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GAS QUALITY HARMONIZATION: THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

Part 1 GASQUAL project results

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- The need for an harmonized gas quality standard in the EU



Gas Quality and the internal market

- ★ Liberalisation
- ★ National markets with national specifications
- ★ Market integration means diversification of gas sources
- ★ Increase of import-dependency
- ★ Growing importance of LNG
- ★ Different gas sources = different gas qualities



Harmonized gas quality standard ..

....for Gas Quality (Natural Gas H)

- Phase 1 : Study **GASQUAL**: Impact of gas quality variations on appliances (safety, operational, emissions, efficiency)
- Phase 2 : Standardisation

GASQUAL Consortium

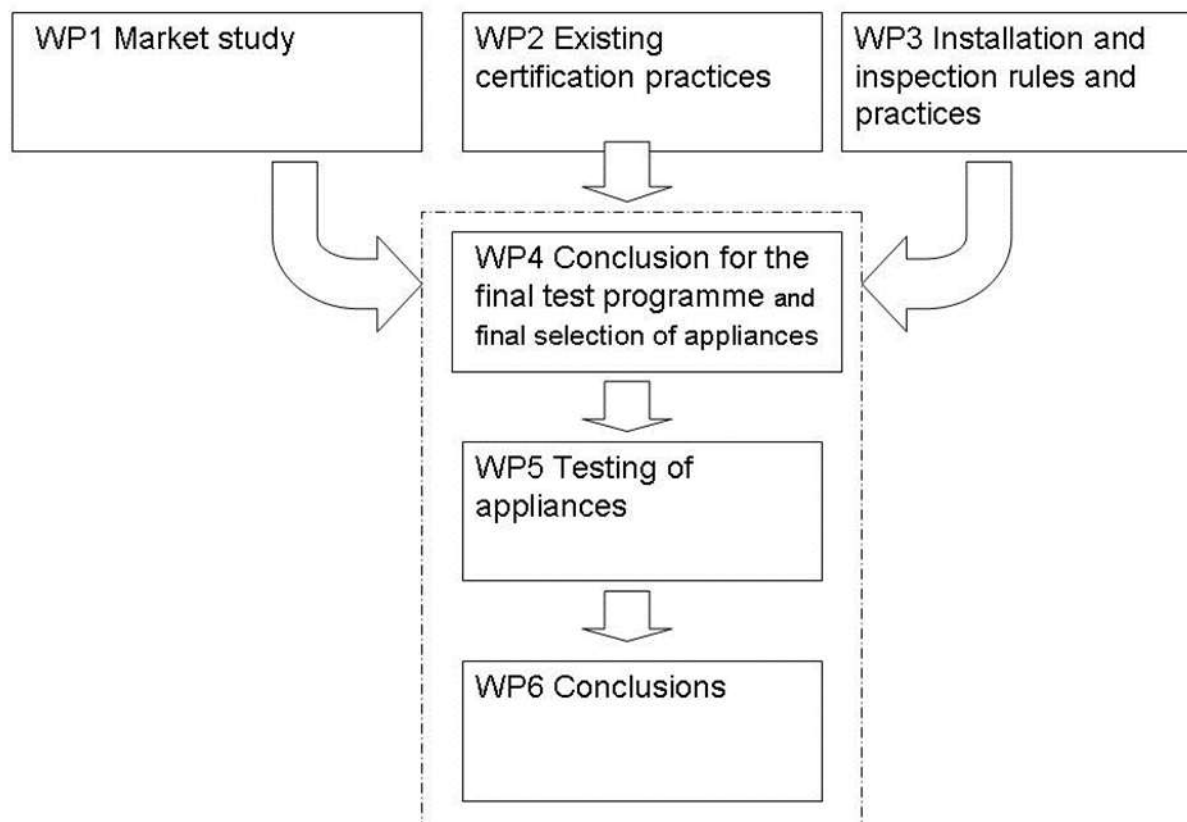
- Coordination DGC – Denmark
- 16 EU partners (from 9 Countries)
- 5 laboratories involved

MARCOGAZ strong role (initiating the project)

