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# 2012 Annual Conference on RENEWABLE HEATING AND COOLING

## Opening

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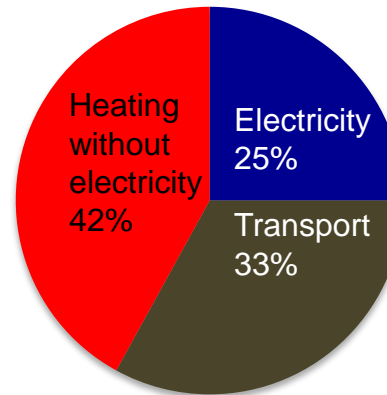
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# Relevance of the Heating and Cooling Market

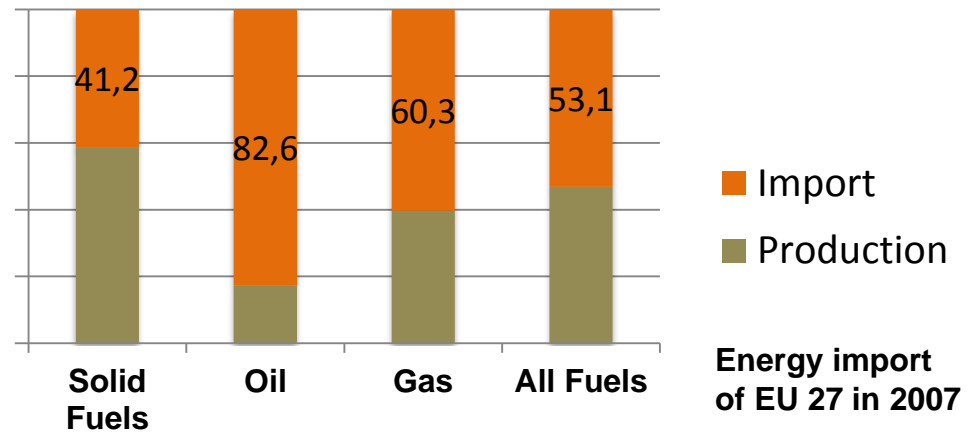
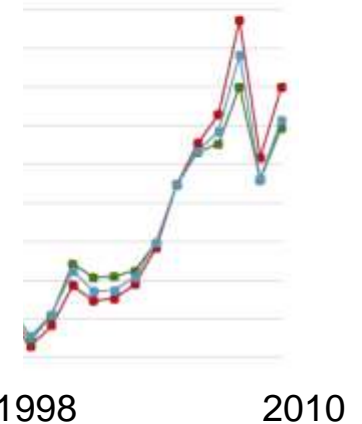
- **Heating & cooling** has the largest share on final energy demand
- **Oil and natural gas price** is growing continuously
- **Dependency** on fossil fuels import is growing

⇒ **In future, energy policy must focus equally on electricity, transport AND heating & cooling**

Final energy EU 27



Oil price development



# Heating and Cooling Market is often Omitted - Why?

## SET-Plan (EC):

*“The SET-Plan establishes an energy technology policy for Europe to accelerate the development and deployment of low carbon technologies.”*

### 8 Initiatives:

Bio Energy (fuels), CCS, Electricity Grid, Fuel Cells and Hydrogen, Sustainable Nuclear, Solar (PV + CSP), Wind

