



HIGHLIGHTS
2012



FOREWORD

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



2012 marked the final adoption of the Energy Efficiency Directive, an important landmark with a strong focus on the need for more District Heating and Cooling in Europe.

While the Directive still needs to be implemented in all countries, the wheels of European policy making keep turning. Discussions have started on 2030 and 2050 targets. The Emissions Trading Scheme is once again under scrutiny – just like the rules for regional funding policies, environmental state aid and energy support schemes.

Policy making has become “fast and furious”, making it increasingly difficult for single stakeholders to make a difference. What does make a difference, however, is the ability to efficiently cooperate and form alliances. By cooperating we can build upon each others’ foundations and achievements. Experience proves: The results are greater than the sum of individual contributions.

This is why one of the most important constants at Euroheat & Power is the ambition to reach out to our partners. I invite you to take a look at the following pages to see how it has been implemented in 2012!

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Frédéric Hug
Euroheat & Power President





MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

THE HEAT COALITION

Our initiative to gather Brussels based associations active in the heat sector together in a Coalition for Heat has grown even stronger and active in 2012. More than ten organisations have now joined forces, time and energy in calling upon European policy makers to recognize the importance of heat technologies and networks in shaping a sustainable and future-proof energy system.

The message brought forward in debates, exhibitions, and statements: Political attention, measures and infrastructure funding must be directed towards local low- and no-carbon solutions already available today. If only the short term opportunities are being used, the elaboration of a post-2020 energy policy framework can become a success.





PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

HEAT ROADMAP EUROPE

Finding the right way to the future requires a compass: Heat Roadmap Europe 2050 provides it. The study carried out by Aalborg and Halmstad Universities assesses ambitious but realistic growth rates for District Heating in the European Union until 2050. As an alternative to traditional energy scenarios providing little attention to local possibilities, it combines hour-by-hour energy modelling with the mapping of local conditions. As a result, the possibilities with District Heating and Cooling are better reflected.

Heat Roadmap Europe does not only show that the overall market share of District Heating can grow to 50% by 2050, but also that costs will be lower, the energy system smarter and benefits for society greater than with other solutions. An invitation to all stakeholders to rethink the future!

www.heatroadmap.eu





ENERGY EFFICIENCY DIRECTIVE

TIME TO DELIVER

The Energy Efficiency Directive was at the heart of Euroheat & Power's advocacy efforts. Adopted in the last trimester of 2012, it marks a milestone in the promotion of District Heating and Cooling at European level. Conceived to enable the EU to meet its target of reducing its primary energy consumption by 20% until 2020, it encompasses the whole energy chain with provisions covering supply, transport, distribution and consumption.

District Heating and Cooling feature prominently in the new legislation. Member States are required to take adequate measures with regard to the extension and modernisation of existing networks and the development of new ones. The idea: harvesting the full efficiency advantages of the use of cogeneration and industrial waste heat where and whenever feasible. Actually, a really good idea!

For more info on the Directive, see the members section of our website.





GROWING OUR IMPACT

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

Successful advocacy requires common messages, visibility enhances their value.

In 2012, policy experts delegated from our member organisations met every month to identify, refine and communicate Euroheat & Power's positions covering a wide range of initiatives of relevance for the future of DHC - like the Emissions Trading Directive, regional funding, building policies, the review of state aid guidelines... and many more.

These common messages were not only relayed to policymakers, but with the help of our communication network also to both national and international media. This year's activities were covered by leading newspapers, news agencies, television and radio stations.





TEAMING UP

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND DHC

As a joint venture with the European Renewable Heating and Cooling Platform and under the auspices of the Danish Presidency of the European Union, the 2012 Annual Conference was entirely dedicated to exploring the energy transition.

Around 300 participants from over 25 countries gathered in Copenhagen to share experiences and best practices that demonstrate the importance of sustainable heating and cooling solutions on the road to almost carbon-free energy in 2050.

The exhibition, technical tours and social events in the host city provided extra networking opportunities and inspiration: if Copenhagen aims at becoming the first carbon-neutral capital in the World by 2025, it's also thanks to its extensive District Heating network!

Do not miss the 36th Euroheat & Power Congress from 27-28 May 2013 in Vienna, Austria.

www.ehpcongress.org





SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK 2012

CONNECTING ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, PEOPLE

The EU Sustainable Energy Week, Europe's key event for a more sustainable energy future recorded a participation of over 990 participants in 2012: A fabulous occasion for the District Heating and Cooling industry to reach out to citizens, energy stakeholders and politicians.

We did: Euroheat & Power partnered with COGEN Europe in organising a seminar "Beyond electricity" to discuss future energy pathways, with Dalkia for a workshop on "Financing energy efficiency", and contributed with several presentations to other events between 18 and 22 June.

And we'll do it again: Watch out for Euroheat & Power at EUSEW 2013 from 24-28 June!





JOINING FORCES

COMMON RESPONSES TO OUR GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Today's challenges have global dimensions and require coordinated responses at comparable scale. Euroheat & Power has a long tradition of cooperation across borders and oceans. In 2012, we have further intensified our relations with the International Energy Agency and the Clean Energy Ministerial, as well as with our member and sister organisations outside Europe.

United by the conviction that District Heating and Cooling are crucial elements in any decarbonisation strategy, the IEA and Euroheat & Power organised a joint seminar on Energy Technology Perspectives for stakeholders and policymakers in the European Parliament. The debate, hosted by MEP Peter Liese, clearly showed: all signs point to a need for DHC growth!





SETTING SAILS FOR 2013

MEMBERS DISCUSS STRATEGY

Europe thrives by its diversity and so does the District Heating and Cooling industry. However, in an environment of ever faster European policy making and the debate on new energy and climate targets already in full swing, we can only achieve growth with clearly defined goals and well-coordinated strategies.

This was the objective of a well-attended strategy seminar for members in September which provided important insights, new inspirations and direction for our work.

For information on the concrete follow-on in 2013, keep an eye on our newsletter!





MAKING A GREEN MOVE FOR EVEN MORE EFFICIENCY

Euroheat & Power kicks off 2013 in a new home. The new office space is energy efficient and provides ample space for our members and partners to meet.

It's conveniently located, close to the city's European heartbeat and to public transportation.

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Euroheat & Power is the international association representing the District Heating & Cooling (DHC) sector. DHC uses energy which otherwise would be wasted and renewable energies to provide comfort to buildings.

The association unites members from over 30 countries and represents the interests of the sector at the political level towards the European Union and international institutions.



