# RENOWATT Sustainable Energy Investment Forum September 28, 2017



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## Introduction

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GRE Liege – Reconversion economic agency of Liege province





Support beneficiaries (local authorities, hospitals, industrials...) in their energetic retrofitting projects through a one-stop-shop



1 Public authorities as a first step -plan to open to hospital and industries











## RenoWatt in figures

€ 59 millions VAT incl. Amount of the tenders € 36,6 millions VAT incl. Investissements (CAPEX) 64 sites and 136 buildings Number of buildings 33% Energy savings 22 years ROI 7,545 tons of  $CO_2$ CO2 decrease 322 direct and 780 indirects Jobs A minimum of 16,500 hours of training Training « Best Energy Service Project 2017 » awarded by Other the EU







Three basic principles to which the public authorities have subscribed

Tendering agency adhesion

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Work according to Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs)

Grouping the buildings into batches / pools of buildings



## **2** Giving priority to the EPCs, when it makes sense









- A guarantee on your forecasted energy savings
- Global solution (conception, works and maintenance)
- Financing possibility
- Out of the SEC 2010 debt boundary
- Win-win approach between the public authorities and the ESCO (both parties have a profit in case of extra energy savigns)



# 2 Grouping buildings into different pools / lots comprising multiple buildings

- Grouping multiple buildings, depending on the potential energy savings within a single project
- The buildings may belong to a single public body or to multiple public bodies

- Achieving an adequate size for the EPC
- Diversifying the risk for financiers (and obtaining more attractive financing conditions)
- Reducing the number of contracts (and transaction costs)







## European negotiated procedure with publication

- Nature of services and pitfalls
  - Does not allow prior determination of an overall price
  - Market specifications cannot be established precisely enough to make it possible to award contracts through an invitation to tender process
- New and complex tendering process (long-term collaboration, large number of buildings and BAPs, overall package of supplies and services from a private partner, energy savings guaranteed for the duration of the contract by the private provider)
- Offers from tenderers will depend on preliminary audits and studies carried out by the tenderers themselves. Renowatt is currently only carrying out estimates of potential
- Negotiations with tenderers on payment terms, work done, technical aspects of the tender etc.
- No competitive dialogue because the negotiations are about the tenders, not the solutions, even if these are identifiable







To promote local employment and combat social dumping Strict compliance with the framework of European law and current Belgian legislation



Creation of a working group to reflect on the social and ethical clauses that need to be included in the contract documents



















# RenoWatt EPC – a leverage factor of 29,2 was achieved in 5 different tendering procedures

Tender	Amount, EUR VAT Incl.	Energy Savings (final)
CHRH	7.930.181	17%
Administrative	4.348.544	34%
ECOLE 1	15.610.816	30%
ECOLE 2	16.341.948	
Sport	14.265.860	41%
Total	58.497.349	30%

#### Effet multiplicateur 29,2

RenoWatt is financed by debt or muncipality's capital



Global oevery of the retrofitting works in the 5 tendering procedures

#### CAPEX split by type of work









## Advantage for a public authority to join the tendering central

#### **Subsidies**

Subsidy negotiation on behalf of the municipalities

#### Out of the budget boundary for municipalities

#### **Tendering procedure**

- Set up of all the tendering procedure
- Negotiation with the ESCOs
- Dedicated budget for legal advisors
- Permanent contact with municipalities

#### **Financing reflection**

- Accession of financing opportunities that one public authorities could not access
- ROI analysis of the project
- Tendering procedure for the project financing

#### **Technical analysis**

All technical feasibility studies outsourced to RenoWatt

#### Neutral and public facilitator

- RenoWatt is public, neutral and non for profit, working for the benefit of municipalities and not the private sector
- Knowledge of the way of working and constraints of the municipalities
- No need for municipalities to go through public tendering procedure to work with RenoWatt



## Lessons learned by GRE-Liege

- Challenges to convince public authorities to change their way of working and go with EPC
- Public body is needed to gather the different public authorities
- Preparing such type of tender procedures is expensive...technical assistance is a great help Local authorities (average size) do not have the size to conceive such project and need to be guided by a non-for-profit facilitator (get a subsidy)
- Local authorities need to have time to dedicate to the project
- Key to work with professional who knows the ESCO market to guide in the full process
- Think about the execution EPC are difficult to manage
- EPC is not the unique solution check the type of retrofit
- Political commitment
- Prepare the ground for the decision Take into consideration in your planning the decision process of municipalities
- Technical assistance helps to keep the timing
- Communication, communication and communication, at all level of the municipalities





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