

Economic Passive House buildings



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economics ...

Introduction:

- general economic aspects: how to discuss budget with investor
- how to manage construction costs (;-)
- accumulation discounting to get insight & overview
- simple financial (credit) mathematics

PHPP: energy & cost calculation combined

- new features to compare several options (variants) of construction
- how to compare energy data with financial / cost issues

IEA Annex 61 (Alexander Zhivov) Deep Energy Renovation Discussion about how to get reliable building (cost) data

general economic aspects





Parameters of economic feasibility

Can hardly be assessed financially:

- aesthetic aspects
- better living comfort
- better air quality
- aspects of safety
- environmental criteria
- social effects

Can be reasonably assessed financially:

- amount of investment
- useful lifetime
- interest rate on capital
- annual energy consumption
- service and maintenance costs
- development of energy prices



Source: Informationsgemeinschaft Passivhaus D, Broschüre "Aktiv für mehr Behaglichkeit"





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Avoiding thermal bridges saves energy

most thermal bridge designs are quite cheap to realize



Thermal separation at the brickwork's base with porous concrete, wood, PUR scantling, foam glass slabs



Thermal separation at base point of reinforced concrete walls (large buildings): Reduction of thermal bridge effect by splitting up into supporting columns.

Windows within insulation level, not within brickwork.



Source: PHI | PHD

Reduction of costs, airtightness



Reduction of costs, building services



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Reduction of costs, building services



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- Central unit roof: counter-flow HE, P₀-fans, filter
- Vertical distribution with chutes, silencers and fire flaps
- Junction for each flat with supply- and extract-air Individual control fans and heating coil
- Supply- and extract-air in suspended ceiling
- Flexible bend silencers (avoids forming parts)
- Supply-air openings as jet nozzles in the architraves



Source: [CEPHEUS-PI 16]

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costs over a building's total life-cycle

- costs may be significantly influenced in the beginning of planning
- later on there is only limited influence



Source: similar [Kosten im Hochbau]

Accumulating and discounting

How can we get control on costs?

- we have to look on all costs!
- we have to take into account 'cost' of capital: interest
- the earlier savings are deposited the higher is their future value if taking into account capital interest
- accumulating annual payments to present value...
 discounting present value to yearly payments...
- helps to compare payments due on different dates
- helps to compare both: investment & running yearly costs

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Net present value from yearly payments

- Question: how to compare annual payments in the future with an investment/payment today?
- Net present value or capital value = sum of discounted deposits and disbursements of an investment on a reference date.
- Reference date: generally t₀ = starting date (today)



Annuity: annual payment for investment (credit)



Annuity from interest and repayment

annual payment = interest + repayment

example:

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credit of 250 000 €

Interest rate: 4.5 %

payback period: 30 a

annual payment:

interest + repayment

 principle of fixed annual payment: During the payback period of a loan the repayment rate increases whilst the interest rate drops



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Standard building:

heating 70 kWh/m² DHW 25 kWh/m²a

Final energy Q _{E,} = TFA * (heating + hot water) / efficiency factors	200 m² * (70 + 25) kWh/(m²a) * 1.31	24 823 kWh/a
Gas price	0,08 €/kWh	
Annual energy costs	Q _E * P = 24 823 kWh * 0,08 €/kWh	1 985,89 €/a

Passive House building: heating 15 kWh/m² DHW 25 kWh/m²a

Final energy Q _{E,} = TFA * (heating + hot water) /	200 m ² * (<mark>15 + 25</mark>) kWh/(m ² a) * 1.19	9 558 kWh/a
efficiency factors		
Gas price	0,08 €/kWh	
Annual energy costs	Q _E * P = 9 600 kWh * 0,08 €/kWh	764,64 €
Difference of yearly energy costs	1 985,89 €/a – 764,64 €/a	1 221,25 €/a

Present value from yearly difference is budget for ee-actions:

K = 1221€
$$\cdot \frac{1 - (1 + 0.035)^{-30}}{0.035}$$
 = 22.461 €

Source: PHD

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Overview interest factors

Accumulation factor	Discount factor	Present value factor	Annuity factor
(1+p) ^t	$\frac{1}{(1+p)^{t}} = (1+p)^{-t}$	$\frac{1-(1+p)^{-n}}{p}$	$\frac{p}{1-(1+p)^{-n}}$
	Equals the reciprocal value of the accumulation factor	Corresponds to the accumulated discount factors of the considered time period	Reciprocal value of the present value factor
Which <u>final value</u> does a <u>current</u> <u>payment</u> Z ₀ have at a <u>future</u> date t?	Which <u>present value</u> Z ₀ does a future <u>payment</u> Z _t have?	Which <u>present</u> <u>value</u> does an <u>annually constant</u> <u>payment</u> R _n have?	How high is the annuity R _n , that is to be paid from a <u>present value Z₀?</u>



What kind of insulation thickness pays off?



