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# HOW TO DEVELOP AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (EPC) PROJECT

11:00 AM – 12 PM

MONDAY 7TH APRIL, 2025



**Codema**  
Dublin's Energy Agency

# Energy Performance Contracting for Public buildings in Ireland







# CODEMA TEAM



- Energy Advisers to Dublin Local Authorities
- Founded in 1997 as not-for-profit organisation
- 32 staff based in Temple Bar





# OUR SERVICES



ENERGY  
MONITORING &  
MANAGEMENT



ENERGY  
AWARENESS



ENERGY  
POLICY &  
PLANNING



PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT



MATCH  
FUNDING

**guarantEE**  
Building Energy Services in Europe



**Interreg**  
North-West Europe  
HeatNet NWE  
European Regional Development Fund



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 696040.

**EasyPro**



european energy  
service initiative 2020

- **Facilitators** of Energy Performance Contracts (10 years' experience)
- Providing **Training** of EnPC Project Facilitators



# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE



- Codema has facilitated:
  - **4 signed Energy Performance Contracts**
  - Include **15** public buildings
  - **8-year** contracts
  - **€3,066,000** Capital investment
- *Tallaght District Heating System using an* **Energy Supply Contract**
  - **€ 7,972,000** Capital investment (**10 year** contract)
- Current Pipeline:
  - **1 EPC contracts** currently at **Tender stage** (8 buildings)
  - **6 EPC projects** planned to go to **tender in 2025** (13 buildings, mainly leisure centers)





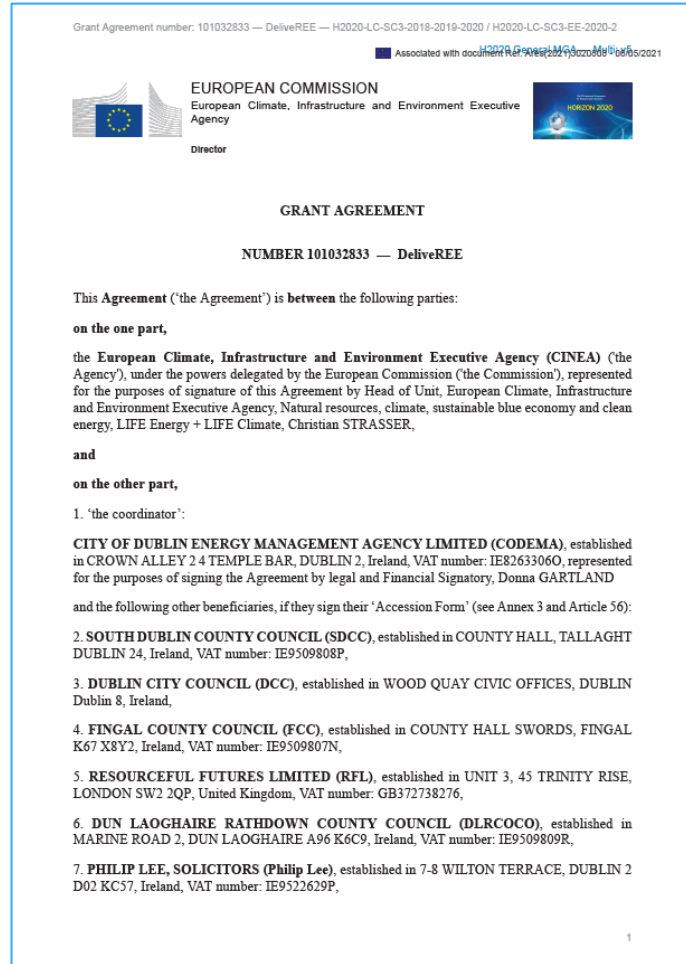
# PROJECT FUNDING



- **Funding for these projects was:**
  - ✓ €4.3m **(38%)** from the **Private** sector via ESCos
  - ✓ €5.5m **(48%)** from **grants**
  - ✓ €1.6m **(14%)** from the **Local Authority**
- Funding arrangement made possible by Energy Performance Contracting



# DeliveREE PROJECT



- We developed the concept, **prepared the application** and assembled the consortium
- Successful application for H2020 **Project Development Assistance** funding (**€1.17m**)
- Only 5 projects in Europe funded
- **DeliveREE** - Delivery of Renewable and Energy Efficiency projects across the Dublin region



# Our Solution – DeliveREE



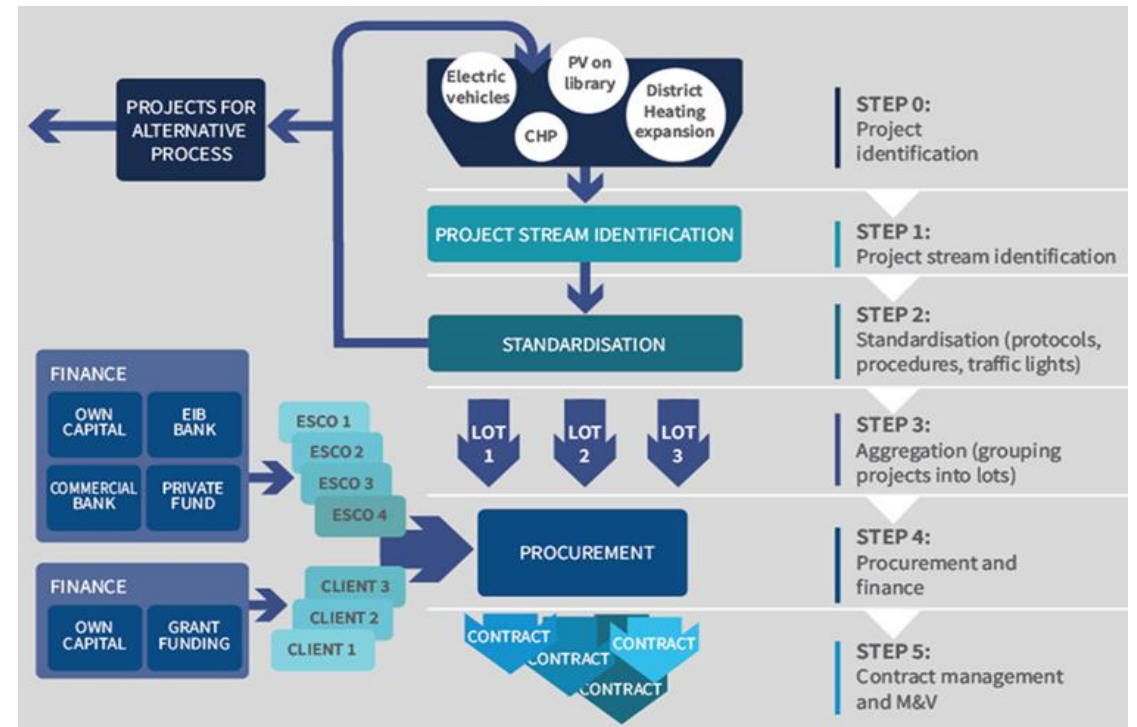
1. Create a Project Implementation Unit and scalable delivery model that can be replicated across Ireland and Europe **(WP3)**
2. Deliver 9 signed Energy Performance Contracts **(WP4)**





# Our Solution – DeliveREE

- Systematic approach to building retrofits
- ‘One stop shop’ Project Implementation Unit
- Standardises project development
- Aggregates Projects (holistic building decarbonization)
- Only uses Energy Performance Contracts
- Facilitates Private Finance





# DeliveREE – The Aim

## Initial Project Pipeline:

1. We identified pipeline of **19 projects**.
2. Included **140 Local Authority buildings**
3. Estimates CAPEX - **€20.4m**
4. Estimates savings – **29%** (3,977 tCO2)
5. **Funding** structure: 10-20% project owner, 40-50% grant and 40-50% private financing

Location (area, town...)	Type of investment[1]	Description of the investment	Quantification (Buildings)	Current energy consumption	Energy savings [%]	Renewable energy production	Energy investment costs
DCC	Building Energy Efficiency	1 building for new CHP and LED lighting - Civic Office	1	10,620,528	22%	-	1720,540
DCC	Building Energy Efficiency	2 Leinster Centre for energy efficiency measure	1	4,320,476	26%	-	1217,450
DCC	Building Energy Efficiency	30 buildings for energy efficiency measure (LED, HP, PV)	30	6,446,617	26%	-	11,620,000
DCC	Building Energy Efficiency	15 buildings for energy efficiency measure	15	5,290,166	25%	-	1500,246
DCC	Building Energy Efficiency	2 swimming pool for Energy Efficient measure - Sean McDermott and	2	2,782,787	25%	-	1245,794
DLR	Building Energy Efficiency	4 buildings for energy efficiency measure - County Hall, Public Works, Harbour Square and	4	7,000,000	40%	-	11,025,162
DLR	Building Energy Efficiency	2 Leinster Centre for Energy Efficient refurbishment - Meathdown, Leinster House and	2	6,896,140	26%	-	1400,000
DLR	Building Energy Efficiency	50 buildings for energy efficiency measure (LED, HP, PV)	50	9,704,711	16%	-	12,024,211
FCC	Building Energy Efficiency	3 buildings for energy efficiency measure - Suard County Hall, Drinagh Library Building, Grove Road	3	6,245,421	26%	-	11,714,576
FCC	Building Energy Efficiency	15 buildings for energy efficiency measure (LED, HP, PV)	15	4,076,240	26%	-	1750,000
FCC	Building Energy Efficiency	6 Heritage building for energy efficient refurbishment	6	2,006,262	12%	-	1400,116
FCC	Electrical Public Charging	EV charging hubs installed at 2 of the depots in Fingal (2 on R604/DG fast chargers and 1 on 220V AC chargers)	2	-	-	-	1100,000
SDCC	Building Energy Efficiency	2 Leinster Centre for Energy Efficient refurbishment - Clonsilla and	2	6,896,025	26%	-	1405,000
SDCC	Building Energy Efficiency	2 community building for energy efficiency measure including a theatre and	2	074,008	25%	-	104,201
SDCC	Building Energy Efficiency	2 Office building for energy efficiency measure including County Hall and Clonsilla office	2	5,667,681	15%	-	1701,225
SDCC	Building Energy Efficiency	15 buildings for energy efficiency measure (LED, HP, PV)	15	2,144,242	26%	-	1220,000
SDCC	Renewable Energy	50 kW solar panel on roof renewable energy project - 75 kW solar panel project to cover the 3 on the roof of the building	1	1,405,000	10%	-	105,000
SDCC	Renewable Energy	20 kW solar panel on roof - 5 kW commercial PV farm, developed as a Community-led	0	-	-	4,400	16,000,000
SDCC	Electrical Public Charging	EV charging hubs installed at 2 of the depots	1	-	-	-	1100,000
SDCC	District Heating	SDCC's intention to connect Civic Theatre and FPM Group to DH system	2	466,000	72%	-	1405,271
<b>Total/Average</b>			<b>146</b>	<b>105,510,000</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>110,500,242</b>

