

#### WHY NOW

### A new mindset is on the horizon

- SUSTAINABILITY MOVEMENT
   Interest in sustainability is rising fast.
- ONGOING DIGITALIZATION
   A digital representation of energy data is more and more available due to smart meter technology.
- NEW REGULATION IN FAVOR OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
   Switzerland is currently discussing to allow individuals to sell solar electricity to their neighbors



#### INTRODUCING

## Quartierstrom - Switzerland's first real-world P2P energy market

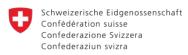
# Quartierstrom

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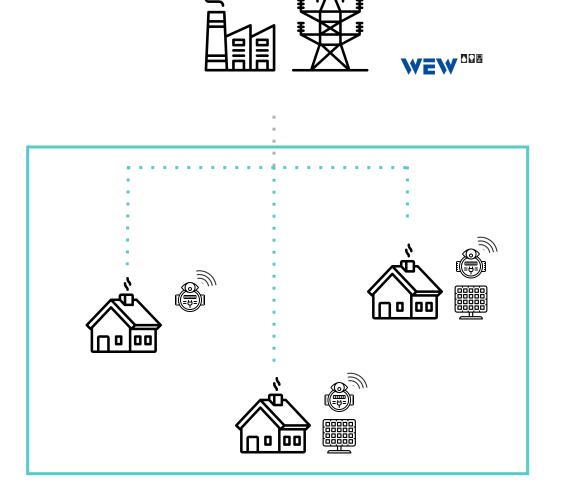






#### QUARTIERSTROM IDEA

## Connecting households to form an energy community...



- + pilot project in Walenstadt, CH
- + project duration of 1 year (2019)
- + 35 households and 2 SME participated (28 photovoltaic systems, 8 battery storage systems)
- + cooperation with a local energy provider
- + usage of the local network infrastructure

#### QUARTIERSTROM TECHNOLOGY

## ...enabling trade of locally produced electricity via the blockchain

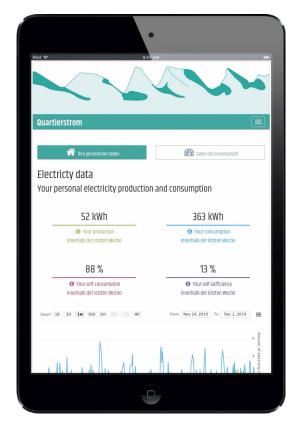




- + deployment of 75 smart pis as smart meters
- + distributed platform based on blockchain technology
- + market settlement every 15 min
- + double auction with price preferences of users
- + P2P transactions

#### QUARTIERSTROM USER INTERFACE

...and visualizing energy data for the participating households



The web application

- + web application accessible via the browser
- + setting prices options
- + real-time insights on energy and market data
- + community identity

#### **FINDINGS**

In theory, technology and interest in P2P energy markets is given, but...

- + hardware: smart pis worked quite well, but cannot be used in a productive environment
- + software: technical feasibility based on blockchain was demonstrated
- + P2P energy market: real-time electricity prices above feed-in tariff and below retail tariff
- + user acceptance: high user satisfaction, users intensively engaged with the application
- + **energy provider**: pioneer work, innovative image, customer relationship increased, wants to continue offering P2P energy markets
- + public interest: high media attention, cooperation proposals, invitations to events
- challenges: regulation for collective self-consumption not yet there for the case of Switzerland

#### **READINGS**

## Project whitepaper and scientific publications

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#### **NEXT STEPS**

## From research to product: Spin-off Exnaton is being founded



Liliane Ableitner, PhD
UX & frontend
in Quartierstrom



Arne Meeuw, PhD Lead developer in Quartierstrom



Anselma Wörner
Market design
in Quartierstrom



- + product focus
- + software provider for P2P energy markets
- + potential customers: energy providers, smart meter producers, etc.

More information and newsletter registration on

www.exnaton.com

#### **OUR SUCCESS**

## Quartierstrom in the energy sector and beyond

- MVP rollout
  - 76% app signup rate of 37 potential testers
  - 20 MAU over 11 months
- 11 invited talks and 7 scientific publications
- Project was mentioned in proposal to change regulation by Nationalrat and SFOE
- **Product development** pilot with partnering utility company planned for 2020
- **Promising leads** with further utility companies established

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#### **OUR PATH**

## Following the success of our proof-of-concept, we now open a new chapter

JAN 2018 first ideas and concepts MAR 2018 development start JAN 2019 start of 1-year field test with prototype APR 2019 user evaluation SEP 2019 acceptance of our PhD theses and winner of the SDG award by SGES 2019 OCT 2019 decision for startup, start of operations JAN 2020 pilot customer in Walenstadt market validation with energy providers FEB 2020 selection for the Circular Economy Incubator by Swiss Impact Hub

Innosuisse Initial Coaching Grant





MAR 2020 winner of the Smart City Innovation Challenge by energieschweiz

#### **OUR FIRST CUSTOMER**

#### The EW Walenstadt continues to work with us

Quartierstrom pilot project enters next round

Agile product development pilot with beta users

Onboarding of further users





#### Christian Dürr, CEO EW Walenstadt

"In order to further exist as an energy provider, we have to go with new technologies and be open for innovation."

"The Exnaton team did excellent in the Quartierstrom project. With their technical and analytical competencies they worked highly precisely and customer oriented. I am looking forward to our continued cooperation in 2020."

#### IMPACT AND MOTIVATION

## The energy community as vehicle for CO2 reductions

#### energy community

- gamification
- engagement factor
- awareness for the topic energy

#### primary CO2 reductions

- energy feedback ~ 40 kg CO2/household/year
- load shifting ~ 49 kg CO2/household/year

#### secondary CO2 reductions

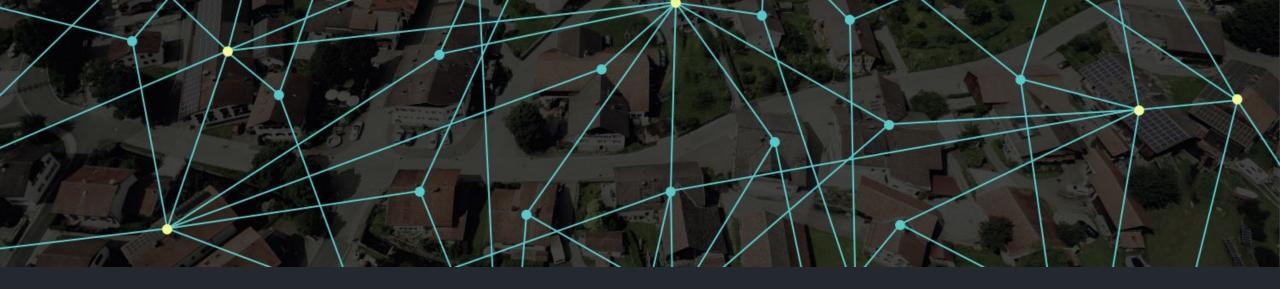
- installation of solar panels ~ 147 kg CO2/conversion/year
- installation of battery storage ~ 140 kg CO2/conversion/year
- switch to electric vehicle ~ 1787 kg CO2/conversion/year

Find our assumptions for this calculation here.



A community of 1000 households could potentially reduce its carbon footprint by **116 t CO2** per year. This is equal to the CO2 absorption potential of **1451** trees.





We use smart meter data to support energy providers and their customers in realizing the energy transition.

Through our experience we provide technical expertise in software development, data analytics, and data visualization.

WRAP-UP: VISION AND MISSION

## Thank you!

