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# Very Shallow Geothermal Energy: A Sleeping Giant of the Energy Revolution

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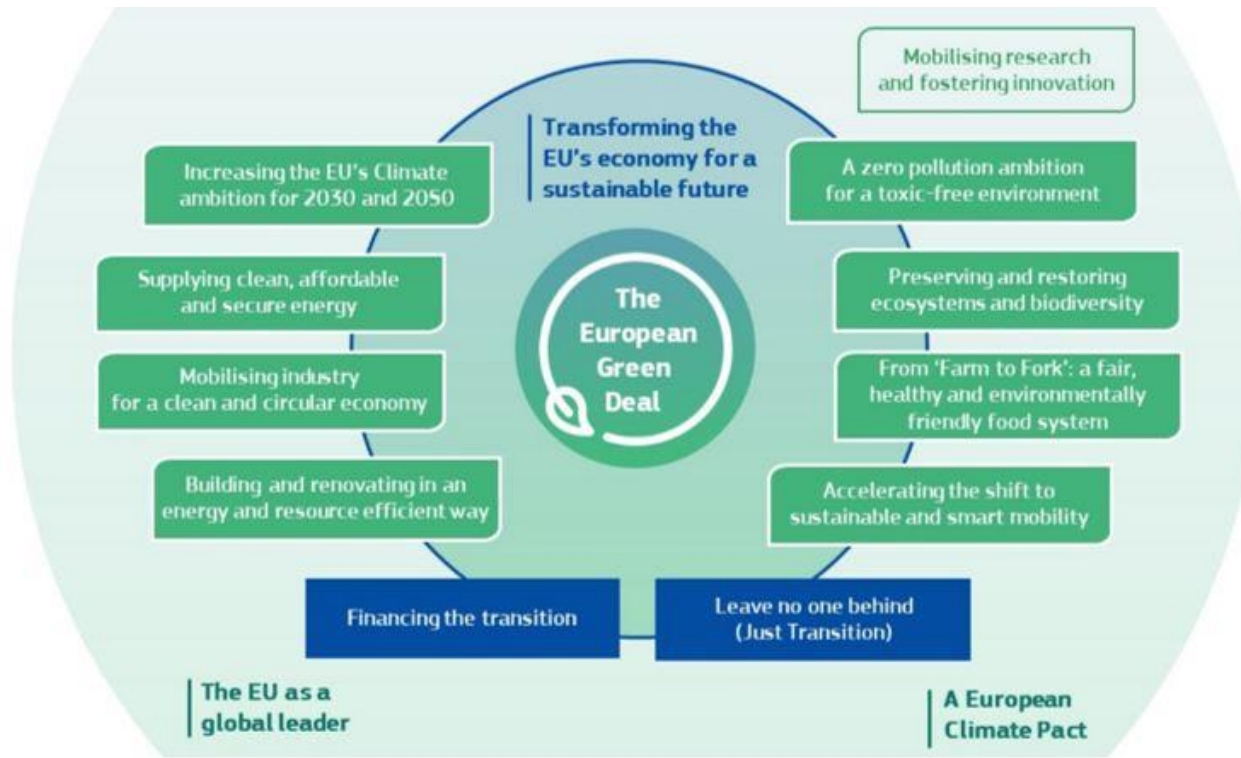
- Presentation | Dr Ammerl 15  
**Possibilities of grants in the context of R&D of renewable energies in the age of Europe's Green New Deal**
- Presentation | Dr Bertermann 50  
**Very Shallow Geothermal Energy - A Sleeping Giant of the Energy Revolution**
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# TECHNICAL ISSUES

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# R&D&I funding for renewable energies in the age of Europe's Green New Deal



The elements of the European Green Deal (Source: European Commission)

- **Roadmap** for making the EU's economy sustainable
- **Growth strategy** that transforms the Union into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy



# Bulding a low-carbon, climate resilient future: Green Deal call

## Area 2: Clean, affordable and secure energy

**LC-GD-2-1-2020:** Demonstration of innovative critical technologies to enable future large-scale deployment of **offshore renewable energy technologies**.

Wind, solar, wave and/or tidal resources (Baltic Sea, North Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea)

Offshore renewable energy power generating systems; Grid infrastructure; Power to X /storage systems

EUR 20-40 million (TRL7, RIA)

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Horizon 2020

Work Programme 2018-2020

Building a low-carbon, climate resilient  
future: Green Deal call

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## LC-GD-2-2-2020 Develop and demonstrate a 100 MW electrolyser upscaling the link between renewables and commercial/industrial applications

- European long term decarbonisation strategy (LTS) “**A Clean Planet for All**”
- Key role of **hydrogen** in decarbonising hard-to-abate sectors, such as industry, cement, steel, and also contributing to decarbonisation of heavy duty and long distance transport.
- The scope of this project is to install and operate a **100 MW electrolyser** to produce renewable hydrogen, as energy carrier.
- Development, installation and operation a 100 MW electrolyser for managing and using efficiently renewable energy (electricity and heat), water, Hydrogen and Oxygen flows
- Other activities will consist of **economic, safety and environmental assessments**
- Mandatory knowledge **sharing activity**
- Technological, operational, environmental, cost competitiveness and study **impacts**
- IA



## Area 4: Energy and resource efficient buildings

### LC-GD-4-1-2020: Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way

- **Priority:** design and construction of new or retrofitting of existing buildings as zero-emission, positive energy powerhouses within sustainable green neighbourhoods
- **At least two** (residential and non-residential, new and/or retrofitted) large-scale, real-life **demonstrations** of promising technology, process and social innovations, in different regions of Europe.
- **Multiplication** of such buildings allows the creation of green neighbourhood “**living labs**” (including social housing and non-residential buildings such as hospitals, schools, public buildings, commercial buildings, etc.) + scalability design, Citizen awareness raisings
- Sustainable, innovative zero-emission and more cost and energy efficient, **RES power generation** in the buildings combined with urban service facilities (e.g. charging facilities, Energy storage systems) and HVAC technologies
- From TRL 5/6 to TRL 7/8 at the end of the project (EUR 15 to 20 million)



# Horizon Europe – Built on three pillars

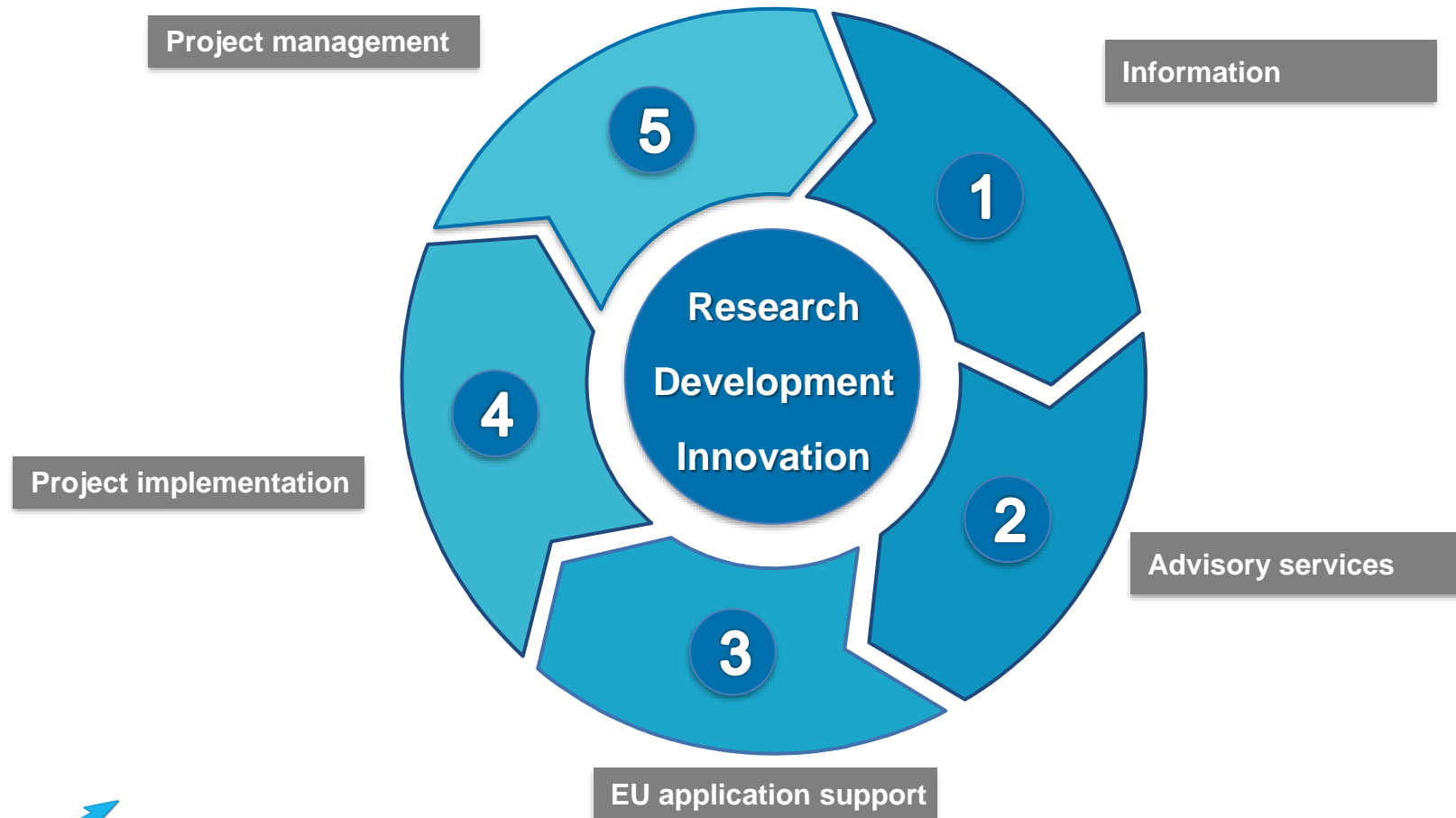
*Preliminary* programme structure:



Source: European Commission



# BayFOR as a „Full Service Provider“



# Very Shallow Geothermal Energy - A Sleeping Giant of the Energy Revolution

Working Group: Shallow Geothermy Energy | FAU Erlangen

Speaker: Dr David Bertermann



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## ➤ Chair of Geology

### ➤ Working Group Shallow Geothermal Energy



Deep Geothermal Energy

from 400 m

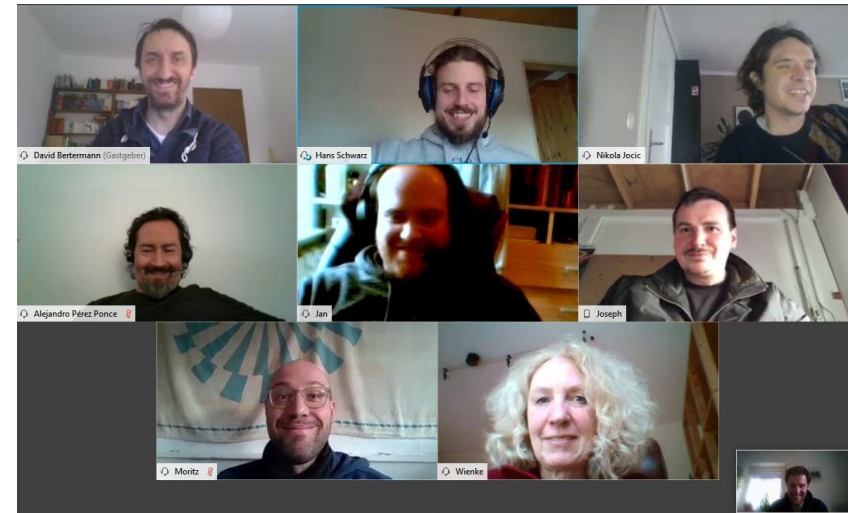


Shallow Geothermal Energy

until 400 m

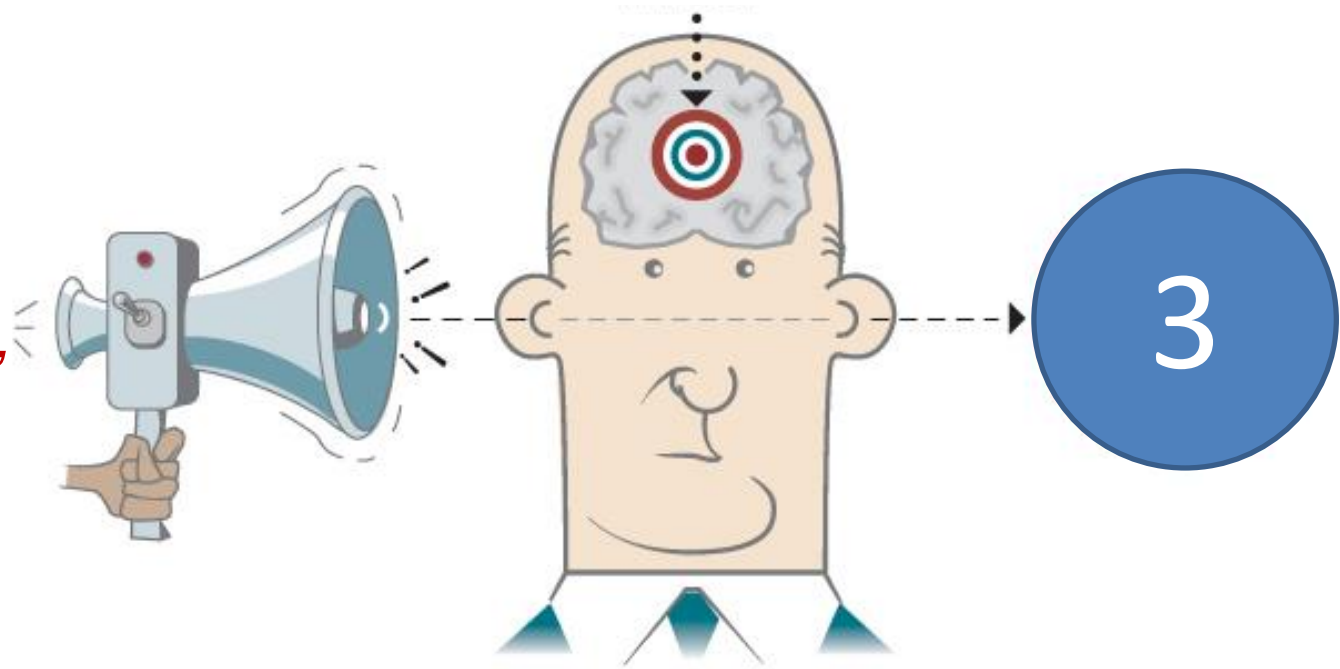
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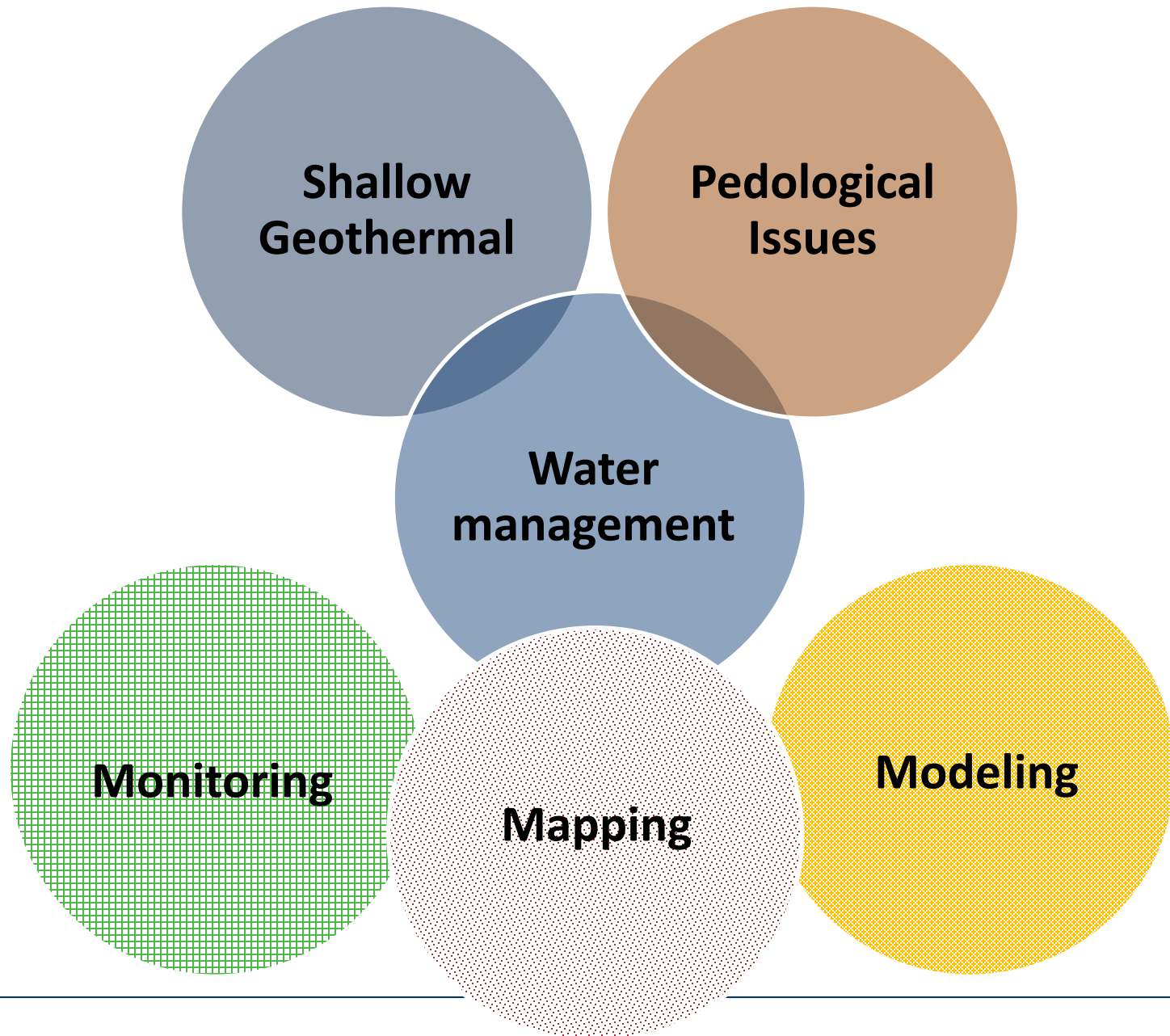
- **Geology**
- **Geography**
- **Physics / Thermodynamic**
- **Chemistry**
- **Mechatronics**
- **Political Science**
- **...**



## Shallow Geothermal Pedological Issues Water Management

*“What are your  
research topics”*





**Aim - to answer the question:**

**Why and how is (Very) Shallow Geothermal  
Energy a Sleeping Giant of the Energy  
Revolution?**

# The Energy Revolution & The Green New Deal

- A large part of the energy consumed by a private household is used for heating: 70 to 80 percent
- If Europe wants to become climate-neutral by 2050, near-surface geothermal energy can do much of the work!

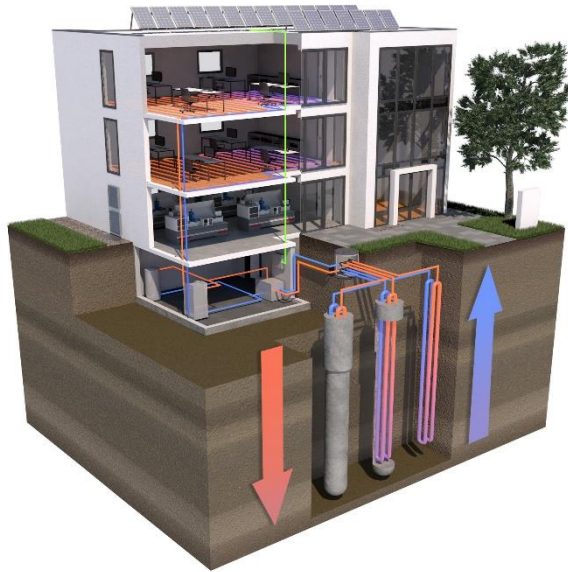
# Outline

- I. Principles of the utilization of shallow geothermal energy as a relatively simple form of sustainable energy**
- II. Mapping of potentials – why? (ThermoMap)**
- III. Integration of geothermal energy for refurbishing buildings (GEO4CIVHIC)**
- IV. District Heating and Cooling Systems coupled with shallow geothermal energy (ZIM)**

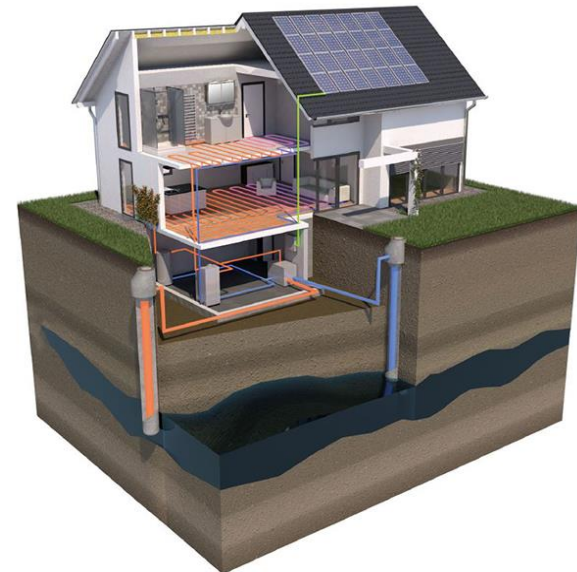
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## **Principles of the utilization of shallow geothermal energy as a relatively simple form of sustainable energy**

# Vertical energy systems



Geothermal probe



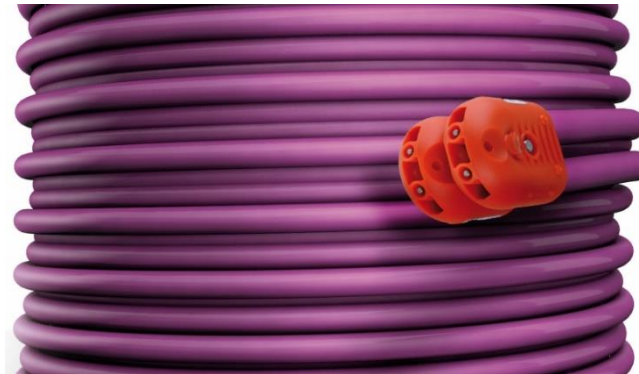
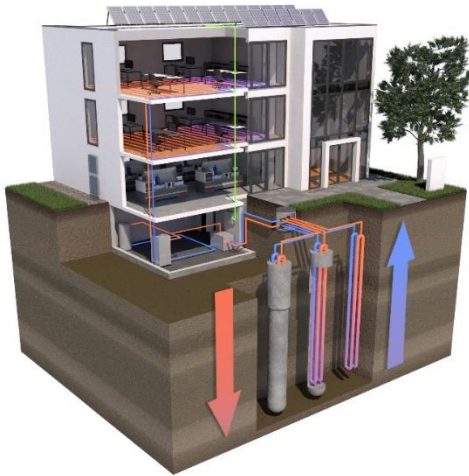
Groundwater heat pump

