



RHC for Buildings and Industry

## Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions for Buildings and Industry: 4th Edition

15th of June 2023, Madrid, Spain

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# AGENDA

**14:00 - 14:10 opening of the workshop**

**14:10 - 15:30 RHC solutions in Buildings**

**15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00 - 17:00 RHC solutions in industries**

**17:20 – 17:30 closing of the workshop**

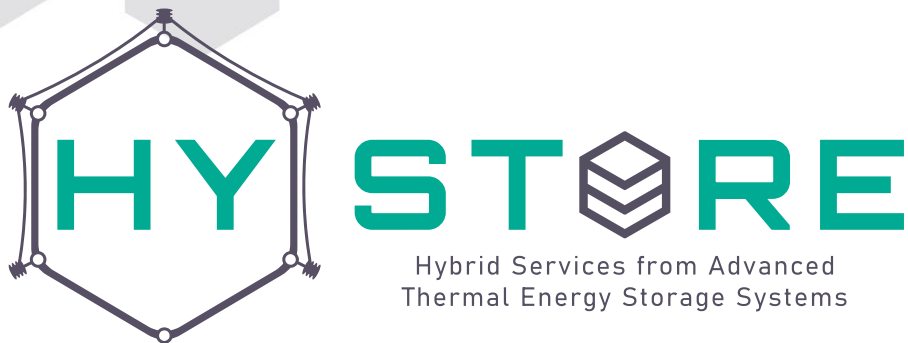
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**EVENT AND PLACE:** Sustainable Places 2023, Madrid

**DATE:** June 15th, 2023

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# Project Description

**Duration:**

January 2023 - December 2026 (48 months)

**Call:**

HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-01

**Partners:**

18 partners from 8 countries

**TRL:**

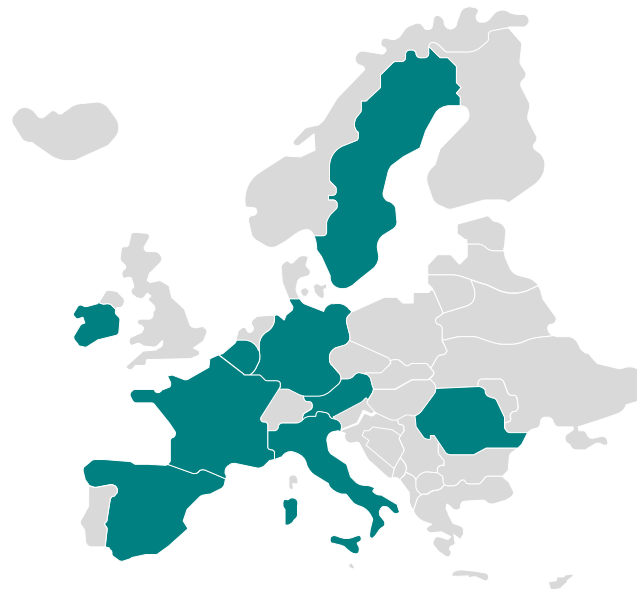
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# Consortium





# Context of the project



- Thermochemical storage systems (TCM) or even other novel types of PCM storages are either absent from the market or emerging as an early-stage innovation
- Historically, TES systems have been considered mainly as an auxiliary component for the energy systems at user levels.
- Connection to the grid can unlock new demand, leading to innovation (lowering cost) and increase the performance (higher investment returns) of TES.
- A holistic solution that integrate TES with **HVAC, energy network** on **building and local community level**



Develop and validate four innovative sets of **Thermal Energy Storage** (TES) concepts, based on **PCM** and **TCM** solutions.

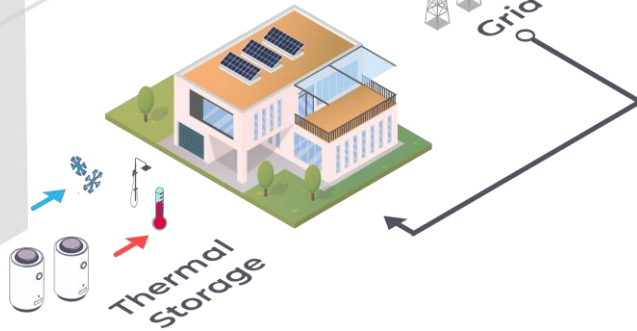
The four novel concepts attain different applications:

- Heating and cooling
- DHW
- Provision of hybrid services (related to heat and power) thanks to a **smart aggregator** and an **open-source multi-service platform**.

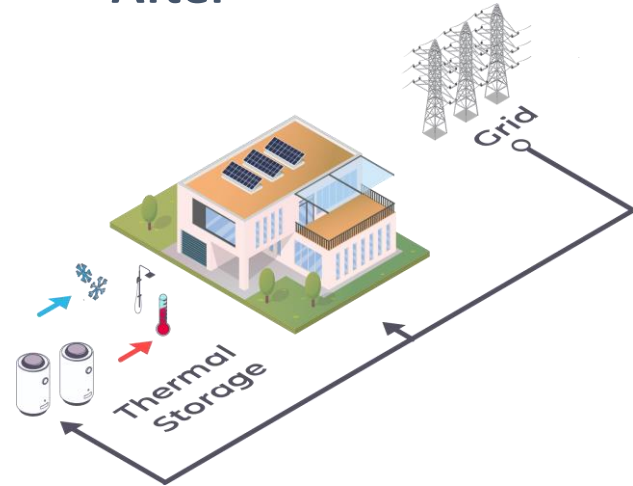


## Challenges

**Before**



**After**

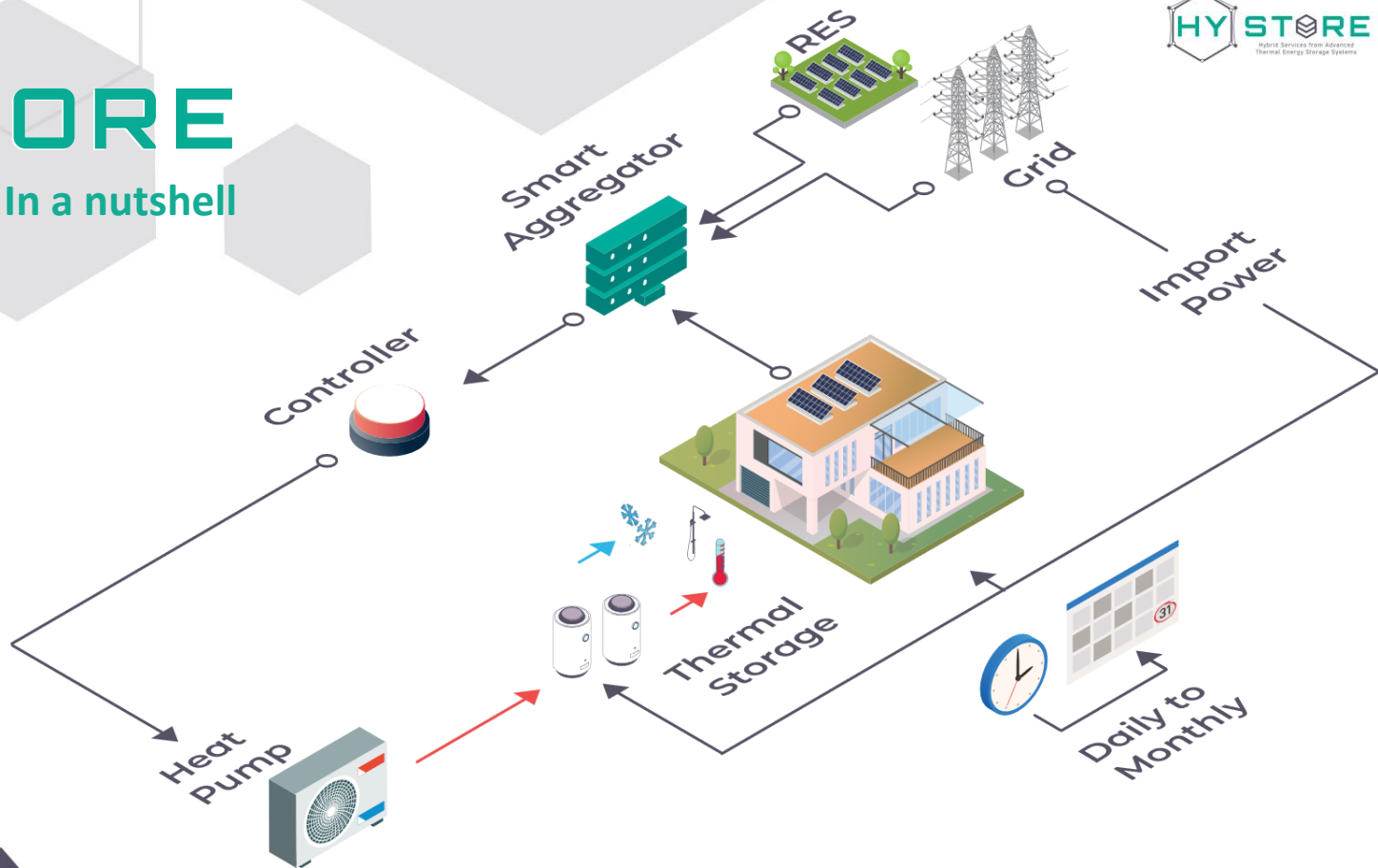


Connection to the grid that can unlock new demand, lower the cost and increase the performance of TES

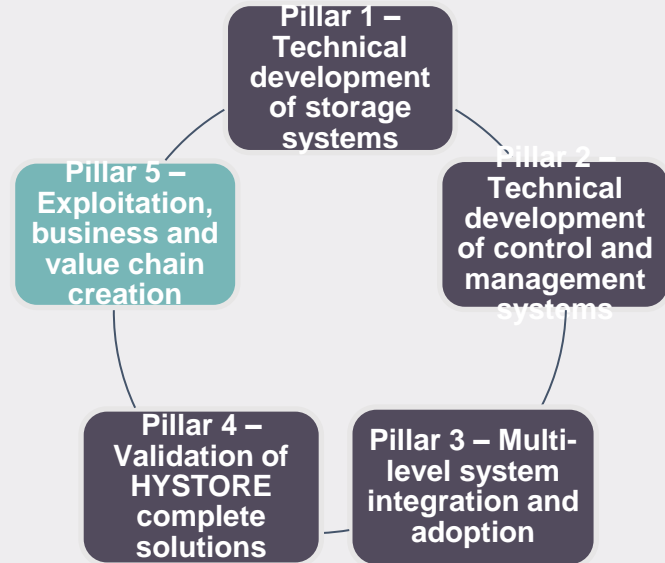
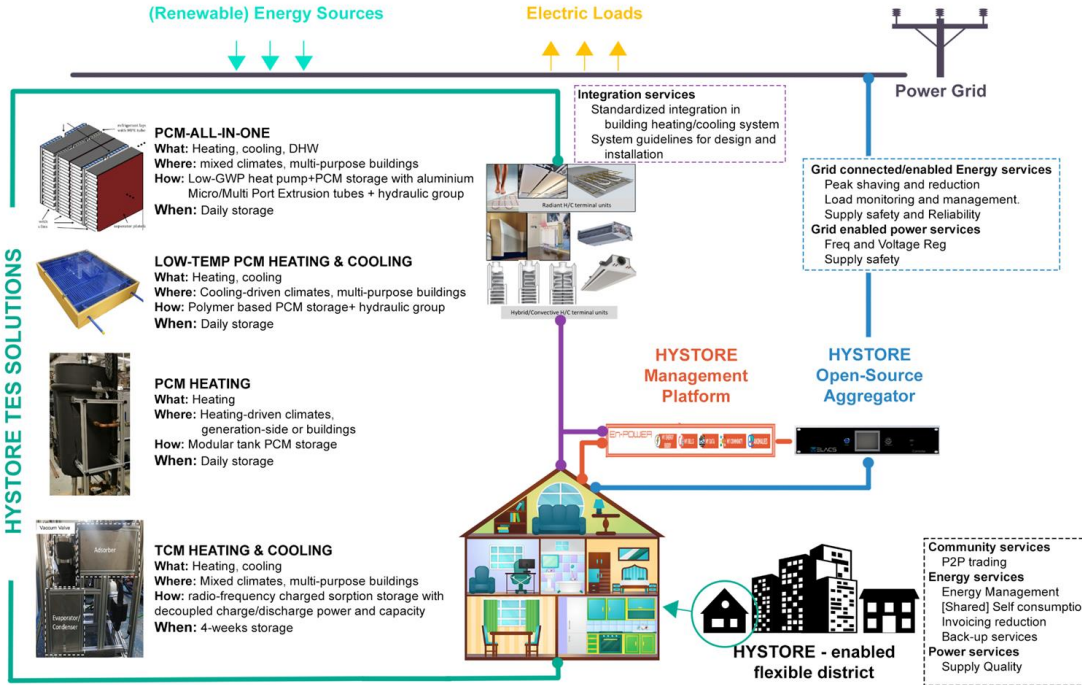


# HYSTORE

In a nutshell



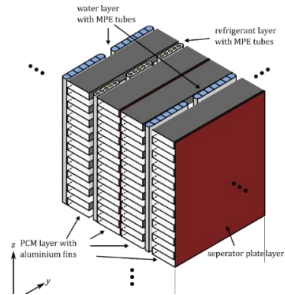






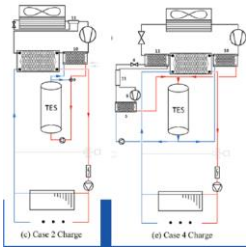
# PILLAR 1: High-performance thermal storages (TES)

## ALL-IN-ONE PCM



- HP + PCM storage box.
- Evaporator/condenser PCM integrated.
- Natural refrigerant propane (GWP=3).

## PCM Heating solution



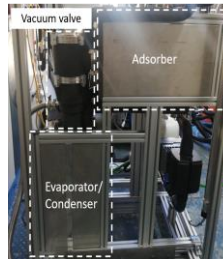
- LHTES with HPs.
- Stainless-steel PCM storage tank.
- High energy density.
- Modular and compact system.

## PCM LOW-TEMP



- Modular design (HP ready).
- Polymer based HEX and enclosure.
- High percentage of bio-based raw materials.

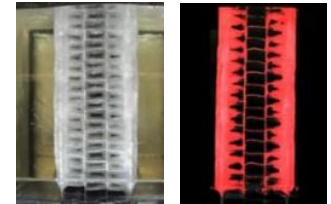
## TCM HEATING & COOLING



- Radiofrequency charging.
- Water as refrigerant.
- Separated units for charging and discharging.

