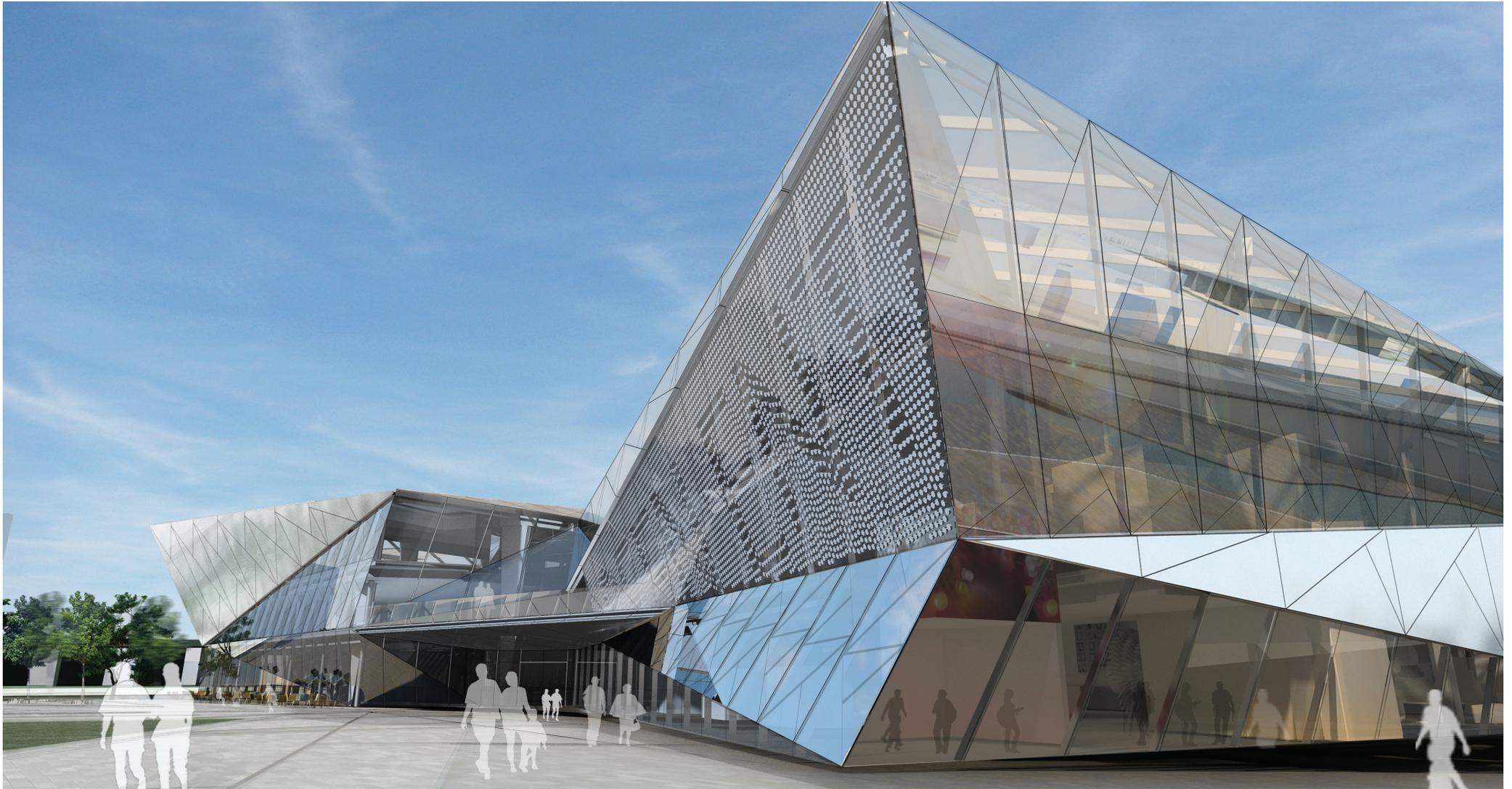


UK Roadmap for Energy Efficient Buildings



National Platform for Construction

Executive Summary

The Modern Built Environment KTN, EPSRC and the Technology Strategy Board supported a workshop in March 2012 to seek opinions on the shape of innovation and research in energy efficient buildings in the UK. The workshop explored what the innovation gaps are, what are the key barriers and where resources should be targeted in order to maximize the impact of public funding for UK businesses. Attendees included a selection of high level executives from industry, government and funding agencies. There were also representatives from a number of research centers and senior academics from universities across the country. The list of registered participants is included in the Appendix.

The meeting outcomes contribute to build a roadmap for research and innovation in Energy Efficiency. It can be used to inform conversations with the Green Construction Board, Research Councils, Catapult Centers, BIS, DECC, European Commission, etc. This first step towards a UK roadmap on Energy Efficiency has been endorsed by the National Platform for the Built Environment which is an industry-led group focused on increasing the level of business-led research applicable to the built environment and to create a powerful voice to enable the industry to establish a strategic research agenda and influence the regulatory environment.

Methodology

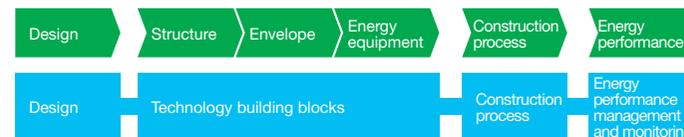
The workshop initially explored relevant challenges and drivers for innovation in construction based on the National Platform report on Challenges and Research Priorities of the Construction Industry (November 2011). This report reviews recent construction sector reports and existing research roadmaps to identify key challenges faced by the UK construction industry.

