# The experience of Local Energy Agency of Osona

Energy management and assessment to Local Governments

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#### Osona

Osona is a county near the Pyrenees.

51 municipalities which are quite diverse: small rural villages, touristic sites or quite industrious towns.

Vic is its capital and it has quite a wide range of services, including a University.

The Consell Comarcal (County Council) is a supramunicipal entity. Among its functions we want to emphasize the establishment of supramunicipal services complementary to the municipal ones and the coordination of municipal services for reasons of regional interest. That is the case of the Local Energy Agency of Osona











## • Local Energy Agency of Osona (ALEO):

 Department of the Consell Comarcal (County Council) (created 2001–2002)

• First 11 municipalities joined it, **nowadays 48** out of 51 municipalities of Osona.

- Energy management and accounting for the Town Councils of Osona
- Collaboration agreement ALEO Town Councils + support DIBA, ICAEN, SOC:



#### • Each municipality joining the Agency pays an annual fee







## • Main objectives:

- To promote energy efficiency and energy savings
- To promote renewable energy production

## • Recipients:

- Town Councils, other Public administrations
- Enterprises or other private sector
- Citizens







### • Organization of the ALEO:

- Nowadays there are 4 technicians with full time job:
  - Technical manager: energy procurement (gas and electricity, renewable energies projects (biomass), Town Councils service and private sector service
  - Technician 1: energy accounting (from invoices to solution of complaints)
  - Technician 2: support, drafting and checking SEAP (33 SEAP)
  - Technician 3: *Desendolla't* project

## •ALEO funding:

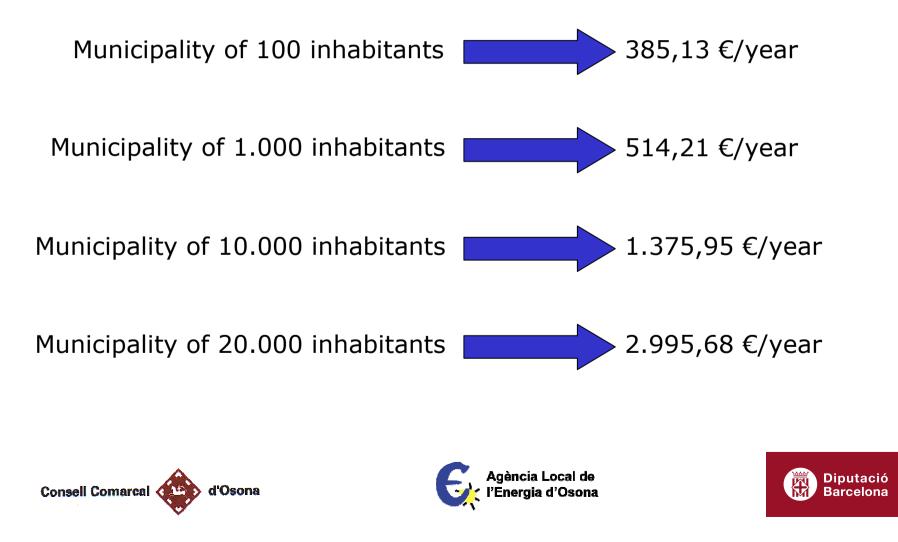
- Fixed part and variable part:
  - Fixed part: annual fees from Town Councils
  - Variable part: Consell Comarcal d'Osona, DIBA, SOC, ICAEN...