GERG involved in the execution



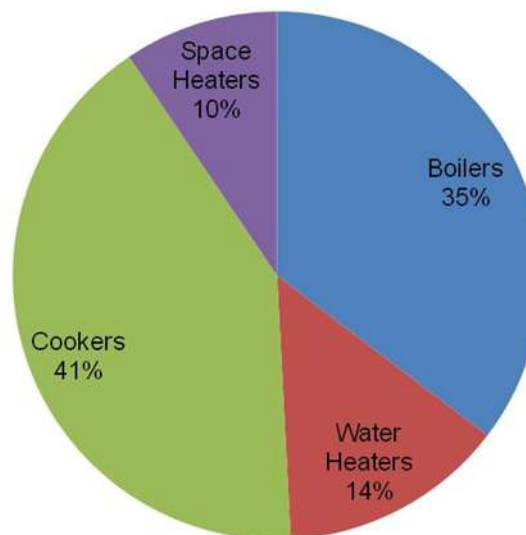
- Structure of the work



Gas appliances in EU & market segmentation

- SEGMENT 01 EN 677 Room Sealed Condensing Boiler
- SEGMENT 02 EN 30. Atmospheric Partially Aerated – Single Ring Built-in Hob
- SEGMENT 03 EN 303-3 Forced Draught Burner
- SEGMENT 04 EN 297 Open Flued. Low NOx PreMix - Atmos.with and without cooling rods & water cooling Boiler
- SEGMENT 05 EN 483 Room Sealed. Low NOx Par
- SEGMENT 06 EN 30 Partially Aerated Surface Co
- SEGMENT 07 EN 483 Room Sealed. Partial PreMi
- SEGMENT 08 EN 483 Room Sealed. Full premix -
- SEGMENT 09 EN 26 Instantaneous Water Heater
- SEGMENT 10 EN 30. Partially Aerated Oven Burn
- SEGMENT 11 EN 297 Open Flued. Partial PreMix,
- SEGMENT 12 EN 297 Open Flued Full premix - fa
- SEGMENT 13 EN 613 Open Flued Live Fuel Effect
- SEGMENT 14 EN 30 -Partially Aerated Ribbon Ty
- SEGMENT 15 EN 613 Open Flued Radiant Gas Fir
- SEGMENT 16 EN30-Partially Aerated Oven Burne
- SEGMENT 17 EN 509 Open Flued Decorative Gas
- SEGMENT 18 EN 30-Atmospheric Partially Aerate
- SEGMENT 19 EN89 Storage Water Heater Open l
- SEGMENT 20 EN26 Instantaneous Water Heater
- SEGMENT 21 EN 613 Room Sealed Wall Heaters-
- SEGMENT 22 EN 613 Room sealed Live Fuel Effe
- SEGMENT 23 EN 14829 Flueless Gas Fires- Partia
- SEGMENT 24 EN 613 Open Flued Room Heaters
- SEGMENT 25 EN 677 Room Sealed Condensing, Partial PreMix Fanned Boiler
- SEGMENT 26 EN 13278 Open Flued Fanned Live Fuel Effect Gas Fire-Partial PreMix/Conv
- SEGMENT 27 EN 778 Open Flued & Room Sealed Direct Air Heaters- Partial PreMix/Conv (Atmos. & fanned)
- SEGMENT 28 EN89 Storage Water Heater Room Sealed Partial PreMix/Conv (Atmos. & fanned)
- SEGMENT 29 EN 1458 Tumble Dryer

