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Impact of rebate programmes: Swiss case studies

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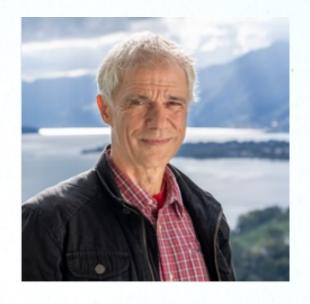




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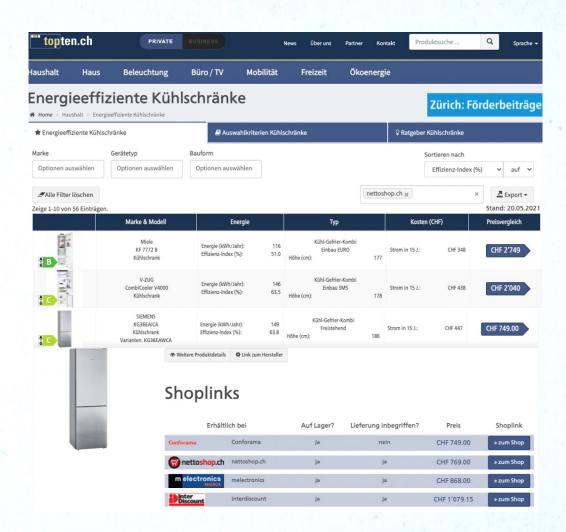






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- Online platform for best products: energy efficiency, environment, performance
- 70 product lists, 8'000 products
- 580'000 sessions, 2.1 million pageviews per year
- Basis for rebate programmes
- Founded in 2000 in Zurich, online in 19 countries
- European platform: topten.eu















Rebate programmes for appliances

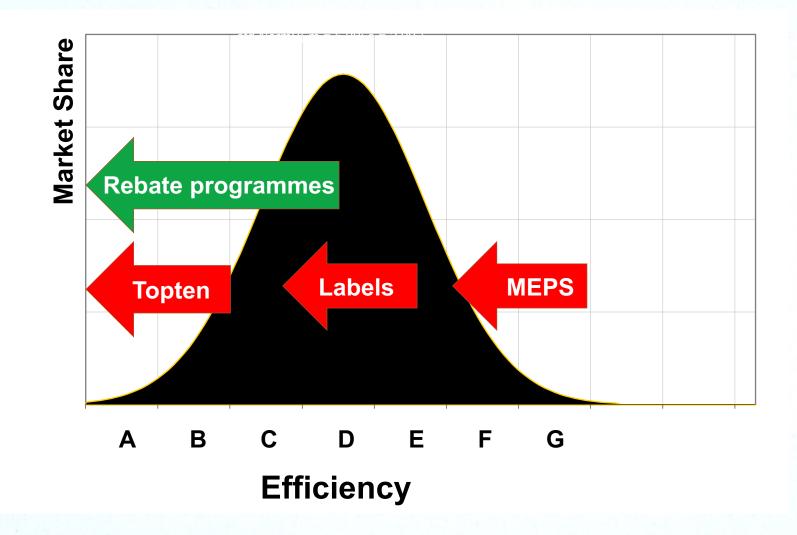
- Why are there so few rebate programmes for appliances in Europe?
- Is it necessary to request for each and every subsidy a detailed application form?
- How to adapt programme designs to specific goals?
- What about cost efficiency?
- Swiss case studies: great diversity







