

Initiating new small district heating and cooling grids in Šabac

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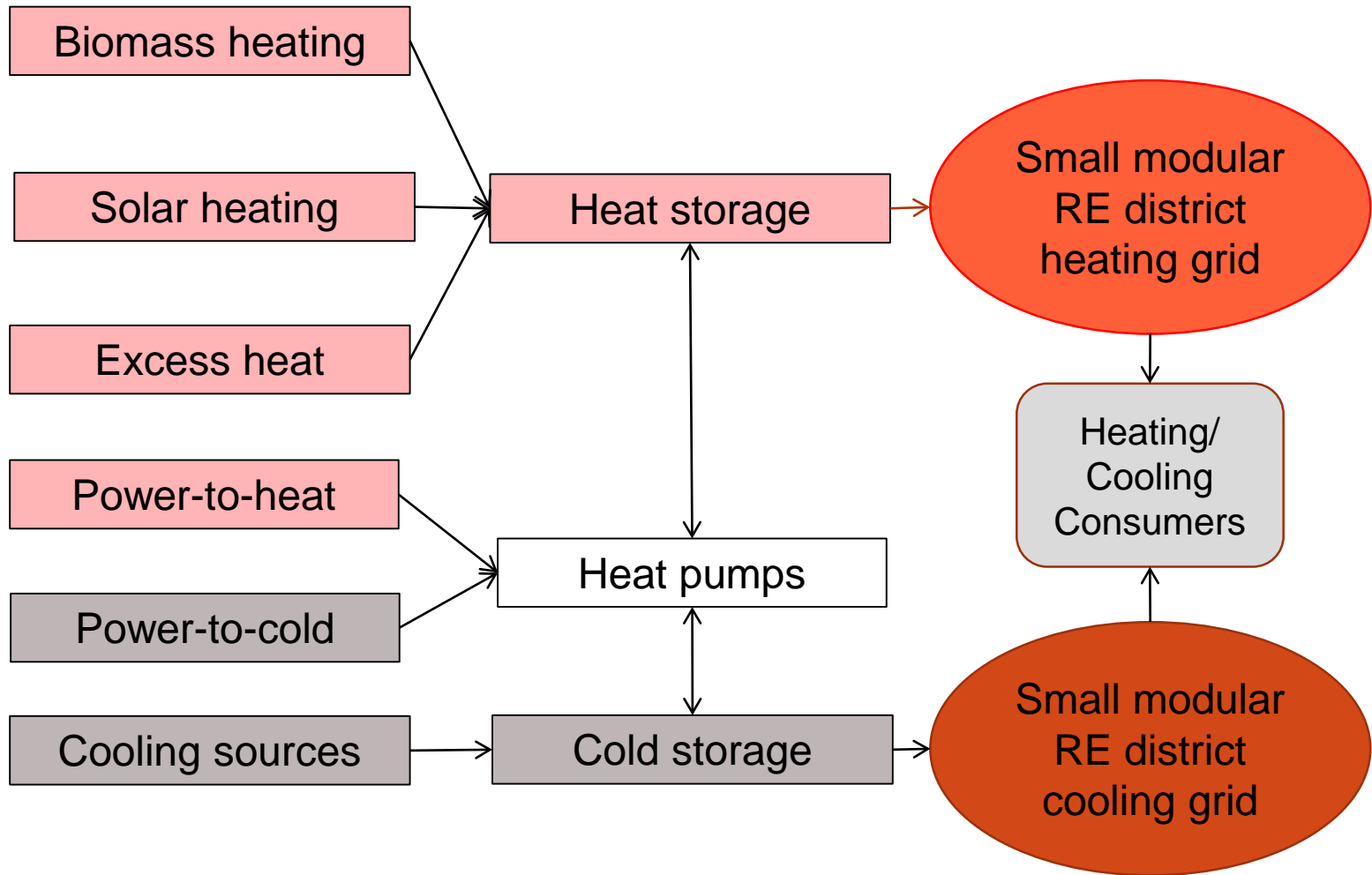
