Have you subscribed to the TripleA-Reno Home Show yet?
TripleA-Reno had programmed a Road Show across Europe targeting different publics in order to validate and promote its concept and results. Unfortunately these events had to be suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the time came to rethink and restructure dissemination activities. Understanding its strengthened relevance in times when home renovation and energy efficiency are very important, it was thought that suspending all reaching out to the public would be a shame and that adapting to the new reality was a necessity.

Although physical contact was not a possibility, using digitalization as a tool to come closer to the public seemed to be the most logical and effective solution; this is how during this period the Road Show became the Home Show. Through a series of short informal interviews available to all interested in the project’s YouTube channel, the Home Show intends to explain to all viewers the proposed ideas, tools, platforms and outcomes in a understandable and simple way. These interviews, with a new episode launched once a week, can help all understand how this project can make a difference and help making home renovations towards a more efficient environment acceptable, attractive and affordable.

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Can your next renovation be planned from your sofa?

by UIPI

In times of lock-down many things are put on hold. This is certainly the case of your house renovation, even the need to proceed in that direction might appear to be more apparent when one spends 24/7 at home. Yet, some of us might have more time to reflect on their future plans, including renovating part of the totality
of their house. Others, on the contrary, given the uncertain future, might want to downside their renovation plan. Whatever the objective, with movement constraint, it is out of question to have professionals, architects, etc. coming to your house to assess your property and provide you with several options to renovate your house.

So why not doing things digitally? After all, everything we do these days is done online: social contacts, ordering food and supply, consulting a doctor, talking to your bank advisors, having team meeting, doing the homework or simply work. It is in time like the one we are experiencing or have just experience that platform, such as the one developed within TripleA-Reno, get meaningful. They can offer a great option for property owners wishing to start their renovations from the comfort of their couches. Its platform is very simple to use, with gamified elements that will make the task of evaluating one’s environment to know exactly what is needed very easy. Tools such as the Sensi family kit, that help families measure the status of the quality of the their households, can provide additional and more accurate information to help make the right decisions.

Budget and potential savings on energy bills might also become an even more relevant factor in these difficult times in which many families have seen their income significantly reduced. TripleA-Reno, with the data collected from the user proposes staged improvements and objectives to reach and estimates impact in cost, helping the user to plan more targeted renovations and spending money in a conscious and informed way. It is the opportunity of having a professional evaluation without needing any professionals step into one’s house.

Unprecedented and challenging times can also generate new opportunities for new business models. The increased and even forced digitalization of our life in the past few months might change consumption habits forever and platform based renovation planning might very well become the norm in the future.

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**People worldwide are spending their days at home. This is a new challenge for everybody, for our health and our job.**

*by HUYGEN*
Because of this, the Hero at Home initiative started in April 2020. In the Hero at Home campaign, 5 European projects, MOBISTYLE, Utilitee, TripleA-reno, eTEACHER and ASSIST, work together to show how we can be heroes in the comfort of our homes. From ventilating your home to unplugging electronic devices, from paying attention to ergonomics to the need to keep your thermostat down, Hero at Home is providing helpful and simple tips to help you save energy and stay healthy and productive in the time of coronavirus. Don’t miss any of our tips and follow Hero at Home on Twitter @Hero_atHome and Instagram @Hero_At_Home.

Could gamification provide a new service to property owners?

by UIPI
On 13 February, the International Union of Property Owners, one of the partners of the TripleA-Reno project organised a Roadshow workshop to collect the input of key national representatives of property owners and the real estate sector. The objective of the workshop was to improve the relevance of the TripleA-Reno platform for European homeowners and landlords, better tailor some of the features of the platform to the market needs and expectations, as well as to assess a relevant business case for the digital tools developed in the project.

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Can anthropology help us understand deep energy renovation?
The understanding that “buildings consume energy” (and not people who live or work in them) is still predominant in the energy efficiency discourse. The concept of technical potential has been a fundamental tool for the energy efficiency industry and is based on engineering and economic calculations which are performed without concern for the probability of successful implementation. Within this arena, humans enter implicitly as generating energy service needs and as economic agents who evaluate and purchase goods with respect to the cost-effectiveness of their future expected energy savings. Behind it lies the classical “homo oeconomicus” model assuming that human beings are above all motivated by a calculus of costs and benefits – and it is the simplicity of the formula that makes the equation possible. If one were to admit that humans have complicated motivations, there would be too many factors to take into account, it would be impossible to properly weight them, and predictions on human behaviour could not be made. In this sense people are not seen as creators of improved energy use, but rather as disturbing factors or barriers to such improvements, “not being able to understand what is in their best (economic) interest”.

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European Commission launches a BUILD UP Skills consultation

The BUILDUP skills initiative aims to increase the numbers of qualified professionals in the design and construction industry to deliver newly or renovated high energy performance buildings across Europe. Since 2011, the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME) manage this strategic initiative funding several proposals.

In 2016 and 2018, the initiative was evaluated positively, and the scope was extended for the H2020 funding framework. It is expected that BUILD UP skills would continue under the LIFE Programme (2021-2027).

Once again, EASME is running a consultation about the needs and solutions to raise energy skills across the design and construction sector. The result will support the definition of the future funding topics under the LIFE Programme.

The consultation will be open until Tuesday 30 June 2020, 23:59 (Brussels time). Click here to participate.

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TripleA-reno in a nutshell

Watch the short video introducing objectives and targets of the TripleA-reno Horizon 2020 project.