

Pre-Reading and Food-for-Thought Assignment before Session 8 (April, 09)

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & ENERGY SAVING PROGRAMS

- Familiarize with websites www.ecolabel.eu and www.energystar.gov.

Think about:

- What are the goals, measures and instruments used in each of these programs?
- How can the efficiency of these programs be evaluated?
- Should such programs be obligatory or voluntary in your opinion?

POPULATION

- Check one of the following short articles or any similar article about actual population dynamics:
 - <https://www.economist.com/the-economist-explains/2022/07/11/which-countries-are-driving-the-worlds-population-growth>
 - <https://www.economist.com/special-report/2021/12/07/an-ageing-country-shows-others-how-to-manage>
 - <https://www.economist.com/special-report/2020/03/26/africas-population-will-double-by-2050>
 - <https://www.economist.com/special-report/2020/03/26/migration-is-helping-africa-in-many-ways>
 - <https://www.economist.com/special-report/2018/08/14/a-slow-burning-fuse>
 - <https://www.economist.com/the-economist-explains/2018/11/26/the-challenges-of-japans-demography>
 - <https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2019/07/09/japans-pension-problems-are-a-harbinger-of-challenges-elsewhere>
- Read the selected article and think what are the main 2-3 problems described in it? Prepare for their analysis and discussion using the scheme below. Be ready to illustrate it with examples from the article.

