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## **LEGEND** project

Mobilizing ground-source heat pumps investments in Adriatic area

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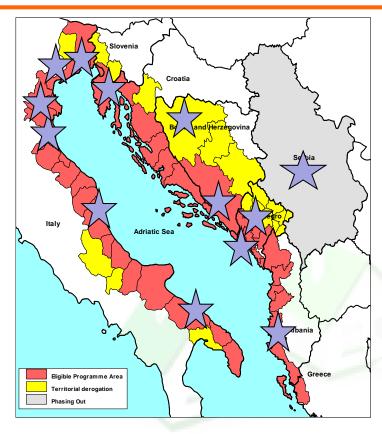
# LEGEND project General information

- <u>LEGEND</u> Low Enthalpy Geothermal ENergy Demonstration cases for Energy Efficient buildings in Adriatic Area
- IPA ADRIATIC cross border cooperation programme 2007-2013.
- 13 partners
- 10 pilot investments



#### **PARTNERSHIP**





**PROJECT BUDGET: 3.085.540,00 €** 

PROJECT DURATION:10/2012 - 12/2014 27 MONTHS **LEAD BENEFICIARY: Province of Ferrara -ITALY** 

**B2: Geological Survey of Slovenia - SLOVENIA** 

**B3: Istria Region - CROATIA** 

B4: «Local Development Initiative»,Banja Luka – BOSNIA HERTZEGOVINA

**B5: Emilia Romagna Region - ITALY** 

**B6: Veneto Region - ITALY** 

**B7: Municipality of Scutari - ALBANIA** 

**B8: Province of Teramo – ITALY** 

B9: Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje – SERBIA

**B10: Municipality of Kotor – MONTENEGRO** 

**B11: Dubrovnik-Neretva Region - CROATIA** 

**B12: Puglia Region - ITALY** 

**B13: Montenegro Green Building Council - MONTENEGRO** 

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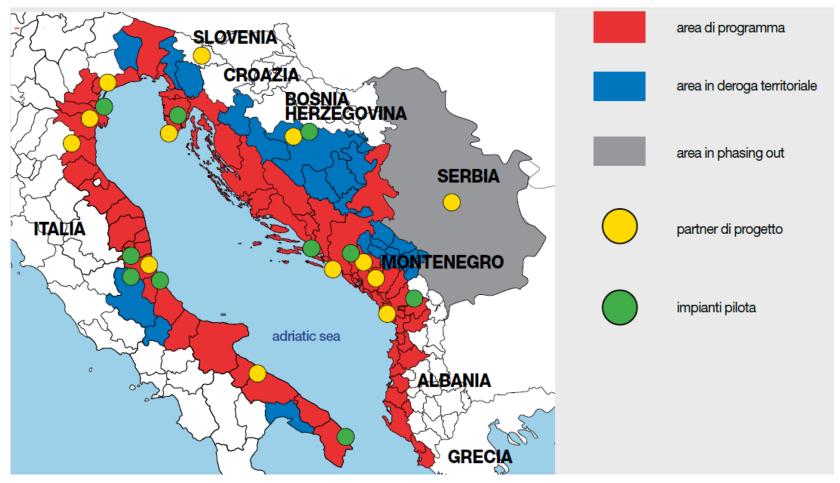


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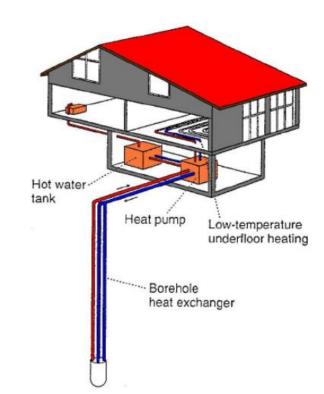
#### **General information**