## SoC algorithm

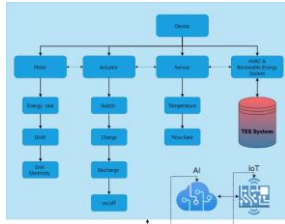
- Easy-to-install and low-cost sensors.
- Surface temperature sensors.
- Machine-learning techniques.
- TCM, pressure + temperature sensors.





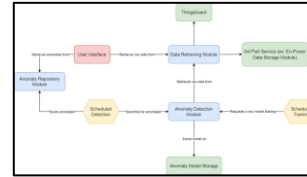
## PILLAR 2: HYSTORE control, management and integration tools

### Ontology for TES



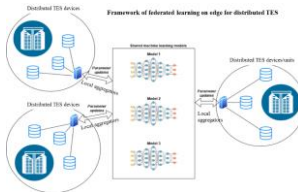
- IoT-based ontology.
- Built on SAREF framework.

### ML models



- Interoperable software for TES asset and monitoring data management.
- ML models and optimization methods for TES-integrated energy network

### Enhanced smart edge computing



- Federated learning.
- Deployed on buildings edge hardware (SEAS).
- SEAS and TES solutions joint AI training.

### TES Smart energy aggregator



- Modular hardware aggregator
- Aggregation optimization.
- Open APIs will enable secure deployment



## PILLAR 3: HYSTORE platform and integration

### Optimal planning tool



- single building and LEC TES sizing
- TES energy services potential analysis

### Data management



- Modular design
- Built on SAREF framework.
- Build on top of En-POWER platform

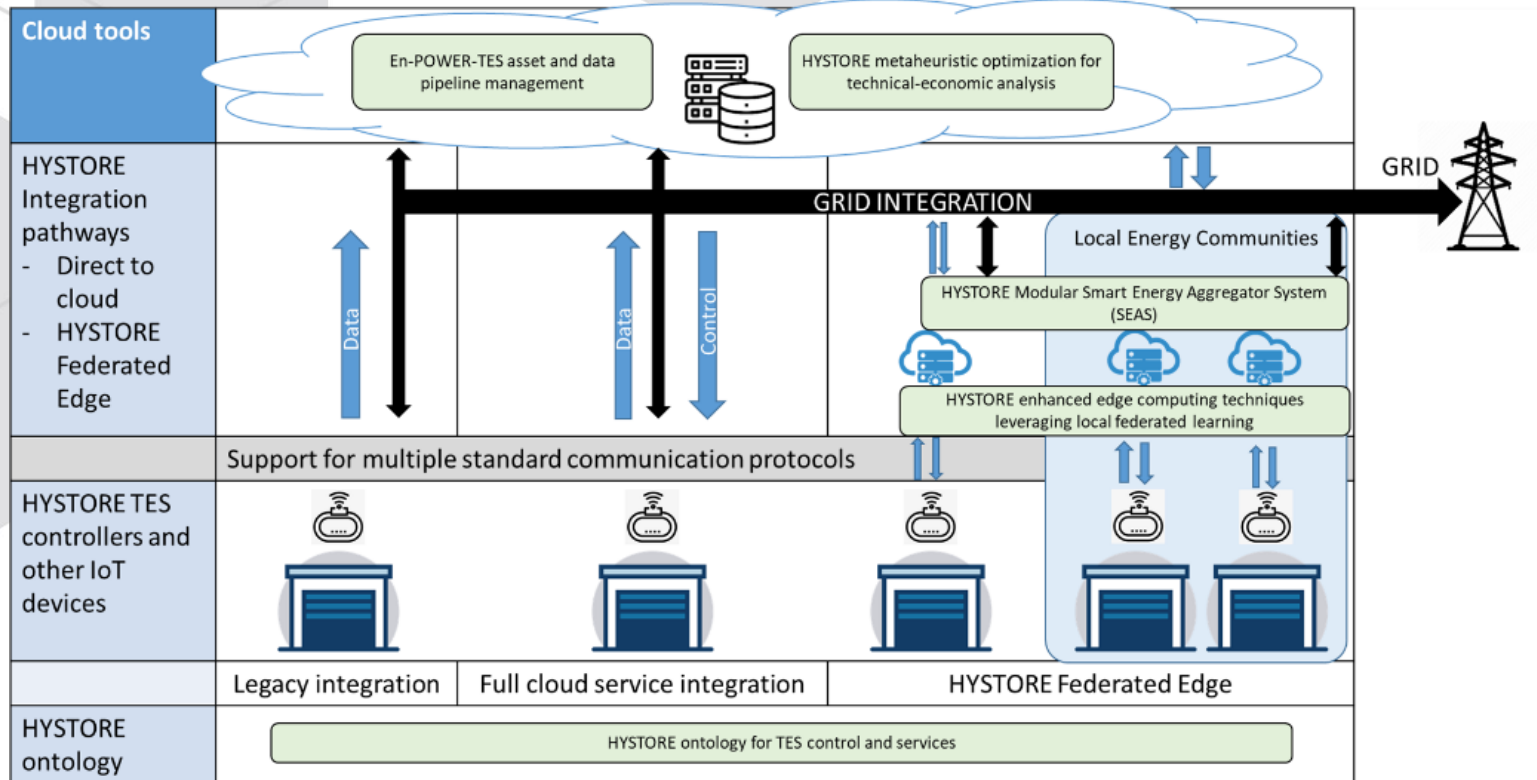
### Realtime OS



- Open-source operating systems
- MELACS based
- Secure application of TES toward local energy community



# HYSTORE holistic ICT architecture and integration pathways





## HYSTORE Impact



**+120% Energy Density**



**-50% CAPEX**



**Enhanced Installation  
Efforts**



**Competitive with  
Batteries**

- Allow TES to be coupled and integrated with **grid-level aggregators** that can be federated in the context of both single buildings and local energy communities.



# The HYSTORE demonstration sites

- 4 use cases.
- For each use case a representative business model will be selected.

## Use Case 4: DUBLIN

**What:** TCM H&C + smart platform  
**Use case:** heterogeneous complex (university campus) with high RES share  
**Building services:** heating  
**Grid services:** higher RES usage, peak shaving, balance management

**Replication scope:** overall campus (30,000 people) and other Northern countries multi-functional buildings

## Use Case 3: MONTSERRAT

**What:** TCM H&C + + low T&C PCM + smart platform  
**Use case:** heterogeneous complex with high RES share  
**Building services:** heating and cooling  
**Grid services:** peak load shifting, frequency and voltage regulation

**Replication scope:** overall complex (10 buildings) and mid-scale DHC (2.5 MWh)

## Use Case 2: STOCKHOLM

**What:** PCM HEATING + smart platform  
**Use case:** residential building  
**Building services:** heating  
**Grid services:** peak shaving and shifting, demand-side management

**Replication scope:** overall campus and other close residential districts

## Use Case 1: LANGENWANG

**What:** PCM-ALL-IN-ONE  
**Use case:** multi-purpose building  
**Building services:** heating, cooling, DHW  
**Grid services:** peak shaving and shifting, demand-side management

**Replication scope:** other close mixed residential/industrial districts





# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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# Introduction

## Objectives

Strategic heating and cooling planning is further disseminated and taken up

The quality of strategic heating and cooling planning is increased.

Strategic heating and cooling planning leads to the implementation of decarbonisation measures.

## Consortium and geographical



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## Main indicators

◀ **120 municipalities** that start, continue or improve strategic heating and cooling planning, encouraged by support packages.

◀ **30 pre-feasibility studies** carried out for individual projects within the municipalities. Encouraged by support packages and advice

◀ **15 projects** for which financing options are being developed

### Support Facility

- Tutoring in applying
- THERMOS & Hotmaps
- Support & feedback to mapping and modelling of projects

### Training & Capacity building

- Training programme
- Training materials

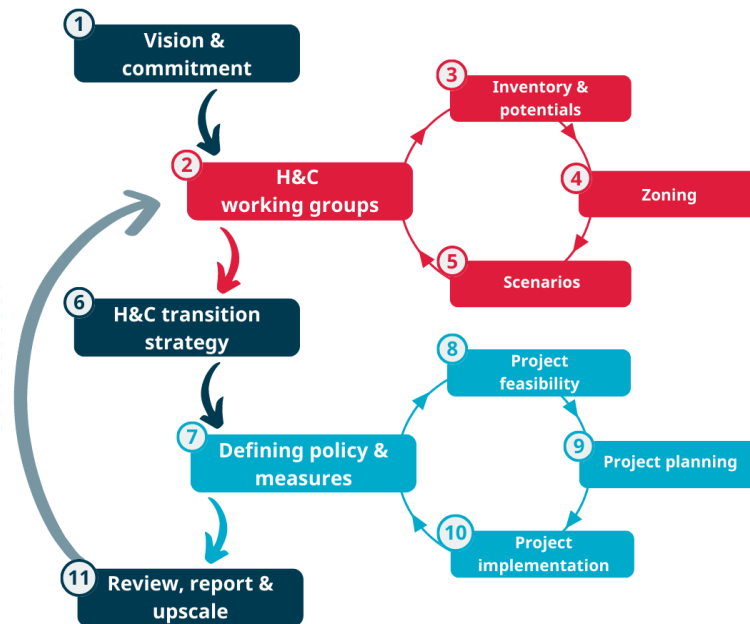
### Enabling policy and project implementation

- Stakeholder dialogues
- Project events
- Ambassador programme



## H&C Workflow

- The workflow tries to depict the planning process for H&C interventions from the initial concept to the review and upscale of the implemented project.
- The different tasks identified were clustered in three intervention areas (Policy, Planning and Execution) depending on the actors involved.





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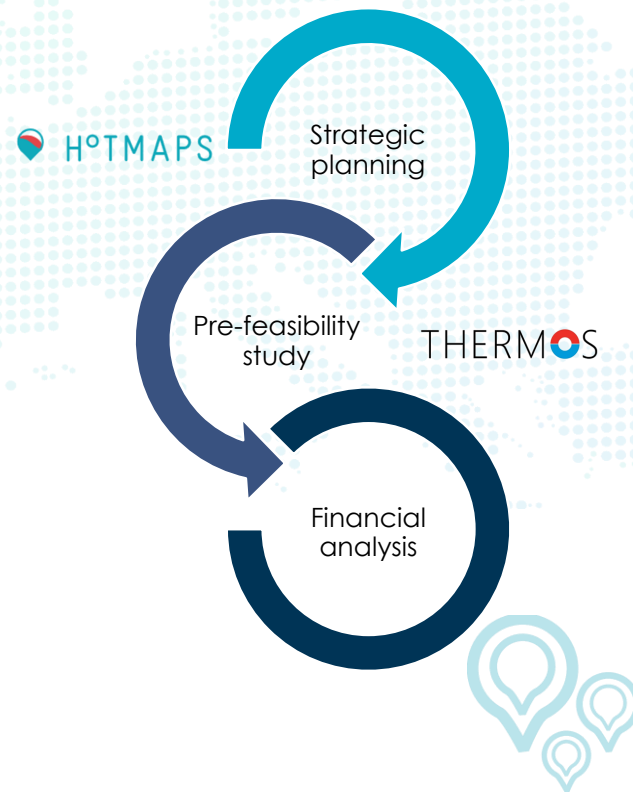
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## Methodology

- The support is delivered in three different areas that could feed into each other:
  - Strategic planning
  - Prefeasibility studies
  - Financial analysis
- The support is provided through two simultaneous support facilities associated to each of these topics
- Two open-source tools developed in previous Horizon projects are used to assess the support activities and quantify the main parameters
  - Hotmaps
  - THERMOS
- Interested parties can apply using the Online Application Form available in the Act!onHeat website





# Planning tools



## Vision

Motivate strategic energy planning for public bodies by facilitating the identification, analysis, modelling and mapping of resources and technological solutions.

## Objectives

- Develop an open source tool
- Provide initial data
- Providing proven, easy-to-use software

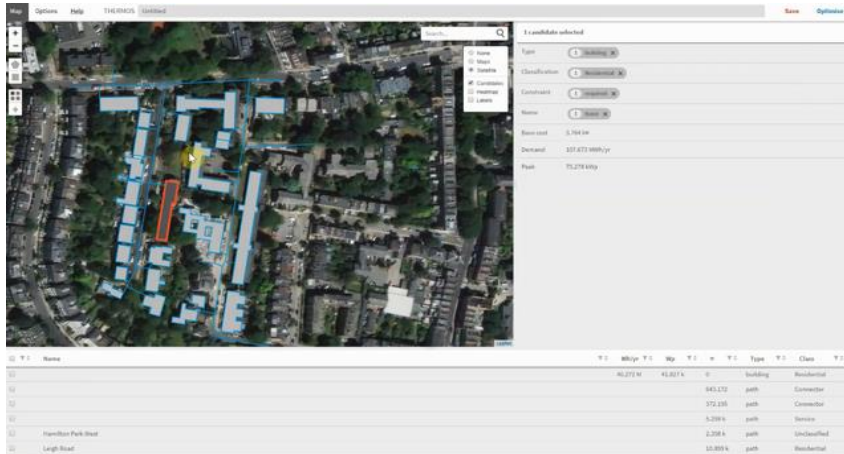
## Results

Maps in GIS format of the characterised resource (energy demand, potential for the development of a heat network, biomass supply capacity, ....).



# Planning tools

## THERMOS



### Vision

Scaling up and accelerating the development of low-carbon climate networks in Europe, allowing upgrades, renovations or extensions to be considered quickly and easily.

### Objectives

- Mapping demands and generation alternatives for the whole street in the pilot cities
- Establish a methodology for local energy mapping applicable to the EU.
- Develop and implement algorithms for modelling and optimising heat networks.

### Results

Open source online tool that allows the modelling of heat networks taking into account real costs, tariffs, performances, operation,... in a versatile and easy to use way.



## Support provision

### Call for applications

Selection process to be a participant in the different support facilities provided within the Act!onHeat project

- There will be 3 separate calls to select 40 strategic planning projects, 10 prefeasibility studies and 5 financial analyses each
- Participants will be accepted until the KPIs for each call are fulfilled
- In case the consortium's resources are exceeded, applications will be accepted on the basis of selection criteria available on the project's website
- Each participant will be assigned to a member of the consortium according to their geographical location to deliver tailored support

### Actors involved

- Local and regional authorities
- Utilities
- Consultancies and energy companies
- Energy agencies
- Researchers and academia
- Policy makers
- H&C industry and industry associations
- Local government networks





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## Ongoing Support Facility Case Studies



- Energy agency in Hessen (Germany)
- Heat planning will be mandatory next year
- First point of contact for the municipalities on heat planning

3 comprehensive workshops attended by numerous Hessian municipalities. Experts from the Act!onHeat consortium gave keynote speeches.