Domestic appliances in EU: 167 millions



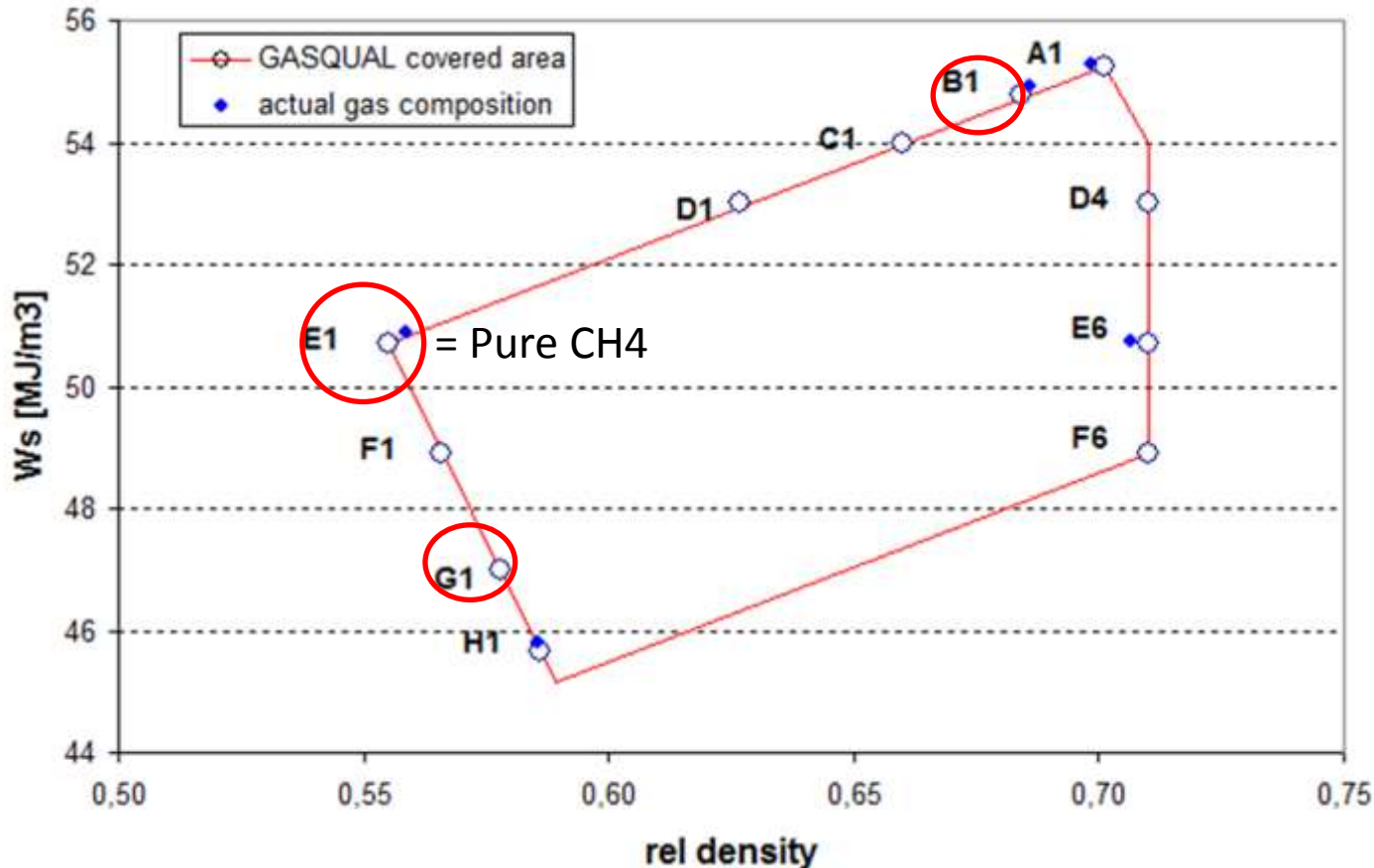
Ranking based on

- Theoretical sensitivity to gas quality variations
- Number of appliances in segment

(Air gas ratio adjustment increased sensitivity)