<https://www.erdwaermegemeinschaft.de/wie-funktioniert-erdwaerme/>

# Vertical - System components

## Heat exchanger - Probes

- Single-U
- Double-U
- Special forms



<https://www.frank-gmbh.de/de/Produktgruppen/Geothermie/pex-Erdwaermesonde.php>



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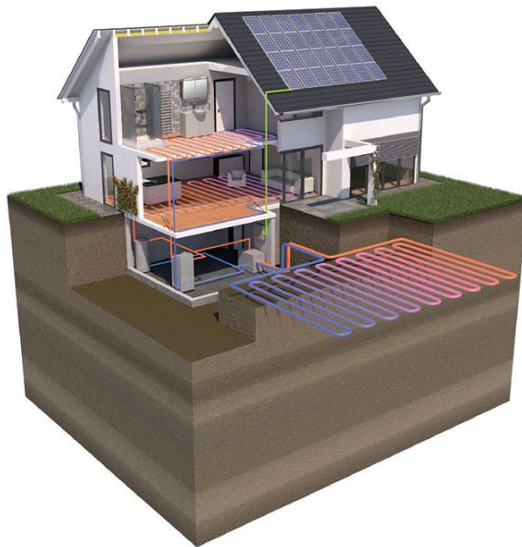
# Vertical - System components



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# Horizontal energy exchange - collector



Geothermal heat Surface collector

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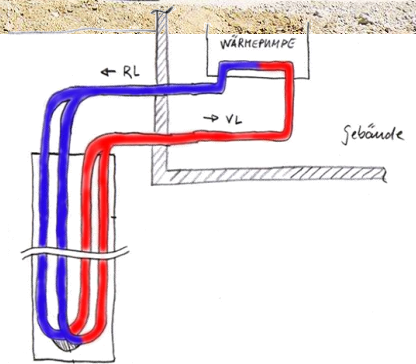


Special forms

# Horizontal energy exchange - collector



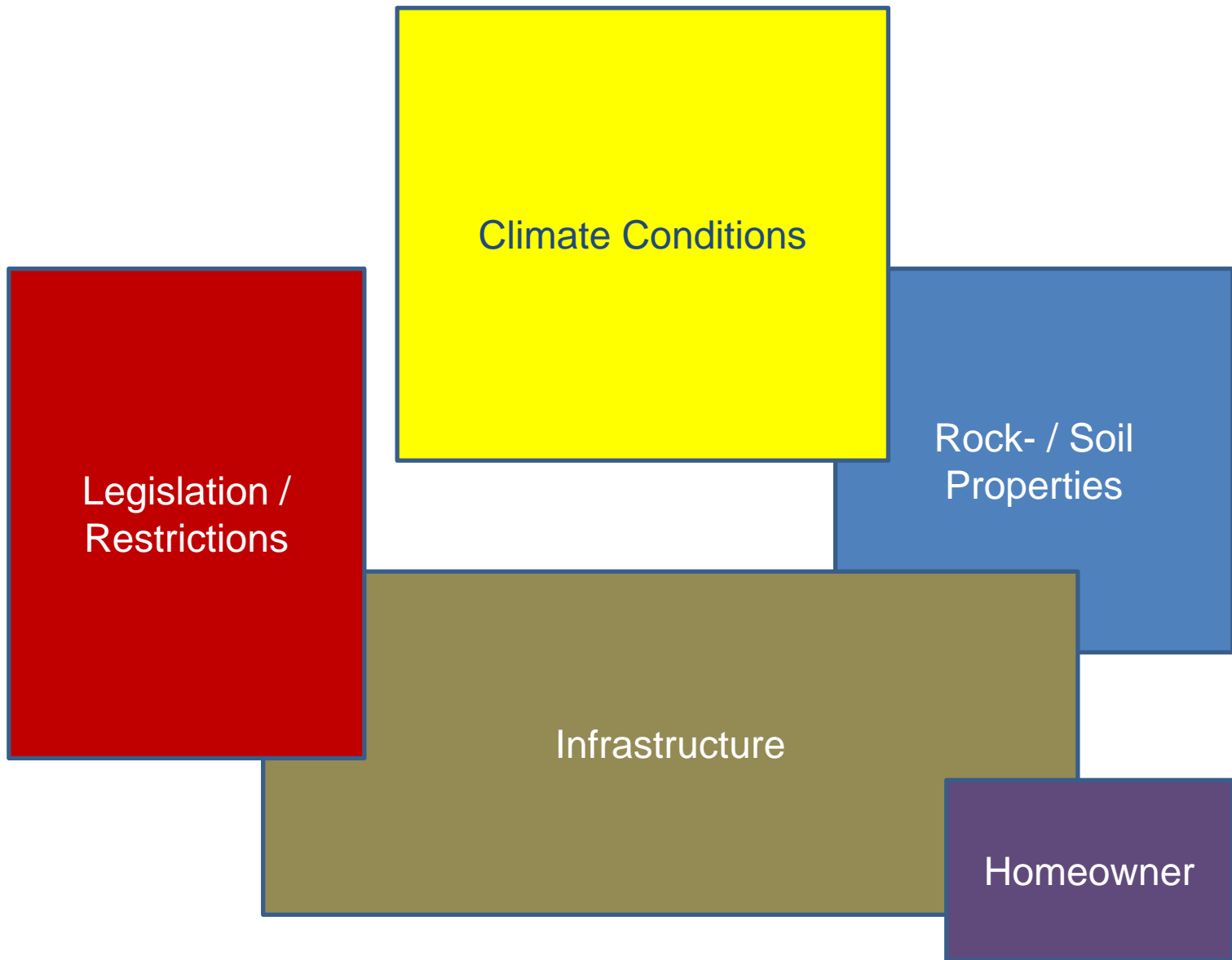
# Connection - Building



# Therm↻Map

II.

Mapping of potentials – why?



## Shallow geothermal systems

### Vertical systems (e.g. probes)



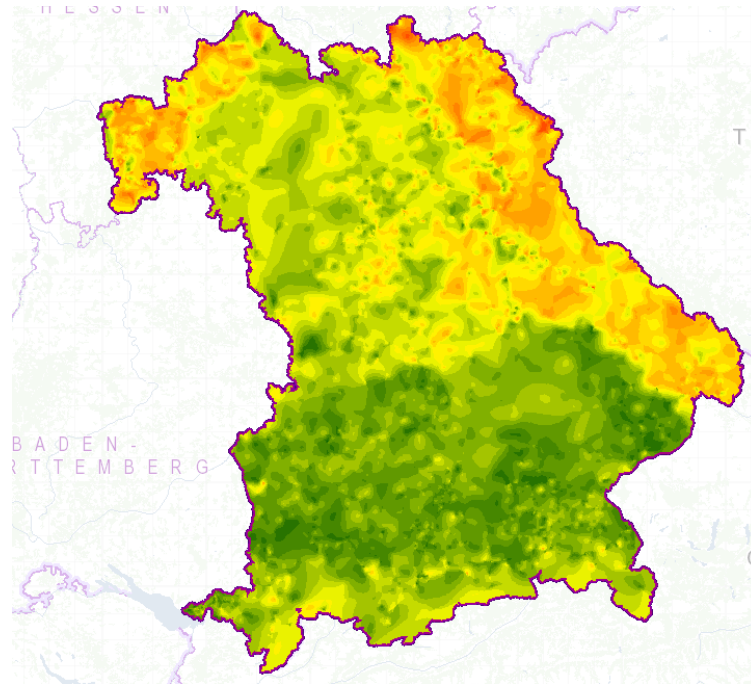
- Planning documents:
  - Geological maps
  - Country specific information systems, e.g. in Germany (federal state specific information systems - IOG- Bavaria)
- Suitable transformation of geological data sets to thermal extraction potential
  - Low influence of seasonal variations
  - Specific parameters (e.g. thermal heat conductivity) of consolidated rock material are well known

### Horizontal systems (e.g. collectors)



- Planning documents hardly available
  - Low research activities
  - High heterogeneity on small-scale level for the different parameters
- Estimation of the thermal extraction potential is rather difficult
  - High influence of seasonal variations
  - Strongly influenced by pedological parameters

# How can potentials be depicted - vertically?



<https://www.lfu.bayern.de/geologie/>

# Situation for horizontal systems?



No universal and pan-European collector-based estimation system for the very shallow geothermal potentials exists.



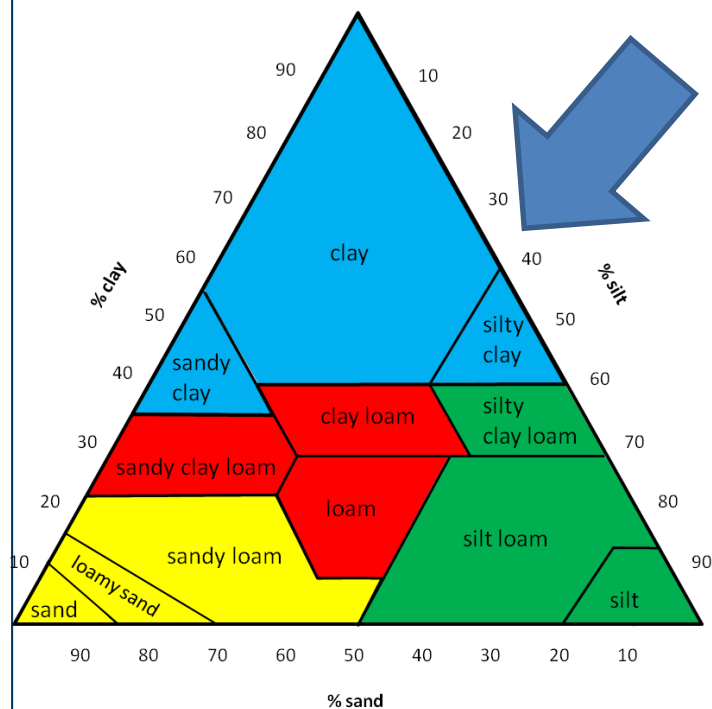
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**Therm****Map**