Targeted *training webinars* for members of LEA Hessen. The topics are:

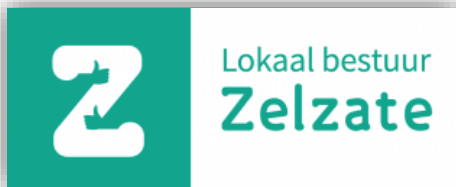
- "Data for municipal heating and cooling planning"
- "Developing a data inventory for heat planning"
- "Using the hotmaps database and toolbox for strategic heating and cooling planning"

Provide advice for a quick advisory service for district heating. This includes the development of a *best-practice slide deck for RES in district heating networks*.





## Ongoing Support Facility Case Studies



- Zelzate Town in East Flanders (Belgium)
- Sources of a large amount of residual heat nearby
- Already identified a potentially economically viable heat network

As part of the Support Facility, THERMOS tool has been used to answer specific heat network related questions for the local government.

Experts from the Act!onheat consortium have been **meeting regularly with various stakeholders** to gather the required data on building heat demands, drilling costs, and heat supply costs for THERMOS to produce accurate results.

The output of the collaboration will be a **pre-feasibility study** for the local government. Currently, initial results are being produced and discussed between experts from the Act!onheat consortium and the local government.



## Ongoing Support Facility Case Studies



Macedonian  
Academy of  
Sciences and  
Arts

- Research Center for Energy and Sustainable Development (RCESD)
- Objective to set up a data inventory to assist Macedonian municipalities in their H&C strategy

Currently participating in targeted *training webinars* as part of Act!onHeat. The topics are:

- "Data for municipal heating and cooling planning"
- "Developing a data inventory for heat planning"
- "Using the hotmaps database and toolbox for strategic heating and cooling planning"

Experts of Act!onHeat assist **RCESD** in the collection of data to *set up the Hotmaps toolbox for Macedonia* to be used by Macedonian municipalities in the development of their H&C strategy.

Act!onHeat will host a workshop to Macedonian municipal authorities to show in detail *how the toolbox works*





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## Future outlook

How will Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions for Buildings and Industry technically change in the future?

Encompass demand and supply

Treat heating and cooling as a whole

Aggregate demand

Integrate RES and waste heat

Which will be the role of Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions for Buildings and Industry in the future EU energy system?

Help to reach EU 2050 goals

Reduce overall demand

Support decarbonisation

Promote self-consumption





# Thank you for your attention

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RENOVATION  
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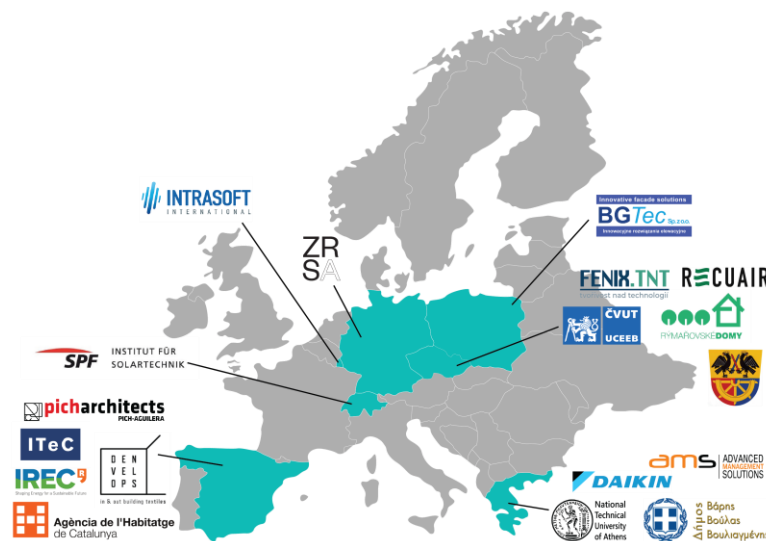
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## Who we are

- The H2020 **PLURAL** brings together 18 partners from 7 European countries (Greece, Spain, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Germany, Poland and Czech Republic) with overall budget of 9.5 million EUR.

- START: October 1, 2020
- END: September 30, 2024
- DURATION: 48 months



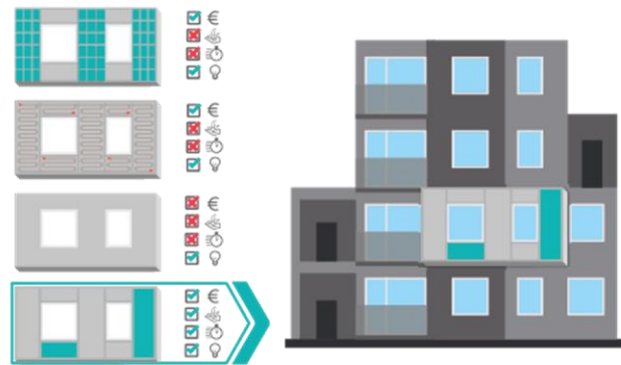


## Key Objectives

**PLURAL** aims to design, validate and demonstrate a palette of versatile, adaptable, scalable, **off-site prefabricated Plug-and-Use (PnU) kits**.

The key is to understand how to select and **integrate various renewable energy technologies**, incorporate them in **prefabricated façade components** and optimize their performance for different building types, climates and socio-economic conditions.

PLURAL demonstrates the integration of **hybrid passive and active systems into one kit** and their ability to work together in **synergy** for façade retrofitting, reaching NZEB.



## Key Objectives

- 1) **Near zero energy consumption of buildings renovated with PnU kits**
- 2) **Cost-effective renovation**
- 3) **Fast-track renovation**
- 4) **Environmentally-friendlier deep renovation**
- 5) **Flexibility – Adaptability**



## The PLURAL Concept

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- Three PnU kits: the **SmartWall**, the **ConExWall** (external Wall Heating and Cooling kit) and the **DENcomfort with eAHC** (external Advanced Heat and Cool recovery kit)
- Six demonstration sites implementing the PnU kits ( 3 real and 3 virtual)
- Enhancement of occupant satisfaction via a **user centric approach** that implements learning based control methods and strategies.
- A **Building Information Modelling (BIM)** based **data handling platform** and a **Decision Support Tool** (DST) are developed to enable the optimal component selection, and integration, best PnU kit design, faster and low-cost manufacturing and installation.
- PLURAL focuses on how to manufacture the PnU kits minimizing energy use and material waste (implementing **lean manufacturing principles-F.Q.Ps**).
- Develops **training tools** for main stakeholders (planners, installers, building owners and end users);
- Improves the **life cycle based (LCA, LCC) performance standards** applied in the building sector.



## The three real demonstration Sites

- The **PLURAL** PnU kits will be integrated at **three different real demo building sites**, located in **Greece, Spain** and the **Czech Republic**, featuring different climate conditions, heating/cooling needs and user requirements.

*Mediterranean climate (hot summer)*  
2 of 10 flats - SmartWall



Greek demonstrator in Vari-Voula-Vouliagmeni (VVV)

*Mediterranean climate (mild summer)*  
1 block of 2 – DEN Comfort.



Spanish demonstrator in Terrassa

*Continental climate (warm, humid)*  
Whole building-ConExWall



Czech demonstrator in Kasava



## The replication sites : Virtual demos

- **PLURAL** also includes **three virtual building demos** for simulating and validating the performance and operation of the solutions. The real demonstrators will also be used for their virtual assessment under conditions that differ from the actual ones. The virtual demos are located in **Switzerland, Germany** and **Sweden**.

*Alpine climate*  
ConExWall



Virtual demonstrator in Bern

*Continental climate*  
SmartWall



Virtual demonstrator in  
Berlin

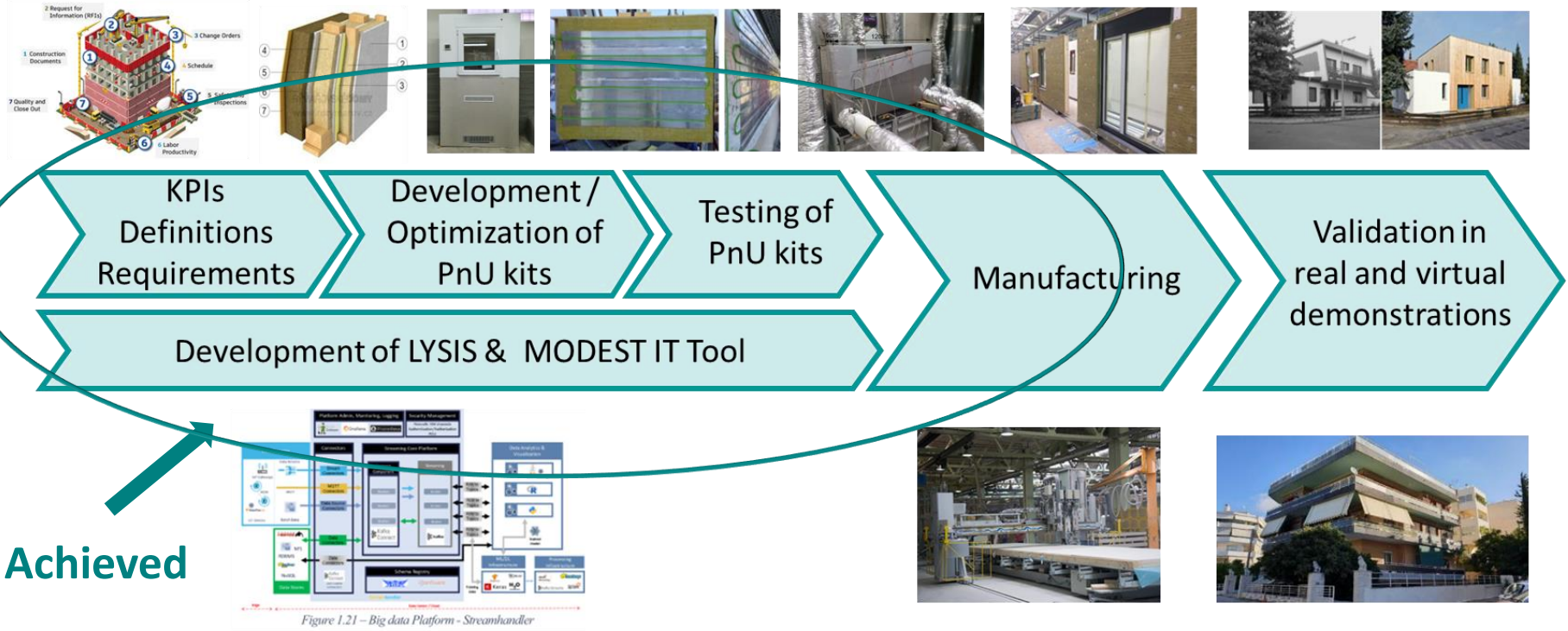
*Boreal climate*  
ConExWall



Virtual demonstrator in  
Väsby



# Methodology





## Achieved and expected Results

2021

2022

2023

2024

Definitions-Requirements-  
KPIs

Optimization of PnU kits

Implementation of  
monitoring platforms,  
DST

Validation

- **Technical status and requirements for all cases defined**
- **Architectural design, BIM models completed**
- **Monitoring methodology defined**

- **Completion of component optimization and assembly of PnU kit prototypes**
- **Completion of testing and simulation campaigns**
- **Set FQPs for manufacturing**

- **Manufacturing**
- **Monitoring systems, monitoring protocols implemented**
- **Functional DST**
- **Façade retrofitting**

- **Proof of NZEB status for renovated buildings**
- **Manufacturing/ installation procedures validated**
- **Market uptake/business models**



Near zero energy  
consumption



Cost-  
effectiveness



Fast renovation

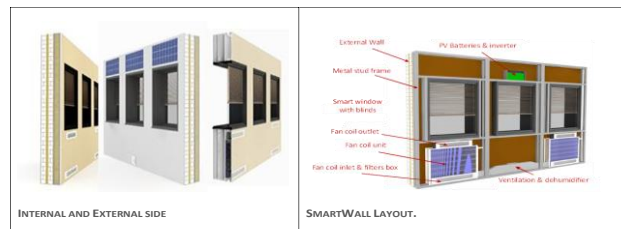


Environmentally-  
friendlier/  
Flexibility



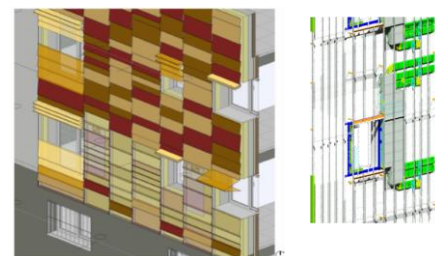


# The three core PnU kits



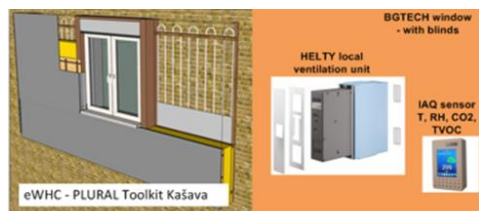
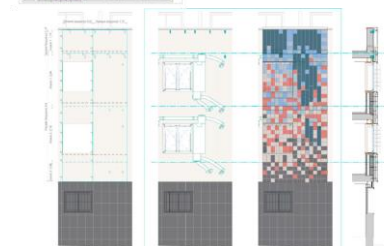
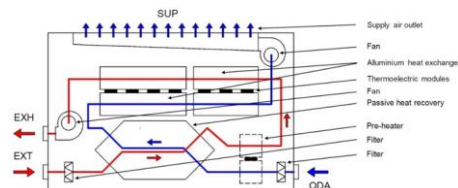
**The SmartWall: Heat pump driven by PVs and solar thermal- fan coils integrated in the design**

## Architectural Design

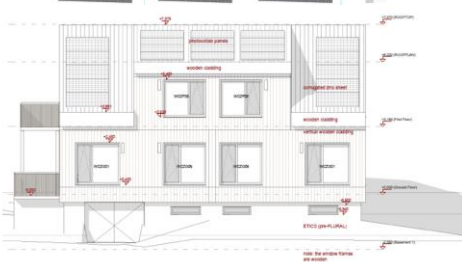
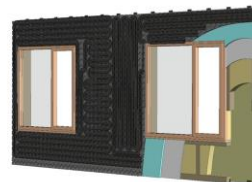
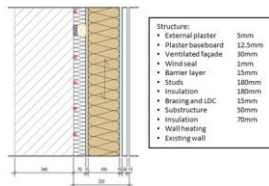


