

# Schüco Italia Headquarter, Padova, ITA

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### PROJECT SUMMARY

- Year of construction: 1990
- Past energy renovations: None

### SPECIAL FEATURES

- Glazing facades and shading systems
- 600 kWp photovoltaic system
- solar cooling, absorption chiller 15 kWf
- 10 m<sup>2</sup> solar collectors for DHW

### ARCHITECT

**B+B Associati (Renato Bredariol e Marco Bonariol)**

### OWNER

**Schüco International Italia s.r.l.**

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## IEA – SHC Task 47

Renovation of Non-Residential Buildings towards Sustainable Standards

## 2. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

### BACKGROUND

- The building is located in the industrial district of Padova.
- 20.900 m<sup>2</sup> net heated floor area (1.300 m<sup>2</sup> boat office area, 2.500 m<sup>2</sup> butterfly office area).
- Occupational profile: the offices are occupied from 08:00 to 20:00.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE RENOVATION

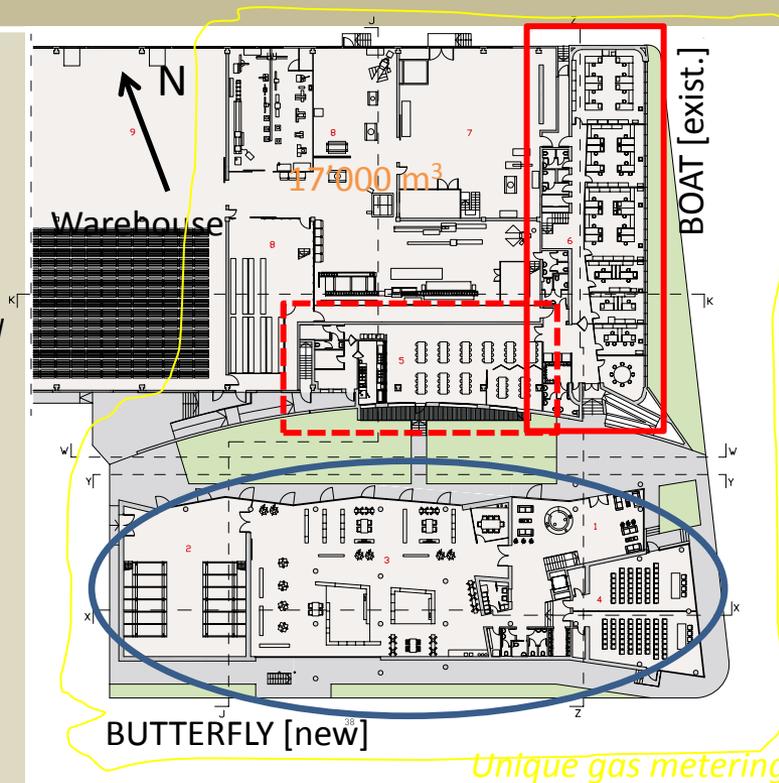
- Increased office area.
- Creation of a restaurant area.
- Creation of a showroom area.
- Reduction of heating and cooling energy consumption to obtain Energy Label A certification for both the new and renovated building.

### Critical points

- No measured data available.
- Problematic split of consumptions between renovated and new building.
- No information on the energy consumption of the original building.

### SUMMARY OF THE RENOVATION

- Considerable energy reduction for heating and cooling.
- 600 kWp photovoltaic system.
- Costs: approximately 7,2 M€ (renovation and new construction).



### 3. DECISION MAKING PROCESSES

- The project was initiated by the General Manager, Technical Director and German parent company.
- A need for more space and the decision to restore a building on an industrial estate at Padua: a challenge.
- Good level of energy efficiency together with high indoor comfort, without exceeding a reasonable economic budget.
- Serve as an exemplary case.
- Up-to-date technologies and products [building envelopes and renewable energy] to build a construction where the mission to save and produce energy is clear and visible.
- To create a large structure for the training and for showroom.
- To use the same building components both in the refurbished and new building.
- No public funding programs involved.
- No changes in the ambition level during the process. No reduced operational costs were used for payback.
- No information available about the selection of contractor and subcontractors.