Testing points



For each gas:
Test at different

- Pressure
- Voltage

Test at Min & Max

Test at G1 & B1

Test of

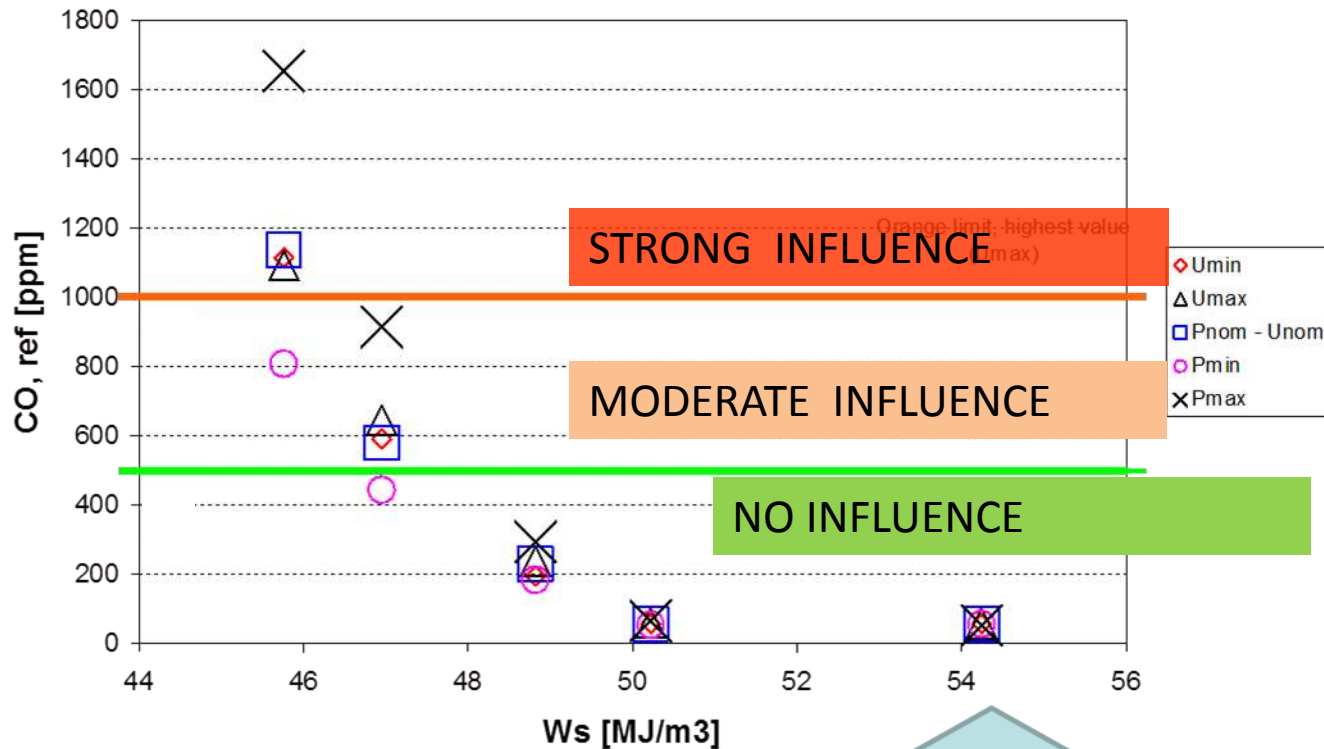
- CO
- Other safety
- Operational
- NO_x, efficiency