#### **MAIN GOAL**

<u>Promotion</u> of geothermal energy benefits in the Adriatic area

#### **Promotion tools**

- development of 10 demonstration cases in public buildings utilizing GCHP (Ground Coupled Heat Pumps)
- development of cost/benefit monitoring analysis and policy & financial supporting schemes to overcome market barriers
- knowledge fertilization through training and workshops for energy managers and technicians to get familiar with GCHP potentialities







**LEGEND** capitalizes the results of EU funded projects such as **GEO.POWER**, **VIGOR** & **SEAR** in order to address practical application with high transferability potential in 7 countries & 11 regions of the IPA Adriatic area



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# LEGEND project Basic asumptions

#### PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Adriatic Area has adeaquate <u>climatic and geological conditions to fully exploit the potentialities of low enthalpy</u> <u>Geothermal Energy (Ground Coupled Heat Pumps - GCHP)</u> due to the presence of medium temperature basin across the Western Adriatic shore and the shallow geothermal conditions that characterizes the entire Eastern Adriatic Countries.

Severe technology gaps and market barriers are present:

- Lack/poor harmonized regulations at national / regional level regarding heating and cooling permissions .
- Existence of **knowledge barriers** among policy and decision makers, stakeholders and citizenship such as: insufficient information on applicability prerequisites; cost-benefit calculation; lack of demonstrative successful examples and reliable statistics on the RES H/C applications. **They are** *key obstacles* that slow INVESTMENTS in such type of RES.











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**Basic asumptions** 

#### **NEEDS**

- Need of promoting the GCHP concept as integral part of the RES options
- Need of demonstrative investments to catalyze the interest of the local administrators
- Need of a better normative setting to facilitate investments



- 1. GCHP energy requalification (demo-cases) on 10 public buildings
- 2. 295 tons of CO2 per year not released in the atmosphere
- 3. 144 toe/year renewable energy production triggered
- 4. 132 toe/year primary energy saved



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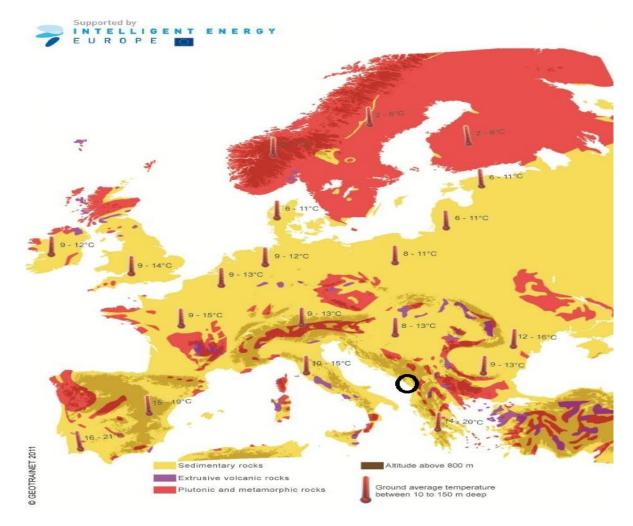




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#### Basic asumptions – energy potential





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Heat pump pilot investments

#### **Basic concepts**

- 1. Peak power generation (IRENA, LIR, DUNEA (up to 95%))
- 2. Partial load (Ferrara, Skhodra, Teramo, Danilovgrad, Puglia

#### **Ground heat exchanger types**

- 1. Closed loop vertical (IRENA, LIR)
- 2. Closed loop energy baskets (DUNEA)
- 3. Open loop (Ferrara, Teramo, Puglia, Danilovgrad, Skhodra)



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Heat pump pilot investments

IRENA - Pjerina Verbanac nursery

Start of activities: July, 2013.

End of activities: March, 2013.

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#### Drilling and TRT: July, 2013.



