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# Digital Energy lab

Innovative Technology Solutions for  
Smart Grid 2.0 Applications



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# Who we are



## CERTH:

Founded in 2000 - one of the leading R&D centres in Greece

Includes 5 institutes:

- Information Technologies Institute (ITI)
- Chemical Process & Energy Resources Institute (CPERI)
- Hellenic Institute of Transport (HIT)
- Institute of Applied Bioscience (INAB)
- Institute of Bio-Economy and Agri-Technology (IBO)



## Information Technologies Institute:

- Part of CERTH since 2000
- Leading Institution of Greece in the fields of Informatics, Telematics and Telecommunications, etc.
- A total budget of **135 M€**
  - ~15 M€ funding per year (last 3 years)



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**FIRST** in Greece for the last 12 consecutive years in participation at competitive research grants (FP7, H2020, Horizon Europe)

# CERTH Cooperation Schemes with Industry

- ✓ Offering R&D Services (contractual basis)
  - ✓ Specific R&D based on Industry needs
  - ✓ **Feasibility Studies & Proof of Concepts**
  - ✓ Access to **Infrastructure** (Smart Home, 3D Printing, HPC)
  - ✓ Rapid **prototyping** (embedded systems/hardware)
- ✓ Connecting to **funding sources**
  - ✓ Cooperation in **Open Calls** and National/EU funded projects
- ✓ **Technology Scouting**
  - ✓ Towards New Products Development
- ✓ **Ancillary services**
  - ✓ Training on new technologies (i.e., AI)
  - ✓ Patent support

Active role as Digital  
Innovation Hub

Active Cooperation  
through Clusters (i.e.,  
IsZEB concept)



Research  
& Development

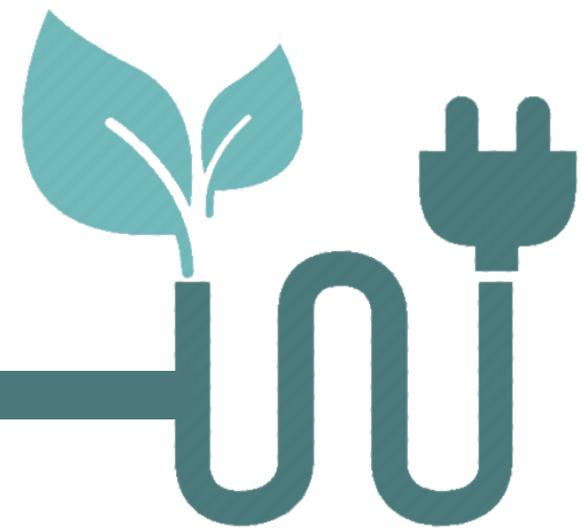


Innovation  
Management



Ecosystem

# Digital Energy Lab



- Started in 2017
- Interdisciplinary team of >50 engineers and scientists
- Over 30 research projects (majority: H2020)
- Supporting over 10 PhD students
- Supervised by Dr. Dimosthenis Ioannidis & Dr. Dimitrios Tzovaras
- Over 100 journal and conference publications in last 5 years

From simulation  
to real-life implementation,  
the **Digital Energy Lab**  
brings to life  
**Smart Grids 2.0**

# Meet the Core Team!



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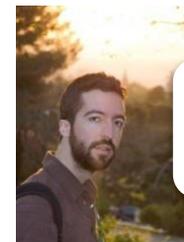
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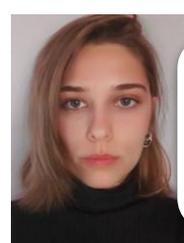
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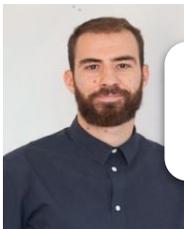
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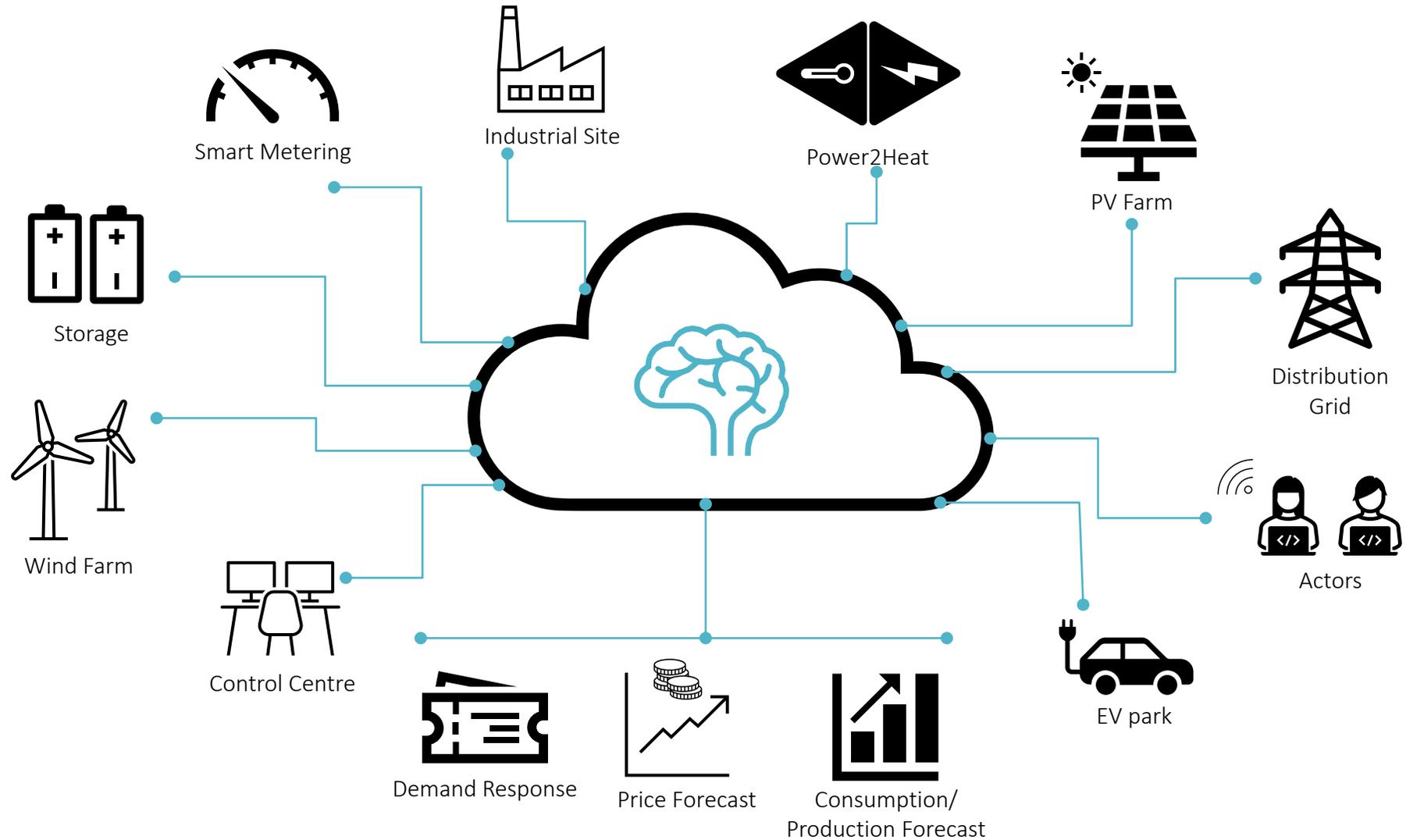


