

Sustainable Places 2023

WORKSHOP – “District Heating and Cooling in the Future Energy System”

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ABOUT THE PROJECT



Hybrid Coupled Networks for Thermal-Electric Integrated Smart Energy Districts

Duration:

October 2021 – March 2025 (42 months)

Call: H2020-LC-GD-2-1-2020

(Research and Innovation action)

Total Cost: € 6M

Partners:

19 partners from 7 countries

TRL: 3-5

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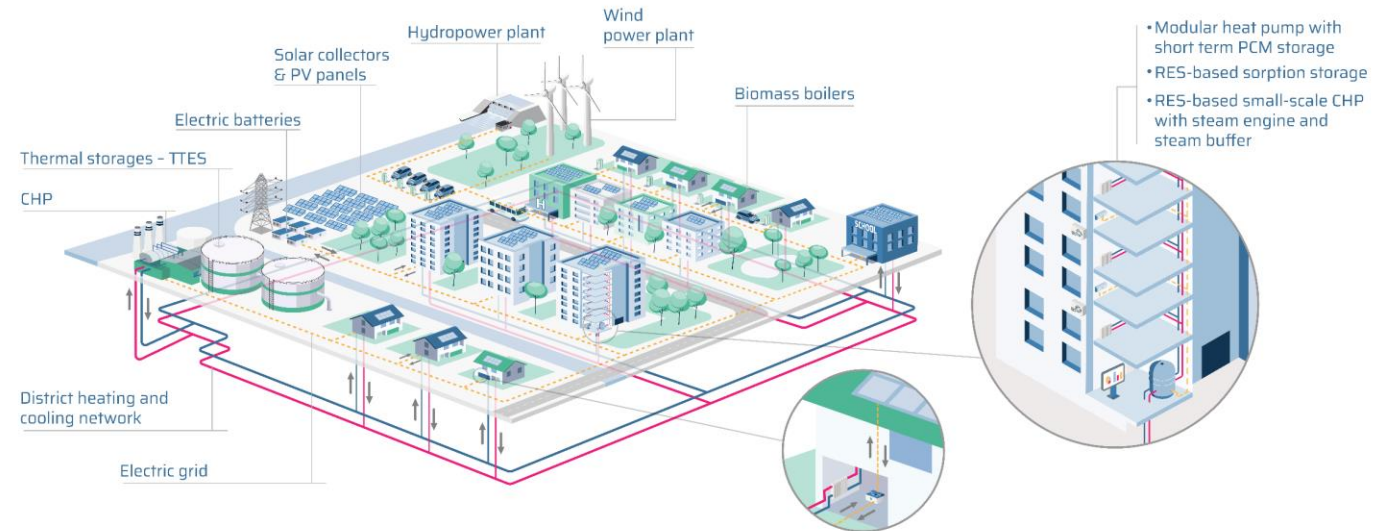
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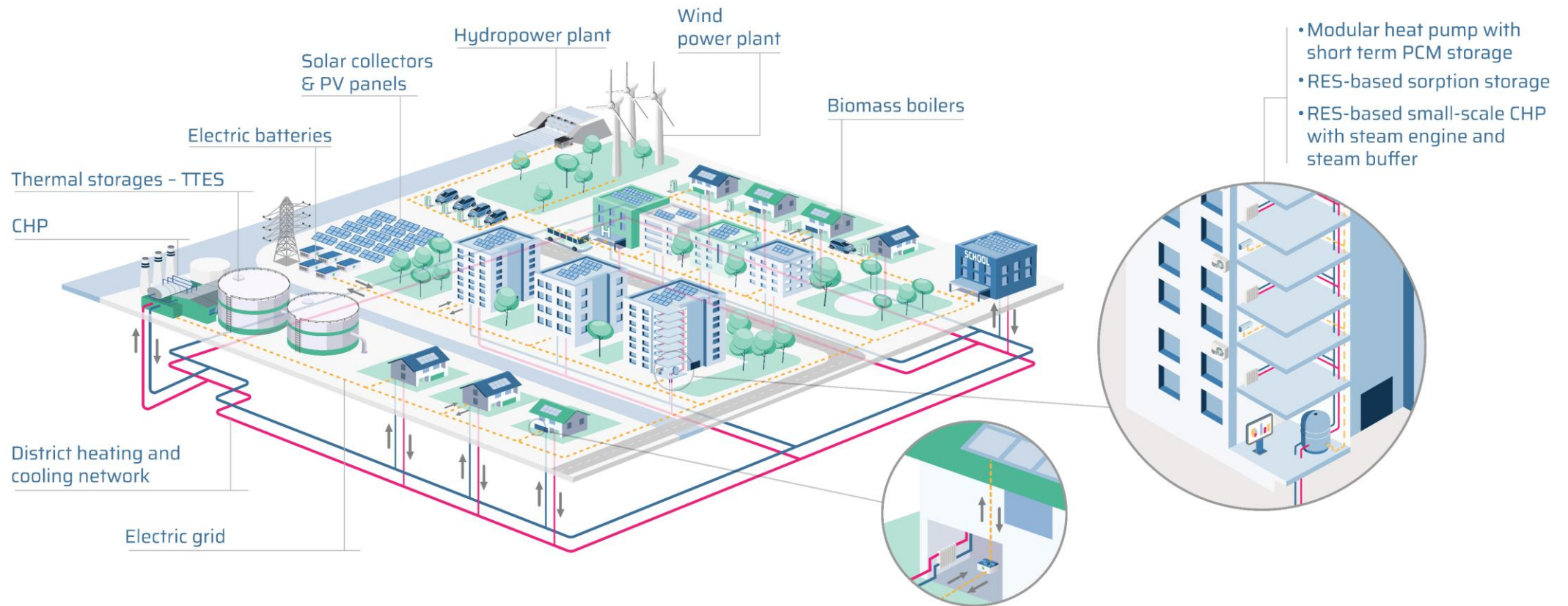