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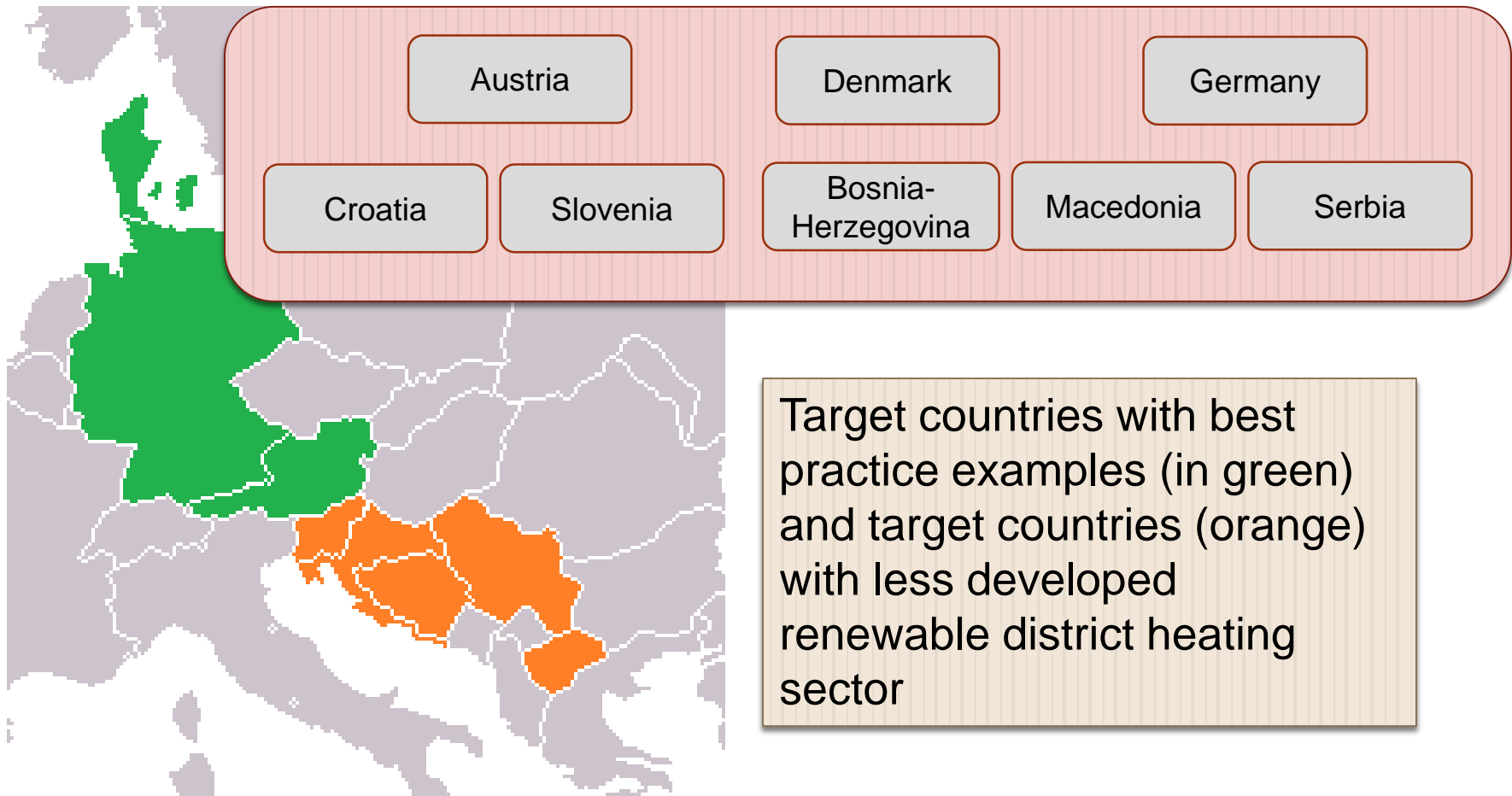
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What are small, modular, renewable heating and cooling systems?



