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# Key topics

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## Related Projects:

- RE-COGNITION
- DRIMPAC
- MiniStor

# RE-COGNITION

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## RENEWABLE, COGENERATION AND STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES INTEGRATION FOR ENERGY AUTONOMOUS BUILDINGS

[www.re-cognition-project.eu](http://www.re-cognition-project.eu)

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# RE-COGNITION

## Cross-Functional Renewable Energy Sources Integration Platform



### Automated Cognitive Energy Management Engine (ACEME)

Harmonizes the power generation with the power-heating-cooling demand of the building.



### Building Energy Plant Planning Tool (BE-PLATO)

Allows the building stakeholders to make informed decisions on whether or not to install RES equipment on their building.



### iGateway

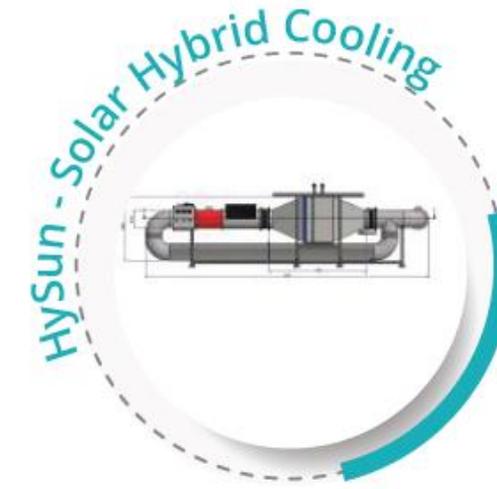
Delivers insightful data for the connected subsystems through their embedded intelligence.



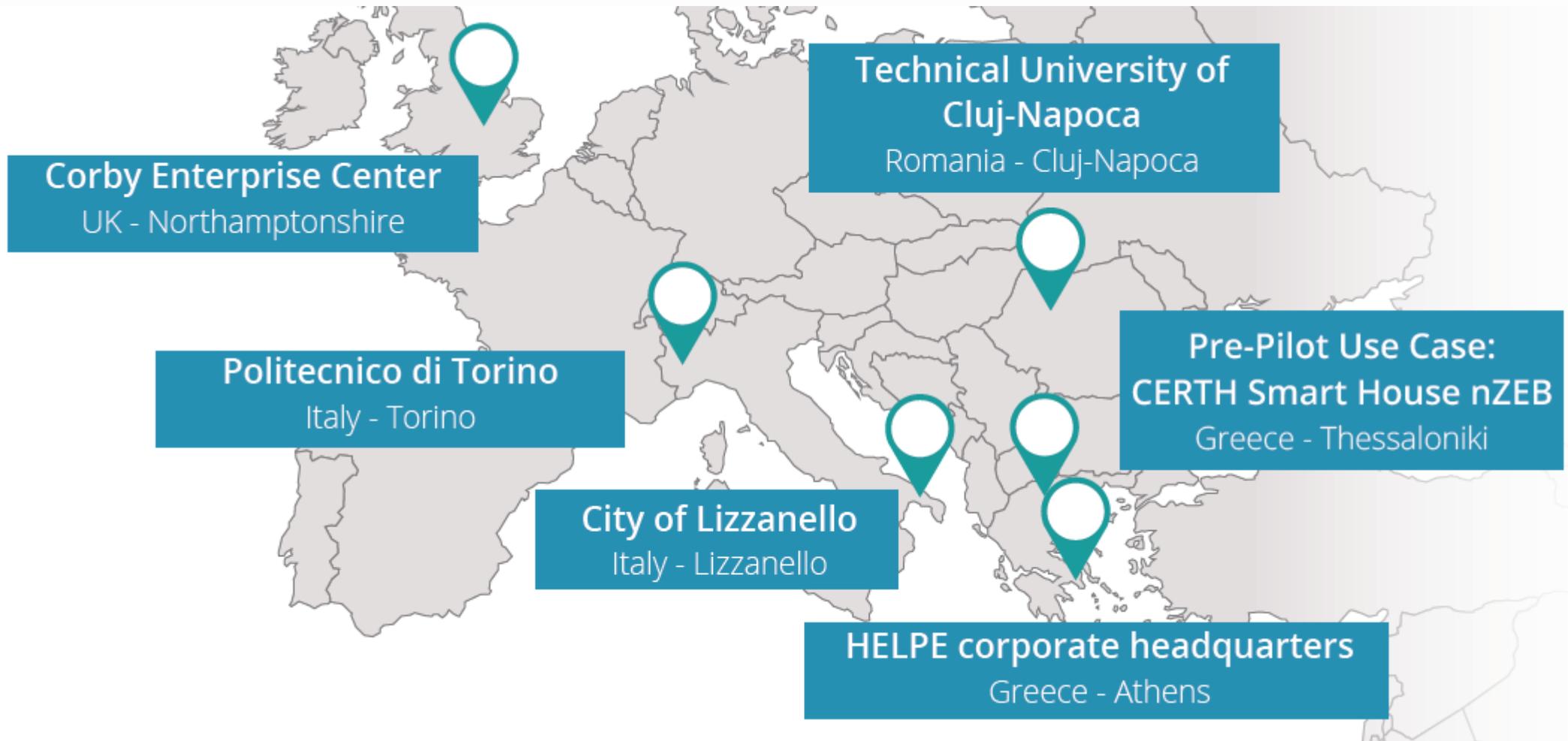
### Visual Analytics Dashboard

Provides a holistic overview of the RE-COGNITION framework operation, through access to the monitored data of the developed technologies and pilot buildings.