**=> Heating & Cooling is only part of Smart Cities & Communities Initiative**

## Energy 2050 (Roadmap of EC):

Acknowledges that *renewable heating and cooling is vital to decarbonisation*

**=> A thorough analysis of the heating & cooling sector is omitted**

## REASONS

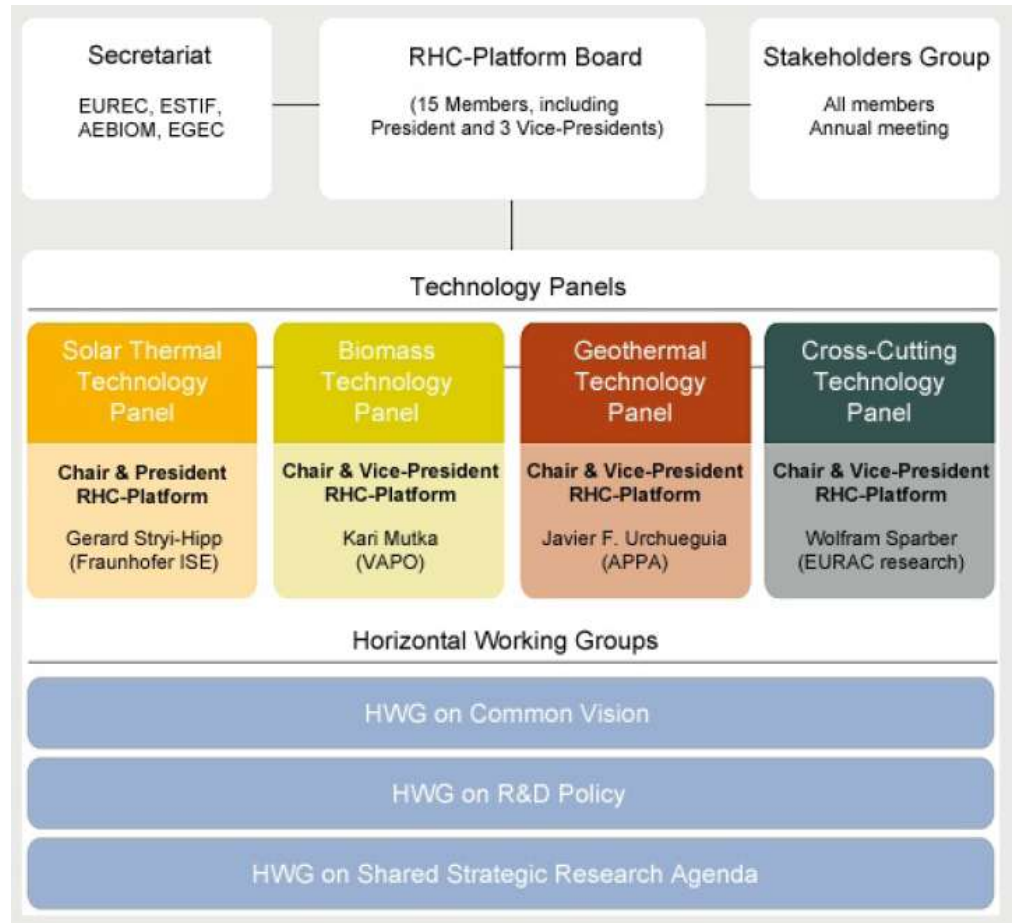
- **H&C sector** is decentralized and very inhomogenous in its structure (*technologies, actors, demand, sources, costs, ...*)  
**=> Difficult to understand**
- **H&C market** depends strongly on oil price fluctuations  
**=> Difficult to influence by policy**
- **Policy instruments** in the H&C sector are not strong or expensive (subsidies), complex or hard to implement (obligations)  
**=> Difficult to influence**

# Accelerating the Development of RHC: RHC-Platform

- Created in 2009
- Endorsed and financially supported by the EC
- **Objective: accelerate the technological development**
- **Industry, research & policy**
- Structure: 4 panels & 3 HWGs
- 600 members from 40 countries

## Achievements

- Annual conferences  
(*Bilbao, Budapest, Copenhagen*)
- Common Vision published 2011
- **Strategic research priorities** defined for all technologies
- **Shared Strategic Research Agenda** will be ready in summer 2012



# Important Part of the Solution: RHC-Technologies

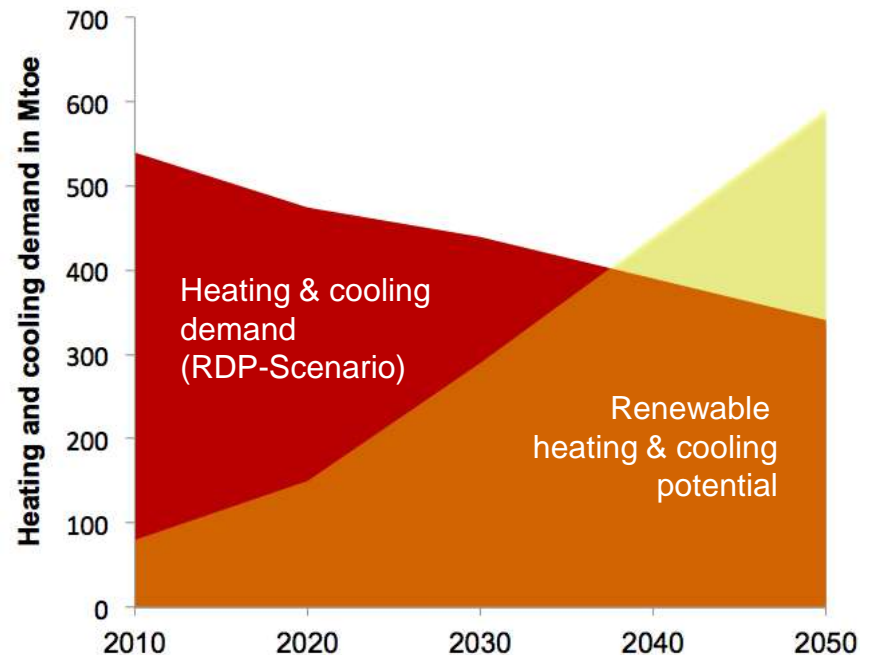
Heating & cooling demand can be reduced significantly and satisfied increasingly by RHC.

