



# The Role of City-Regions in the Achievement of a Low Carbon Economy

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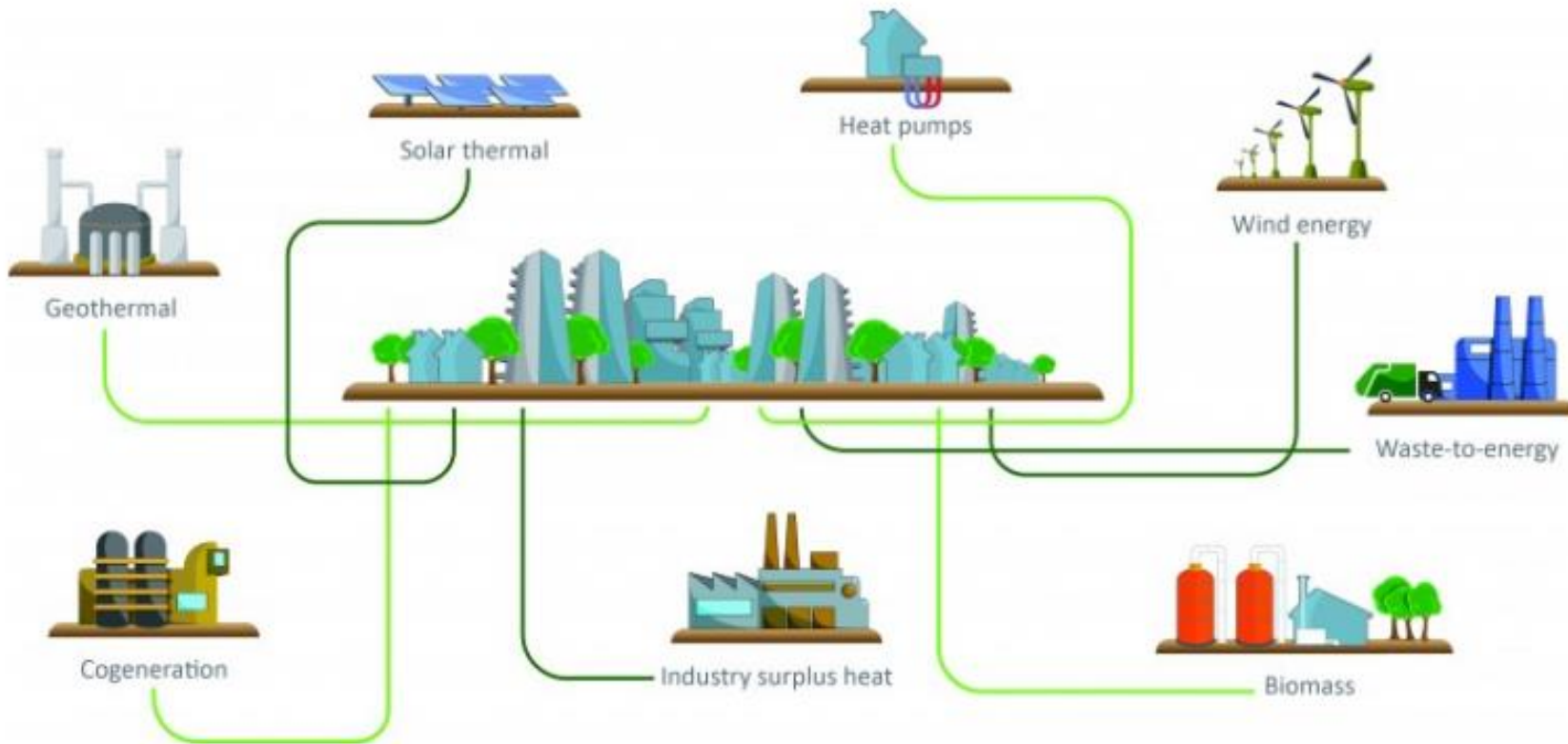