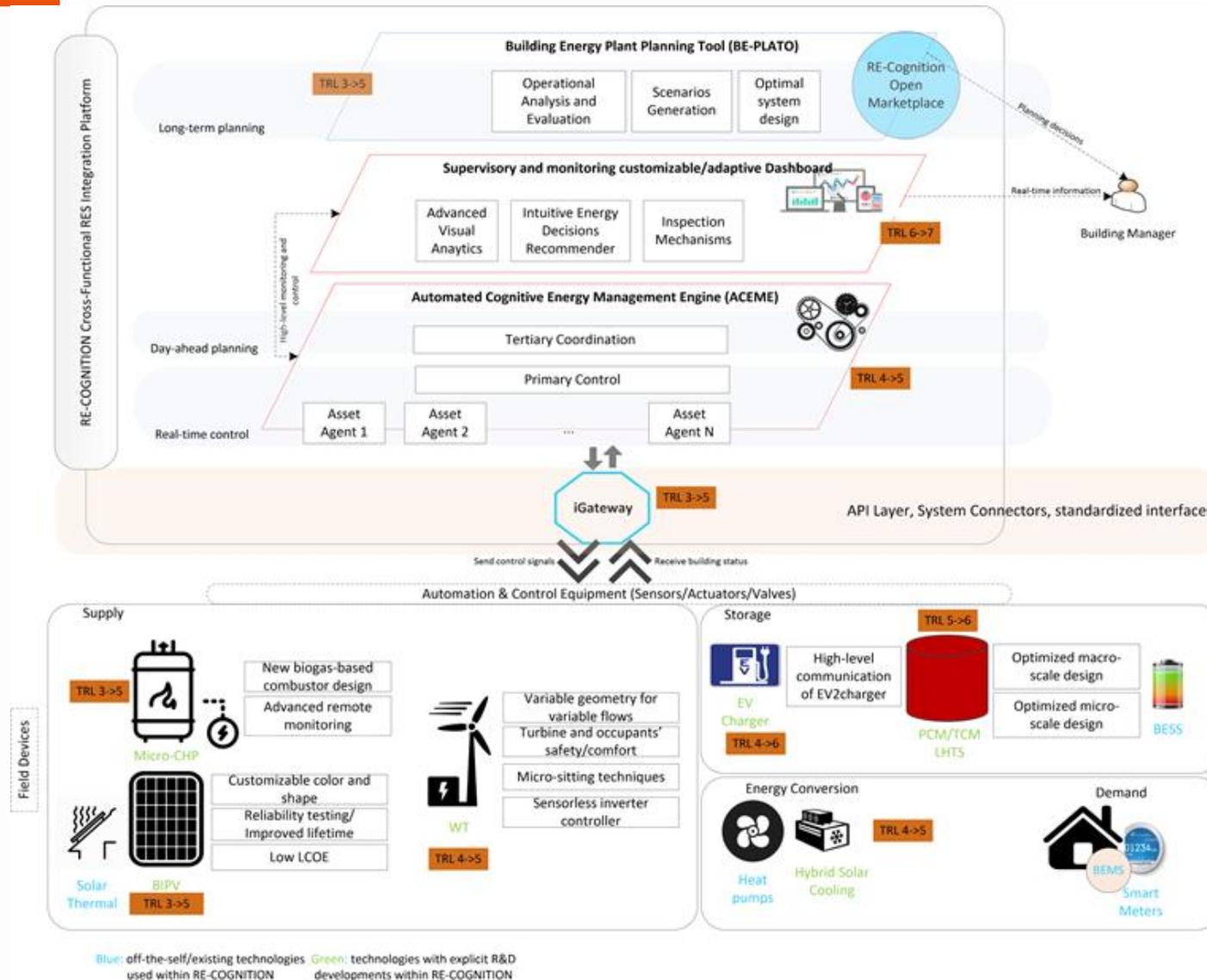
# RE-COGNITION - RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES



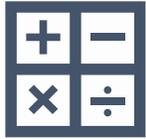
# RE-COGNITION - PROJECT PILOT SITES



# RE-COGNITION - High - Level Overview of System Architecture



# RE-COGNITION - High – Level Overview of System Architecture (Optimization)



**Mixed-Integer Linear Problem (MILP), taking all assets and loads into consideration**

**Objectives:**

- ✓ Minimization of the building's total energy-related cost
- ✓ Minimization of the building's energy demand cost
- ✓ Minimization of the building's energy dependence (maximization of self-sufficiency)



**Three optimization variable groups**

- ✓ Electrical & Thermal produced/consumed energy variables
- ✓ Auxiliary binary variables modelling the mutually exclusive operation of bi-directional energy flow assets or constraining the operation of one-directional assets
- ✓ The number of the variables depend on the optimization horizon (day-ahead or intra-day) and the selected data resolution (15/30/60 minutes)



**Integration of assets' physical constraints into the optimization process**

- ✓ Limitations regarding the output power/safe operation of the assets
- ✓ Building's electrical and thermal power balance



