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Dear Reader,

With this Newsletter, we would like to reflect the dynamic development of Solar District Heating in Europe at the moment. Existing plants are working well and getting recognition, policy makers start taking concrete action in several regions to improve the framework and new plants are in planning. Moreover, further SDH initiatives are starting for new markets but also in already experienced countries several activities have been kicked-off. The 4th International Solar District Heating Conference represents a unique opportunity to immerse in this movement and benefit from the experience of its actors: register now!

Sunny Regards!
Your SDH-Project Team
May 2016



4th International Solar District Heating Conference: Register now!

The 4th International Solar District Heating Conference will take place in Billund, Denmark on 21 and 22 September 2016. The preliminary program is now available online and participants can benefit from the reduced early bird registration fees until 1st June.

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Germany's largest solar district heating plant soon in Senftenberg

With 8 300 m², the solar district heating plant of Senftenberg will be the largest in Germany and the largest evacuated tube collector plant in the world. The plant will be built within the next six months.

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Higher than expected: First year results from the SDH Italian plant in Varese

After almost one year of operation, the performance of the SDH plant in Varese shows a 13% production surplus if compared to the expected design yield, in spite of the lower solar resource availability.

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SDH in Sweden: action plan for region Västra Götaland

An initiative aiming at the realization of at least one new solar district heating plant in the Swedish region of Västra Götaland in 2017-2018 has been initiated within the European project SDHp2m – policy to market.

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New incentive for district heating in Baden-Württemberg

In addition to States' incentives, Baden-Württemberg now also supports concepts and investments for district heating, and in particular district heating networks supplied with solar thermal energy.

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Austrian SDH Plant wins 2nd Prize of ESCO Award

The Austrian solar district heating plant 'Fernheizwerk Graz' was awarded the 2nd prize of the ESCO Award at the EnEff district heating fair in Frankfurt, Germany. It was awarded for both the technical and the financial solutions.

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Bulgaria: Solar District Heating Becomes Realistic Option

Although abundant sunlight is usually associated with southern Europe, the most solar district heating plants in Europe are located in the north, mainly in Denmark. Milan Rashevski, a Bulgarian architect from the non-governmental Institute for Zero Energy Buildings (IZEB), now intends to establish this kind of energy supply in his country too.

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Decentral solar thermal energy for the district heating network of Jena in the German region Thuringia

Since January 2016, 100 m² of solar thermal collectors feed their heat production in the district heating net of Jena. The plant feeds decentrally in the district heating network without need for a storage.

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Italy: incentives extended to 2500 m² solar thermal plants

The latest statistics of Conto Termico in Italy show that the national incentive scheme is still not sufficiently used, because only 75 000 m² of solar thermal plants were subsidized in two years and a half. A revised version of the scheme has just been released.

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More information: www.solar-district-heating.eu



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