### Timeline for the decision making process



## 4. BUILDING ENVELOPE BOAT

**Roof construction:**  $U$ -value:  $0,296 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$

Materials: (Exterior to interior): **example:**

Gravel tiles	30 mm
Waterproofing	
Concrete	40 mm
Polystyrene insulation	120 mm
Concrete slab	400 mm
Air space	70 mm
Plasterboard	20 mm
<b>Total</b>	<b>680 mm</b>

**Wall construction:**  $U$ -value:  $0,56 - 0,25 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$

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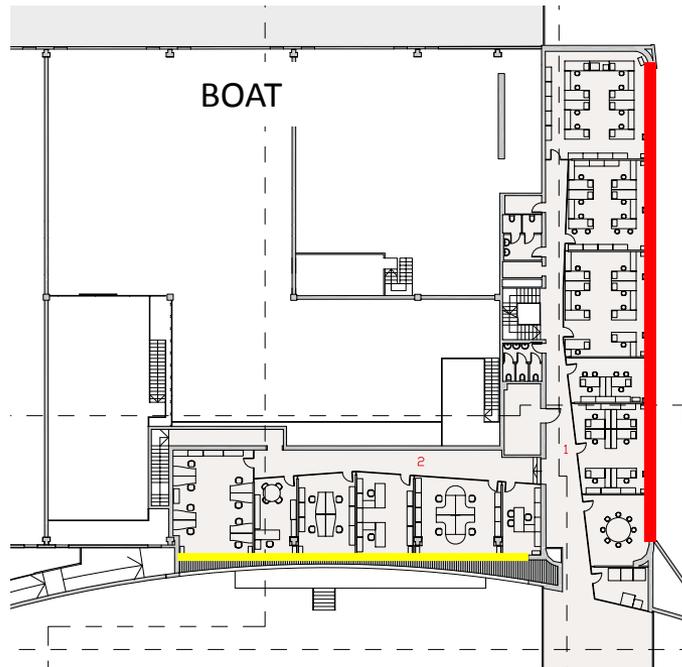
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Materials: Low-emissivity glass  
Aluminum frame

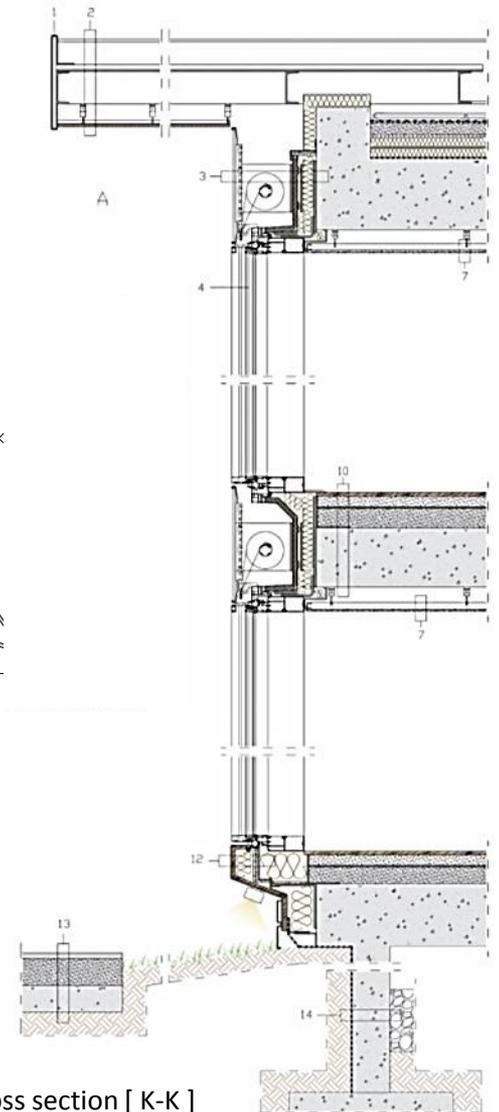
### Summary of $U$ -values [ $\text{W/m}^2\text{K}$ ]