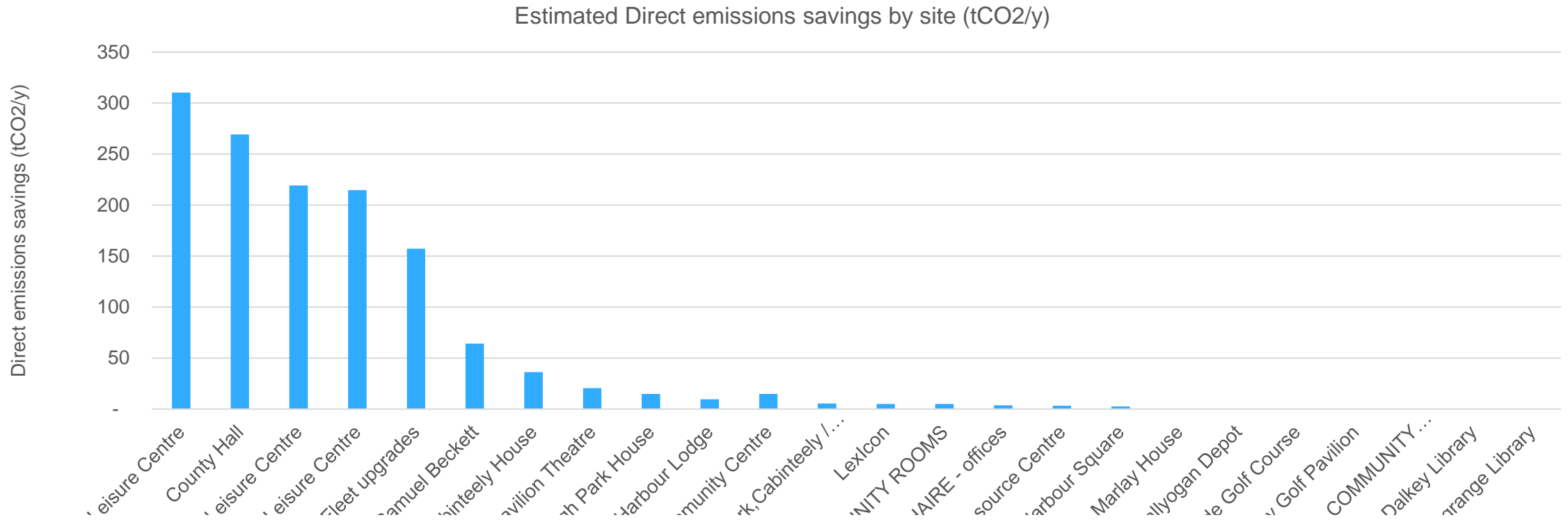


# DeliveREE – Where we are Today!

- When we prepared the proposal, our thinking was:
  - **energy efficiency** and decarbonization by association
- Today, the approach is:
  - **decarbonization** and energy efficiency by association
- The **consequence** is we **sacrifice cost savings**



# Learning 1: Redefine The Project Pipeline

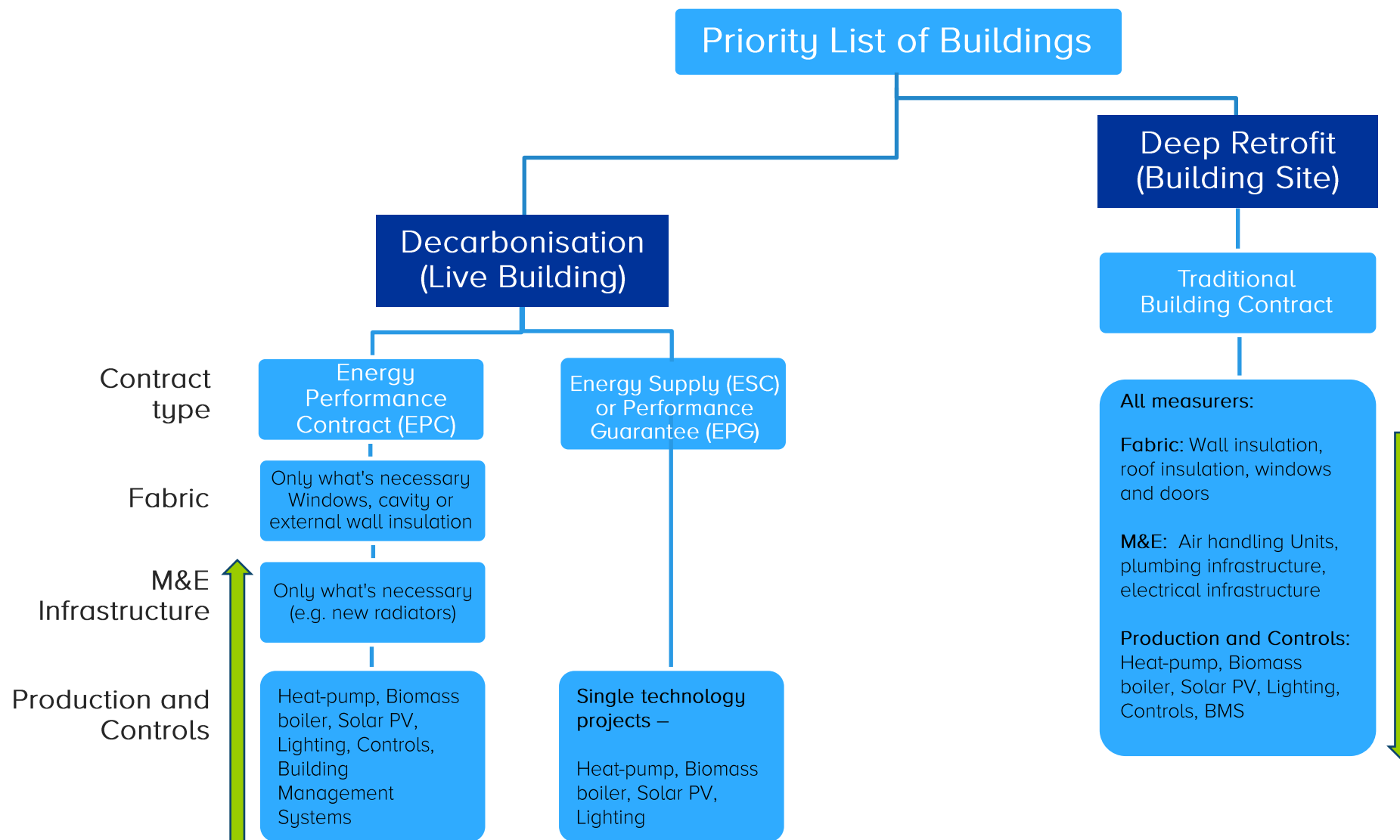


- This reshaped our pipeline from 140 buildings to **approximately 40**
- But **deeper measures** with the aim of **full decarbonization**





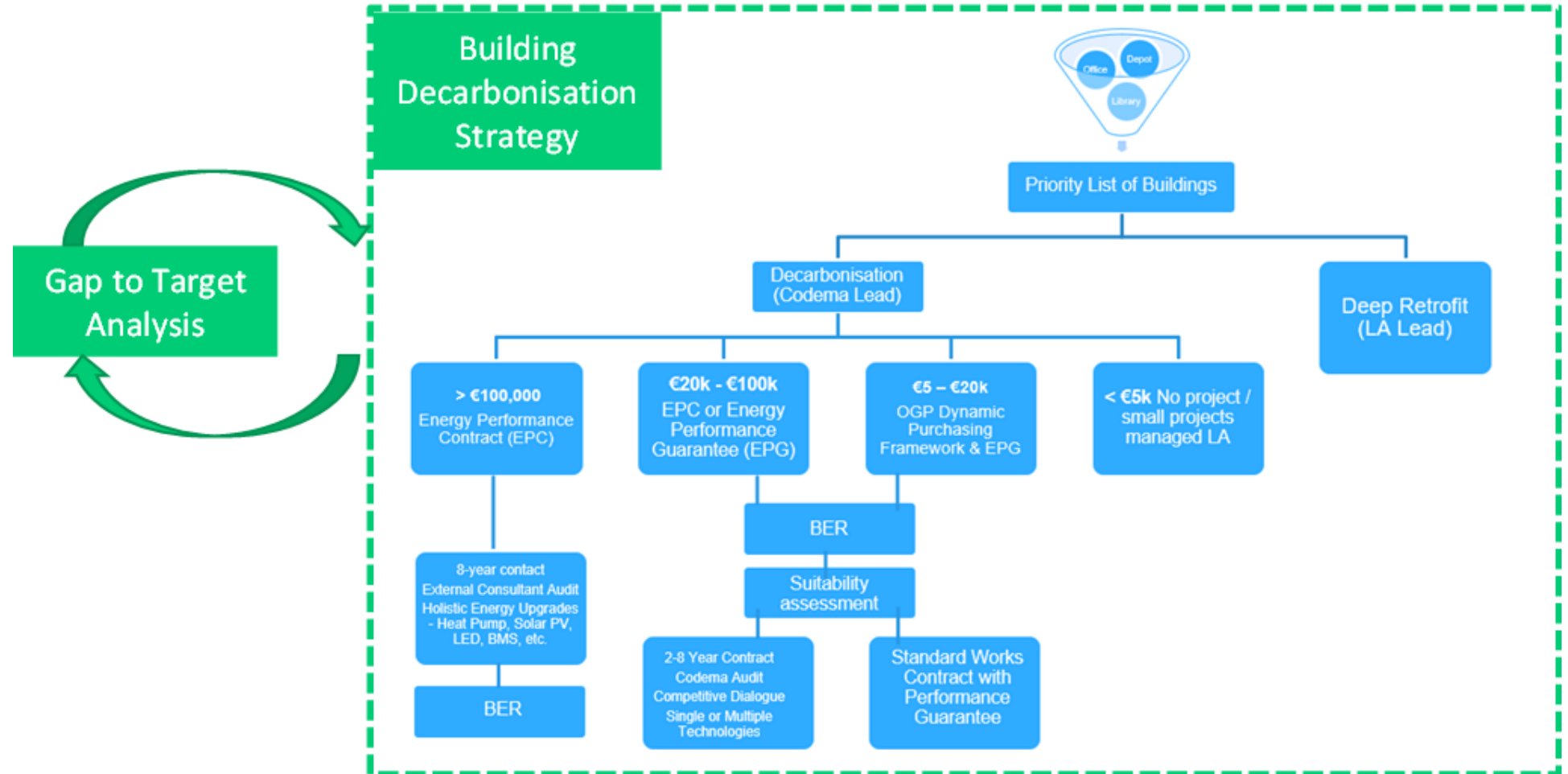
# Learning 2: Communication – Decarbonization Or Deep Retrofit





