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Recruitment for pilot project on energy management is now open in Bergen!

About PARENT

The PARticipatory platform for sustainable ENergy management project – PARENT - aims to increase engagement of individuals in the responsible management of their own electricity usage. The project will give possibilities and tools for improvements in household energy consumption by using a platform for participatory energy management, which includes for example visualization and gamification elements. The PARENT project will operate in three European cities (Amsterdam, Bergen, Brussels) and will especially emphasize studying social aspects related to the development and use of participatory technological platforms. With this knowledge, PARENT will develop guidelines for activating citizens to reduce household energy consumption in Europe.

You can read more about the project on our website: <https://www.parent-project.eu/>

Why join?

As participant in the Bergen pilot:

- you will be able to monitor and learn more about your electricity consumption (and production, if you have your own solar panels) through your smartphone or laptop;
- you will receive a sub-metering device (Smappee energy monitor) and related functionalities through an online platform;
- you will have the chance to provide your input, criticisms and suggestions for the improvement of the online platform and about how we can create citizen engagement for reducing energy consumption;
- you will, together with other pilot project participants (in Bergen, Amsterdam and Brussels), become part of a collective effort to explore innovative ways to improve household energy consumption.

What does it mean to be part of the Bergen Pilot?

- you will receive a Smappee energy monitor for installation and use in your home and, at a second stage, you will also receive access to the extended functionalities of PARENT platform;
- you shall provide authorization to PARENT to use the sub-meter data for research purposes and for the development of the enhanced platform, which will be done in compliance with EU data protection regulation;
- you will be invited to participate in research activities such as filling surveys and being interviewed or taking part to workshops and focus groups;
- you will receive information (e.g. newsletters, e-mail communications) about the PARENT Project and the Bergen Pilot.

The duration of the Bergen Pilot is appr. 12 months (Jul/Aug 2017 – Aug/Sep 2018). Enrollment and participation to Bergen Pilot is volunteer-based and it is free. At the end of the Pilot, participants will be entitled to keep the Smappee energy monitor. Participants are also entitled to withdraw their participation (in this case, Smappee energy monitor must be returned to PARENT, to allow others to join).



Who can participate?

All households with domestic electric contracts (who has their own electricity meter) in Bergen are welcome to join. There are a few technical requirements, which is listed below. Households producing their own electricity ('prosumers', such as households equipped with own solar panels) are also welcome to join.

The maximum number of participants in Bergen Pilot is limited. We will enroll eligible participants on a first-come-first-served basis.

Technical requirements for participating

For the proper installation and functioning of the Smappee energy monitor a few technical requirements must be satisfied.

- ✓ The sub-meter links physically to the cables in your fusebox through amperometric clamps. Participants should have easy access to their own fusebox and the main power cables therein.
- ✓ The sub-meter works only through wireless connection. Participants should have an Internet connection with Wi-Fi capabilities at home and the Wi-Fi signal should reach the fusebox area.
- ✓ The sub-meter needs to be powered. Therefore a power plug to provide the sub-meter with electricity should be present in the proximity of the fusebox area (approx <3mt). Alternatively, or an extension cable towards the closest plug will be required.
- ✓ To use the Smappee services, a smartphone is required. Alternatively, a standard browser can be used from any computer, but with reduced functionalities.

The installation of the sub-meter is very easy and can be performed autonomously by the participants if they are comfortable with doing so. However, upon request we can also provide the intervention of an electrician.

How to enroll?

If you would like to be part of PARENT's Bergen Pilot, please fill the online form for a preliminary, non-binding enrollment at this URL: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZUEWgsPn5jN3J20H3>

We will contact you with more information about the next steps towards becoming formally enrolled and receiving the Smappee energy monitor delivered to you.

For any questions or clarification you can write an e-mail to bergen@parent-project.eu

We hope you would like to join!

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