BOAT	Before	After
Roof/attic	1,48	0,296
Walls	1,25	0,378
Windows	4,0	1,6

BUTTERFLY	Before	After
Roof/attic	-	0,296
Walls	-	0,250
Windows	-	1,6



- Window : AWS65 [ $U_w$ :  $1,25 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ ]  
Shielding : external louvers, internal roller blind  
Window: E2 [ $U_w$ :  $1,6 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ ]
- Shielding: automated sun blind control system  
(external roller micro-louver) [ $g_{\text{glaz+shad}} = 0,06$ ]



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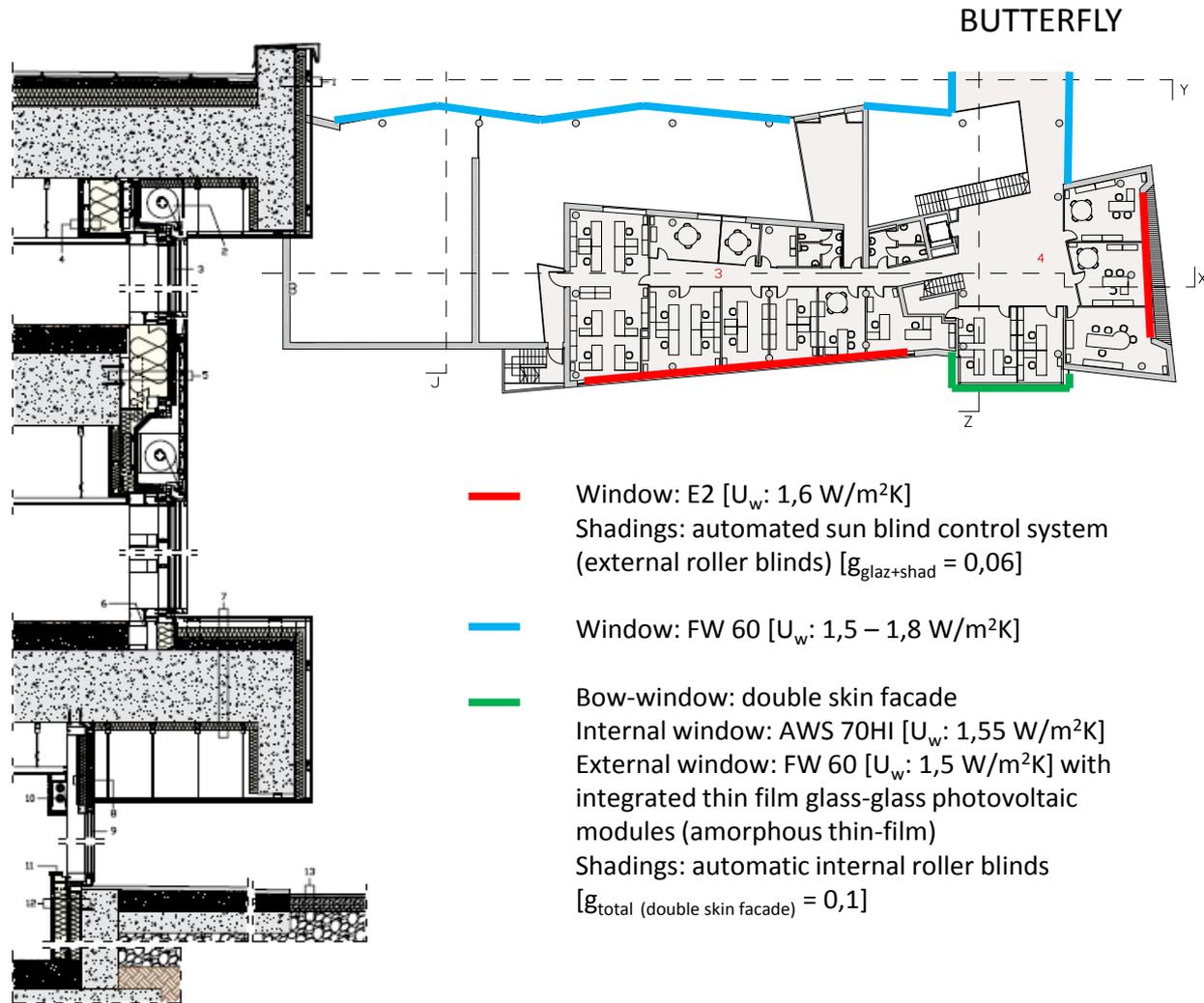
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Cross section [ X-X ]

