



# Danish experience with Energy Certification of Buildings

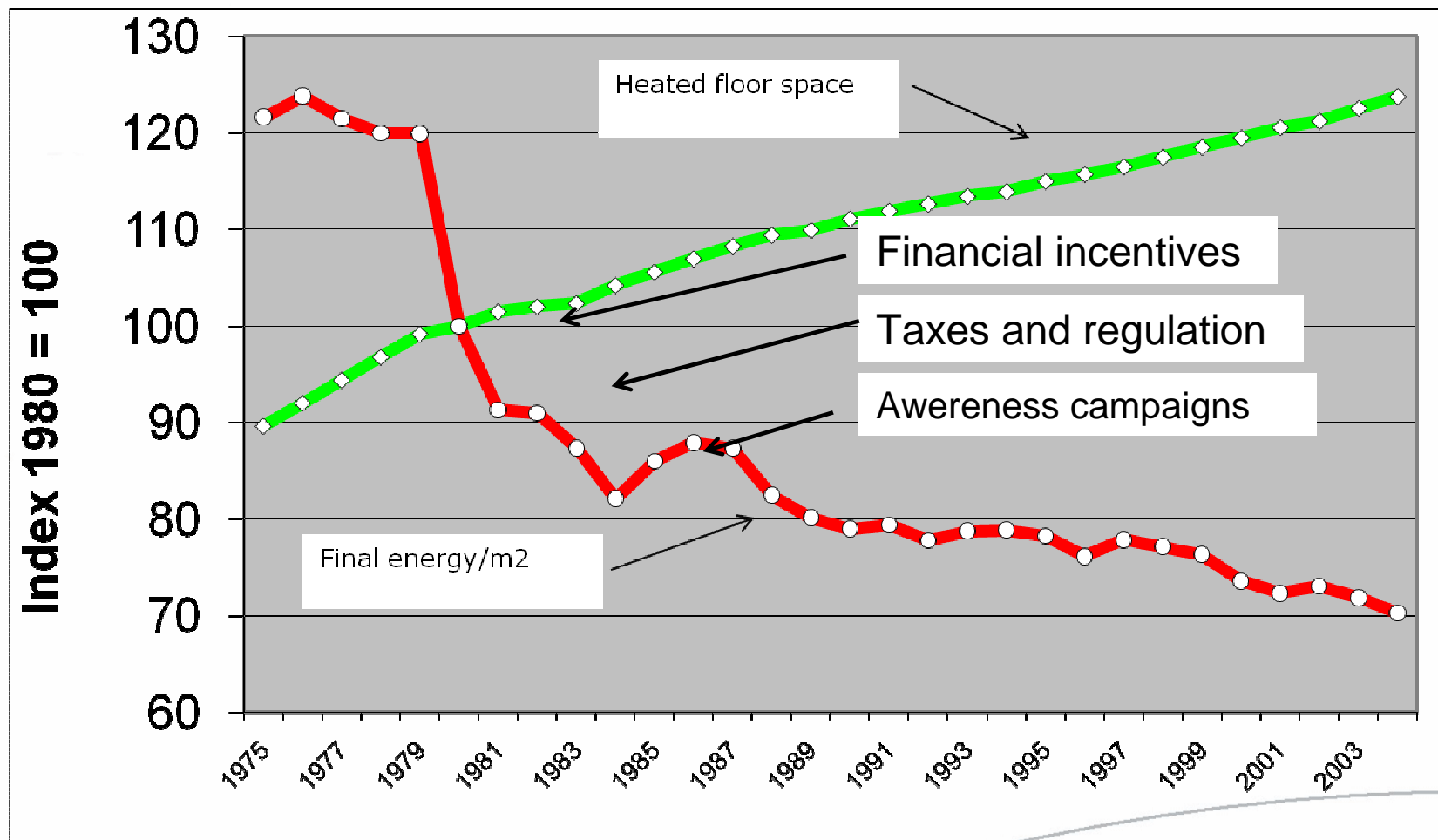
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# Energy history of Denmark

## Final energy in residential sector



# National energy targets

- Short/mid term
  - Gross energy consumption down with 4% in 2020 relative to 2005.
  - CO2 emissions down with 20 % 2020
- Long term 2050+
  - Fossil-free society
- Drastic reductions in energy consumption in buildings necessary