What is the optimum of energy saving measures and capital costs?

How much does a new coat of paint or new exterior rendering cost?

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total lifecycle cost analysis (ETHICS)

boundary conditions as in the past (before 2004)



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Source: PHI

Source: BK

total lifecycle cost analysis (ETHICS)

boundary conditions as reported for German government (BBR 2008)



total lifecycle cost analysis (ETHICS)

boundary conditions as today (2012)



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- Only energy related investment costs are accounted for "anyway-costs" are excluded from the calculations
- The residual value of a component is deducted, if the life time is longer than the time period under consideration
- No extra energy price increase instead average future energy price estimate for calculation period
- Calculation of 'price of saved energy' €/kWh compare that to the current / future energy price: €/kWh
- Calculation of full lifecycle costs (energy + invest) bundles of actions may be compared economically

further boundary conditions needed to evaluate total lifecycle costs

•	Real interest rate:	2,0 % (inflation-adjusted)
-	Time period under consideration:	20 a
-	Lifetime of the components	15 / 20 / 30 / 50 a
-	final energy for heat price for a kWh	0,10 €/kWh (end energy)
-	Electricity costs	0,20…29 €/kWh
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Residual value

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- Measures for thermal insulation have product lives of 30, 50 years or longer.
- Loans usually have a duration of 20 years, at most (constant interest rate).
- A building component with an expected lifetime of 50 years still has a residual value equal to 39% of the original capital cost after a time period of 20 years (3.5% real interest rate).
- This residual value can be deducted when calculating the relevant investment costs.





Measures concerning the building envelope

- The lifetime expectancy of components used for a building's envelope are very high: 30...50...100 years
- The renewal cycle of the building's envelope is therefore comparatively long.

Subsequent measures for thermal insulation are mostly only economically viable if they are implemented at the same time as other renovation works that are required anyway.

- Combine the business: couple anyway needed renovation with measures for energy efficiency, or with new buildings:
- ... you should implement all trendsetting thermal insulation measures that are already affordable today

Compared to measures concerning the HVAC (shorter lifetime):

- The renewal cycles for technical systems are clearly shorter 15...20 years (e.g. heating systems)
- technical components need to be replaced at an earlier stage, it is therefore not necessarily profitable to use the newest technology.



- EnerPHit renovation, Nuremberg, Jean-Paul-Platz
- construction costs as of 2006
- energy costs



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PHPP 9.1 with including cost calculation

we want to compare energy cost savings with extra investment cost for better building

- annual energy cost bill → → present cash value
- one first invest (by credit) present cash value
- both has to be added up → total life cycle cost

Energy balance calculation (PHPP) provides energy costs

by energy price [€/kWh]

Investment cost data acquisition gives energy related extra costs

what cost to be accounted for?

- exclude anyway costs
- subtract residual value [20 a]

further boundary conditions:

interest rate [% p.a.]



optimized (EnerPHit)

PHPP 9.1...

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> ... includes variants to compare cots and savings several variants may be defined by

- old building (high energy demand) as reference
- several variants after retrofit
 - thermal insulation (thickness & thermal conductivity)
 - windows (glazing & frame)
 - ventilation system

cost data may be entered / calculated directly

- annual savings recalculated to cash value
- applicable to status quo (old building) before renovation

You may get your PHPP 9.1

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if we can get your project data....(;-)

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version 9.1

exact internal gains evaluation

old building before renovation

applicable to status quo





Energy cost data evaluation...