- Window: E2 [ $U_w$ : 1,6 W/m<sup>2</sup>K]  
Shadings: automated sun blind control system (external roller blinds) [ $g_{\text{glaz+shad}} = 0,06$ ]
- Window: FW 60 [ $U_w$ : 1,5 – 1,8 W/m<sup>2</sup>K]
- Bow-window: double skin facade  
Internal window: AWS 70HI [ $U_w$ : 1,55 W/m<sup>2</sup>K]  
External window: FW 60 [ $U_w$ : 1,5 W/m<sup>2</sup>K] with integrated thin film glass-glass photovoltaic modules (amorphous thin-film)  
Shadings: automatic internal roller blinds  
[ $g_{\text{total (double skin facade)}} = 0,1$ ]

## 5. BUILDING SERVICES SYSTEM

### OVERALL DESIGN STRATEGY

*Real-life demonstration of Schüco components and technology (example for other projects).*

### LIGHTING SYSTEM

- Lighting power: 28,5 kW (boat), 33,5 kW (butterfly), 4,5 kW (external).
- Internal heat gains: 24 W/m<sup>2</sup> (overall).

### HEATING SYSTEM

- Existing: n°2 condensing boiler (615 kW).
- New: ground-coupled heat pumps (17 kW), 7 DN32 vertical pipe probes (depth 80 m) (10 m<sup>2</sup> solar panels integration).

### HOT WATER PRODUCTION

- Existing: electric boiler.
- New: 10 m<sup>2</sup> solar thermal collectors [4 Schüco CTE 520 OF2 glazed flat collectors].
- (geothermal heat pumps integration in winter; regeneration of heat probes in summer).

### COOLING SYSTEM

- Existing: n°2 chiller (536 kWf).
- New: solar cooling, absorption chiller (15 kWf), 18 solar collectors (45 m<sup>2</sup>) [Argon filled double glazed top unit].

### VENTILATION

- UTA system (offices and canteen).

### RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

- 600 kWp PV plant on the warehouse's roof (4 550 m<sup>2</sup>, 3 570 monocrystalline modules).
- PV clad double skin bow-windows façade (amorphous thin-film, 3 kWp).
- 9 + 1,8 kWp for test.

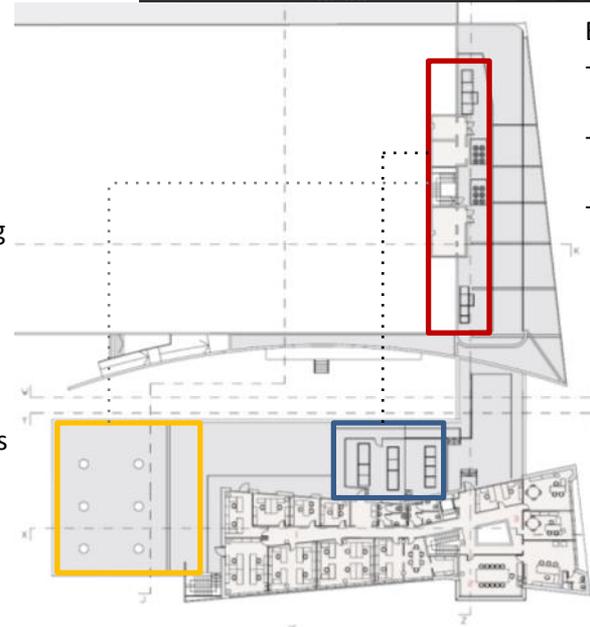
- Impianto geotermico con pompa di calore Schüco  
Geothermal plant with Schüco heat pump
- Impianto Solar Cooling Schüco  
Schüco Solar Cooling Plant
- Impianto fotovoltaico Schüco in copertura  
Schüco Roof Photovoltaic plant

- Facciata a doppia pelle con i moduli vetro-vetro a film sottile integrati  
Double skin Façade with integrated thin film glass-glass photovoltaic modules
- Opening mechanism of the windows: horizontal pantograph movement opening outwards.
- Automated shielding for exploitation of natural light and reduction of thermal load through the windows façade.