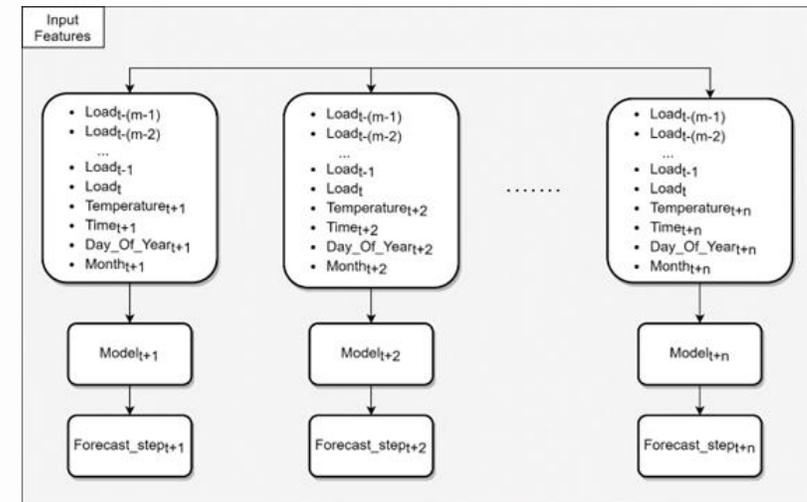
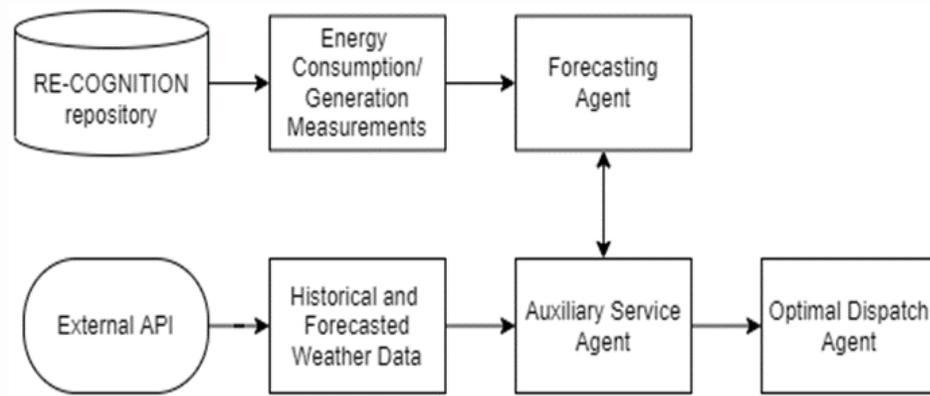
**Integration of electrical and thermal energy costs**

Through the Visual Analytics Dashboard, building administrators can define:

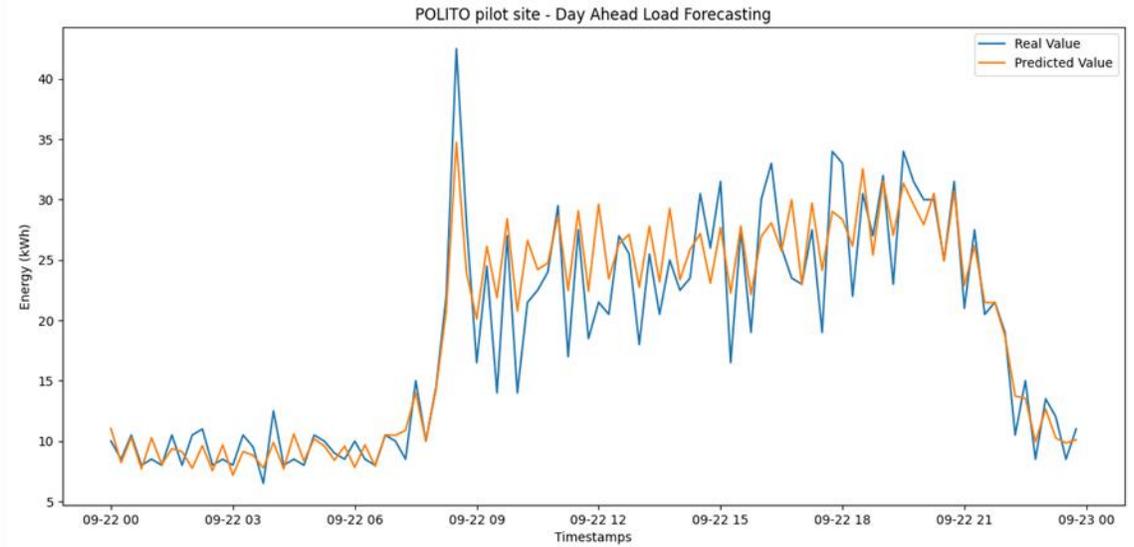
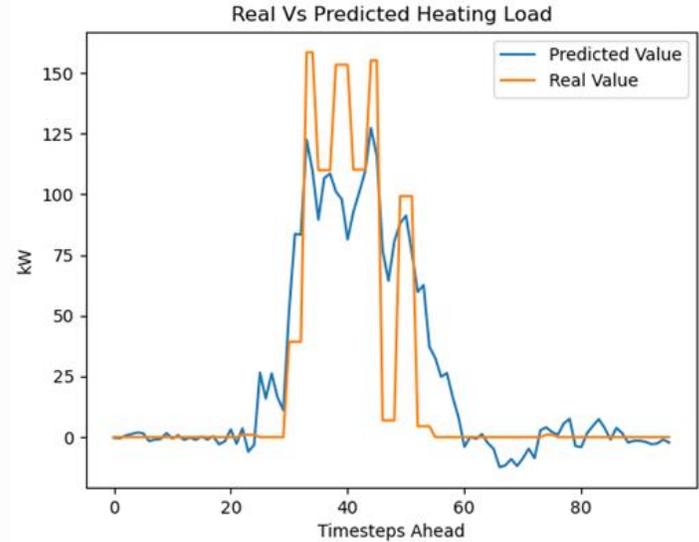
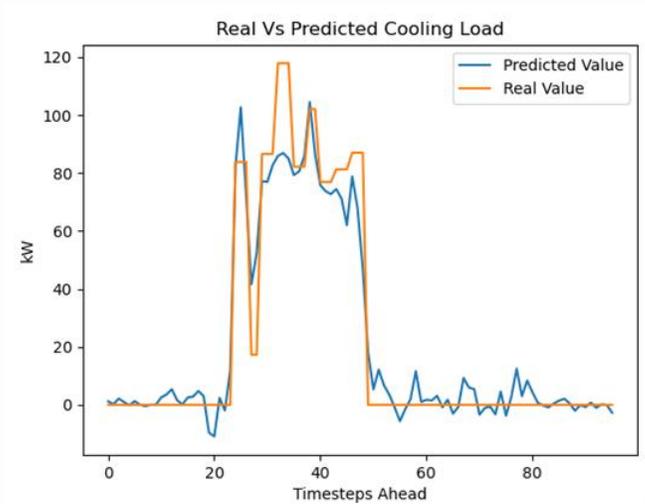
- ✓ The electrical and thermal energy supply cost
- ✓ The operation cost for the energy assets during their parametrization