# Pedological parameters



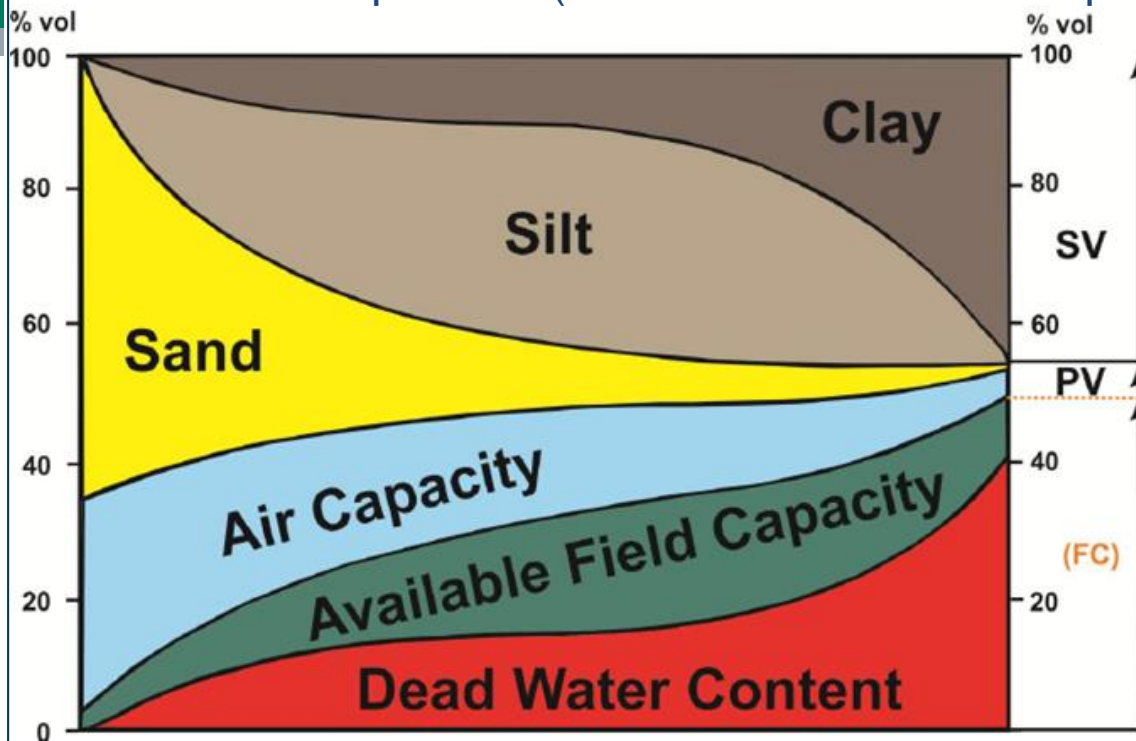
Modified USDA soil texture triangle at class level according to Berry et al. (2007)

- **Grain size / texture**
- Bulk density
- Water content
- (mineral composition)

# Grain size / texture

The grain size distribution (texture) → basic information for the estimation of vSGP

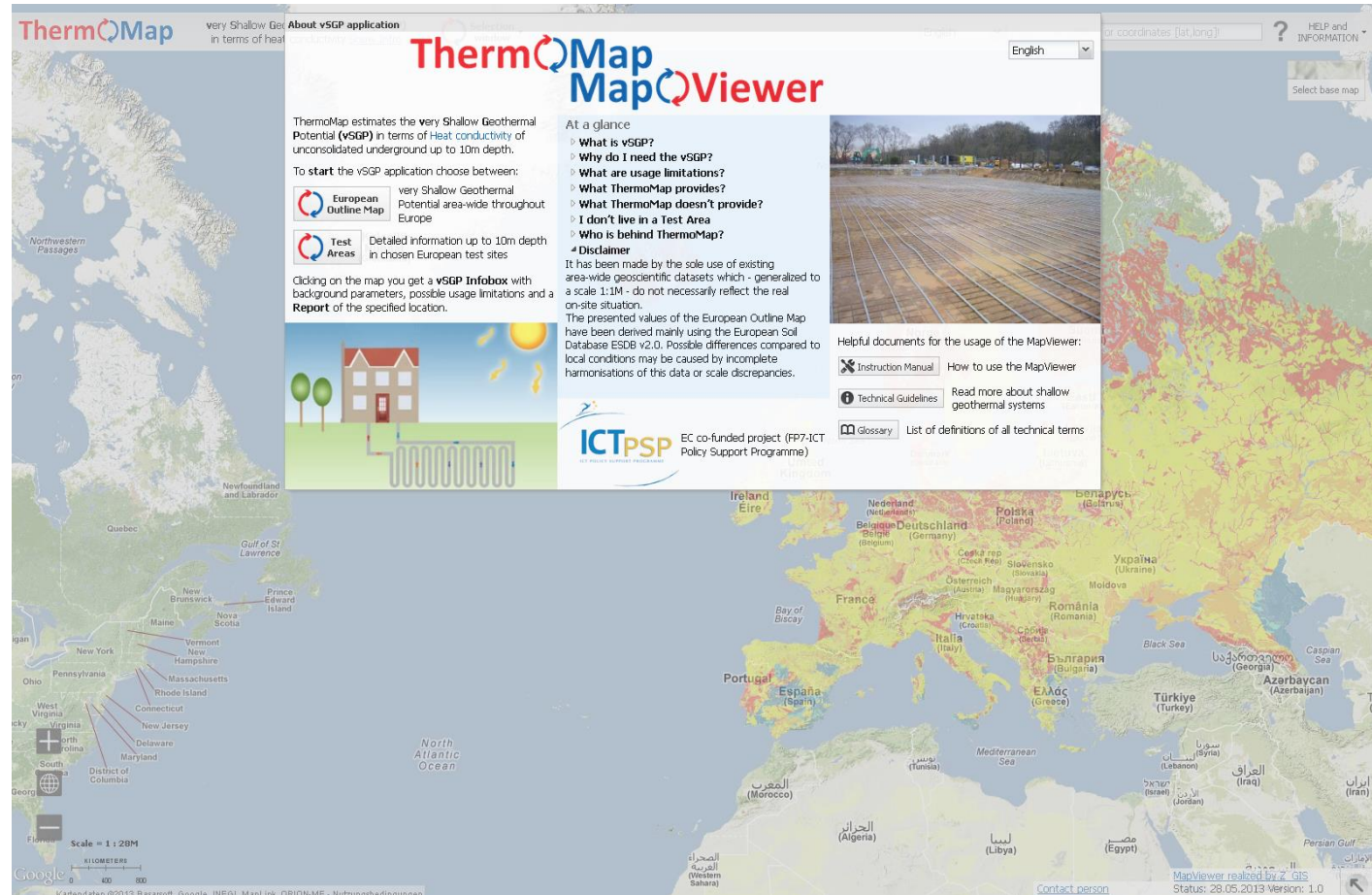
- Pore size distribution (→ texture-characteristic water content)
- Mineral composition (→ texture-characteristic proportion of quartz)



Interrelation of pore size distribution (water content) and soil texture (grain size distribution) (modified after Kuntze et al. 1994)

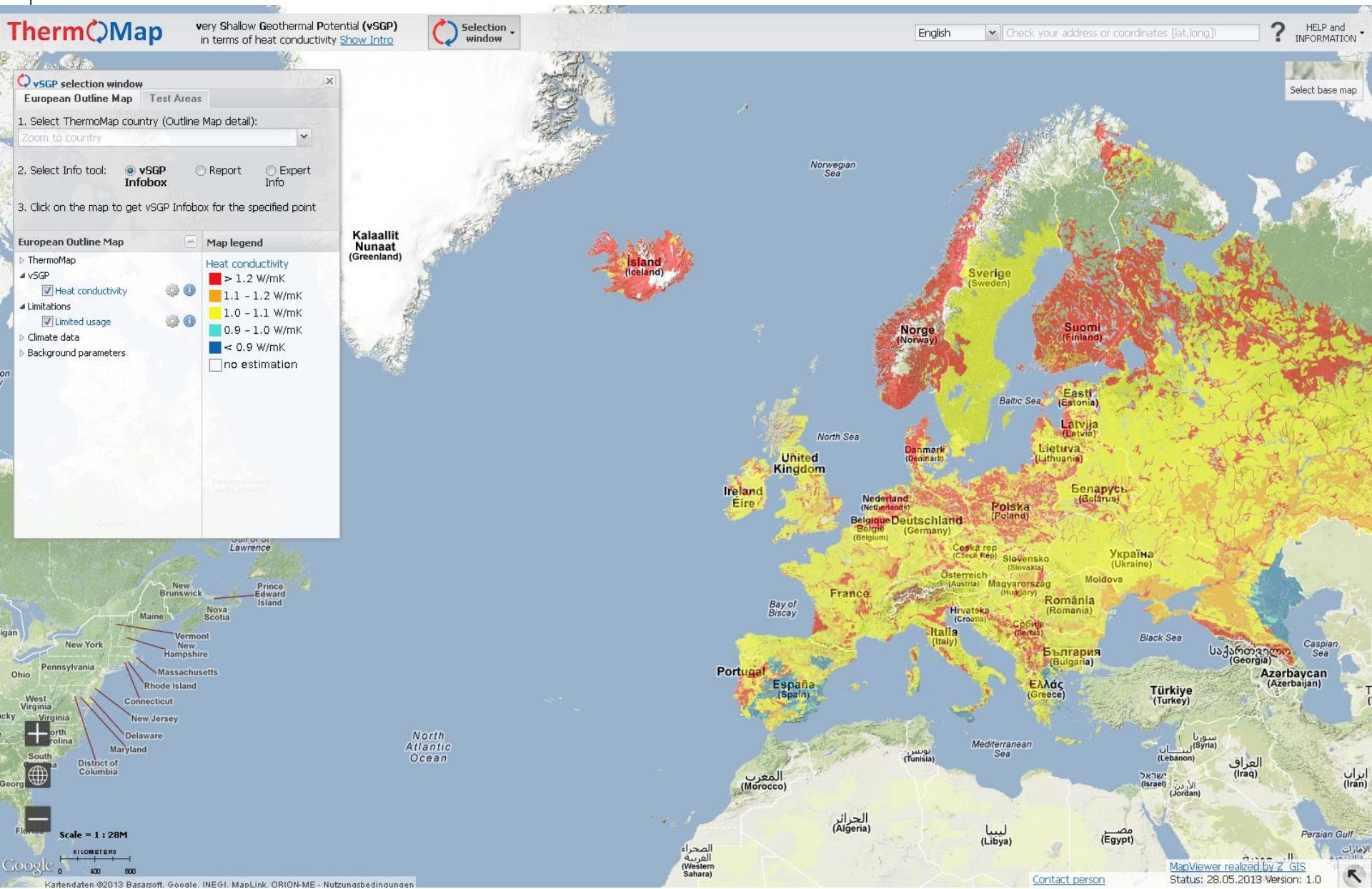
# How can potentials be depicted - horizontally?