Market-transformation: push and pull







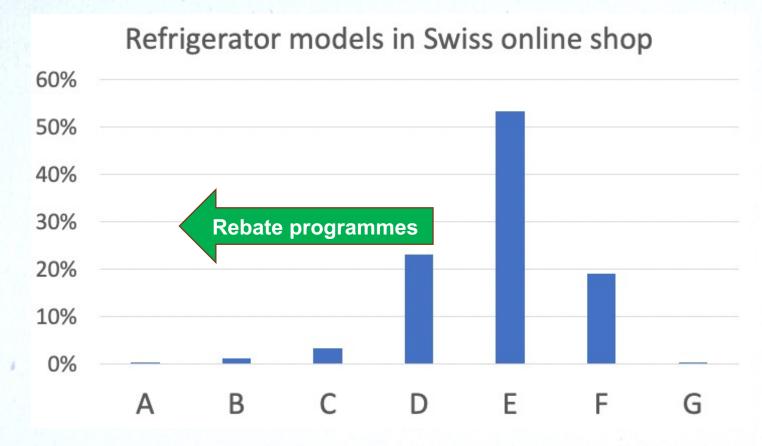








Selection criteria for Swiss rebate programmes



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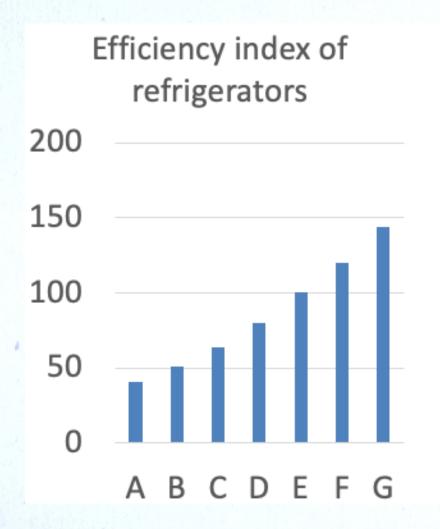


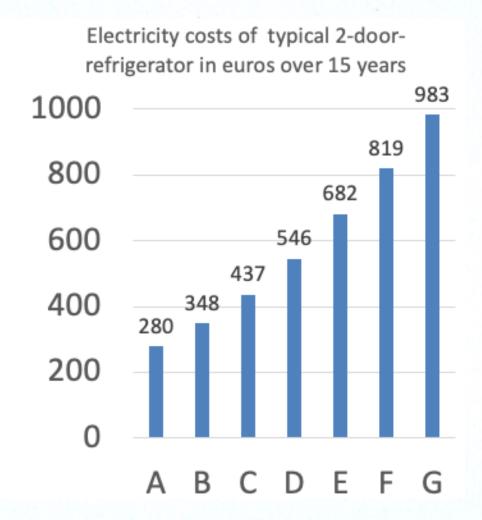






Energy classes and electricity costs









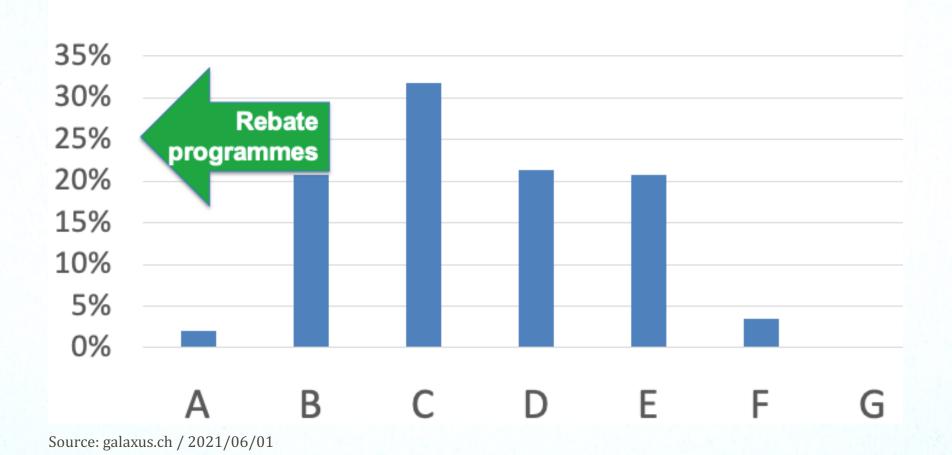






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Dishwasher models in Swiss online shop







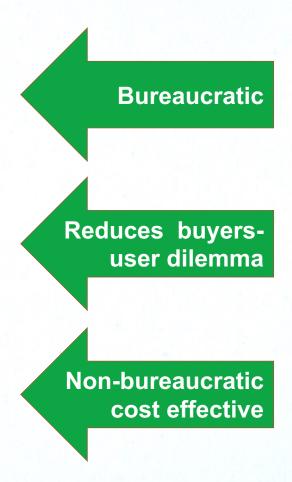






Types of rebate programmes

| # | Applicant | Beneficiary | User |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Private users | Private users | Private users |
| 2 | Companies | Companies | Companies |
| 3 | Large buyers, landlords | Large buyers, landlords | Private users |
| 4 | Food and beverage industry | Food and beverage industry | Shops, gastronomy |
| 5 | Retailers, installers | Private users | Private users |
| 6 | Retailers | Retailers | Private users |













