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GEOFIT preliminary results

**Easy-to-install, economical and enhanced geothermal
systems for energy efficient building retrofitting**

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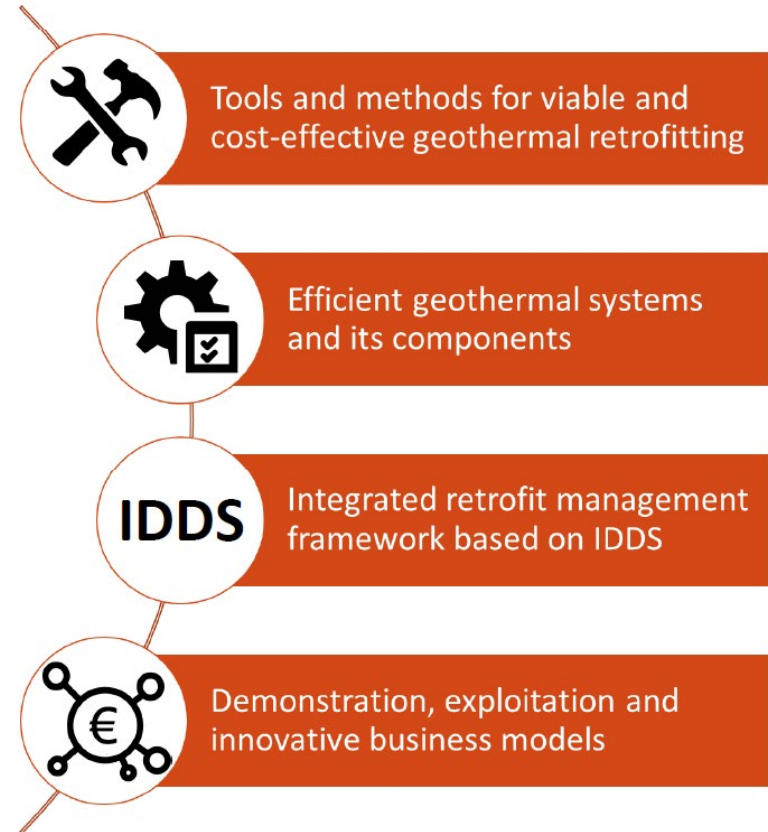
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THE PROJECT

GEOFIT: *Economical enhanced geothermal systems for energy efficient building retrofitting*

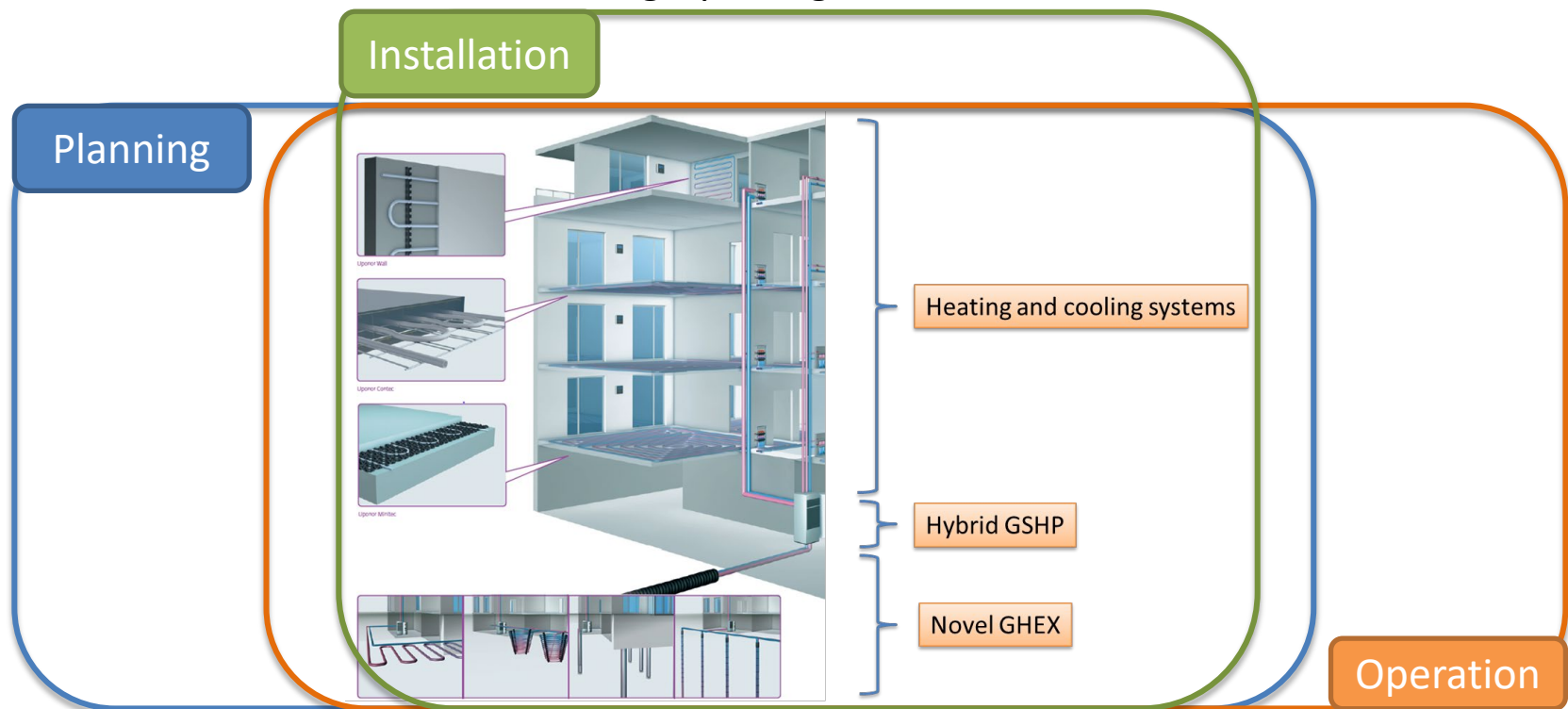
- 4 year H2020 project (May 2018-April 2022)
- 24 Partners
- Innovation Action supporting the H2020 Societal Challenge of Secure, Clean and Efficiency Energy
- Part of INEA's Energy Portfolio (Low Carbon Economy (LCE), Renewable Energy Technologies (RET))
- € 9.7 million cost / € 7.9 million funding