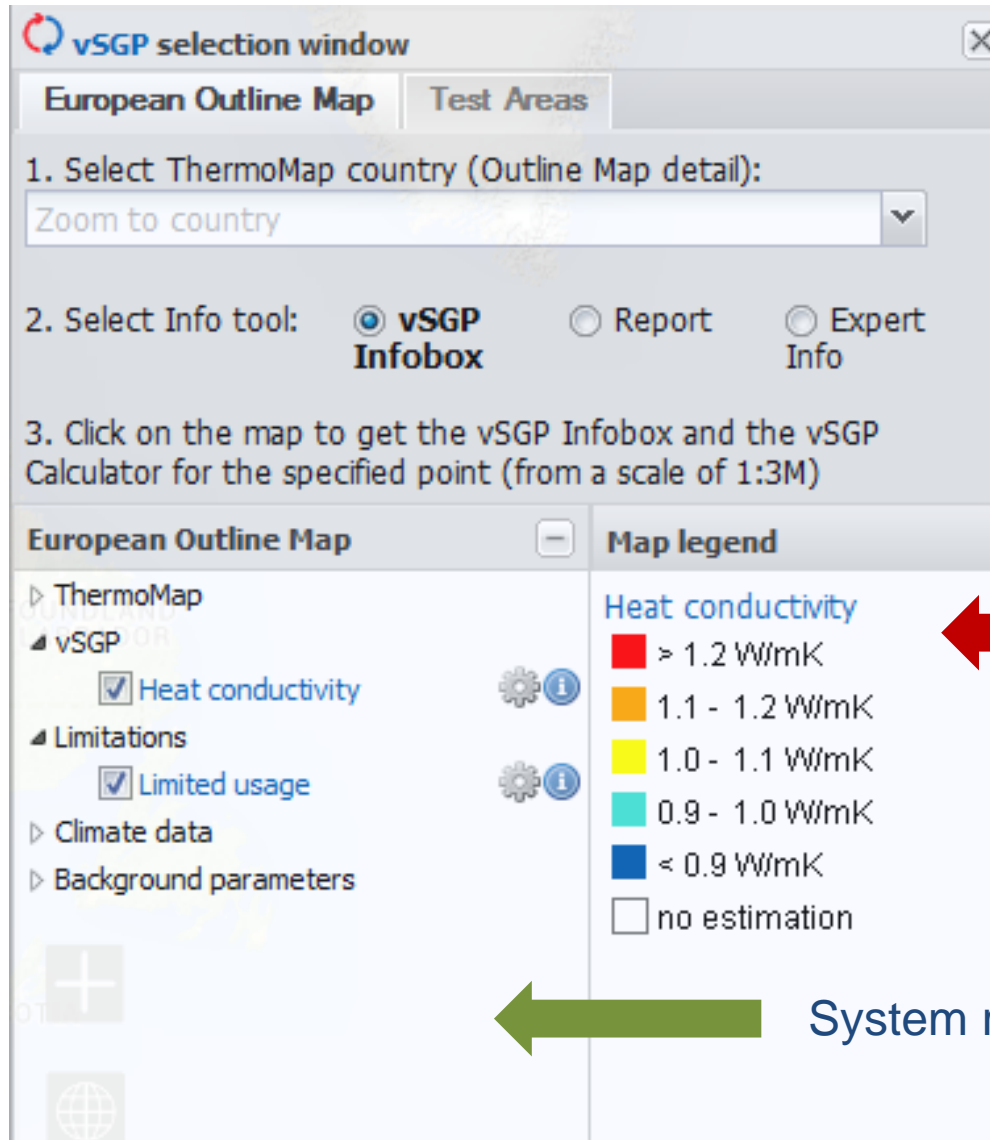
Link MapViewer 2.0:  
[www.thermomap.eu](http://www.thermomap.eu)





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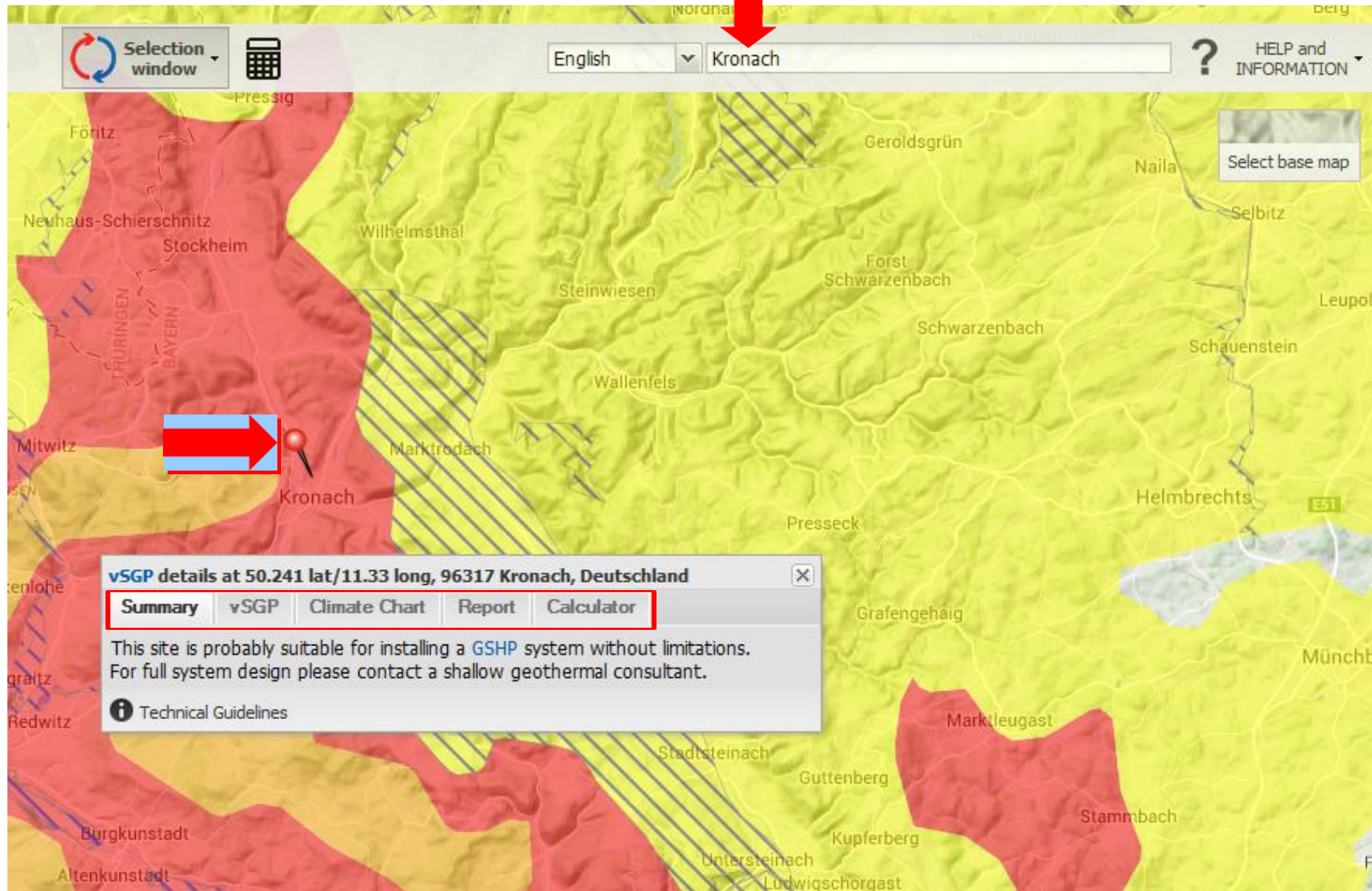




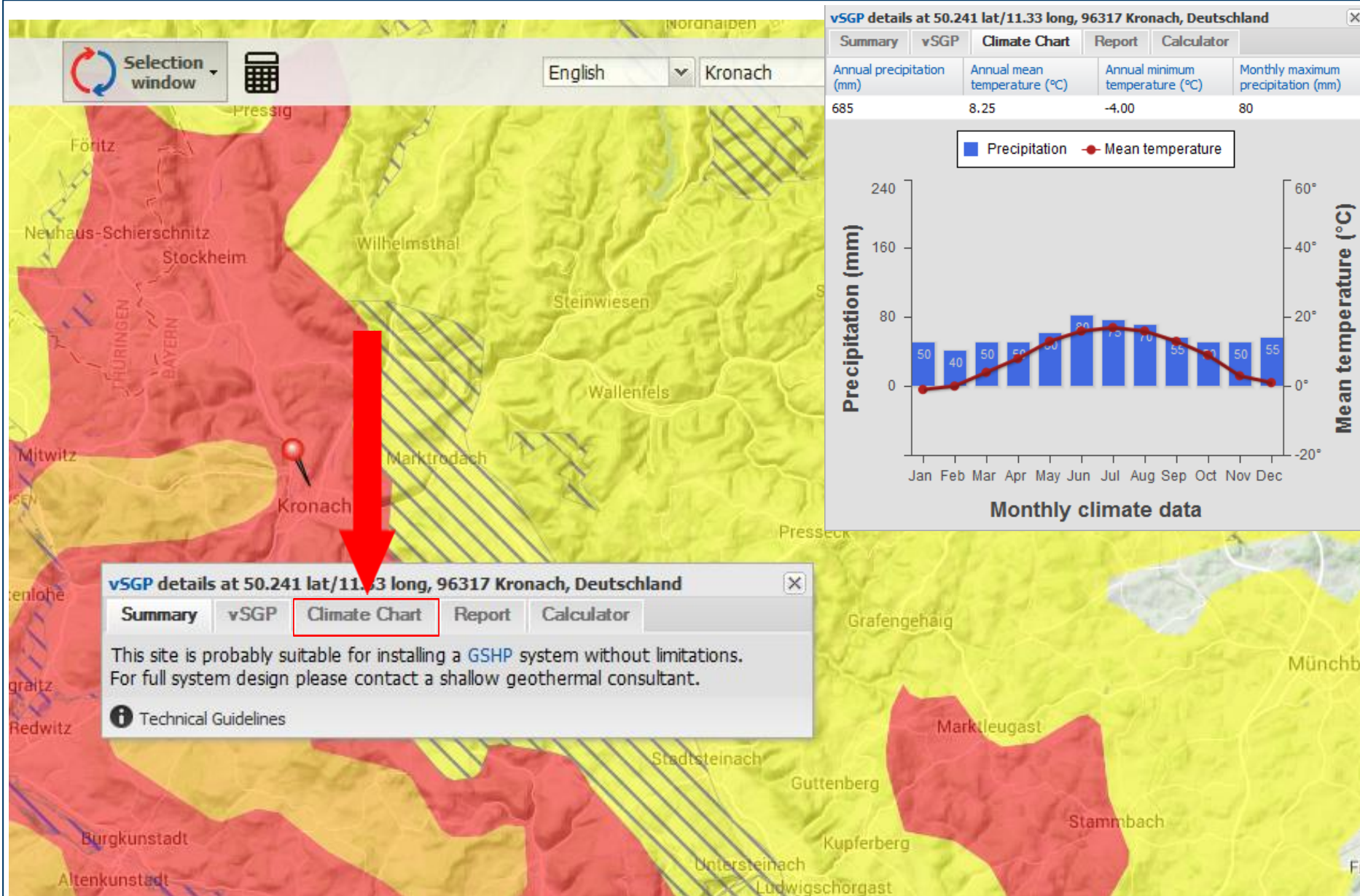
Heat conductivity (5 classes)