... from PHPP energy balance calculation

 numbers for each subset 	_	1-status quo (old building)	2-average low energy building	3-Passive House with compact heat pump	4-Passive House with gas boiler	5-Passive House with compact heat pump + solar	6-Passive House with gas boiler + solar thermal
annual energy demand aller renovation (kwmm*a)	_		0.0	14.0	0.0	thermal	0.0
electricity compact system	_	0.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	11.8	0.0
districtly near pump	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
uisuit nealing	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
wood and other biomass	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
mineral gas	_	0.0	129.2	0.0	42.2	0.0	29.9
mineral oil	_	459.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
solar thermal	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.8	11.4
electricity (direct)	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
other sources	_	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
aux electricity (ventilation, circulation pumps etc.)		6.7	3.9	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.4
electricity for cooling		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
aux. electricity for cooling		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
electricity for dehumidification		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
aux. electricity for dehumidification		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
electricity for houshold & office appliances		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
aux electricity (ventilation summer)		0.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
gas for cooking & drying (household)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
heating power of heat complete supply system		26.7	10.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
annual energy costs (seperate for energy carrier)							
Energy costs heating (electricity) [€/m²a]		0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.4	0.0
energy costs district heating (€/m²a)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
energy costs heating (gas) [€/m²a]		0.00	12.92	0.00	4.22	0.00	2.99
energy costs heating (oil) [€/m²a]		45.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
energy costs heating (wood & other biomass) [€/m²a]		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
energy costs aux. eleictricity (€/m²a)		1.95	1.35	0.96	1.04	1.10	1.13
energy costs cooling (€/m²a)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
energy costs electricity for houshold & office appliances (€/m²a)		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

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construction cost added

construction cost added	1-status quo (old building)	2-average low energy building	3-Passive House with	4-Passive House with gas hoiler	5-Passive House with compact heat	6-Passive House with gas holler +
.			pump	3	pump + solar	solar thermal
annual energy costs (seperate for energy carrier)					thermal	
Energy costs heating (electricity) [€/m²a]	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	3.4	0.0
energy costs district heating (€/m²a)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
energy costs heating (gas) [€/m²a]	0.00	12.92	0.00	4.22	0.00	2.99
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energy costs cooling (€/m²a)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
energy costs electricity for houshold & office appliances [€/m²a]	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
here you may enter detailed cost data	0.00	1.00				
specific costs of actions or components: several parts may be specified optionally, sum is						
costs thermal insulation as invoiced (€)	0	11057	14281	14281	14281	14281
thickness of insulation (mm)	0	100	275	275	275	275
costs per thickness (€m³)		100	100	100	100	100
outside wall area (m²)	184	184	184	184	184	184
fixed basic costs thermal insulation (glue, nails, etc) [€/m³]		50	50	50	50	50
cost1: [€/m² TFA] Thermal Insulation outside wall	0	71	92	92	92	92
cost2: [€m² TFA] Thermal Insulation roof	0	11	27	27	27	27
cost3: [em* IFA] I nermal insulation cellar celling	U	18	27	27	27	27
cost/: [Em*TFA] windows	U	80	92	92	92	92
costé: [Eim² TEA] ventilation cyctom	0	20	70	70	70	J 70
cost6: (E(m²TEA) heating system	0		07	70	20	96
cost8: [€/m² TFA] xxx	0	30	00	70		
Extra costs PH building l€/m³ lump sum if no detailed data available						
Sum: Costs for Action[€/m³] TFA	0	300	373	383	398	409
Residual Value of Investment Costs [€/m²] TFA	0	114	141	145	151	155
Investment Costs minus Residual Value [€/m²] TFA	0	186	232	238	247	254
Annual maintainance Costs (building service)						
maintainance costs [€/m³a] (1.5 % of investment of building service components)	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5
Present values (for 20 years only)						
Present Value of energy related investment Costs [€/m³] (20 yrs)	0	186	232	238	247	254
Present Value of aux. electricity Costs (€/m²) (20 yrs)	30	21	15	16	17	18
Present Value of electricity Costs(household & office) [€/m³] (20 yrs)	36	36	36	36	36	36
Present Value of maintainance Costs [€/m³] (20 yrs)	39	28	30	33	36	39
Present Value of Energy Costs (end-energy for heating) (€/m³) (20 yrs)	717	201	67	66	53	47
Present Value of Energy Costs (end-energy for cooling) [€/m³] (20 yrs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sum of present values of total Costs [£im²a]	822	473	380	388	390	303