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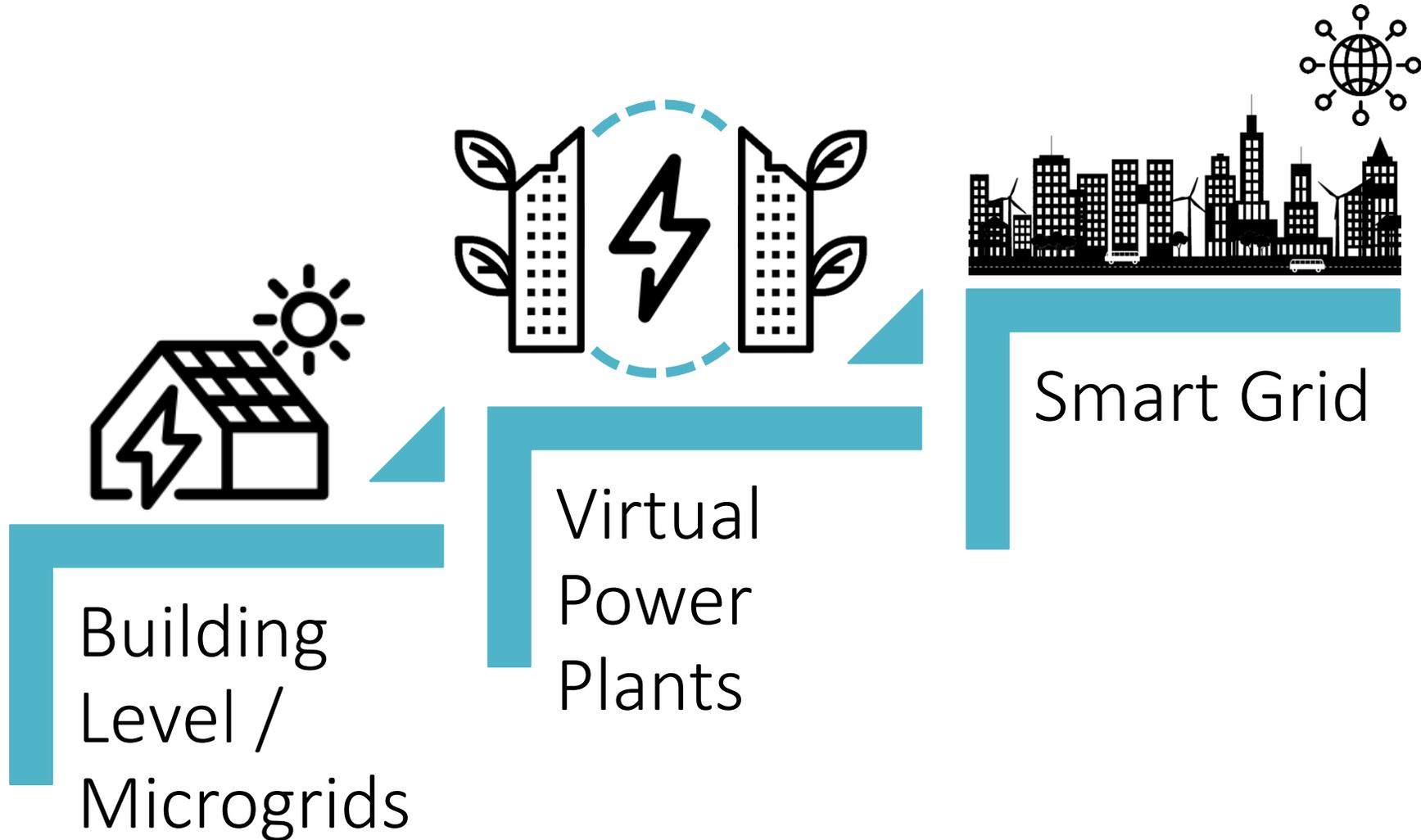


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# Smart Grid, VPPs & Microgrids Ecosystem