# RE-COGNITION - Forecasting approach in the ACEME

- ❖ Historical energy & weather data per asset are transferred from the RE-COGNITION Repository to the Forecasting Agent for processing followed by their unique timestamps. Weather forecasts are retrieved from external weather API.
- ❖ Direct forecasting strategy was chosen. Utilizing a total of 24, 48, or 96 models, the day ahead forecasting is achieved
- ❖ More than 10 methods/algorithms were evaluated towards selecting the optimal solution



# RE-COGNITION - Forecasting approach in the ACEME



# RE-COGNITION – ML Papers

Aristeidis Mystakidis, Evangelia Ntozi, Paraskevas Koukaras, Nikolaos Katsaos, Dimosthenis Ioannidis, Christos Tjortjis, Dimitrios Tzovaras, “Energy load forecasting: A multi-energy performance comparison approach”, Energy Efficiency by Springer, 2023 (Under review)

- Possible identification of the best performing ML & DL models across all ETs as well as the
- Multi-energy behavior recognition of the multi-step ahead strategies

| Heating                                  |                |       |        |        |               |
|--|----------------|-------|--------|--------|---------------|
| Voting Ensemble with CatBoost & LightGBM | R <sup>2</sup> | MAE   | MSE    | RMSE   | Training time |
|  | 0.882          | 5.442 | 399.33 | 19.983 | 484.8 s       |
| Cooling                                  |                |       |        |        |               |
| Voting Ensemble with CatBoost & LightGBM | R <sup>2</sup> | MAE   | MSE    | RMSE   | Training time |
|  | 0.858          | 8.052 | 527.44 | 22.966 | 409.95 s      |
| Electricity                              |                |       |        |        |               |
| Voting Ensemble with CatBoost & LightGBM | R <sup>2</sup> | MAE   | MSE    | RMSE   | Training time |
|  | 0.879          | 2.440 | 13.592 | 3.688  | 76.68 s       |

# DRIMPAC

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Unified DR interoperability framework enabling market participation of active energy consumers

<https://www.drimpac-h2020.eu/>

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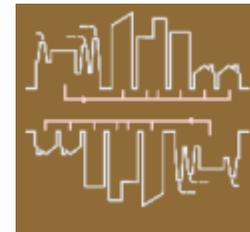
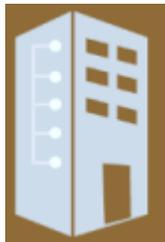


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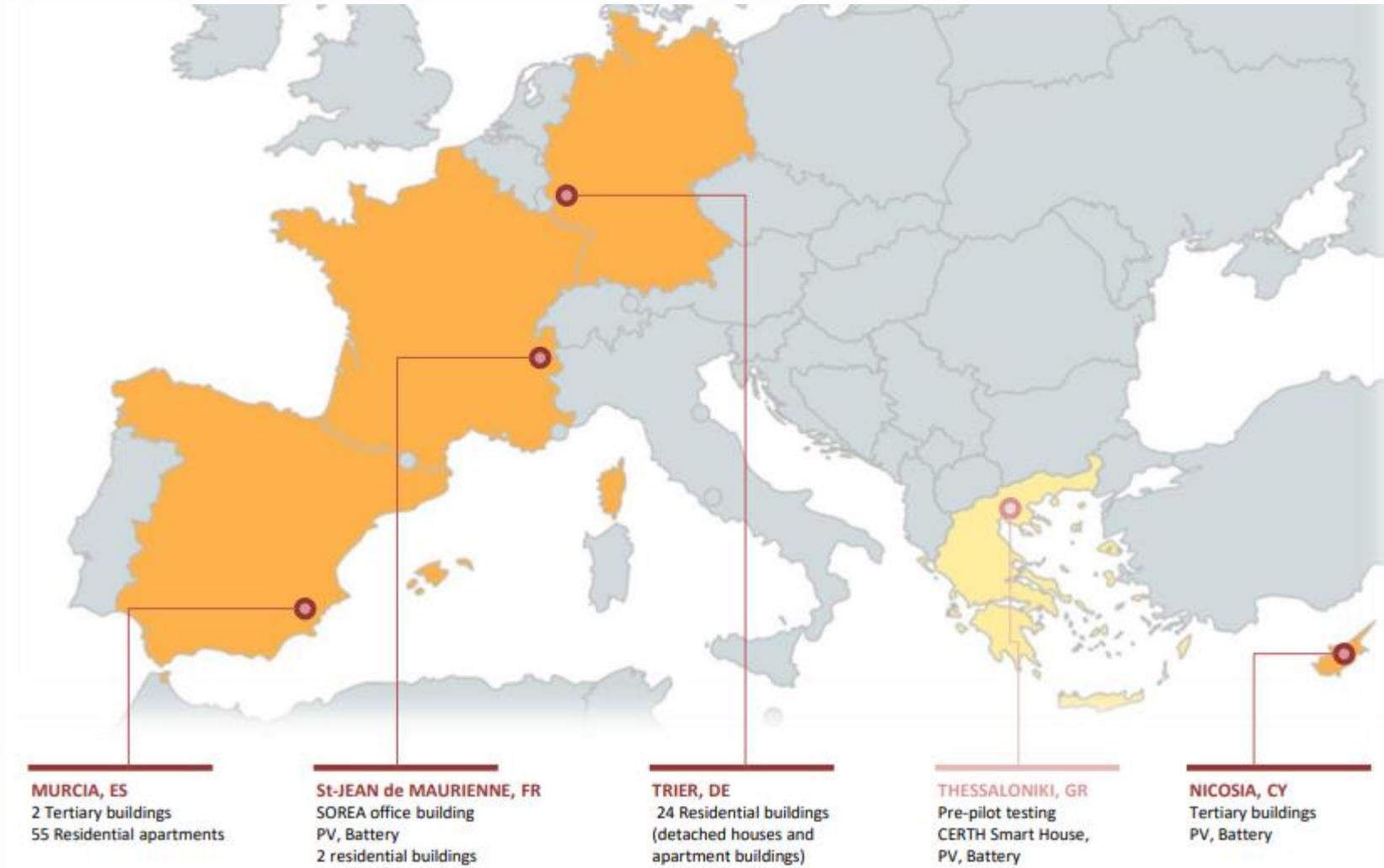
## FLEXIBILITY RESOURCES

- RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS - introducing demand response functionality to the “smarthome” environment.
- TERTIARY BUILDINGS - achieving interoperability with all main building control & automation standards & protocols in the domain.
- DISTRICT LEVEL ENERGY RESOURCES - facilitating proper and standards-compliant DER integration for district-level DR services.



# DRIMPAC - PROJECT PILOTS

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# DRIMPAC

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## OBJECTIVES - ACHIEVEMENTS

- Develop and deliver the DRIMPAC solution as an interoperability TECHNOLOGICAL ENABLER for small prosumer Demand Response
- Define innovative service offerings and BUSINESS MODELS for energy retailers
- DEMONSTRATE AND VALIDATE via piloting and market testing on real users
- Creation of the ICT backbone for the connectivity of DSO/AGR/ platform/asset (DL-DER)
- Completion of energy management system, smart boxes and local IoT monitoring/control system
- Testing of different innovative DR business models at the pilot sites

## TARGET GROUPS

- “USER GROUP” potential participants in the project pilot demonstration and validation activities aiming for 1000 active participants
- “STAKEHOLDER ECOSYSTEM” market and industry stakeholders to enhance the exploitation potential of project outputs



# DRIMPAC

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## High-level use cases

DRIMPAC developed the ICT infrastructure to enable services and devices interoperability among energy market stakeholders and small to medium size prosumers for:

- Implicit Demand Response services based on day-ahead dynamic tariffs (load shifting)
- Explicit Demand Response services (load shedding or generation curtailment)

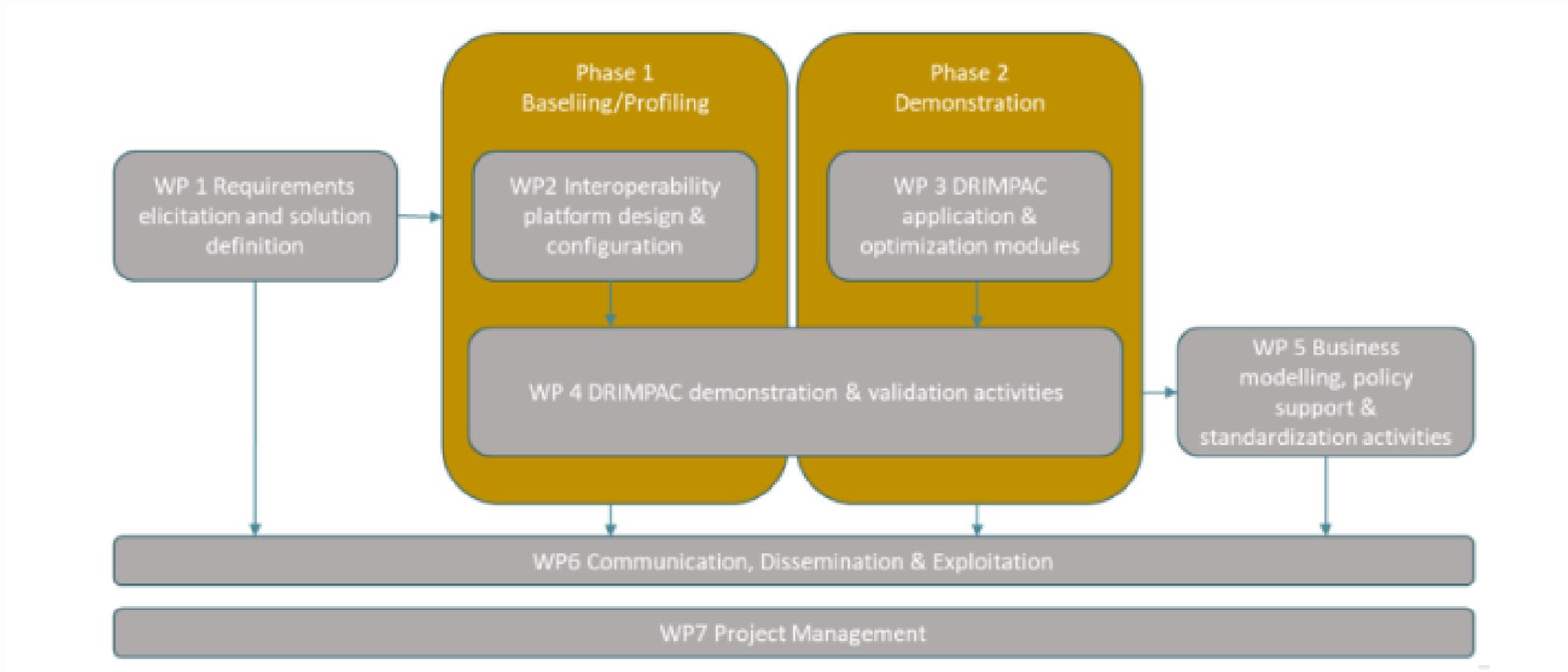
## Challenges

- Create grid-to-market communication system
- Develop interoperable smart Building EMS
- Increase the overall energy demand flexibility of buildings