The challenges more relevant to Energy Efficiency were selected by the groups. Challenges in this context are defined as a “practical need specific to the construction industry that arises as an implication of general trends and visions, whose realisation may be hindered due to constraints, and which requires specific responses or enablers”

This exercise resulted in the selection of 12 out of 67 key challenges, or ‘drivers’, across five main categories:

- Demographics
- Global Economy
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Climate Change Mitigation, including: Energy generation and supply; Carbon in project design; Low carbon economy
- Industry factors, including: Capability, Procurement, Performance

The next step involved exploring targets and barriers for innovation in the building sector to develop and validate, the tools, technology and process components to support the transition towards an energy neutral European built environment. The targets were extracted from the E2BA Energy Efficient Buildings Association Vision to 2020. The suitability and completeness of those targets for the UK was explored by participants grouped following the different elements of the construction supply chain as per the diagram below.



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At the *design* stage that more than 80% of the building performance is set both in terms of energy savings and cost of ownership over the life cycle before refurbishment.

Structural parts of a building can be mechanically and thermally optimized with sophisticated tools: the focus must now be put on the embedded CO2 which comes from the materials.

The building envelope becomes the most critical part when it comes to energy efficient buildings. For new buildings, materials and energy equipment integration already allow low energy demand but investment costs must be reduced. For refurbishment, a whole value chain innovation process is required where design, technology and construction are even more intertwined than for new buildings.

Energy equipment must adapt to the lower unit energy demand from more energy efficient buildings, which requires sizing down to-day portfolio while keeping energy efficiency at the highest level possible as well as unit investment cost down.

Construction processes are now part of the critical path to reach the final energy performance. Any defect can lead to disorders and even pathologies which hamper the durability of the building performance. Several complementary routes can be envisaged i.e. prefabrication of standard units which facilitate field integration, new field integration process with more detailed internal performance control, new sensors to check intermediate performance steps, continuous improvement processes as part of

a quality process, training of workers on the impacts of a wrong installation on the final energy performances, etc.

Performance monitoring enables users to oversee and control their own consumption, allows detecting potential misuses of buildings due to a lack of awareness of the users, potential disorders and/or pathologies of the monitored building. Moreover, conditional maintenance approaches can bring added value in guaranteed performance contracts.

The workshop finally explored the R&D trajectories for each of the above value chain elements of the building sector. Progressive market availability of technologies and processes came from large scale demonstration priorities. For technologies that have been already demonstrated, large scale deployment raised technical and non-technical issues that need to be resolved to ensure industrial uptake of research results.

The resulting R&D, Demonstration and Deployment elements were summarized and prioritized by each group. Prioritization was based on what are the key activities that will better contribute to an innovative Energy Efficient Built Environment in the UK. The next step to take the resulting actions and aspirations forward would involve the validation and development of an action plan to specify what needs to be addressed and who might do it. R&D and demonstration actions that were not selected would also need to be reviewed.

The results presented in this report have already been used to feed into the European agenda on energy efficient buildings for Horizon 2020 through the Energy Efficient Buildings Association.

The following pages present for each element of the supply chain key drivers, targets, barriers, industry responses (R&D, demonstration and deployment) and selected actions. Color coded lines and boxes are shown to illustrate the link of each item to the resulting selected actions.

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Selected Actions

Short term Mid term Long term

Design

Improve rigour in energy performance modelling



Establish minimum standards for Energy Performance Certificate in existing buildings



Build a fine grained BIM database of buildings/cities with real time feedback

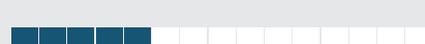


Structure

Develop workable retrofit solutions



Explore Deriving Benefit from Materials – knowledge based approach to material selection and therefore benefits derived; re-use of materials



Research Novel Materials – Bridging gaps in current materials performance; solutions for problems with no current solution



Envelope

Improve theoretical understanding of practical measures to improve current stock, requiring detailed analysis of optimal solutions and analysis of current stock



Demonstrate planning friendly solutions and reduce industry fragmentation of communication to reduce planning resistance and improve compliance with regulations.



Provide performance warranties and innovative financing models to overcome resistance to investments due to high capital costs



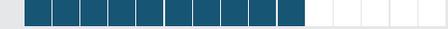
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Energy Equipment

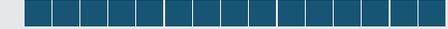
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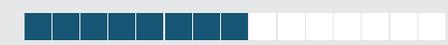


Research heat optimisation



Construction Process

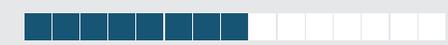
Promote inter-operability – European platform/network of facilities to test and validate innovative construction processes



Study kit of parts process – R&D for cost effective innovative robotised/automated construction tools to optimise the installation and fitting of prefabricated solutions

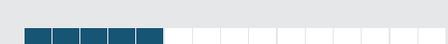


Explore flexible structure – warranties, contracts, risk, liability, rapid prototyping