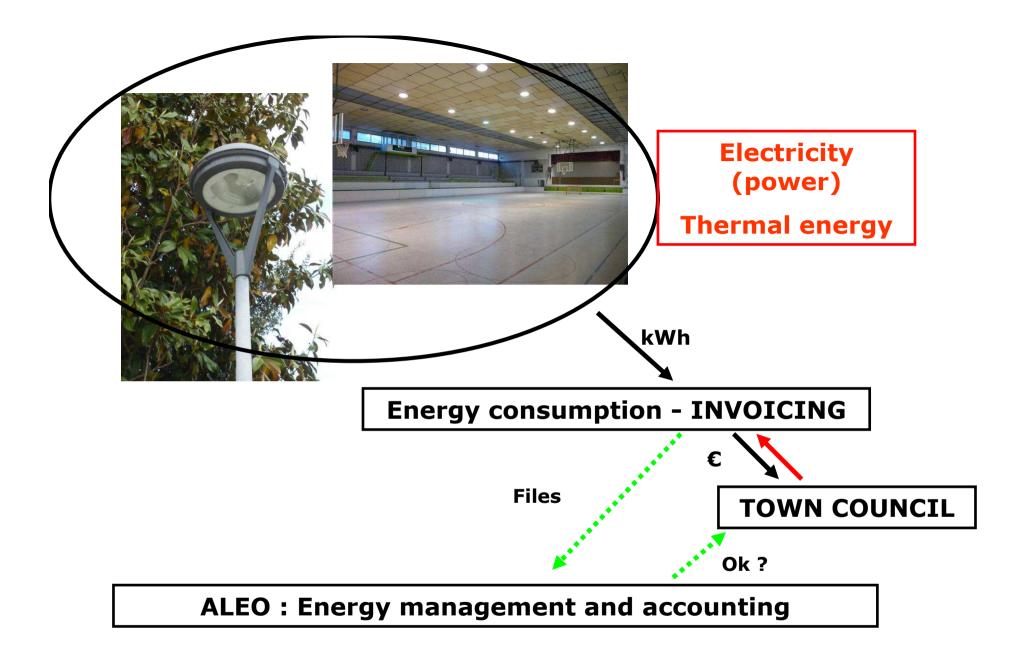






- Annual fees of Town Councils:
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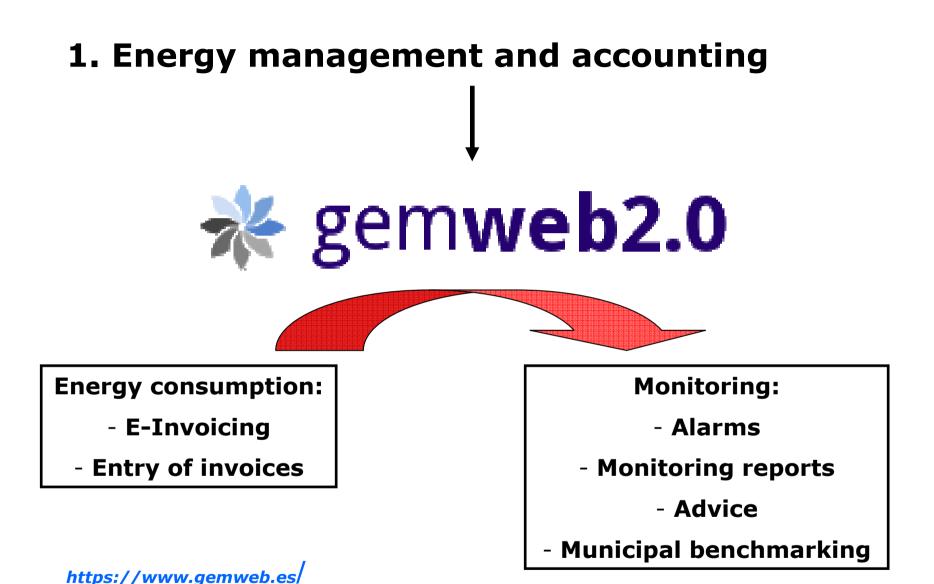


















- Number of organizations managed:
  - 49 Town Councils
  - 1 County Council
- Number of facilities managed:
  - 812 Public lightings
  - 703 Municipal buildings
  - 237 Pumps of water cycle
- Number of supplies managed:
  - 1.498 Electrical supplies (active)
  - 127 Central heating oil supplies
  - 92 Gas supplies
  - 41 Liquid petroleum gas supplies
  - 17 Biomass supplies







#### 2. Monitoring of e-invoicing:

Detection of estimated meter readings

- Checking readings' correlation
- Checking energy prices
- Checking power in meters and invoices
- Checking energy consumption in invoices

