# Towards a Holistic Methodology: A Practical Approach to Local Energy Planning

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# The oil crisis – the birth of «energy politics»









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#### "Energy conservation – our best energy source."

# – German Federal Ministry of Economics, 1974







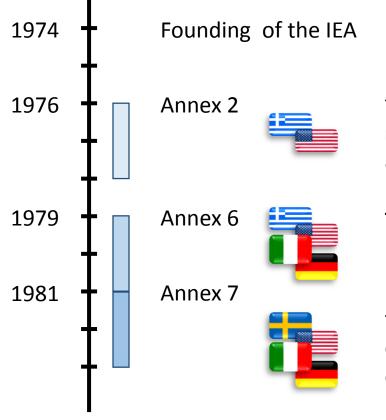
International Co-owners:







## From energy conservation...



Organisers

to develop a practical and widely applicable **methodology for community design** and analysis [...] for [...] energy conservation [...].

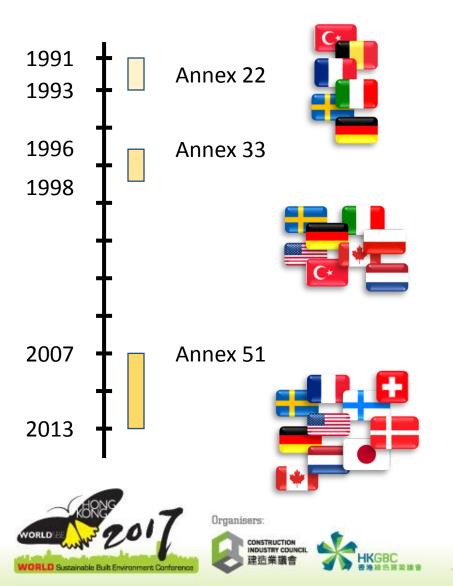
**facilitate and accelerate learning** of how to incorporate energy considerations in town planning procedures

to investigate **local government functions** in energy conservation and utilisation of local energy resources in communities

International Co-owners:



# ... to environmental protection



**Review** on available approaches for **LEP – Local Energy Planning** 

ALEP – Advanced Local Energy Planning: "...practical application [...] of tools and models of modern systems analysis for the description of complex municipal energy systems."

# MLEP/NLEP – Municipal and neighbourhood LEP

"...design of [...] energy conservation and greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation strategies [...] on a **community level** or [...] of a **municipal quarter**."

International Co-owners:







# Annex 51

The different case studies revealed...

"...technical barriers were not the bottleneck, but [...] **initiating and steering the transition process** is the real problem [...]"

- lack of access to relevant knowledge
- missing management structures and personal capacities
- lack of sustained commitment of important stakeholders

#### **Dissemination through empowerment**



"Empower us!"





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Develop a energy-concept **and** methodology for a **later roll-out** in other areas and communities!



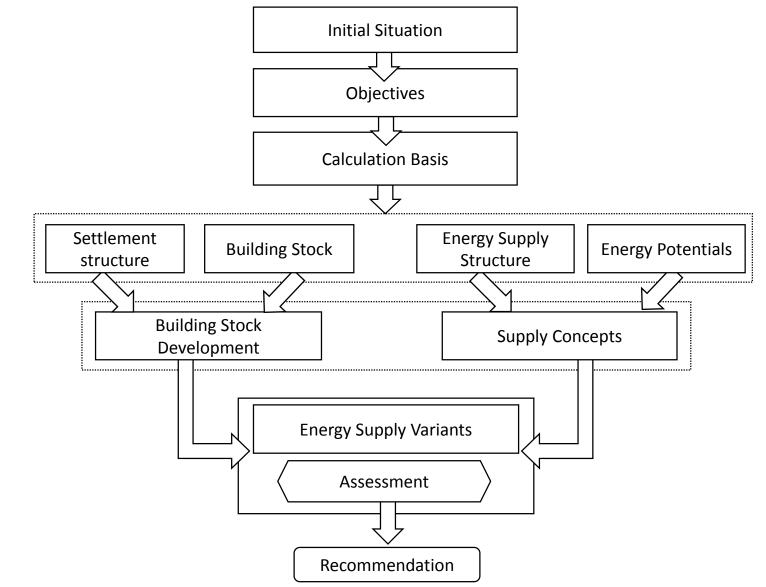


# Method should be...

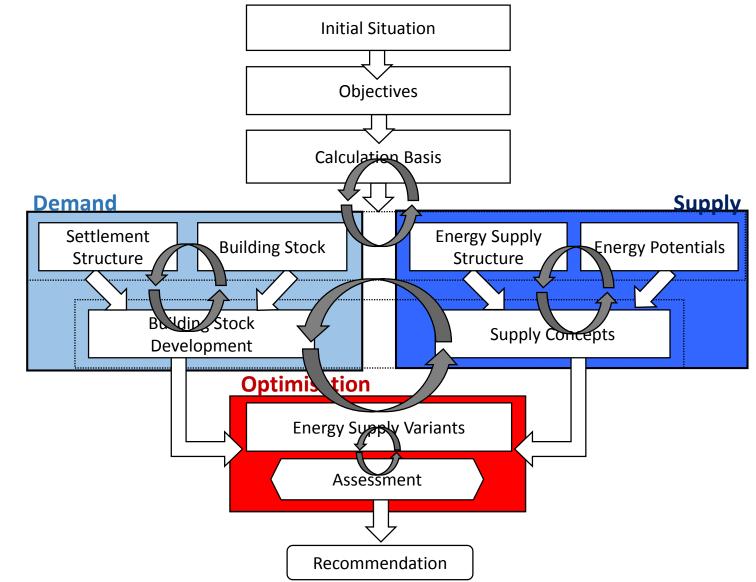
- Based on Systems Thinking
- Modular and flexible in design
- Frame and guidance in development process
- A solution approach NOT a management approach
- Prescriptive in general design, descriptive in subunits
- **Neutral** divide WHAT from HOW



