



Amstetten and Bioheat

District heating in Amstetten looks back on a 20-year history. On February 18, 1999, the municipal council took a decision to implement the project "DH Amstetten - Energy 2000".

Then, at the beginning of the new millennium, a district heating plant was built on Stadionstraße, which supplied district heating to the core area in the south of the main square. In 2004, the planning for the biomass cogeneration plant began at Umdasch, which went into operation two years later. At the same time, a district heating pipe was built over Preinsbacherstrasse. From then on, Amstetten had a large district heating network exclusively heated by biomass - an urban model project.

2008 saw the founding of Biowärme Amstetten West GmbH. The reason for this was the supply of waste heat from an existing biomass cogeneration plant in Gunnersdorf to the areas Hausmening and Neufurth. The BAW was originally founded as a partner with the WBG-Wärmetriebe, which, however, left the project and offered the shares back to the municipality. In 2009, for example, the company was re-founded with EVN Wärme as its partner.

In 2010, the supply of the park area with bio-heat was projected. In 2011, the ground-breaking ceremony for the small biomass heating plant in module construction took place. The artists Lukas Friedl and Christoph Lettner gave him a memorable, colourful graffiti, which depicts the topic of "Renewable energy from biomass". This expresses the city's commitment to the use of renewable energy sources.

Today (as of 2018) BAW delivers approx. 25 million kWh of district heating to the customers and achieves a turnover of approx. 2.4 million euros.