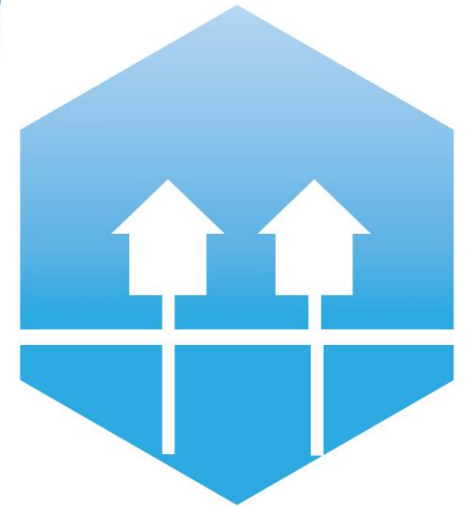
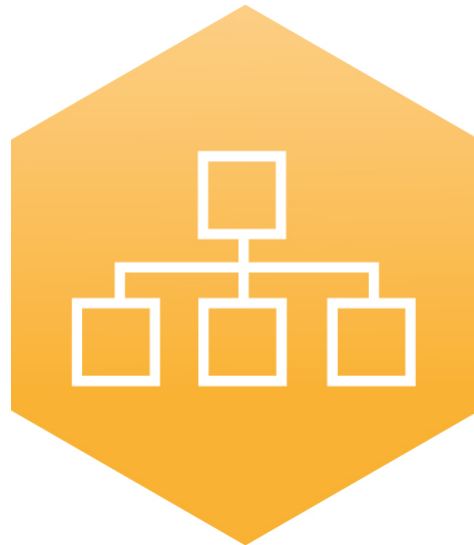


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Second PhD Seminar, 13 March 2014

# Welcome



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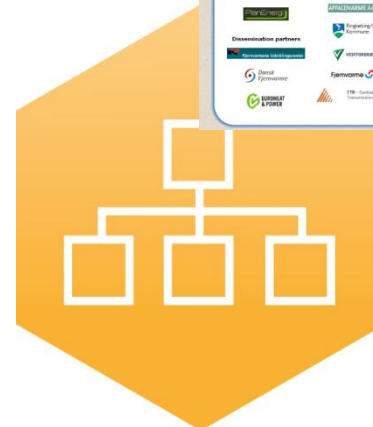
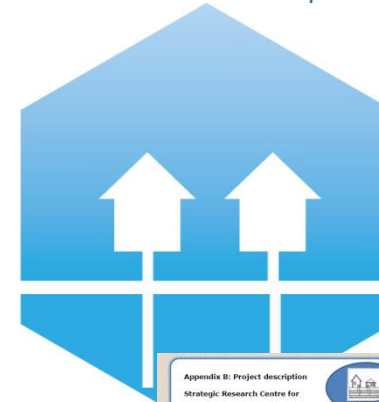
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4DH Consortium meeting ..?

Recent development:

- Smart energy definitions
- 4DH definition paper..



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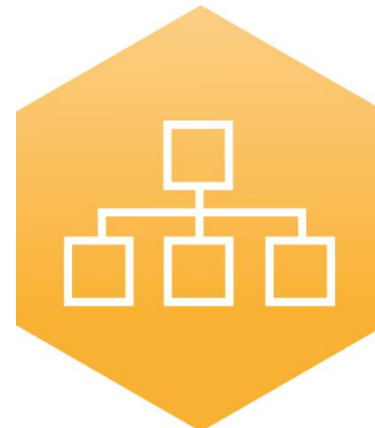
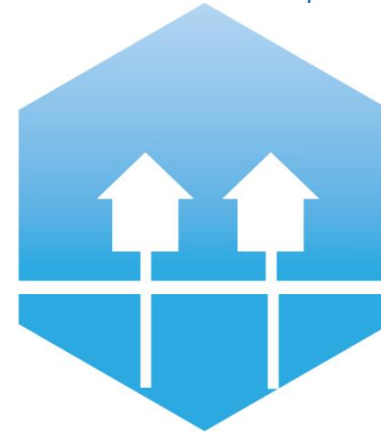
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## Main point today

Next consortium meeting  
Is allocated for presenting  
research results

### Among others:

- Heat Roadmap Europe
- Heat savings (ZEB project)
- .....



