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Ways to tomorrows district heating Green and more efficient

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The HEATflex project

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Motivation

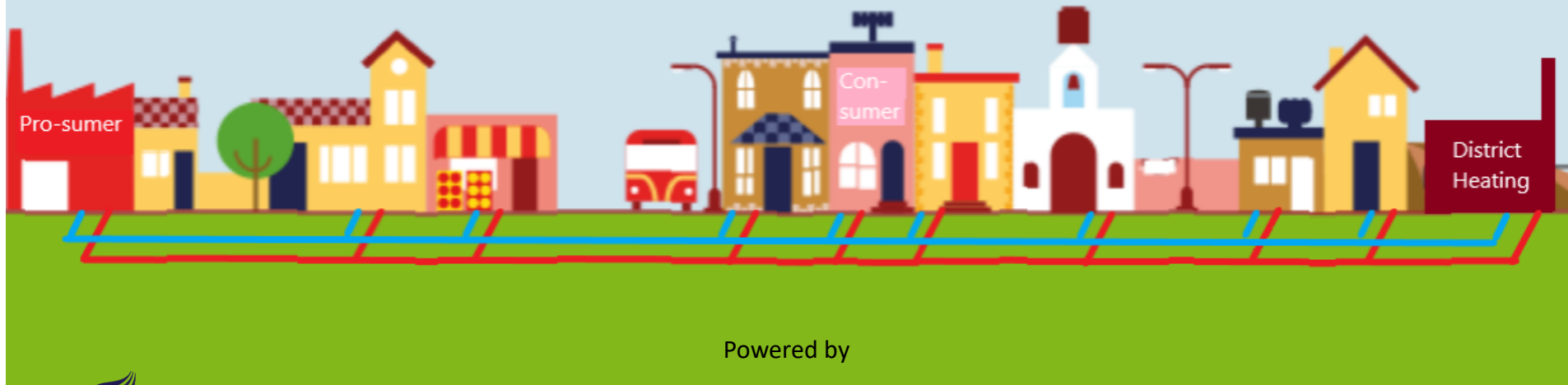
- Contribute to the modernization of district heating grids – “Green and more efficient”
- Show ways to increase the share of waste heat and renewables
- Learn from each other

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Expected Results

Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Excel tool on the benefits of waste heat integration and the use of renewables • An Excel tool on the benefits of lowering temperatures and extending the network • Design of a „prosumer-unit“ which can control the delivery of waste heat
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guideline for the increase of grid efficiency and flexibility • Guideline for lowering temperatures in grid • Guideline for the integration of waste heat and renewables
Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spread the good stories about efficiency and utilization of waste heat



Guideline(s)

- When, where and how to connect prosumers to the grid
 - Location
 - Temperatures
 - Heat transfer stations
 - Economic issues
 - etc.
- How to increase the efficiency and the flexibility of a heating grid
 - Lower the temperature levels
 - Business and operation models
 - Missing links and components
 - Best practice examples

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HEATflex Calculation Tool

Goal: Show the (positive) effects of the integration of waste heat and renewables

- Excel based tool
- Comparison between two scenarios
- Includes different options for production units
 - Biomass, Gas boiler, Oil boiler
 - Heat pump (air and water)
 - Solar power plant
- Possibility of storage integration
- Consideration of part load behaviour
- and much more (to come)

Output: technical, economical and ecological evaluation

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HEATflex Calculation Tool - Interface

1. Calculate REFERENCE

2. Calculate CASE SCENARIO

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Calculation Tool

Operation cost savings 359 532 EUR/year 17.99 EUR/MWh

Savings in 20 years 3 848 905 EUR

INPUT

General inputs

Heat production: 20000 MWh/a
 Heating outdoor temperature: 10 °C
 Start date of heating season: 01.10.2019
 End date of heating season: 30.04.2020
 Degree Day Equivalent Consumption (DEC): 6000 °C
 District heating Water in boiler from: 10 °C
 District heating Water in boiler to: 30 °C
 Control: Manual

Solar Heating Plant

Type: Plate plate collector (air-to-air, water-to-air) Yes

Area (gross area of solar panels): 10000 m²
 Inclination: 30 °
 Monthly: 5.8 EUR/MWh-boiler
 Investment costs: 10 EUR/m²

Option 1

Type: Biomass boiler Yes

Heat output: 2.0 MW
 Heat production costs: 15 EUR/MWh-boiler
 Investment costs: 10000 EUR

Option 2

Type: Biomass boiler Yes

Heat output: 4.0 MW
 Heat production costs: 15 EUR/MWh-boiler
 Investment costs: 10000 EUR

Peak load unit

Heat production costs: 10 EUR/MWh-boiler
 Investment costs: 1000 EUR/200 kW

Storage

Storage capacity: 20000 MWh Yes
 Investment costs: 10 EUR/MWh

CASE SCENARIO

Heat Production Distribution

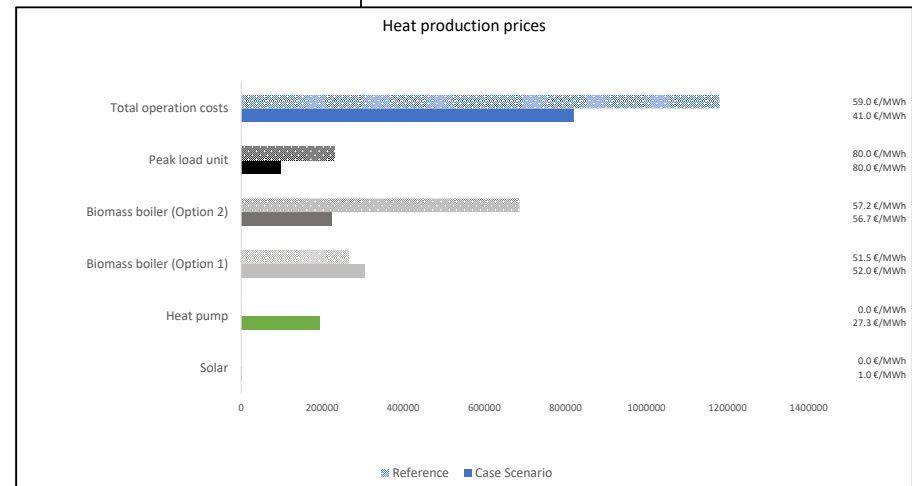
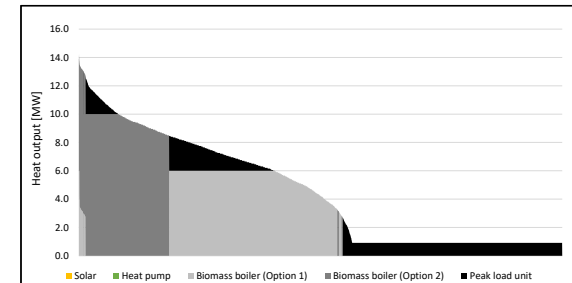
REFERENCE SCENARIO

Heat Production Distribution



HEATflex Calculation Tool – Output

- Technical details
 - Seasonal performance factor of the heat pump
 - Heat production distribution
 - Fully-load hours
 - ...
- Economic details
 - Operation cost (savings)
 - Amortisation period
 - ...
- Ecological details
 - CO₂ emission (savings)



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Outlook

- Finalization and further development of the tools
- Identification of missing links and components
- Development of business models and operation models
- Create guideline(s)
- Spread the good stories about efficiency and utilization of waste heat and renewables

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Thank you!



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