System relevant parameters

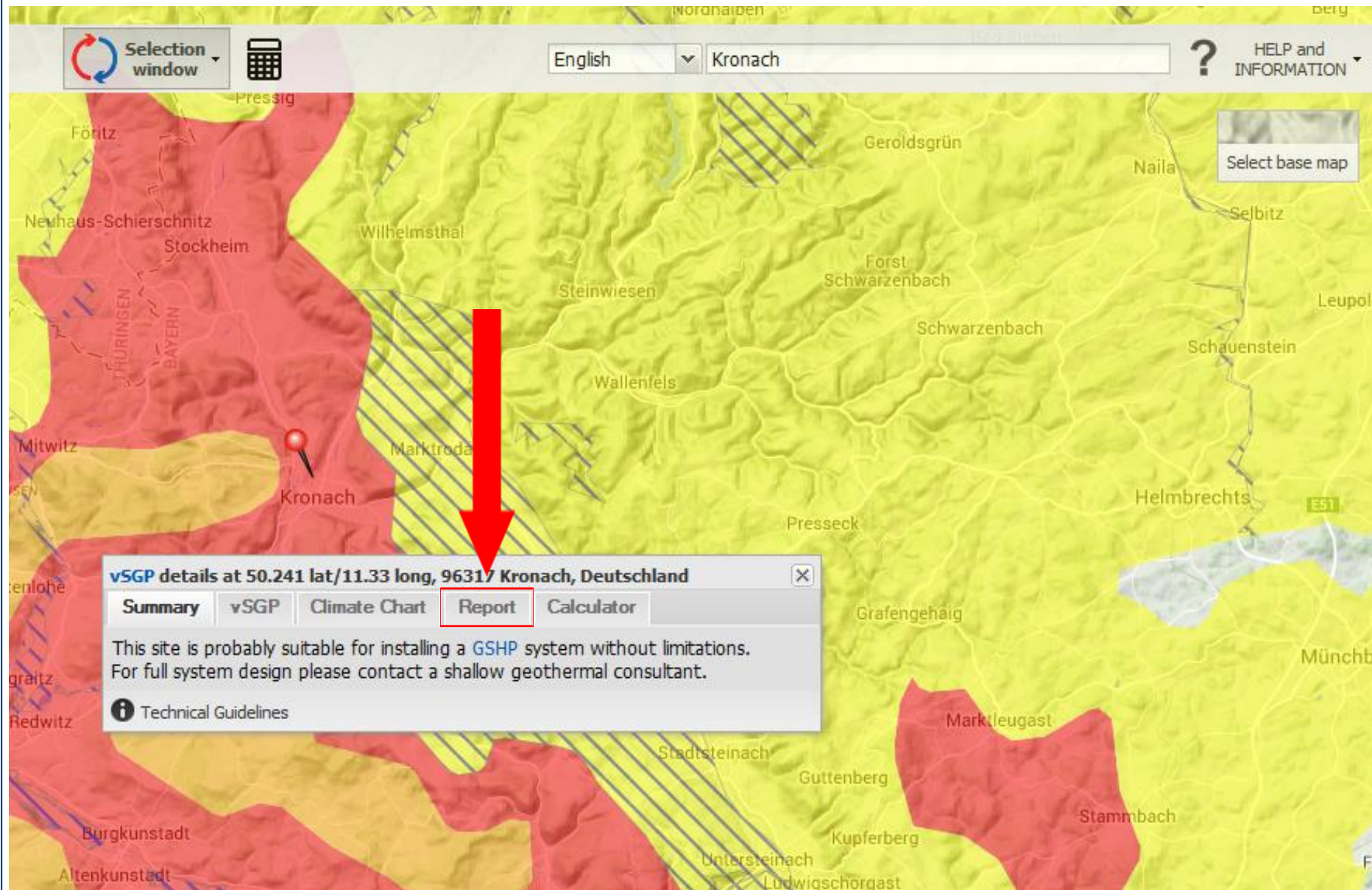
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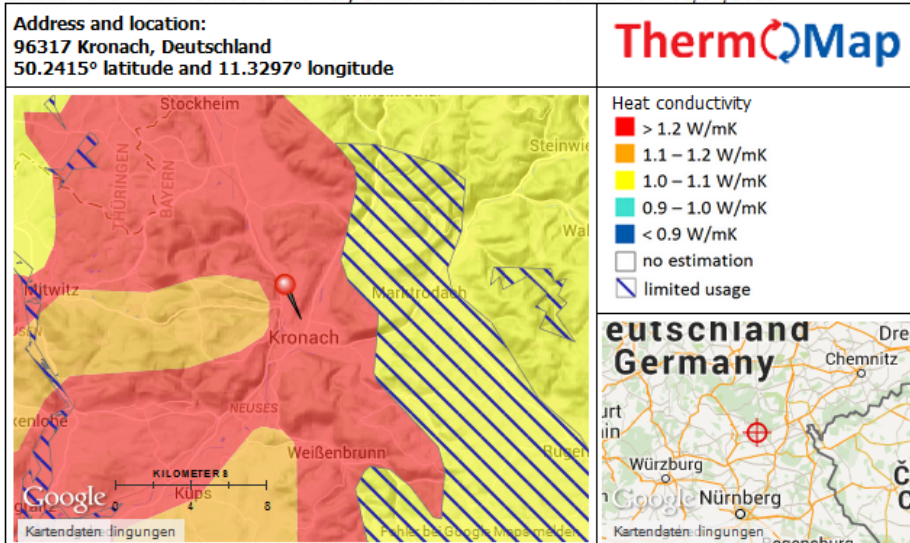


# Climate conditions



# Print a report





#### Overview maps of the chosen location

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#### Introduction

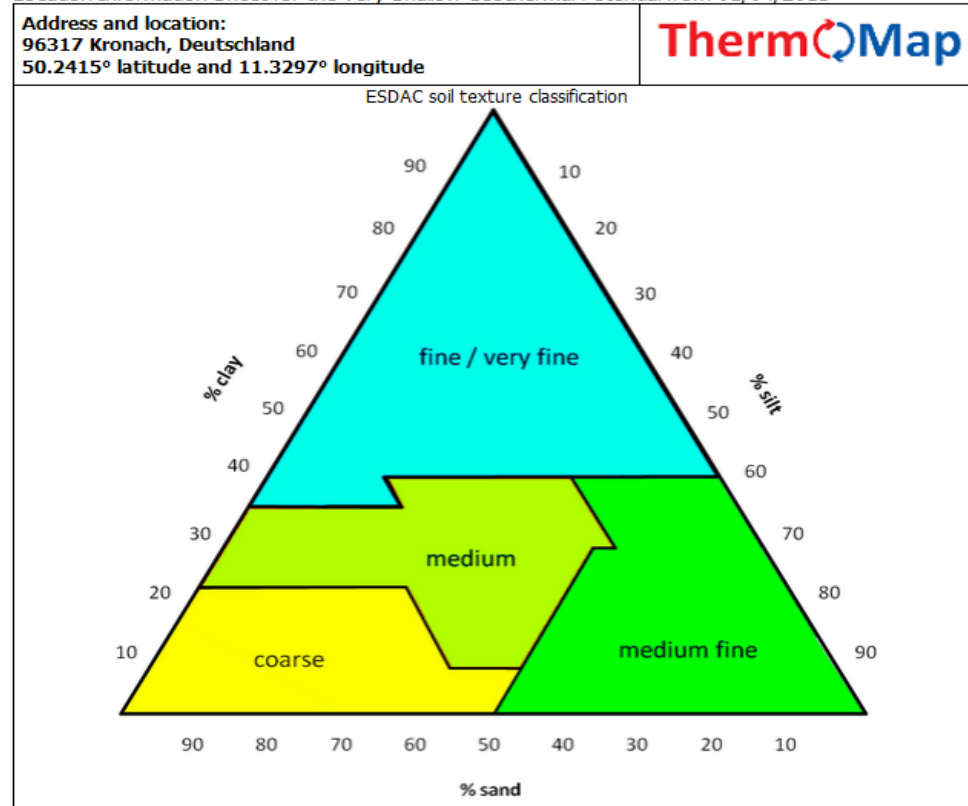
The values presented within this Report are generally based on the outcomes of the EU co-funded project ThermoMap (Project number CIP ICT PSP 250446, Website: <http://www.thermomap-project.eu/>). The key aim of the ThermoMap project was to develop an efficient estimation system for the creation of pan-European superficial geothermal potential maps as a supportive and informative planning tool for installing (very) shallow vertical and horizontal geothermal installations. For this purpose it has made use solely of existing geoscientific datasets and information which do not necessarily reflect the real on-site conditions with regard to all available parameters.

#### Possible limitations of usage

Based on the available data it can be stated that the chosen site is not located in a protection zone. The topographical analysis revealed a slope, which is less than 15°. Therefore, when installing a (very) shallow geothermal system, no issues with the venting and installation procedure should occur. The determined dominant soil type according to the acknowledged WRB classification system is here Podzol. With this type of soil in principle no restrictions regarding a sustainable and efficient installation and operation of a (very) shallow geothermal system are known.

#### Climatic conditions

The climate data, averaged over several years, results in a mean annual air temperature of **8.25 °C** whereas the minimum annual air temperature is **-4.00 °C**. The amount of the annual precipitation is **685 mm**. The maximum monthly precipitation of **80 mm** occurs in the month(s) of **June**. This implies **humid conditions** for the chosen area.



#### Soil properties

In general, unsaturated conditions of the soil matrix were assumed for the estimation of the very Shallow Geothermal Potential (vSGP). The dominant **grain size** distribution according to the ESDAC soil texture classification is **coarse** (see Figure above for the ESDAC classes with estimated separates of sand, clay and silt).

#### Geothermal situation

The thermal **heat conductivity** of the soil matrix is defined essentially by its texture, water content and bulk density. At the chosen site the values can range from **0.89 W/mK** to **1.21 W/mK**. On the basis of **humid conditions** a value of **1.21 W/mK** is probable. These values were calculated by use of the KERSTEN (1949) formulas. For this, an appropriate predefined value had to be assumed for the **bulk density** which describes the relation between mass and volume. In this case the applied value is **1.3 g/cm³**. The analysis of these geoscientific parameters indicate that the chosen location is **highly suitable** for the utilisation of the very Shallow Geothermal Potential (vSGP) in terms of heat conductivity without any limitations. For full system design, more detailed data for an installation and operation of a GSHP system is necessary. Therefore, please get in contact with a relevant geothermal consultant for further planning.



### III.

## Integration of geothermal energy for refurbishing buildings (GEO4CIVHIC)



GEO4CIVHIC Project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 792355

# EU-Project

Decision tool which  
technology at which  
location?

→ Historical buildings/  
→ current stock

Europe wide



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# Focus

## Cost reduction for GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS for RETROFITTING CIVIL AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS



# Barriers

Today the **main barriers** in the application of shallow geothermal installations in the built environment are:

- higher upfront investments
- cost effective and environmentally friendly drilling;
- need to change H&C terminals in historical buildings
- low levels of awareness, reluctance to risks and/or lack of experience amongst the designer and operators.