**The DEN Comfort: PVs driving the eAHC ventilation unit**

## eAHC ventilation unit



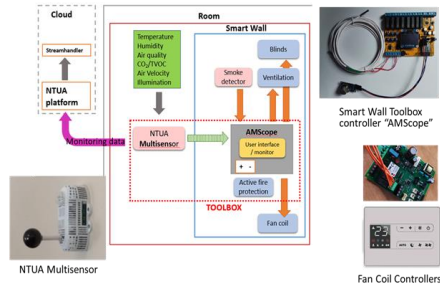
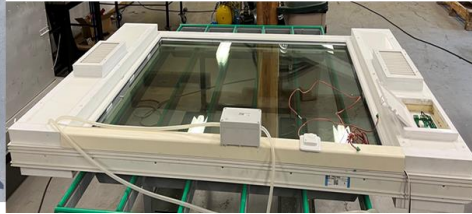
**The ConExWall: Heat pump driving the eWHC system/active hydronic**



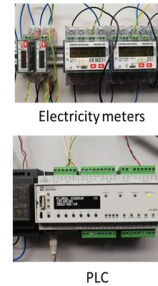




The Heat Harvesting Window



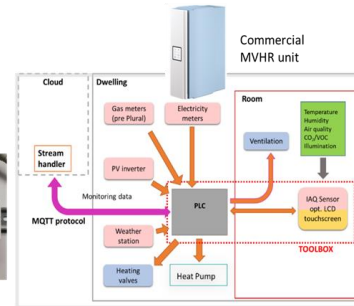
The SmartWall toolbox for Voula



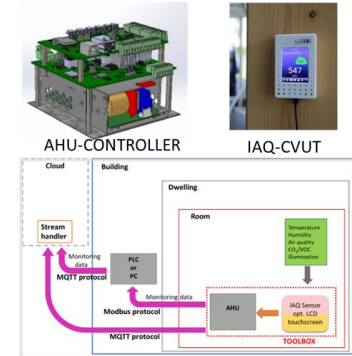
Electricity meters

PLC

The Toolboxes



The Kasava toolbox for the eWHC PnU



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## Functions of SmartWall (AMS)

- Versatile prefabricated panel developed by AMS that can be installed externally or internally to an existing building façade.
- It consists of a metal or other material frame, insulation materials, gypsum/cement boards for covering and various types of coatings for finishing and rendering.
- Depending on the position and the existing wall that is going to be attached, the SmartWall may include a window, or a door with a shutter or blind.
- SmartWall also can feature a big variety of electromechanical equipment to cover any demand of the building renovated.
- This includes space in the panel for a heating/cooling unit that can be diversified depending on the application or the renovation scheme.





## Prototype and implementation of SmartWall

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The SmartWall prototype



Installation at the NTUA living-lab





## Functions of the ConExWall (SPF)

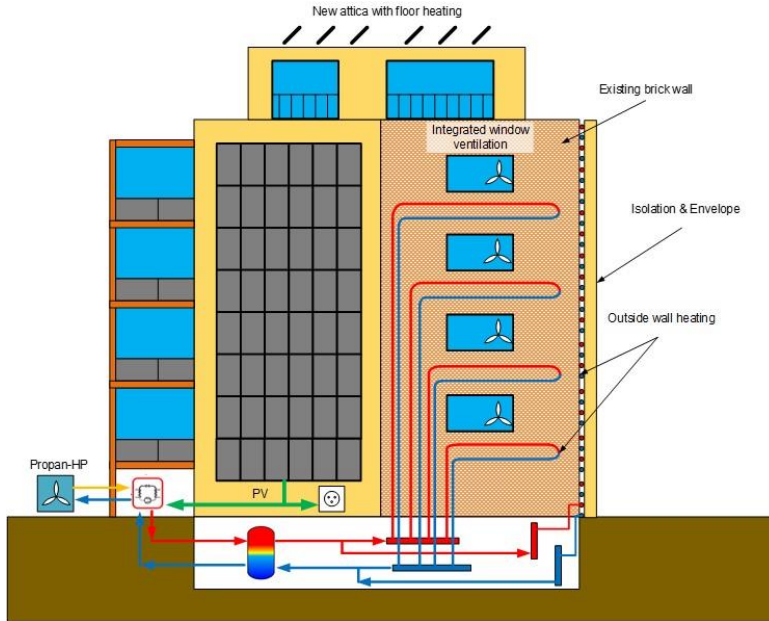


### Functions of the prefabricated wood frame modules (attached to the existing facade):

- Heating element (replaces radiator inside building)
- Decentralized ventilation with heat recovery
- New window (pre-mounted in module)
- Thermal insulation
- Optional: building integrated photovoltaic



# Field of application and advantages of ConExWall



- Application for renovation of buildings with an old, non-insulated facade (or removable old insulation)
- Adding of a low-temperature heating distribution (thus, substitution of fossil fuels with high-efficiency heat pumps)
- Building can be renovated while being occupied (difference to floor heating)
- Industrial pre-fabrication is possible (lack of professionals is less relevant, cost reduction for larger buildings)
- Focus on space heating, cooling is possible as well (if moisture is avoided)

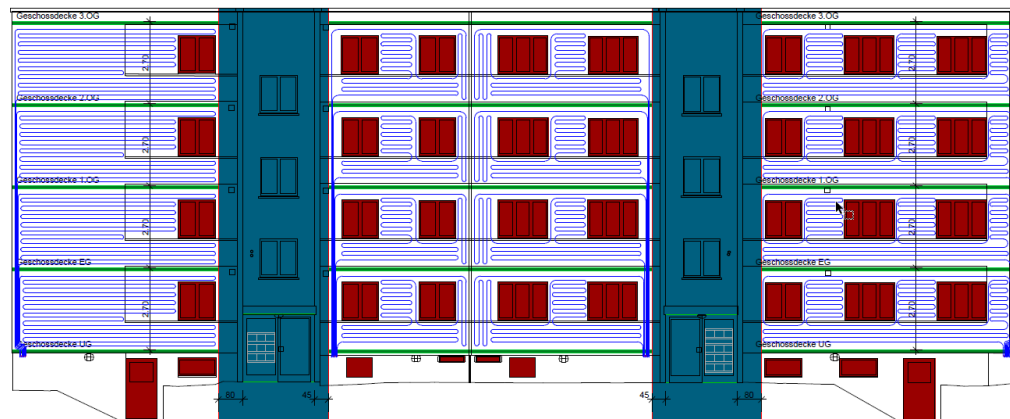


# Prototype and Implementation of the ConExWall

Construction of the Heating layer on a  
Prototype



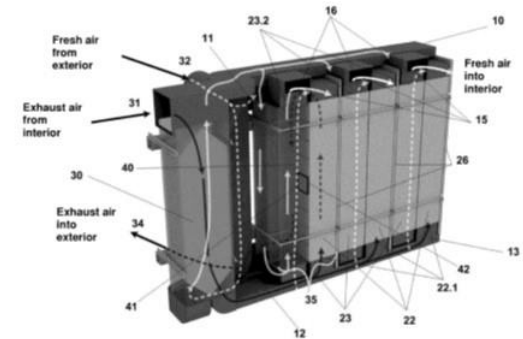
Modularity of the heating loops and façade panels at the  
Swiss Demonstrator





## The eAHC concept (CVUT)

- EU patent: **EP 3 627 061 B1**
- Ventilation unit with the function of cooling/heating of ventilated spaces using a combined heat exchanger consisting of a passive counterflow part and an active part using thermoelectric modules.
- Provide space ventilation, as well as could provide space heating or cooling.
- Passive module comprising at least one passive heat air exchanger for heat recovery. It has at least two inputs and at least two outputs.
- An active module comprising at least one active heat air exchanger. The active module also has at least two inputs and at least two outputs.





# Prototype and Implementation in DENcomfort Wall

The eAHC prototype



The DENcomfort Wall prototype  
(DENVELOPS)





## Key Performance Indicators

KPI	Performance Value	Target value	Results achieved in M24 of PLURAL
Near zero energy consumption of buildings renovated with PnU kits	U-value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K) of PnU kit	0.23 W/m <sup>2</sup> K	PnU designed with U-value matching nZEB; U-value results: Voula/SmartWall: 0.31 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K), Terrassa/DENcomfort: 0.23 W/(m <sup>2</sup> K), Kasava/ConExWall: 0.24 W/m <sup>2</sup> K <sup>2</sup>
	Primary Energy consumption per building	<90 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a (depends on country)	Voula/SmartWall: 84 kWh/ m <sup>2</sup> a (fulfils NZEB) Terrassa/DENcomfort Wall: 76 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a (fulfils NZEB) Kasava/ConExWall: 93 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a (fulfils NZEB)
Cost-effectiveness	Renovation Costs	58% less than conventional renovation	Parameters influencing costs: planning, design, site preliminaries, on-site and off-site labor, substructure, materials, BEM, factory costs, redesign, financing. The overall cost reduction cannot be defined yet. Major cost reduction is expected for onsite labor costs.
Fast-track renovation	Time required for deep renovation	At least 50% reduction	Parameters influencing renovation time: Measurements & design, permits & approvals, engineering, procurement & logistics, manufacturing & site preparation, onsite works, clean up. First estimates indicate significant time savings in procurement and logistics (ca. 60%) and for onsite works (ca. 40%)
Environmental impact	CO <sub>2</sub> eq/m <sup>2</sup> per PnU kit	0.5 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/m <sup>2</sup>	SmartWall: 0.116 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/m <sup>2</sup> DENcomfort: 0.0815 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/m <sup>2</sup> ConExWall: 0.079 tCO <sub>2</sub> eq/m <sup>2</sup>
	Recyclability per PnU kit	70% material recyclability	SmartWall: 90% DENcomfort: 70% ConExWall: 78%
Flexibility – Adaptability	per PnU kit	System combinations	SmartWall: 8 defined DENcomfort: 3 defined ConExWall: 2 defined



# PLURAL experiences in relation to RHC

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## Advantages of prefabrication and integration of RES in the component/system design for heating and cooling:

- PnU kits can successfully integrate RES (PVs, OPVs, solar thermal systems, various types of heat pumps, ventilation, air-handling, hydronic systems) and achieve efficient operation.
- Storage (thermal, electrical) and low carbon footprint materials and components could be part of the PnU design
- Flexible solution for retrofitting including EV-charging
- Effective “integrated” solution for decarbonised, adaptative and regenerative Built Environment

## Challenges:

- PnU kit design and RES need to be adapted to building characteristics
- Industrialization, component integration as part of the manufacturing: new business models
- Lack of regulatory framework for active building façade components
- Acceptance (industrial, end-user and social): Restricted due to lack of large-scale demonstrations, long-term performance evaluation, harmonized standards, economies of scale to reduce costs



## ***Question 1: How will Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions for Buildings and Industry technically change in the future?***

- RHC can unlock new potentials for energy savings and reduction of emissions in the **building sector** when combined in “active” envelop components to offer integrated solutions for deep retrofitting and new construction.
- RHC technologies are rather mature. Need to focus on integration and cost-reduction: R&I efforts are needed to standardize and replicate RHC systems leading to cheaper equipment that is easier to install.
- Further research is needed to quantify potentials of integration of RHC solutions and their components in active envelop solutions towards complete, fast, lower cost solutions
- Take a system approach and have more demonstration projects to optimize the integration of RHC solutions in active components in different set-ups and to allow for better system integration.
- The environmental impact of RHC solutions in a building life cycle perspective needs further investigation.



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***Question 2: Which will be the role of Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions for Buildings and Industry in the future EU energy system? (e.g. based on project investigations or on your perspective as an expert)***

- RHC systems could provide solutions/options beyond compactness, e.g. more eco-friendly materials, recyclable-reusable components, "standardization" of size/materials to make them interchangeable.
- Prefabricated, fully-integrated 'plug in and play', modular, hybrid/multisource RHC systems could offer cost reduction and increased market acceptance
- Integration of RHC systems in building components could create new business opportunities based on local /regional value chains





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# AGENDA

**14:00 - 14:10** opening of the workshop

**14:10 - 15:30** RHC solutions in Buildings

**15:30 - 16:00** Coffee break

**16:00 - 17:00** RHC solutions in industries

**17:20 – 17:30** closing of the workshop

RHC for Buildings and Industry



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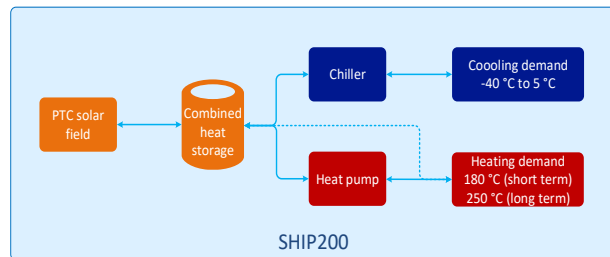
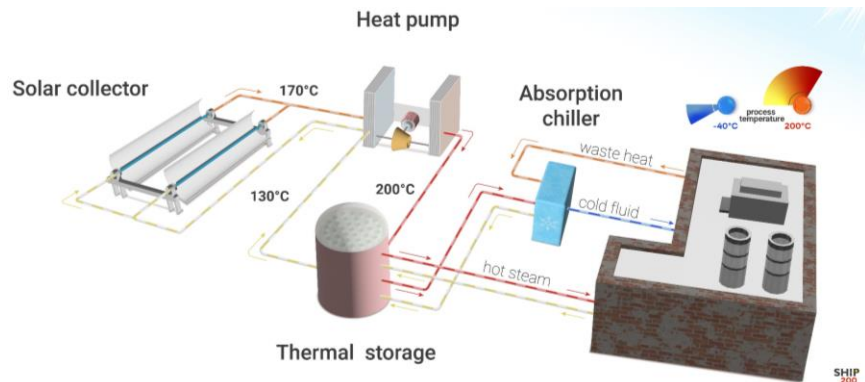
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# FRIENDSHIP in a nutshell



Forthcoming Research and Industry for European and National Development of SHIP



Validation of SHIP200 in relevant conditions

Demo site Grenoble (FR), Annual DNI 1,400 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>

