



Nearly Zero Energy Hotels (neZEH): A successful story

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A nearly zero energy hotel is a hotel with a very high level of energy efficiency

- The amount of energy demanded by the hotel should be covered to a large extent by renewable energy sources, including on-site generated energy.
- The European initiative Nearly Zero Energy Hotels (neZEH) aimed to accelerate the rate of large scale renovations of existing hotels into Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (nZEB) by:
 - providing technical advice to committed hoteliers
 - O demonstrating flagship nZEB projects in the European hospitality sector
 - O undertaking training and capacity building activities
- Pilot hotels benefited from the support in analyzing the energy balance of their facilities and identification of energy efficiency measures to reduce their energy consumption. They also benefited from free promotional support.





The selection process resulted in two pilot projects to become neZEH



How was the process?

- 5 hotels were shortlisted
- Pre feasibility studies were conducted
- The most appropriate hotels
 were selected
- Selected hotels were audited
- Feasibility studies of the hotels to develop the saving measures
- Communication and Outreach support for the selected projects



4 stars hotel, located at first line beach in Benidorm (Alicante), 129 rooms, open 365 d/y, and commited to the environment

- Restaurant
- Cafe
- SPA
- Indoor pool, jacuzzi
- Outdoor pool, jacuzzi
- Sauna
- Gym
- 24h Front desk
- ISO 14001
- EMAS
- Carbon Footprint calculation ISO 14064-1





Hotel Data Overview

CONSTRUCTION YEAR	[-]	1969
ENERGY CONSUMPTION	[kWh]	1.697 MWh
Nº ROOMS	#	129
N° OF STAYS	#	93.888
OCCUPANCY	%	>78

	Lighting		HVAC	—	SHW	Equipment
	Туре	%	Тура	Nu	Power (kW)	Zones
Main faciities	LED	4%	Type	m.		SPA
	Metal Halure	6%	Boilers	6	28,5	Gym
	Halogen	19%	Water pumps	5	1,5	Sauna
	Fluorescent	38%	Fan coil	142	0,04	Restaurant
	CFI	33%	Chillers	1	122	Conference room
		0070				Kitchen

Energy use

Success story: HOTEL CORONA DEL MAR





Once the hotel was audited, Energy Saving Measures were detected. Potential savings reached 37% of the energy consumption.

Energy Efficiency Measures	Usage	% Savings	Investment	Payback
Boilers replacement (for heating pumps)	Clima	10 %	105.250	8,4
Ozone system for laundry	Equipment	5,5 %	7.080	1,0
Aereators	SHW	4,9 %	1.648	0,3
Replacement of pumps for more efficient ones	Clima	4,1 %	71.315	11,8
Wind generation	RES	3,6 %	206.060	39,4
LED	Lighting	3,1 %	19.388	3,9
Presence detectors	Lighting	2,1 %	1.350	0,4
Minibars	Equipments	2,1 %	32.250	10,7
Others	All	8,7%	135.500	8,5
TOTAL		37 %	580.000	11,1



To sum up, after implementing the energy saving measures, Hotel Corona del Mar, achieved:

- Energy savings equal to 623.310 kWh / year
- Around 37% reduction on total energy consumption
- That means 51.830 € / year
- The amount of investment needed was 577.639 €





Replication

Thanks to the achievements in Corona del Mar, the hotel chain RH will start an energy efficiency improvement plan for 17 hotels





In most of the cases, the results were even better than neZEH targets

		BEFORE	AFTER				
Country	Facilities	% Occupancy	Av. primary energy use (kWh/m²/y)*	% Savings*	% RES share*	Investment	Payback (yearss)
France	lounge, piscina, spa	82% (every year)	306,5	68%	35%	€ 803.003	5,2
Greece	Kitchen, Restaurant, 3 pools	72 % (May-Oct)	292.5	62%	50%	€ 536.000	10.7
Italy	Spa	32 % (Jun-Sep)	100	52%	85%	€ 23.760	2 (BEP)
Romania	Restaurant, conference rooms	64% (every year)	378,8	76%	37,3%	€ 414.389	1,9
Spain	Spa, pool	22% (every year)	181	47%	85%	€ 305.900	8,2
Sweden	Kitchen & restaurant, sauna	49% (every year)	760	74.3%	58%	€ 86.084	3,9



Different types of financial instruments can be used to finance a neZEH project

- Own and banking resources
- EU and national financial instruments



National and international authorities programs

Energy services



Energy Performance Contracting (EPC)



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 Investments in energy efficiency measures are recovered by the savings expected by the level of energy efficiency improvement agreed by contract.

Benefits:

- Guaranteed energy and economic savings
- No investment risks
- Energy operational and management performance improved





Put simply, a **neZEH project** will be considered **bankable** if lenders are willing to finance it

- Net Present Value (NPV): higher than 0
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR): higher as possible





Bank process





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