# Heating & Cooling equipment: Fixing problems (sufficiency) and/or investing in a new equipment (efficiency)

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#### Our goals within H2020 funded project

## HEATING AND COOLING KNOWHOW AND SOLUTIONS



- Work on the Heating and Cooling energy stakes in Europe
   crucial but users are not aware
  - 50% of EU GHG emissions come from space and water heating
  - High number of installed systems old and inefficient
- Promote energy efficiency and sufficiency
  - Identify most energy efficient models (per technology)
  - Promote no/low costs measures to reduce energy demand, bills, improve comfort
- Runs from Sept 2019 to September 2022





## Digression: The Topten approach

# HACKS teams have been working together for the past 15 years applying the Topten methodology

- Topten goal: contribute to climate change mitigation by transforming markets towards more energy efficient products
- Energy efficiency differences between electrical appliances for the same service are still significant
- Topten facilitates product selection process by displaying, on its websites, in free access, the latest market information on best products
- Transparency has benefits for consumers, producers, retailers, policy makers, NGOs





## Digression: The Topten approach

- Heating and cooling devices are different from standardised plug-in products because they interact with the building
  - Recommended super-performant but oversized products may consume more than poor performing products
  - Consumers (rightly) rely on installers and don't choose themselves
  - Reducing energy needs is the most beneficial action from collective and individual perspective
- Need to go further than "just" display best available products
- HACKS "Base line report" to map out the situation and prioritise pragmatic action





#### HACKS works on 2 axes

- For all consumers, especially for those who do not want to or cannot invest in a new system, it recommends strategies on how to improve comfort and air quality and lower energy bills with the existing system.
- For consumers ready to invest, it provides lists of most energy efficient products, enabling them to make informed decisions.
  - E.g. once decision taken to invest in a heat pump system, all other things being equal, there are large performance differences between products on the market → lifetime costs can increase twofold between products selected for their efficiency and least efficient models allowed on the market





# Investment in new equipment (efficiency measures)

 15 websites tailored to national context + 1 European platform <u>www.topten.eu/hacsk</u>







## Investment in new equipment

Lists of Best Available Technology – BAT - products

Air Conditioning Units  Single split Multi split		Comfort Fans  To the product list
Electric Water Heaters  To the product list		Circulation Pumps  To the product list
Solid Fuel Boilers  To the product list	8	Local Space Heaters  To the product list
Heat Pumps  To the product list		Taps & Shower Heads  Taps Shower Heads

### BAT product lists

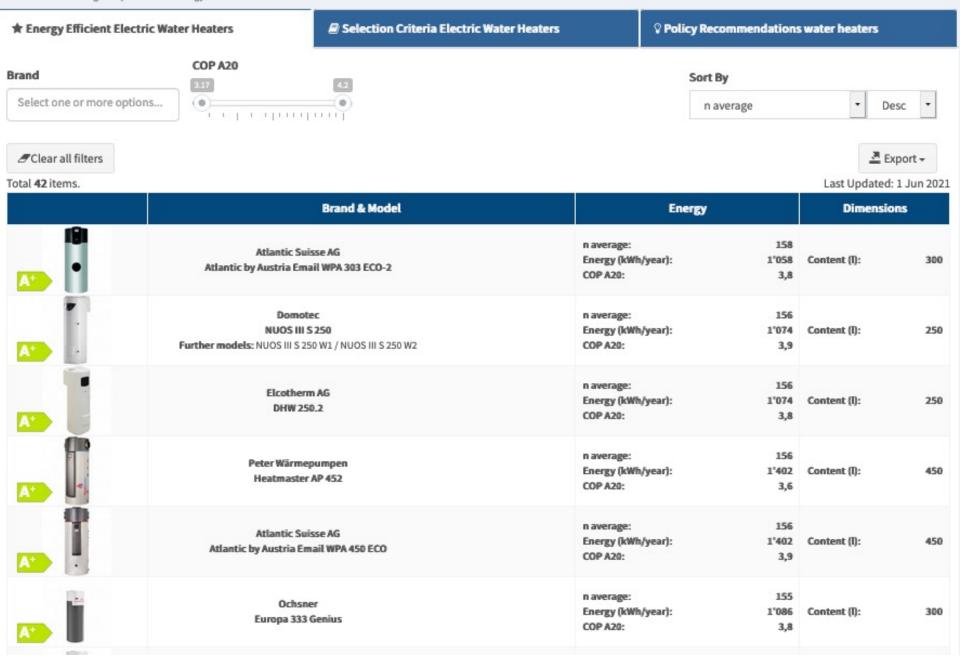
- Set of 8 Criteria papers gathering information on each product category: regulation, how do product works, how to select most efficient one, important topics for consumers (download from Topten.eu)
- Each HACKS team works on the most adapted product categories and adapts the selection criteria → Continuous market study to develop markings in the jungle of products