Energy Performance

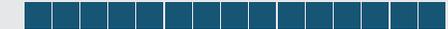
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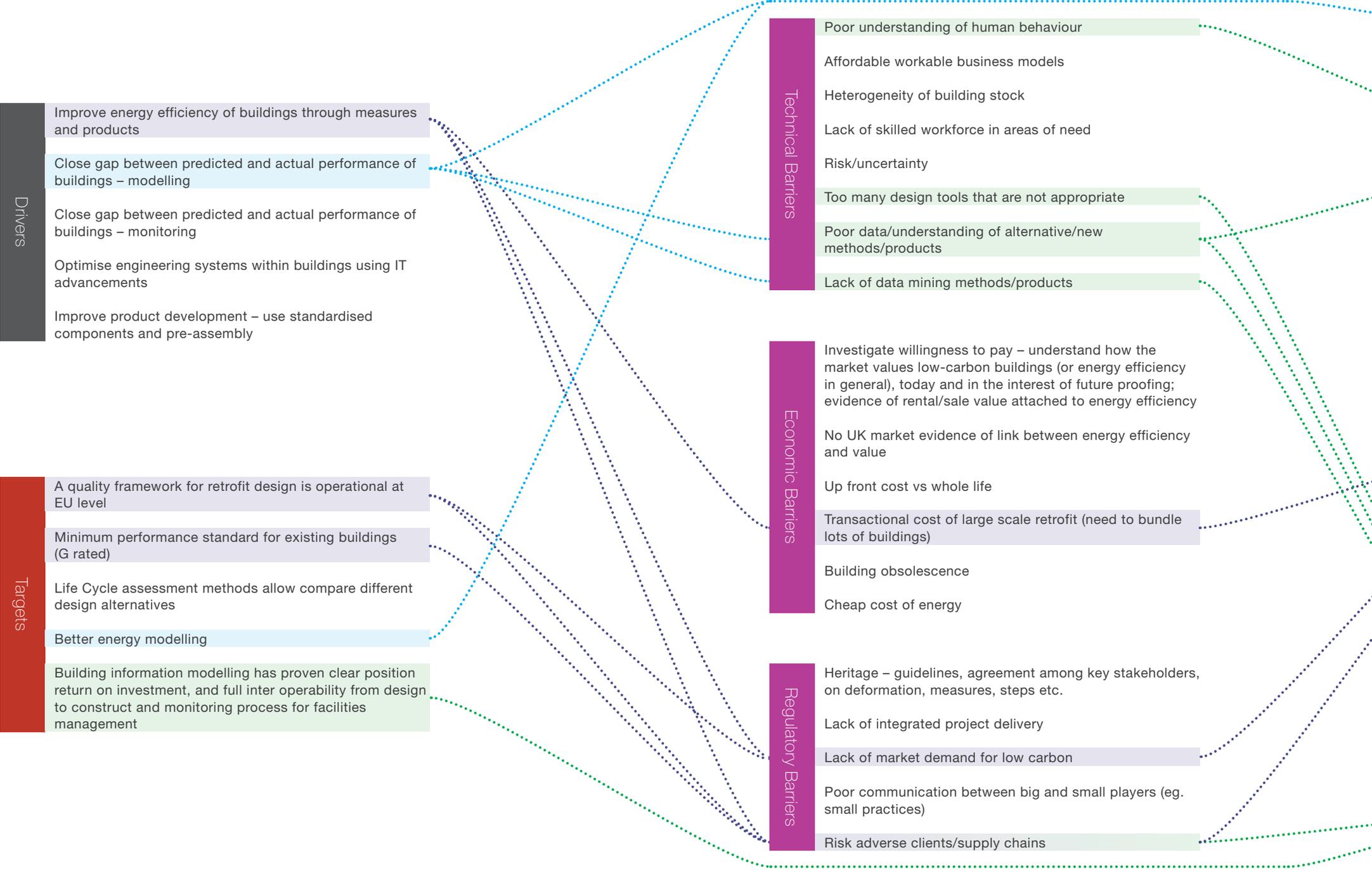
- Drivers**
- Improve energy efficiency of buildings through measures and products
 - Close gap between predicted and actual performance of buildings – modelling
 - Close gap between predicted and actual performance of buildings – monitoring
 - Optimise engineering systems within buildings using IT advancements
 - Improve product development – use standardised components and pre-assembly

- Targets**
- A quality framework for retrofit design is operational at EU level
 - Minimum performance standard for existing buildings (G rated)
 - Life Cycle assessment methods allow compare different design alternatives
 - Better energy modelling
 - Building information modelling has proven clear position return on investment, and full inter operability from design to construct and monitoring process for facilities management

- Technical Barriers**
- Poor understanding of human behaviour
 - Affordable workable business models
 - Heterogeneity of building stock
 - Lack of skilled workforce in areas of need
 - Risk/uncertainty
 - Too many design tools that are not appropriate
 - Poor data/understanding of alternative/new methods/products
 - Lack of data mining methods/products

- Economic Barriers**
- Investigate willingness to pay – understand how the market values low-carbon buildings (or energy efficiency in general), today and in the interest of future proofing; evidence of rental/sale value attached to energy efficiency
 - No UK market evidence of link between energy efficiency and value
 - Up front cost vs whole life
 - Transactional cost of large scale retrofit (need to bundle lots of buildings)
 - Building obsolescence
 - Cheap cost of energy

- Regulatory Barriers**
- Heritage – guidelines, agreement among key stakeholders, on deformation, measures, steps etc.
 - Lack of integrated project delivery
 - Lack of market demand for low carbon
 - Poor communication between big and small players (eg. small practices)
 - Risk adverse clients/supply chains



R&D

- Develop more rigorous estimates of energy performance based on real situations and incorporate this into models
- Evaluation/comparison of design tools using real world case studies
- Real-time performance of energy-efficient building design: Enhance building – grid – user interaction flexibility to enable sound strategies for peak-load abatement while ensuring high comfort to the users, eg. predictive/adaptive controls, load shifting and energy storage

Demonstration

- Develop innovative training techniques to speed up the adoption of BIM and related data exchange standards
- Ongoing monitoring of new-build and retrofitted properties to assess the actual performance of measures against modelled predictions
- Introduce minimum standards for existing buildings by mandating Energy Performance Certificate ratings for all non-domestic buildings
- Set up BIM demonstrations to validate return on investment for a wide scope of end users (case studies)
- Develop building stock dynamics models and tools

Deployment

- Deployment of Display Energy Certificate/Energy Performance Certificate administered by suppliers
- Need for policy requirement for landlords and tenants to agree an Energy Management Plan for their buildings to accompany Display Energy Certificate
- Set up a European observatory of buildings for a feedback from the field (including monitoring techniques and data processing)
- Create a database of BIM information filled by manufacturers and used by designers