#### 3 boreholes of 100 m depth

Lithological profile: 3 m clay

97 m limestone

Duration: 24 days

Total cost: 17.000 €



#### TRT results:

- Static temperature along the borehole 14,7 °C
- Total thermal energy stored in the rock mass during TRT 127,8 kWh
- Temperature of the working fluid in PE pipes reached at the end of TRT Tin/Tout 29,6/27,3°C
- -Thermal conductivity 1,92 W/m°C
- Thermal energy per meter gained 54 W

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IRENA – Pjerina Verbanac nursery

#### Main system characteristics

- INSTALLATION PERIOD: DECEMBER 2013. MARCH 2014.
- INTERVENTIONS REALIZED:
- 1. Low radiant heating/cooling systems floor, wall, ceiling heating/cooling
- 2. Fan coils used as backup cooling solutions (for high humidity periods)
- 3. Ventilation with integrated heat recuperation unit—air coming into recuperation unit preheated/precooled with geothermal heat pump
- 4. 22 kW geothermal heat pump with active cooling solution (peak heating/cooling 18,9/19,8)
- 5. <u>Investment: 73.000 €</u>



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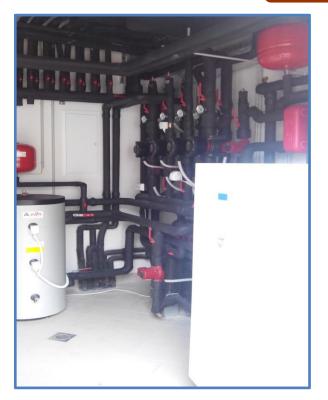
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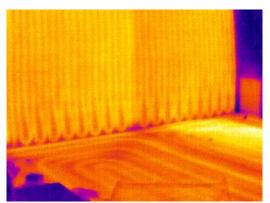
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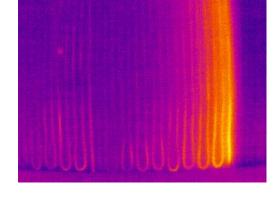


#### Engine room

#### System in operation







25 days 24h/day testing period under full load minimum borehole temperature -2°C



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#### **System drawbacks and potential improvements**

- Slow reaction of both ground heat exchanger and inner low radiant systems improvements needed regarding grouting materials, borehole pipe material. Larger buffer units provide partial solution.
- 2. Outside temperature sensors issues with high daily(hourly) temperature amplitudes
- 3. Peak power design only 30% of borehole potential used. Transfer of heat to adjacent building is planned this building consumes 110.000 kWh/year for heating (72 kW electric heater). This should significantly reduce the investment payback period (currently 14) years).









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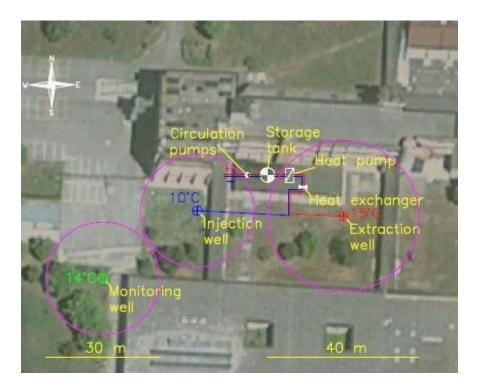
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#### **Environmental monitoring** →

**Control of aquifer situation:** 

- TEMPERATURE
- CHEMICAL DATA
- WATER TABLE LEVEL













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#### Main system characteristics:

#### Open loop system

#### **Heating only solution**

#### **Extraction well:**

- 50 m depth, d=140 mm
- Submersible pump at 24 m (2,2 kW)
- Filter from 40 to 50 m

#### **Injection well:**

- 56 m depth, d=140 mm
- Filter from 28,5 to 56 m

- Flow rate: 12.000 l/h
Building net floor heated area (high temperature radiators) 10.365 m<sup>2</sup>

