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**Evaluation methodology to assess the  
theoretical energy impact and the actual  
energy performance for the 27 communities of  
the European CONCERTO initiative**

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## What is CONCERTO? - the CONCERTO projects

- **CONCERTO is an initiative of the European Commission** to prepare a more sustainable future to cover energy needs in the building sector in Europe
- **CONCERTO supports local communities** to develop and implement concrete strategies and actions for a sustainable future at a local level



**New eco-buildings** integrating energy efficient (EE) building design and management with onsite available renewable energy sources (RES)



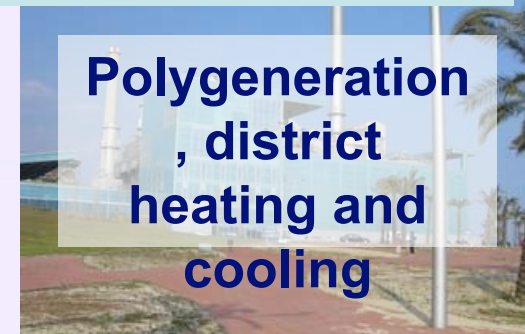
**Research on technical aspects of RES and EE, socio-economic issues, demand-side management and intelligent energy supply**



**Energy supply based on RES**



**Thermal refurbishment of existing buildings**



**Polygeneration, district heating and cooling**



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display of energy use



## CONCERTO

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Almere  
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### ECO-City

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Tudela

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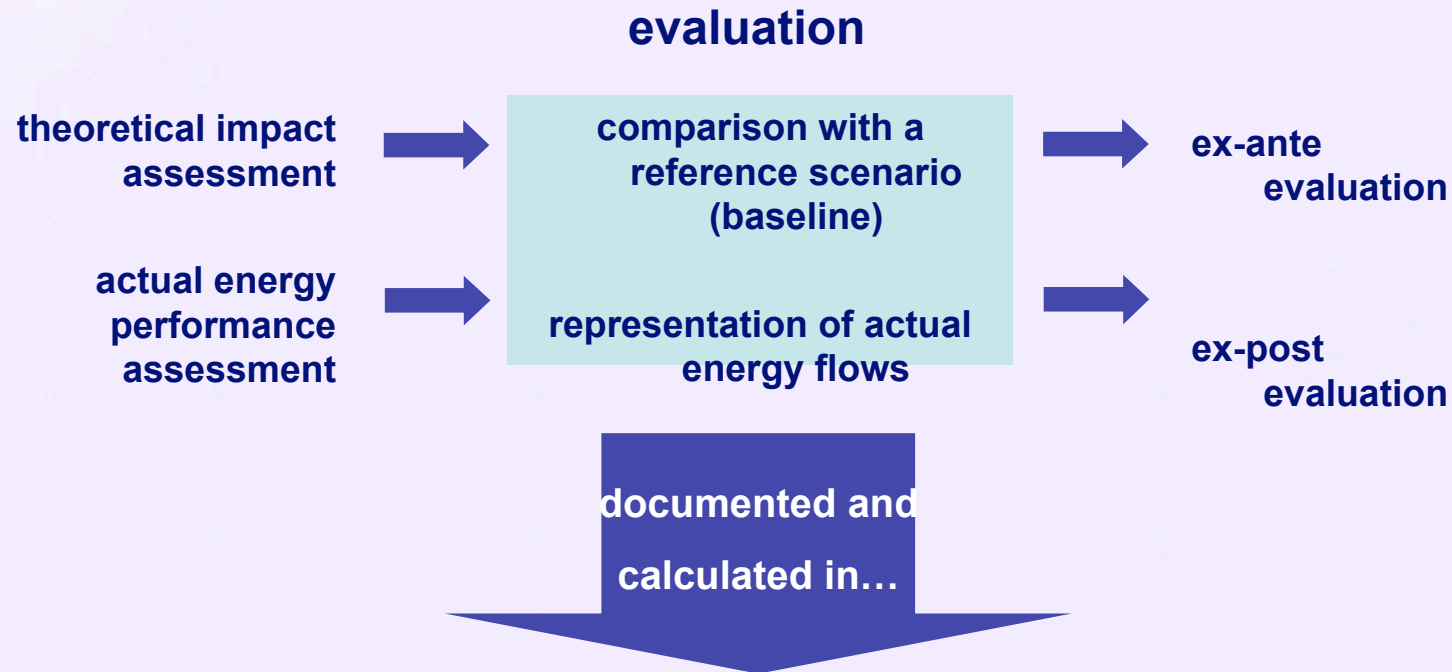


27 communities of 12 countries in 9 projects





## CONCERTO PLUS: technical evaluation process



**CONCERTO TECHNICAL MONITORING DATABASE**







## CONCERTO PLUS: necessity of evaluation

- **Balance between EE and RES activities?**
- **Comparison between communities and their strategies (benchmarking) on the basis of:**
  - Geographic position
  - Typology of settlement (rural area, new or old urban district...)
  - Main activity in the area (residential, administration...)
  - Energy supply technologies
- **Demonstrate the validity of the CONCERTO approach**

results  
presented  
in order to...