Geographical Focus



Work Packages

WP1: Project management

WP2: Best Practices & framework analysis

WP3: Stimulating communities' interest

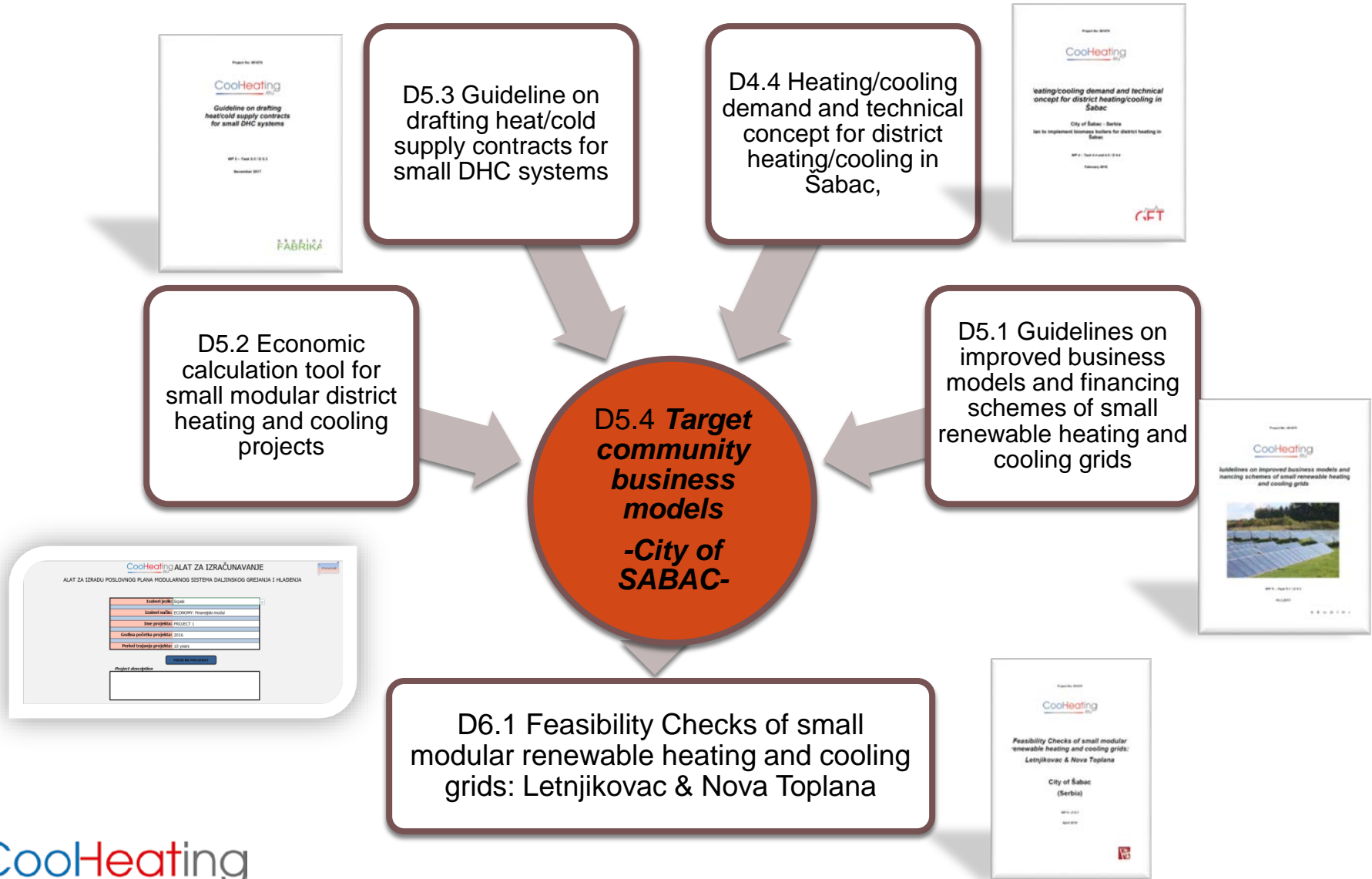
WP4: Technical knowledge transfer & capacity building