# Solutions at 3 Different Levels



# it i Smart Home



Dynamic Islanding



Demand-Response



5kWh Battery



Weather Station



Load Management



10kW Solar Panels



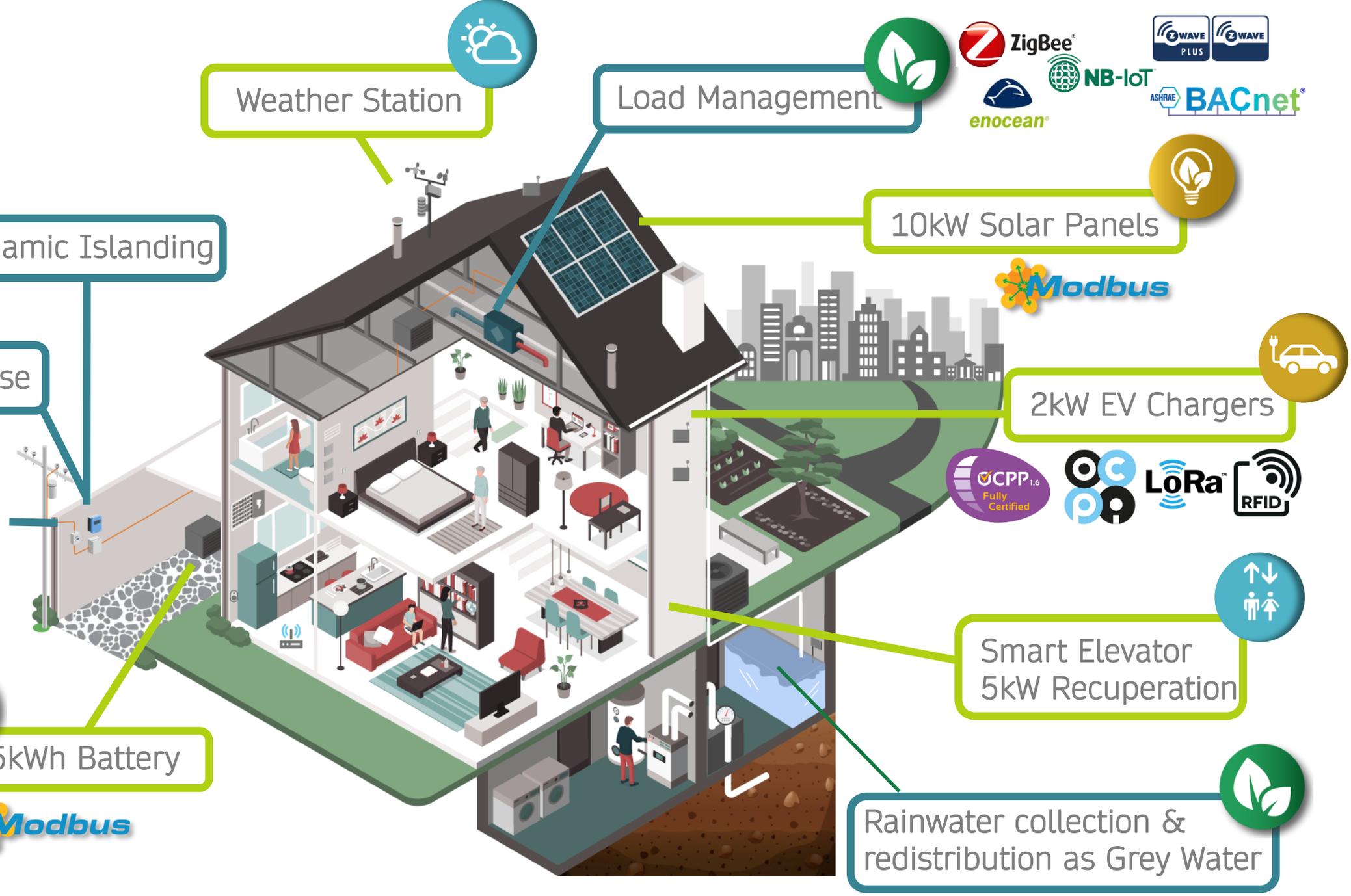
2kW EV Chargers



Smart Elevator  
5kW Recuperation



Rainwater collection & redistribution as Grey Water



# Infrastructure – the first grid connected microgrid in Greece



# Infrastructure – smart, interoperable monitoring & control systems

- Light dimming
- HVAC full control
- Smart, wifi-enabled home appliances
- Multi-layered smart meters (electricity, water etc.)
- A highly diverse (IoT) multi-sensorial & actuation network for multidisciplinary case studies (environment, energy, health, etc.)

!!! One advanced, flexible solution to unify them all: CERTH's IoT Platform



# Smart House IOT platform & sensor/meter hardware



nZEB Smart House IoT Platform

| Type of device                    | ID number | Image   | Location  | Connectivity  | Data Access                | Measuring interval  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|---|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>TEMPERATURE &amp; HUMIDITY</b> |           |   |   |               |                            |   |
| Plugwise Sense                    | -         |    | One per each space in the main House                  | ZigBee HA 2.0 | SmartHome IoT Platform API | 15' -adjustable   |
| Gavazzi EM340                     | -         |    | One per indoor electric panel (3 ground floor)        | Modbus RTU    | SmartHome IoT Platform API | 1 sec from device 1 min from API  |
| Gavazzi EM270                     | -         |    | Building Point of Common Coupling                     | Modbus RTU    | SmartHome IoT Platform API | 1 sec from device 1 min from API  |
| Thermokon SR04 CO2                | -         |  | 1 living room ground floor and 1 playroom first floor | EnOcean       |                            | <b>Measuring interval</b><br>WakeUp time = 100 sec. (default)<br><b>Transmission interval</b><br>every 100 sec. at change >0,4 K, >2,5% rH or 50 ppm, otherwise every 1000 sec. |

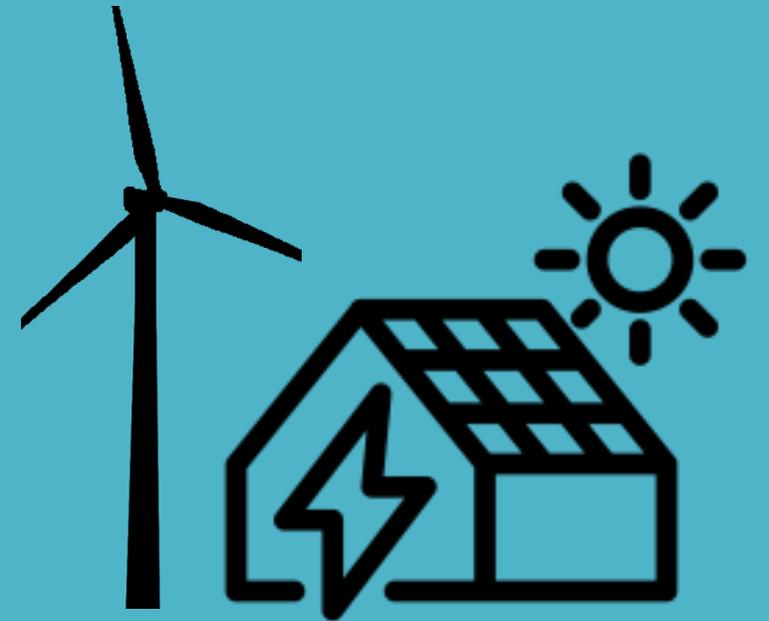
Sensor & smart meter hardware installed in the nZEB Smart House



