

# Prototype: Energy system optimization with RIVUS

as a basis for sustainable planning for communities

**HEAT-App**  
District Heat



III. 1: Parameterization of two comparative system setups for a local/regional heat supply scenario.

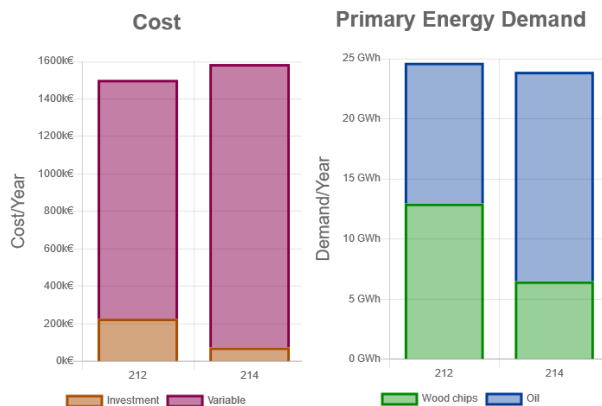
## Parameter Setting

	District heat energy cost [€/kWh]	Alternative energy cost [€/kWh]	Base heat pipe cost [€/m]	Limit district heat capacity [MW]	Energy loss fix [kW/m]	Energy loss variable [%/m]	Energy demand scaling [%]	Existing heat pipes share [%]
Reference	0.035	0.07	50	No Limit	0.006	0.008	100	10
Comparison	0.045	0.07	50	No Limit	0.006	0.008	100	10



III. 2: Starting from the status quo (orange) an optimal system extension (red) for a respective parameterization is shown.

III. 3: Cumulative investment and operating costs as well as primary energy input per energy source for a respective system parameterization.



## Background

The sustainable transformation of regional heat supply systems is one of the essential pillars of a CO2 neutral energy supply. However, the realization of strategies in local actions is sometimes linked to complex decision-making processes, especially when it comes to an investment in a grid-bound supply.

## Method

With the combination of spatial analysis and mathematical optimization, scenarios of an optimal heat supply are determined. The heat supply on object level with the geographical location and a possible route for a net-bound supply is used as basis for this.

## Goal

- Quick and uncomplicated determination of supply scenarios as the basis for a decision for a sustainable supply
- Closing the gap between strategic guidelines and local planning processes
- Transparency in showing sensitivities of individual optimal system setups with regard to variations in parameter settings

## Innovation

- Combination of GIS analyses with mathematical optimization
- Interactive web interface for broad and easy use in different stakeholder circles.

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## Benefits

- Complete acquisition of the supply system on object and route level
- Identification of possible optimal treatment setups under given conditions

## Demonstration

- Prototype developed in the project IDEE in INTERREG AT-IT
- Provision for the communities of the Salzburg Lake District
- Provision for the municipalities of Maniago and Feltre in Italy
- Integration and application in ERA process for the project Berchtesgadener Strasse in Salzburg
- Available online at <https://ispacevm42.researchstudio.at/heatapp/districtheat>

## Publication

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