WP5: Capacity building on financing & business models

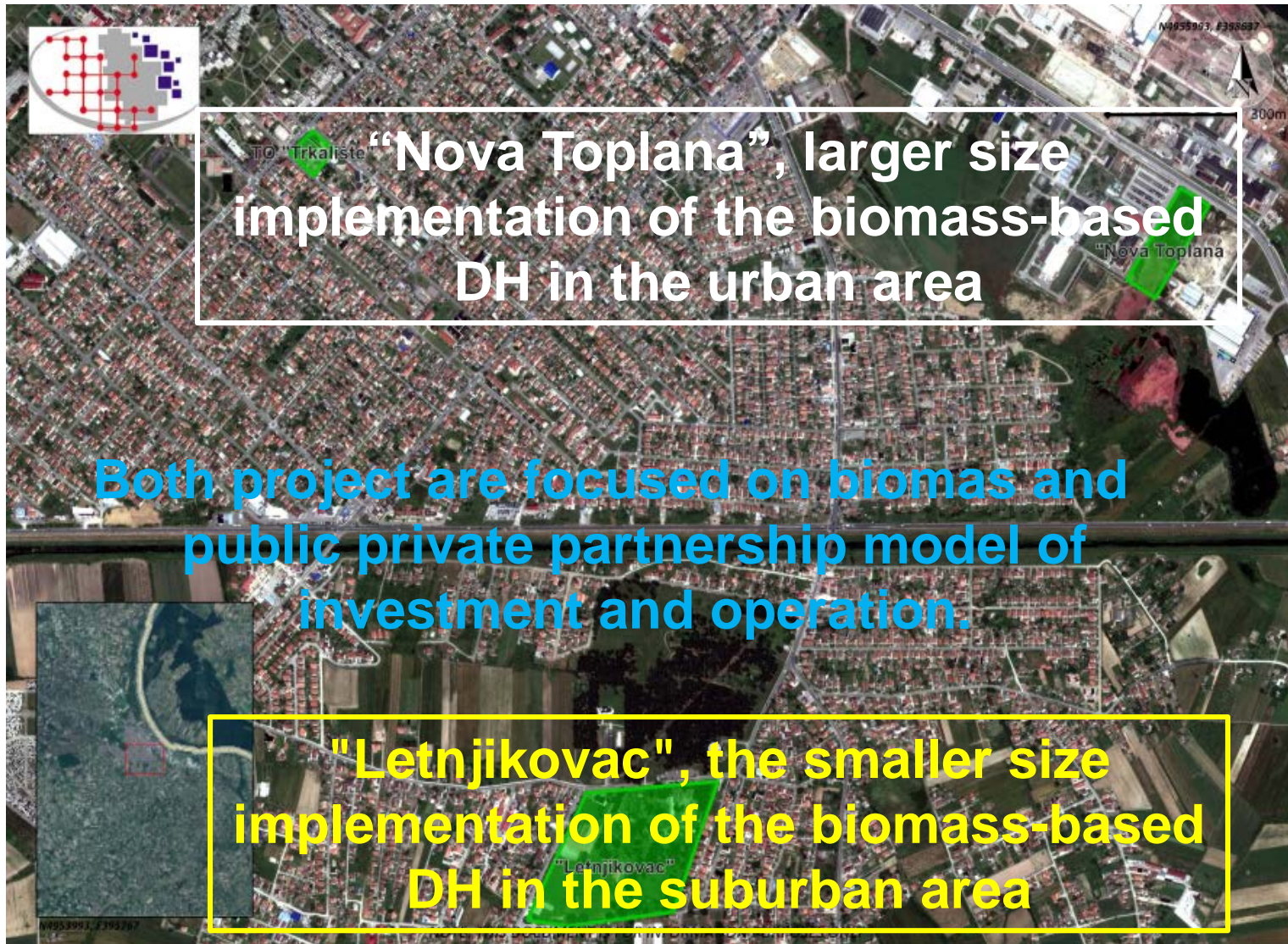
**WP6:
Initiating new small district heating/cooling grids**

WP7: Communication and dissemination

The place of the business plans and feasibility checks in “CoolHeating”



City of Šabac



Technical concepts

"Nova Toplana“:

- 3 biomass boilers 3 x 4.5 MW,
- existing natural gas boilers,
- buffer storage tank 200 m³,
- connecting pipeline 2.2 km



"Letnjikovac“:

- Biomass load boiler 1.5 MW,
- fuel oil peak boiler 3.5 MW,
- buffer storage tank 60 m³,
- grid length of 7.7 km,
- 250 individual substations.