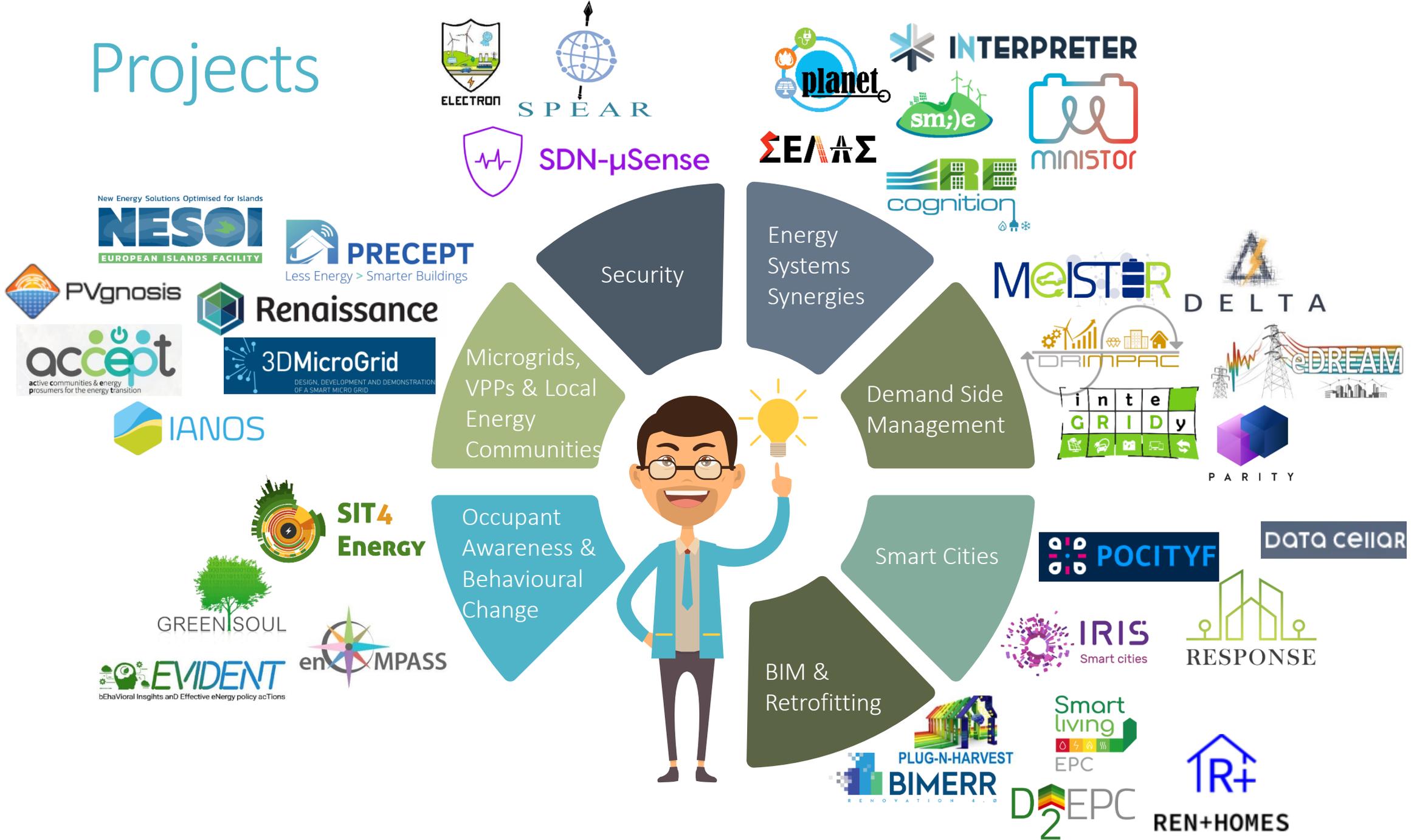
RES forecasting tested in ITI Smarthome facilities and in numerous research projects



# RES Power Generation Forecasting



# Projects



# Technologies Used



Enhanced Simulations



Big Data



Machine Learning



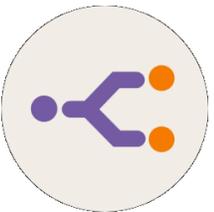
Multi-Agent Systems



Internet of Things



Interoperability



Decision Support Systems



Customized Hardware Solutions



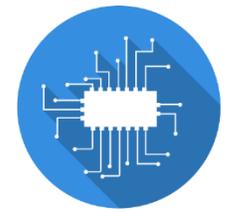
Visual Analytics



Demand Side Management



Blockchain



Artificial Intelligence

# Related Project: SmartLivingEPC- Advanced Energy Performance Assessment towards Smart Living in Building and District Level

## About

SmartLivingEPC project aims to deliver a certificate which will be issued with the use of digitized tools and retrieve the necessary assessment information for the building from BIM literacy, including enriched energy and sustainability related information for the as designed and the actual performance of the building.

A special aspect of SmartLivingEPC will be its application in building complexes, with the aim of energy certification at the neighbourhood scale.

## Who

SmartLivingEPC consortium consists of fifteen partners and two affiliated entities from twelve EU countries.



## How

SmartLivingEPC concept is structured on three individual development layers, which complement each other towards achieving the project targets.

