Energy-efficient buildings are essential for sustainable development. The design, construction and use of buildings are closely related to environmental, economic and social development. The potential to improve energy-efficiency in buildings is huge. Realization of the potential will require innovative research, covering aspects of technology, economy, policy and users’ needs. Moreover, new research will need to be conducted in close collaboration with various actors in the building industry.

The researchers of EEbuild provide a broad competence in research related to energy-efficient buildings. Important research topics are:

- Development of innovative technologies and integrated systems
- Cost structures and policy options
- Multiple goal strategies for the construction, management and use of energy-efficient buildings
- Knowledge, attitudes, behaviour and interactions of various actors in decision making processes
- Financing and insurance issues

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- to advance knowledge and understanding
- to strengthen system perspectives
- to gain arguments for energy-efficient technology, behaviours and use of buildings in the future.

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Anna-Lisa Lindén, Department of Sociology, is engaged in research concerning environmental impacts from food and energy consumption; travel patterns and recycling. Policy instruments are most often designed to change human values, decisions and behaviour. Evaluations of the efficiency of policy instruments in that mission points out the complexity in influencing individual attitudes, decisions and behaviour and a need to take individual as well as structural factors into consideration.

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