Investment costs and financing

	"Letnjikovac"	"Nova Toplana"
TOTAL [€]	2,095,000.00	7,200,000.00
Equipment/Machinery	1,845,000.00 €	6,250,000.00 €
Buildings and construction works	200,000.00 €	900,000.00 €
Plot	0.00 €	0.00 €
Project and investment documentation	50,000.00 €	50,000.00 €
Intangible assets (patents, licenses, software)	0.00 €	0.00 €
Initial working capital	0.00 €	0.00 €
	"Letnjikovac"	"Nova Toplana"
TOTAL [€]	2,095,000.00	7,200,000.00
Private equity	370,000.00 €	2,200,000.00 €
i=1%, repayment period 15 years, grace period 4 years	1,450,000.00 €	5,000,000.00 €
Connection fees	150,000.00 €	0.00 €
Investment subsidies	125,000.00 €	0.00 €
Bridge loan (6 months delay, i=5%)	-	-

[1] Based on the best available non-commercial credit lines for the switching to biomass in Serbian utilities from the international cooperation agreements

Key costs

Type	Fuel			Heat value
	MWh/a	t/a	l/a	GJ/t
Biomass	4,740	1,422	/	12
Heating oil	484	44	46,106	40
Total	5,224			

Type	Fuel			Heat value
	MWh/a	t/a	m3	GJ/t
Biomass	44,315	13,295	/	12
Natural gas	26,397	/	2,566,278	37
Total	70,712			

- Biomass: 18 €/MWh (yty 1.00%)
- Natural gas: 35.71 €/MWh (yty 2.80%)
- Electricity: 50 €/MWh (yty1.00%)
- Heating oil: 100 €/MWh (yty 2.80%)

	"Letnjikovac"	"Nova Toplana"
Total yearly salary cost of all employees [€a]	1,500	85,000
Year to year cost change index [%]	2.00	2.00

- O&M: 1.5% of the investment costs, (yty 2.50%)
- Cost of management, insurance and lease: 1% of the investment costs (yty 2%)

Socio-environmental impacts

"Letnjikovac":

- Lower **energy costs**,
- high level of energy supply **comfort**.
- **1 direct new employee** and several other indirect employments due to the effects on local economy.
- Improved **air quality** and lower expenses for health services.
- New opportunities for owners of forests and agricultural areas in providing biomass for the DH plant.
- Improved energy efficiency in biomass use.
- Introduction of energy cooperatives.

"Nova Toplana"

- Decrease in the heating costs;
- Reduction of CO₂ equivalent emissions by **7,540 tons** per year;
- Creation of the regional and national **biomass market**;
- Increased **security of biomass supply** and lower dependency on gas imports.

	Energy	Volume	Economic value	Emission CO ₂ eq/a	
	MWh/a	m ³ /a	tons/a	€a	tons
Natural gas	40,943	3,980,459	-	1,592,184	7,540
Biomass (η=20%)	19,435	-	5,831	349,830	-
Total	60,378	3,980,459	5,831	1,942,014	7,540