Detection of consumptions increases

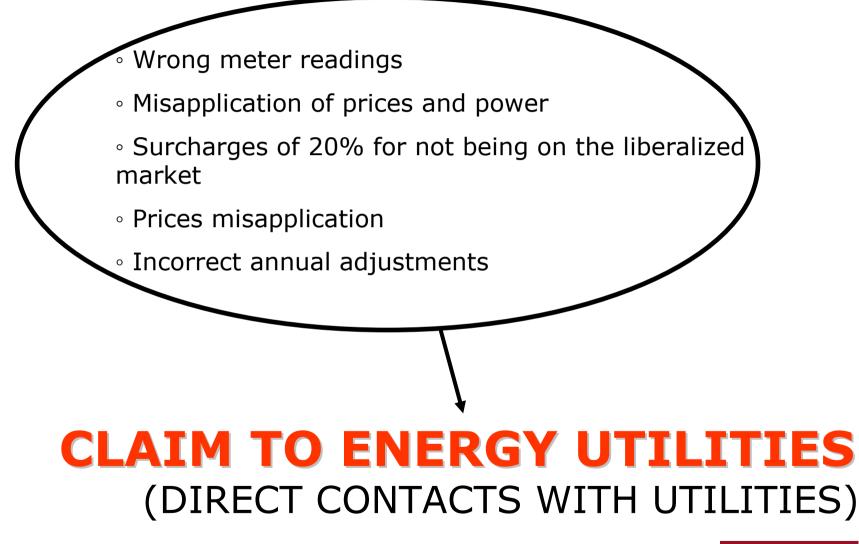
# **ALARMS from GEMWEB**







#### 3. Most common mistakes in invoicing:









#### Energy accounting produces money savings:

• Results 2013

20.046,49 € recovered (but much more claimed)



Results 2013

 158.015,57 € saved

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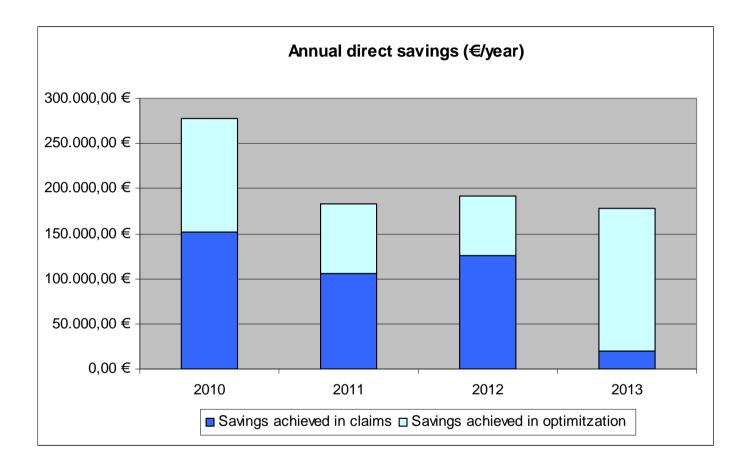








#### Results energy accounting of last four years:



#### Average: 4.324,49 €/year to Town Council







#### **4. Annual monitoring reports**

- Municipal benchmarking (costs and consumption)
- Distribution of costs and electricity consumption (per types)
- Energy consumption and costs evolution (last 10 years)
- Buildings, facilities and public lighting assessment (benchmarking)
- Comparison: consumption vs. heat degree days or thermal demand
- Evolution of municipal effective prices and comparative
- Detection of abnormal consumption of 20%
- Assessment on GHG related emissions
- Savings achieved in claims, pricing adjustments, power factor and estimated readings
- Proposals for action and improvement

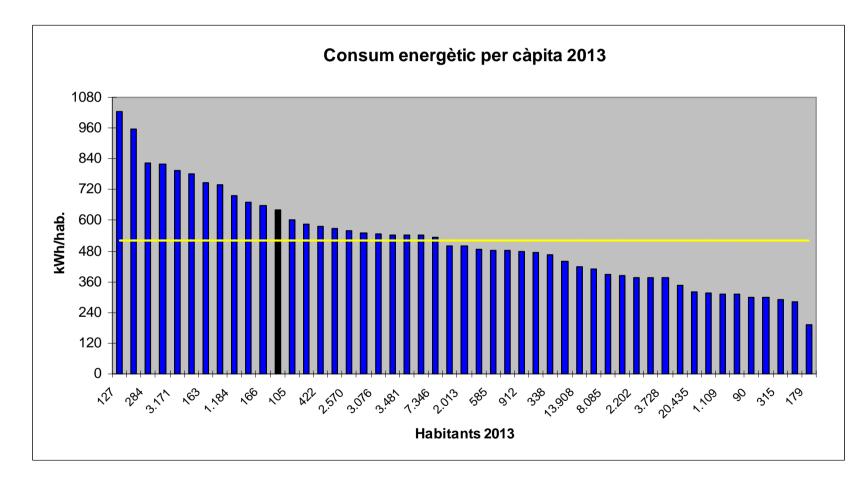






#### Municipal benchmarking:

Comparison between municipalities: energy consumption per inhabitant



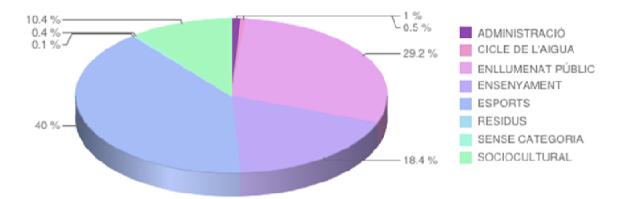






#### **Energy costs distribution:**

How does our Town council spend energy??