# 13 PhD projects

Strategic Research Centre for 4th Generation District Heating Technologies and Systems



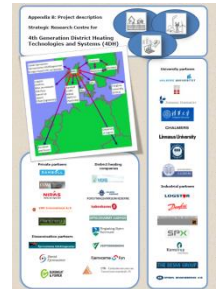
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- PhD 1.4 Minimising losses in the DH distribution grid***



- Ph.D. 2.1: Energy Scenarios for Denmark***
- Ph.D. 2.2 Thermal storage in district heating systems***
- Ph.D. 2.3 Distributed CHP-plants optimized across more electricity markets***
- Ph.D. 2.4 Low-temperature energy sources for district heating***
- Ph.D. 2.5 The role of district heating in the Chinese energy system***



- PhD 3.1: Strategic energy planning in a municipal and legal perspective***
- PhD 3.2: Price regulation, tariff models and ownership as elements of strategic energy planning***
- PhD 3.3: Geographical representations of heat demand, efficiency and supply***
- PhD 3.4: Geographical representations of renewable energy systems***





# What and who are 4DH?

- Strategic Research Centre financed by the Danish Research Council and the partners
- Universities and Industry including manufactories, consultants and DH companies
- International partners

**Appendix B: Project description**  
**Strategic Research Centre for**  
**4th Generation District Heating Technologies and Systems (4DH)**

**University partners**

- AALBORG UNIVERSITET
- DTU
- SYDDANSK UNIVERSITET
- 清华大学 Tsinghua University
- CHALMERS
- Linnæus University
- UNIVERSITÄT HALMSTAD
- UNIVERSITET U Zagreb

**Private partners**

- RAMBOLL
- COWI
- NIRÁS
- EMD International A/S
- PlanEnergy

**District heating companies**

- VEKS
- AALBORG Fjernvarme
- FORSYNINGSVIRKSOMHEDERNE
- københavns E
- AFFALDVARME AARHUS
- Ringkøbing-Skjern Kommune
- VESTFORBRÆNDING
- Fjernvarme Fyn
- CTR - Centralkommunernes Transmissionselskab I/S

**Dissemination partners**

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- EUROHEAT & POWER

**Industrial partners**

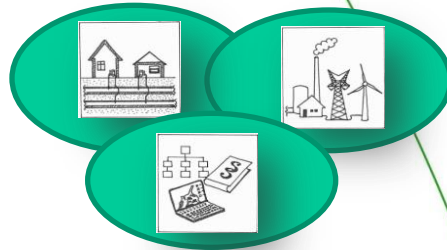
- LOGSTOR
- Danfoss
- SPX
- Kamstrup
- THE DESMI GROUP
- EFSEN ENGINEERING A-S



# Aim and Objectives



The **Aim** is to assist in the development of 4th Generation District Heating Technologies and Systems (4GDH).



## Objectives:

- Scientific platform for research activities
- Societal understanding of the role of District Heating
- Further additional national and international projects



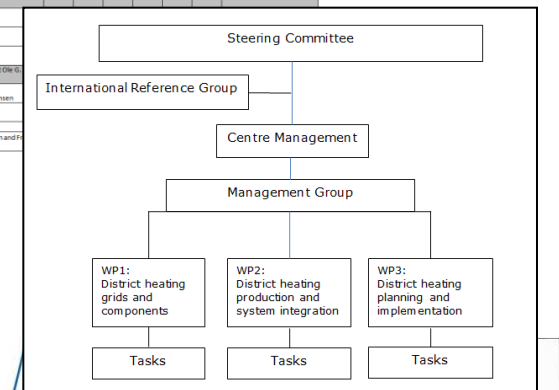


# Consortium meetings

- Conference on 4GDH Technologies and Systems (Public)
  - Status and administrative meetings (4DH Participants)
- 6-year project (2012-2017) with on-going dissemination.