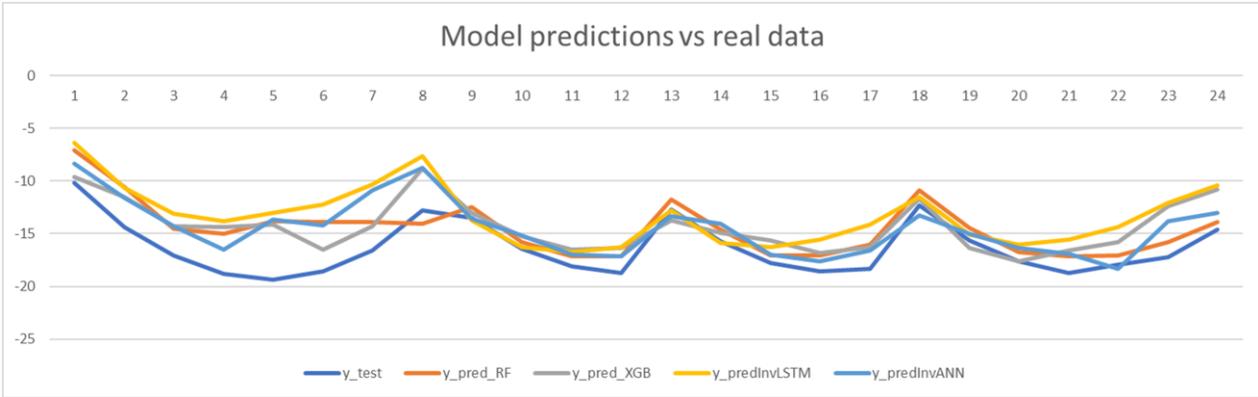
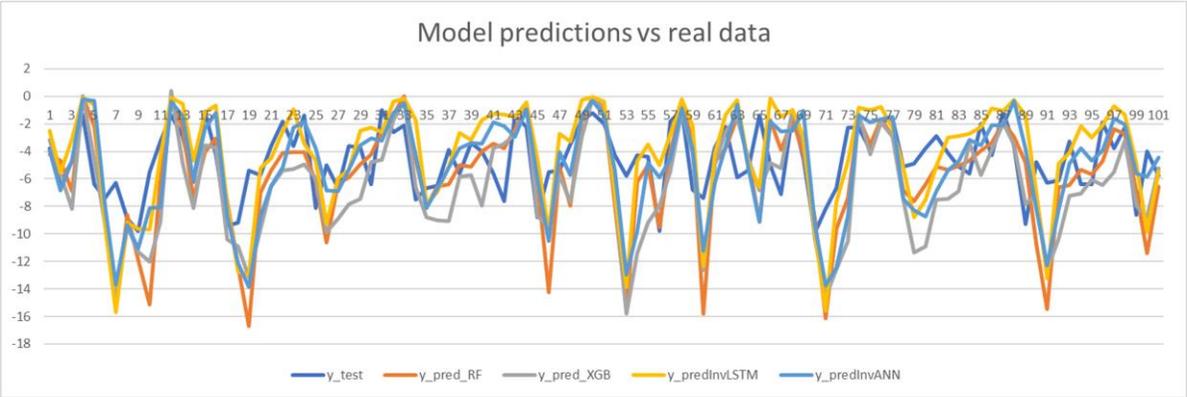
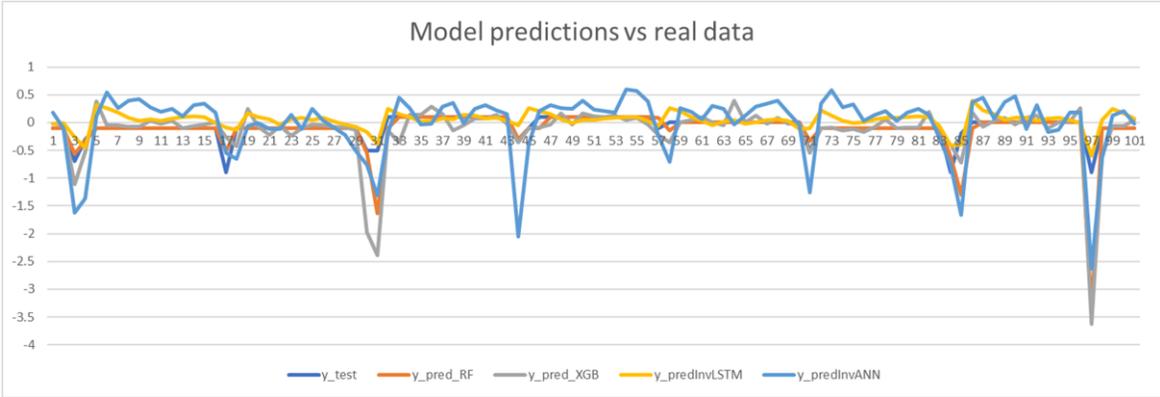


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# DRIMPAC - Forecasting approach (generation)



## ML Papers

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## Minimal Size Thermal and Electrical Energy Storage System for In-Site Residential Installation

<https://ministor.eu/>

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HORIZON 2020



## **Mission**

MiniStor aims at designing and producing a novel compact integrated thermal storage system for achieving sustainable heating, cooling and electricity storage

## **SYSTEM**

MiniStor´ system optimizes the use and management of thermal energy by allowing it to be stored, levelling demand peaks and increasing the use of renewables affected by intermittency such as solar-based heating.