Who applies and gets the subsidy?

| | Applicants | Benefit |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| | Private user | Big work to apply for small subsidy |
| | Landlord or company | Considerable work for big subsidy |
| | Retailers or installers | They take over the work of application and transfer subsidies as a rebate to consumers |
| | Retailers or installers | Retailers get subsidy in order to optimize range of products |







Impact mechanisms of rebate programmes

- 1) Direct effect: Every purchase of an efficient product results in an energy saving compared to an average product
- 2) Optimised long-term purchasing behaviour of large professional procurers
- Optimising the product ranges of manufacturers, importers and retailers





Swiss rebate programmes for Topten-products

Förderbeitrag für energieeffiziente Geräte mit dem Topten Label

Für ewz Kundinnen und Kunden der Stadt Zürich





| Product categories | Rebate | s in CHF |
|---|--------|-------------|
| | Zurich | Switzerland |
| Refrigerators and freezers | 70 | 70 |
| Induction hobs | 25 | - |
| Dishwashers | 70 | 70 |
| Washing machines for apartments | 70 | 70 |
| Washing machines for the communal laundry | 250 | 250 |
| Tumble dryer | 100 | - |
| Comfort fans | 20 | - |
| TVs and PC monitors | 40 | - |
| Heat pump water heaters | 800 | - |

Cost efficiency: 13 eurocents per kWh

More information:

- www.topten.ch/ewz
- www.topten.ch/immo
- www.topten.ch/bonus

Rebates per piece in May 2022 1 CHF = 0.96 € = 1.00 US\$













Rebate programme "Energy Efficiency in Trade"





ewz

- Subsidies are reimbursed directly in the shop as a discount
- Budget: 2.6 million euros -> for 38,000 appliances
- Duration 3 years: 2021 to 2024
- Funding area: All of Switzerland
- Involved shops: Digitec, Fust, Frankenspalter, Galaxus, melectronics, Nettoland, Nettoshop, SPC-Shop







Rebate programme for large property owners



- Budget: 2.4 million euros
- Duration 3 years: 2021 to 2024
- Funding area: All of Switzerland
- → Contribution to solving landlord-tenant dilemma:
 Win-win: landlord receives subsidy, tenant saves electricity costs







Rebate programme for commercial appliances

| Product category | Rebate in CHF |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Beverage cooler | 200 |
| Ice cream freezer | 100 |
| Display cabinets | 500 |
| Storage refrigerators and freezers | 500 |
| Minibars | 100 |
| Drug cabinets | 500 |
| Commercial coffee machines | 150 |
| Commercial heat-pump dryers | 3'000 |

Duration
Budget
Subsidies
Total savings
Cost efficiency
More information

2017 -2020
1.9 million euros
for 11'000 appliances
120 million kWh
1.6 eurocents per kWh
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National bonus programme for best appliances

| Categories | Federal Subsidies (euros) | Retailers Price-offs (euros) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Refrigerators | 15 | Up to 540 |
| TV sets | 16 | 45 - 450 |
| Tumble dryers | 63 | Up to 1'100 |
| Fully automatic coffee machines | 16 | 180 - 450 |
| Coffee Capsule Machines | 16 | 20 - 120 |
| Humidifier | 35 | Up to 70 |

Duration 2011

Budget 0.9 million euros

Subsidies for 11'000 appliances

Total savings 106 million kWh

Cost efficiency 0.9 eurocents per kWh

Success factors: Steering of promotions

No administrative

burdens















Conclusions

- 1) Wanted: More innovative designs of rebate programmes
- 2) Sufficiently strict requirements (no watering can promotion)
- 3) Skip unnecessary bureaucratic programme requirements
- 4) Well designed programmes can reach high cost efficiency
- 5) Rebate programmes can bring additional benefit:
 - . Market transparency
 - . Communication impact
 - . Acceleration of market transformation















