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Integrating energy efficiency and other sustainability aspects into property valuation: Methodologies, barriers, impacts

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Methodologies for Integration of Energy Performance
and Life-Cycle Costing Indicators into Property

Valuation Practice

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introducing energy efficiency and life-cycle cost into

property valuation practice

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The promise of energy efficient and sustainable property





...but how these benefits can be reflected in the property value?





Market Value vs. Green Value

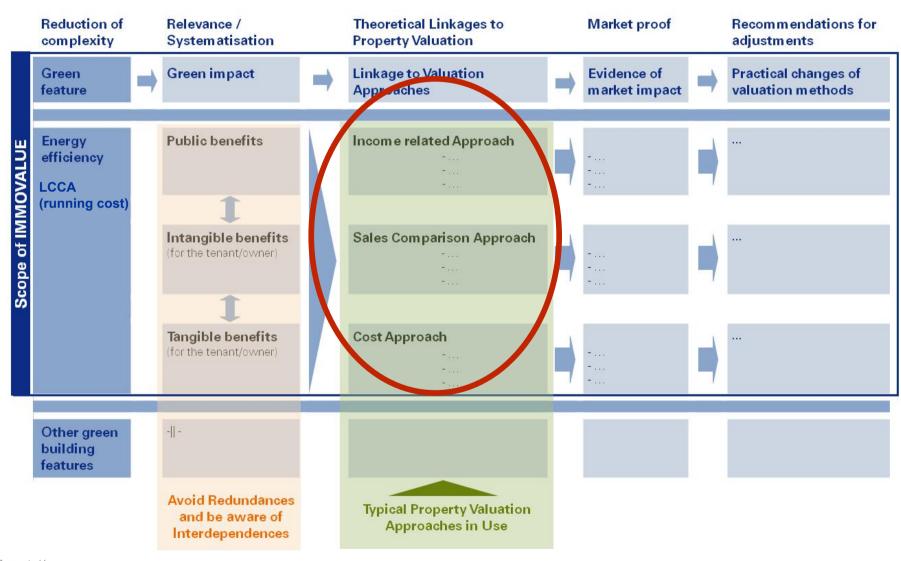


- A Green Building is a property that uses resources efficiently, reduce waste and CO2 emission, provide superior indoor air and other qualities, and avoid negative social impacts.
- Energy efficiency is therefore part of the various green building features.
- A Green Value is the net value added obtainable by a green property in the market compared to a non-green peer group.
- According to the definitions of green and market value it can be assumed that the green value is an integral part of the overall market value.





Link to all standard valuation approaches









"Valuers do not make the market", they are looking for market evidence to use for a specific valuation. Therefore pricing in an extra value for green buildings when there is no extra willingness to pay for that market is not aceptable. Valuers cannot add premiums if the market does not support this premium with significant evidence.

"Cost is not Value", therefore (extra) investment costs for constructing a green building or upgrading existing conventional properties to an energy-efficient building do not necessarily lead to a green value and vice versa.



Market evidence as indispensable precondition



Situation A:

No market evidence for influence of energy efficiency/sustainability on value

→ no quantitative adaptation of the value, but qualitative description in the valuation report

"usual" structure of valuation report basic information location of the property general picture of the energy efficiency / sustainability of the general description of the building building description of the specific technical conditions technical aspects related to energy efficiency / sustainability Description of market sensitivity for market situation energy efficiency / sustainability; explanation of missing market important parameters information quantitative valuation



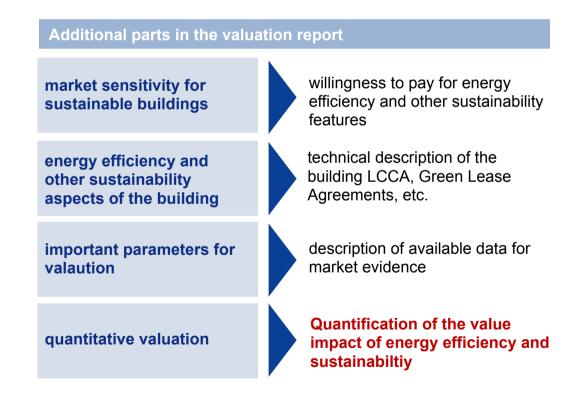
Integration der Nachhaltigkeit in die Bewertungspraxis (2)



Situation B:

market evidence for influence of energy efficiency/sustainability on value available

→ reflection also in quantitative valuation part, e.g. using the approaches developed in Immovalue







Approach for transparent markets: Empirical relationship between sustainability and property value

