General information

Aims:

- Ultra-efficient renovation of a panel building
- Passive house components
- Demonstration building
- Technical information on the physical state of the panel buildings
- Optimised concept for the building envelope and service systems
- Monitoring in order to control the quality
- Research on ecological impacts
- Research on social aspects
- Education and dissemination
- EU 5th Framework Program
- Jan. 2002 Dec. 2006
- Austro-German-Hungarian project



Building and renovation measures

- Located in Dunaújváros, 80 km from Budapest
- 42 flats

MEASURES:

- External thermal insulation of walls (16 cm PS)
- Thermal insulation of roof (30-40 cm) and cellar ceiling (10 cm)
- Double glazed and triple glazed windows (U=0,9..1,2 W/m²K)
- Flatwise ventilation system with balanced heat recovery
- Solar collectors supporting hot water supply (72 m²)
- New low-performance double pipe heating system
- Water saving taps and shower heads
- Green roof







RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- First low-energy-retrofit panel building worldwide
- 85% savings in heating energy consumption
- High satisfaction with thermal and acoustic comfort, low energy costs
- Better communication between the dwellers
- Lower average temperatures in summer
- Operation of the building service systems and envelope is not appropriate
- With more energy awareness from the dwellers' side further savings could be realized
- Retrofit is better than "dynamite"

