A year of change and progress

2013 will no doubt be remembered as a year of change in the European energy debate and within Euroheat & Power itself.

Looking at the policy environment, 2013 marked the beginning of discussions in earnest about the EU’s post-2020 energy policy. Through our collective engagement as a sector, I am convinced that we have made a meaningful contribution to the debate, notably by helping to increase the awareness of the importance of heat and efficient heating solutions within the broader energy puzzle. Personally, I have never known a time when EU decision-makers were more receptive to the concept of District Heating as part of the solution to our climate and energy challenges. This modest yet discernible progress should only drive us on to go further in the months and years to come.

There have also been changes within Euroheat & Power this year. First, we moved to a new home and then, for the first time in many years, we welcomed a new Managing Director. Additional new talent has also joined the staff, bringing fresh perspectives and a lot of new energy. Such renewal is an inherently healthy process and I am certain that it will strengthen and galvanise us as an industry in the months and years to come.

In the meantime, it is my great pleasure to present the 2013 Annual Report which aims to provide an overview of our activities, our achievements and our ambitions as an organisation. I hope you will find it both informative and enjoyable. We are deeply aware of our dual responsibility to meet the needs of our members and keep them at the heart of everything we do, all while contributing to the pursuit of a more sustainable, secure and competitive Europe.

Please take this year’s report as an expression of our on-going commitment to do just that.

My very best regards,

Frédéric Hug
Euroheat & Power President
Heat Roadmap Europe II Hits the Streets

Those who understand DHC have long known that this technology is a perfect fit for the energy challenges of today and tomorrow. Now we can prove it!

With a view to fleshing out the DHC sector’s vision for its role in achieving the EU’s climate and energy ambitions, Euroheat & Power commissioned experts from Aalborg and Halmstad Universities to carry out this ground-breaking study on heat in the broader context of the European energy transition.

The results provide startling confirmation of our experience-based convictions that:

1. The heat market will be an essential component in the search for a better energy model
2. DHC in particular can make a tremendous contribution

Using the mantra “cheaper comfort, faster decarbonisation, better energy”, Heat Roadmap Europe II tells a compelling story that should fill our entire industry with energy, optimism, and a renewed sense of purpose.

To find out more, please visit www.heatroadmap.eu
The next round for the Heat Coalition

In the complex and crowded landscape of the EU, nothing is more important than finding allies to share your vision and amplify your message. This is particularly true for those in the heat sector, a sleeping giant within the energy system, which has stood in the shadows of electricity for far too long.

The Heat Coalition, an informal alliance of actors with a belief in the importance of the heat sector, is an illustration of this principle put into action. Together with our partners, we made great strides in 2013, with a growing and more engaged membership and an associated increase in influence and visibility in the EU debate.

As a prime mover behind this initiative, Euroheat & Power has every reason to feel proud of this success, and remains passionately committed to continuing the fight. Whenever policy-makers begin to take a more considered approach to heat as an integrated feature of the overall energy system, DHC is a natural beneficiary.
Although, by its nature, much of Euroheat & Power’s work often involves laying the groundwork for future achievements, there are also more immediate returns on our investment to celebrate!

2013 saw a number of important victories that should benefit our members for years to come:

- The European Parliament formally recognised the role of heat in the Energy Roadmap 2050 and highlighted the importance of the heating and cooling sector in decarbonising energy supply in Europe.
- The eligibility of CHP and DHC for EU regional funding was confirmed, and DHC was explicitly highlighted among the investment priorities.
- DHC networks were afforded a fairer and more appropriate treatment in the framework of standards for energy performance of building measurement.
- The EU R&D agenda was shaped to maximize the funding that will be available to finance work in the area of RES and energy efficiency in general and smart cities and district heating and cooling in particular.

These are only the highlights! For a broader view of Euroheat & Power’s political advocacy work, please visit the members section of: www.euroheat.org
One belief, many believers

Euroheat & Power has both a responsibility and desire to share experiences with local and international stakeholders so that policy can be informed by our research and experiences.

We have therefore once again cooperated with many allies and partners - including the International Energy Agency and our sister organisations from regions around the globe - in order to share experiences, gather knowledge and amplify the sound of our common voice.