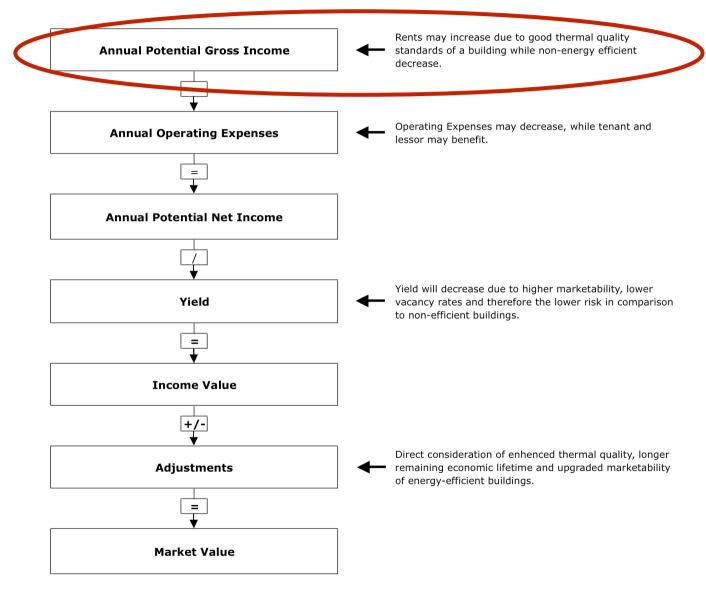
Country Variable	Germany (Ecologic Rent Table, IWU Darmstadt 2003)	Germany (Ecologic Rent Table, IWU Darmstadt 2008)	Germany (Ecologic Rent Table, IWU Berlin 2009)	Switzerland (Ecoloconomic Sustainability Indicator, CCRS Zurich 2009)
Rental Premium	-	-	-	
Minimum	4.71%	3.97%	0.41%	$\mid \times \mid$
Maximum	13.60%	15.17%	5.87%	
Rental Discount			-	
Minimum		$\mid \times \mid$	1.25%	$\mid \times \mid$
Maximum			6.79%	
Market value				-
Maximum Increase		$\mid \times \mid$	$\mid \times \mid$	6.60%
Maximum Discount				14.90%

Hedonic regression analysis needs a huge amount of data. Therefore practical applicability is limited to transparent markets



Approach for opaque markets (1) potential linkages between property valuation and sustainability

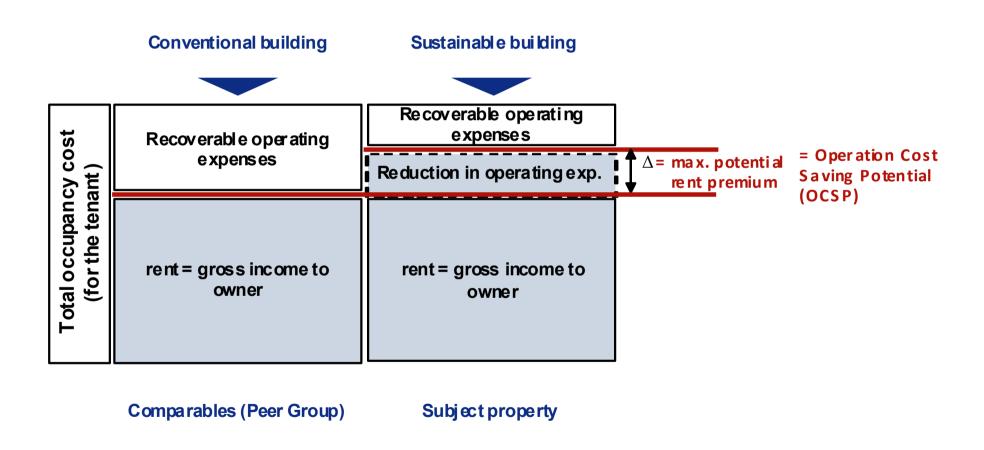






Approach for opaque markets (2) potential rent premium as major link



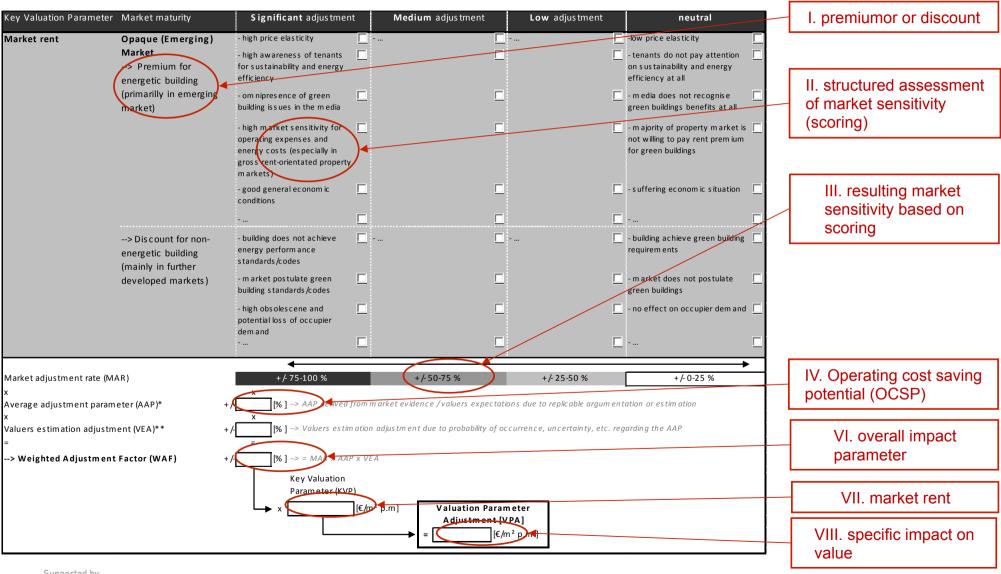




WAPEC scoring-modell as guidance for valuers



(Weighted Adjustment for Valuation Parameter Effecting Characteristics)









simple and quick

only comparably little data on building characteristics required

not taking into account the influence of variations in building use

for property valuation only technical building characteristics are decisive

including all running cost (maintenance, replacement, utilities etc.)

