ecoGator
A smartphone App building on the EU Energy Label

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The app is easy to use and can be accessed through smartphones for product identification and in-store advice. ecoGator was launched in October 2014, and by summer 2015 some 15 000 users had already installed the app on their smartphone.

ecoGator is the first app which can read and process data from the EU energy label by simply using a smartphone camera. After scanning the label, a traffic light system clearly indicates if the product belongs to the most efficient 20% of all products on the market. As a result of the standardised EU label format, ecoGator can be potentially used in the entire European market.

The app automatically detects the product category based on the label (layout) affixed to the respective appliance. Via the scan, the app calculates the electricity cost per year as well as for a given product lifetime.

'Gamification' elements – such as quizzes and tips – encourage more frequent use and at the same time builds up knowledge of how citizens can make their homes more efficient.

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