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	ÚS	COST (EUR)
	RESIDUS	476,20
	SENSE CATEGORIA	2.202,90
	CICLE DE L'AIGUA	2.450,67
	ADMINISTRACIÓ	5.113,74
	SOCIOCULTURAL	52.497,28
	ENSENYAMENT	93.104,14
	ENLLUMENAT PÚBLIC	148.081,15
	ESPORTS	202.365,00
	TOTAL	506.291,09

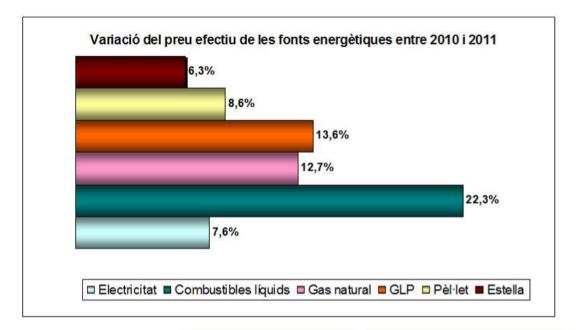






#### **Effective energy price:**

Average energy prices (County) vs Town Council



	Preu efectiu mitjà (€/kWh)	Preu efectiu XXXXXX (€/kWh)
Electricitat	0,183	0,157
GLP	0,103	0,109
Combustibles líquids	0,086	0,087
Gas Natural	0,058	0,056
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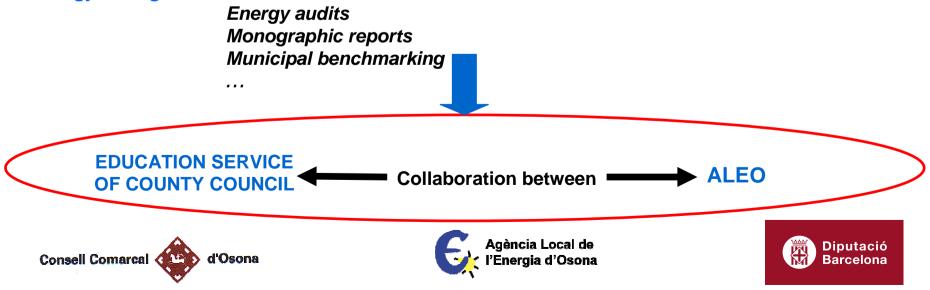
#### (Unplugg yourself)

- Public education buildings, schools and nursery school, are 18% of annual energy costs of Town Councils (1.269.499,50 €).

- In 2004-2005: a benchmarking report comparing public and private schools: Private schools: 31,40 €/student·year Public schools: 62,31 €/student·year

- In 2010-2011: a benchmarking report comparing public and private schools: Private schools: 72,93 €/student·year Public schools: 154,72 €/student·year

- Our hypothesis is: a 30% of energy consumption of public school could be for a incorrect energy management



- What is it?

It is an energy saving project in public schools. This project depends on the Education Service of County Council and the Local Energy Agency of Osona.

- Who is its target public?

The target public are public schools. In the first year there were 21 public schools, but in the second year there are 28 public schools.

- What does it encourage? A triple benefit: <u>environmental</u>, energy saving; <u>economic</u>, economic saving; <u>educational</u>, a 50% of economic savings will returned to public schools.







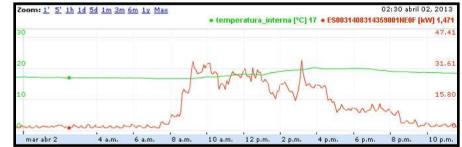


School 11: Before our intervention...