# Learning 3: Project Bundling

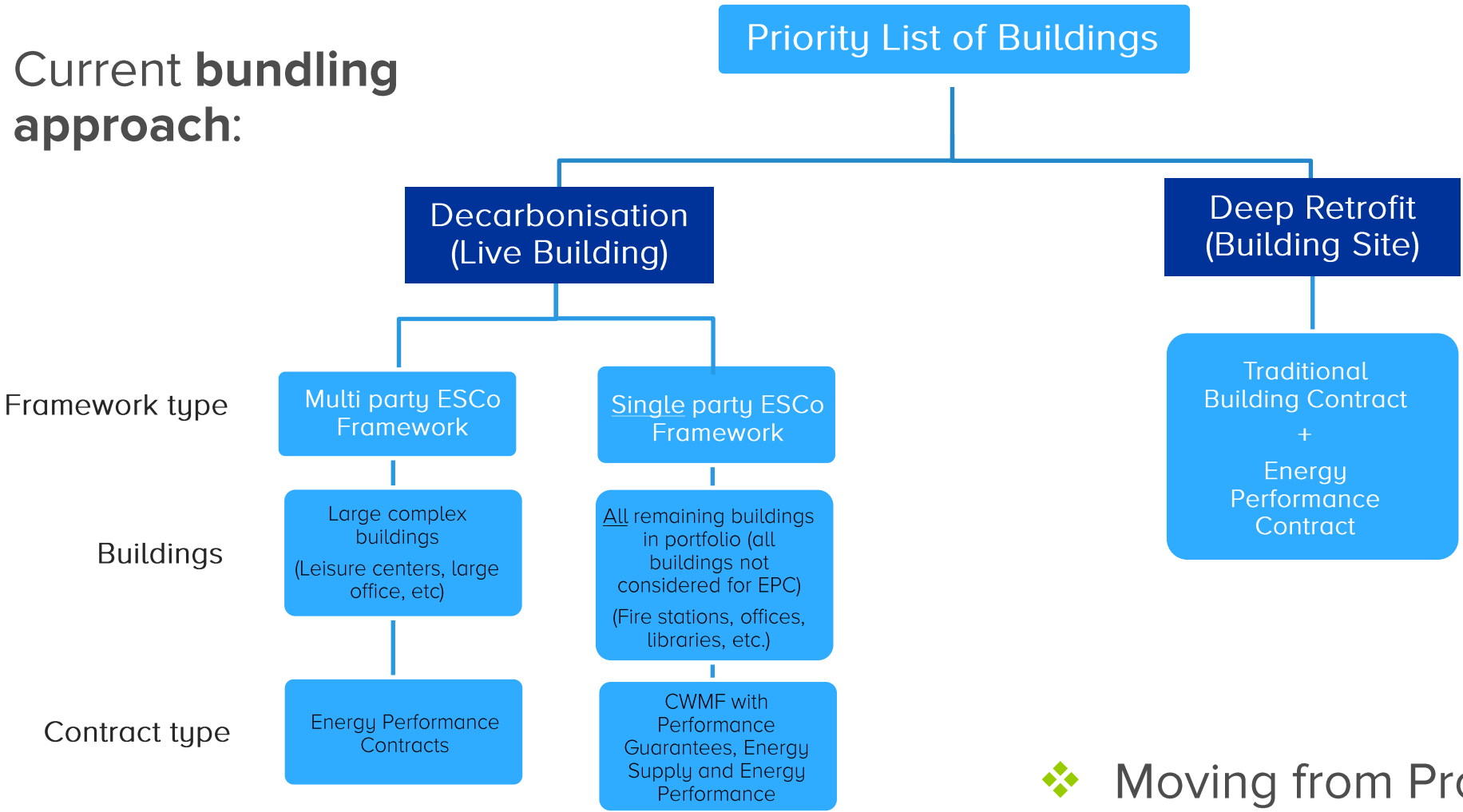
- This is where we started:





# Learning 3: Project Bundling

➤ **Current bundling approach:**



**Moving from Projects to a Programme of Works**



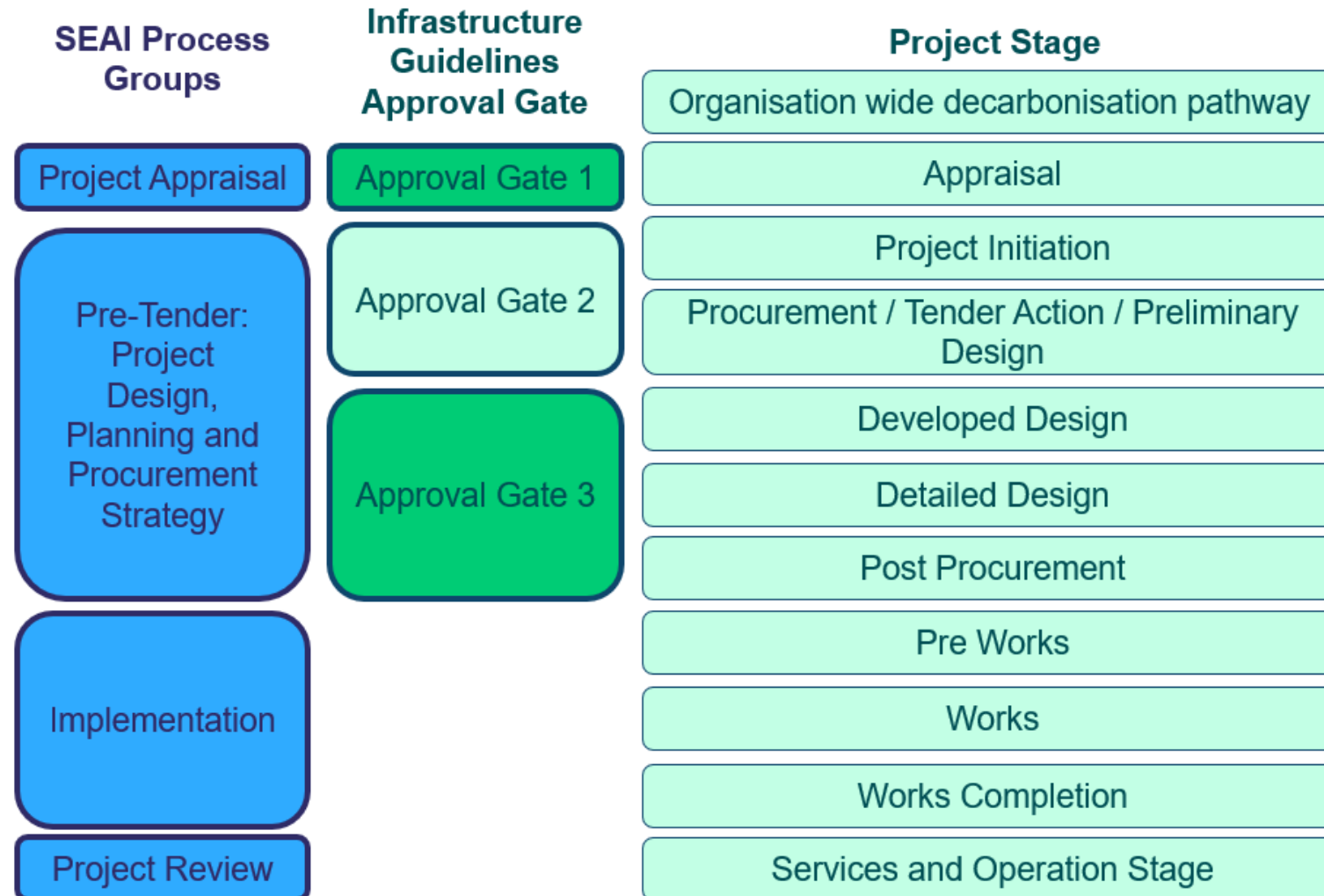
# Learning 4: Procurement – Presenting Projects to the Market

- We **assumed we could repeat** what we had done before – **first competition** tendered under DeliveREE **collapsed**, why?
- Shift in focus from Energy Efficiency to **Decarbonization means:**
  - Higher project **capital cost** (heat pumps)
  - Higher project **risk** (technical and financial)
  - This results in a higher **bid cost** for the ESCo (design costs)
  - ESCOs **not willing** to take on this cost risk





# DeliveREE – Project Development Matrix





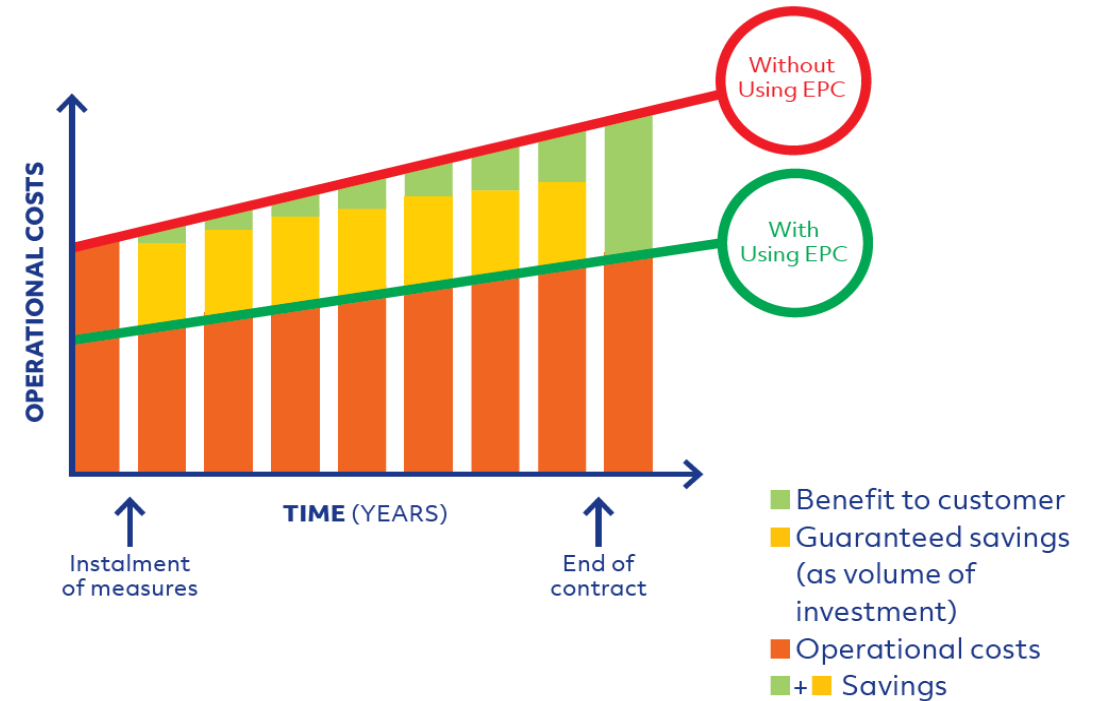
# New procurement strategy (to reduce ESCo bid cost):

- 1. Pre-Qualification** (short list to 3)
- 2. Invitation to Competitive Dialogue** – the 3 shortlisted contractors - Outline Solutions Report.
- 3. Invitation to Tender** - Based on the outcome of the dialogue phase:
  - the client issues their final set of output requirements for the project
  - the contractors bid based on their audit and proposed solutions.
  - No detailed design has been completed at this stage – Preliminary Design
- 4. Selection of Preferred Bidder**
- 5. Contract Award**
  - Contract has three phased:
    1. Detailed design (PDA)
    2. Works
    3. Services
  - final costs cannot be greater than the tendered costs
  - Costs expected to reduce as risk margin is designed out
  - Open book design process reviewed by client QS and Technical Advisor.
  - Contract can end at the end of the design phase



# The Most Common Question?

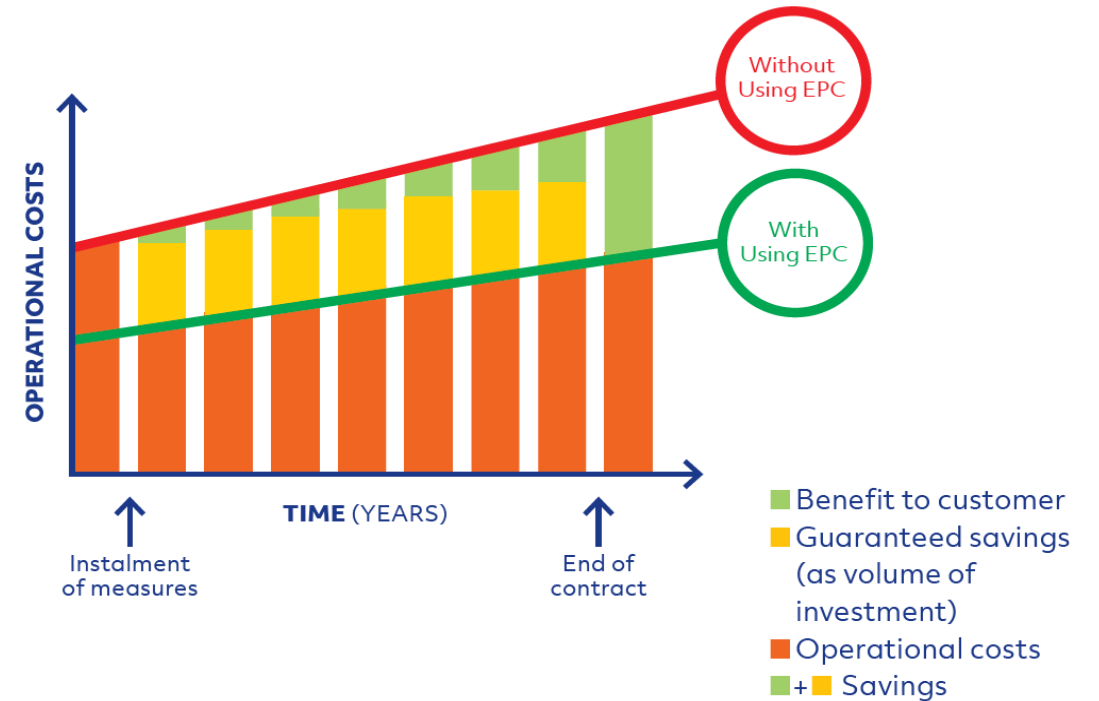
## Why use Energy Performance Contracting?