In a further demonstration of international cooperation in the DHC sector, the 3rd Global District Energy Climate Awards were held in New York. These bi-annual awards - organised by Euroheat & Power in partnership with the International Energy Agency Technology Network and our North-American sister organisation IDEA - reward excellence in establishing new District Heating and/or Cooling schemes, as well as the modernisation or expansion of existing ones.

2013 also saw EHP establish contacts with our Chinese counterparts, and receive delegation visits from Japan, Korea, France and others. We also made presentations at more than thirty international conferences!
Strength in Communication

Telling the story of DHC / CHP has never been more important. In 2013 Euroheat & Power’s use of social media progressed in an effort to better reach out to our membership and our broader stakeholder community.

Country by Country Survey

A vital precondition for successful outreach is a clearer picture of who and where we are as an industry. As the most complete statistical overview of the current state of the District Heating and Cooling sector, the Country by Country Survey helps meet this need.

The 2013 edition marks another step forward, reaching far beyond Europe with the inclusion of chapters on China, Japan, Korea and the United States of America.

Today approximately 140 million citizens live in cities with at least one District Heating system, and appropriate investments made in urban heat networks could bring District Heat to their homes too!

Let’s hope that the Country by Country Survey will serve to chronicle our sector’s continued development in the years to come!
COMING TOGETHER!

36th Euroheat & Power Congress

Around 250 participants from over 20 countries gathered to discuss DHC as a solution for the cities of today and tomorrow.

During the different sessions, politicians and high level industry representatives spoke of the need to secure the further growth of the DHC sector, as well as how to finance efficiency investments in line with the EU’s 2050 target of a nearly carbon free energy supply.

The exhibition, technical tours and social events provided extra networking opportunities.

Do not miss the 2014 Euroheat & Power Conference from the 28-29 April 2014 in Brussels. It will be in conjunction with our 60th anniversary event! Come celebrate 60 years of HOT AND COOL stories with us!

www.euroheat.org/2014EHPac

Don’t forget to also mark your agenda for the 37th Euroheat & Power Congress from the 27-28 April 2015 in Tallinn, Estonia.

www.ehpcongress.org
SPEAKING OUT IN EUROPE

EHP takes the stage in Brussels

The European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) is a key occasion in the energy policy calendar, bringing together key decision-makers from around Europe to discuss the great challenges and solutions of our time.

In 2013 Euroheat & Power partnered again with COGEN Europe and the rest of the Heat Coalition to host “Heat Action for 2030 and beyond”.

The event attracted a diverse group of EU stakeholders and presented a perfect opportunity to raise awareness about core themes such as the importance of heat, energy efficiency and the benefits of district heating.

Watch out for Euroheat & Power at EUSEW 2014 from 23-27 June!

www.eusew.eu

Later in the year, at a dinner debate co-hosted by the European Parliament and Euroheat & Power, heat, energy efficiency and DHC were once again at the top of the agenda!

In general, Euroheat & Power representatives were asked to take the floor at events all over Brussels in order to highlight the DHC sector’s strength and potential, and to make our voice heard in the EU energy debate.

Find out more about our events and speaking opportunities at:

www.euroheat.org/Events
Euroheat & Power Looks to the Future

With a new Managing Director in place and a strong sense of shared purpose, EHP, in close cooperation with the membership, is looking to help build a brighter future for DHC in Europe.

The debate about the EU’s post-2020 climate and energy framework is gathering pace, and there is so much at stake. The policy decisions taken in the coming years will be decisive in shaping the European energy model for future decades. Euroheat & Power is ready and willing to help move this process forward in an intelligent, pragmatic and cooperative spirit.

Now more than ever, we will seek to align its activities with the needs and expectations of its membership in order to achieve results that make a real difference to this industry, and help create a better energy model for Europe and for Europeans.

Together, we can and will achieve great things!

Contact Paul Voss at the Euroheat & Power office to shape Europe’s DHC future together!
Euroheat & Power (EHP) is the international association representing the District Heating & Cooling (DHC) sector. DHC uses energy which otherwise would be wasted and renewable energies to provide comfort to buildings.

The association unites members from over 30 countries and represents the interests of the sector at the political level towards the European Union and international institutions.