differentiation into recoverable and non-recoverable running cost

application of identical assessment approach for the property subject as well as for a certain number of comparables

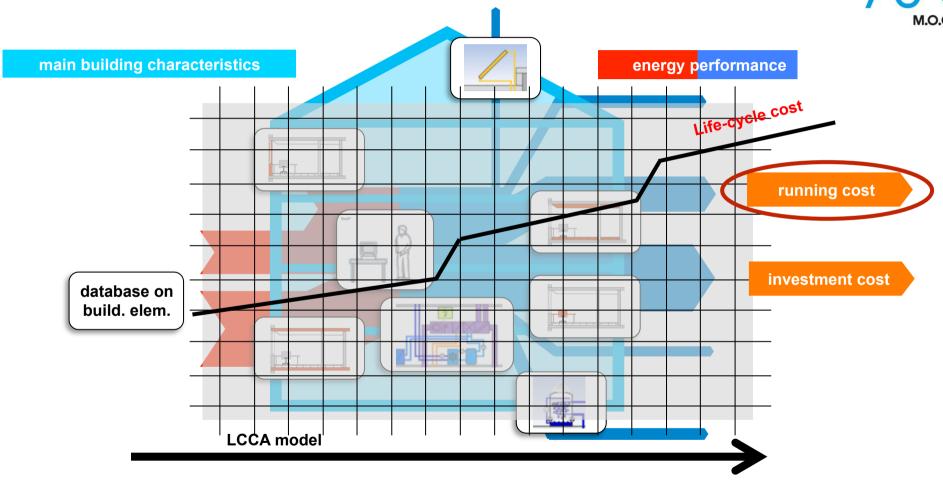




potential application of the e7/M.O.O.CON LCCA tool













unit: €/m²a gross floor area	comp 1	comp 2	comp 3	comp 4	subject property
indoor cleaning	11,1	10,7	8,6	11,1	10,7
glass cleaning	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1
facade cleaning	5,1	3,3	2,1	2,0	1,5
operation	1,4	1,3	1,3	1,4	1,2
maintenance	8,2	9,4	7,9	8,2	8,3
capital repair	12,4	13,6	9,8	12,3	11,3
conversion / backfitting	6,0	6,4	4,2	6,0	4.8
energy and ressources	18,7		15,2	19,2	11,1
TOTAL	63,0	64,2	49,2	60,3	49,0

operational cost differences between subject property (**very energy efficient / sustainable**) and comparables:

recoverable OC: 1,1 €/m²m

non-recoverable OC: 2 €/m²a

difference in value applying the income approach with IMMOVALUE modifications

- 5-10% (depending on assumed market sensitivity)
- higher difference in value can only be achieved if additional to operational cost also other benefits of green buildings (comfort, image, productivity etc.) are allowed for – but market evidence required



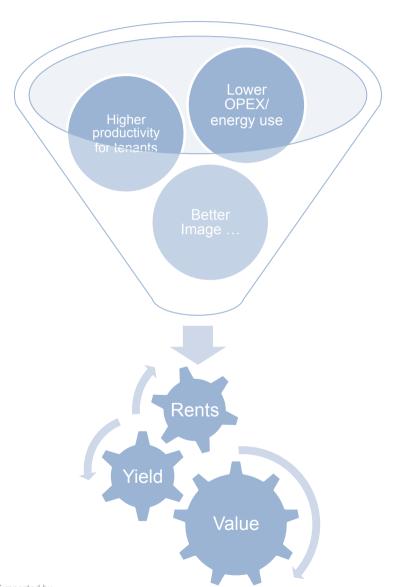
Summarising major findings



- Do green buildings automatically produce green value? NO (willingness to pay is decisive)
- Do we need new valuation methods? NO (since existing tools can display everything)
- 3 Could there be a European-wide approach/guidance to these aspects? YES (since the fundamental challenge is the same)
- 4 Should we distinguish between developed and less transparent markets? YES (since data input is required for proper calculation)
- 5 Since in principle things are not new. Are there already valuers who handle this aspect in the right way? NO (since some training will be necessary for everyone)
- 6 Can valuers immediately start to integrate green value into their valuation reports NO (since sufficient data base is still missing)



Activities for market rollout



- 1 valuers 'community: continuation of standardisation activities in order to reduce uncertainty among valuers (further development of Guidance Note under TEGoVA)
- policy support in the development of reliable databases on reference buildings (comparables) combining energy efficiency / OC levels and information on building sites, rent levels etc.
- Activation of demand side: valuation approaches explicitly integrating green value have to be asked for by major customers (e.g. public building authorities)
- Dissemination and training activities for the valuers 'community (interpretation of energy benchmarks, results of LCCA etc.)