Selected Actions

Improve rigour in energy performance modelling

Timeframe

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Timeframe

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Timeframe

Structure

- Drivers**
- Improve energy efficiency of buildings through measures and products
 - Close gap between predicted and actual performance of buildings – modelling
 - Preference to minimise up-front cost resulting in increased whole life energy performance

- Targets**
- In use is more important – Fabric First and Passive
 - New buildings structures use responsibly sourced materials with low embodied carbon
 - Solutions for concrete with an embodied CO₂ content <50kg/t are available
 - Structural basis of retrofit solutions and their performance is known
 - A European framework for collaborative work between architects, structure engineers, material experts and the constructive industry is proposed to minimise both the CO₂ and costs of future new buildings

- Technical Barriers**
- Capability of mass customisation
 - Complexity
 - Non standardisation – mass customised solutions required on an unprecedented scale (21m homes to retrofit)
 - Lack of knowledge across industry, are the targets cradle to date, cradle, definition of whole life cycle?
 - Values in use, over life are vague and unknown, can this be bettered or translated to financial reward
 - Materials cost/property balance not yet met
 - Can we better know the asset state, therefore plan better maintenance/repair/financing

- Economic Barriers**
- Are there solutions which are not cost-effective, or no solutions?
 - Lack of incentive knowledge in client or supplier base
 - Short term view of investors
 - Fragmented supply chain offering multiple products with differing non-standard values for energy efficiency targets
 - Lack of unregulated financial drivers. Market failure.

- Regulatory Barriers**
- 1 and 2 above could be driven to current limit by regulation – would this be punitive?
 - Risk adverse standards
 - Cost of certifying solutions

- Other Barriers**
- Lack of awareness of what is important



R&D

- Reduce environment and man-made impacts of built environment and cities
- Develop practical phased packages for domestic building energy efficiency improvements; carry out technical analysis of current house types and devise appropriate treatments for different forms of construction of existing housing
- Development of durable biomass materials (such as timber) and construction techniques to cope with moisture-induced problems in air-tight buildings
- Composites in construction
- Mass retrofit

Demonstration

- Development of high performance low embodied carbon steel (eg. reclaimed steel)
- Develop new low carbon embodied and in use products and services and logistics to deliver them at scale

Deployment

- Develop clear labelling of construction products with verified data on their embodied carbon, energy performance and environmental standards
- Better prediction of in-use CO₂
- Development of construction material solutions with improved resource efficiency (recycled aggregate and manufactured sand based concrete solutions)

Selected Actions

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Impact High.