For GASQUAL Wobbe index is always expressed in MJ/m³ 15 °C, 15 °C 1013.25 hPa

Range investigated 45 → 55 MJ/m³ ⇔ Variations of +/- 10% compared to G20

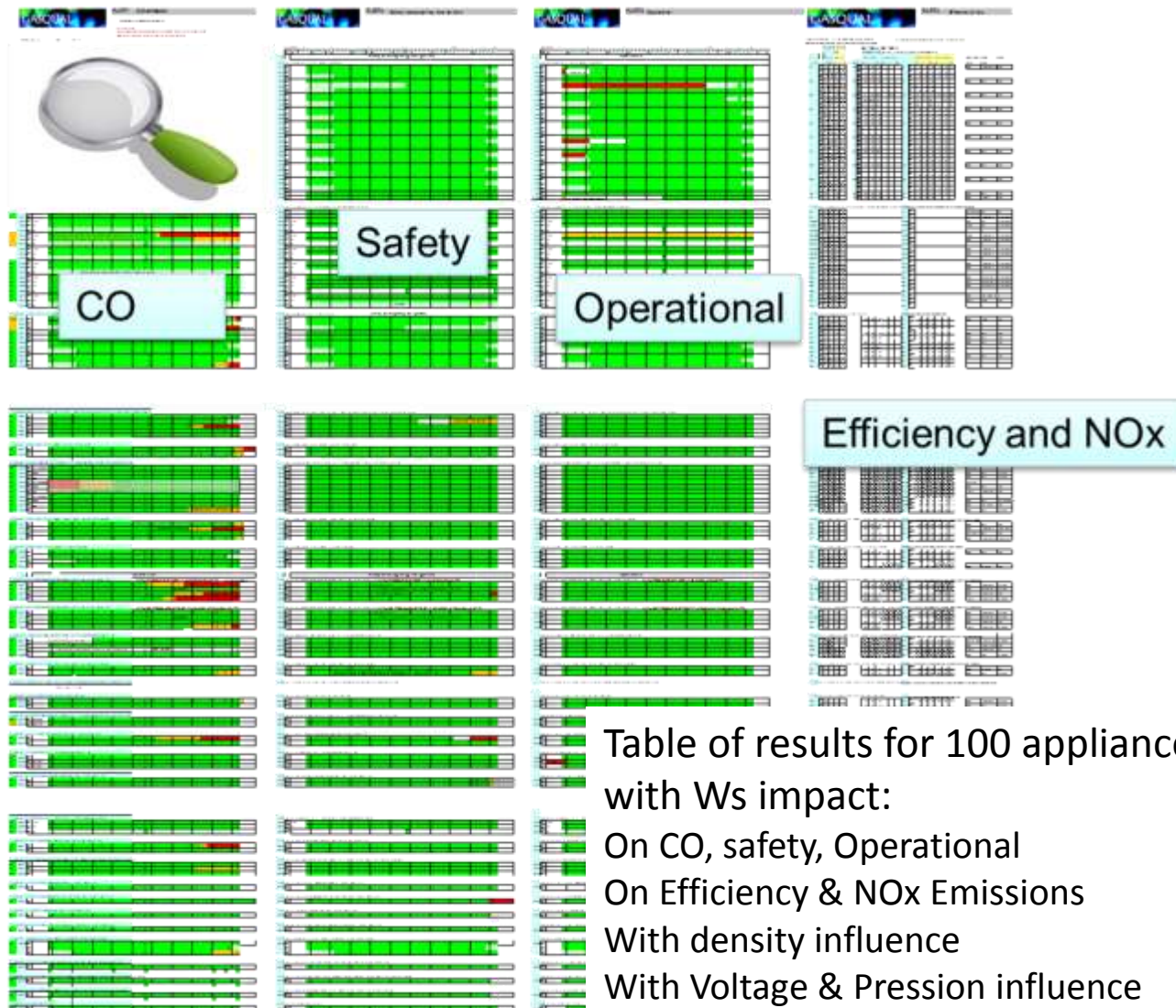
Example: Adjustable condensing boiler: adjusted for high Wobbe (Ws)

Maximum load, B1 adjustment



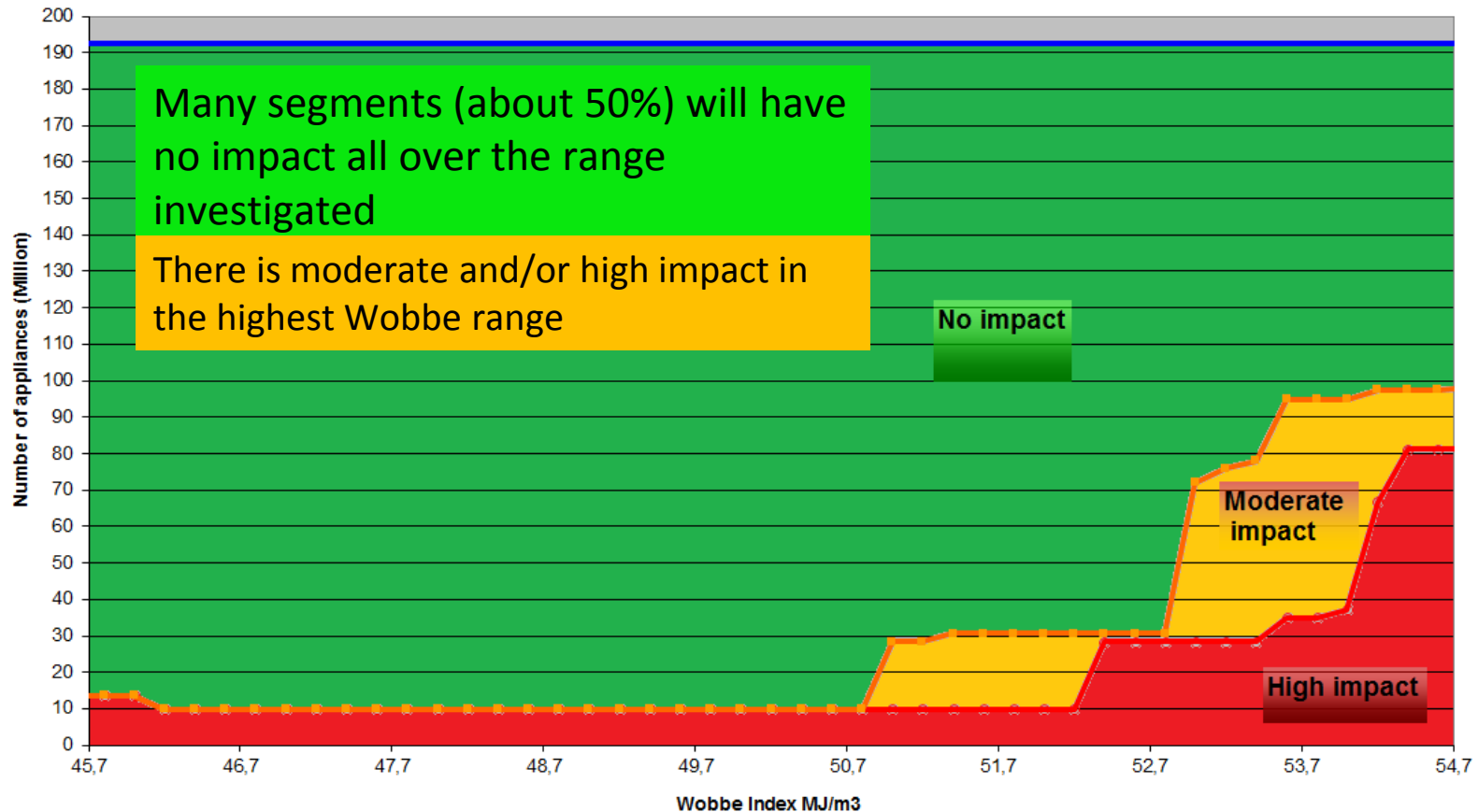
Method & Results: W_s = main influence parameter