"Vampire" or passive consumption: 5,633 kW

#### School 11: After our intervention...



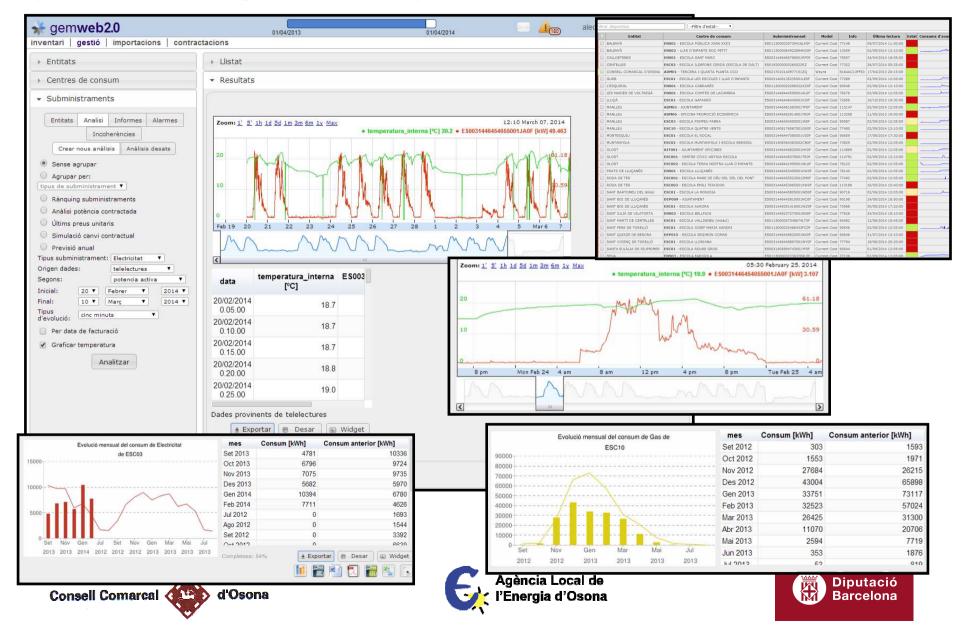
"Vampire" or passive consumption: 1,471 kW







#### Smart metering: analysis of electrical consumption (current cost-gemweb2.0)



#### Results

	∆Electrical consumption (%)	∆Electrical consumption (kWh)	∆Electrical cost (€)	∆Thermal consumption (%)	∆Thermal consumption (kWh)	∆Thermal cost (€)
Average Desendolla't (%)	-25,94%			-28,45%		
∆Subconsumption (kWh)		-282.911			-1.091.550	
∆Subcost (€)			-48.172,43 €			-93.399,75 €
<b>∆Consumption (kWh)</b>	-1.374.461					
∆Cost (€)	-141.572,18 €					
∆Subconsumption/school (kWh/sch.)		-13.472			-51.979	
∆Subcost/school (€/sch.)			-2.293,93 €			-4.447,61 €
∆Consumption/school (kWh/sch.)	-65.451					
∆Cost/school (€/sch.)         -6.741,53 €						

INTERVENTIONS	∆TOTAL COST (€/year)	
Total energy consumption saving (kWh) -141.572,18 €		
Savings achieved in procurement optimization (kW)	-10.121,24 €	
TOTAL SAVINGS	-151.693,42 €	

**Project cost for Town Council = 640 €** (amortization in 1,14 months) **50% - 50%** 

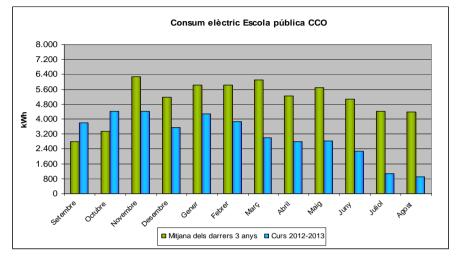
Every Town Council and school can choose how they want to spend their savings: invest in energy efficiency, buy school supplies...



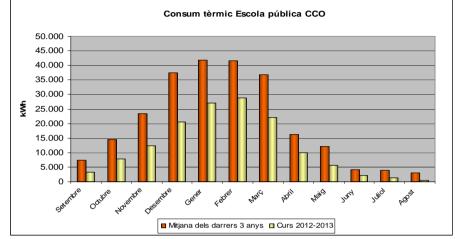




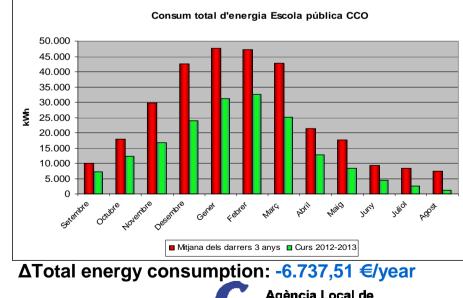
#### 5. Other activities and projects: Projecte Desendolla't Individual results



#### ΔElectrical consumption: -2.289,90 €/year



#### Δthermal consumption: -4.447,61 €/year



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#### **Energy National award EnerAgen**

La Asociación de Agencias Españolas de Gestión de la Energía

V Premis EnerAgen (2013)

Menció d'Honor dins la categoria de:

*"Millor actuació en matèria de sensibilització i difusió de les energies renovables i l'eficiència energètica"* 

Best practice in raising awareness and dissemination to promote RES and EE

Energy excellence awards from Generalitat de Catalunya 2013 (Catalan Gov.)