Timeframe Long term

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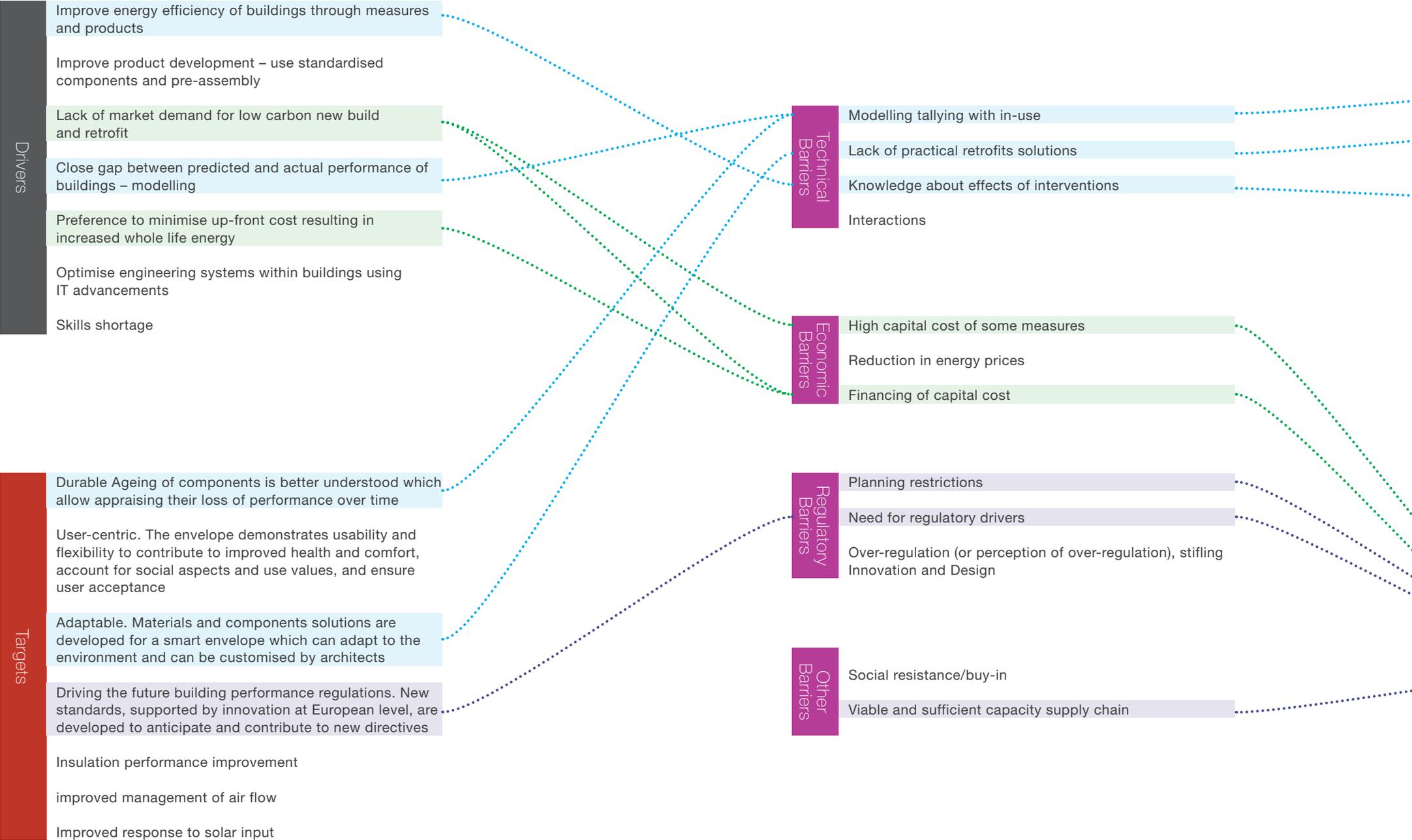
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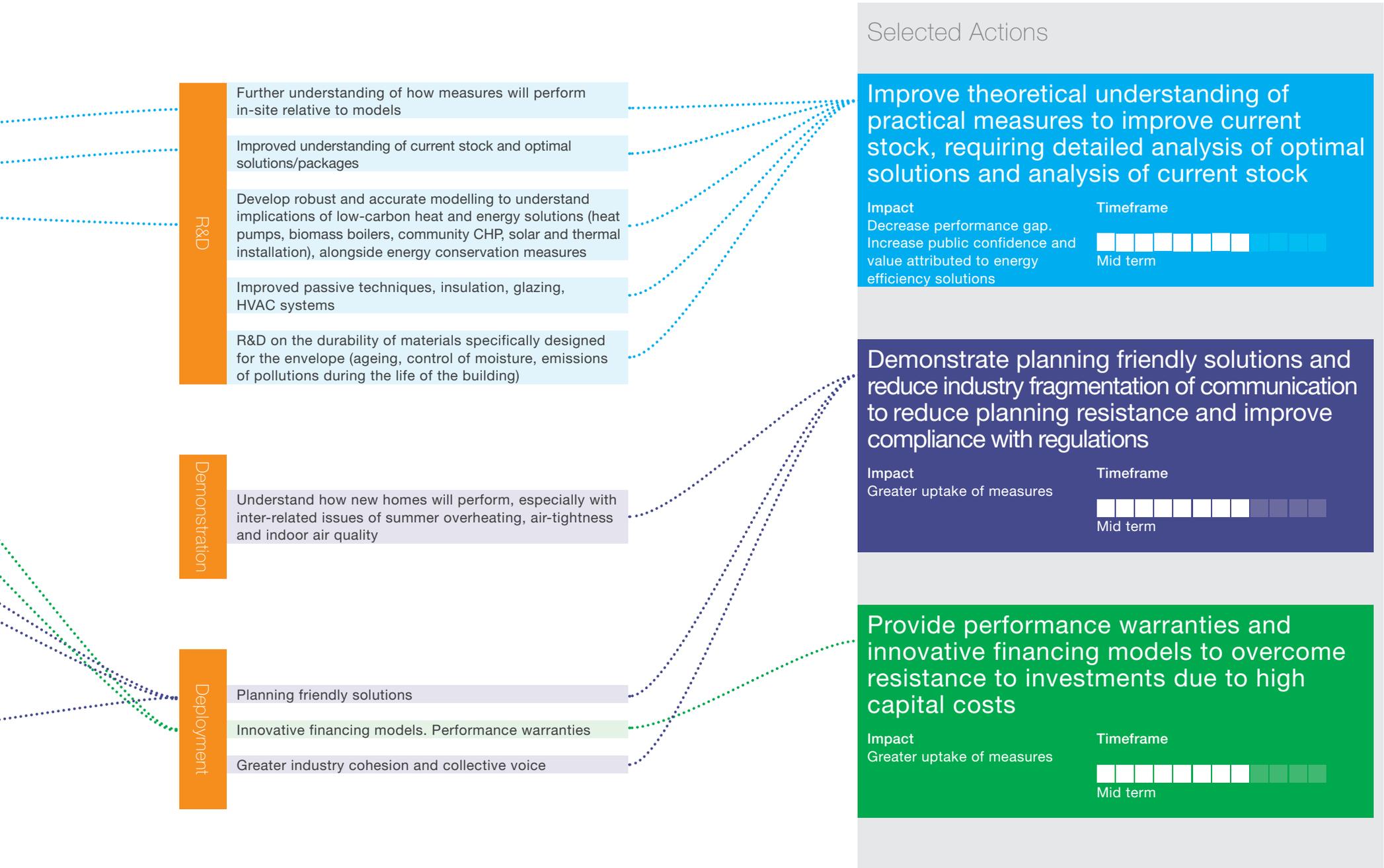
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Timeframe Long term

Envelope





Energy Equipment

- Drivers**
- Need to moderate demand at peak times and preserve supply and demand balance
 - Ensure urban resilience to climate change
 - Skills shortage
 - Close gap between predicted and actual performance of buildings – monitoring

- Targets**
- User-centric, multi scale BEMS are available to deal with buildings and district energy management system
 - Minimum European energy performance standards, certification and labelling schemes are implemented for energy using equipment at the system and building level
 - Energy efficient, interoperable HVAC and lighting solutions are available to suit the specific needs of new or retrofitted buildings (commercial, residential)
 - Energy management systems and protocols are set up to optimise energy generation, storage and distribution at district level
 - Scalable heating (domestic water and space heating) and cooling systems are available to meet future building performance standards
 - Local/alternative energy generation and storage
 - Finance innovation

- Technical Barriers**
- Reliability (fear of technology risk)
 - Cost of new technology/innovation perceived value
 - System inter-operability
 - Biomass and CAs in built-up area
 - Scalability