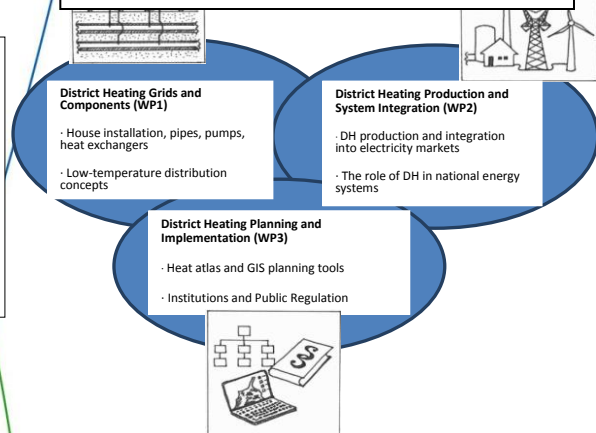
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| WP no.   | Name   | WP leaders / responsible                  | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Participants                                     |
|--|--|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| 0  | Administrations and development of overall concept   | Henrik Lund and Brian V. Mathiesen        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 0.1 Scientific and theoretical development of the 4GDH concept   | Henrik Lund and Brian V. Mathiesen        |      |      |      |      |      |      | HL, SW and all                                   |
|  | 0.2 PhD course activities and international collaboration  | Henrik Lund and Brian V. Mathiesen        |      |      |      |      |      |      | HL, BVM and all                                  |
|  | 0.3 Dissemination  | Henrik Lund and Brian V. Mathiesen        |      |      |      |      |      |      | HL, BVM and Fygel, Da Ejls, Esm, Heel and Krøyer |
| 1  | Centre administration  | Henrik Lund and Brian V. Mathiesen        |      |      |      |      |      |      | HL, BVM, MRS, PSA and WP-1                       |
|  | District Heating Grids and Components  | Svend Svendsen and Carsten Bojarsen       |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 1.1 Heating of existing buildings by low-temperature district heating  | Svend Svendsen                            |      |      |      |      |      |      | SS (PhD Stud), Kamstrup, Rio, Danfoss            |
|  | 1.2 Supply of domestic hot water at comfort temperatures without Legionella  | Svend Svendsen                            |      |      |      |      |      |      | SS (PhD Stud), Ethos, Danfoss                    |
| 2  | District Heating Production and System Integration   | Carsten Bojarsen                          |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 2.1 Conversion of existing district heating grids to low-temperature operation and extension to new areas of buildings | Carsten Bojarsen                          |      |      |      |      |      |      | CB (PhD Stud), SPS, COWI                         |
|  | 2.2 Minimizing losses in the DH distribution grid  | Carsten Bojarsen                          |      |      |      |      |      |      | CB (PhD Stud), Demas, Logstor                    |
|  | 2.3 The role of DH in energy systems with focus on Denmark, Europe and China   | Anders N. Andersen                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| 3  | District Heating Planning and Implementation   | Anders N. Andersen                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 3.1 Strategic energy planning in a municipal and legal perspective   | Brian V. Mathiesen                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 3.2 Integration of Energy Systems  | Anders N. Andersen                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 3.3 Energy resources for district heating systems  | Anders N. Andersen                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| 4  | District Heating Planning and Implementation   | Poul Østergaard                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 4.1 Strategic energy planning in a municipal and legal perspective   | Bent Ole Gram Mortensen                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 4.2 Innovative strategic energy planning and socio-economic development  | Bent Ole G. Mortensen                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
|  | 4.3 Energy atlas to support planning   | Bent Ole G. Mortensen and Poul Østergaard |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| 4.4 Price regulation, tariff models and sector partnership | Bent Ole G. Mortensen and Poul Østergaard  |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |



Administrative and 4GDH concept (WP0)

PhD courses and seminars  
International collaboration  
Consortium activities  
Dissemination





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## HEAT ROADMAP EUROPE 2050

FIRST PRE-STUDY FOR THE EU27



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Review  
From electricity smart grids to smart energy systems – A market operation based approach and understanding

