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Transition towards sustainable production and consumption: Contributions of LivingLab research

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### Sustainable Production and Consumption Challenges for a low carbon and low resource society





Sustainability innovations in households and districts Challenges for a low carbon and low resource society



### **CO2 - neutral and resource efficient city districts**

- High quality of living at 8t of resource use per person/a through design of sustainable product-service-innovations
- User- and stakeholder integration in districts

#### **Cities / Districts**

Our vision is of cities and towns that are inclusive, prosperous, creative and sustainable, and that provide a good quality of life for all citizens and enable their participation in all aspects of urban life."

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Sustainable Living Lab



#### Firms

Sustainable firms provide products and services that integratively (relatively and absolutely) increase quality of life, participation and protect the environment.

Taken from: Aalborg Commitments 2004

#### Living Labs Infrastructure for innovations on different levels

#### LivingLabs

- Develop and implement socio-technical solutions in real settings of production and consumption systems (value chain networks)
- Involve key stakeholders from production, consumption, science, government in order to increase acceptance and change mindsets and value sets.

They work in real life settings and infrastructures (city districts / cities – laboratories – field structures)

Source: Schneidewind u.a. 2014 - Reallabore, adapted according to the LivingLab Methodology





SusLab North West Europe (NWE)(2012-2015) Project partners and pilot region in Germany





SusLab North Rhine-Westphalia (SuslabNRW) Project partners







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### LivingLab projects Methodology – a three tier model





#### Theory of Social Practices Elements in networks of practices around a "warm home" Wuppertal Institut



### Research design Methods





### Research design Insight research





### User observation 2014/15 Household typologies: Basic model with sample share as draft evaluation







Source: UBA / sociodimensions; representative survey "Environmental Consciousness and Behavior in Germany 2014", Sample: n=2.036 respondents18+

#### User observation 2014/15 Material and Carbon Household Footprint in Bottrop

#### Aim:

- Household observation concerning all fields of activity
- Calculation of life-cycle wide resource consumption Material Footprint and Carbon Footprint
- Comparison of resource consumption with the field of heating







### User observation 2014/15 Material and Carbon Household Footprint in Bottrop





Housing esp. heating high impact on resource consumption | Main influence: living space and number of persons



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### Research design Prototyping





#### Prototyping: Analysis of the heating-behaviour in 80 households in Bottrop

Accounting for the status-quo in several buildings:

- data on indoor climate are collected with special data loggers
- for a period of 2 weeks
- air pressure and -temperature, humidity and CO<sub>2</sub>-concentration
- the specific **demand for warmth** is logged at the same time
- if realizable, **opening of windows** and presence in rooms are logged at the same time







### Prototyping 2012/13 – heating and airing Test person with above-average consumption





#### source: HRW und Wuppertal Institut /FG4 2013

### Household behaviour (testing 2014/15, two weeks) Possible impact of smart home systems





### **Transformational objects: The room air dialogue (setup)**









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The individual areas and elements of the room air dialogue interface





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# Thank you! Any questions?

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### The "big picture" From the SDGs to an consumer perspective





Source: Image Wuppertal Institut 2016, based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2015

## LivingLab three tier model Socio-technical innovations: Example of SusLab in the city of Bottrop (Germany)











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