# WHAT EXACTLY IS EPC?

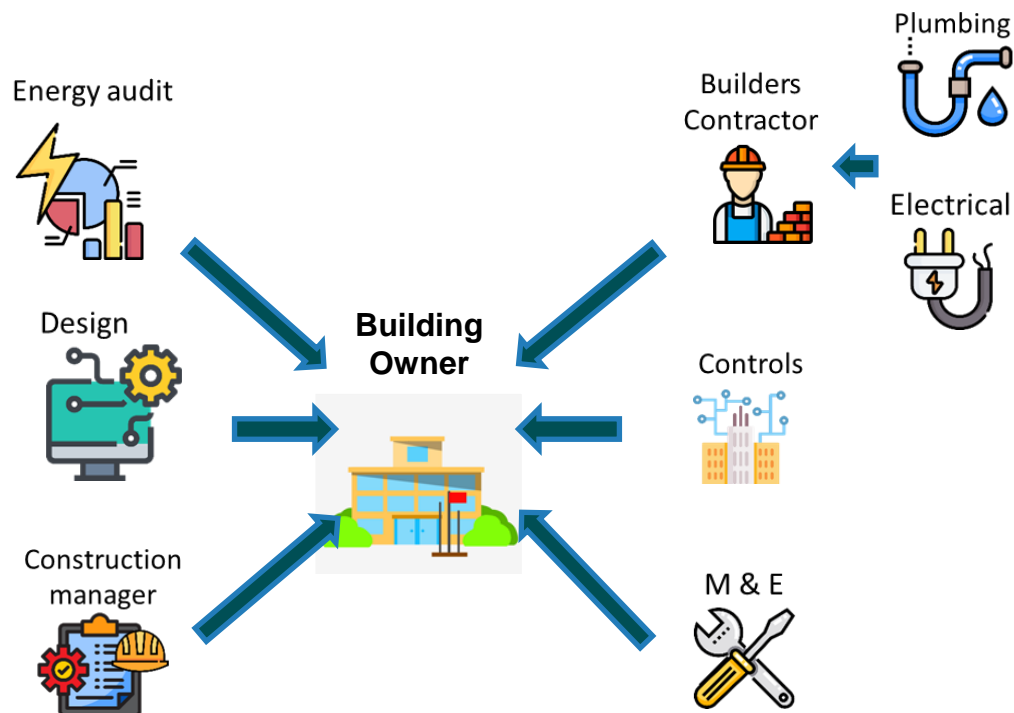
Energy Performance Contracting is the provision of energy services with a guaranteed outcome







# TRADITIONAL CONTRACTING



## Pros

- Approach **every** knows well
- Building Owner is in **full control**, everyone answer to them

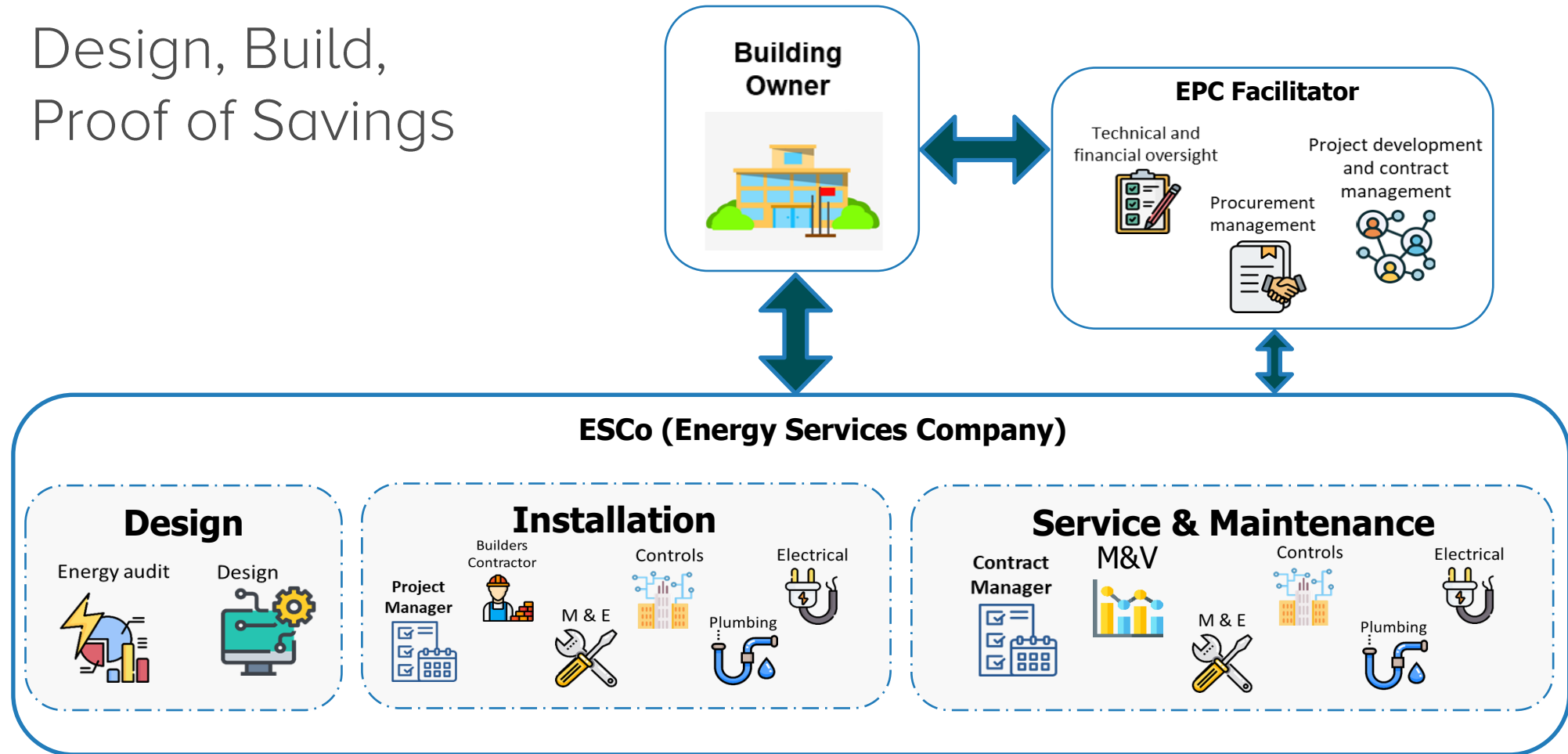
## Cons

- Building Owner takes **all Risks**
  - Increased cost of works
  - Operational **performance** cost
  - **System integration** (old and new)
- **Inefficient** - does not consider the efficiency of the overall building energy system



# ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING

- Design, Build, Proof of Savings



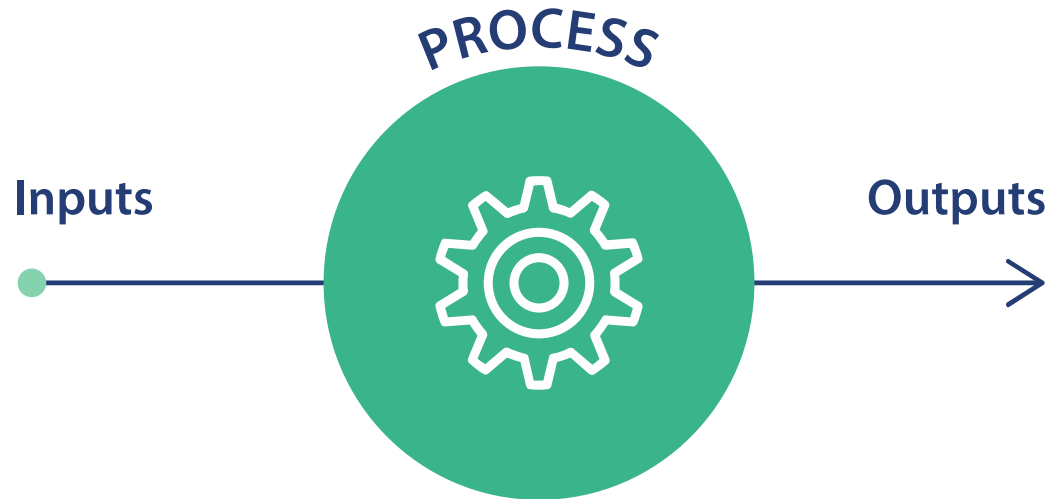


# WHY USE EnPC?

## Buy the outputs not the inputs

### Inputs:

- PV Panels
- LED Lighting
- Heat Pumps
- Biomass Boilers
- CHP
- BMS
- AHU
- Insulation
- Gas Boilers
- Windows
- Fuel Cells
- .....