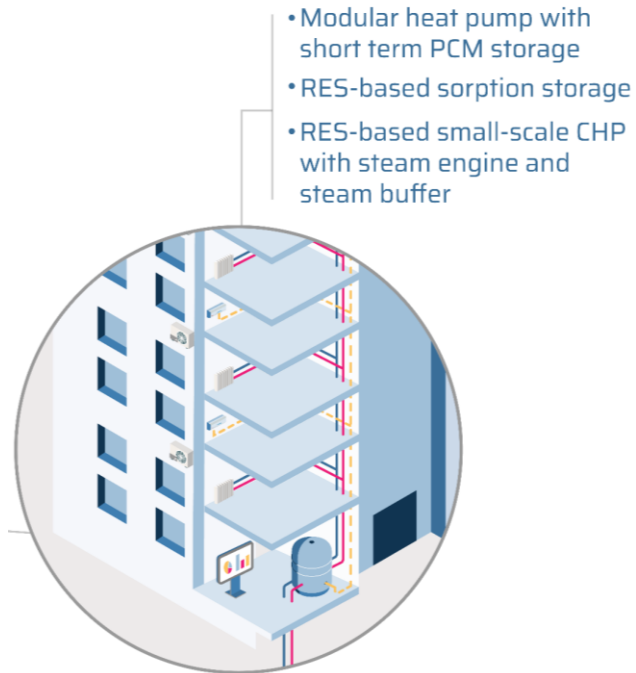
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Develop and integrate renewable-based solutions to empower the deployment of **smart hybrid energy networks**
- Optimize system design and operation
- Ensure flexibility and rapid deployment and guarantee robust and secure energy supply
- Enhance users' participation in the overall grid energy management
- Develop a single platform functioning as hub for hardware and tools testing



OVERALL CONCEPT





Modular Reversible Heat Pump with short term PCM storage

- Bridge between electric and thermal worlds
- Heat and cool booster allowing lower temperature in the main DHC network
- Flexible operation: can be operated with surplus from renewables or external grid, following dynamic pricing model