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result: full lifecycle costs

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for each subset (variant) of different energy standard



example: new built row house

- Row house: lightweight wooden construction 184 m² TFA
- Rendered facade (wood fiber board)
- Windows: 30 m² (plastic)
- Shading (south facing windows)
- District heating





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Source: AKKP 42 Ökonomie



Costs compared: new built row house

- Row house: lightweight wooden construction
- construction costs (KG 300&400):
- costs for PH components (accounted):
- Low energy building (LEH, theoretically):
- Difference PH LEH:

184 m² (EBF) 1144 €/m² (gross) 322 €/m² (gross) 240 €/m² (gross) 82 €/m² (gross)

Reihenmittelhaus als Passivhaus, Grundvers	ion							
Passivhaus, RMH: abgerechnete Kosten 2007 / 2	2008				NEH, RM	H identisc	he Masse	en ? Kosten recherchiert
Energiebezugsfläche: 184 m²	[€]	[€/m²] EBF	Bt.Fl. [m²]	[€/m²] Bt.Fl.	[€]	[€/m²] EBF	[€/m²] Bt.Fl.	Bemerkung
Lüftung	9 752	53			5 000	27		nur Abluftanlage
Standard Frostschutzheizregister (elektrisch)	350	2			0	0		kein Frostschutz
Heizkörper	1 168	6			3 900	21		mehr HK
FW-Anschluss 6 kW (Baukostenzuschuß)	6 838	37			8 617	47		FW-Anschluss (15 kW)
FW-Anschluß (Installation, Sekundär)	2 743	15			2 743	15		wie PH
Wärmeverteilleitungen	3 629	20			4 500	24		mehr Wärmeverteilleitungen
Wärmeverteilleitungen (Dämmung)	1 330	7			700	4		weniger Dämmung
WW-Speicher	833	5			833	5		WW-Speicher
Fenster	11 603	63	30	387	7 500	41	250	Standardfenster (EnEV)
Verschattung (nur Süd)	2 909	16	21	136	2 909	16	136	wie PH
Haustür	3 773	21	3	1258	1 800	10	600	Standardhaustür (EnEV)
Dämmung Keller	4 867	26	100	49	2 250	12	23	dünnere Dämmung
Dämmung Außenwand	4 320	23	80	54	1 800	10	23	dünnere Dämmung
Dämmung Dach	3 888	21	72	54	1 620	9	23	dünnere Dämmung
Luftdichtheit	1 176	6	294	4	0	0	0	kein Aufwand Luftdichtheit
Summen:	59 178	322			44 172	240		
		Di	fferenz: F	PH?NEH	15 006	82		

Source: AKKP 42 Ökonomie

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Costs compared: new built row house

moderate extra costs for Passive House compared to LEH(NEH)



Costs compared: new built row house

Energy costs as today (2012): PH and LEH (NEH) almost equal

RMH: PH vs. NEH +Solarthermie Kredit: 20 Jahre, Realzins: 2.5% Endenergie(Wärme): 0.1 €/kWh Endenergie(el): 0.25 €/kWh



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Passive House compared...

higher energy prices (0.15 €/kWh): significant advantage for PH

RMH: PH vs. NEH +Solarthermie Kredit: 20 Jahre, Realzins: 2.5% Endenergie(Wärme): 0.15 €/kWh Endenergie(el): 0.25 €/kWh



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how to proceed

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do a cost data acquisition for each 'variant' PHeco (tool)