Start: 01/05/2020

Duration: 48 months

Coord: CEA

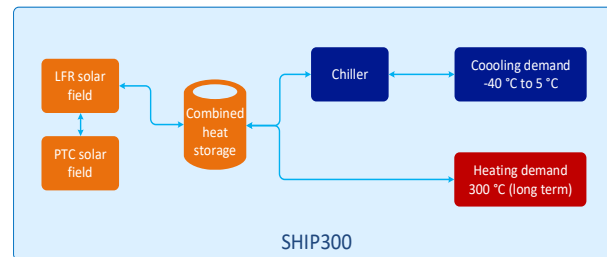
Consortium: 10

Budget: 4,999,423.74 €

Type of action: RIA

Topic: LC-SC3-RES-7-2019 Solar Energy in Industrial Processes

[Overall Concept Video](#)



Numerical validation of SHIP300 in relevant conditions

End-users sites (DE, PT, SP)



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- An **advanced control management** will allow the enhancement of the quality and availability of heat, to match the process demands and rationalise the use of the existing energy sources
- A cooler that enables **cold production** for industry from the residual high-temperature heat, either by using an **absorption** or **ejector** chiller

### Status

- **Finished** – New selective coating to be used for the solar field of SHIP200 DEMO
- Deliverable: D2.1 Design engineering report for a solar thermal system with high availability
- **3 Papers** :
  - Review of the spectrally selective (CSP) absorber coatings, suitable for use in SHIP; Noč L.; Jerman I.; Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells 2022, 238.
  - A review of the use of nanofluids as heat-transfer fluids in parabolic-trough collectors; Chavez Panduro E.; Finotti F.; Largiller G.; Lervåg K.; Applied Thermal Engineering 2022, 118346.
  - Environmentally sustainable electroplating of selective cobalt-chromium coating on stainless steel for efficient solar collectors; Zäll, E., Nordenström, A., Järn, M., Mossegård, J., Wågberg, T.; Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells 2022, 111821.
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### Status

- Prototype commissioned and test campaign ongoing at SINTEF
- Public Deliverable 3.1: Initial heat pump concepts and integration principles for SHIP200 targeting heat delivery up to 200 °C (steam cycle) and 250 °C (e.g. CO2 cycle)
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### Status

- Prototype manufacturing ongoing and test campaign coming soon at CEA
- Deliverable: D5.1 Detailed design of PCM storage
- Dissemination: IN-POWER workshop 2020, SolarPACES 2021
- 1 video on Heat Storage : <https://vimeo.com/814166694>



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- Modelling of digital twins in Modelica ongoing at CEA
- 1 Paper:
  - Solar Field Output Temperature Optimization Using a MILP Algorithm and a OD Model in the Case of a Hybrid Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Plant for SHIP Applications; Kamerling, S.; Vuillerme, V.; Rodat, S.; Energies 2021, 14, 3731.
- Dissemination: SWC 2021, EuroSun 2022



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- **Prototype commissioned and tested at CEA**
- **Deliverable: D4.2 Optimal design of ejector chiller concepts targeting cold production down to 5 °C (short term) and -10 °C (long-term)**
- **Deliverable D4.3 Optimal design of absorption chiller concepts targeting cold production down to -20°C (short term) and -40°C (long-term)**
- **2 Papers :**
  - Choked liquid flow in nozzles: Crossover from heterogeneous to homogeneous cavitation and insensitivity to depressurization rate; Wilhelmsen Ø.; Aasen A.; Chemical Engineering Science 2022, 248, Part B.
  - One-dimensional mathematical modeling of two-phase ejectors: Extension to mixtures and mapping of the local exergy destruction; Wilhelmsen Ø., Aasen A., Banasiak K., Herlyng H., Hafner A.; Applied Thermal Engineering 2022, 119228.
- **Dissemination: SolarPACES 2021, ICR 2023, Pôle Cristal 2023**



# WP4 – Absorption chiller prototype



Absorption chiller, front view

Absorption chiller prototype assembly completed. The assembly of the prototype as well as the tightness and pressure tests were finished in the beginning of August.



# WP4 – Absorption chiller prototype

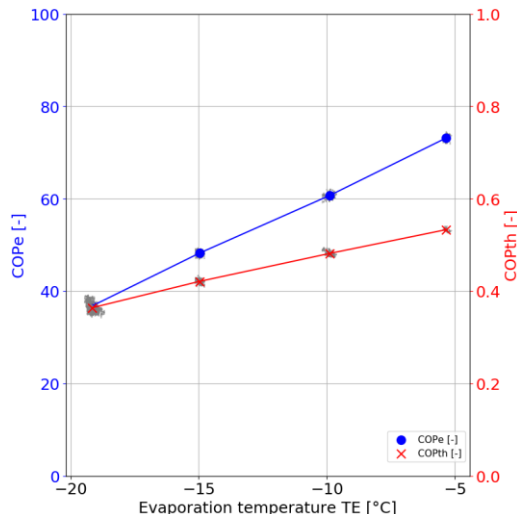
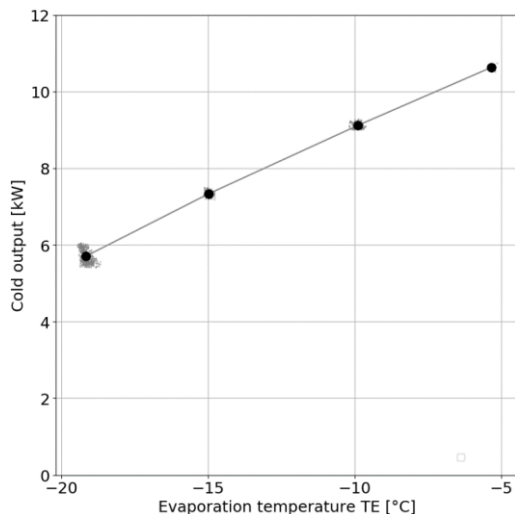


**Photograph of the semi-virtual test bench**

Performance measurements at steady-state points and dynamic tests were carried out during winter '22-'23



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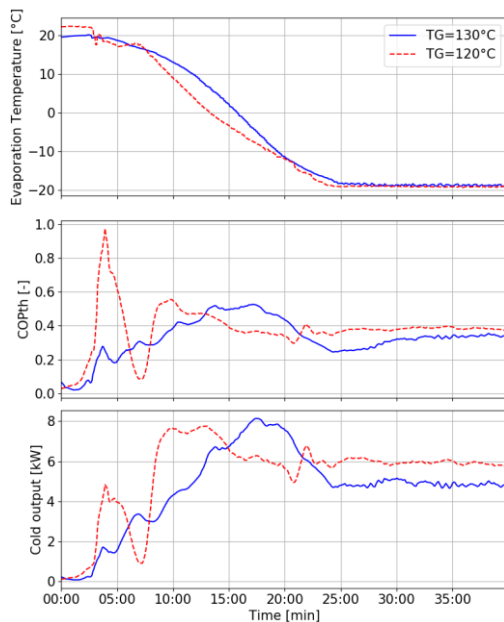


At -5°C, 11 kW with a thermal COP of 0.54.  
At -20°C, 6 kW with a COP around 0.36.  
Electric COP ranging from 35 to 70 !

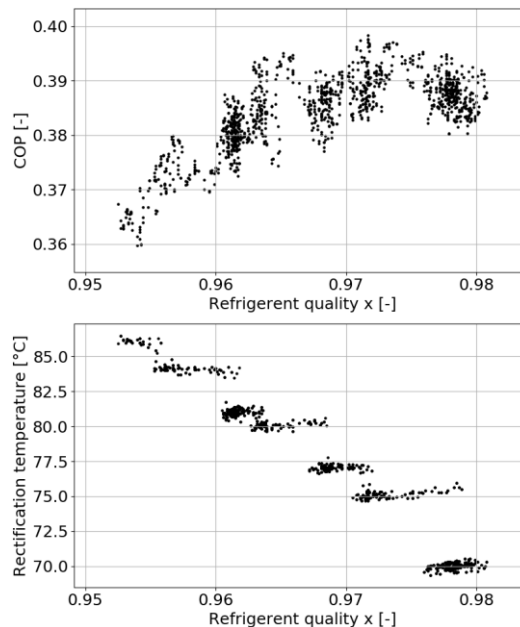
Evaporator temperature variation impact on cold production and COP with  
 $T_G=120^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_A=20^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\dot{M}_{pump}=180 \text{ kg/h}$



# WP4 – Absorption chiller prototype



**Evolutions of different parameters during the start-up of the prototype**



**Rectification temperature impact on refrigerant quality and on the COP**

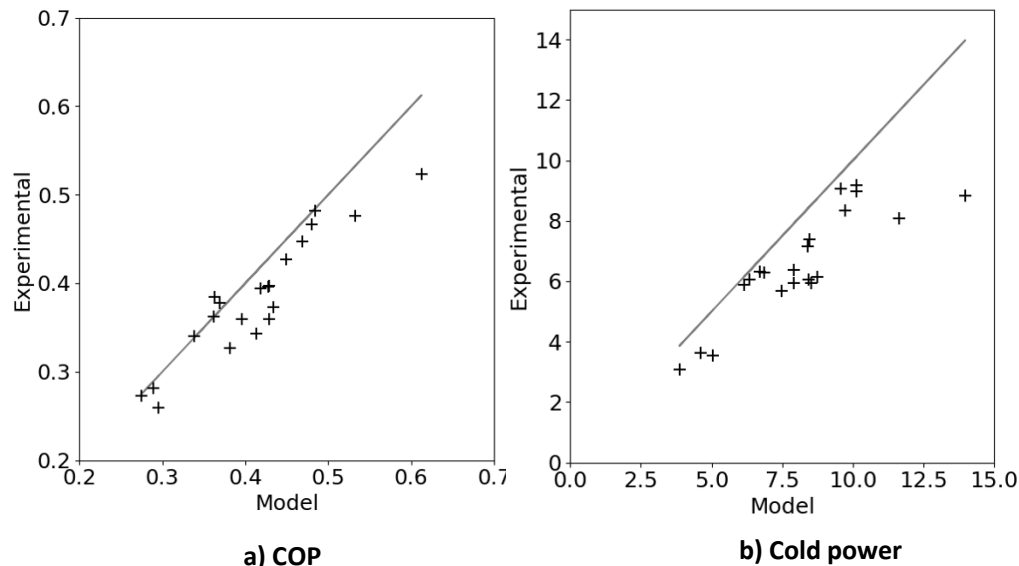
Dynamic results are satisfying with around 30min for stabilization

Once the values of the regulation parameters are identified, the start-up of the machine can be easily operated.

Optimal COP is observed for a quality of around 0.975



# WP4 – Absorption chiller prototype



Numerical and experimental results comparison of COP and cold power with  
 $\dot{M}_{pump}=170 \text{ kg/h}$

A model was developed for design and preliminary performance simulations.

Plate heat exchangers provide satisfying heat transfer but the species mass transfers inside the absorber and the generator remain limited.

Future investigations will be carried out in order to improve the distribution of fluids and the time of contact between species in these heat exchangers.





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## Concept

*Unveil the untapped potential of solar heat for agroindustries in the EU*

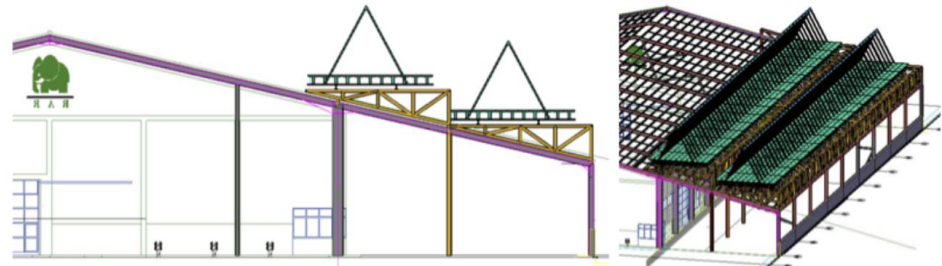
⇒ Integration of Solar Heat in Industrial Processes - **SHIP**

⇒ Tools & methods for the development **SHIP**



**BUDGET: 8M €**  
**DURATION: 2018-2023**

*Demo-sites in:*  
*France - Italy - Spain - Portugal*





## Coordination



## Solar technologies providers



## R&amp;D and consulting



## Agro-food field experts

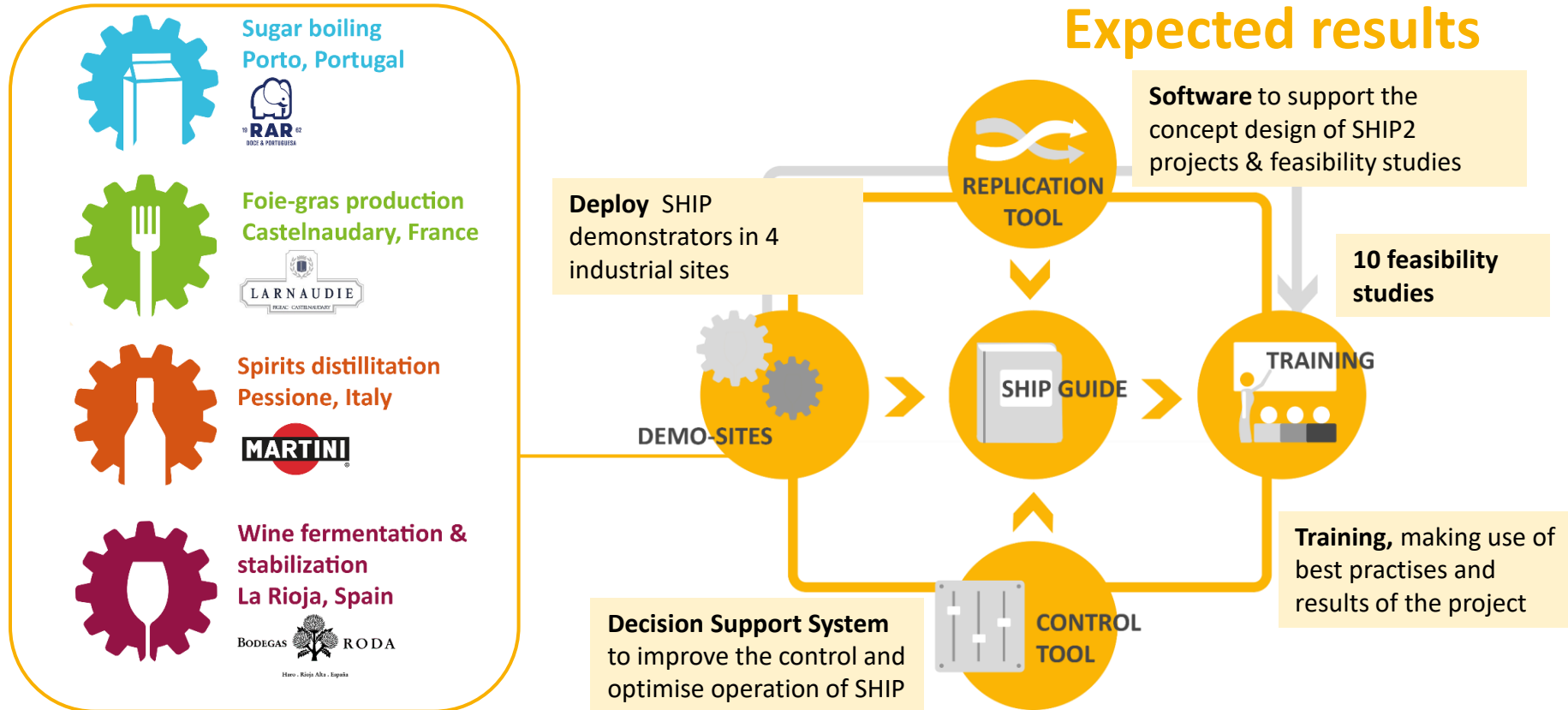


## Dissemination &amp; Training





## Expected results







## Tools & Methods: Replication Tool

(1/2)

A software to support non-experts in the concept design of SHIP projects & in pre-assessing their feasibility

**It provides preliminary answers to practical questions:**

- What is the best technology for my case?
- How much surface is needed?
- How much solar energy will I produce?
- At what temperature?
- Do I need a storage? If so, which size?
- How much CO2 will I save?
- What will be the CAPEX? The OPEX?
- What will be the payback time?