Sorption Storage

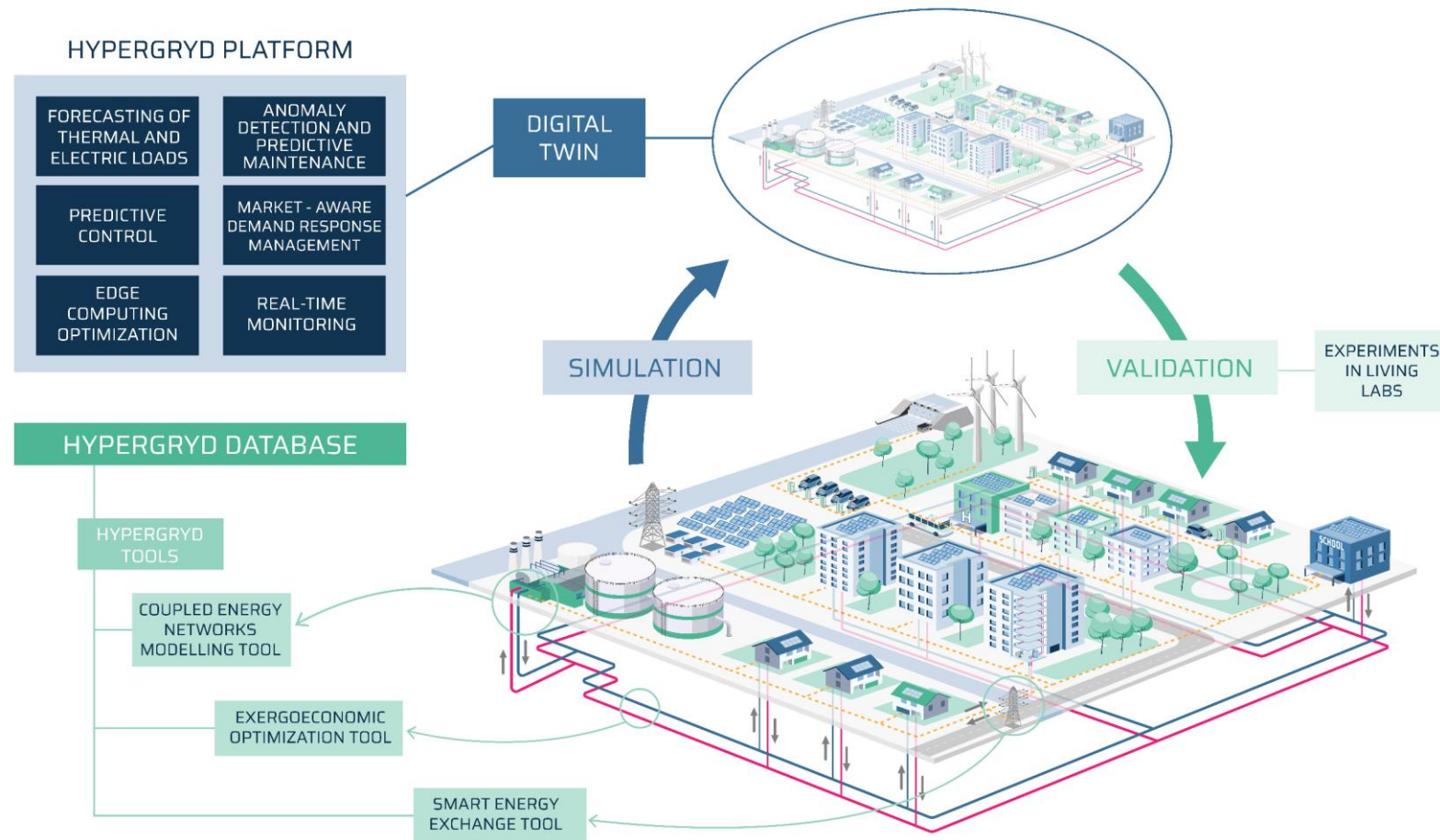
- Monthly to seasonal storage applications
- Can provide heating and cooling at both high and low temperatures
- Can provide grid flexibility (ex. by storing cold during summer in combination with the heat pump)



Micro-CHP with steam engine and steam buffer

- Flexible operation
- Can be used in reversed mode

TOOLS AND SERVICES



DEMONSTRATION

Turin (Italy) – ENVIPARK

LiL Type: Office District
Solution: ENCO dynamic simulation tool and Digital Twin



Großschönau (Austria) - SONNENPLATZ

LiL Type: Biomass-based District Heating System
Solution: GIS-BIM tool, exergoeconomic model, dynamic simulation tool and local energy marketplace