'PHeco' Tool for cost calculation and economic evaluation of energy saving actions in building refurbishment ©_Passive House Institute, no guarantee, no support, feedback is welcome to mail@passiv.de	0	1	2	3	3	4	5
yellow: enter values	MaßnahmeO	Maßnahme1	Maßnahme2	Maßnahme3	Maßnahme3	Maßnahme4	Maßnahme5
green: results	Altbau (neue Heizung)	PH	NEH	NEH (große Fenster)	PHx_add	xxx	xxx
blue-green: summarized results	actionO	action1	action2	action3	action3	action4	action5
orange: explanation	old building	old building new heating	PH	low energy building	low energy building large	PHx_add	PHx_add
default settings: input energetic data of building							
space heat demand old building. (k/k/h/m²a) (TEA) (/bnically150 k/k/h/m²a or taken from PHPP calculation))	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0	150.0
marginal efficiency number (PHPP or generally = 1.5.)	1.50	1.50.0	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
snace heat demand of building affenwards. [k/h/h/m²a] (TEA) ((from PHPP calculation))	150.0	150.0	15.0	50.0	55.0	10.0	10.0
marginal efficiency number after action (PHPP or generally = 1.2)	1.50	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
heating energy for hot water preparation. (KA/b/m²a)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
marginal efficiency number (PHPP or generally = 1.5.)	1.50	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.30	1.20	1.20
marginal efficiency number after action (PHPP or generally = 1.2)	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.30	1.20	1.20	1.20
End Energy Space Meeting & MetWater preparation (ald building) (MM/h/m²a)	255.0	251.0	249.0	249.0	251.0	249.0	249.0
End-Energy Space Heating & Hot Water preparation (of distancing) (kWinn a)	251.0	219.0	44.0	245.0	90.0	36.0	36.0
aux electricity for ventilation system IKWh/m²a) (TEA) ((from PHPP calculation))	231.0	0.74	1.38	0.74	0.74	1.38	1.38
		0.11	1.00	0.11	0.11	1.00	1.00
data needed for rescaling of specific numbers of area							
number of Appartments in building	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
surface area of component (m*)	184	184	184	184	184	184	184
treated floor area (TFA) of building [m*]	184	184	184	184	184	184	184
here you may enter detailed cost data							
specific costs of actions or components: several parts may be specified optionally, sum is performed	alle Kosten	alle Kosten	alle Kosten	alle Kosten	alle Kosten	alle Kosten	alle Kosten
costs1: [@m*]			322	240	268	346	346
		80					
costs2: (optional)							
costs2: (optional) costs3: (optional)							
Costs2: (optional) costs3: (optional) costs4: (optional)							
costs2: (optional) costs3: (optional) costs4: (optional) Sum: Costs for Action(#m*) COMPONENT AREA	0	80	322	240	268	346	346
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results for further (renovation) variants

- only heating renovated...
- PH modified... LEH modified

building: 1 WE 184m² (TFA) | credit: 20 years, real interest rate: 2.5% | end-energy(heating): 0.1 €/k/Vh | end-energy(electricity): 0.25 €/k/Vh



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example: full lifecycle costs of renovation



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result: full life cycle costs...

- .. comparison 'EnerPHit' with 'low-energy
- cash value of energy consumption costs for 20 years (final energy: 0.07 €/kWh)
- cash value of maintenance costs for 20 years
- cash value of ee-investment minus 'anyway' costs minus residual value (20 years)





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IWU office building

- see as well Martina Riel, KEA, session xxx Friday afternoon
- Alexander Zhivov, next presentation about IEA Annex 61
- cost data out of invoicing (800 €/m² TFA)





- fictious building to identify best cost effective setup
- see presentation Ingo Höffle, Friday afternoon



the risk of energy efficiency...

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... an argument for the bank ... and its customers?

- The interest rate always includes an risk surcharge.
- as a Passive House resident/builder lowers is not as strongly affected by high/rising energy prices and therefore has more money left to pay off his loan(!)
- The (breakdown) risk taken by the bank is therefore lower in the case of a Passive House.
- This should consequently be worth a discount on the interest rate(?)

 \rightarrow possible model: eco-rating



recently high energy prices high ... interest rates low:

investment in EE has priority to energy consumption

economic numbers clearly show what to do ('deep renovation')

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Summary / Conclusion:

Passive Houses are economically reasonable general analysis and thesis:

 Energy prices and interest rates will probably not be 'high' at the same time

this chance we have to take:

- if energy prices are high, you should avoid high energy consumption(!)
- low interest rates and high energy prices favour the higher investment for better building quality (energy efficiency)
- instead of burning (expensive) fossil fuels.
- hence Passive House (special) or energy efficiency (in general) is a profitable investment

third party advantages (win win win win):

- micro economy: local manufacturer (paid work for many people)
- macro economy: government
- environment
- user

(more taxes, welfare, ...)

(less CO₂ ...)

(higher comfort, less cost that is like an old age provision!)

Conclusions: it's economically reasonable to change.....

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thank you ...

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