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**ABSTRACT**  
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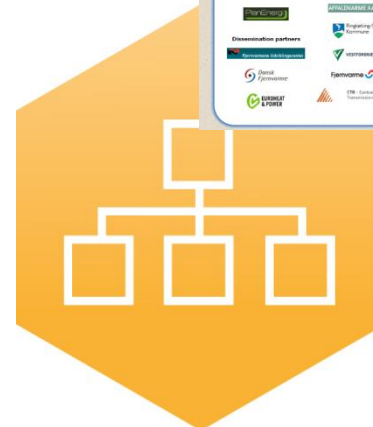
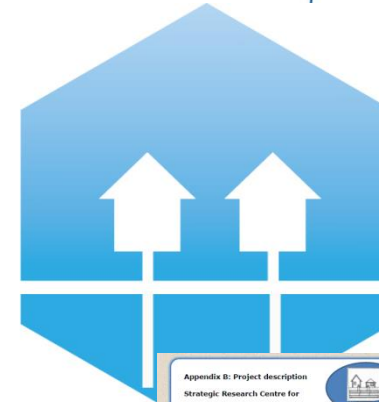
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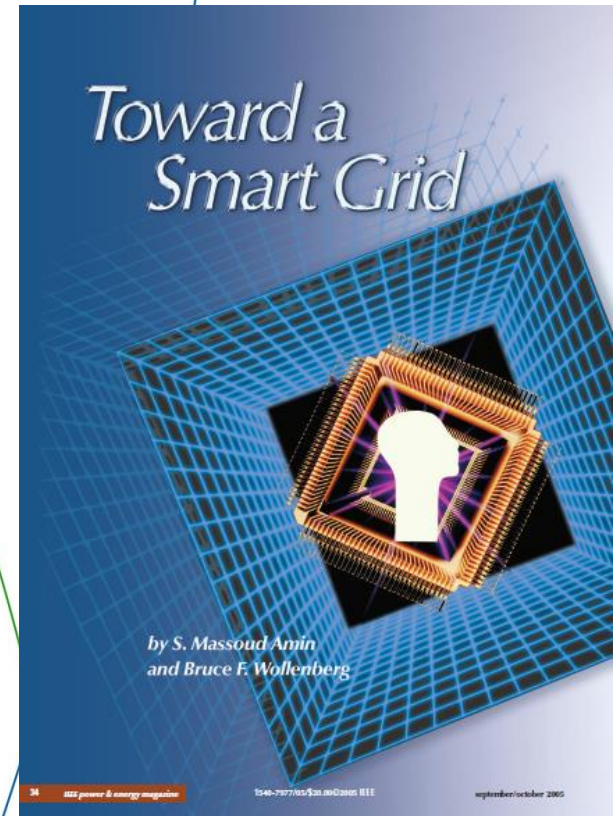
# Smart Grid (2005)

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However it can be understood from the context that a *smart grid* is a power network using modern computer and communication technology to achieve a network which can better deal with potential failures.



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# Smart Grid - definitions



“A *smart grid* is an electricity grid that uses information and communications technology to gather and act on information, such as information about the behaviors of suppliers and consumers, in an automated fashion to improve the efficiency, reliability, economics, and sustainability of the production and distribution of electricity.” (U.S. Department of Energy)



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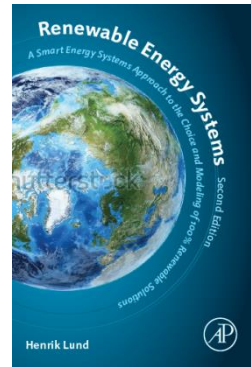
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“*Smart grids* are networks that monitor and manage the transport of electricity from all generation sources to meet the varying electricity demands of end users” .... “The widespread deployment of smart grids is crucial to achieving a more secure and sustainable energy future.” (International Energy Agency 2013).







# Smart Energy Systems

- **Smart Electricity Grids** are electricity infrastructures that can intelligently integrate the actions of all users connected to it - generators, consumers and those that do both - in order to efficiently deliver sustainable, economic and

**Smart Energy System** is defined as an approach in which smart Electricity, Thermal and Gas Grids are combined and coordinated to identify synergies between them in order to achieve an optimal solution for each individual sector as well as for the overall energy system.