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Scenarios and impact

CASE1 With pressure variations and field adjustments



Condensing boilers /fully premix burner are strongly impacted in case they have been adjusted (10 M – growing population)

Remedies? Conclusions

- In most of the cases with high or moderate impact of the Wobbe it is due to the **combination of Wobbe variation AND variation of another parameter** such as gas pressure or voltage and not Wobbe variation alone. As a result there are for some appliances also ways to reduce the impact with adequate technical solutions (e.g. Pressure regulators).
- When readjusting appliances to G20 set (pure CH₄), the appliance can perform well again over the range investigated
- Use of combustion control will also be a possible solution
- The global impact is country depending (different markets, different gas history, different installation practice)
- Solutions are to be found by countries or regions



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Method & Results: making a simple impact figure for ONE segment

Wobbe range from 45 to 55 MJ/m³

1. Influence expressed as a function of the Wobbe

Nominal Wob:	H1	G1	F1/F5	ES/E1	D1/D4	C1	B1	A1				
Ws	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
R	CO emission											
T1 Boiler EN 677 Room Sealed Condensing												
E2	E1	X					X					X
E2	B1	X	X		X	X				X		X
E2	G1		X			X						X
C4	E1	X	X			X						X
C4	B1	X	X	X		X				X	X	X
C4	G1		X									X
C21	E1	X	X			X						X
C21	B1	X	X	X		X					X	X
C21	G1		X									X
R4	E1	Missing measurement point for E1 set, but considering the last result for G1 set, we have no doubt there will be no CO issues for A1 point at E1 set				X						X
R4	B1	X	X			X					X	X
R4	G1		X			X						X
C6	E1	X				X						X
C6	B1	X				X					X	X
C6	G1		X		X				X	X	X	X
D1	E1	X			X	X			X			X
D1	B1	X	X		X	X			X	X		X
D1	G1		X			X			X	X		X
D2	E1	X			X	X			X			X
D2	B1	X	X		X	X			X	X		X
D2	G1		X			X			X	X		X
C15	E1	X				X						X
C15	B1	X				X				X		X
C15	G1		X			X						X
C20	E1	X				X						X
C20	B1	X				X				X		X
C20	G1		X			X						X
C11	E1	X				X						X
C12	E1	X				X						X

2. Color code

- No influence
- Moderate influence
- Strong influence

3. Simple representative profile by segment based on Worse case method