

COOLREGION 2nd Regional network meeting

General information

Topic: Reduction of energy use for cooling

Date & Location: 28 May, 2007; Ljubljana, BCEI ZRMK building, meeting room

Organizer: Building and Civil Engineering Institute ZRMK

Number of participants: 11



Short description

BCEI ZRMK gave short information about the Cooling Market in Slovenia (presentation of D10_regional report_ZRMK) and presented the scope of the COOLREGION project (see attached file: "Coolregion_ZRMK_prezentacija") and status of EPBD transposition in Slovenia. After the presentation of participants the market actors contributed to fruitful round table discussion about barriers for energy efficient cooling, promising technologies and potential best practice cases in Slovenia.

The participant's outcomes are reported bellow.

Background

The market actors were identified in previous stages of WP2. In order to assure the participation of proper key actors the support of the Slovenian Association for Cooling and Air-Conditioning (SDHK) offered its support. The invited experts covered the field of building design and architecture, cooling technology design, project management in construction of new buildings, production of cooling and AC technology.

Agenda

Regional network meeting: Workshop with key actors on EE cooling market

Organized by BCEI ZRMK and SDHK

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14:00-14:25	Dr. Marjana Sijanec Zavrl, Uroš Dolinar, BCEI ZRMK	Presentation of EIE Coolregion, Analysis of cooling energy demand in buildings in Slovenia	Recent analysis and results – EIE Coolregion
14:20-14:50	Dr. Janko Remec, SDHK	Cooling and air-conditioning - technologies	
14:50-16:00	Round table discussion	EE cooling in Slovenia, barriers and prospects, possible solution, best practice	Energy demand for cooling - Impact factors

Results, follow-up

Conclusions of 2nd regional network meeting:

- > Building air conditioning demand strongly depends of age of building and boiler,
- Practically in Slovenia we don't have any measurements of energy consumption for cooling
- Architects don't have enough knowledge about technical solutions
- Most planners and architects have not enough time to find the best energy efficient solutions and there is often a lack of communication between these two professions.

Further Information

View of particular participants:

Architect: Mr. Janez Lajovic:

- > Professional control has to be included in project subject to public procurement,
- > In spite of a fact that the concept of building is essential for cooling demand
- > Architect don't pay sufficient intention on shading and thermal characteristic
- After erection of building there is no control about implementation of shading and thermal characteristic
- With energy certification we could motivate engineers and planners to make a good building
- Mr. Lajovic will provide some case of best practice architect building, from his new book about architecture in Slovenia

Planner director: Mr. Bogomil Kandus:

Each building has its own specific use of energy, and it is very difficult to measure a share of energy use for electricity, DHW, heating and cooling.

Planner: Mr. Bojan Šef:



- In building erection period there has to be a project control, which together with investor searching for best solution for energy efficiency,
- Money is the main reason for awarding of the construction contract, the quality and the LCC is less important issue
- > Maintenance of devices should be outsourced.

Planner: Mr. Mitja Drašler:

- It is very difficult to calculate the COP of cooling devices because of many factors influence, like hydraulic balance, optimal function, etc.
- Higher COP factor means bigger heat exchanger and higher cost of system, which is not appropriate for investor.

Investigator: Mr. Janko Remec:

- > An Excel tabulated list was made to be filled with best practices examples.
- In Slovenia the direct cooling with ground water will be restricted because the high temperatures of returning water cause develop of microorganisms.

Planner: Mr. Mitja Lenasi:

- ▶ In almost every new building in Slovenia is cooling, but before 20 years it was rarity.
- Most popular cooling systems in Slovenia are split systems for every single apartment.

Planner: Mr. Janko Gregorič:

- > Architects hardly ever think about rational use of energy (RUE) in buildings.
- > Building protection towards external conditions is at minimum level.
- > We have to build-in more rational cooling systems with good quality regulation
- > RUE measures are not so popular due to low energy prices

Questionnaire for participants:

- 1. Which buildings in Slovenia are oftenest cooling?
 - Office building,
 - hospitals,
 - hotels,
 - restaurants,
 - health resorts,
 - industrial technology,
 - commerce.
- 2. How much part of energy uses for cooling of buildings?

- About 5% on annual level.
- From 30 to 35 % of all energy in summer time.
- 3. Are planning of buildings include building shading, like said in regulations about Thermal protection and rational use of energy in buildings, from year 2002?

a. very often (10%) b. often (0%) c. periodical (50%) d. infrequently (30%) e. never (10%)

4. Are proposed solutions of building shading always realized?

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a. very often (0%) b. often (10%) c. periodical (60%) d. infrequently (30%) e. never (0%)
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- 5. Most frequent reasons for non-realized building shading proposals?
 - Reducing of costs
 - Inappropriate appearance of building
 - Technical architectural restrictions
 - Air buoyancy problems in case of very high buildings
- 6. How often heat recovery in new ventilation systems were predicted?

a. very often (10%) b. often (20%) c. periodical (60%) d. infrequently (10%) e. never (0%)

- 7. Most frequent reasons why heat recovery devices are not installed?
 - Reducing of investment costs
 - Long pay back period
- 8. How often the energy consumption for cooling is monitored and how often the building users are informed about these indicators?
 - a. very often (0%) b. often (20%) c. periodical (40%) d. infrequently (40%) e. never (0%)
- 9. Are there any awareness programs about cooling for building owners?
 - Articles in magazines with advices about night ventilation and shading windows
- 10. Are there any cooling systems with renewable energy sources already used in Slovenia?
 - It is not known!



Annex:





