

How to do it!

SOLAR POWER FOR APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Sunlight is a renewable and inexhaustible source of energy, and its production does not generate any greenhouse gas emissions or noise. Best of all, solar power is often a profitable investment. Climate Street encourages apartment building companies to investigate whether their rooftops can be put to good use and made to create value for the housing company.

- 1** Find out the city's regulations and permit procedures for purchasing solar power.
 
- 2** Find an inspiring and competent solar surveyor to map the solar potential.
 
- 3** Find out which housing companies are interested in solar power by inviting the housing companies on the street to a solar power themed evening gathering or by querying the property owners directly.
 
- 4** Offer the opportunity for a solar survey.
 
- 5** Let the solar surveyor handle the scheduling of a suitable time for a survey with the properties as well as the survey itself and the related reporting.
 
- 6** Find out whether the properties require support in making an investment decision (such as interpreting the survey). Arrange for support.
 

DURING A SOLAR POWER THEMED EVENING GATHERING OR WHEN CONTACTING PEOPLE PERSONALLY:

- A** Provide information on solar potential in your country and the neighbourhood in question
- B** State the reasons why investing in solar power is worth it in an apartment building
- C** Provide information on what a solar survey entails
- D** Provide an opportunity for ordering a survey and explain how the process progresses

What was done on Climate Street?

On Climate Streets, the purchasing of solar power was made easy for properties by offering them solar surveys performed free of charge by a professional. The surveys provide information on how much solar power can and should be generated on a rooftop, a proposal on the installation method, a price estimate for a solar array, a calculation of the payback period and a pre-prepa-

red RFQ form for requesting offers from different companies.

The City of Helsinki also prepared guidelines for the installation of solar panels in protected buildings. A clear and concise guidebook was prepared on purchasing solar power, and an information video was produced on solar surveys.