## Tools & Methods: Replication Tool

(2/2)

### 5-step input process:



### Basic inputs provided by the user:

- Energy demand: quantity and temperature
- Use of energy (cooling, heating, ...)
- Fluid used in the process (steam, water, air)
- Site location
- Space availability





## The demo-sites & the flagship projects



### SHIP systems fully validated in real processes:

Novel solar collectors demonstrated in average irradiance areas through demonstration campaign

- **Total capacity:** 1.7 MWth
- **Solar fraction:** 24% av.
- **Yearly average solar efficiency:** 44% (M&R)-54% (RODA)
- **Primary energy savings:**
  - 2 GWh/year
  - 570 tCO<sub>2</sub>/year avoided
  - 2.7 GWh/year increase of RES in industrial heating





**Wine fermentation &  
stabilization  
La Rioja, Spain**



Solar thermal to provide heating & cooling  
Viessman Vitosol 200TM 70m<sup>2</sup> area + Absorption  
machine

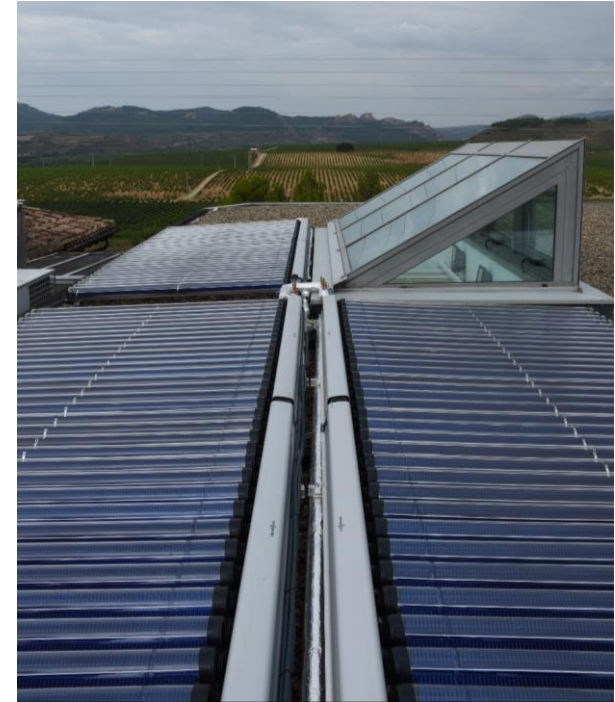
### Heating

- Radiant floor heating for malolactic fermentation
- Heat for adsorption process
- Pipe cleaning & disinfecting
- High-pressure cleaning

### Cooling

- Fermentation process
- Ageing

## First demo-site installed

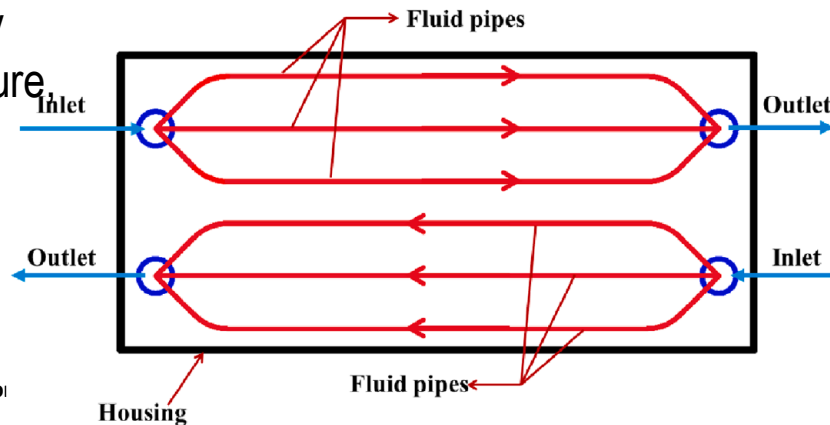
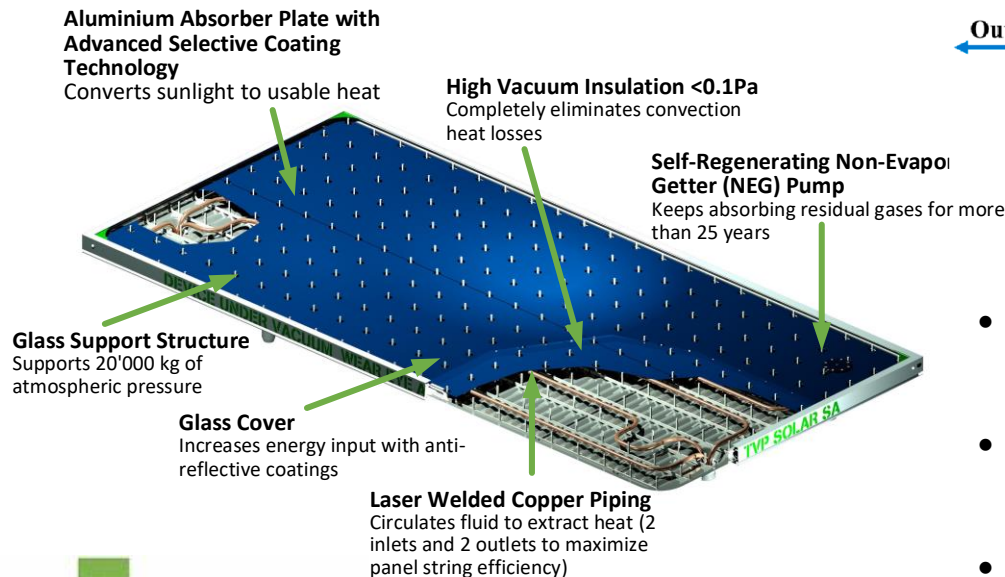




# High Vacuum Flat Panel (HVFP): The World Best Solar Thermal Collector

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- Best efficiency and highest energy production at any operating temperature, with any ambient temperature in any climate condition
- SolarKeyMark certified  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$



- High-vacuum insulation suppresses thermal losses
- 20 years consistent & predictable performance without any degradation
- Designed for industrial-scale applications



# Demo-site: Martini & Rossi SpA



Steam 3.7 bar – Summer  
Space Heating – Winter



SOLAR FIELD SPECS		
Location	Pessione, Turin, Italy	
Solar Field Peak Power	329	kW
Energy Production	349	MWh/y
SF Outlet Temperature	165	°C
Solar Field Peak Efficiency	56	%
# Of Panels	298	#
Gross Area	596	m <sup>2</sup>
Installed Area	1.073	m <sup>2</sup>
Panels' Tilt Angle	35	°

Solar Heat for Industrial Processes towards Food and Agro Industries commitment in Renewables



## M&R solar system: construction

1



Rooftop surface preparation

2



Beams for substructure

5



Indirect steam generator

3



Substructure for panel installation

4

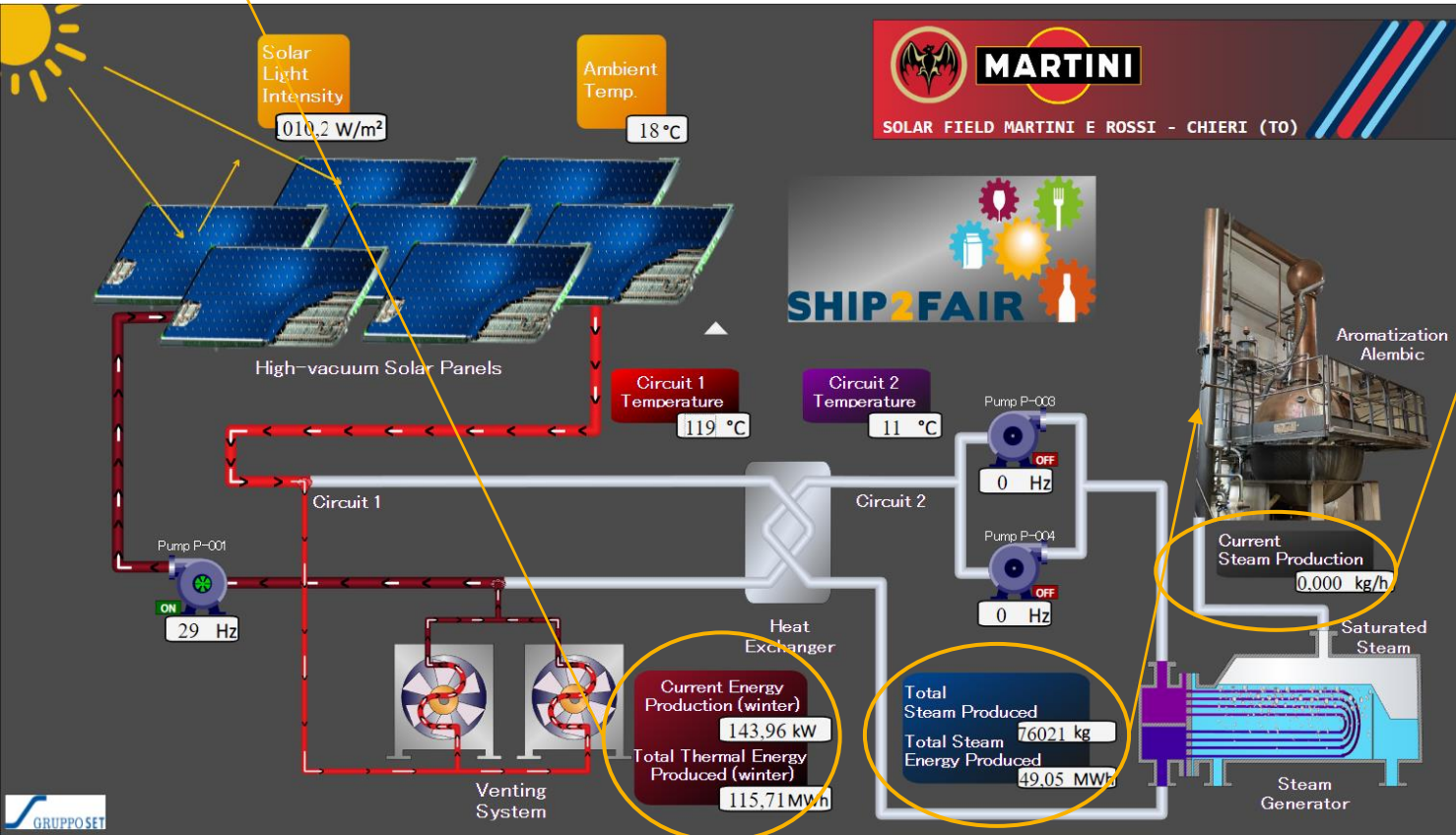


Solar field installation completed



# System Integration

Total and real time energy production in Winter Mode



Real time steam production in Summer Mode



TVP SOLAR

Total energy produced in Summer Mode

Renewables





Foie-gras production  
Castelnaudary, France



Technology: HVFP

Solar Field size:  $1600 \text{ m}^2$  –  
 $1\text{MW}_{\text{th}}$

Cascade application:

- Boiler feed water pre-heating @150C
- Water tank heating @60C

## Demo-site: Jean larnaudie

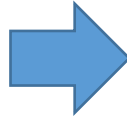
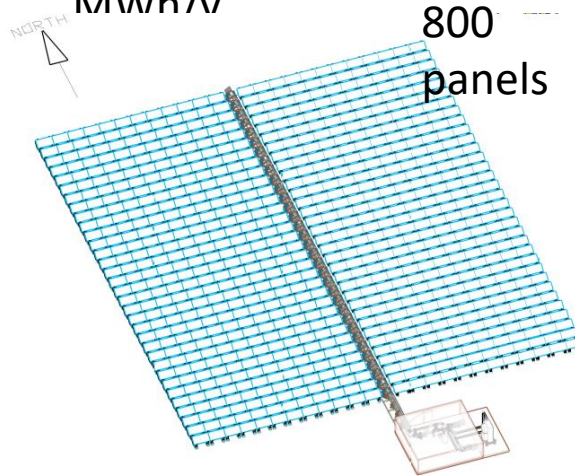




# Demo-site: Jean Iarnaudie

## Initial design

- Single application: boiler pre-heating
- Operating T: 175°C
- Usable heat generation: 926 MWh/y

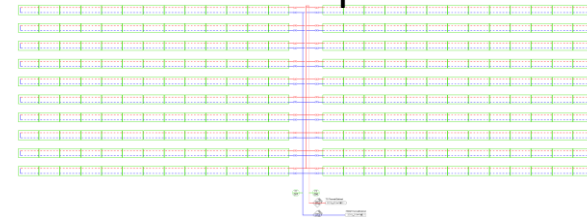


## Optimal design

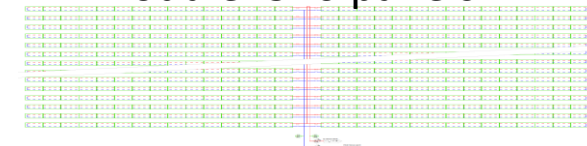
- Dual application: boiler pre-heating & low temperature process heat
- Operating T: 1<sup>st</sup> module: 155°C; 2<sup>nd</sup>: 65°C
- Usable heat generation: 1'220 MWh/y (+30%)