**Smart Gas Grids** are gas infrastructures that can intelligently integrate the actions of all users connected to it - supplies, consumers and those that do both - in order to efficiently deliver sustainable, economic and secure gas supplies and storage.



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## 4th Generation District Heating (4GDH) Integrating Smart Thermal Grids into Future Sustainable Energy Systems

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**Keywords:** 4GDH, District Heating, Smart Thermal Grids, Smart Energy Systems, Sustainable Energy Systems, Renewable Energy Systems.

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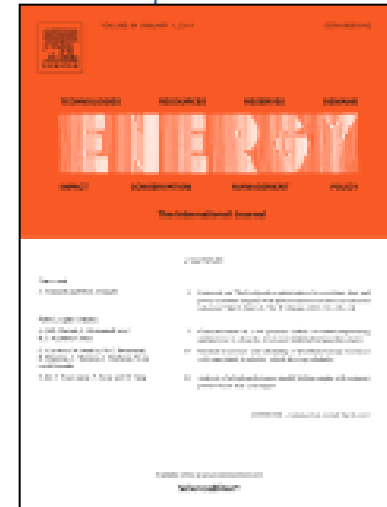
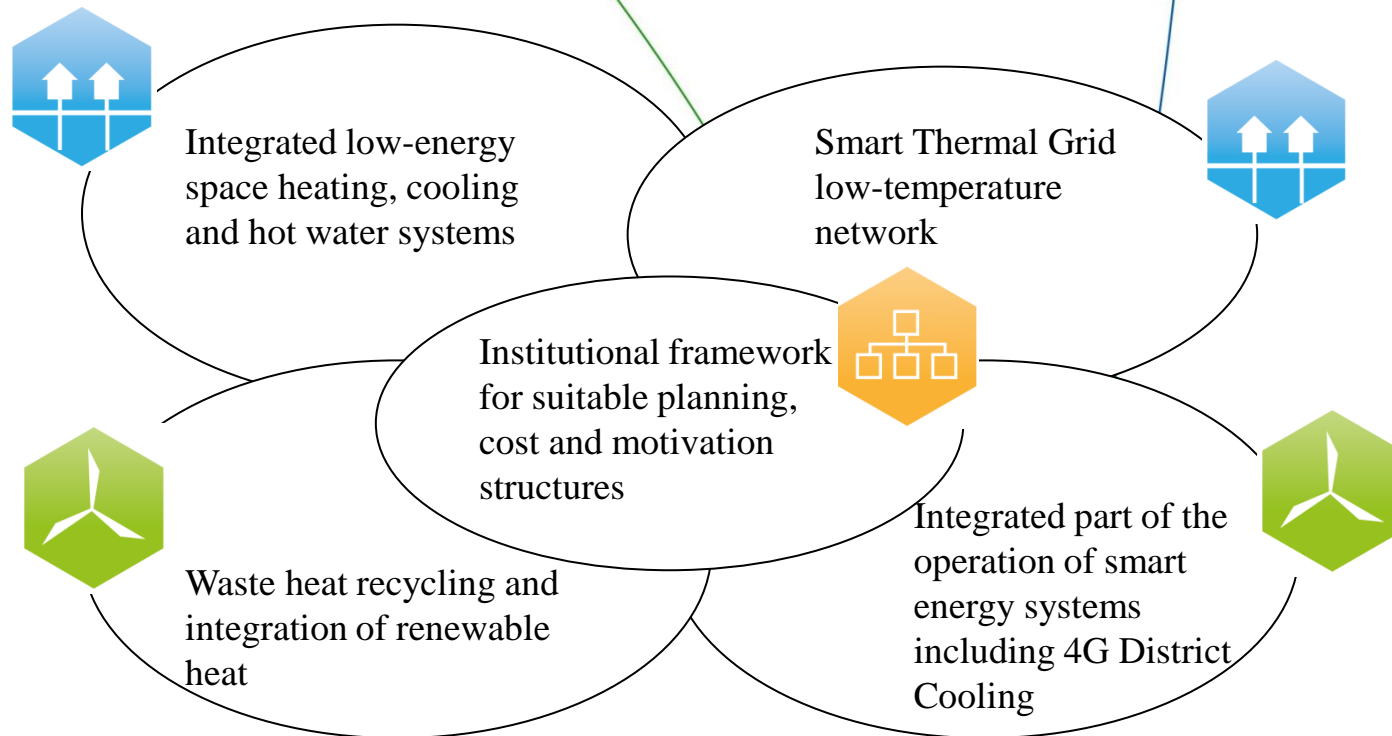