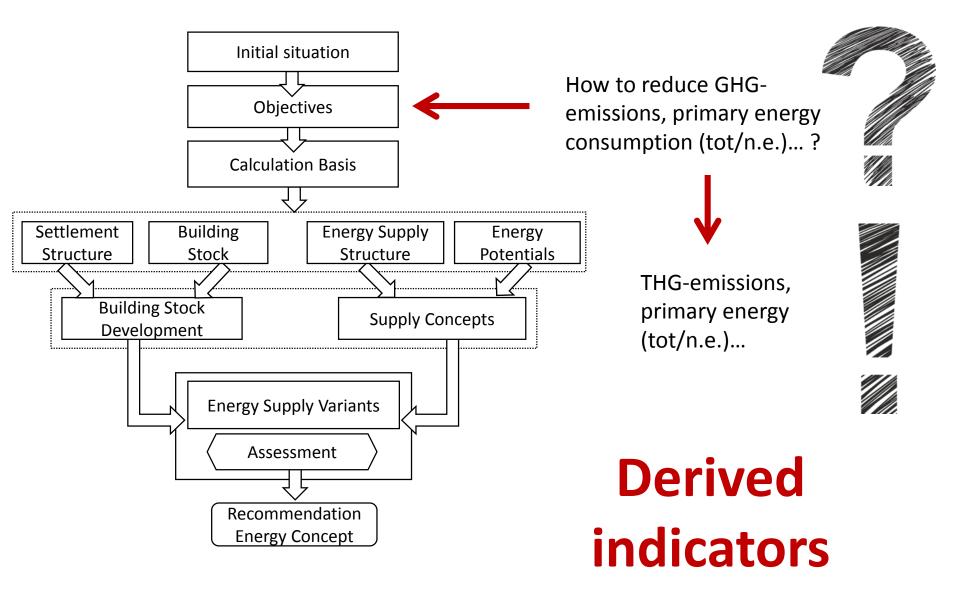
#### Core Module



#### Tools



### **Continuous Assessment**



#### In overview...

- Developing a **modular** method
- Core Module presented
- Based on **System Thinking** and Generic Systems Engineering
- Focus on **dissemination** through empowerment
- Developed and **applied** on a real case.

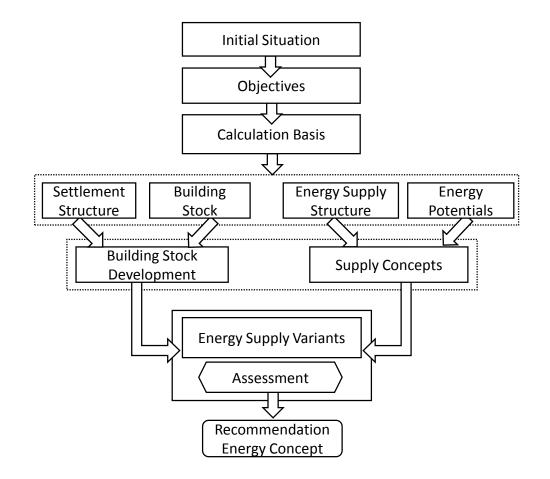


# Outlook

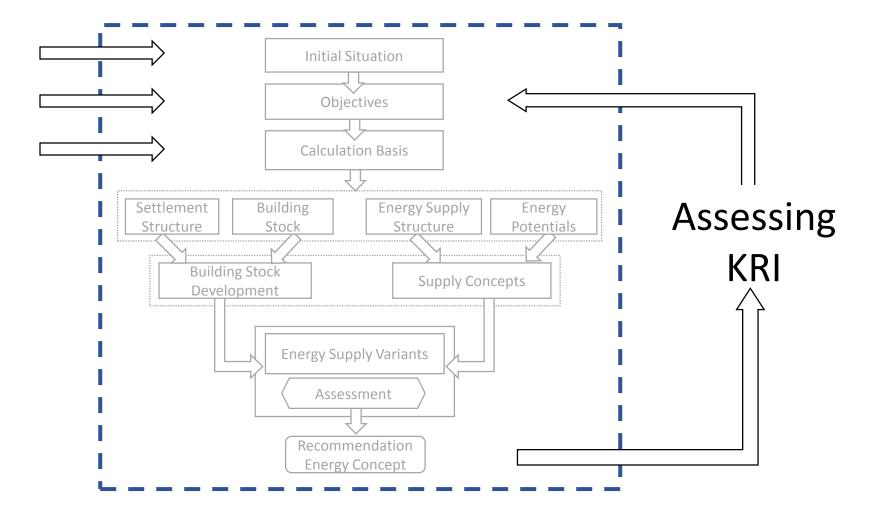
- Optimisation approaches
  - Sophisticated tools (ML, AI) to cope with complexity
  - Tools support, do NOT lead the design process
- Test and refine the method on further cases
- Further modules:
  - Stakeholder interaction modelling and analysis
  - Performance measurement (Advanced assessment)
- Expand over entire value chain



## Closing the loop



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