Key revenue parameters: Letnjikovac

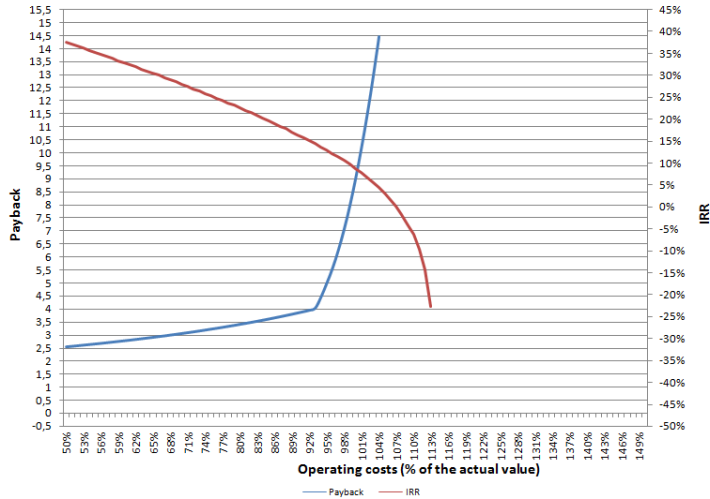
CASH FLOW in €		Discount rate: 4,00%
Year	Cash flow	Discounted Cash flow
C0	-370.000	-370.000
CF1	60.934	58.590
CF2	100.358	92.786
CF3	102.535	91.153
CF4	104.759	89.549
CF5	5.197	4.271
CF6	7.853	6.206
CF7	10.042	7.631
CF8	12.281	8.973
CF9	14.569	10.236
CF10	16.910	11.423
CF11	19.302	12.538
CF12	21.748	13.584
CF13	24.248	14.563
CF14	26.804	15.479
CF15	29.417	16.334
TOTAL	186.956	Payback: 9.05 years

4% discount rate is employed in the simulations of the economic performance of the projects. The following show economic calculations are contained simulation results from Economic calculation tool for small modular district heating and cooling project

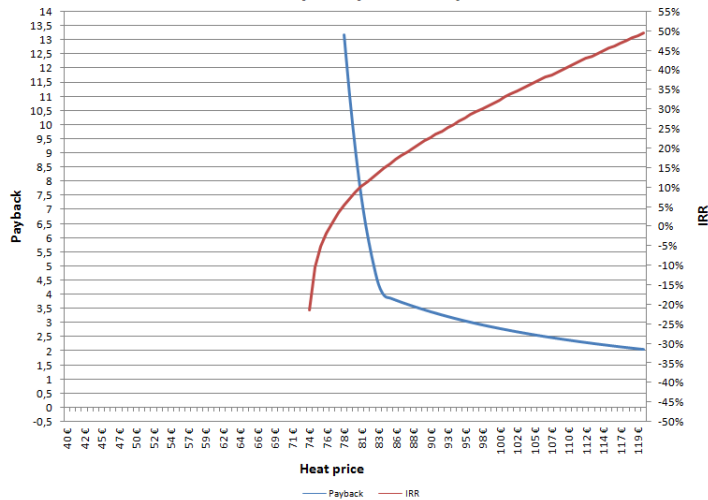
Profitability	Cash flow
Initial capital investment (discounted for received subsidies)	1.820.000,00
Private equity invested	370.000,00
Equity net present value (NPV)	83.317,86
Equity internal rate of return (IRR)	8,76%

Sensitivity analysis: Letnjikovac

Sensitivity analysis - Operating costs



Sensitivity analysis - Heat price



- **Operating costs :**

- increase of 5%:

- significantly increase the payback time to **around 15 years**,
 - decrease the internal rate of return towards **unprofitability**.

- decrease of 5%:

- reduce the payback time to around **5 years**
 - increase the internal rate of return to around **12.5%**.

- more sensitive to the **operating cost increase** and more sensitive is its **payback time**.

- **Heat price:**

- increase of **average heat price** to around **82 €/MWh**

- decrease the payback time to around **5 years**
 - increase the internal rate of return to around **12%**.

- decrease of **average heat price** to around **78 €/MWh**

- increase the payback time to **around 15 years**
 - decrease the internal rate of return towards **4%**(marginal profitability).

- more sensitive to the **heat price decrease** and more sensitive is its **payback time**.

