

## Dutch Workshops Sketches for Energy Savings

One of the activities within the Save Age project in The Netherlands was the workshop *Sketches for Energy Savings*, which was targeted at technical, facility and property managers of residential homes for elderly. In this workshop, the participants actively worked on an inventory of which measures for energy saving are most suitable for their own building. We like to share our experiences about how this workshop was received by our Dutch participants.

*What activities can be explored for an elderly home, where on first sight a lot of energy saving can be realized?*

This was the central question of the workshop. Because, even if one has already got some insight into the different possibilities, sometimes it is still a bit tricky to actually get into action.

This impression was confirmed by our participants. With W/E Consultants and AAG in the lead, the participants each worked on their individual action plan for the energy saving which could be reached in their own building. The input for the workshop came from experiences from the first phase of the Save Age project, when W/E Consultants provided energy advice to ten different care homes, and from other examples from practice. A working document in Excel, which was developed specially for the occasion, formed the basis of the workshop.

The concept of the workshop was well received. Participants could easily structure, analyse and prioritise their own data. "For me, air-conditioning has the highest priority. Also I found out that by insulating hot water pipes, I could book some good profit. I will make sure that this observation becomes part of the Long Term Building Maintenance Plan", says one of the participants. Others focussed on arrangements for lighting and heating. Some even worked on research assignments for buildings and installations.

Participants stated that had profited from the structure of the workshop and the exchange of experiences between the other participants and supervisors.



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