- Economic Barriers**
- Market demand
 - Low cost of fuel
 - Uncertain future energy costs
 - Sourcing upfront finance
 - Cost responsibility landlord vs occupier
 - Lack of data to prove case for investment
 - Perceived return on investment
 - Access to appropriate financial investments

- Regulatory Barriers**
- Viable regulatory regions vs Europe
 - Regulatory requirements for efficiency
 - Public sector procurement (time, IP risk, value vs cost)

- Other Barriers**
- Lack of strategic planning
 - Failure to agree definitions – keeps action fragmented rather than holistic
 - Cultural expectations in developments
 - Social alignment of individual/social interests
 - Energy, CO₂ generation from equipment manufacture
 - Information on technology performance
 - Human behaviour in adopting new technology
 - Affluence/educational levels
 - Lack of distinction between carbon efficiency and energy efficiency

R&D

- Develop products for lighting (more sophisticated lighting controls; DC lighting; raised lighting levels without additional energy consumption)
- Establish how exactly zero-carbon performance is to be defined and how far the use of renewable energy is to be taken into account in the assessment of performance
- Gather data on the carbon performance of buildings and the energy equipment itself (esp if innovative), and understand level of non-compliance and its impact on carbon emissions; review compliance mechanisms
- Understanding extent of behavioural change
- Expectations of comfort
- Development of heating optimisation systems (hot water vs. space heating)
- Harmonise test procedures and introduce efficiency labelling schemes to facilitate trade and transparency on performance for energy using products
- Heat and cooling technologies

Demonstration

- Understand how best to utilise combination of energy solutions eg. combination of centralised and distributed energy solutions for housing developments; optimise energy supply solutions for buildings and districts
- All levels – alternative energy/heat technologies in buildings such as photo-voltaic, heat pumps, fuel cells
- Development of low-cost compact, building and grid-integrated thermal energy storage having potential for energy storage pooling
- Demonstration of DC only building with only one inverter to connect to the outside grid
- Development and demonstration of reliable scalable and cost-effective integrated solutions for building-grid interaction and for local energy production, eg. combining solar hot water and electricity production from building integrated PV
- Domestic and community based decentralised electricity generation; distributed energy and heat (both demonstration and deployment)

Deployment

- Standards Equipment and whole building
- Messaging
- Standardised benchmarking and calculation tools to deliver information to decision-makers (architects, engineers, professional builders) on energy performance of different technologies
- Training and info for small business, construction and suppliers
- Develop education and training methodologies and certification standards for building sector professionals involved in the selection and installation of energy equipment, to increase understanding, build-up skills and accelerate technology take-up

Selected Actions

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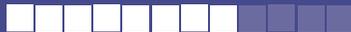
Impact
Implementation plan with room for expected innovation

Timeframe

 Long term

Explore business model innovations

Impact
Need to know who is going to make money and how, is it construction/utilities/landlords; need to understand why action should be taken