PROCESSES: PLANNING, INSTALLATION, OPERATION

No groundbreaking technologies, rather **smart use of existing technologies at system level**, technology toolsets to support the processes around the technology couplings and building-up design know-how.



BIM / Survey / Baseline

Drilling, Monitoring & Integration

Geothermal as a smart asset



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(OPEN) PILOTS

Sant'Apollinare Demo Site
Historical Building: Conference/Office Center



San Cugat Demo Site
Primary school



**EDUCATIONAL
BUILDING in Boreaux**



Galway Demo Site
NUIG Kingfisher Sport Center

4 Countries, 5 Building Types, Different
Soil Conditions, 3 Different Climates



Aran Island (IE)
Residential

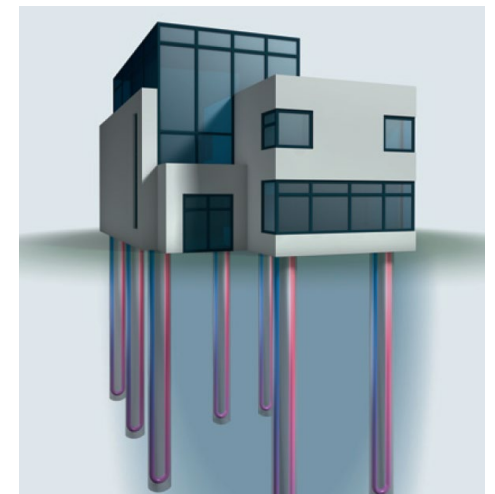
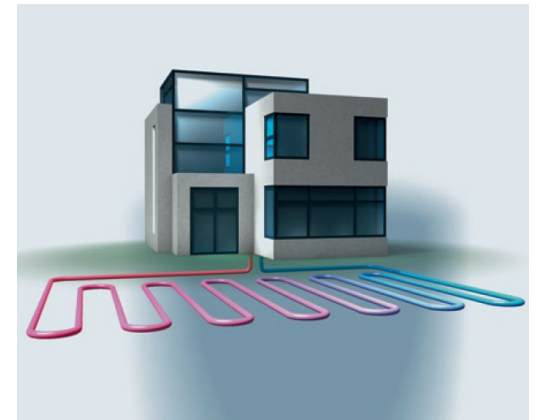
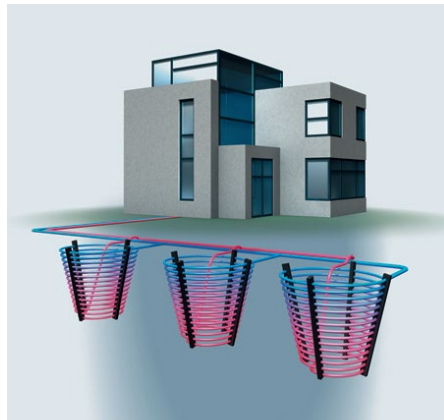


MAIN PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AND SOLUTIONS FOUND

- Shallow Geothermal requires **many skills around the table**
 - > Integrated D&D Solutions and multidisciplinary approach, applicable standards
- One of the main problems encountered is **freezing of the ground** in the long run
 - > correct design is crucial! Heat Exchanger design framework
- Another big issue is **underground utilities** (e.g. Bordeaux pilot)
 - > GPR technology is quick and provides good results
- Heat pumps work best with **low return temperature**
 - > correct design crucial! Pilot deliverables and LTH/HTC deliverable
- **BIM components** for geothermal are not available
 - > BIM library developed
- Geothermal H/C is still **underdeveloped** in EU countries
 - > Market analysis