Figure 1: Illustration of the concept of 4<sup>th</sup> Generation District Heating



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## Three pillars

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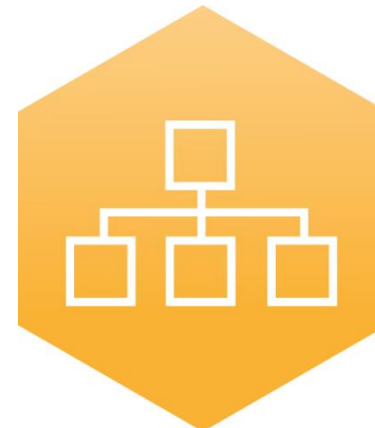
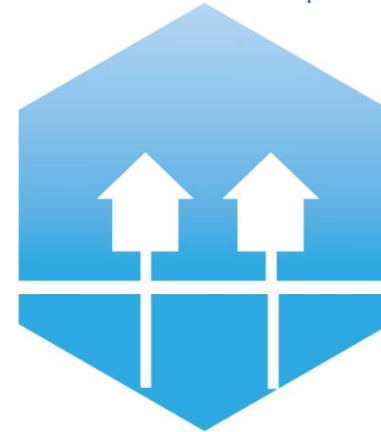
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### Production:

Renewable Systems Integration

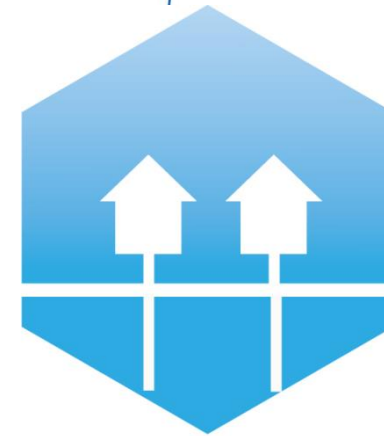
### Organisation:

Planning and Implementation



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## Supply:

Low temperature District heating

## Grids and components:

- low-temperature district heating systems based on renewable energy.
- new knowledge of the hardware and software technologies of the new generation of district heating systems
- existing energy renovated buildings and new low-energy buildings.



