

# Alliance for energy cooperation in European industries

**An introduction** 

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### **About**

The Alliance for Energy Cooperation in European industries is a collaborative **initiative arranged by five European-funded projects** working on waste heat recovery and industrial energy cooperation: **EMB3Rs, INCUBIS, R-ACES, SoWHat & S-PARCS**.

The five initiatives together combine the efforts of 64 unique partners across 18 European countries, which have received a total of €14.5 million in funding.







#### REUSING INDUSTRIAL EXCESS THERMAL ENERGY



#### sowhatproject.eu

- Auditing tool
- WH/C in the industry and surrounding community
- Integrated tool with business perspective



- · More sustainable and efficient energy
- · CO2 reduction
- · EU cooperation boosted



#### incub-is.eu

- Creating energy symbioses
- Project development support services to address non-technical barriers
- Building intermediaries' capacity to deliver energy symbiosis projects



#### sparcs-h2020.eu

- Cooperative solutions for energy solutions in industrial parks
- Energy Cooperation Assessment Tool
- New business models



#### emb3rs.eu

- Matching energy sources and sinks between sectors
- Exploring business cases
- Optimisation of proposed technical solutions



#### r-aces.eu

- Turning industrial clusters into ecoregions
- Condensing knowledge of research projects into 3 tools
- Tools supporting the collaboration in an ecoregion



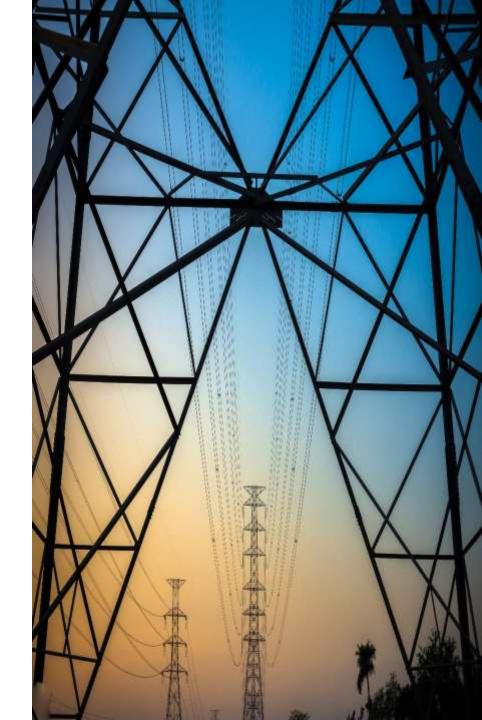




### Why this alliance?

- Potential for energy cooperation and waste heat recovery is huge and largely untapped.
- Energy represents up to 20 % of the total production costs for energy intensive industries in Europe, and even more for some industrial sectors.
- Despite considerable technical progresses in reducing energy consumption, a significant amount of the input energy is still lost in the form of excess heat.
- Improved energy efficiency in industrial processes can lead to substantial primary energy savings, decarbonisation of the energy supply and subsequent reduction of CO2 emissions.







### **Objectives**

- Enhance collaboration to boost energy efficiency in European industries.
- Maximize the impact and improve the quality and the relevance of the outputs generated by each of the projects conforming the alliance.
- Boost industrial symbiosis as well as waste heat and waste cold recovery and reuse.
- Contribute to the 2050 goal of zero net carbon emissions.















### An overview of the projects

















### S-PARCS - What we did





























March 2018 - June 2021





- Develop, test and deploy replicable business models for joint contracting of energy services for industrial parks
- Contribute to the creation of legal and regulatory frameworks that accelerate and facilitate the adoption of innovative instruments for energy cooperation
- **4. Build capacities** and increase the skills and competencies



- State of the art of energy cooperation in industrial parks – solutions, opportunities and barriers will be identified
- 2. Envisioning innovative instruments and business models that enhance energy cooperation
- 3. Development of the Industrial Park Service Initial Assessment Tool
- Support industrial parks to enhance energy cooperation





#### **SO WHAT**

SO WHAT aims to develop and validate an integrated software for auditing industrial process, planning and simulation of waste heat and cold (WH/C) valorisation systems towards the identification of economically viable scenarios where WH/C and renewable energy sources (RES) cooperate to match local demand.













































#### EMB3Rs



#### Follow our journey!



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EMB3Rs



#### **Project partners**



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#### September 2019 - August 2022



Develop an open-sourced energy modelling platform to identify feasible solutions for the recovery and use of industrial excess HC



Simulate alternative technological and/or business scenarios

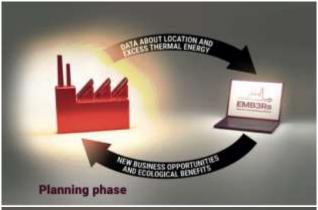


To be independently used by a wide variety of industries and other stakeholders at EU geographies





### EMB3Rs – Specific objectives

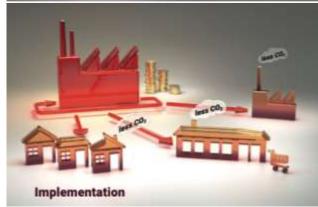




Identifying users with geographic relevancy for HC supply and demand, and enabling their interlinking



Matching quality and temporal profiles of the excess HC available for local supply/demand





Exploring cost efficient internal and external technology routes for the recovery, conversion and distribution of the available excess thermal energy



Assessing effective business models and policy instruments to overcome barriers to the implementation of the most promising scenarios.