**FORMULATE ENERGY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**



## CONCERTO PLUS: specificity of evaluation

- One methodology for a high number and variety of projects
- Methodology defined after the projects were approved
- Quantity and quality of data available differ from one community to another
- Limited budget for monitoring activities
- Short metering period

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- Required indicators defined to assess the impact of the CONCERTO activities: formulated in the form of percentages

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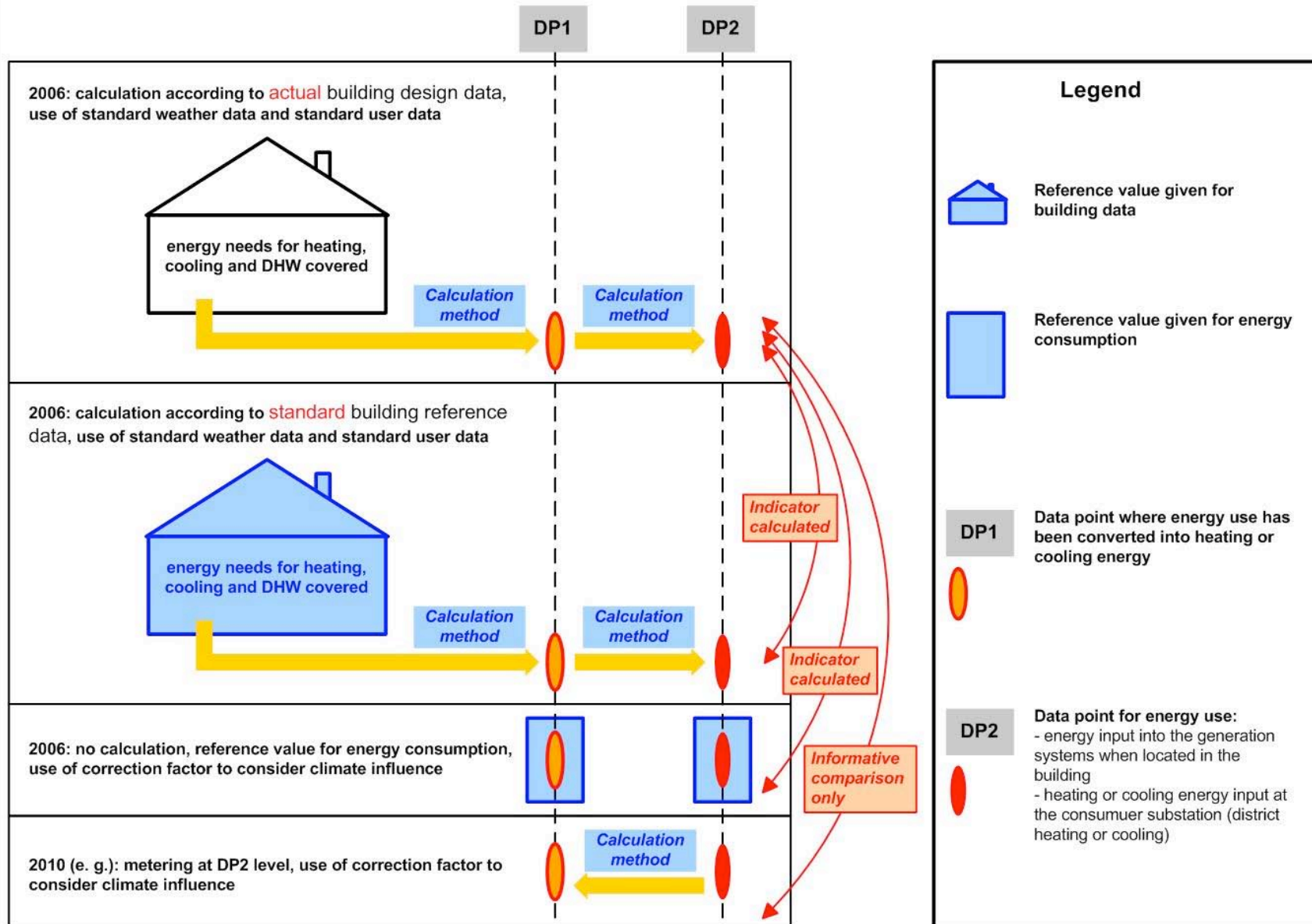
- No possibility to define “control areas”

necessity  
to combine...