**4th Generation District Heating (4GDH)**

Integrating Smart Thermal Grids into Future Sustainable Energy Systems

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| Table 1   | 1 <sup>st</sup> generation                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation  | 4 <sup>th</sup> generation   |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Label</b>  | Steam   | In situ  | Prefabricated   | 4GDH   |
| <b>Period of best available technology</b>  | 1880-1930   | 1930-1980  | 1980-2020   | 2020-2050  |
|  | <b>Distribution and Demand</b>                                  |  |   |  |
| <b>Heat carrier</b>   | Steam   | Pressurised hot water mostly over 100°C  | Pressurised hot water often below 100°C   | Low-temperature water 30-70°C  |
| <b>Pipes</b>  | In situ insulated steel pipes                                   | In situ insulated steel pipes  | Pre-insulated steel pipes   | Pre-insulated flexible (possible twin) pipes   |
| <b>Circulation systems</b>  | Steam pressure  | Central pumps  | Central pumps   | Central and decentralised pumps  |
| <b>Substations Heat exchanger</b>   | No  | Tube and shell heat exchangers   | Without or with plate heat exchangers   | Probably mostly with plate heat exchangers<br>Introduction of flat-stations.<br>(decentralised supply of hot water in new buildings) |
| <b>Buildings</b>  | Apartment and service sector buildings in the city              | Apartment and service sector buildings<br>200-300 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>   | Apartment and service sector buildings (and some single-family houses)<br>100-200 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  | New buildings: < 25 kWh/m <sup>2</sup><br>Existing buildings: 50-150 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>  |
| <b>Metering</b>   | Condensate meters in order to measure the amount of steam used. | Initially only flow meters in substations, later replaced by heat meters. Annual or monthly readings. Sometimes use of allocation meters on radiators for internal distribution of heat costs. | Heat meters and sometimes additional metering of flow in order to compensate for high return temperatures. Wireless readings introduced for more frequent readings. | As earlier but continuous reading used for continuous commissioning of customer heating system.                                      |
| <b>Radiators</b>  | High-temperature radiators (+90°C) using steam or water.        | High-temperature radiator (90°C) using district heating water directly or indirectly.  | Medium-temperature radiators (70°C) using district heating water directly or indirectly.<br>Floor heating.  | Floor heating.<br>Low-temperature radiators (50°C).<br>Indirect system.  |
| <b>Hot water</b>  | Hot water tanks heated directly with steam or                   | DHW tank heated to 80°C.<br>Circulation at   | Heat exchanger heating DHW to 50°C. Domestic  | Very efficient local heat exchanger heating DHW to   |

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## Production: Renewable Systems Integration

Production and system integration:

- the development of energy systems analysis tools, methodologies and theories
- scenario building of future sustainable energy systems.
- The aim is to identify the role of district heating systems and technologies in various countries





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|---|--|--|--|---|
|  | <b>Production and System Integration</b>         |  |  |   |
| <b>Heat Production</b>  | Coal steam boilers and some CHP plants           | Coal and oil based CHP and some heat-only boilers  | Large-scale CHP, distributed CHP, biomass and waste, or fossil fuel boilers  | Low-temperature heat recycling and renewable sources  |
| <b>Integration with electricity supply</b>  | CHP as heat source                               | CHP as heat source                                 | CHP as heat source, and some large electric boilers and heat pumps in countries with temporary electricity surpluses. Some very few CHP plants on spot market as exception | CHP systems integrated with heat pumps and operated on regulating and reserve power markets as well as spot markets |





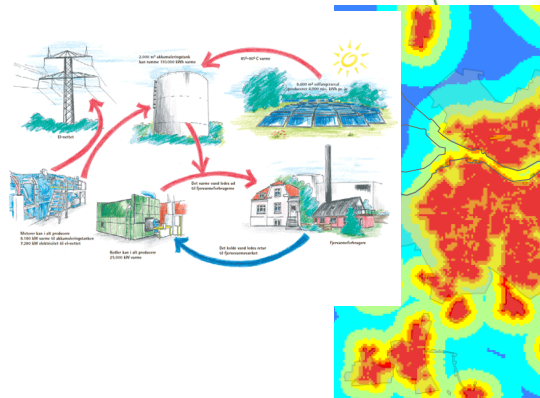
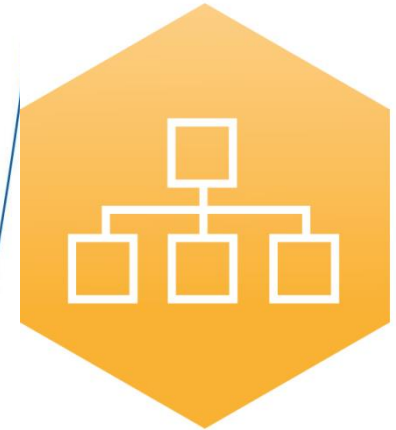
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## Organisation: Planning and Implementation

### Planning and implementation:

- further development of the planning and management systems
- spatial analysis and geographical information systems (GIS) as a tool for planners and decision-makers.
- organisation and design of specific public regulation measures including ownership, tariffs, reforms etc.