Key revenue parameters Nova Toplana

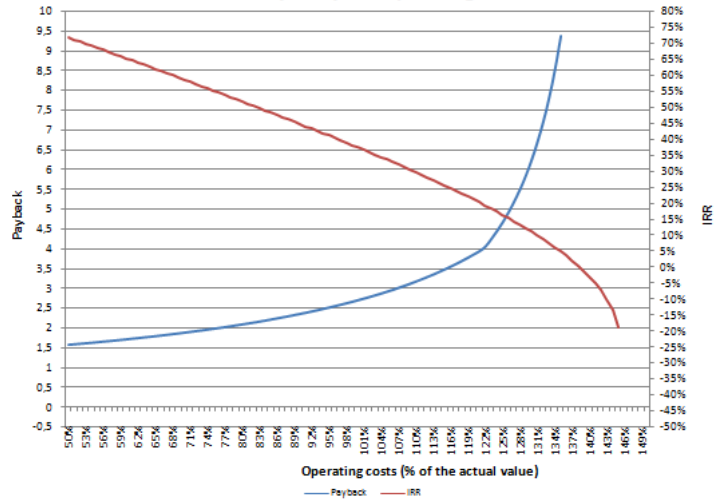
CASH FLOW in €		Discount rate: 4,00%
Year	Cash flow	Discounted Cash flow
C0	-2.200.000	-2.200.000
CF1	616.819	593.096
CF2	1.034.851	956.777
CF3	1.054.046	937.043
CF4	1.073.509	917.640
CF5	743.860	611.399
CF6	763.237	603.198
CF7	782.879	594.924
CF8	802.786	586.588
CF9	822.957	578.199
CF10	843.395	569.767
TOTAL	6.338.339	Payback: 2.69 years

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Profitability	Cash flow
Initial capital investment (discounted for received subsidies)	7.200.000,00
Private equity invested	2.200.000,00
Equity net present value (NPV)	4.748.629,68
Equity internal rate of return (IRR)	37,40%

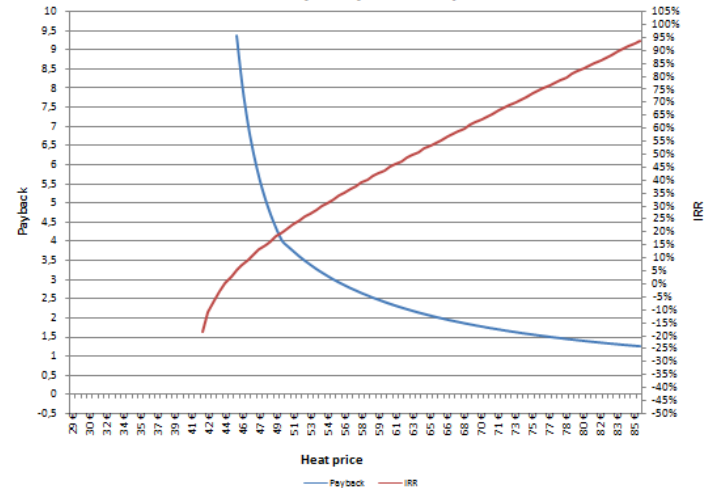
Sensitivity analysis Nova Toplana

Sensitivity analysis - Operating costs



- **Operating costs:**
 - increase of operating cost of 20%
 - increase the payback time to **4 years**
 - decrease the internal rate of return to **20%**.
 - decrease of operating cost of 20%
 - reduce the payback time to around **2 years**
 - increase the internal rate of return to around **50%**.
- more sensitive to the **operating cost increase** and more sensitive is its **internal rate of return**.

Sensitivity analysis - Heat price



- **Heat price:**
 - increase of **average heat price** to around **67 €/MWh**
 - decrease the payback time to around **2 years**
 - increase the internal rate of return to around **55%**.
 - decrease of **average heat price** to around **47 €/MWh**
 - increase the payback time to **5 years**
 - decrease the internal rate of return to **15%**.
- more sensitive to the **heat price decrease** and more sensitive is its **internal rate of return**.

