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**Dear Reader,**

In this last weeks of the year we want to update you once more with recent news around new solar district heating plants, our project SDHp2m and other related activities. But beyond that, we especially want to win your attention for our next SDH Conference in April 2018 in Graz. Already today we can promise you a rich program based on more than eighty submitted contributions, high profile key notes and technical excursions. Better register now!

We wish you good reading and a happy festive season.

Sunny Regards!  
Your SDH-Project Team  
December 2017



### **Register now for the 5th International Solar District Heating Conference!**

Registration is now open for the next International Solar District Heating Conference on 11 and 12 April 2017 in Graz, Austria. Here is why you should not miss this key event and register now.

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### **HELIOS – a 2 000 m<sup>2</sup> Solar Plant for District Heating in Graz**

Graz is making constant efforts to increase the share of renewable energy in the city's district heating system. So the project 'HELIOS' in Graz with its 2 000 m<sup>2</sup> solar plant has been put into operation in September 2017. The thermal energy is fed into the district heating grid of Graz.

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### **Good perspectives for SDH in Italy**

Three installed systems and one more planned: SDH shows a few examples of operation in Italy but quite good perspectives thanks to relevant incentives and the recent inclusion in the National Energy Strategy for 2030. A workshop in Venice on 15 December 2017 will analyze the status quo and the possible developments.

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### **New largest solar thermal plant in Upper-Styria, Austria**

Starting in 2017, SOLID and the public utility of Mürzzuschlag developed a concept for a large-scale solar thermal plant. The new large-scale solar thermal plant on the northern outskirts of Mürzzuschlag will be built over the next 12 months and cover around 10% of the annual heat demand.

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### **Funding opportunities for district heating with renewable energies in Thuringia**

Projects dealing with district heating and renewable energies can receive funding through several subsidy programs in Thuringia. The funding programs 'Green Invest', 'Solar Invest' and 'Klima Invest' are focused on different aspects and actors.

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### **SHC Task 55 – Large Scale SDHC**

Looking closely at contributing projects and listening to outside market information is vital to the success of SHC Task 55, which deals with the implementation of very large solar thermal systems (including large scale seasonal storages, large scale heat pumps etc.) in DHC networks.

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### **SDH in Sweden: latest news from the Västra Götaland region**

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 is ongoing within the European project SDHp2m – policy to market. Here are the latest developments.

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### **Switzerland: plans for solar district heating pilot system**

'Why is there no solar district heating in Switzerland?' Swiss scientists were asking after their visit to Denmark. Now, the Swiss-based SPF – Institute of Solar Technology has begun to work with a district heating company on giving the country its first pilot plant.

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### **Solar District Heating: how to tackle land use issues**

Usually, solar district heating (SDH) plants require large fields for collector installations, which has raised concerns at local level because of competing land uses and a system's potential visual impact on the surroundings. One way out of this dilemma is to combine heat generation and fruit and vegetable harvest.

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