Timeframe

 Mid term

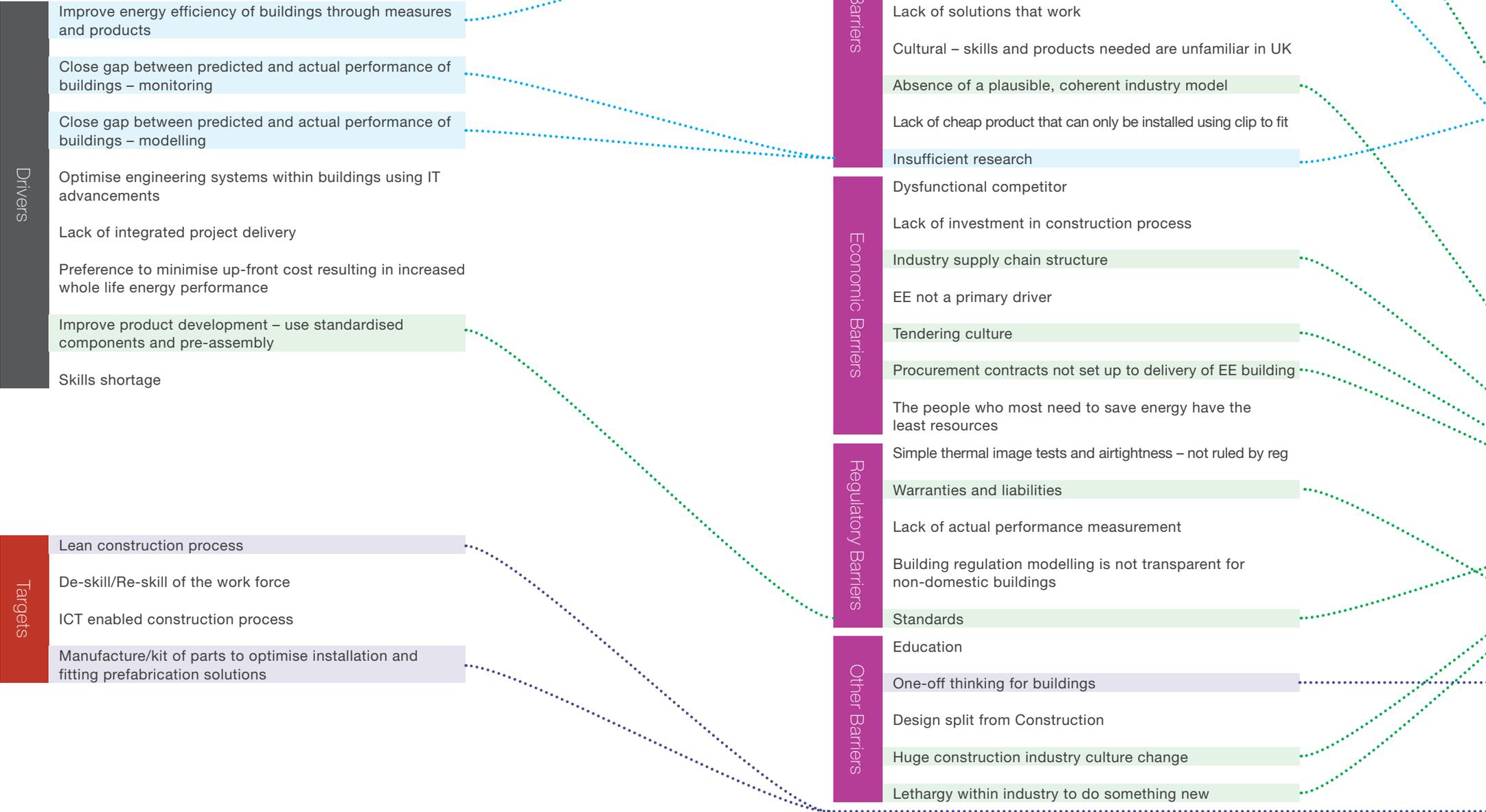
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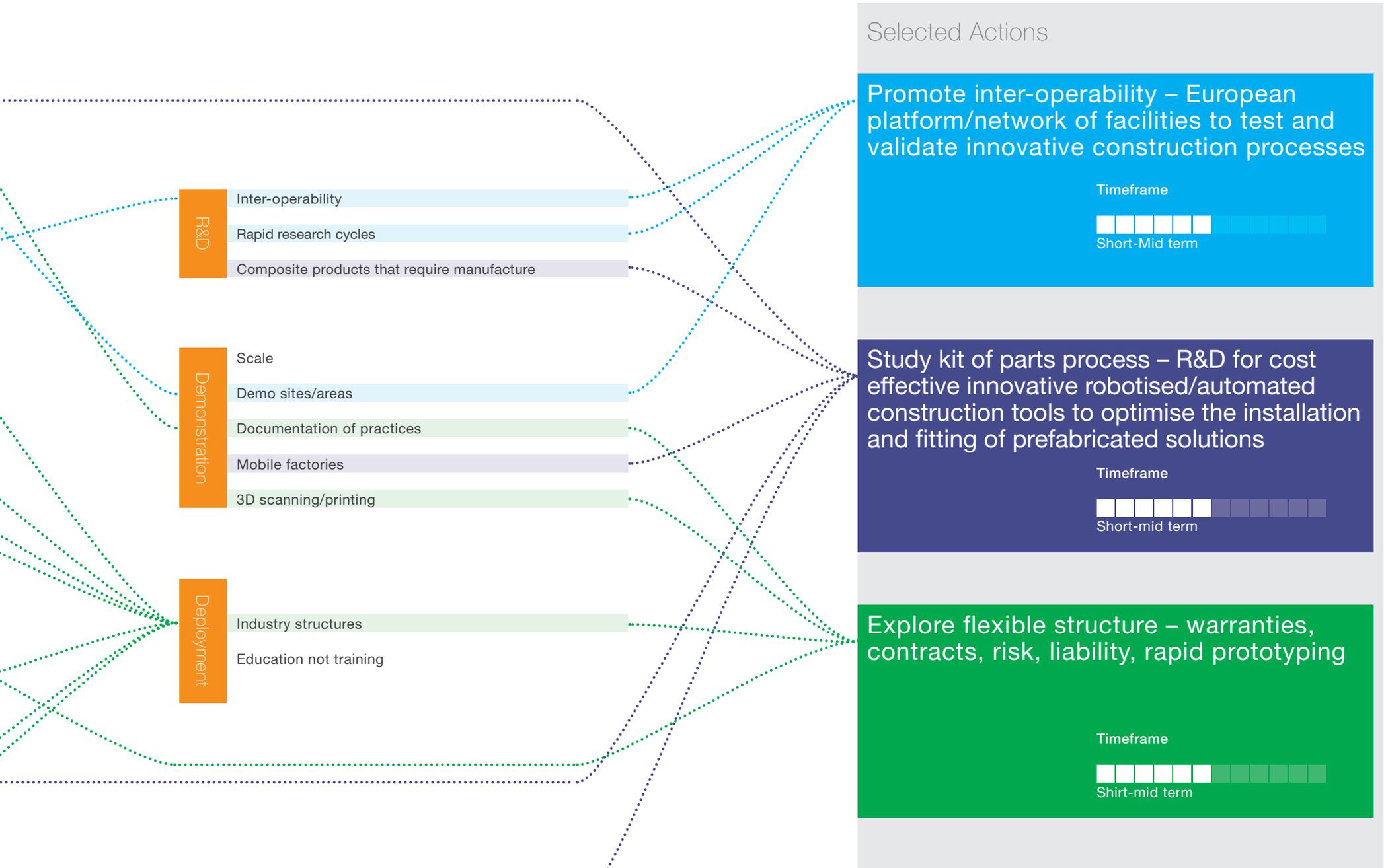
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Critical not just for increasing energy efficiency but critical to resolving the energy dynamic of a building – relationship of heating/cooling is critical