- Reduce costs
- Easier installation process
- More attractive

## Focus

The main goal of GEO4CIVHIC is to develop and demonstrate more easy to install and more efficient GSHEs

- drilling machine innovations dealing with the built environment
- design of the GSHE
- heat pumps and other hybrid solutions suitable for retrofitted buildings

## Figures

Project number: 723916

Project duration: 4 years

Total project budget: 8,143,120.97 €

Project budget financed: 6,841,960.75 €

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# Partner

- Industry
- Research
- SMEs
- NGO



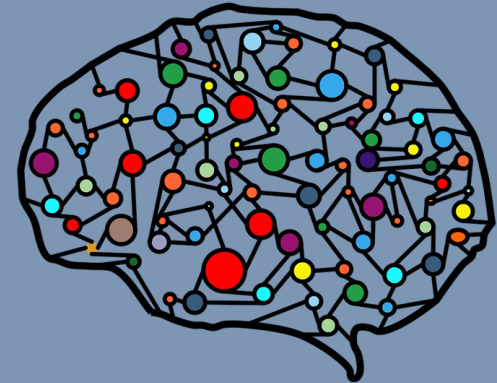
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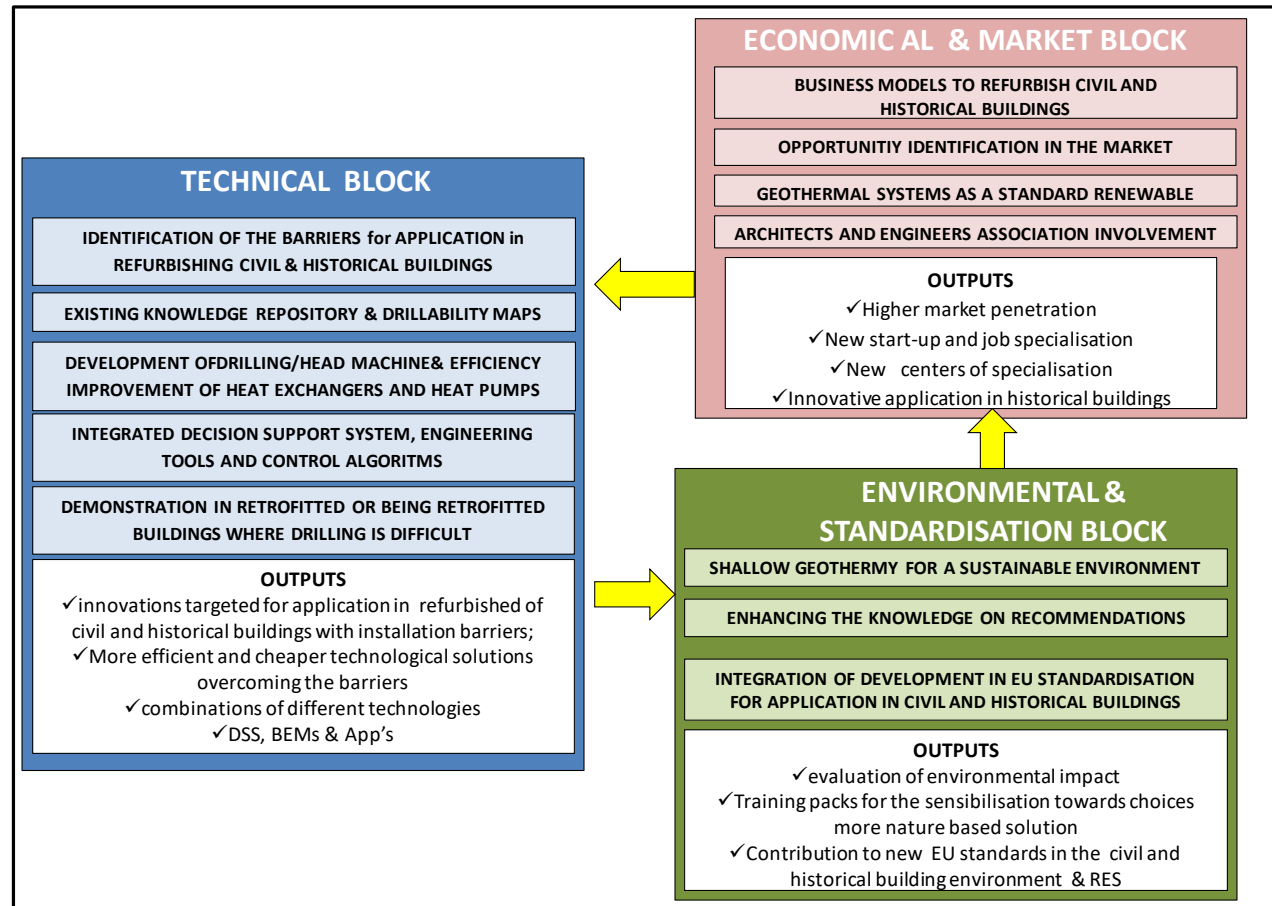


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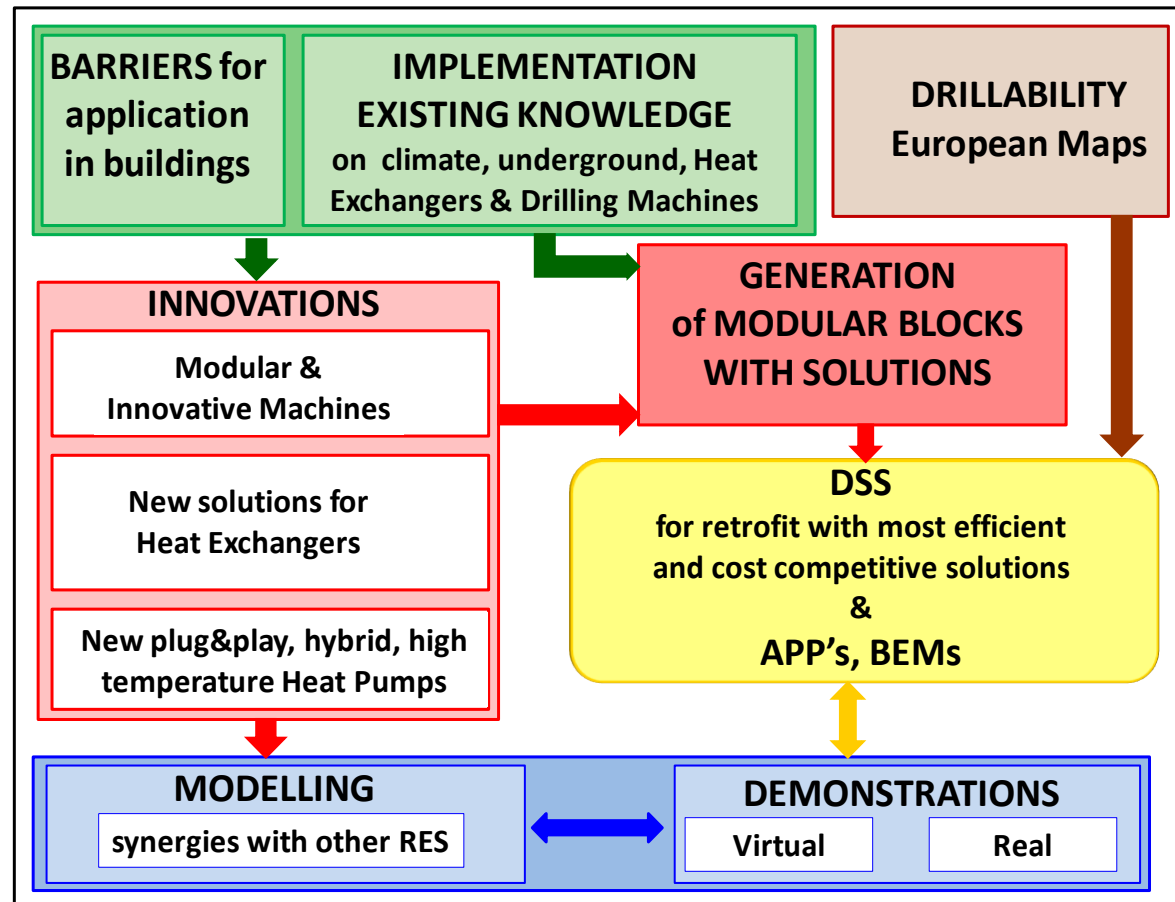


- 3 Blocks
- 9 WPs

## The GEO4CIVHIC activities are organized in three Blocks

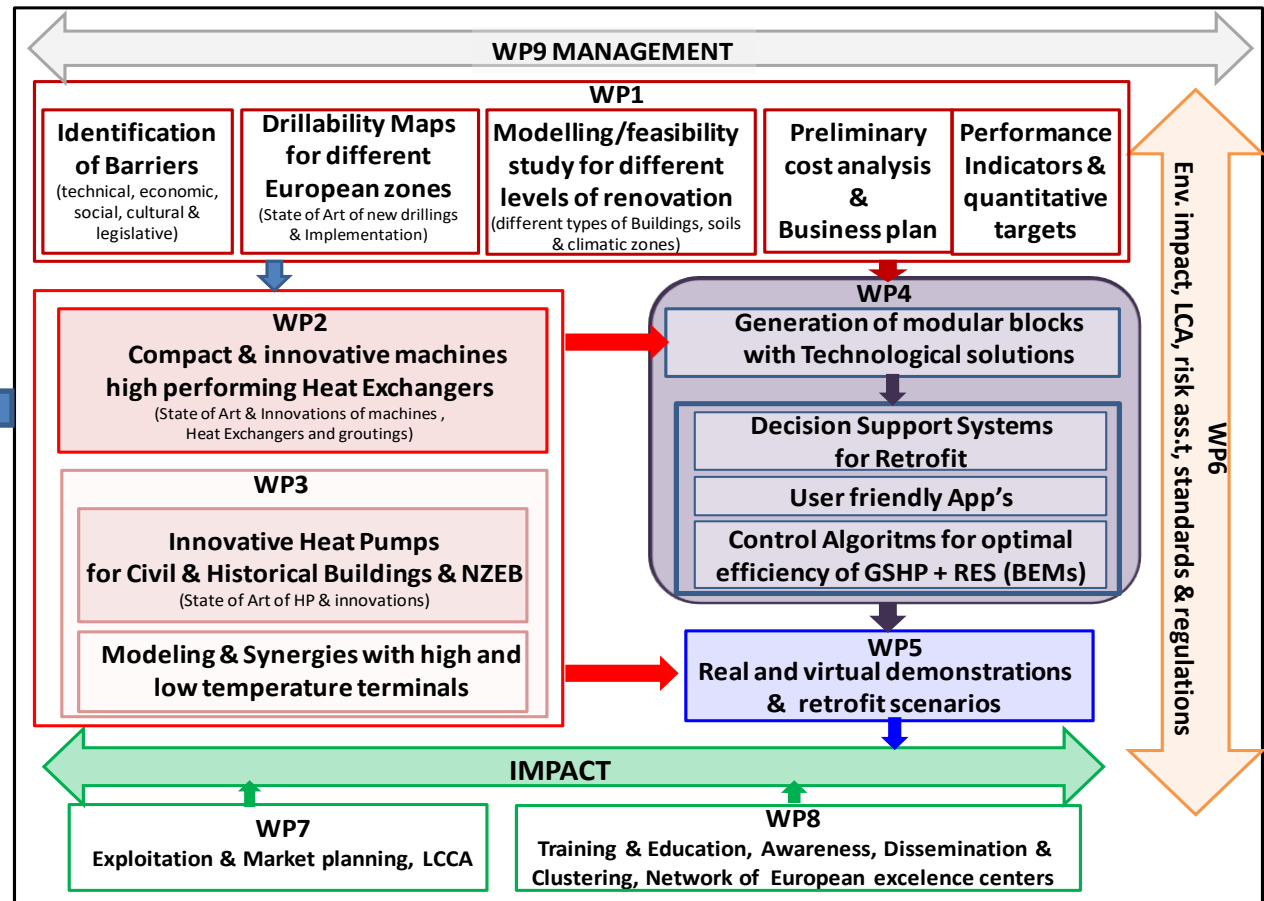


## The GEO4CIVHIC block diagram – technical approach



## The GEO4CIVHIC – WP Structure

Example



## T.2.7 - Evaluation of existing very shallow and horizontal solutions

➔ Easy to install → less restricted



Task leader:



Participants:



Geoserv Red



## The Steinhäuser System – Solution for single retro-fitted houses

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Cain  
Saw”