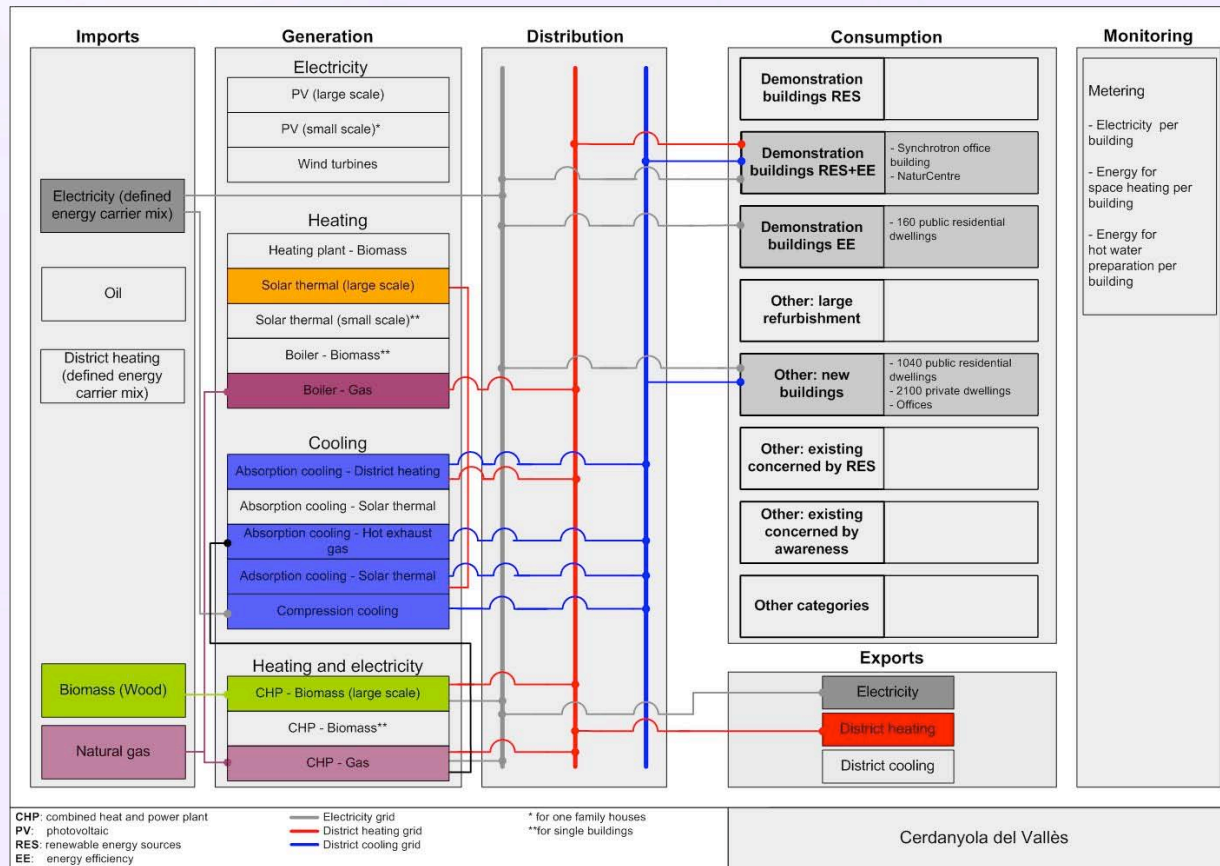
**EX-ANTE AND EX-POST EVALUATION**



# ex-ante evaluation: baseline definition



# ex-post evaluation



- Actual energy balance of community
- Deviation between expected and actual energy balance
- Variability of absolute values (climate influence)
- Influence of awareness measures?





## Conclusions and topics for discussions

- **Necessity to distinguish impact assessment (ex-ante evaluation) from energy performance assessment (ex-post evaluation)**
- **Methodology chosen will allow for comparability in a qualitative way**
- **Data collected will be stored in a database to allow for analysis considering different criteria. This pool of data will provide a unique source of information on energy performance of communities across Europe.**
- **A critical view of the methodology:**
  - Impact assessment depends on baseline definition (for instance: what about cooling in residential sector in southern Europe?)
  - Quality of evaluation depends on quality of data
  - Transparency is the key factor for comparability





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