1. the development of an enhanced methodology, which will consider energy, sustainability, smartness and technical audits aspects, to deliver an enriched, enhanced rating scheme
2. the integration of digital design tools for the issuance of EPC
3. the development of the Digital Platform and AI services, which will support the user friendliness and the exploitation potentials of the SmartLivingEPC

# Building Energy Efficiency



Operational behaviour of the building



Life cycle performance aspects & building smartness assessment



Compatible with digital logbooks and building renovation passports



EPC application in building complexes



<https://www.smartlivingepc.eu/en>



# Related Project: RE-COGNITION - Renewable, Cogeneration and storage technologies integration for energy autonomous buildings

## 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.

# RES Power Generation



## Related Project: REN+HOMES - Renewable ENergy-based Positive Homes

REN+HOMES tackles the **sustainable transition** not only by reducing carbon emissions, but also resource scarcity, energy poverty and focusing on education/participation of stakeholders

### Project main aims:

1. **Develop a set of 23 solutions:**
  - 9 hardware (e.g., geothermal walls, wireless IoT device)
  - 7 software methodologies
  - 7 Circular Plus Energy Homes (CPEH) methodologies
2. **Tests them in 4 large-scale demonstrators**
3. **Develop business models** combining cost-effective deep-retrofitting, demand response and energy communities

# Building Energy Efficiency

**Positive energy building (PEB):** an energy-efficient building that produces more energy than it uses via renewable sources.

Given the high relevance of the building sector for emissions reduction, the concept of PEBs is gaining increasing attention.

# Related Project: REEFLEX - REplicable, interoperable, cross-sector solutions and Energy services for demand side FLEXibility markets

- Developing an interoperability platform and service catalogue, the project aims to
  - Maximize the **flexibility** of distributed energy resources
  - Take into account different end-user **profiles/ infrastructure limitations**
- Generate a common operation market model using AI-driven intelligence services & automation systems
- Help to reduce market entry barriers, costs, encourage greater participation from energy consumers

## Smart Grid

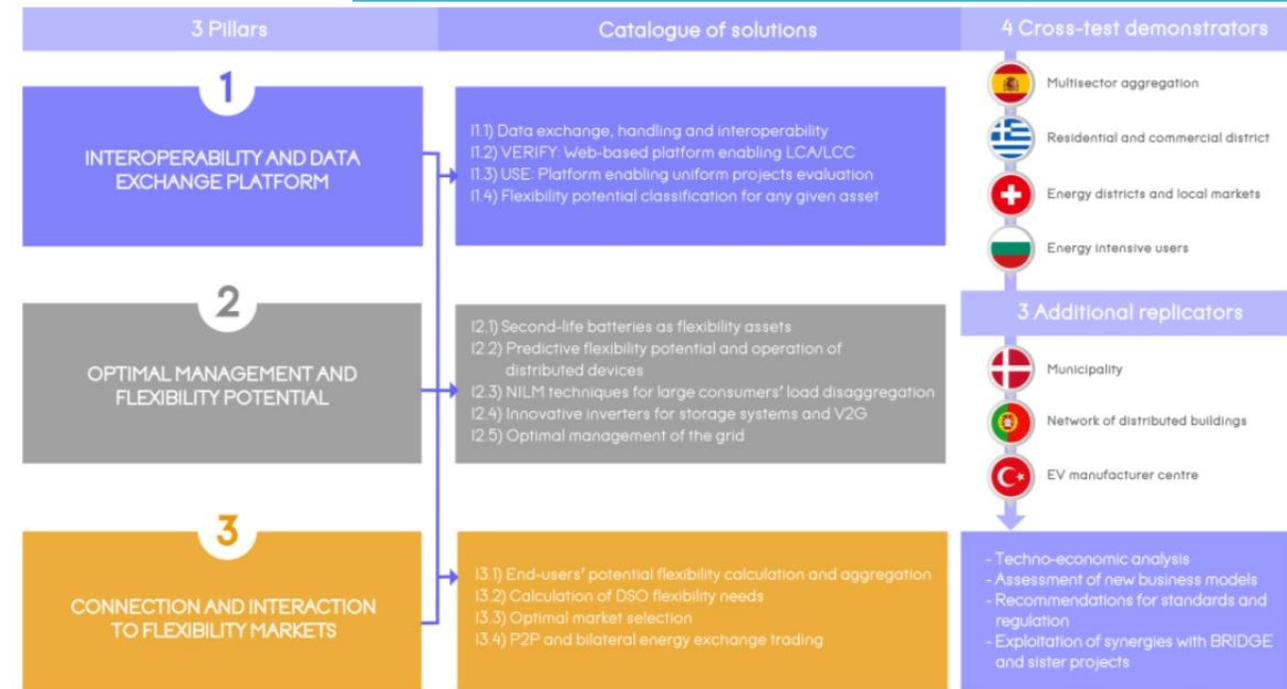


Figure 1. REEFLEX overall scheme.

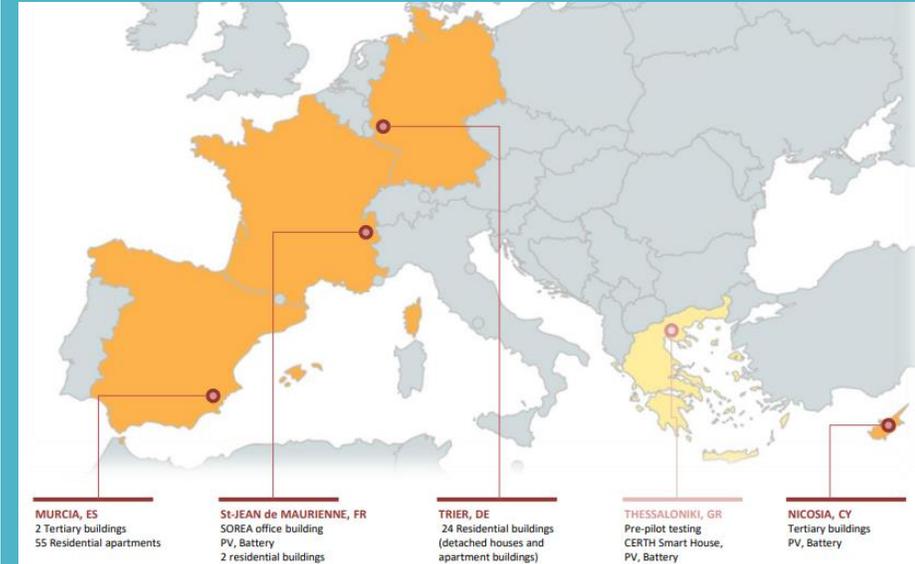
↑ FLEXIBILITY, ↑ PARTICIPATION, ↑ RESILIENCY, ↑ SECURITY vs. Market restrictions, high costs, lack of trust, failures, data privacy issues