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|   | <b>Comfort and reduced risk</b>  | <b>Fuel savings and reduced costs</b>  | <b>Security of supply</b>  | <b>Transformation to a sustainable energy system</b>  |
|   | <b>Governing competing district heating infrastructures</b>  | <b>Developing and expanding DH suitable for cost efficient use of CHP</b>                                    | <b>Identifying and implementing suitable DH infrastructures in fossil based energy systems</b>   | <b>Identifying and implementing suitable DH infrastructures in fossil free energy systems</b>   |
|   | <b>Minimising the per unit supply costs. Few concerns regarding savings because space is more important.</b> | <b>Minimising the per unit supply costs. Few concerns regarding savings because CHP is cheap and plenty.</b> | <b>Dilemma between short- and long-term marginal costs with short-term marginal costs winning based on existing investments (sunk costs)</b> | <b>Dilemma between short- and long-term marginal costs with a need to integrate better long-term marginal costs (future investments). Incl. DSM costs</b> |
|   | <b>Consumers have to condensate steam. Further cooling is of minor concern.</b>                              | <b>Motivation of consumers' cooling is of less importance.</b>   | <b>Motivation of consumers' cooling gradually becomes important.</b>   | <b>Motivation of consumers' cooling is essential.</b>   |
|   |  |  | <b>Expansion of CHP and use of biomass and waste are important.</b>  | <b>Motivation of the integration of fluctuating RES is essential.</b>   |

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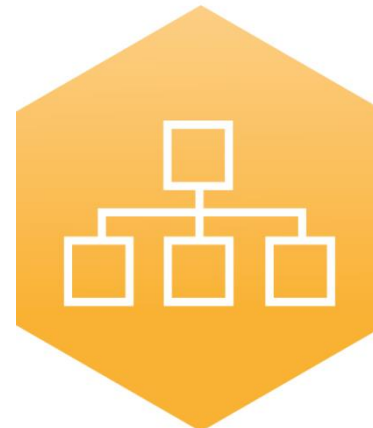
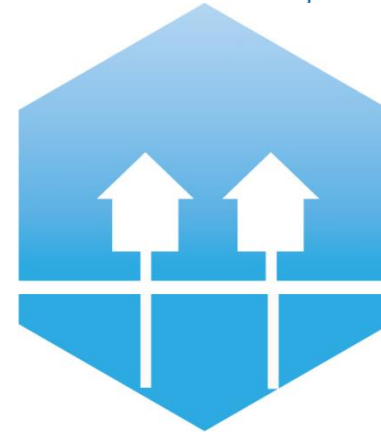
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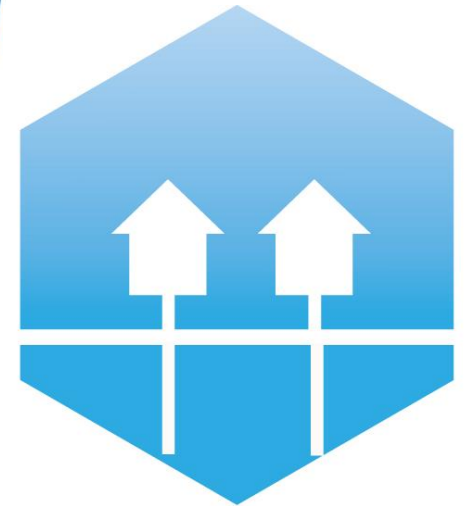
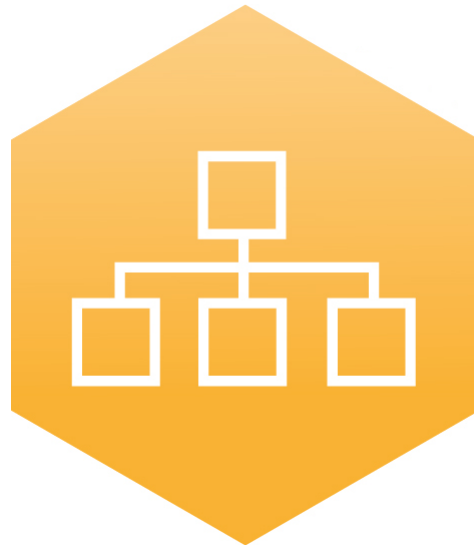


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