Heat pump: 106 kW

Estimated yearly energy production: 360.000 kW/h to people

Investment: 120.000 €







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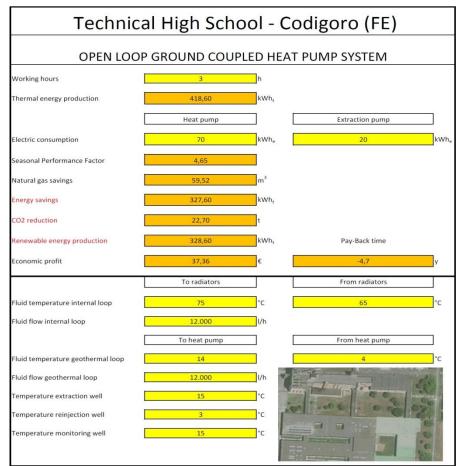
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Province of Ferrara – IIS CIVITA – MONACO DI POMPOSA – MONITORING SYSTEM

#### **Energy monitoring** →

- Check of energy savings
- Check of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Check of renewable energy production
- Check of economic profit of the investment

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#### Heat pump pilot investments

**DUNEA – Elementary school Opuzen** 

#### Main system characteristics:

#### Closed loop system – geothermal baskets



- 13 baskets
- 250 m coil lenghth
- Bottom depth 4,5 m
- Top depth -1.8 m
- Power output per basket 2 kW
- Heating only solution
- Heat distribution system high temperature radiators (to be replaced with low temperature radiators)
- Building net floor heated area (high temperature radiators) 1.500 m<sup>2</sup>

Heat pump: 35 kW

**Estimated yearly energy production:** 53.000 kW/h **Investment: 70.000** € earth to people













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#### MAIN PROBLEM FOR WIDER ACCEPTANCE OF GCHP INSTALLATIONS:

# Extreme discrepancy between average salary/investment ratio

Albania - 329/80.000 € Italy - 1604/80.000 €





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IRENA – Labin capacity building seminar

#### Main goals:

- To introduce high school students to basic concepts of geothermal energy exploatations
- To design and constructs 15 cost effective ground heat exchangers and significantly reduce salary/investment ratio for ground heat exchanger
- To design and construct heat exchanger field based on 15 different materials/structures commonly found in Istrian county
- To perform 15 TRT tests
- To construct heat pump out of basic elements and use it to heat/cool high school physics cabinet
- To lay foundations to future projects within the school and especially the one in which cost effective heat pump will be designed and constructed - this should significantly reduce salary/investment ratio for inner installations

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#### IRENA - Labin capacity building seminar

#### Materials/structures tested:

- Silica sand
- 2. Bentonite clay
- 3. Concrete MB 30, vibrated
- 4. Red soil, dry
- 5. Red soil, wet
- 6. Loam
- 7. Humus
- Limestone flour
- 9. Limestone gravel (fraction 0-4 mm)
- 10. Limestone gravel (fraction 40-80 mm)
- 11. Dolomite flour
- 12. River sand
- 13. Thermo active cement
- 14. Static water tank
- 15. Circulating water tank



Location of LEGEND geothermal park – High school Mate Blažine, Labin



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#### **TRT results:**

#### IRENA – Labin capacity building seminar

Basket number	Basket name	Q <sub>8h</sub> (I/h)	P <sub>8h</sub> (kW)	Q <sub>10h</sub> (I/h)	P <sub>10 h</sub> (kW)	P <sub>Qfix</sub> (kW)
	1 Limestone gravel (0-4 mm)	1.100,96	1,05	1.016,36	0,97	0,95
	2 Dolomite flour (0-35 μm)	814,19	0,75	747,05	0,69	0,92
	3 Limestone flour (0-35 μm)	574,09	0,51	527,54	0,47	0,90
	4 River sand	947,92	1,03	872,74	0,95	1,08
	5 Silica sand	594,85	0,51	548,43	0,47	0,85
	6 Red soil - wet	1.160,36	1,19	1.070,24	1,10	1,03
	7 Red soil - dry	703,41	0,66	651,53	0,61	0,93
	8 Limestone gravel (40-80 mm)	1.201,92	1,24	1.094,78	1,13	1,03
	9 Loam	1.065,41	0,97	999,05	0,91	0,91
	10 Humus	909,28	1,00	828,88	0,91	1,10
	11 Static water tank	4.455,35	4,10	3.891,79	3,58	0,92
	12 Bentonite clay	640,28	0,53	590,38	0,49	0,82
	13 Circulating water tank	15.859,64	18,60	15.859,64	18,60	1,17
	14 Thermo active cement	1.289,42	1,30	1.189,06	1,20	1,01
	15 Concrete MB 30	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL			33,45		32,08	
Q <sub>fix</sub> (I/h)						
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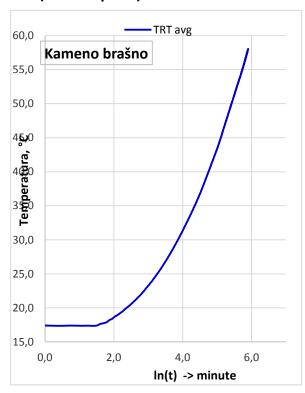