# Related Project: DRIMPAC - Unified DR interoperability framework enabling market participation of active energy consumers

## Aims:

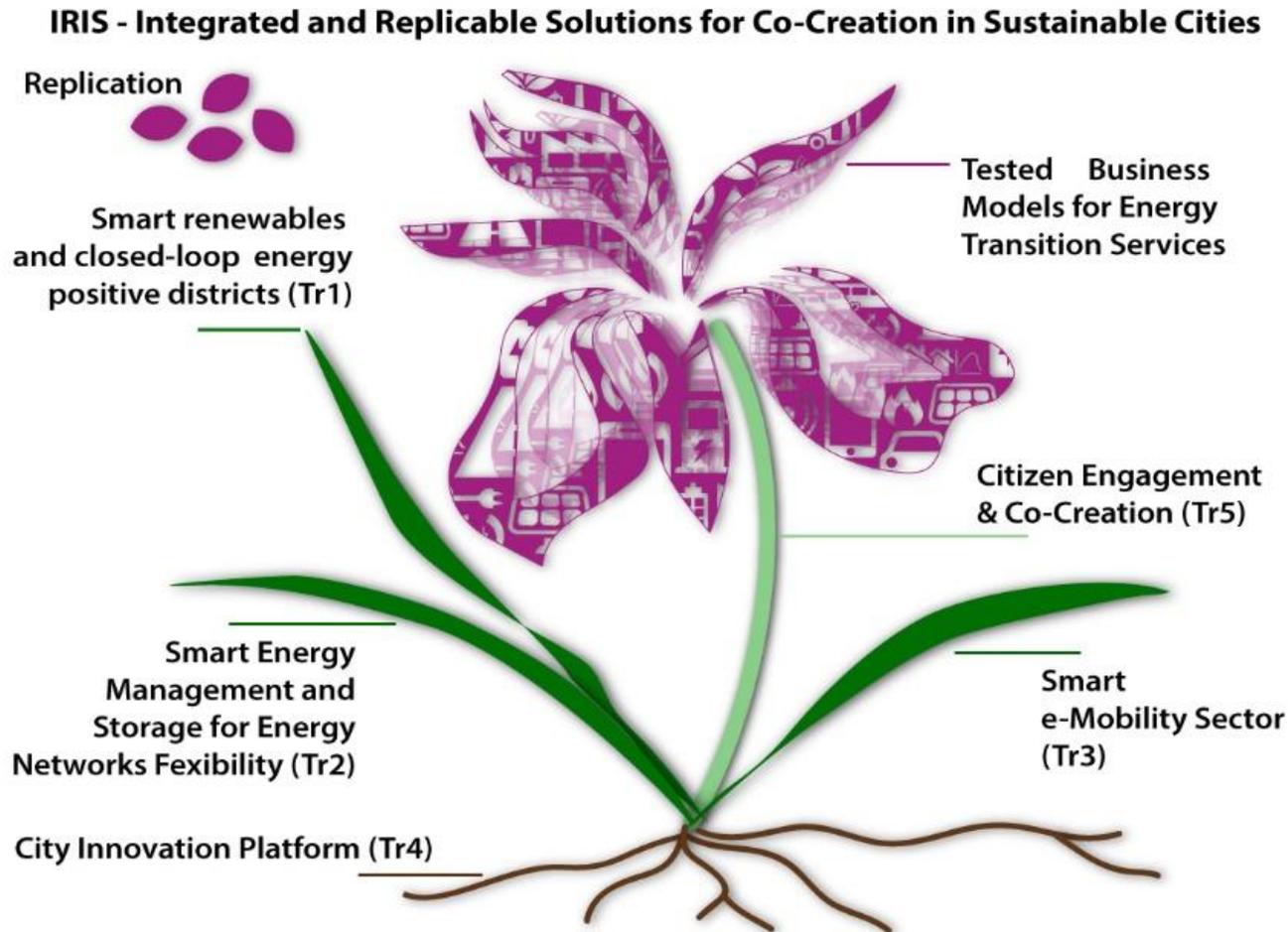
- Develop and deliver the DRIMPAC solution as an interoperability solution for small prosumer Demand Response (DR)
- Define innovative service offerings and business models for energy retailers
- Demonstration via piloting and market testing on real users
- Completion of energy management system, smart boxes and local IoT monitoring/control system
- Testing of different innovative DR business models at the pilot sites

# Grid Operators Support



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

## Related Project: IRIS - Co-creating smart & sustainable cities



### Business scenarios

- Monitoring and assessment of smart city projects
- Increase of citizen engagement and active participation to promote behavioral changes