### New (SHOWROOM):

- Radiant panels (heating + cooling)
- Ground coupled heat pump + tank-in tank storage
- Solar cooling plant
- Solar thermal collectors (DHW + heating support)



### Existing:

- Heating and cooling power plant
- Fancoil system (even for butterfly office)
- UTA system (boat office)

### New (Floor1 and Floor2):

- Fancoil system
- UTA system (showroom, office and conference room)

## 6. ENERGY PERFORMANCES

- Purchased energy consumption: 40 000 m<sup>3</sup> gas (± 30%); 1.0 GWh electric
- Conditioned S<sub>U</sub> = 5 956 m<sup>2</sup> (1 334 exist, 2 461 new, 2 161 warehouse)

### THERMAL

- Energy performance (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>) EP = 102.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y (declared)
- Primary energy consumption (\*): EP = 21.6 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y (calc.) [- 47%]
- ... + (warehouse, 2 conditioned floors of the new building, kitchen)

### ELECTRICAL

- Photovoltaic production: 650 000 kWh/y
- Electrical primary energy could be considered as ZERO



(\*) lighting is not included in EP

Naturally ventilated, NO cooling

Primary energy factor:

1.0 (gas), 2.18 (electricity)

No measurements available!

Dynamic simulation [TRNSYS]. Heating, cooling, ventilation and hot water. Lighting is not included.

HOT WATER

Fancoils-offices
Fancoils-canteen
AHU-offices,heating
AHU-offices,post-heating
AHU-canteen,heating
AHU-canteen,post-heating
Radiators
Kitchen
Dressing room

kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y

COLD WATER

Fancoils-office
Fancoils-canteen
AHU-offices,cooling&dehum
AHU-canteen,cooling&dehum

DHW

Domestic Hot Water
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ELECTRICAL CONSUMPTIONS

Fans AHU-offices
Fans-AHU-canteen
Fans, Fancoils-office
Fans, Fancoils-canteen
Fans, Kitchen
Fans, Dressing room
Pumps, fancoils
Pumps, AHU
Pumps, AHU post-heating

kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y

S<sub>U</sub> = 1'334 m<sup>2</sup>

AFTER

Delivered en. kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y    Primary en. kWh<sub>FPH</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/y

10.22	10.22
0.85	0.85
15.71	15.71
7.90	7.90
9.58	9.58
2.69	2.69
0.58	0.58
11.93	11.93
1.98	1.98

61.46

61.46

No data about former energy consumptions!

S<sub>U</sub> = 818 m<sup>2</sup>

BEFORE

Delivered en. kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y    Primary en. kWh<sub>FPH</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/y