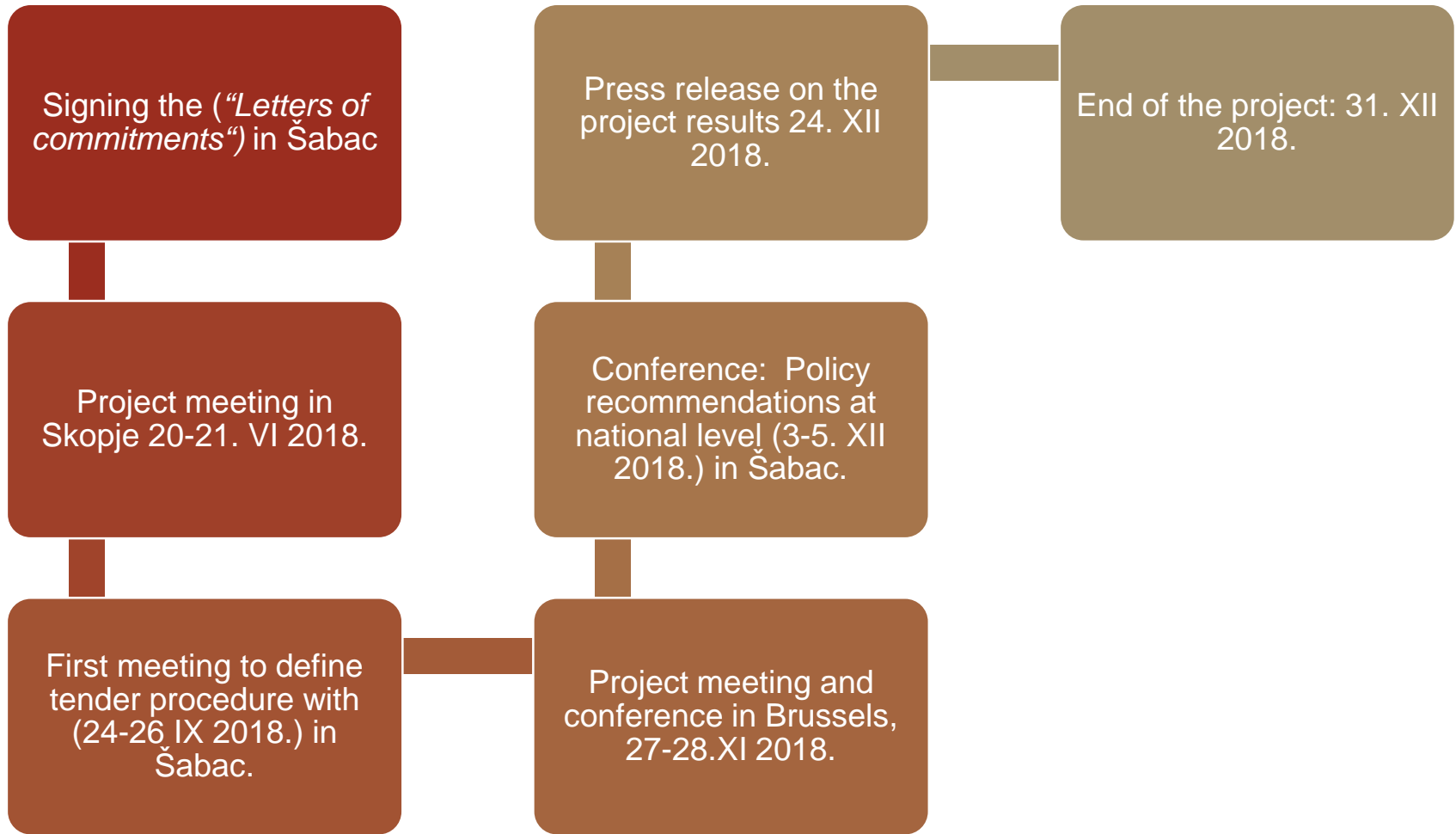
Conclusions

- "Nova Toplana": 7,200,000€
- average yearly price 423 € based on the 10 years contract (2019-2029), very attractive IRR 37.40% short payback time of (2.69 years).
- reductions in the of 7,540 t CO₂eq
- increased energy security
- storage for biomass up to 90 days of yearly
- regional biomass market
- economic activity in the biomass supply sector.

- "Letnjikovac": 2,095,000 €
- IRR 8.76% the average yearly price of 1,016 € The contract minimum period of 15 years (2019-2033) payback time of the project (9.05 years).
- increased quality of life trough better comfort,
- better air quality,
- economic opportunities on the local level avoided biomass cutting and costs for inefficient use of biomass

The successful realization of one of those projects will be indicative for the overall direction of possible energy transition in the heating sector of Republic of Serbia!

Next steps



Hvala!



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