**No energy transition without sustainable cities.**

**No sustainable cities without sustainable heating and cooling.**

**No sustainable heating and cooling without district energy.**





# Some facts on district heating

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- Heating and cooling will be biggest energy demand in 2050
- District heating is modular
  - Biomass, boilers, thermal, storage, solar, heat pumps
- “Cheap” way to decarbonise the energy system
- 2 trends:
  - increased energy efficiency by reducing temperature levels in networks
  - increasing reliance on renewable and residual heat

(“Delivering the Energy Transition: What Role for District Energy” Ecofys, 2016)

# Cities are both the problem and the solution

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- 70% of energy demand in cities
- Current reliance on 'obsolete fossil-fuel boilers' is unsustainable
- District heating will have a vital role to play in decarbonising
- A shift to renewables and surplus heat is possible and necessary





Renewable resources are locally available & technology is already there!

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Change can be driven by ambitious cities and regions



... building on best practices & experiences

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9 background reports

Fine-tuned HRE results => PETA - Pan European Thermal Atlas

Specific Map & Summary Report for each country ([CZ](#), [HR](#), [IT](#), [RO](#), [UK](#); 25-30% of EU H&C demand)

40+ energy efficiency projects in 30 European cities

Coaching & meetings with national authorities



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# STRATEGO recommendations, conclusions & follow-up

Heat Roadmaps	Heat Savings	District Heating	Individual Heating Technology	District Heat Supply from Renewable Heat & Excess Heat*
	Reduction as a Percentage of the BAU 2050 Heat Demand	% of Total Heat Demand after Heat Savings (vs. % today)	Primary Technology	% of District Heat Production
Czech Republic	40%	40% (25%)	Heat pumps are recommended as the primary technology with small shares for biomass boilers, and solar thermal. The exact mix of each technology is not optimised.	65%
Croatia	40%	40% (15%)		45%
Italy	30%	60% (<5%)		40%
Romania	50%	40% (20%)		50%
United Kingdom	40%	70% (<5%)		45%

- 50% of the heat demand in Europe can be supplied with **district heating**
- There is more **excess heat** in Europe than all of the heat demand in buildings
- The heat sector is one of the cheapest options of **integrating renewables**
- Energy efficiency is required on both the **demand AND supply** side of the heat sector

\*Doesn't include excess heat from thermal power plants or thermal boilers.



# STRATEGO best practices: key points from Vienna, Austria

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➤ **Nothing is impossible!**

Motivate the responsible persons to think “out of the box”

➤ **Promote innovation!**

Local authorities can create suitable boundary conditions (e.g. subsidies)

➤ **Make it open!**

Involve key partners, local stakeholders and possible new actors

➤ **Take a holistic approach!**

A sound concept includes economic and ecologic considerations and thinks about technical and non-technical barriers

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2050

## Heat Roadmap Europe

A low-carbon heating and cooling strategy

Amplifying Stratego's impact

14 EU Member States,

Covering 85-90% of H&C demand

Improving PETA

Cost analysis and 'hot spots' for DHC networks

<http://heatroadmap.eu/>



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TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

# ... looking ahead: Planheat



Mapping demand  
& supply sources

Plan a new scenario  
based on the use  
of waste heat and RES

Simulation of the  
new scenario &  
KPIs evaluation

**Open source and easy-to-use  
tool for local authorities**



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# ... looking ahead: Validation cities



## ANTWERP



- Representative of Western European Cities
- Oceanic temperate climate
- More advanced case studies for validation cities to provide best practices on renewable energy policy, data collection and management
- It is a relevant case study for mapping H&C supply potential recoverable from waste heat coming from ports, being Antwerp port one of the biggest in the world.

## LECCE



- Representative of Southern European Cities
- Mediterranean temperate climate
- Need for a strategy for collection of data about H&C demand and supply potential
- Need for a smart strategy for input data collection

## VELIKA GORICA



- Representative of Eastern European cities
- Humid continental climate
- Need for a strategy for collection of data about H&C demand and supply potential
- Need to retrofit the old existing DH network (i.e., distribution and generation) based on natural gas and oil.

**Target: Involve 50+ cities!**



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