1<sup>st</sup> module: 270 panels

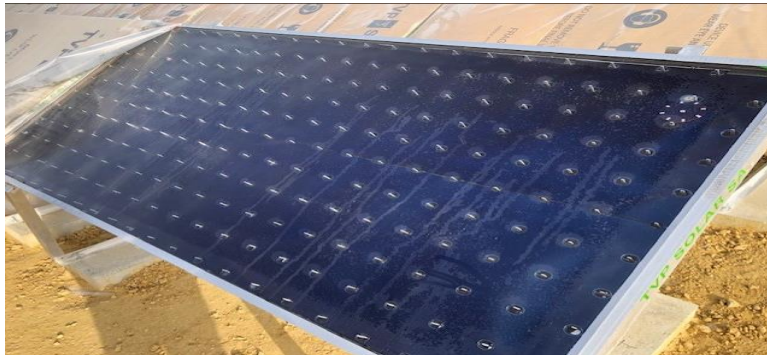


2<sup>nd</sup> module: 510 panels



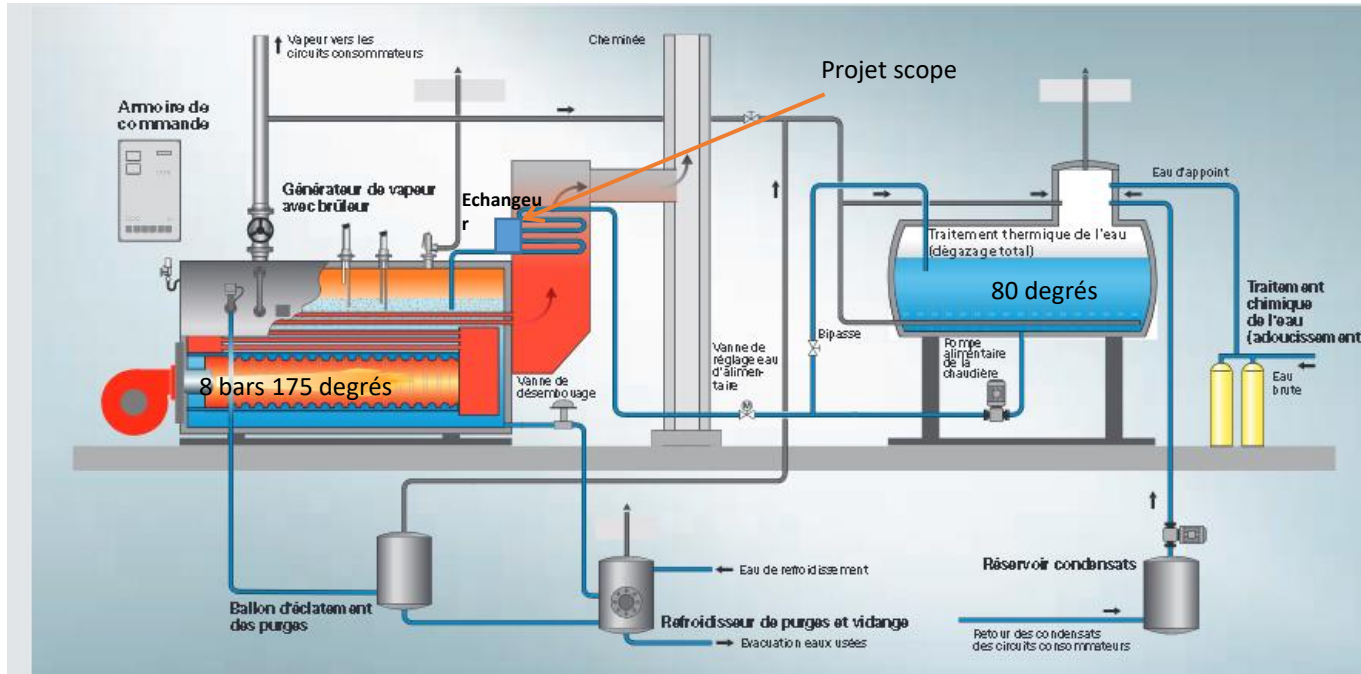


Larnaudie solar field: construction





# Integration of Solar Heat

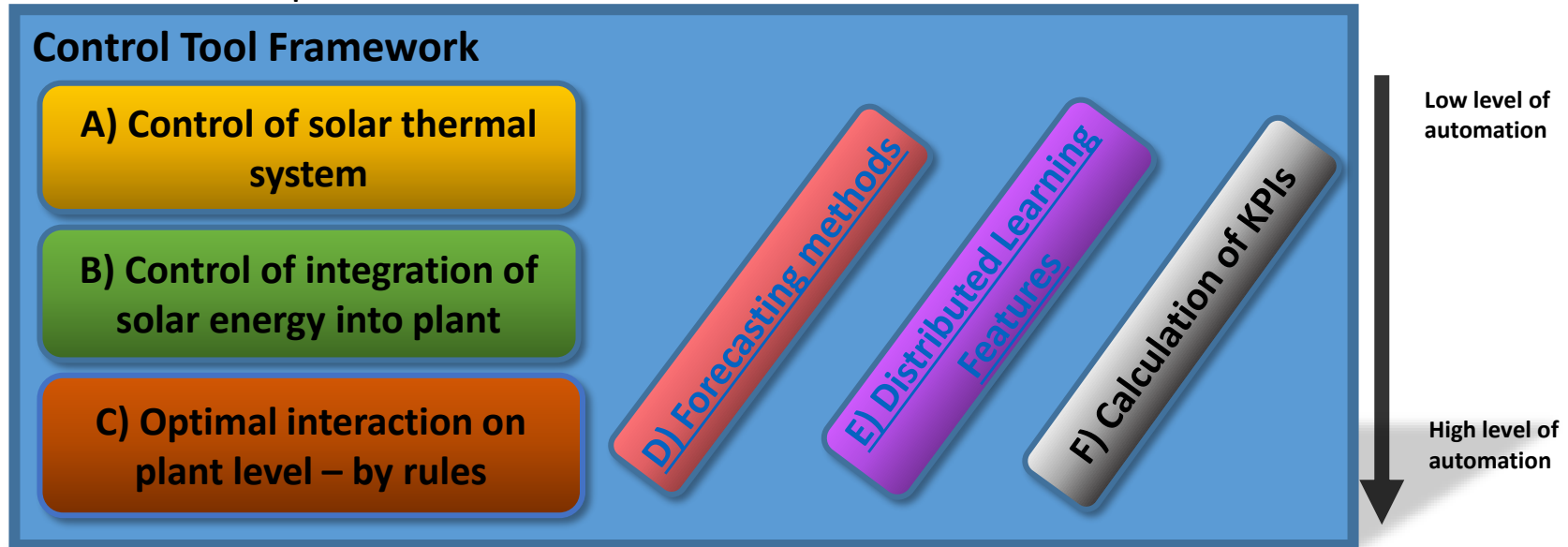




## Tools & Methods: The Control Tool

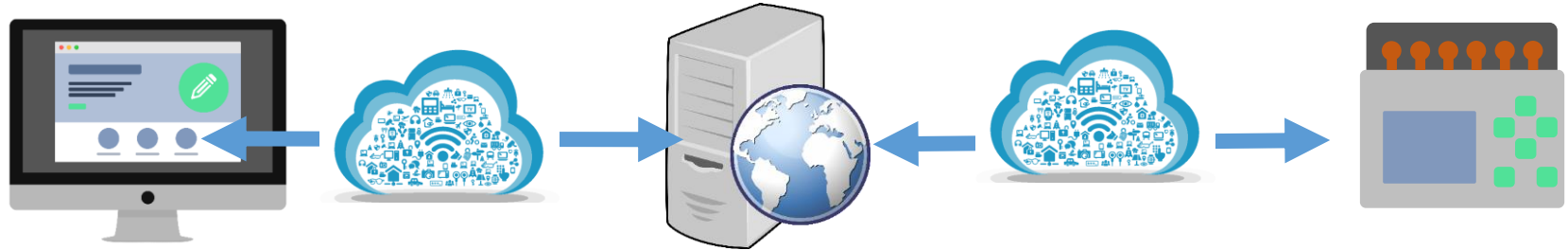
6 MODULES to make the most of the solar production

Tailored to site particularities





# Tools & Methods: Planned integration of Control Tool



## Frontend (=Browser)

- User interface / User experience

## Server / PC

- High level control aspects / data analysis

## Plant Level (programmable logic controller =PLC)

- Control of plant in real time

C) Optimal interaction

D) Forecasting

A) Solar thermal system

E) Distributed Learning

F) KPIs

B) Integration



**Engineering phase:****Indicative Lessons learnt 1/3**

- Lack of data from the demo site can create delays and/or suboptimal system design; in such cases an energy audit may prove valuable
- Optimal engineering & integration scheme should provide for planned changes in the production processes and/or energy system of the user
- Regulatory bottlenecks and uncertainty: permissions for construction works and the solar thermal system; safety requirements for pressurized equipment
- Language issues may hinder communication and cause delays

**Best Practices**

- Emphasis on the quality and granularity of data collected
- Use of local engineering companies for regulatory requirements & civil works



## Lessons learnt 2/3

### Civil works & installation phase:

- A large time gap between decision making and implementation may end up in revised decisions
- Low familiarization of the industrial users and their local contractors related to solar thermal poses further challenges; Unexpected events occur more often (pandemic, supply chain disruptions, natural disasters); production and EPC systems should embed resilience

## Best Practices

- Clear allocation of responsibilities & scope of work need to be agreed between the involved parties (per demo site)
- Apply a systemic approach to training of involved actors
- Insuring the whole system (installation & operation) against natural disasters or other unexpected events can be proved critical



## Commissioning phase

## Lessons learnt 3/3

- Commissioning and troubleshooting requires time and causes delays particularly where there is no local physical presence of the tech provider (direct or indirect)
- Operation of the solar thermal system close at the edge of its capabilities may reveal design failures; this should be reflected in the risk assessment
- Data exchange solutions may not be straightforward
- Coordination challenges & delays due to multi-party involvement (demo site owners; solar thermal technology providers; control tool developers & cloud infrastructure operators; local contractors)

## Best Practices

- Use of local contractors / integrators
- Agree on the architecture of the data exchange infrastructure and mechanism early enough
- Employ experienced technical project managers to coordinate actors involved





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# ZHENIT IN A NUTSHELL

Zero waste Heat vessel towards relevant ENergy savings also thanks to IT technologies

- Call: HORIZON-CL5-2021-D5-01-10 -> Innovative on-board energy saving solutions
- Research and Innovation Action (RIA) – 100% Funding
- Duration: 1 June 2022 - 30 November 2025
- Current Month: M13 June 2023 (about 30%)



**11 Partners**



**42 Months**



**7 countries**



**4.4M Funding**



# ZHENIT CONSORTIUM

The consortium is composed by 11 partners and 2 affiliated entities from 7 countries





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# AMBITION

- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a global strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping **by at least 50% by 2050** (compared to 2008)
- This has been even “reinforced” in terms of ambition by EC which is committed to cut all transport emissions by at least **90% by 2050**.

The goals are very challenging and require radical actions to be taken by all relevant stakeholders -> Optimization solutions like WHR and energy management optimization can play a key role

***ZHENIT aims to the validation and rapid market roll-out of WH-to-X systems, as key technology for 2030 shipping decarbonization targets achievement.***



# AMBITION

ZHENIT aims to promote **WHR as key and “ready-to-scale up”** solutions to contribute to 2030 decarbonization targets achievement.

To do so, ZHENIT project will:

- Develop novel **WasteHeat-to-X (WH-to-X) solutions** to recovery WH at different T° and from different sources (TRL 5)
- Couple WH-to-X solutions with **alternative propulsion systems** (wingsail), **ICT monitoring and management** solutions and **thermal energy storages**
- Validate WH-to-X solutions both in the lab and on-board



**Digital**



**Sustainable**



**7 countries**

These solutions straight forward to making the shipping sector more sustainable, accessible and clean.



# FUNDAMENTALS



$$T < 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Isobaric Expansion (IE) Engine  
WH-to-mechanical work



$$70^{\circ} < T < 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Adsorption System WH-to-  
cooling and Desalination



$$T > 100^{\circ}$$

Innovative ORC integrated with HP  
with ejector WH-to-Trigenetayion



INTEGRATED CONTROL FOR WHR MAXIMISATION



HYBRID PROPULSION  
(WINGSAIL)



ON-BOARD  
ADVANCED MONITORING

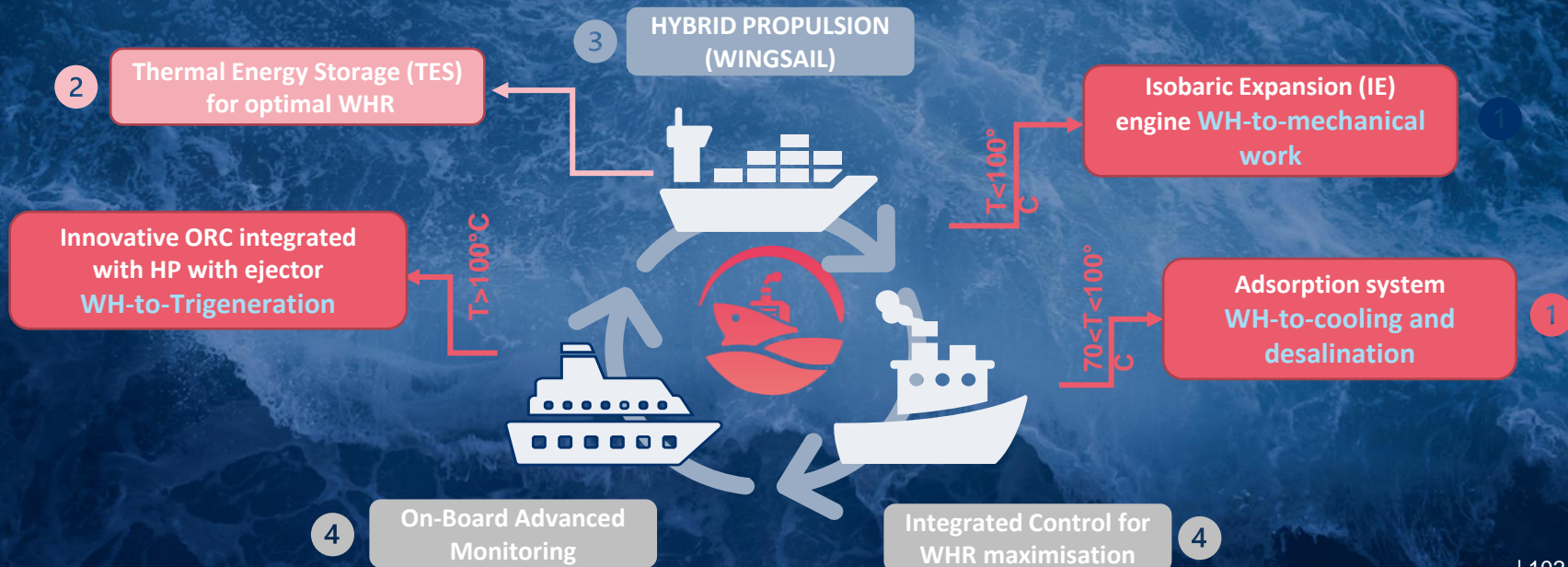


THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE (TES)  
FOR OPTIMAL WHR



# ZHENIT TECHNOLOGIES

- 1 3 WH-to-X technologies coupled with 
- 2 Thermal energy storage
  - 3 Hybrid propulsion systems
  - 4 Digital solution





# APPROACH

1

## VESSEL ENERGY / WH AUDIT AND MODELING

Promotion of new approaches and models (thermoeconomics, dynamics) to assess on-board energy and thermal needs.