#### **R-ACES**

R-ACES promotes the transition to a circular economy model based on industrial symbiosis in energy cooperation.



June 2019 - May 2022

The project supports industrial sites & business parks in becoming ecoregions that reduce their CO2 emissions by at least 10%





















### R-ACES - Energy Cooperation Platform

Three practical tools support the organisation of ecoregions.

Self-assessment



Legal Decision Support Tool



Energy Management Platform



#### ECOREGION

Geographical area where energy & information is exhanged between different stakeholders to reduce energy consumption.

Join us!

Become an

Ecoregion

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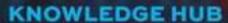


Commercial buildings



Industry

Reduce your CO, emission by at least 10% through energy cooperation.



Online education environment for capacity building of stakeholders.



Training Courses



Serious Board Game



Use Case Library





### **INCUBIS**



**Energy Symbiosis:** The exploitation of energy efficiency opportunities found across industries and sectors.

Barriers	Problem	Solution
High risk of energy symbiosis project development activities	Energy Symbiosis projects often get stuck and/or fail in the project development stage	An intermediary (facilitator) that can overcome barriers, manage risks, and deliver projects
Low risk tolerance for investments in waste/byproducts		
Lack of skills/capacity to properly assess and manage those risks		

























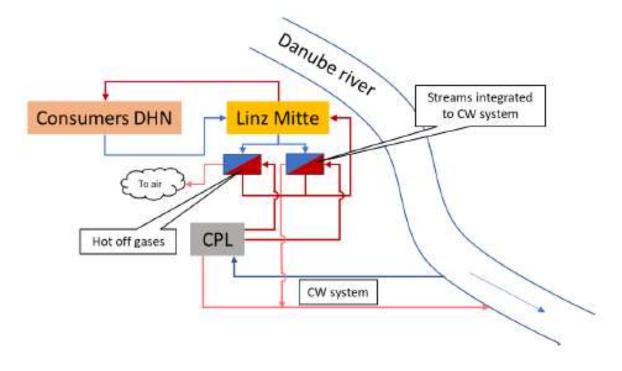




### **Chemiepark Linz**

The available waste heat has been calculated after a careful examination of the most suitable extraction points in the system for size and location.

The identified waste heat sources amount to several megawatts with a temperature level being sufficient for the DHN throughout most times of the year.



Two scenarios were evaluated: **feed-in for building heating throughout winter time** and an additional demand during summer, as **heat-to-cold technology and district cooling** is enforced by the local DHN, which provides a good opportunity to utilize waste heat during summer time.





### **IMERYS Graphite & Carbon**

Today almost no heat is recovered, a district heating network would make the site **significantly more sustainable and futureproof.** As a matter of fact, during the process of Carbon Black, a mixture of H<sub>2</sub> and CO is formed, max total of 30MW.



In order to valorise the waste gas stream, a study has been performed looking into different industrial options ranging from electricity production, over carbon valorisation via the production of chemicals such as methanol or paraffines, as well as heating circuits.





## Heat-exchange within an industrial park in Greece

The  $2^{nd}$  Industrial Zone of Volos has  $\sim 50$  active industries located within its perimeter.

10 of the industries (20%) expressed an interest to participate. Six industries proved to be **sinks** and four to be **sources**.

#### Important output we expect from the simulation:

- Economic feasibility of the project (i.e. capital cost and payback periods).
- **Heat storage requirements** due to the variation in the operating hours, days and months of the sources and sinks (e.g. iron and steel works, town of Agios Geogios etc.)





### Lombardy ecoregion

First results: feasibility study underway for connection of Cartiera CA-MA (paper mill) with its 600 kW of waste heat not currently used. With R-ACES we are working to allow that this heat is used by the new DHC







## Requirements for other projects to join

- To be an EU-funded project, a non-profit organization or an association/organization based in Europe.
- To work towards the decarbonization of the industrial sector, for example, through the recovery and use of excess thermal energy, or the integration of renewables in industrial processes.







#### **Further activities**

- Joint dissemination channels (<u>https://www.alliance4ecei.eu/</u>)
- Cross-contamination of results and possibly analysis of use cases and sites
- Joint participation in the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW).









### Questions?