### Outputs:

- Low carbon
- Comfortable
- Safe
- Cost efficient
- Energy efficient



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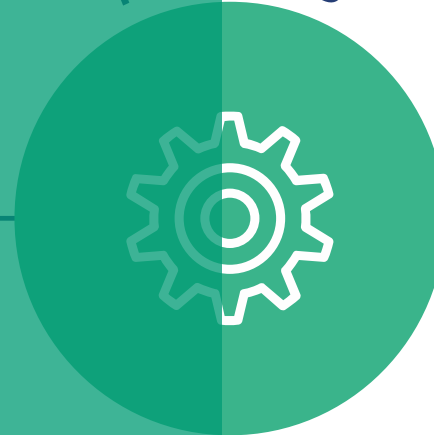
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**Traditional Contract Works Only**

Inputs

PROCESS



Outputs

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**Payment  
&  
Profit**



# WHY OUTPUTS?.....PERFORMANCE GAP



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/low-carbon-buildings-best-practices-and-what-to-avoid>

- Building Performance Evaluation Programme over five years
- 50 low energy design buildings funded by Innovate UK
- Performance **gap** averaging 3.5



# PERFORMANCE GAP

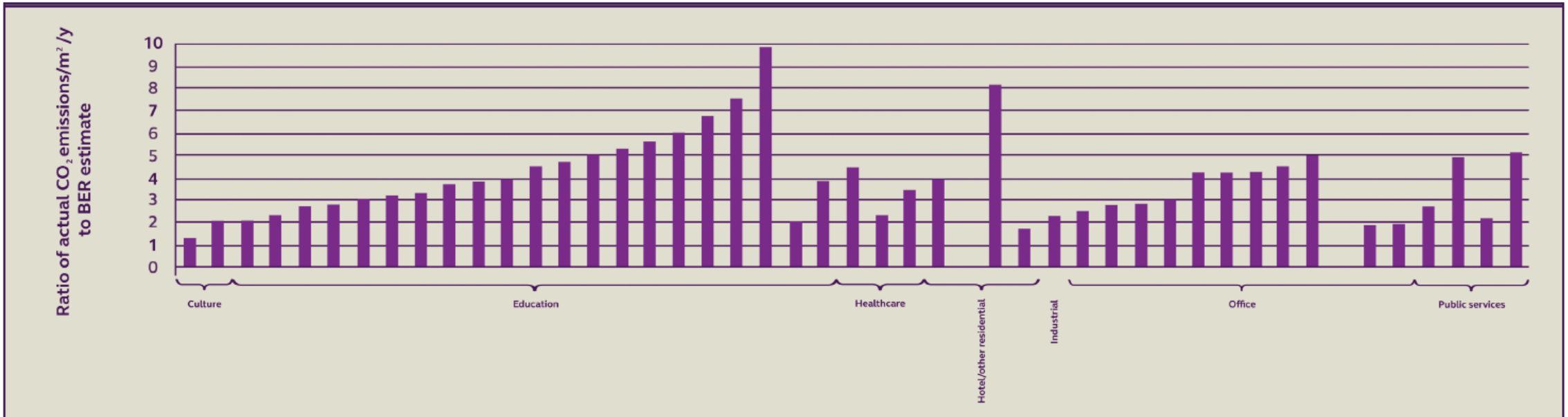


Fig. 2: Actual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are almost always higher than the BER predicts (Carbon Factors: Electric 0.55kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, Gas 0.194kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, Oil 0.265kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, District heating 0.265kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, Biomass 0.025kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, from BRUKL). NB: Zero-rated buildings against one hotel and one office project are projects with CO<sub>2</sub> data but no BER.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/low-carbon-buildings-best-practices-and-what-to-avoid>



# EPC – PATHWAY TO ZERO CARBON

Performance Contracts (EPC, ESC and Performance Guarantees):

- Provides the contract structure for a planned, phased decarbonization of our buildings
- This allows for the **phasing out of existing assets** (boilers, CHPs, etc.) that may be relatively recent installations and have a structured plan for replacement
- EPC contractor (or ESCo) can prepare **an implementation plan** with the building owner so that a structured investment plan put in place
- Reduces decision-making uncertainty and complexity for Building Owner
- A Decarbonization Partnership

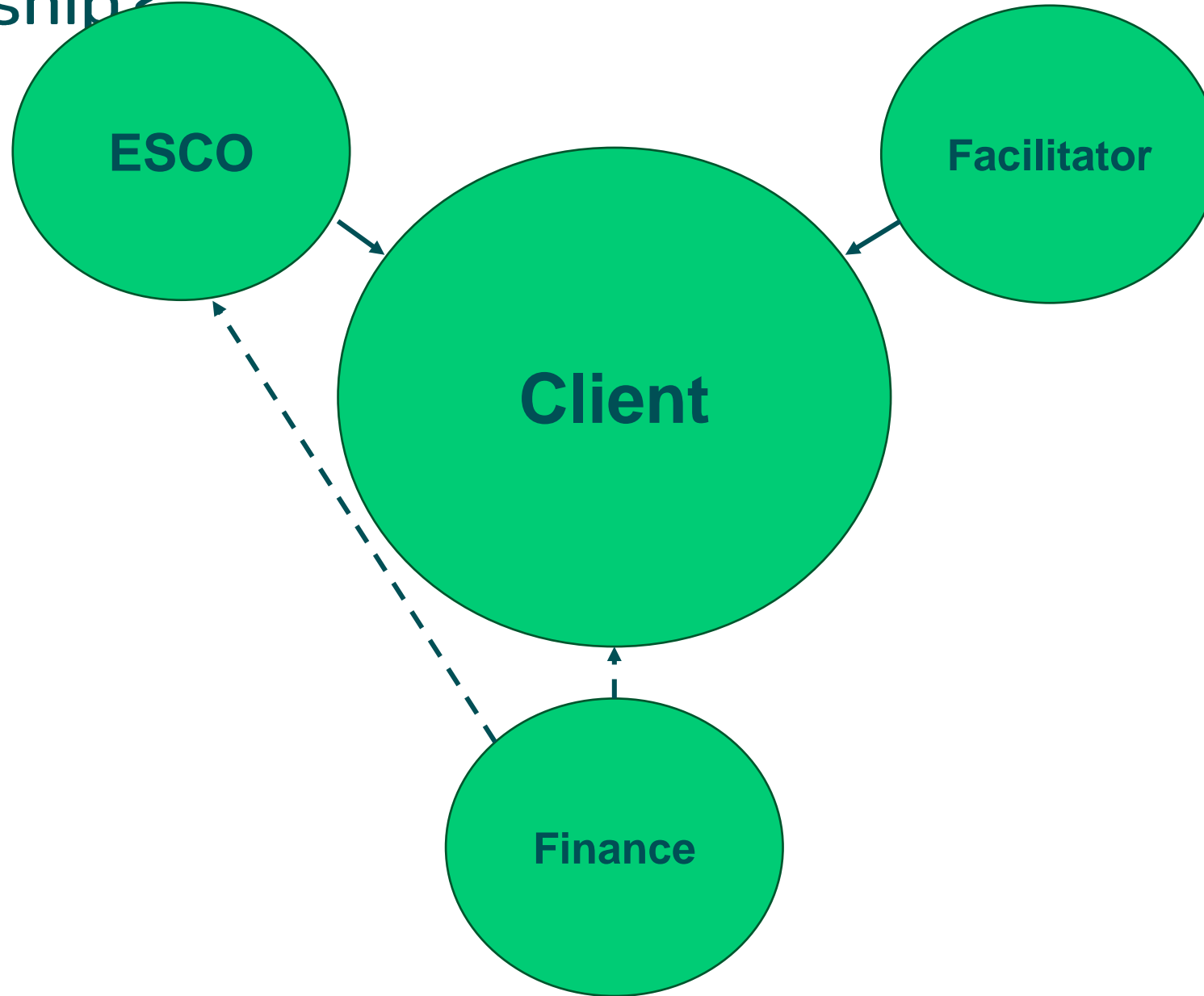


# How to develop a Decarbonisation Partnership





# Why consider a Decarbonisation Partnership?





# Why consider a Decarbonisation Partnership?

- DeliveREE project facilitates Decarbonisation Partnerships through the Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
- PIU uses a structured, standardised Project Development Process



- **Quality control**
- **Best practice project development methods**
- **Consistent product to market**





# How do I procure a Decarbonisation Partnership?

- Decarbonisation Partnerships use performance contracting to deliver energy upgrades

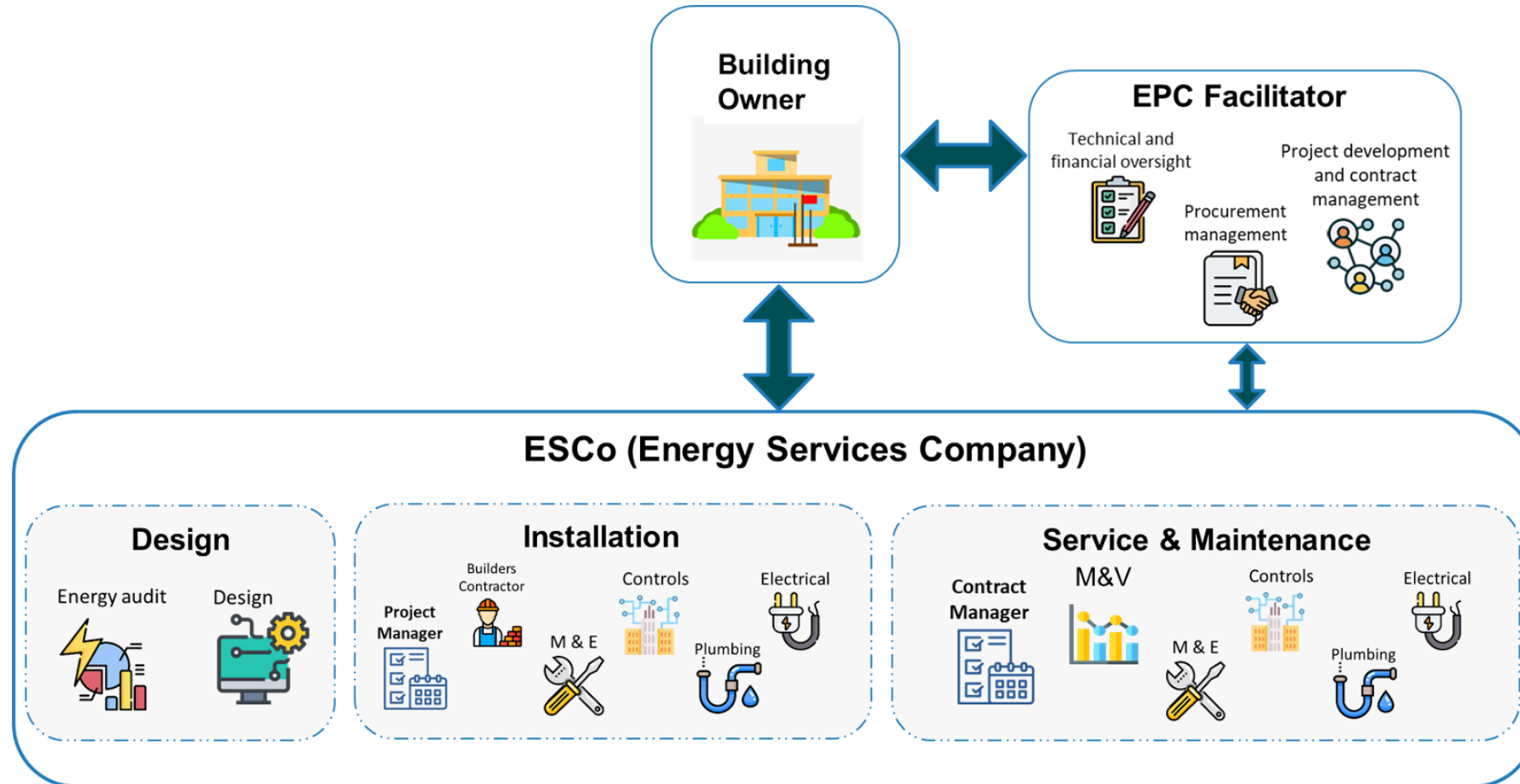


- **Energy Performance Contracts**
- **Energy Guarantees**
- **Energy Supply Contracts**