#### **Energy Efficient Electric Water Heaters**

# Home > Building Components > Energy Efficient Electric Water Heaters



# Methodology and Advice published









#### Product detail view

#### Atlantic Suisse AG Atlantic by Austria Email WPA 303 ECO-2

Home Electric Water Heaters Atlantic Suisse AG Atlantic by Austria Email WPA 303 ECO-



#### **Energy Class**



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#### Atlantic Suisse AG Atlantic by Austria Email WPA 303 ECO-2

Purchase and operating cost	Product Details
Brand	Atlantic Suisse AG
Model	Atlantic by Austria Email WPA 303 ECO-2
Efficiency class	A <sup>+</sup>
n average	158
n cold	158
n warm	158
Energy (kWh/year)	1'058
Energy (kWh/year) cold	1'058
Energy (kWh/year) warm	1'058
COP A20	3,8
Heat source	ambient air
Electric heating (kW)	2,0
Additional heat exchanger	yes
Load profile	XL
Ambient temperature (°C)	15°C





# Advice pages – one way of promoting sufficiency measures

- In the Advice pages
  - Encourage upstream consultation of impartial energy advisers 
     building renovation
  - Links to certified installers
  - Propose alternative solutions especially to avoid installing cooling equipment
- Catalogue of key topics for the HACKS teams to provide advice on heating and cooling
  - Concepts of comfort and air quality
  - Solutions for reducing the use of heating and cooling
    - Contextual information
    - Relating to the equipment itself
    - Relating to users' behaviour
  - Advice for choosing highly efficient HAC equipment
  - Advice for using HAC equipment in an efficient way





#### **HACKS Calculator**

- Help consumers and installers to get a first generic assessment of current heating system.
- Compare performance with alternative new systems
  - Enter simple personal data on their homes (dwelling area, climate zone, number of inhabitants, current heating system, production of sanitary hot water, etc.)
  - select alternative heating systems (more efficient)
  - select possible home insulation measures (reduce the energy demand)
  - and compare the results in terms of energy needs, energy consumption, costs and CO2 emissions.
- The calculator shows that insulation measures are often more beneficial than only changing the heating system

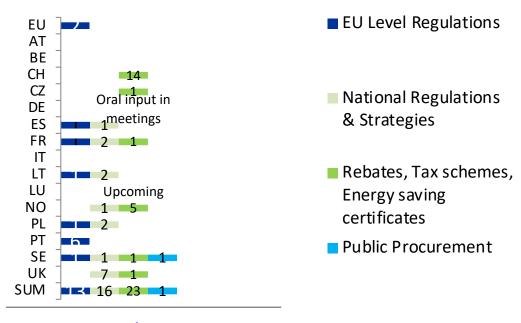
English version and access to other customised versions: <a href="https://calculator.topten.eu/?country=uk">https://calculator.topten.eu/?country=uk</a>





#### HACKS websites are the basis

- For many communication activities: reach visitors and involve them
- For policy recommendations

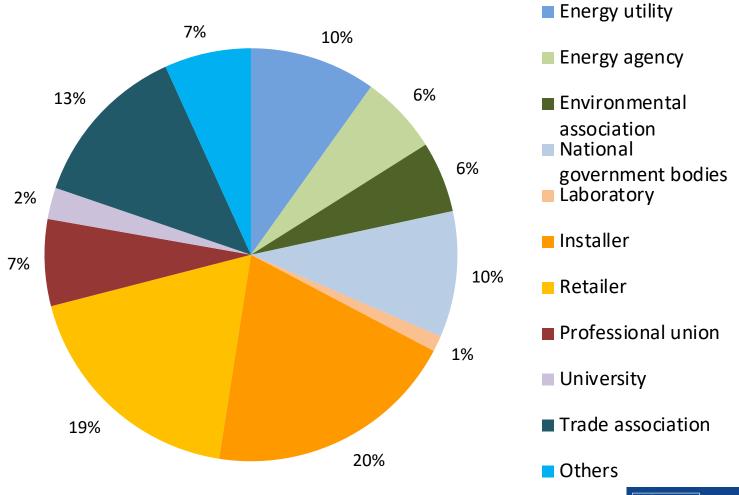


For partnerships with stakeholders / multipliers





# 162 partnerships with a wide variety of multipliers that use the HACKS content







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