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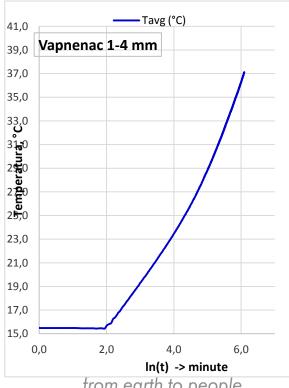
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#### **Limestone – different fractions** comparison

 $(0-35 \mu m)$ 

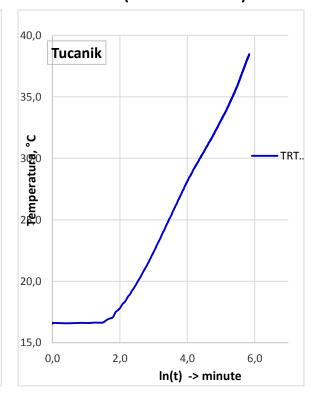


(0-4 mm)



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(40-80 mm)





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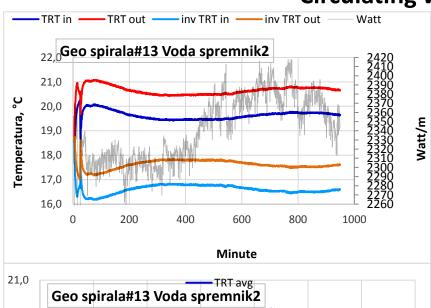


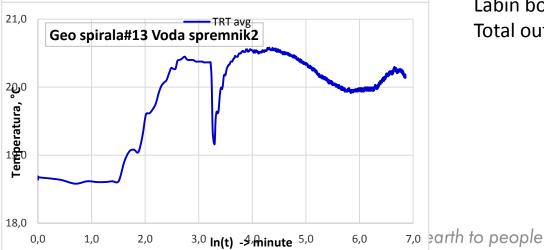


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#### **Circulating water tank**





General data:

Construction material: reinforced concrete

Volume: 4,5 m<sup>3</sup>

Tank water flow: 0,2 l/s

Tap water usage (8 hours): 5,76 m<sup>3</sup>

Spiral lenght: 80 m

Investment cost: 450 €

Total output (extrapolated): 18,6 kW

Labin boreholes investment cost: 17.000 €

Total output: 16,2 kW











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#### Labin geothermal park





LOW ENTHALPY GEOTHERWAL ENERGY DEMONSTRATION

#### **General data:**

Total investment cost: 10.000 €

Total output: 33,45 kW

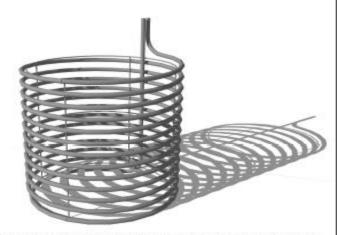
Investment/kW: 298,95€

Optimal solution investment/kW (excluding

water tank): 194,73 €

Labin borehole investment/kw: 1049,38 €

#### GEOTERMALNI PARK



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