# Who is involved the Decarbonisation Partnership?

- **Energy Services Companies (ESCOs)**





# What type of upgrades are involved?

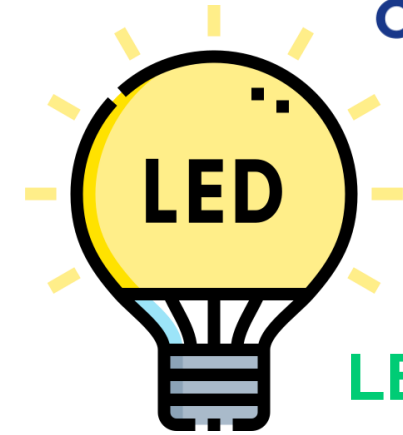
## Active Energy Measures



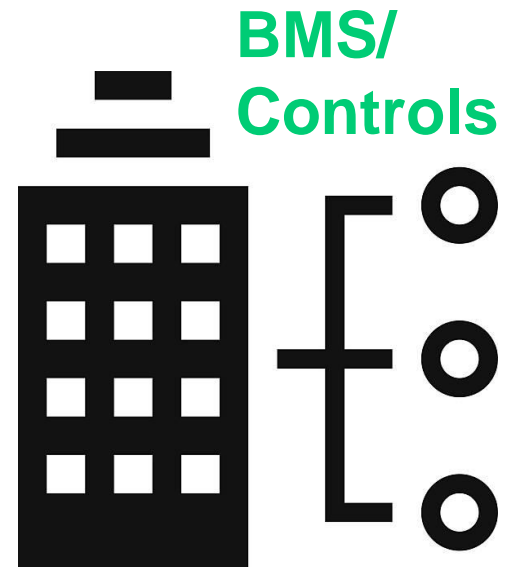
Solar PV



Heat  
Pumps



LEDs



BMS/  
Controls



# What are the benefits of a Decarbonisation Partnership?

<b>BAU</b>	<b>Decarbonisation Partnership</b>
Small, low value, single technology projects	Holistic building decarbonisation & contracted pathway to net zero-renovation roadmap for building
Poor results (no measurement and verification)	Measurement and Verification guarantees results
Technical risk (performance of measures) taken on by client organisation	Risk of performance of measures taken on by the technical expert (ESCO)
Building owner must manage multiple contractors	One face to client
Difficult to finance	Can bring in third party financing through ESCO

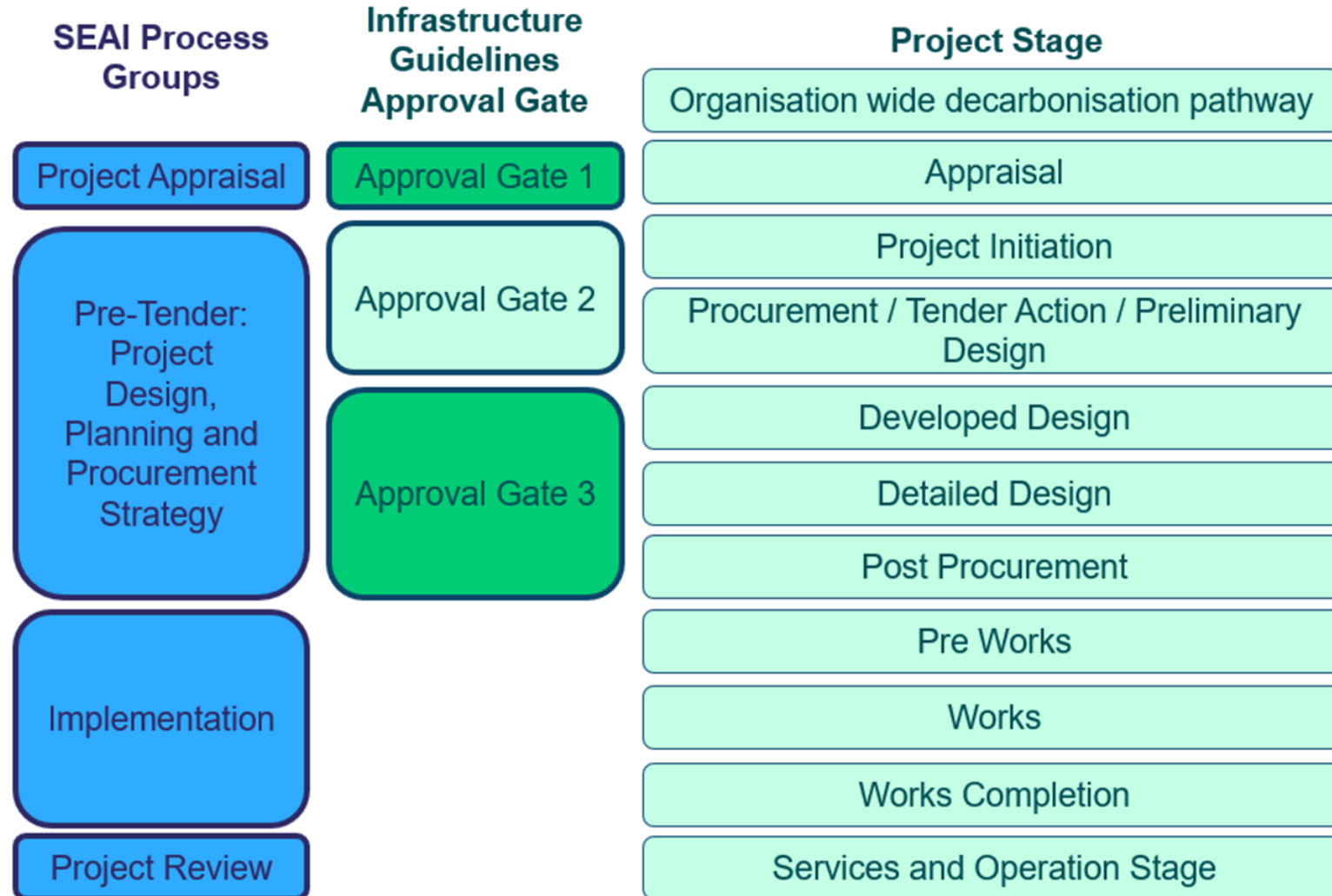


# How do Decarbonisation Partnerships fit into existing systems?

- Architect led design teams
- Fabric first approach
- Existing contractors and facilities management
- Energy Management Systems (eg. ISO50001)
- EEOS Credits
- Climate targets
- Pathfinder Funding
- Infrastructure Guidelines

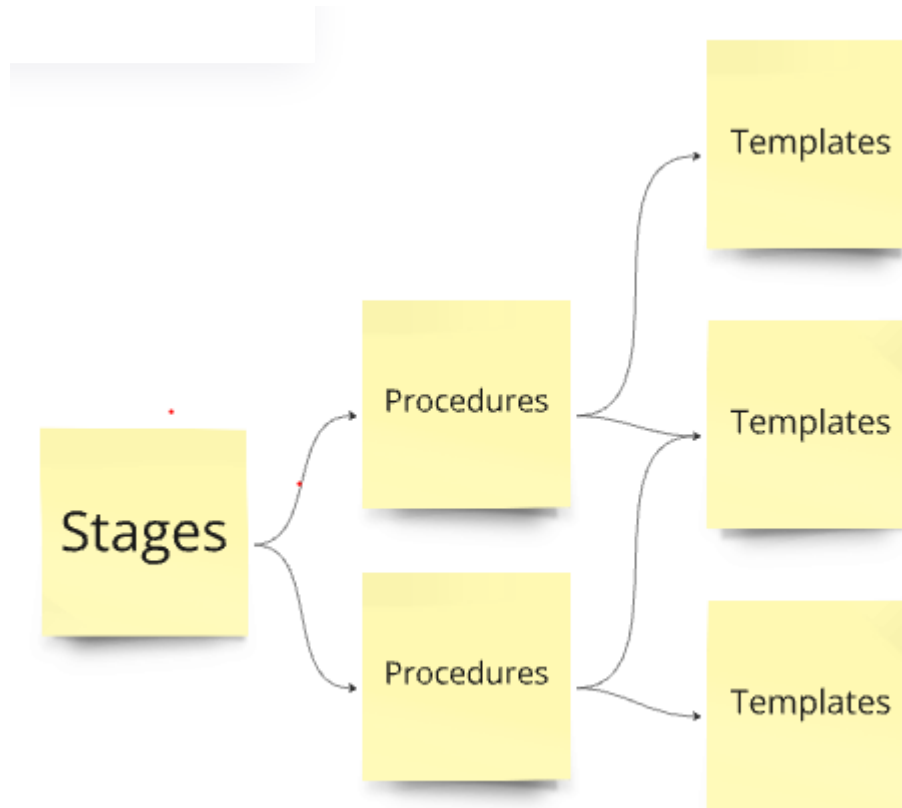


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Governance	Project Stage	Deliverable	Process	Programme/Project Level	Required in non-pathfinder projects	Pathfinder Requirement	Template/Guidelines	Output(s)	Deliverable PIU	DCC	Other Leads	SEAI	Pathfinder Steering Group	Client
Infrastructure Guidelines	Appraisal	Terms of Reference	02C	Programme	Y	Required		Steering Group Terms of Reference	Lead					Oversight/Approval
		Pre Works BER Assessment	02D	Project	Y	Recommended	BER guidelines, RFT Template	BER Certificate	Lead					Oversight/Approval
		Decarbonisation Assessment Report	02E	Project	Y	Recommended	Deliverable Decarbonisation Assessment Report	Decarbonisation Assessment Report	Support			Oversight	Oversight	Lead
		Preliminary Business Case	02F	Programme	N	Required	Deliverable template based on SEAI Project Selection Matrix	Preliminary Business Case	Lead			Oversight		Oversight/Approval
		Project Selection Matrix	02G	Programme/ Project	N	Required	SEAI Project Selection Matrix	Project Selection Matrix Excel	Support			Oversight		Lead (Legal department)
		State Aid Assessment	02H	Programme	N	Required	SEAI State Aid Assessment	State Aid Assessment	Oversight			Lead	Approval	Oversight
Capital Works Management Framework	Project Initiation	Project Selection Report (AG1)	02I	Programme	N	Required	SEAI Template	Project Selection Report						
		M&V Gap Analysis and Baseline Creation	03A	Project	Y	Audit only	N/A	Submeter data	Lead					Support
		Project Execution Plan (Preliminary)	03B	Project	Y	Submission	Infrastructure guidelines, CWMF	Project Execution Plan Report	Lead					Oversight
		Stakeholder Engagement, Team establishment and	03C	Project	Y	Audit only	N/A		Support					Lead/Approval
		Technical Advisory and QS Team Procurement	03D	Project	Y	Not required	PIU Template based on SEAI	Tender Brief for Technical Advisory	Lead					Oversight/Support
		Market Engagement	03E	Programme/ Project	Y	Not required	N/A		Lead					Oversight/Support
	Procurement/Tender Action/Preliminary Design	Surveys	03F	Project	Y	Audit only	Asbestos ( Safety, Health	Survey Reports	Support					Lead
		Prequalification Questionnaire	04A	Project	Y	Audit only	SEAI NESF Template	Published Prequalification Questionnaire	Lead					Oversight/Support/Approval
		Technical File	04B	Project	Y	Audit only	PIU Template	Technical File	Lead					Support
		Draft Client Requirements or Works specification	04C	Project	Y	Audit only		Client Requirements Document	Lead					Oversight/Support/Approval
		Invitation to Participate in Competitive Dialogue	04D	Project	Y	Audit only	SEAI NESF Template	Published Invitation to Participate	Lead					Oversight/Support/Approval
		Outline Solutions Report/Concept design	04E	Project	Y	Audit only	RIBA Plan of Work	Outline Business Case Report	Support					Support
		Invitation to tender	04F	Project	Y	Audit only	SEAI NESF Template	Published Invitation to Tender	Lead					Oversight/Support/Approval
		Tender Evaluation Report	04G	Project	Y	Submission	Infrastructure Guidelines, CWMF		Support				Approval	Oversight
	Developed Design	Project Selection Report EPC (AG2)	04H	Programme/ Project	N	Submission	SEAI Template		Support			Lead	Approval	Oversight
		Contract Award	04I	Project	Y	Submission	SEAI NESF Template	Signed Energy Performance Certificate	Lead					Approval
		M&V Plan	05A	Project	Y	Submission	ITPCD requirements, IPM	M&V Plan (schedule to contract)	Oversight					Approval
		Developed Design Report	05B	Project	Y	Audit only	RIBA Plan of Work/CWMF	Design Reports: Concept Design	Support					Support
	Detailed design	Challenge and Analyse (1)	05C	Project	Y	Audit only	EXEED Challenge and Analyse	Challenge and Analyse Report	Support					Support
		Detailed Design Report	06A	Project	Y	Audit only	RIBA Plan of Work/CWMF	Design Reports: Concept Design	Support					Support
		Challenge and Analyse (2)	06B	Project	Y	Audit only	EXEED Challenge and Analyse	Challenge and Analyse Report	Support					Support
	Post Procurement	Final Business Case	07A	Programme	Y	Submission	Infrastructure Guidelines, CWMF		Support					Lead
		Project Selection Report (AG3)	07B	Programme/ Project	N	Submission	Infrastructure Guidelines		Oversight			Lead	Approval	Oversight
		Funding Drawdown Request (First Payment)	07C	Programme/ Project	N	Submission		Funding drawdown request, set	Support			Approval		Lead