Jablonna (Poland) – KEZO Research Center

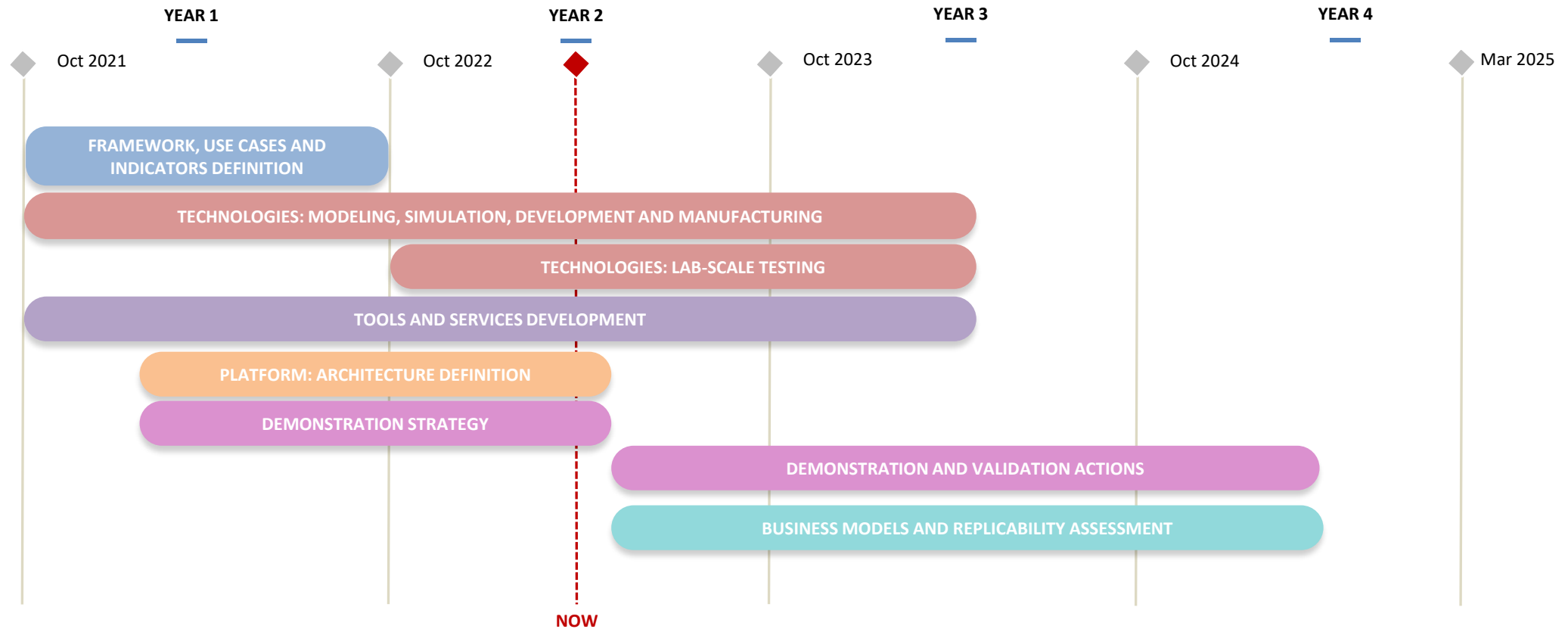
LiL Type: Laboratory and office buildings
Solution: HP with PCM storage, sorption storage, algorithms for heat pump and DHC management

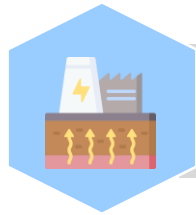


Bozen (Italy) - EURAC

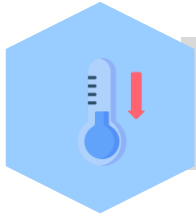
LiL Type: Research Lab
Solution: micro-CHP with steam engine and steam buffer

PROJECT STATUS





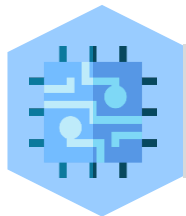
GENERATION: RES-based



GRID DISTRIBUTION: Low temperature, relatively close to the temperature of the ground (to use uninsulated pipes)



END-USER DISTRIBUTION: Combination of small individual heat pumps and large heat pumps to boost/decrease temperature from DHC



Tools orchestration: Exploit synergies with electric grid



Energy efficiency improvements in buildings should keep pace with DHC developments

DHC role in future EU energy sector

The EU energy sector is moving towards electrification





Solution: DHC

- Higher efficiency compared to individual H&C solutions
- Possibility to reuse waste heat-cool
- Sector coupling

- Facility managers, district and construction manager: define future investment for the transition to a 4th-5th generation DHC with high-RES share
- Building owners, tenants, occupants: looking at the project's developments and impact on daily life (thermal comfort, air quality etc).



Challenges:

- Interest
- Understanding of technologies, tools, policies
- Being open to a change of paradigm

- **Policy workshop:** could address issues such as incentives and subsidies, grid integration, decarbonization targets, and building codes and standards.
- **Business Models and Financing Workshop:** An interactive workshop exploring innovative business models and financing mechanisms for district heating and cooling projects.
- Discussion on **technical challenges for feed-in** of local heat/cold into DHC networks (temperatures, pressures.)



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