Detailed thermal - energy balance of the vessel as a whole to drive WH-to-X development and proper management-prioritization of the WH valorisation.

2

## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Development of prototypes (starting from existing application) and considering insights collected from on-board energy/WH assessment and from stakeholders.

3

## VALIDATION

Prototypes validation in:  
TECNALIA Thermal systems lab  
On board of La Naumon vessel

4

## REPLICATION

Project impacts assessment from an environomics approach, to understand replication potential  
also considering regulatory and stakeholders' acceptability aspects



# ZHENIT VALIDATION

Validation campaign at two different levels:

## TECNALIA Thermal Energy Systems LAB



Possibility to operate with working water  $T^\circ$  between -10°C and 150°C

it embeds a multi-purpose climatic chamber with controlled environment.

WH-to-X solutions are already present in the lab

## La Naumon Vessel



Probably based in Spain and route in EU

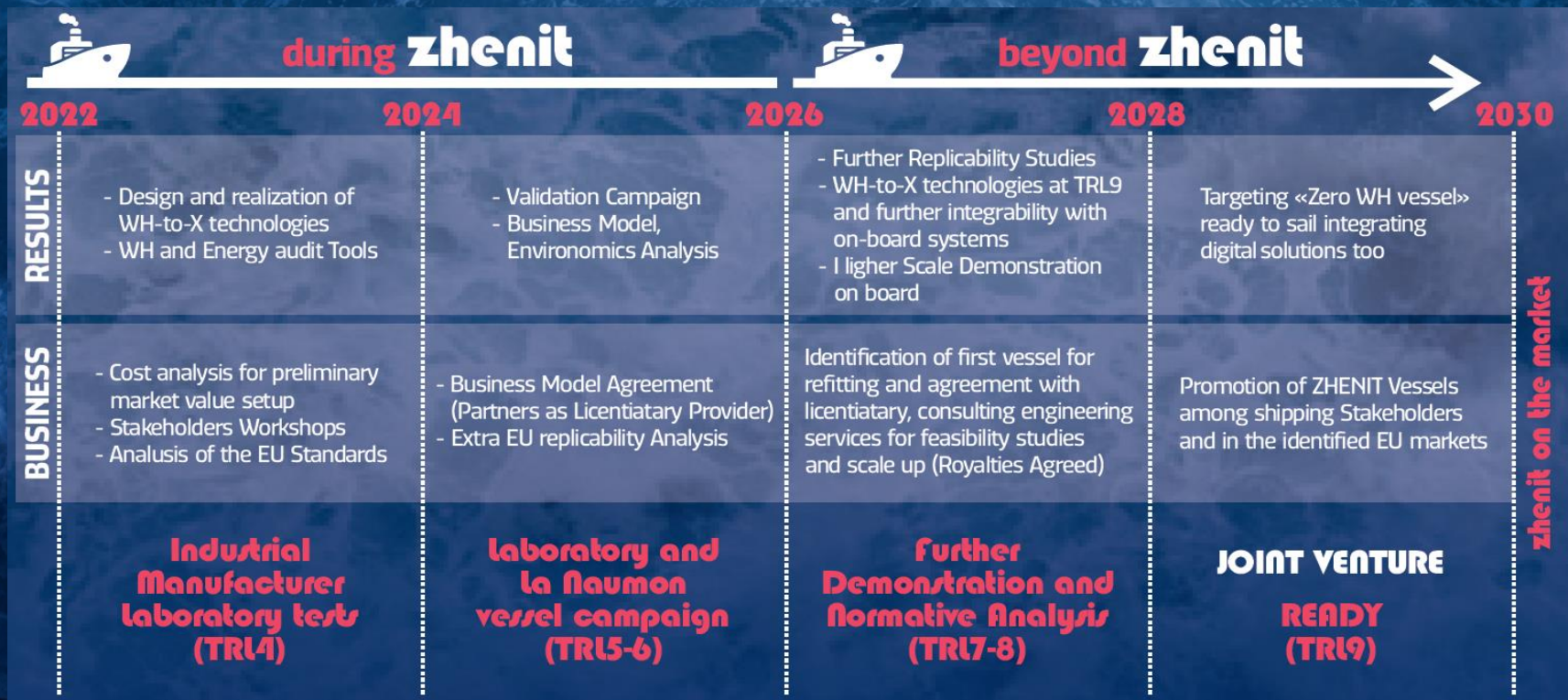
Owened by theater company as living stage and green shipping lab” to travel all around EU

To be installed on board: Waste-to-Cooling/Desalination Adsorption Chiller, B4B wingsail, KYMA monitoring system, SIGLA Controller



# ZHENIT roadmap

Demonstrate that WH-to-X if properly integrated with Digital Solutions and hybrid propulsion (wingsail) can bring **up to a 25% reduction** of vessel energy consumption.


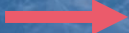






# TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPMENT

The technologies development phase follows the following steps:

- System modelling (M1-M12) ✓
- Material definition and conceptual design (M1-M12) ✓
- Detail design of the IE Engine (M12-M18)   Solutions are ready for the testing phase

**ZHENIT Renewable Heating and Cooling Solutions** are

## Adsorption system

Which develop the innovative concept of combined desalination and cooling system for medium temperature ( $70 < T < 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) waste heat recovery and conversion.

## ORC Integrated with ejector system

Which Develop, design and test a recuperated ORC integrated with an ejector able to valorise WH at  $T > 100^{\circ}\text{C}$  for trigeneration (Heating, cooling, power) production while exploiting different WH sources at various T ranges and guaranteeing high operational flexibility/versatility according to vessel energy demands





# WH-to-cooling / desalinate water via adsorption system

A basic AD cycle consists of (1) a reactor packed with sorbents, (2) an evaporator and (3) a condenser.

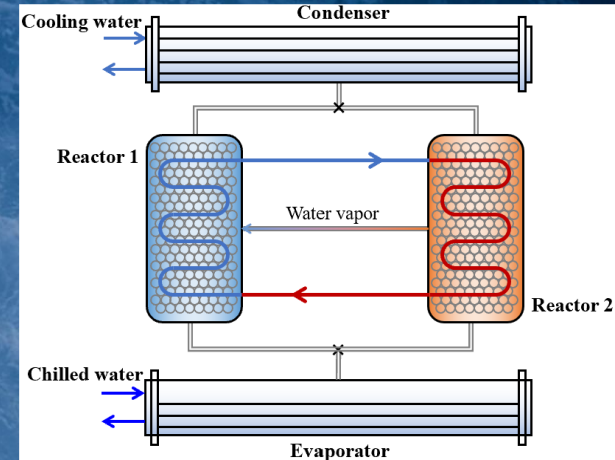
It accomplishes the water purification function by

1. extracting water vapor from saline water into the sorbents during the sorption process
2. and then ejecting the water vapor to condenser where it condenses to liquid potable water during the desorption process.

The driving force of the whole cycle is the sorption/desorption reaction between sorbents and water vapor.

This cycle is flexible enough to produce either desalinated water or cooling, by varying the operating boundary temperatures.

It can also accomplish both services at the same time, thus satisfying more requests on board.







# WH-to-cooling / desalinate water via adsorption system

The system will provide WH-to-cooling/fresh water, reducing the electricity load for a wide range of ship types (particularly for space cooling and on-board electro-driven reverse osmosis desalination).

The target is to demonstrate the increasing in specific water production **at least up to 30% compared to the SoA**

Activation temperature:  
100 °C

Vessels cooling loop: 20 to 30 °C.

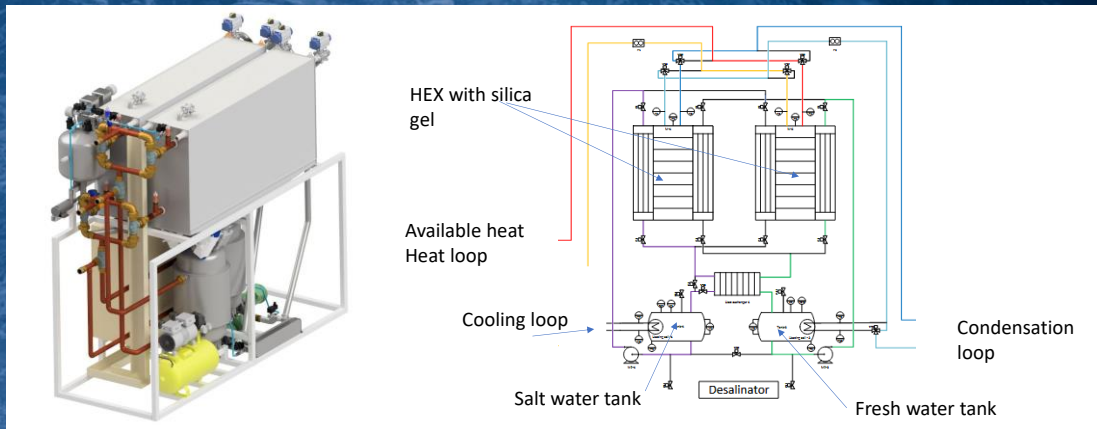
up to



COP 0.6-0.7



2 prototype of 10 kW<sub>cool</sub>







# WH-to-cooling / desalinate water via adsorption system

First prototype has been realized for testing under controlled conditions, it has just arrived and has been installed in CNR ITAE lab



Silica gel about 42.3 kg per module

Max volume between fins 84.7 liters

About 64% fill in with silica gel







# WH-to-trigeneration via ORC

This advanced trigeneration unit (electricity, H&C) will be able to recover medium/high (over 100 oC) and low ( $\approx 60$  oC) T WH.

The coupling of the innovative ORC and activated ejector cooling cycle-heat pump (ECC-HP) in a cascade configuration with multiple and different Temperature enables

- WH sources optimization and smart utilization
- the production of diverse useful products (electricity, heating and cooling) at high efficiency

Activation temperature:  $> 100$  °C  
Vessels cooling loop: 10 to 30 °C.



12%  
Efficiency



4 operation modes 10 kW<sub>e</sub>  
up to 40 kW<sub>c</sub>

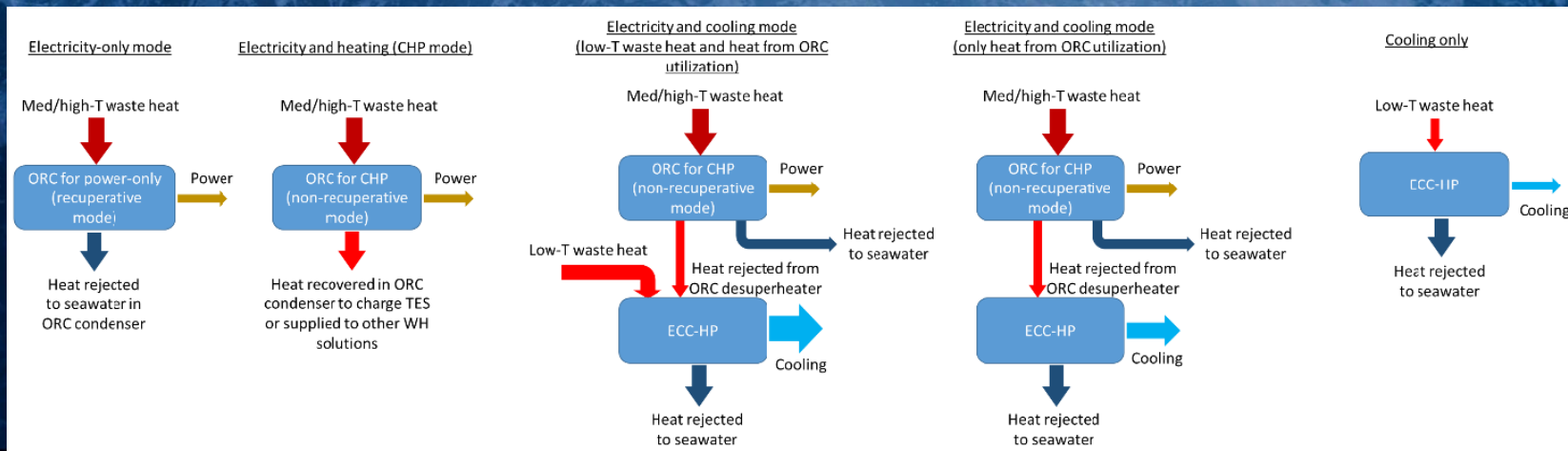




# WH-to-trigeneration via ORC

The system can alternate among various trigeneration modes according to WH availability and vessel real time needs.

- Scenario 1: ORC with recuperator – Electricity production
- Scenario 2: ORC without recuperator – Electricity and heating production (CHP)
- Scenario 3: ORC with preheater & ECCHP – Electricity and cooling production (CCP)
- Scenario 4: ECCHP only – Cooling production







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