# Energy certification scheme

- Certifications schemes in Denmark since 1997

- Certificate

- Description of efficiency on A – G scale

- Measures on how to improve efficiency. Documented by

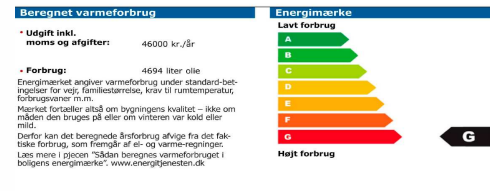
- Investment
- Energy saved
- Cost saved
- Pay-back

**Energimærkning for følgende ejendom:**

**Adresse:** Enfamilie 1960 olie - Eksempel - rev 1  
**Postnr./by:** 5000 Odense C  
**BBR-nr.:** 100-10001  
**Energimærkning nr.:** 0  
**Gyldigt 5 år fra:**  
**Energikonsulent:** Peter Petersen **Firma:** Standardbygnings-gruppen



Energimærkning oplyser om ejendommens energiforbrug og om muligheder for at reducere forbruget. Mærkningen er lovpligtig og skal udføres af et certificeret firma eller en beskikket energikonsulent.



**Kan det blive bedre?**

Bygningen kan forbedres, så den bruger mindre energi. Energikonsulenten foreslår forbedringens nedenfor. Der kan være flere forslag på side 2. Se mere om forslagene i afsnittet "Energikonsulentens bygningsgennemgang".

Forslag til forbedringer	Årlig besparelse i energienheder	Årlig besparelse i kr. inkl. moms	Skønnet investering inkl. moms	Tilbagebetalingstid
2. Indvendig isolering af ydervægge.	1317 liter Fyringsgasolie , 67 kWh el	13040 kr.	90000 kr.	6,9 år
3. Efterisolering af loft med 350 mm mineraluld	457 liter Fyringsgasolie , 23 kWh el	4530 kr.	37500 kr.	8,3 år
4. Udskiftning til energiruder. Ny Isoleret dør.	378 liter Fyringsgasolie	3740 kr.	63200 kr.	16,9 år
5. Ny kondenserende oliekedel.	1064 liter Fyringsgasolie , 272 kWh el	10970 kr.	50751 kr.	4,6 år

# When is it necessary to certify a building.

- When you sell or rent a building.
- When you sell or rent a building unit (flat) the whole building must have certificate
- Buildings larger than 1000 m<sup>2</sup> must have certificate renewed every 5 years.
- All buildings owned by public authority over 60 m<sup>2</sup> need to have certificate renewed every 5 years.

# Who carries out the certifications?

- Independent experts (consultants)
- Education:
  - Technical education at the level of Bachelor of Technology (3 years theoretical education) with practical energy experience.
- Control
  - Firms who want to make certifications need be certified according to ISO 9001 based on guidelines defined by the Energy Agency.
  - Certification of firms is carried by accredited certification bodies working under the auspices of Danak (Danish member of EA = The European co-operation for Accreditation).

# Lessons

- Three main lessons
  - Certification is expensive
  - Certification does not in itself lead to significant reductions in energy consumption
  - Enforcement is necessary, only 50% compliance



# Why certification?

- What can a certificate do?
  - Raise awareness and motivation
  - Create transparency in market
  - Focus investments

# Solutions – 1.

- Certification need to be integral part of a comprehensive policy.
- Certification must be used as part of
  - Information- and awareness campaigns
  - Energy transparency initiatives
  - Financial incentive schemes
  - Green taxes
  - Etc

# Solutions -2

- Energy certificates must be the common reference for all parties involved in building renovations.
  - In Denmark buildings undergo renovation changes at regularly. Certificates must focus attention on energy efficiency gains, that can be harvested during renovation-
  - Many parties involved in renovation: consultants, building firms, financial institutes etc. All must use certificates to identify efficiency improvements

# Solutions - 3

- Reduce cost
- Improve quality in order to change attitudes towards certificates
- Enforce law on certification

# What is being done now?

- Certification is under revision to reduce cost, improve quality and improve usability
- Information- and awareness campaigns under way
- Establishments of partnerships with users, industry, consultants, financial institutions on certification and how to use it.

# New initiatives

- All certificates are made public on the internet
- Data from certificates are delivered to all users on request
- Obligation to advertise the energy class from certificate whenever building og building unit is sold or rented