93.60	93.60
3.41	3.41

97.01

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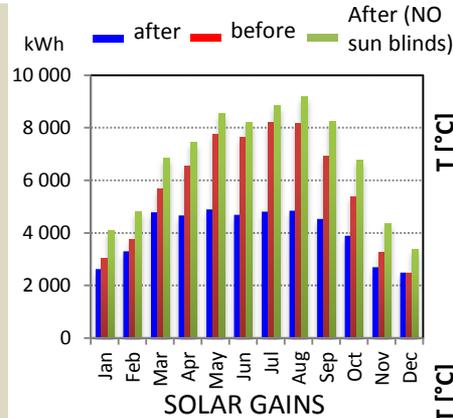
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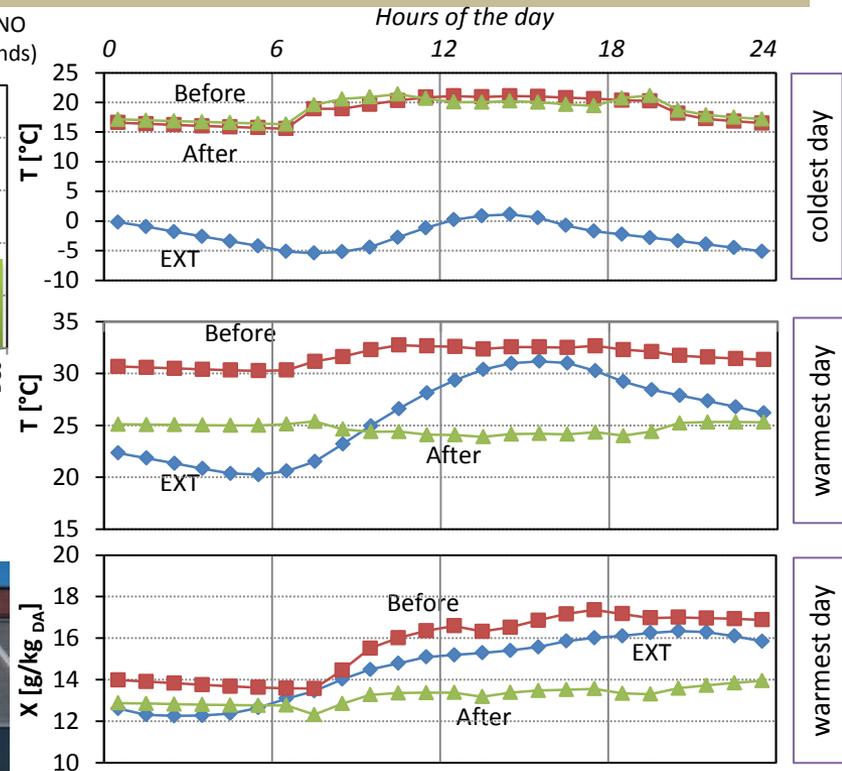
## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

### Indoor climate

As the figures on the right show, the thermal conditions during the summer season have improved significantly.



AFTER – BEFORE: -30%  
 (-14% winter, -39% summer)  
 AFTER – AFTER without blinds: -40%  
 (-35% winter, -45% summer)



## 8. MORE INFORMATIONS

### RENOVATION COSTS

- 7,2 M€ renovation and new constr.  
(+ 0.81 M€ automated warehouse)

	M€
Building (Existing)	0.92
Building (New)	4.28
HVAC system	0.78
Electrical system	0.64
Design & project management	0.50
Others	0.10

Gross conditioned area:  
1 515 m<sup>2</sup> exist. building, 2 796 m<sup>2</sup> new building

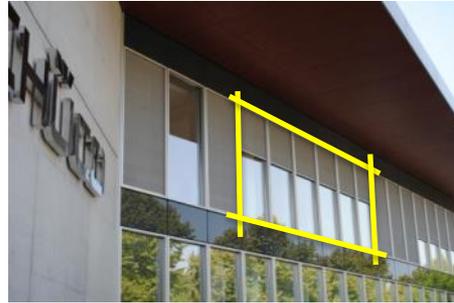
- Cost of renovation: 1 120 €/m<sup>2</sup>
- Cost for the new build: ≈ 2 000 €/m<sup>2</sup>
- Overall cost: 1 680 €/m<sup>2</sup>

### FINANCING MODEL

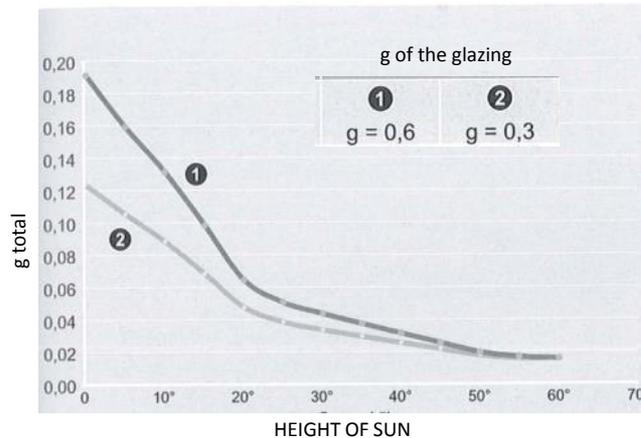
- No information (no subsidized loans, no grants, no ESCO contracts).

### OTHER INTERESTING ASPECTS

- Solar gains and solar shading systems.



micro-louvers



Irradiation threshold on external surfaces (120 W/m<sup>2</sup> in summer, 200 W/m<sup>2</sup> in winter).

In winter the shading system does not fully close

Users can control the shadings.

