A case study of the energy refurbishment of a public building: Assessment of the current situation and evaluation of retrofit solutions

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Brief Description

- **Programme:** 2014-2020 Interreg V-A Greece-Cyprus
- **Project:** Autonomous intelligent buildings of zero energy consumption connected with sustainable transport systems
- **Project Budget:** 1,909,640 €
- **Financing:** The project is co-funded by the European Union (ERDF) and national funds of Greece and Cyprus
- **Priority axis:** 2. Efficient use of energy and sustainable transport
- **Contribution to the Programme's specific objective:** 2.1 Increase energy efficiency in public buildings
Consortium

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Case study-Surrounding area

Strategic Position

• Crossroad of four major districts
• Near the International Airport
• Near the Aradippou Lyceum and Town Hall.
• Ideal location for a demonstration pilot project
• Ideal location for charging station
Case Study-Climatic Conditions

- The meteorological data for Larnaca are recorded at the Larnaca International Airport, which is located about 10 km from the case study building.
- Mean temperatures during July and August: 27.6°C
- Mean maximum temperature during July and August: 32.7°C
- Mean temperatures during January and February: 11.8°C
- Mean minimum temperature during January and February: 6.9°C
- Diurnal temperature ranges between 9 and 12°C during the summer period and between 8 and 10°C during the winter period.
Case Study-Plot

- Low-density urban fabric
- High traffic road at the North-east side of the plot
- Lyceum is located at the southern side.
- No high buildings around the selected plot
- The building is located on the south-eastern side of the plot
Case Study-Building

General Information

• Total indoor area of the building: 610.32 m²
• Detention cells: 182.58 m²
• Other uses: 427.74 m²
• External wall area: 413.65 m²
• Windows/doors area: 70.89 m²
• Window-to-wall ratio: 17 %
Case Study-Building

- Workplaces
- Circulation area
- Auxiliary spaces
- WC
- Conference room
- Infirmary
- Kitchen
- Detention cells
- Enclosed Courtyard
- Atrium
Case Study - Building

Energy Performance

- **Building Envelope**
  - Reinforced concrete components: U-value = 3.00 W/m²K
  - Brick walls: U-value = 1.40 W/m²K
  - Roof: U-value = 0.513 W/m²K
  - Double glazed: U-value = 3.7 W/m²K

- **Energy class C**

- **Annual energy consumption:** 367 kWh/m²/yr,

- **Annual CO₂:** 108 kgCO₂/m²/yr
Case Study-Building

Particularities

• Working at a 24-hour basis
• High demand for artificial lighting
• High demand for heating and cooling
• Security issues regarding the detention cells
• Installation of products of specific requirements
Case Study-Retrofit Solutions

Building Envelope

• External thermal insulation
  - Walls: 10 cm thick rock mineral wool
  - Roof: 10 cm thick polyurethane foam
  - Basement Roof: 10 cm thick rock mineral wool slabs.

• New triple glazed windows
  - 1.3 W/m²K U-value

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Case Study-Retrofit Solutions

**HVAC system / Artificial lighting**

- Installation of three new high efficiency VRF for cooling and heating
  - Equipped with KNX interface for complete connectivity and control

- Replacement of existing lighting system with new A+ LED lights

- Vandal-resistance LED lights inside the detention cells
  - High resistance to damage
  - Suitable for areas such as prisons, psychiatric hospitals, gyms and underground pedestrian streets.
Renewable Energy Sources

• Solar Thermal System
  ▪ Hot Water and space heating
  ▪ Total area 30 m²
  ▪ Placed on the south side of the building’s roof

• PV system
  ▪ 19.25 kWp for building demand
  ▪ 12 kWp for charging station

• Lithium-ion batteries
Case Study-Retrofit Solutions

Charging Station for electric cars

• Promote Sustainable mobility

• Two charging points
  ▪ One charging point for the police station workers and for the police’s electric car
  ▪ One public charging point

• Able to fully charge an electric car
Building “intelligent” monitoring system

- “Intelligent” energy management system
  - surveillance, control and metering of the building energy use

- In-situ measurements for temperature, heat inflow and outflow, heat absorbed by the building structure, surface temperatures etc.

- Regulating the operation of the HVAC units for efficient use

- Application for portable devices for remote control of the system

- The recorded data for the energy efficiency of the building will be exported and displayed on a projection screen in order to increase environmental awareness.
Case Study-Expected outcome

• The energy refurbishment of the case study Public building aims to be the starting point to the creation of Zero Emissions Public Buildings

• Energy demand is expected to be reduced by 68%

• The reduced demand will be covered by renewable energy sources.

• The “intelligent” monitoring system will manage and optimize the energy use of the building reducing even more the energy demand
Case Study-Expected outcome

• A manual will be issued to disseminate the produced knowledge

• New charging stations for electric cars

• Training seminars for better energy use from the owners

• Educational tours for students will be organized in order to be informed for the good practices and technologies installed in the building and increase their environmental awareness
Conclusions

• Part of the research program AYTONOMΩ “Autonomous intelligent buildings of Zero Energy consumption connected to sustainable transport systems”

• The project is co-funded by the European Union (ERDF) and national funds of Greece and Cyprus through the cooperation programme Interreg VA Greece-Cyprus 2014-2020.

• The program aims to address the challenge of a novel and innovative concept of public buildings, i.e. the creation of Zero Emission Buildings.
Conclusions

• Improvement of the building envelope insulation level to minimize heat gains and losses and reduce energy demand

• Installation of high efficiency equipment for heating, cooling and lighting

• Use of Renewable Energy Sources

• Use of “intelligent” energy management

• The case study building has high potential to be upgraded into a pilot Zero Emission Building
  ▪ Demonstration project for other public buildings of Cyprus and potentially of any other area with similar climatic conditions
Thank you for your attention!

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