



# Press Release

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## Your home on the map!

The city of Genk and EnergyVille are launching the website [genk.zetjewoningopdekaart.be](http://genk.zetjewoningopdekaart.be). With this initiative, they join forces and take the next step in digital data management which will help shape the city's future energy and housing policy. Are you an inhabitant or a home owner in Genk? Then fill out a short questionnaire about your home and your retrofit interests. The website will subsequently offer feedback on your energy consumption compared to that of similar households. Furthermore, it will also provide tips and tricks to save money, save energy and improve your level of comfort. The data management tool is based on the EnergyVille City Portal application.

There are several motives to go for a house that's energy efficient. Not only is it less burdensome to the environment and the climate, you'll also save money on your energy bill. But how do you know whether your house consumes a lot, or only little energy? And are there easy ways to find out?

### Your home on the map

EnergyVille and the city of Genk provide answers on [genk.zetjewoningopdekaart.be](http://genk.zetjewoningopdekaart.be). Based on a short questionnaire the website compares your energy consumption to the Flemish average for a similar house. You'll instantly find out whether your household consumes a lot of energy or only a little. You can also request tips on how to improve your dwelling's energy performance.

The website takes into account different types of houses: detached, semi-detached or terraced single-family houses, rooftop apartments or regular flats. Keep your gas, electricity or heating oil bills close, some of the data will be required to be filled in as well.

### Renovation policy, made to measure

"The aim of the data we collect with this website is to further improve our renovation policy", explains Michaël Dhoore, alderman in the city of Genk responsible for housing. "If for example the data indicate a lot of old energy intensive dwellings in a certain neighbourhood, then we could prioritize that neighbourhood in our renovation policy and actions. The questionnaire also inquires whether the inhabitant has already thought about how he or she would like to renovate his or her home. This allows us to target inhabitants with similar renovation plans and suggest them to join a collective renovation scheme. Suppose we find a lot of inhabitants who want to buy a solar boiler, then the city could set up a campaign for a group purchase. This way the information will shape our future energy and housing policy."

The data you fill in are processed anonymously. Only your home address and mail address are saved in a database. Your home will be put on a digital map of Genk. Similarly, building and retrofit grants, support from the city government for renovation projects, info evenings from the housing department... could all be fine-tuned on the basis of the collected data.

### Supported by the European Union

The EnergyVille City Portal application and Zet je woning op de kaart were both developed within the Request2Action project. This is a project set up across nine European countries and funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programma from the European Union.n.

# About EnergyVille and its cooperation with the city of Genk

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EnergyVille is an association of the Flemish research institutes KU Leuven, VITO, imec and UHasselt in the field of **sustainable energy and intelligent energy systems**. Our researchers provide expertise to industry and public authorities on energy-efficient buildings and intelligent networks for a sustainable urban environment. This includes, for example, smart grids and advanced district heating and cooling.

One of the objectives of EnergyVille is to become one of the **top five European institutes in innovative energy research**. In this context, the center was embedded in major national and international networks right from the start. It covers research, development, training and innovative industrial activities under one name and in close collaboration with local, regional and international partners.

Since EnergyVille took up residence at Thor Park in Genk, the association has been cooperating closely with the city council on energy-related issues. The city of Genk wants to evolve its energy producing and consuming environment into one that makes smarter use of the entire energy chain as a way to achieve its climate goals.

EnergyVille aims to be a driver in the Thor science park in Genk in the areas of **research, business development and employment creation**. The research center is supported by the city of Genk, the Flemish Government, LRM, POM Limburg and the European structural funds.

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