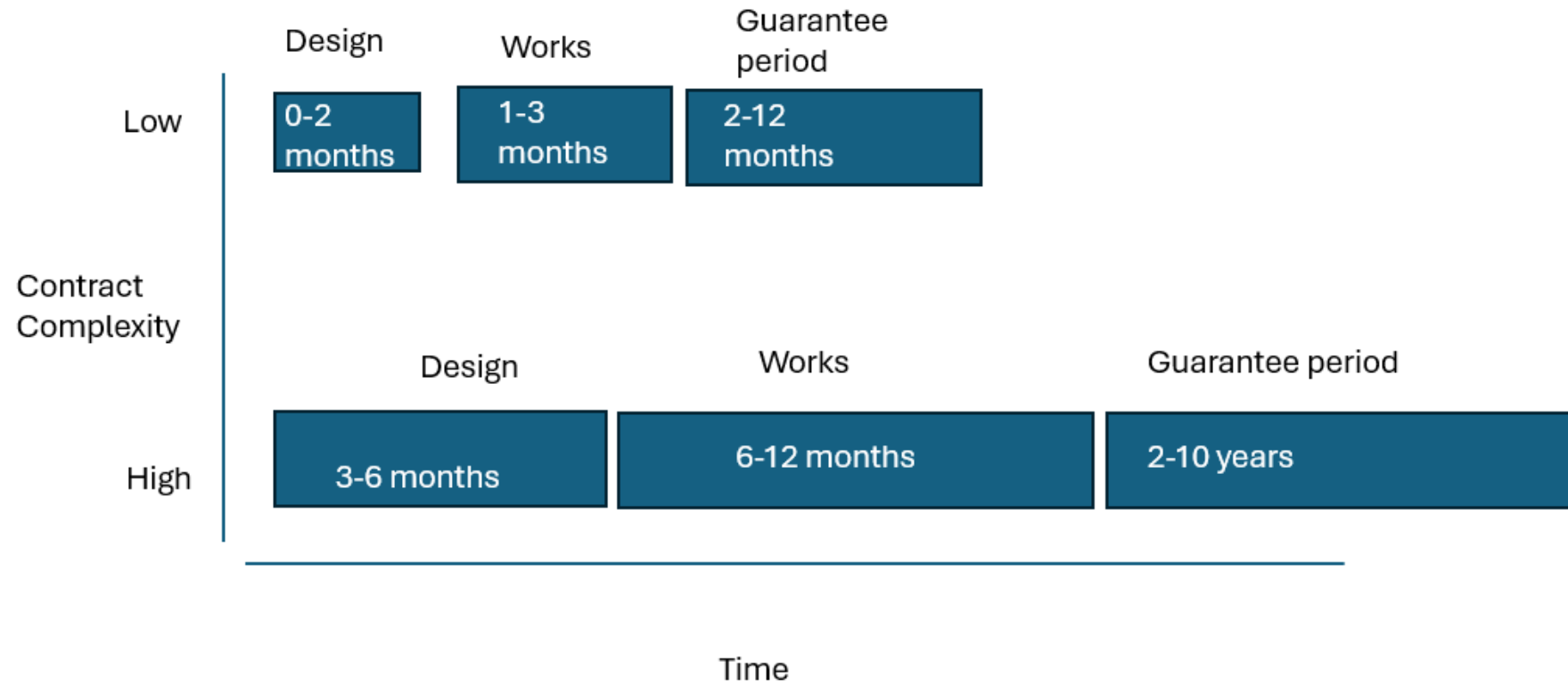


# Who develops the projects?

- **Facilitator**
  - bridge and balance the different stakeholder interests
  - manages the project development process
  - unique expertise and skills
  - independent third party

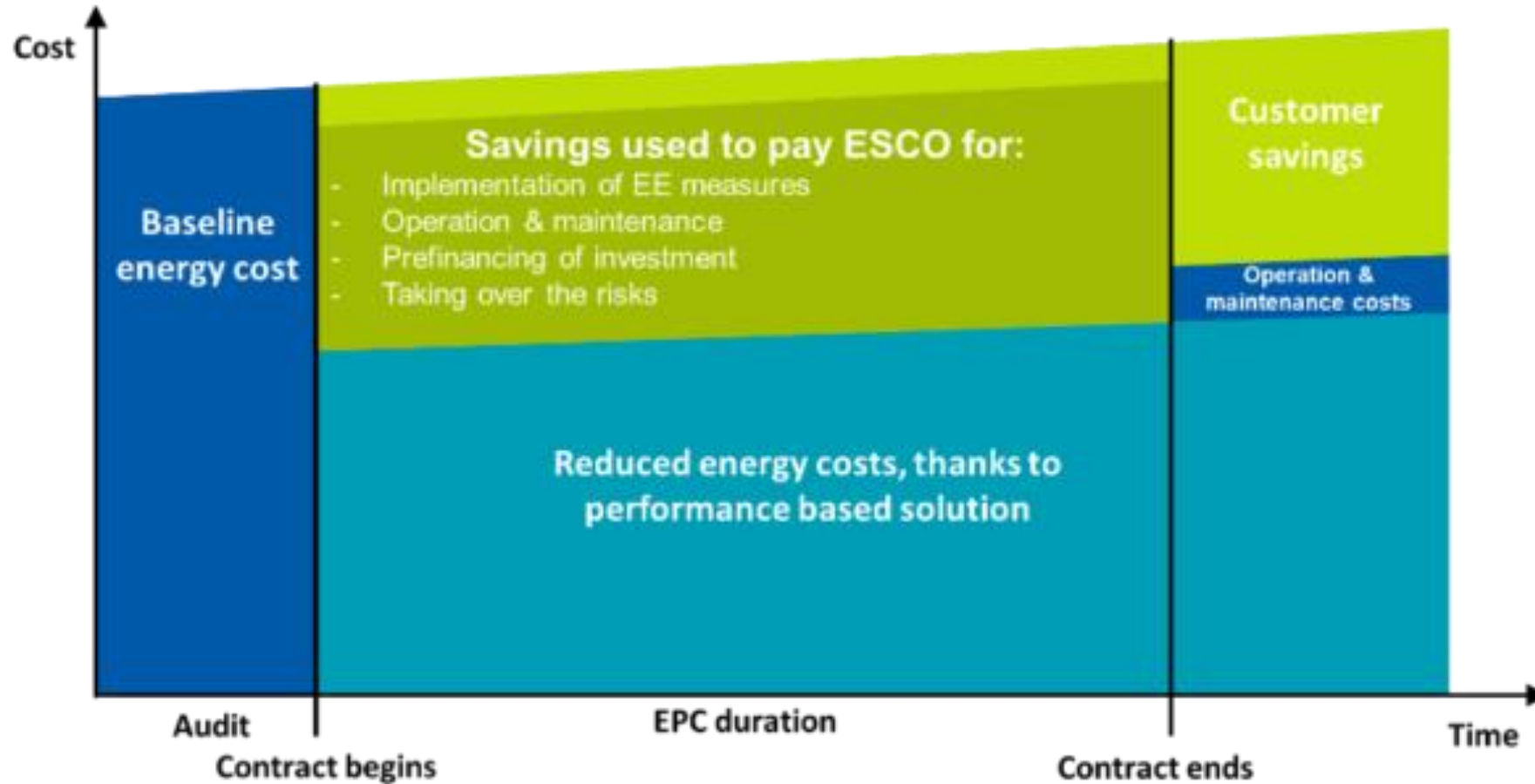


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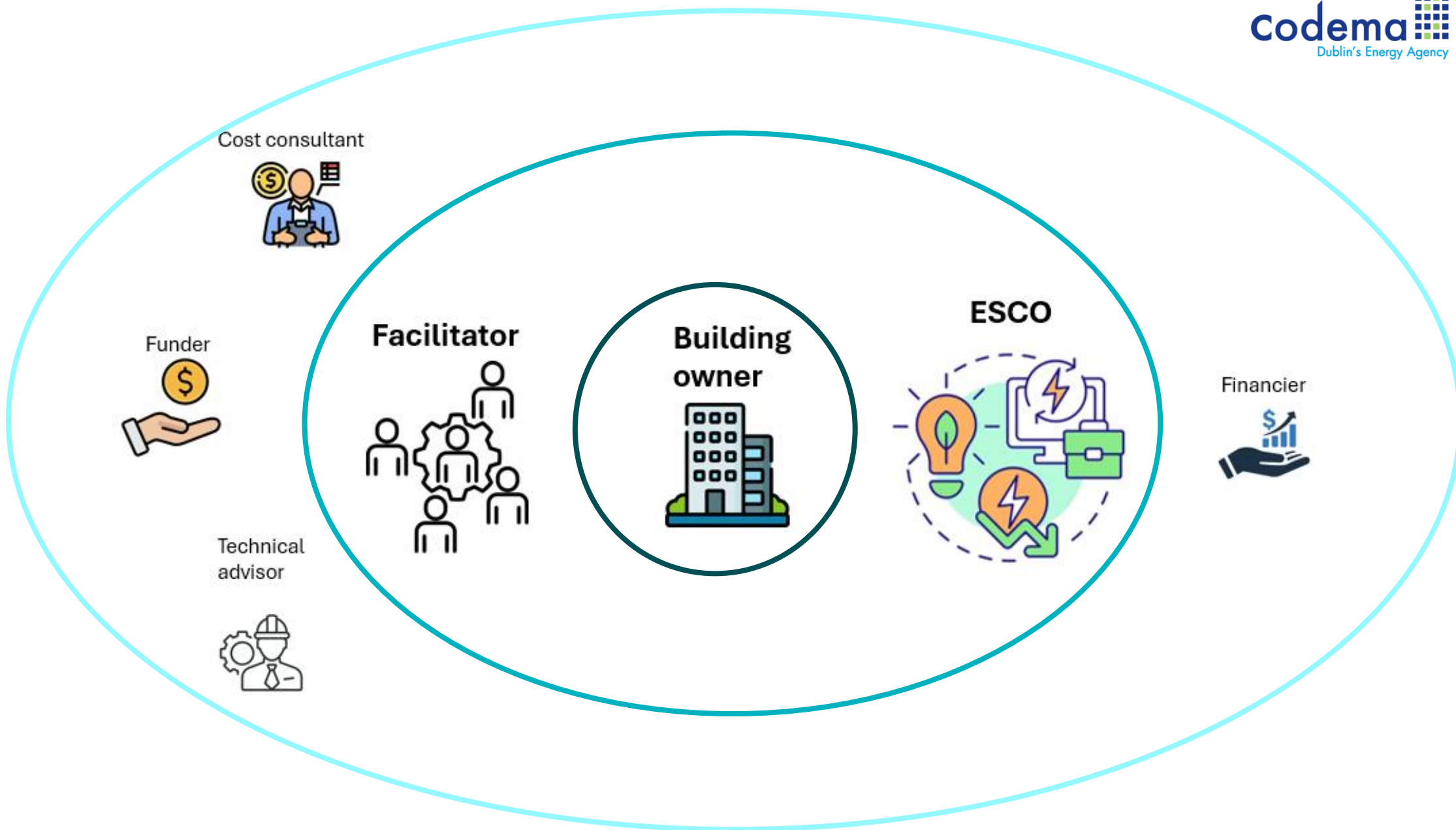