Institut Català d'Energia (ICAEN)

Premis d'Excel·lència energètica (2013)



Award on raising awareness and dissemination:

"Distingit per les actuacions de difusió i conscienciació en l'àmbit de l'estalvi i l'eficiència energètica"









Tiene el honor de invitarle, en nombre de la **Asociación de Agencias Españolas de Gestión de la Energia**, al acto de entrega de los V Premios EnerÁgen y posterior cena de gala que tendrá lugar el jueves 7 de noviembre de 2013, als as 2130 horas en el restaurante *El Mirador de Cristal* del Museo de La Ciencia. (Avda. Salamanca, 59 - Valladolid).

> Se ruega confirmación de asistencia antes del viernes 25 de octubre Tel.: 983.426.050 - aemva@ava.es

#### 5. Other activities and projects: Projecte Desendolla't Educational project









# Dossier educational project + 50 children's tale + 1 Efergy + 1 CD (digital documents)





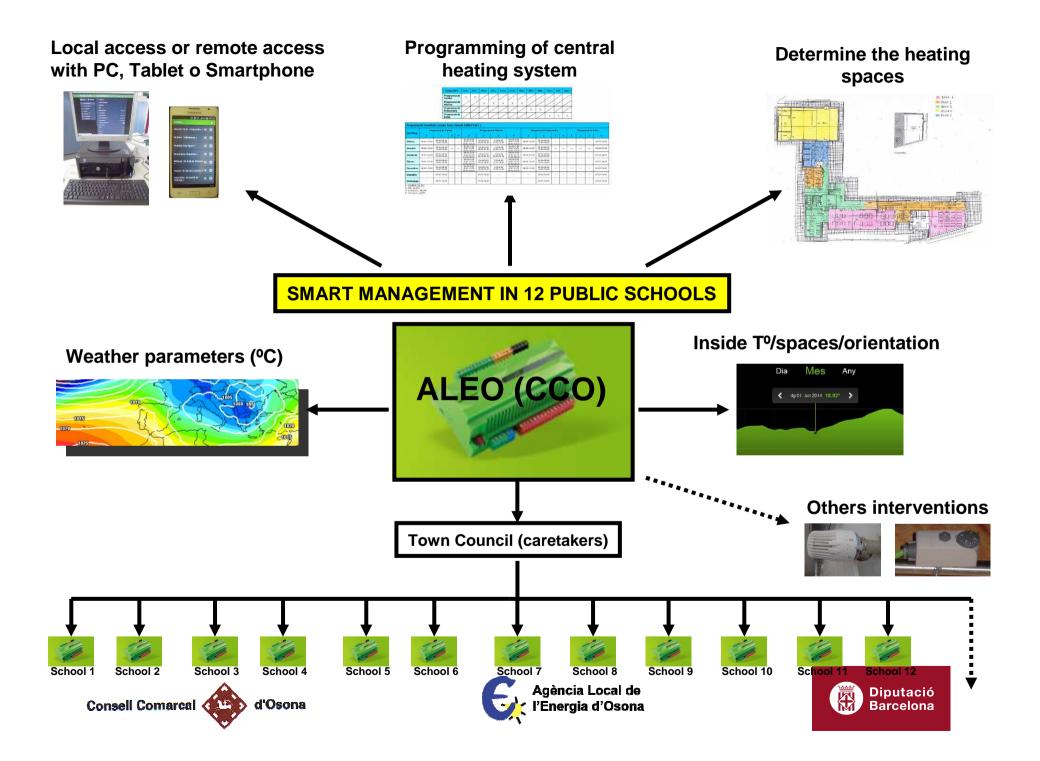




#### 5. Other activities and projects: smart management

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#### **Energy poverty project**

#### - Objectives:

- 1. Assisting families who have economic troubles related with energy.
- 2. Trying to decrease energy subsidies (*Prestacions econòmiques d'urgència social destinades*) for each family.