- ⇒ **Until 2040 we can reach 100% RES for heating & cooling**
- ⇒ **District heating & cooling is an important pillar of this scenario**

## Benefits by using RHC-technologies

- Mitigation of climate change
- Reducing import dependencies
- High security of supply
- Protection against oil price increase (social aspects)
- Increased local added value, creating jobs

## Heating and cooling demand and RHC-potential in EU 27



Source: EHC-platform, Common vision for the RHC-sector, 2011  
RDP-Scenario = Full Research, development and policy scenario

# Solar Thermal Energy



## MARKET 2010 (EU-27 + Switzerland)

- Newly Installed: 3.7 Mio m<sup>2</sup> / 2.6 GW<sub>th</sub>
- Total installed: 34 Mio m<sup>2</sup> / 24 GW<sub>th</sub>
- **Heat produced: 1.5 Mtoe / 17 TWh**

## CHARACTERISTICS

- Solar radiation: for free and everywhere
- Daily and seasonal solar variation  
*Storage and auxiliary heating source needed*

## CHALLENGES

- Increase the solar fraction per building  
*From hot water to Solar-Active-Houses*
- Enlarge the type of applications  
*Large systems, district heating, process heat, higher temperature, solar assisted cooling*
- Reduction of costs

## APPLICATIONS

### Domestic hot water & space heating

- One/two/multi family homes
- Hotels, hospitals, residential homes,...
- District heating systems
- Multifunctional façades
- PV-Thermal (PV-T) hybrid collectors

### Process heat

- Low up to 100°C
- Medium up to 250°C
- Solar assisted cooling and refrigeration



# Biomass



## MARKET 2010 (EU-27)

- Newly Installed: 16.9 GW<sub>th</sub>
- Total installed: 393 GW<sub>th</sub>
- **Heat produced: 61 Mtoe / 712 TWh**

## CHARACTERISTICS

- Stored renewable energy  
*Ideal as auxiliary heat for variable RES*
- Limited / sustainable production needed  
*Used for electricity and transport as well*  
*Imports & trade possible in & out Europe*

## CHALLENGES

- Developing sustainable biomass supply chains for different sources
- Definition of sustainability criteria for biomass  
*Strong influence on the biomass potential*
- Increase efficiency of burning biomass
- Increase efficiency by using combined heat, power and cooling biomass plants  
*Most efficient way to use biomass*

## APPLICATIONS

### Small burners

- Pellets stove
- Wood chip boiler
- Log wood stove/boiler



### District heating & cooling and process heat

*Heat only or combined heat and power*

- Pellets boiler
- Wood chips boiler
- Waste & agricultural feedstock boiler



Use of

- Solid biomass
- Bio fuels / bio gas



# Geothermal



## MARKET 2010 (EU-27)

- Newly Installed: 2.7 GW<sub>th</sub>
- Total installed (with GSHP): 15 GW<sub>th</sub>
- **Heat produced: 2.8 Mtoe / 33 TWh**

## CHARACTERISTICS

- Continuous heat source  
*Ideal for base demand, peak demand suitable*
- Resources principally everywhere  
*Quality of deep GT resources depending on local geology and depth*

## CHALLENGES

- Improvements of exploration and underground reconnaissance  
*Investment risk of successful drilling*
- Increase of efficiency / cost reduction
- Deployment of EGS

## TECHNOLOGIES and APPLICATIONS

### Shallow GT

- Geothermal HP
- Underground thermal storage

#### Applications

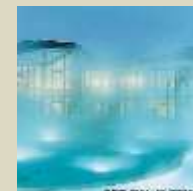
- DHW, space heating & cooling
- process heat

### Deep GT (>400m)

- Direct heat use
- Comb heat & power

#### Applications

- District heating
- Agriculture and industrial processes
- Balneology
- Cooling



HP = Heat pump, GSHP = Ground source heat pump, EGS = Enhanced geothermal systems, DHW = Domestic hot water



# Cross Cutting Technologies



## TECHNOLOGIES

- District heating and cooling (DHC)
- Thermal energy storage
- Hybrid systems and heat pumps

## CHARACTERISTICS

- Enabling technologies for high uptake of renewable energy
- Optimization / integration to framework conditions necessary

## CHALLENGES

- Develop smart solutions and ICT for complex systems
- Increase efficiency and COP
- Reduce costs

## APPLICATIONS

### DHC

- District heating
- District cooling
- DH&C with seasonal storage



### TE Storage

- Water storage
- PCM
- Thermo chemical
- Underground storage (UTES)



### Hybrid systems and heat pumps

- Innovative system design
- Ground, water and air heat pumps



COP = Coefficient of performance, PCM = Phase change material, GT = Geothermal, UTES = Underground Thermal Energy Storage

# Conclusions and political message

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- EU energy objectives and mitigation of climate change can only be achieved **with strong contribution of RHC-technologies**
- RHC-technologies can deliver **100% of the heating & cooling** demand
- **District heating & cooling** will be an important pillar of the RHC-structure
- The **technological potential and important R&D topics** to achieve the goals are identified by the RHC-platform
- **However, a much stronger political support for RHC is essential:**
  1. **H&C must become equally important in energy policy** as electricity and transport
  2. **R&D-budget for RHC-technologies must be significantly increased**
  3. **This must be reflected in Horizon 2020**
  4. **Specific H&C statistics are needed**