Timeframe

 Long term

Construction Process





Energy Performance

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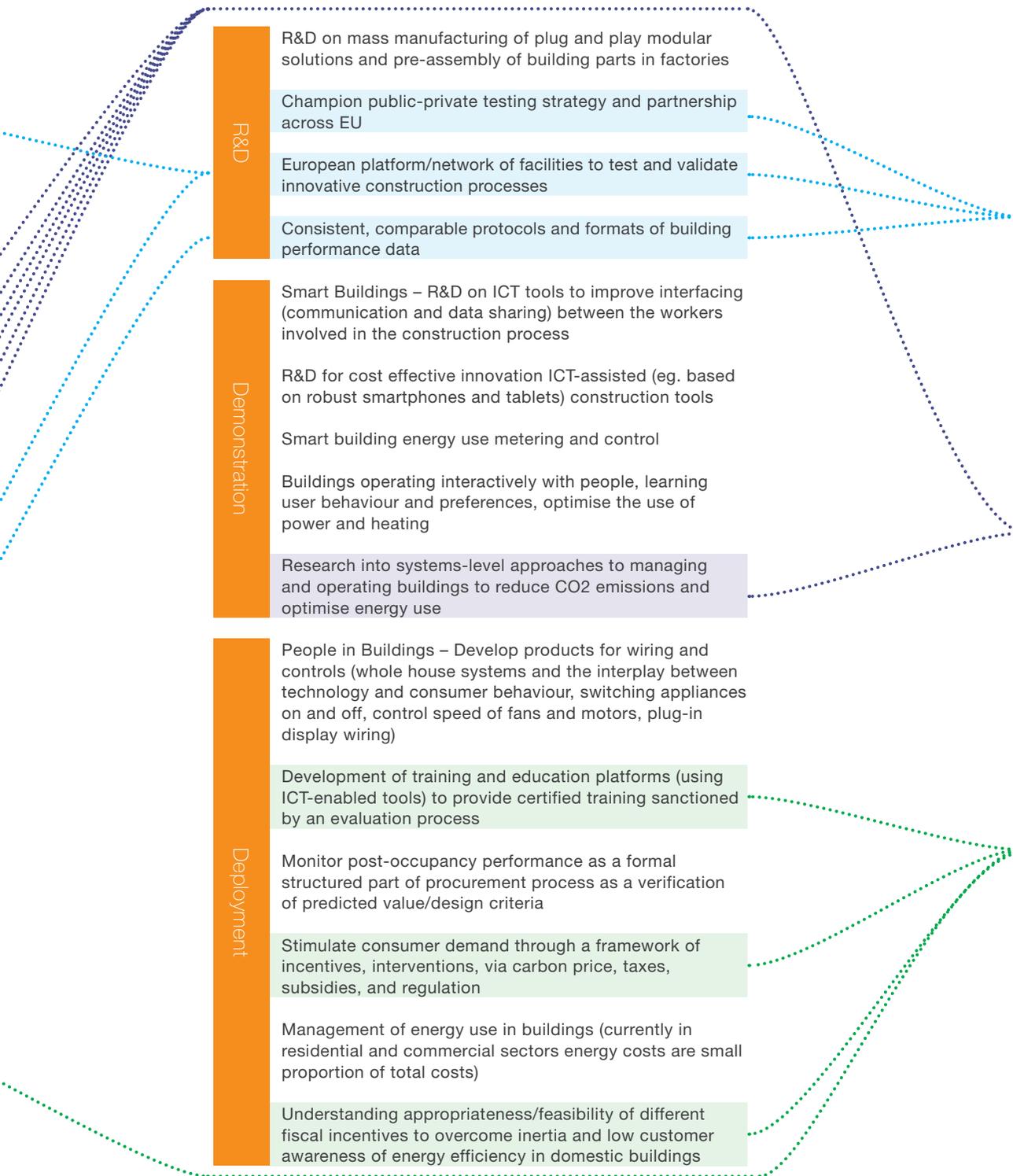
- Targets**
- Several in vitro testing labs are networked over Europe to quantify the use value of energy solutions to reduce building consumption
 - Models (continuously re-calibrated with field data) are able to split performance contribution between the various critical building components for retrofit application
 - A European observatory on energy performance monitoring is set up with a European wide database
 - Approaches for conditional maintenance, based on continuous monitoring of the equipment and building performance, are implemented
 - A European standard for building energy performance metering technologies and data analysis methods is set up to ensure the compliance with performance guarantee contracts. Multi-criteria metering (acoustics, indoor air quality) is integrated as an option
 - Systems and protocols are set up to measure energy performance at the district level, taking into account energy storage, production and distribution
 - Ensure targets cover retrofit not just new build
 - Need testing labs from in vitro through to in vivo
 - Need target for positive energy homes and districts (and measures)

- Technical Barriers**
- Lack of standardised ways and methods to measure Energy Efficiency (quantify)
 - No knowledge on medium/long term impacts of metering/monitoring devices
 - Design for performance – ill-informed about effective solutions
 - Lack of evidence on demand controllers
 - Lack of community wide energy systems
 - HVAC complexity and system inefficiency
 - Building controls not working
 - No coordinated approach across EU to retrofit performance evaluation (shared learning)
 - Real system – little understanding of how real buildings perform with real tenants – need low cost widely usable evaluation, real-time methods

- Economic Barriers**
- Barriers to dynamic pricing (tariffs)
 - Poor understanding of performance gap inhibits investment
 - Lack of funding to implement changes
 - No investment performance monitoring – public or private. Needs regulatory driver
 - Focus on initial cost not life cost

- Regulatory Barriers**
- Lack of standardised metering/monitoring systems
 - Lack of standards and inter operability (eg. BEMS and smart grids)
 - Lack of Government incentives to improve Energy Consumption
 - Lack of EU wide standards on energy

- Other Barriers**
- Skills – lack of joint learning by professionals and skilled workers leads to sub-optimal performance
 - Skills – lack of local skills to deliver performance specification



Selected Actions

Maintain EU investment in a pan-European PPP network to provide a consistent basis for energy performance R&D funding support

Timeframe

Short term

Develop a long term strategy for R&D investment to improve maintenance approaches and practices in energy performance

Timeframe

Mid term

Disseminate and roll-out of solutions

Timeframe

Long term

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