# Smart and Sustainable Cities



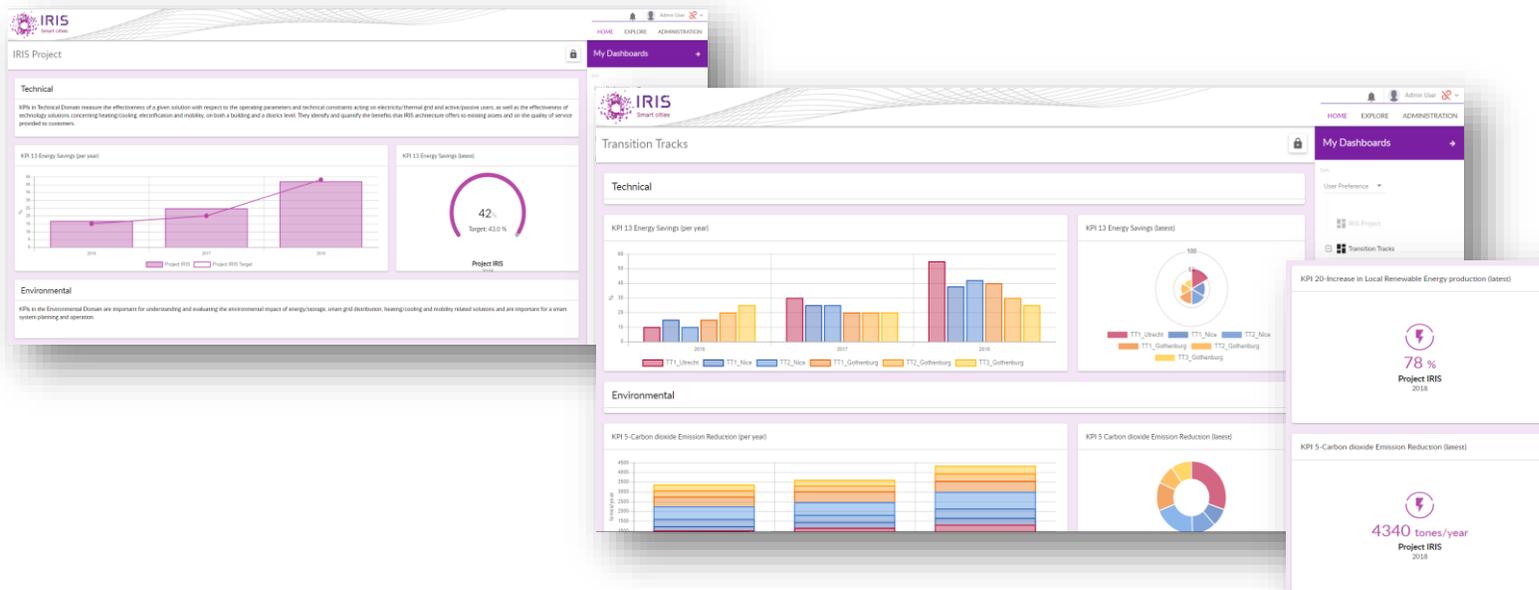
<https://irissmartcities.eu/>

# Smart City Monitoring & Assessment Platform

Supports continuous monitoring and assessment of smart cities projects:

- Collection of monitoring data from various sources through APIs.
- Calculation of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- Advanced analytical and visualisation techniques allowing the comparative evaluation of different projects.

# Smart and Sustainable Cities



# Gamification Platform

Boosts user and citizen engagement through gamification:

- Introduction of gamification elements in any third-party web or mobile app to enhance user engagement through a **reward system**.
- Users participate in **games** that promote sustainability and green practices (e.g. reduction of energy waste, recycling, etc.) and **compete** with other users for rewards when completing the actions and exhibiting the desirable behaviour.



# Smart and Sustainable Cities



# Industrial IoT and Hardware Solutions

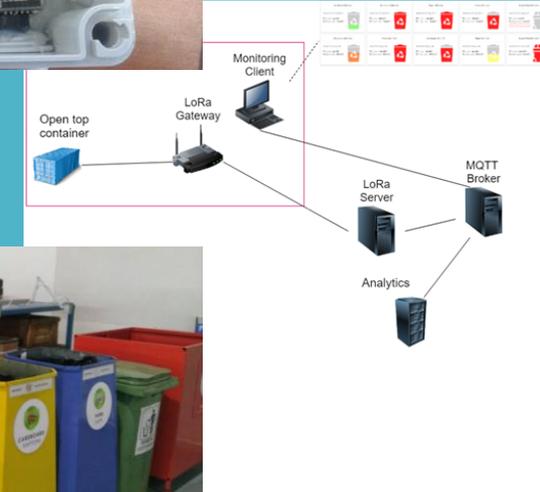
## Development and Deployment of Smart Hardware Solutions

### Fill level sensors for Bins' Distance Monitoring

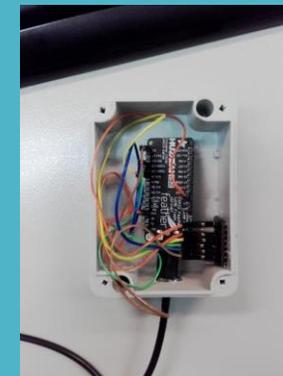
- Indoor-bins(small bins) fill level monitoring based on IR sensors
- Outdoor open top containers based on Ultrasonic sensors
- Low power design

### Vibration Sensors for Machine's Monitoring and Real-time Analysis

- Smart wake-up
- Wi-Fi connectivity



Ultra sonic & IR Sensors



Vibration Sensors

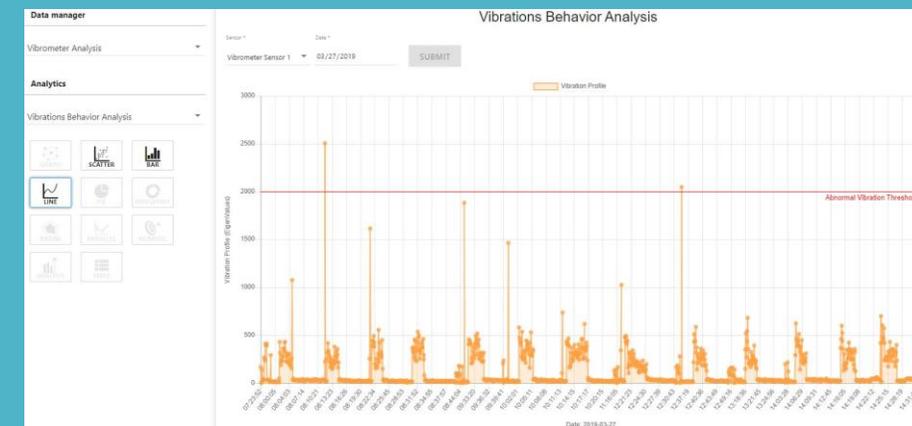
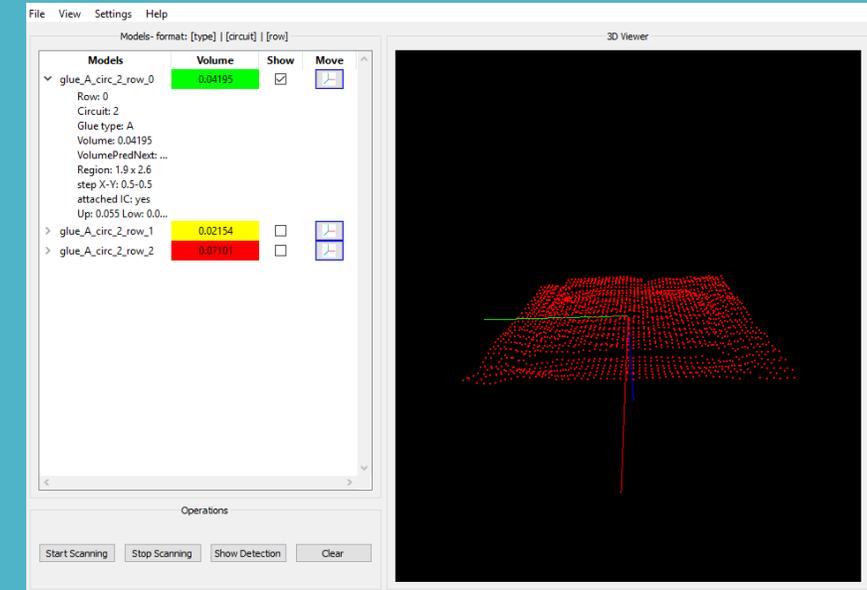
# Solutions for Predictive Maintenance and Anomaly Detection