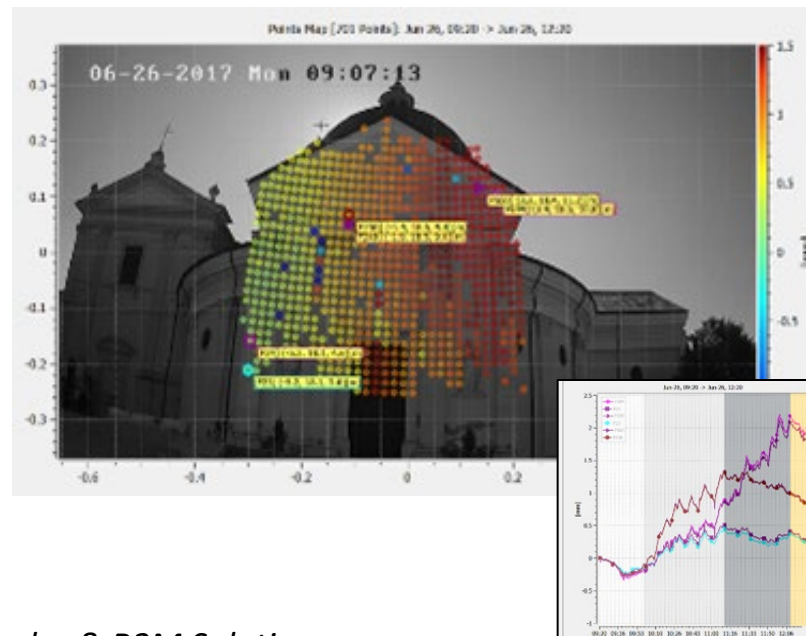


SHALLOW-EARTH HEAT EXCHANGER CONCEPTS COUPLED TO INNOVATIVE DRILLING TECHNIQUES





GROUND PENETRATING RADAR, UAV SURVEYS, AND MONITORING TO REDUCE RISK

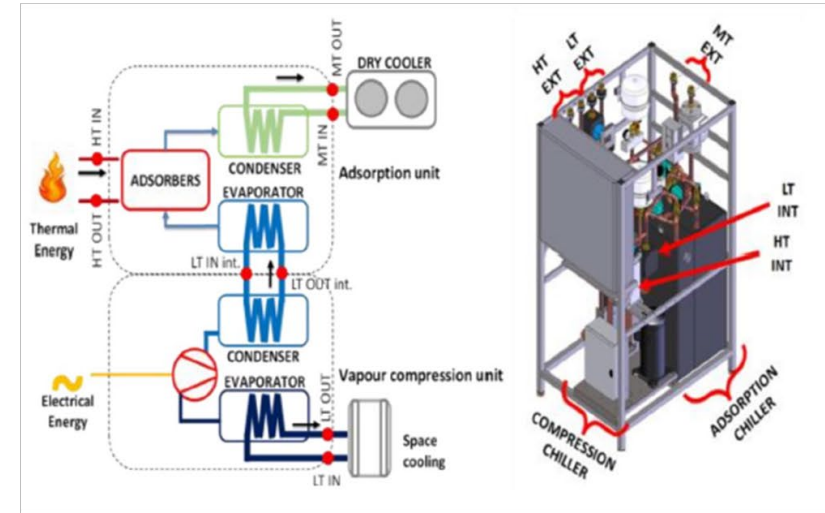
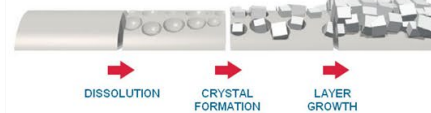




NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES AND INTEGRATED SYSTEM CONCEPTS DELIVERING ULTRA-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING SOLUTIONS



Zeolite Crystallization



Radiant heating and cooling



Thermally active slabs



Manifold stations



Geothermal energy stations



Controls



GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS AS FLEXIBLE ASSETS, BIM AT THE BUILDING LEVEL





RELEVANT REPORTS ON [GEOFIT-PROJECT.EU](https://geofit-project.eu)

- *D.1.2 Detailed guidelines of the processes*
Integrated Design and Delivery Solution applied to geothermal projects
- *D.2.1 Geothermal – IDM for Drilling Processes*
Geothermal Information Delivery Manual (IDM) for drilling processes
- *D.2.6 Displacement Based Monitoring Methodology*
Sensor-based structural health monitoring
- *D.3.1 Design methodologies strengths and weaknesses*
Overview of the main heat transport processes in ground source heat exchangers, discuss the main analytical and numerical methods available
- *D.3.2 Ground Source Heat Exchanger design framework*
Overall design process and procedures for data collection and evaluation



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- *D4.1 Options and selections of heating/cooling components for geothermal retrofitting*
- *D5.2 Report on improvement contributions of the LTH/HTC system*
Effect of low-temperature heating and high-temperature cooling on thermal comfort
- *D.6.2 Geothermal Components BIM Libraries*
- *D.8.1 Standardization landscape and applicable standards*
Standards applicable to geothermal projects
- *D9.2 Market Analysis*

Thank you for your attention



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