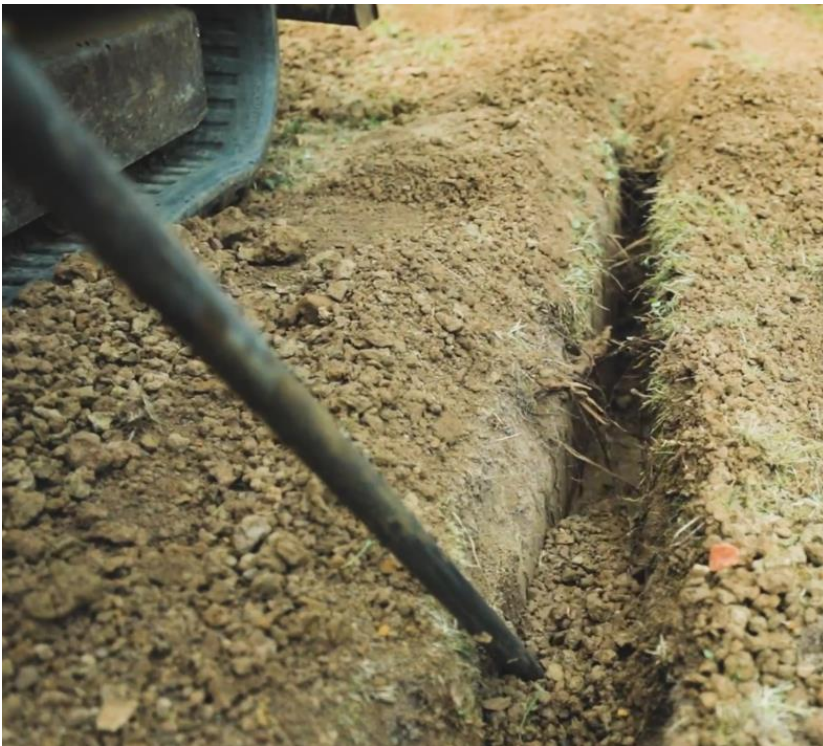


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Installation

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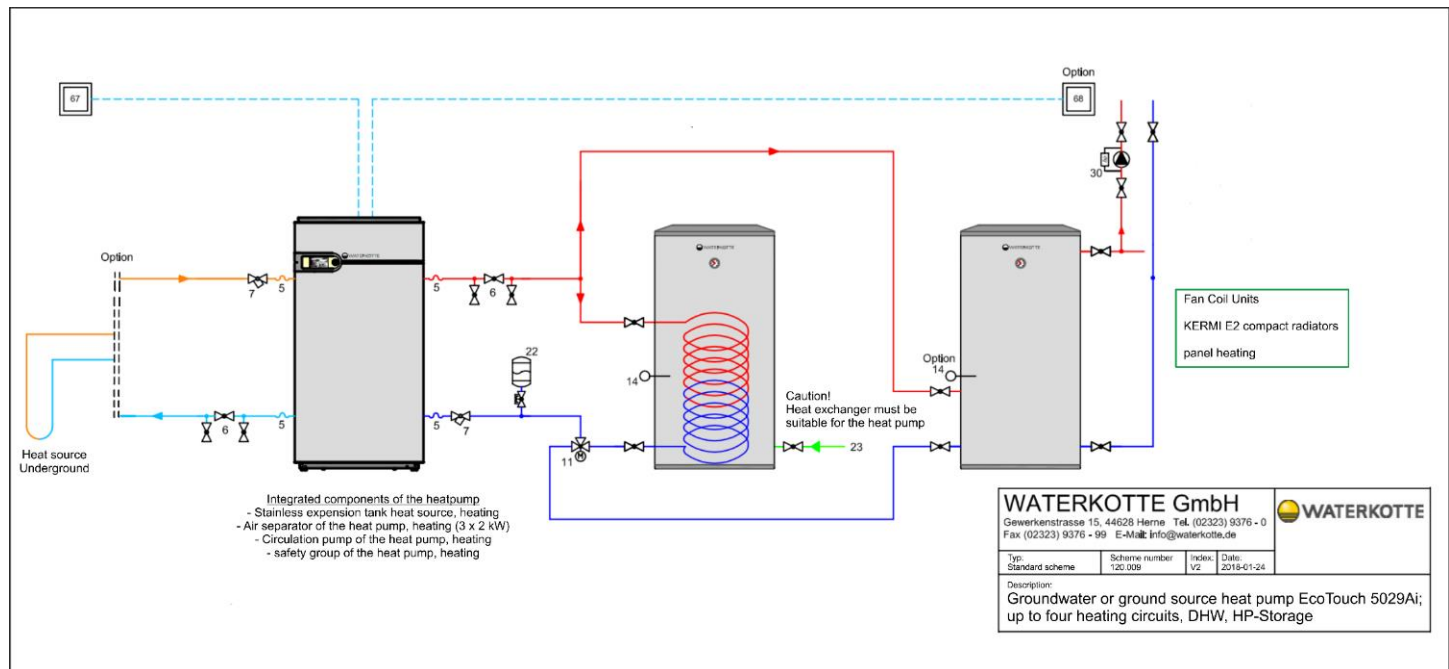
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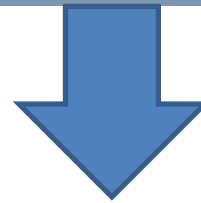
# The Steinhäuser System – Solution for single retro-fitted houses



Test-side

## Case study sites

To demonstrate the project developments and innovation in a cascade at 4 different real case study sites and 12 virtual sites



Different building types in different climate zones



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<https://geo4civhic.eu/>

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## IV.

# District Heating and Cooling Systems coupled with (very) shallow geothermal energy (ZIM)



## Information – 1 phase

# Research Network – Soil2Heat

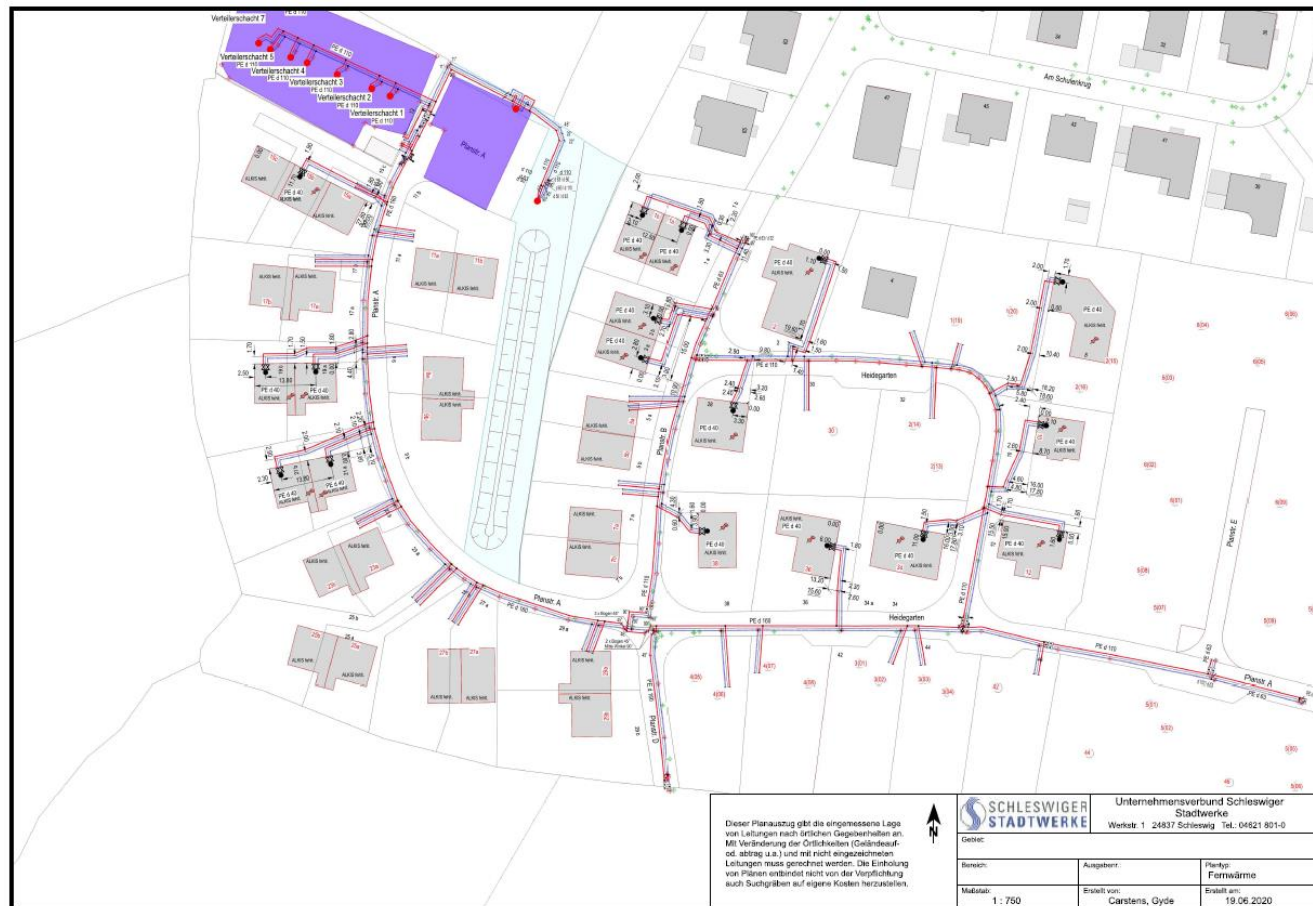


**VDI | VDE | IT**

- Coordinator (scientific/administrative)
  - FAU budget (first phase) 180.000 Euro
  - Duration: January 2019 – December 2019
- Generating ZIM Project together with SMEs



# Cold district heating net (collector-based)



# Cold district heating net (collector-based)



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The “distribution net”  
acts also as a collector



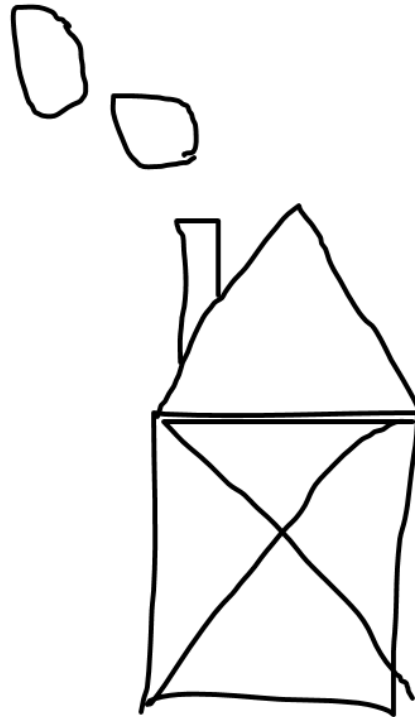


[www.Soil2Heat.de](http://www.Soil2Heat.de)

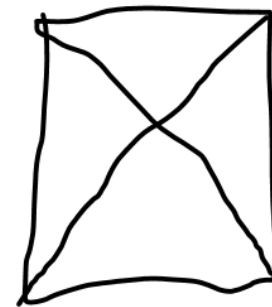
# Summary

1. **simple technology, which is easy to use**
2. **Carbon free (in symbiosis with renewable power source)**
3. **No land consumption**
4. **Amortization of investment costs, hardly any running costs - social factor**
5. **Technology Europe-wide and universally applicable (rural and urban areas)**
6. **Sleeping Giant for the Energy Revolution & the Green New Deal**

# Vision



2020



2030

# Questions?

If you have any questions – feel free to ask ...



Thank  
you

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