A Flexible Approach to the Deployment and Conversion of DH Networks to Low Temperature, with Increased Use of Local Solar Systems

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Renewable Low Temperature DH networks

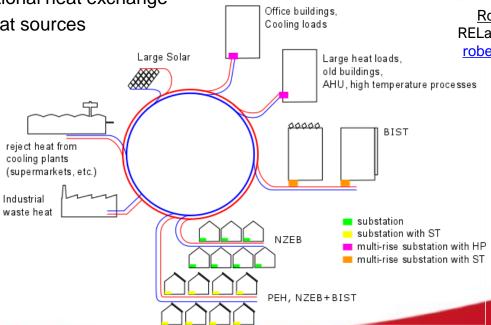
- District heating (DH) is a very energy efficient heating system with proven reliability
- DHs are key systems to the de-carbonize heating in Europe.
- Renewable and waste heat sources need to be integrated in DH systems
- Need for updated configurations:
 - Reduce operation temperature to better integrate low-grade industrial heat sources
 - Introduction of larger shares of renewable energy sources (RES) in the DH network.
 - The introduction of distributed heat sources (reject heat from cooling equipment...).
 - To guarantee economic viability with reduced heat loads in NZEB (Near Zero Energy Buildings).



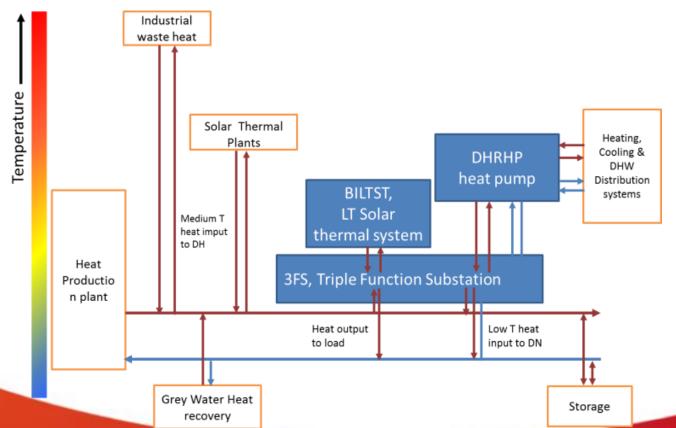
- Decentralized Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT) DH networks
- Incorporation of low-grade heat sources with minimal constraints
- Reduced operational costs due to fewer heat losses
- Better energy performance of heat generation plants
- Extensive use of de-carbonized energy sources at low marginal costs
- Technology developments in line with the overall concept:
 - Building Integrated Low Temperature Solar Thermal Systems (BILTST)
 - Triple Function Substations (3FS)
 - District Heating connected Reversible Heat Pump (DHRHP)
- Demonstration in four complementary environments in Denmark, Estonia, Serbia and Spain



- Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT) System (~45°C)
- Decentralized DH network
- Buildings acting as energy nodes
- Substations allow for bi-directional heat exchange
- Incorporation of low-grade heat sources
- Heat Pumps recover heat from cooling applications
- Decentralized, Building Integrated Solar Thermal



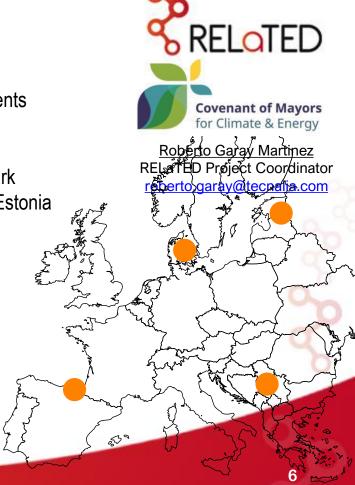






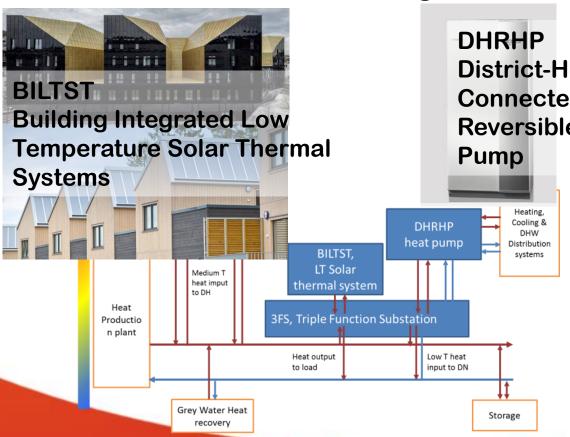
Main outcome of the project

- 1. Ultra-low temperature (ULT) heat distribution concept, at 40-45°C.
 - a. NZEB performance or low urban density
 - b. Existing systems, and new systems in existing urban environments
- 3 key technologies: 3FS, DHRHP, BILTST
- 3. Proven concept in 4 clearly different environments
 - a. New ULT DH in a green field development, with NZEB in Denmark
 - b. Operational DH, with high share of biomass heat production, in Estonia
 - c. Large DH network, in Serbia
 - d. Corporate DH network in Spain
- Replicability study in 2 European regions.
- 5. Profitable Low-carbon concept
 - a. Profitable district construction and operation schemes
 - b. Viable cost of heat production and distribution
 - c. Fair price system for all stakeholders
 - d. Reduced import dependency and fossil fuel price volatility.
- 6. Increased share of RES and waste heat energy production in DH.
- 7. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions & Air Quality Improvements





Our Technologies



District-Heating Connected, **Reversible Heat**





Project implementation plan

- Started in Nov. 2017. 48 month work program.
- Already 16 month into the project.
- Networks fully instrumented in the 18-19 heating season.
- DH Engineering and subsystem design ended in 2019
- ULT conversion to be ready for the 19-20 heating season in some networks.



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FED 0040	1	RELaTED concept developed	12			
FEB 2019	<u>/2</u>	Design and engineering of demonstration sites performed				
	3	Subsystems designed and tested Energy flexibility schemes defined	24			
	<u>4</u>	ULT concept on demonstration sites implemented	<u>30</u>			
	5	Smart control of demonstration sites implemented	36			
	6	Accomplishment of project objectives	45			

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RELaTED, Available information

- Public Deliverables
 - D2.1 Low-T district concept
 - D4.1 Energy price assessment
 - (5 more to come by April 2019)
 - (Others later in the project)
- Journal and Conference Papers
 - Solar District Heating Graz 2018 (2 papers + posters)
 - International Conference on Building Envelopes 2018 (1 paper)
 - Journal of Façade Design & Engineering (1 paper)
 - HVAC-R Congress Belgrade 2018
- Public dissemination materials





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RELaTED, Where to find us

- EUSEW, Brussels, 17-21 June 2019 (*)
- IAPE, Oxford, 14-15 March 2019
- IBPSA Building Simulation, Rome, 2-4 September 2019 (*)
- CISBAT, Lausanne, 4-6 September 2019 (*)
- IAQVEC, Bari, 5-7 September 2019 (*)
- SBE19, Thessaloniki, 23-25 October 2019 (*)
- Our Newsletter
- Future Covenant of Mayors Webinars
- Future events
- By direct contact to Tecnalia or any of our partners







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