# MiniStor - Objectives

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Minimal size  
energy storage



Sustainable  
heating,  
cooling and  
electricity



Long-term  
energy  
security



Minimise  
environmental  
impact



Towards a  
decarbonised  
EU building  
stock

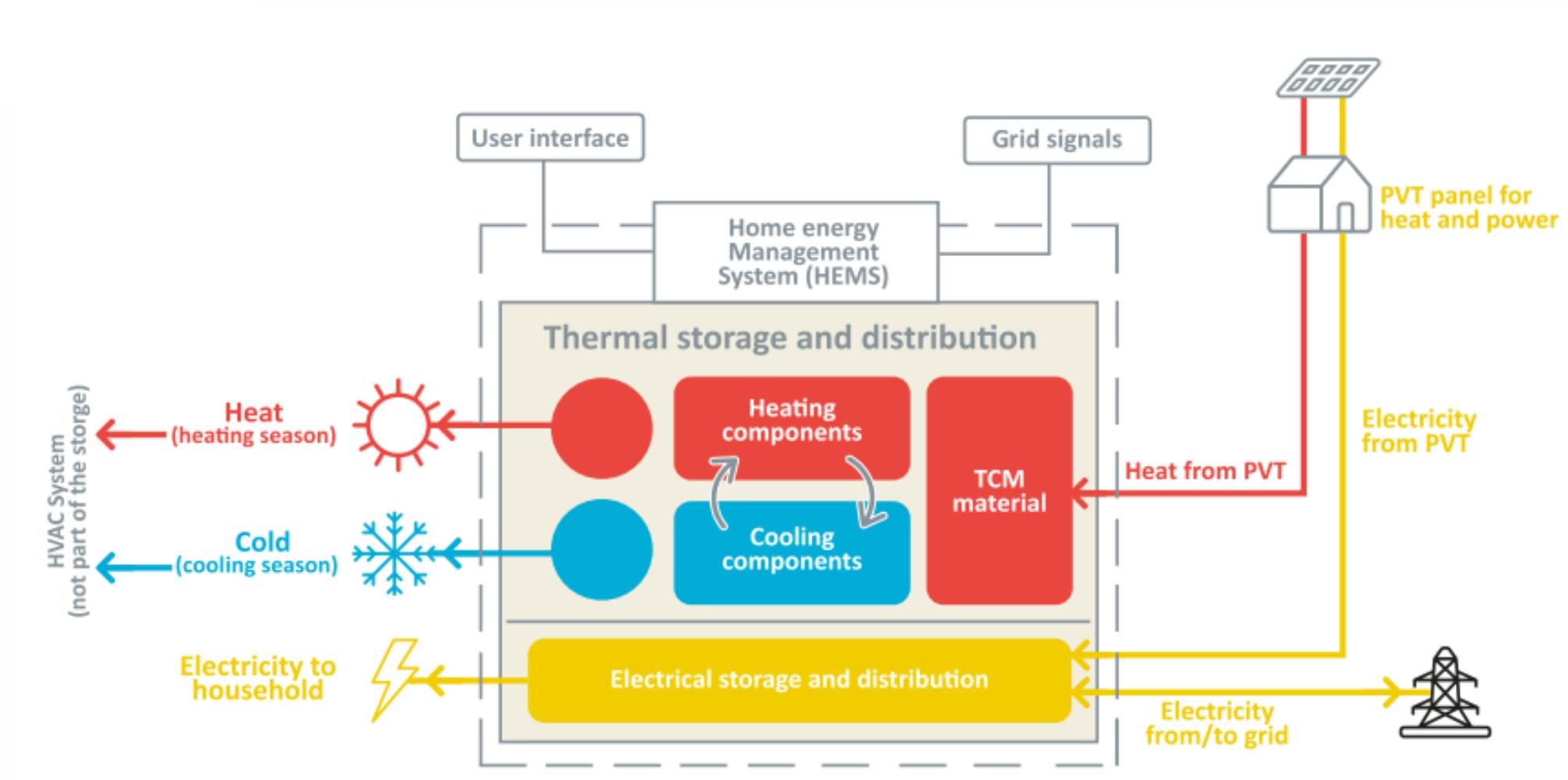


Secure a  
sustainable  
energy market

## Demonstration Sites

- North-West Europe (Ireland)
  - Cork (Cork City Council)
- Western Europe (Spain)
  - Santiago de Compostela (University of Santiago de Compostela)
- Southern Europe (Greece)
  - Xanthi (Kimmeria)
  - Thessaloniki (CERTH)
- Central Europe (Hungary)
  - Sopron (Woodspring)

# MiniStor - integrated storage system concept



## IMPACT

- Minimal-size energy storage solution
- Long-term energy security
- Minimize environmental impact
- Towards a decarbonized EU building stock
- Support Europe's Energy Policy for a sustainable energy market