## Cognitive Analytics Platform for Early Anomaly Detection

- Self-trained models
- AI & ML algorithms and boosting techniques
- Big Data Visual Analytics

## Decision Support System for Predictive Maintenance

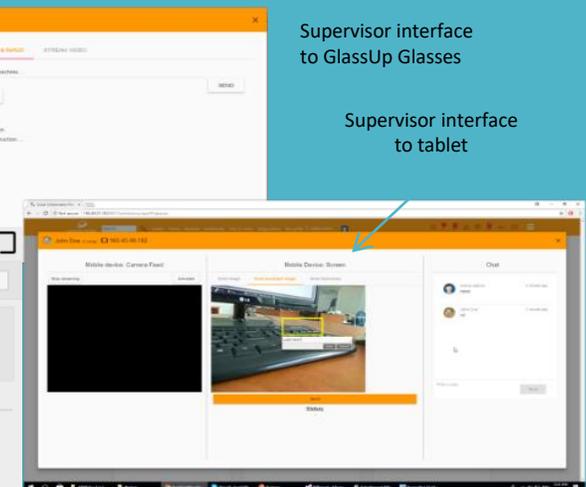
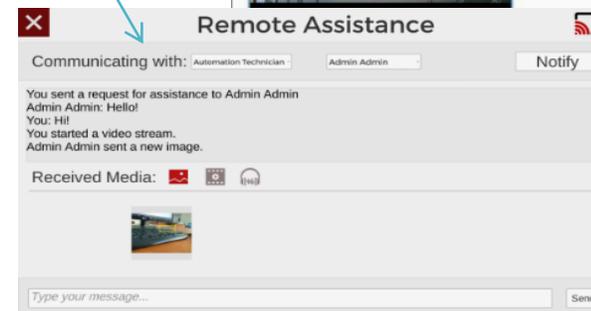
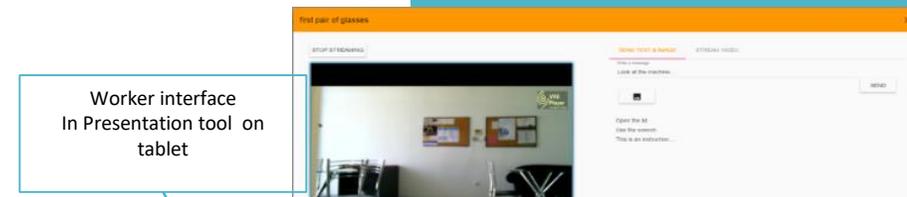
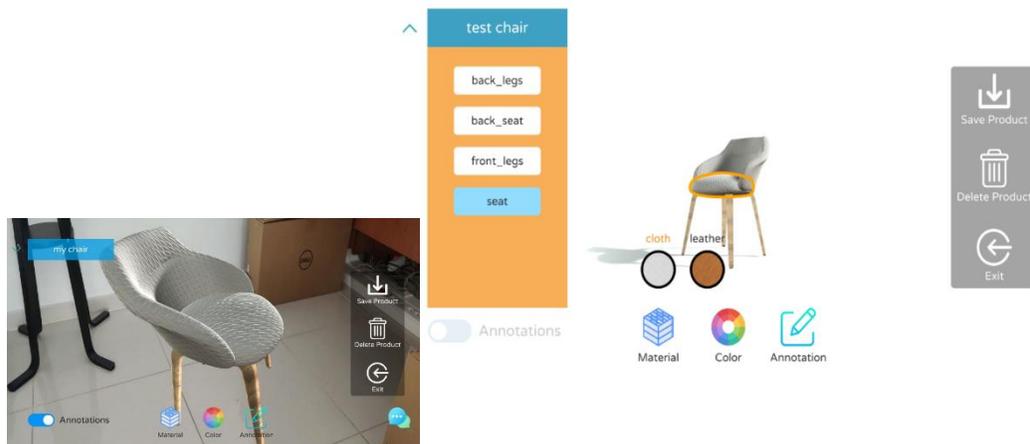
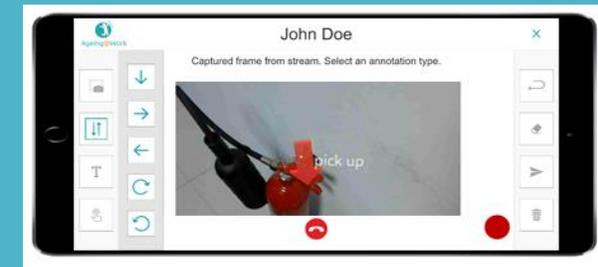
- Various approaches for anomaly detection and advanced visualizations
- Fault forecasting based on Trend Analysis (Slope Statistic Profile)
- Online and deep machine learning techniques for fault forecasting (**unsupervised machine learning classifier for outlier detection**)



# Solutions for Co-production, Collaboration and Co-creation

## • Collaborative Knowledge Services based on AR

- AR Glasses and AR creation toolkit (creation of AR scenarios)
- AR presentation toolkit (presentation of scenarios at AR devices)
- Automatic object detection and verification algorithms
- Remote Assistance Support
- A wide range of devices is offered to access the AR/VR services (webGL, Android, HoloLens)



# Thank you

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