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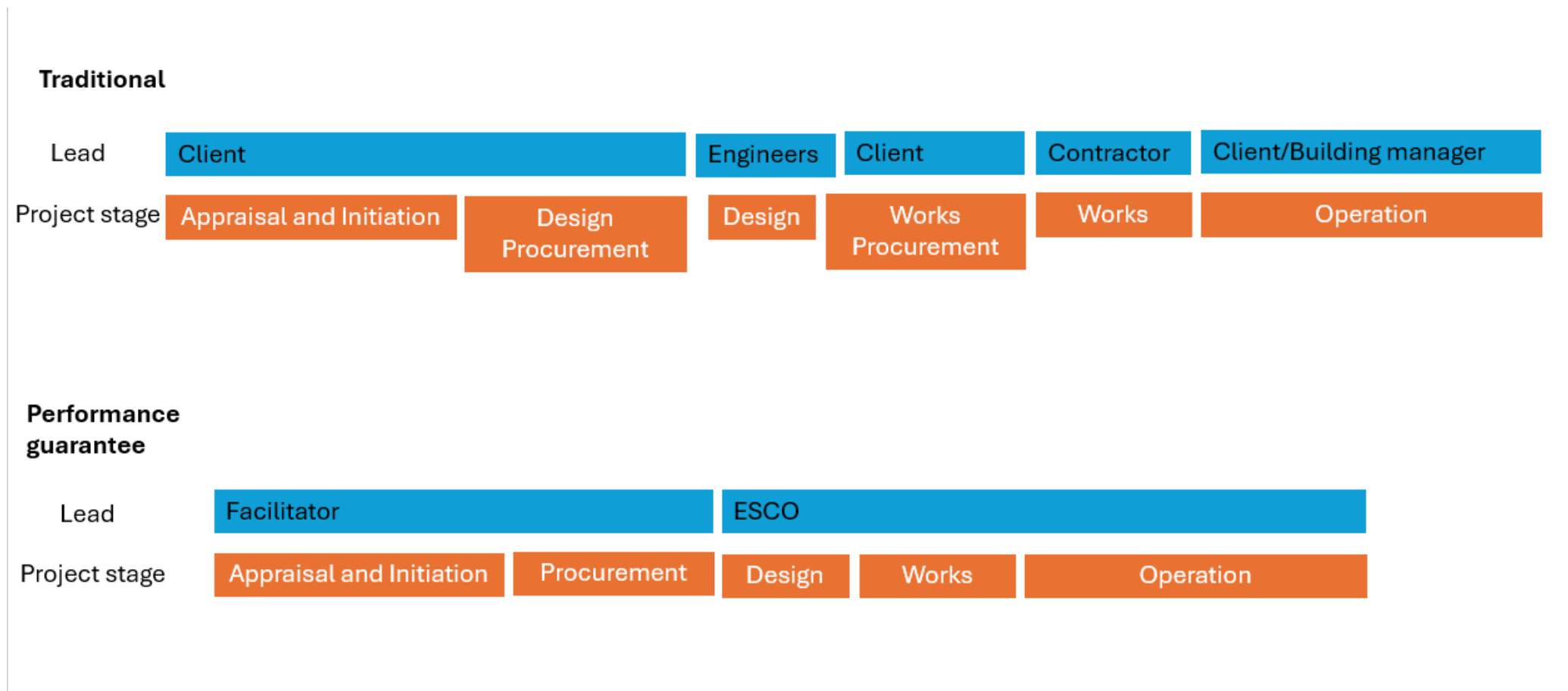


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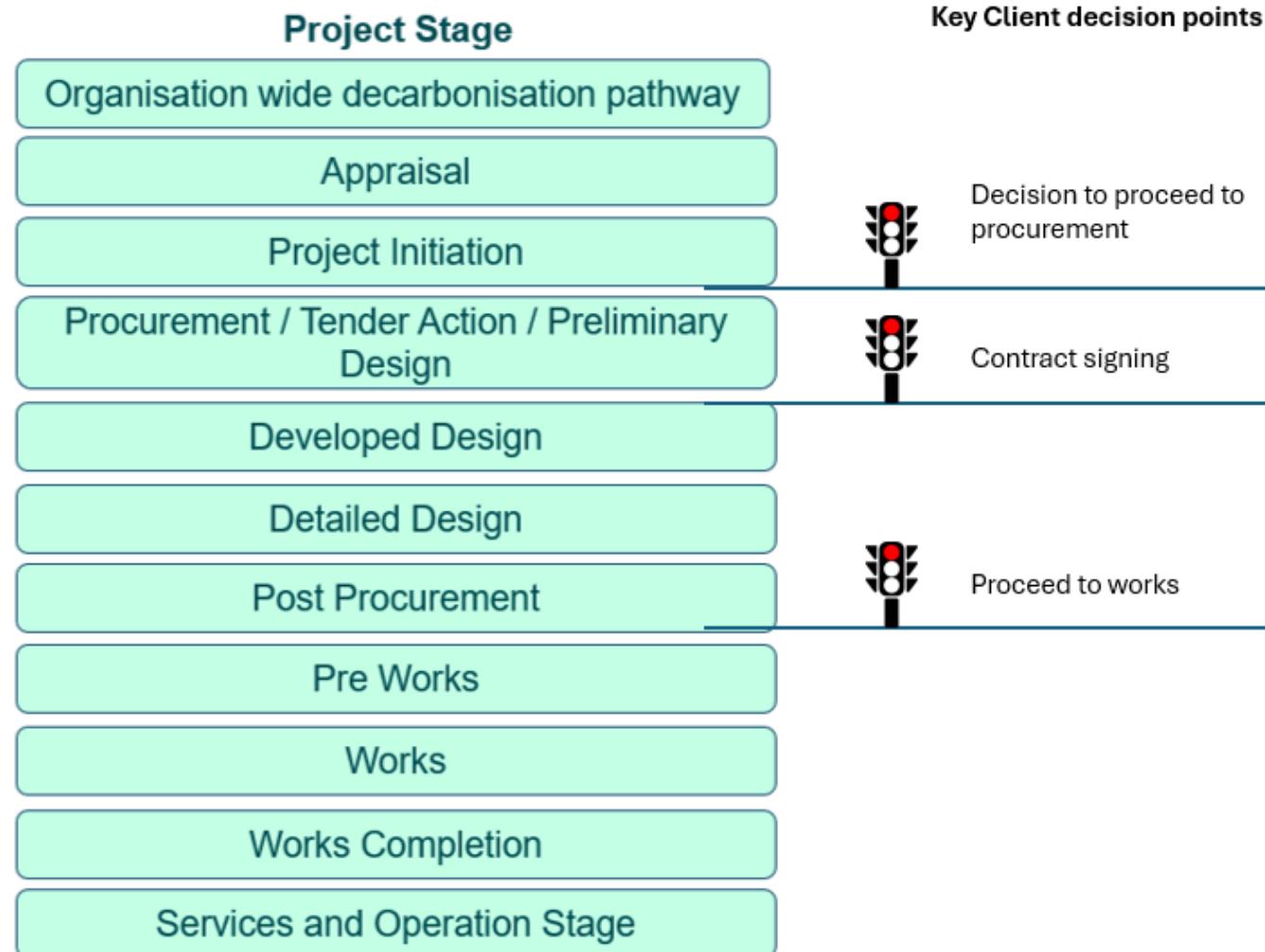
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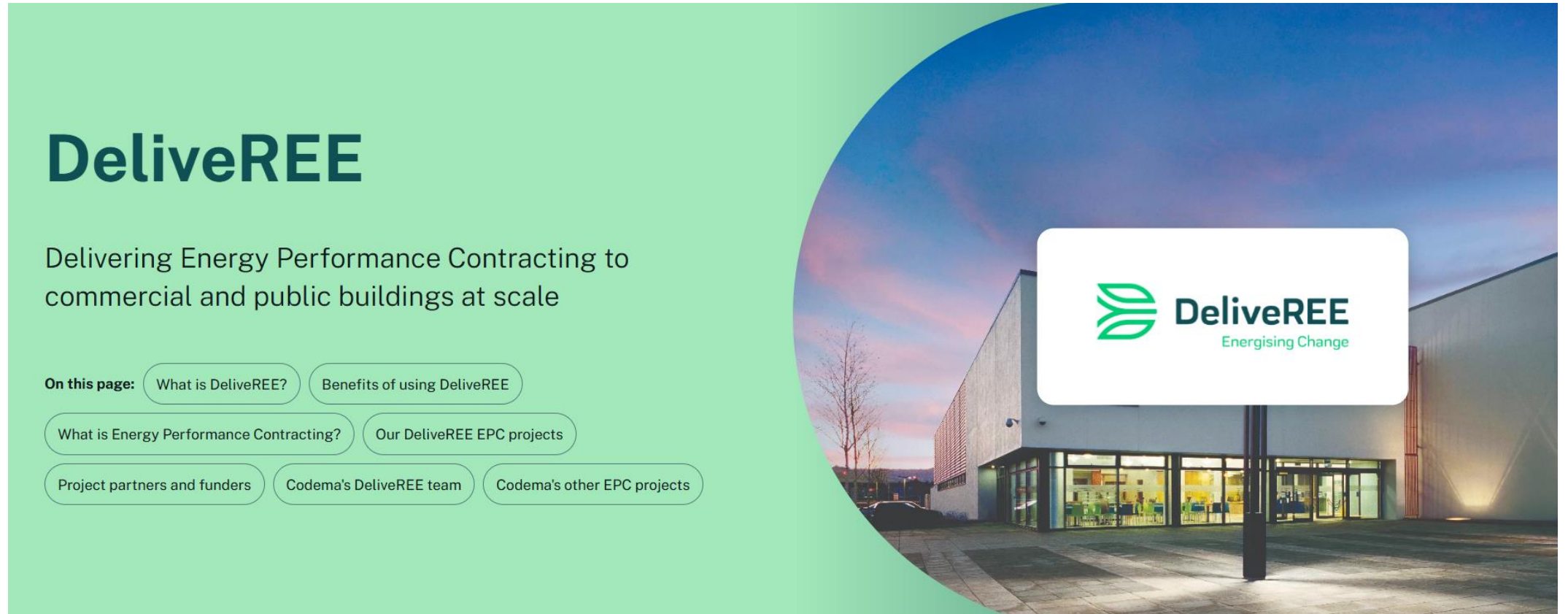
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# How can I find out more?

- DeliveREE hub, <https://www.codema.ie/our-work/delivereer/>



- Community of best practice (linkedin)

Thank You







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**Q&A SESSION**



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