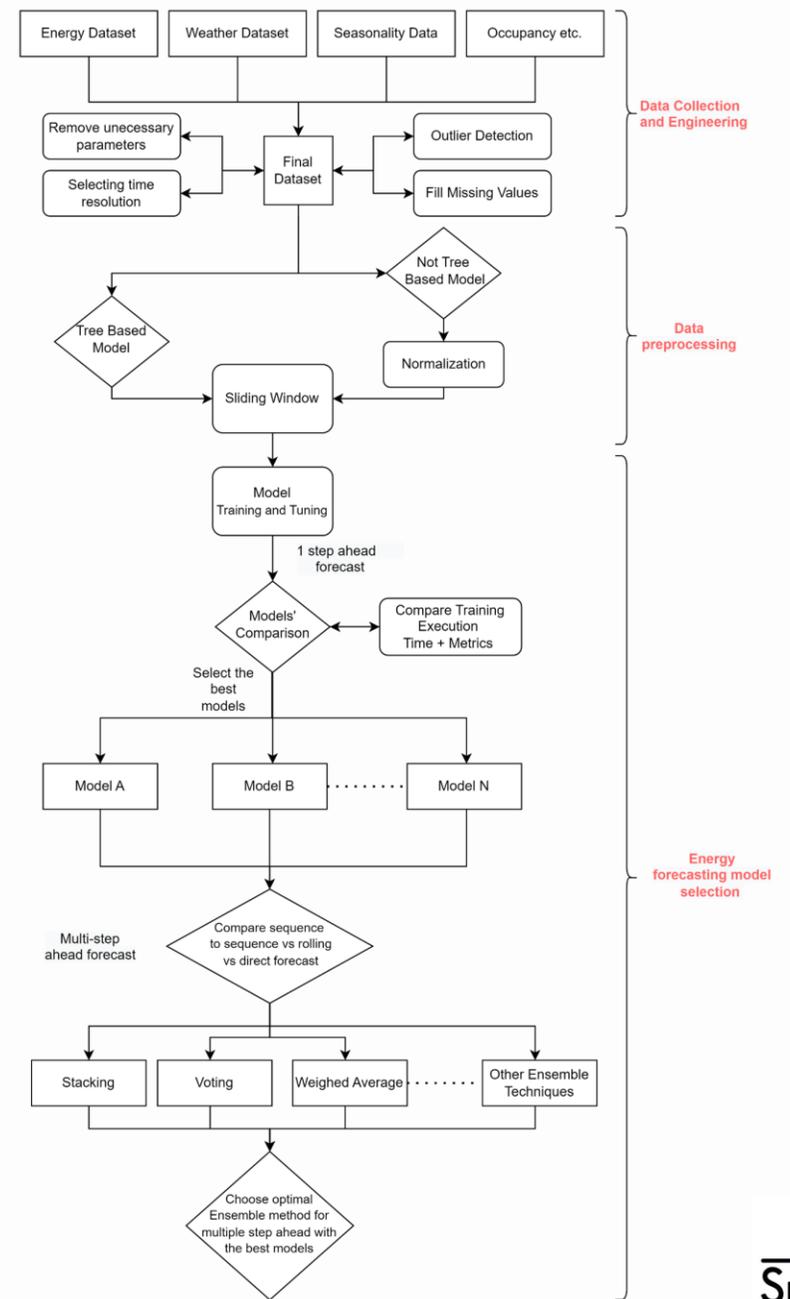
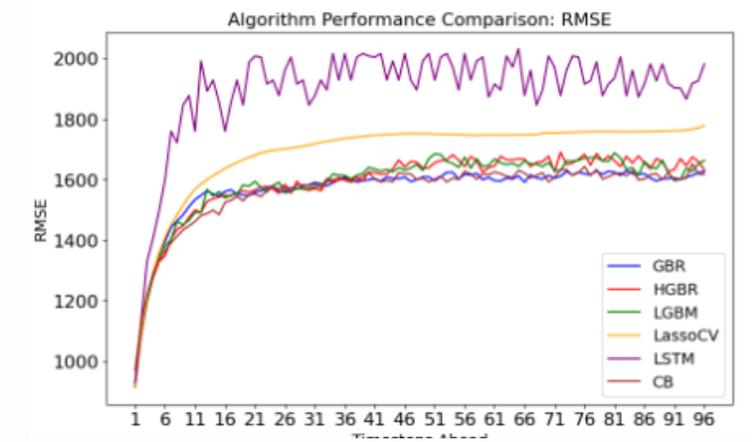
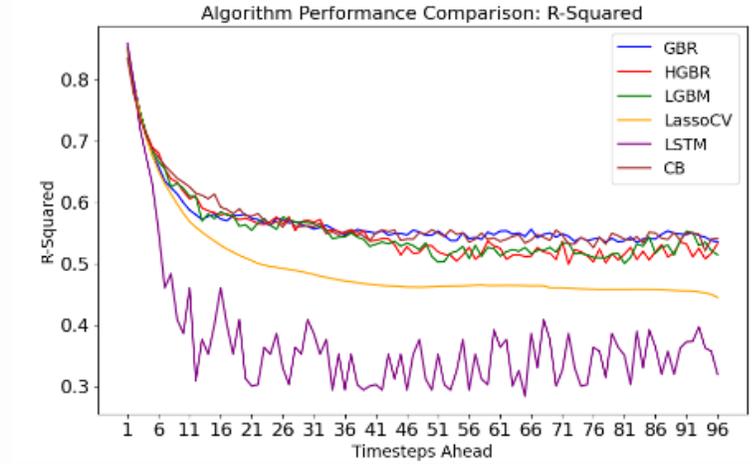
# MiniStor

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## Key Points

- Innovative and minimal-size storage solution for existing and new residential buildings
- Thermal storage for both heating and cooling throughout the year
- Electrical energy storage and management to increase profitability
- Consumer at the heart of MiniStor: Efficiency and user-comfort
- Reduction of the building's net energy consumption by at least 44%
- Return-on-investment period of 6.7 years

# MiniStor – Forecasting Approach

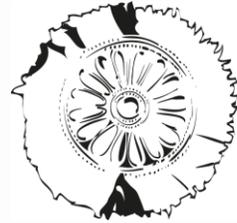


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- Wide range of models as potential solutions for multi-step forecasting
- The optimal technique proposes different algorithms per forecasting horizon

## Project Partners



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