2.1. Trying to assist more families than now.

- 2.2. Spending money saved for others necessities.
- 3. Defining "Energy poverty concept" in Osona and its causes







#### **Energy poverty project**

- This project depends on two departments:
  - The Social Service of County Council
  - The Local Energy Agency of Osona

#### - The Social Service makes contact with ALEO because:

#### • There is a high spending in energy subsides:

Nº Town Councils	Nº total subsides	%energy subsides	Total value of subsidies	Total energy subsidies
39 (without Vic)	1.610	<b>51%</b> (827)	162.416 €/year	<b>45%</b> (72.528 €/year)

- Social technicians don't know energy concepts.
- Energy poverty is an breaking matter.







#### **Energy poverty project**

#### - Interventions:

- 1. <u>Workshop on energy</u>: Can users save money in their energy invoices? How? (more 20 sessions, more 215 families)
- Energy Assessment Visits (EAV) of homes with economic troubles (> 15 EAVs)
- 3. <u>Cooperation agreement</u> between County Council and an electricity utility.
- 4. Joint interventions related with energy







#### Workshop on energy

#### - Who is its target public?

- Social technicians
- Final consumers suffering energy poverty
- Volunteers of other entities

#### - Framework:

- 1. Understanding energy invoices (electricity, gas...)
- 2. Knowing choices in energy procurement
  - 2.1. Changing contracted power
  - 2.2. Choosing the best electrical tariff
  - 2.3. Contracting Social Tariff
  - 2.4. Changing electrical utility
- 3. Knowing choices of energy saving at home
- 4. Individual assistance







#### **Energy Assessment Visit**

#### - What do we do?

A) First visit:

- Collecting invoices (electrical and thermal)
- Installing a consumption meter (Efergy or EnviR)
- Analyzing central heating system and sanitary hot water system
- Analyzing lighting system
- Analyzing electrical appliances
- Analyzing energy management of users
- B) Second visit:
  - Picking up the consumption meter
  - Implementing some easy actions

- Replacement of lightings
- Installation of multiple connectors
- Installation of timers

Management of heating





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#### **Cooperation agreement**

- We are preparing a cooperation agreement between theCounty Council and electricity utility to protect vulnerable users.

#### - In the agreement there will be...

- 1) Contracting of Social Tariff for vulnerable users
- 2) Not cutting off electrical supply during winter
- 3) Before cutting off some electrical supply, electrical utility has to inform social technicians
- 4) Facilitating change of contracted power and change of electrical tariff
- 5) Including 30-40 vulnerable users in collaboration agreement







#### Joint interventions related with energy

- Along the Energy Assessment Visit, we can detect some difficult actions.

- These interventions can be implemented by Social Service of County Council:

For example:

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- Replacement of electrical heating to biomass stove
- Joint purchase of biomass, heating oil....
- Changes of windows, doors...

## Interventions adapted in Osona!!!







#### **Biomass study in Osona**

- Study of biomass as an energy source in Osona.
- Coordination: Servei de Gestió Forestal (DMAH).
- Drafting: Centre Tecnològic Forestal de Catalunya (CTFC), Centre de Recerca Ecològica i Aplicacions Forestals (CREAF) i Servei de Gestió Forestal (DMAH).
- Collaboration: Agència Local de l'Energia del Consell Comarcal d'Osona, oficina comarcal del DMAH, Centre de la Propietat Forestal (CPF) i Consorci del Lluçanès.
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• Study published in:

http://www.ccosona.es/index1.php?idF=2&idSubF=480







#### **Biomass study in Osona**

- Biomass destined to energy comes from different origins: forest biomass, clean wood, pruning and industrial derivatives.
- In Osona there are 75.000 tons/year of biomass (30%H.), with a torn of 15 years, and 84.000 tons/year of biomass (30%H.), with a torn of 20 years.
- Every year 9.850 tons of industrial clean wood are produced (ARC).
- Every year 720 tons of pruning are produced (ARC).
- Every year 1.000 tons of industrial derivatives are produced (ARC).







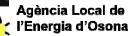
#### **Promotion and training about biomass**

#### **Training courses**





#### Meetings, conferences...





#### **Promotion and training about biomass**

Personal advising: new companies, individuals, collectives, Town Councils...





