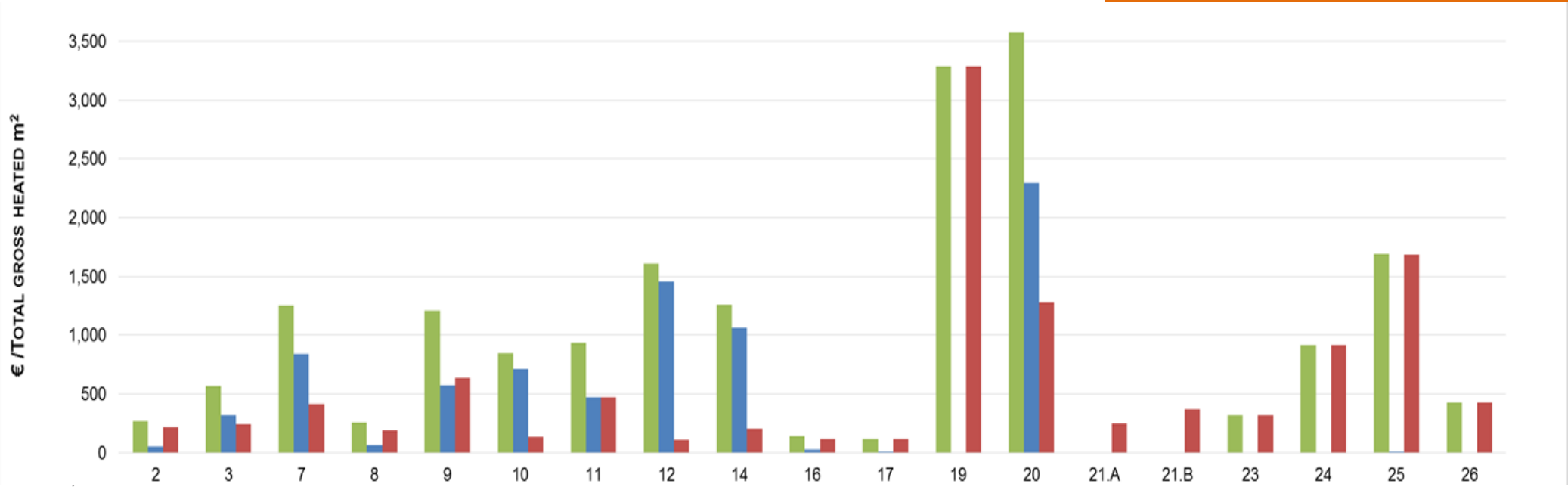
# ANYWAY MEASURES/REASONS FOR RENOVATION



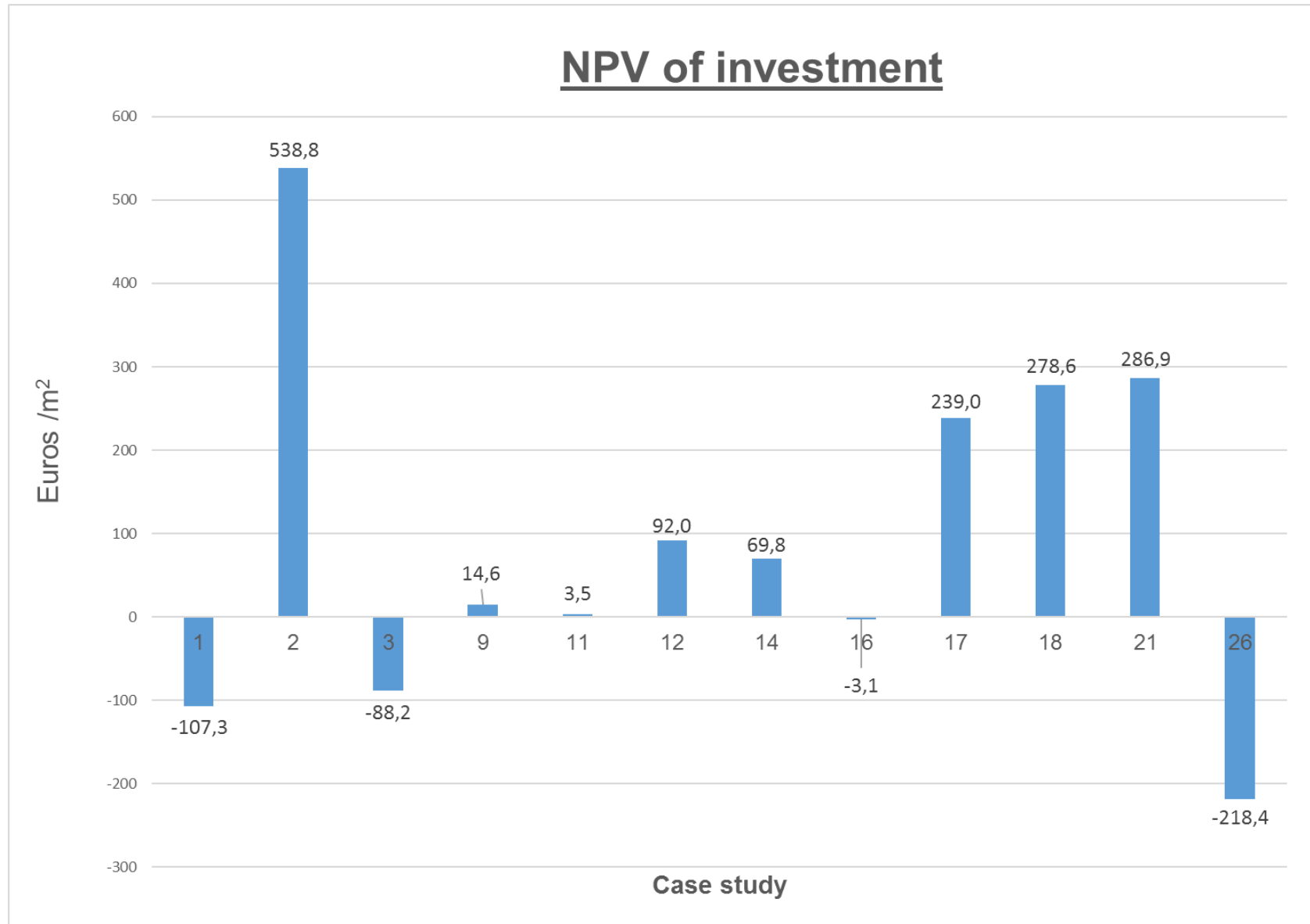
# CO-BENEFITS



# RENOVATION COST



# COST EFFECTIVENESS



## CONCLUSIONS

1. Average savings of 66.4% were achieved for these case studies
2. Cost-effective DER can be obtained by implementing bundles of technologies (envelope + mechanical and supply systems) - independent of building use, climate and energy prices (e.g. energy savings >50% for three buildings in USA by EPC)
3. Most often the reasons for renovation were not energy related – anyway renovation - but these go well hand-in-hand with energy reasons
4. Co-benefits resulting from the energy saving renovation should be noted and to the degree possible given an economical value – which is often higher than that of the energy saving itself
5. Based on “3 and 4” it is tempting to say that the energy savings in reality is a co-benefit of the anyway renovation!

## Deep Energy Retrofit - Case Studies

### Business and Technical Concepts for Deep Energy Retrofit of Public Buildings - Annex 61

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