**Technical visits to facilities** (architects, environmental technician, engineers...)

#### Collaboration in the Organization of the Fair of Forest Biomass Vic









#### **Municipal facilities**

Combustibles

líquids 13.2%

Gas Natural

27.2%

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#### > OSONA INVESTS IN BIOMASS



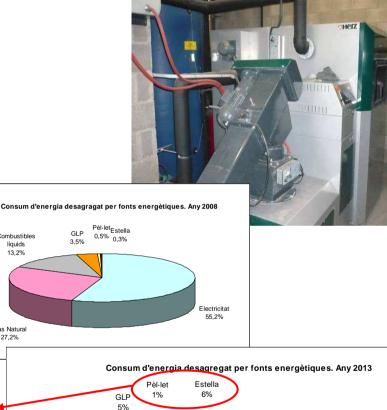
#### **EXACT AMOUNTS:**

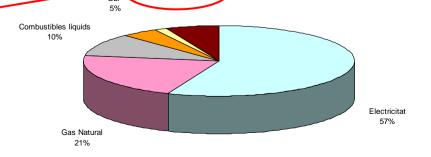
- 25 facilities in 17 Town Councils
- 3,8 MW of contracted power
- 10 chip facilities and 12 pellet facilities

-Consumption is better than 4.000.000 kWh (local economy increases little by little!!!). A 7% in total.

- 5 facilities projected

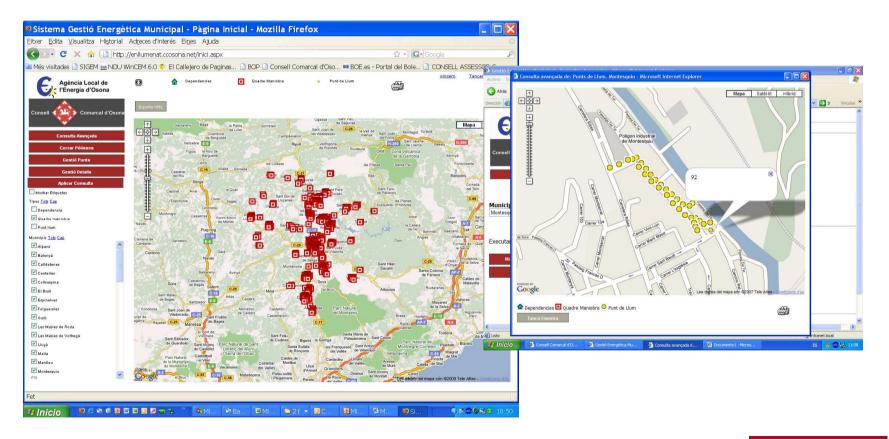






#### 8. Other activities and projects: SIGEM

> Information geographic system of the municipal public lighting (SIGEM)



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#### 9. Other activities and projects: subsides

 $\succ$  Information and processing of grants and subsidies to Town Councils









#### **10.** Other activities and projects: SEAP

Support on SEAP development and implementation

> Implementation and analysis of energy efficiency and saving measures through the ELENA facility (ERDIBA project) of the Province of Barcelona : ESE, roof renting for photovoltaic, biomass heaters and district heating...

➢ Energy audits in municipal buildings, facilities and public lighting. In 2013 – 26 audits (21 buildings and facilities and 5 public lighting).

> Support and advice to introduce energy sustainable measures for new buildings or renewal of old ones.







# **11. Other activities and projects: dissemination session**

> Training of municipal energy managers: 60h for municipal officers, to improve communication and facilitate tasks between ALEO and Town Councils.

➢ Training courses for installers, architects and engineers in renewable energy: biomass (4 editions), geothermal (2 editions), solar thermal ... (along with the Guilds and Professional Associations of Osona)

> Conference to promote energy efficiency and / or renewable energy: 3 - 4 days per year.

 $\succ$  Collaboration in the Organization of the Fair of Forest Biomass Vic.







#### **12.** Main saving measures

Rate and power adjustments

> Power reduction in public lighting and use of ITC, there is too much light in the street!!!

- Good practices among workers
- > Passive consumption reduction. Often more than 20%.
- Use of renewable energy and more efficient technologies
- Feam work: architects, engineers, energy managers and politicians







#### **13. Conclusions and future projects**

> There is still a long way to go to achieve energy savings with low cost measures.

First step, and VERY important, to straighten energy matters: what do we have?, how much do we spend?, where do we spend and how do we spend? -> the basis for energy management!!!

Nowadays we must be imaginative and work on good practices

> Once savings are achieved, those savings must be invested to improve energy management and efficiency

> We must act courageously against injustice in the energy sector

Today: Invoicing control (months delay) – Future: smart management and control in real time







# Thank you very much

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