



2050

# Heat Roadmap Europe

A low-carbon heating and cooling strategy

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## **From HRE results to governance requirements realizing innovative district approaches & recommendations for Germany**

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# Energy context of Germany

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# Energy demand

- **Total final energy demand (FED) [1]:**  
2 467 TWh (19,6% of EU28)
  - **Highest among all EU countries**
- **FED from renewables [2]:**  
360 TWh (14,6% of total FED)
  - **9<sup>th</sup> highest of 14HRE (18<sup>th</sup> of EU28)**
- **FED-H&C from renewables [2]:**  
177,9 TWh (12,9% of total H&C)
  - **11<sup>th</sup> highest of 14HRE (22<sup>nd</sup> of EU28)**



**Heat Demand Density, only for residential and service sectors, from Peta4 showing major population centres [HRE4, 2018]**

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# Climate and emissions

- Germany has committed to reduce GHG emissions by 40%<sup>[1]</sup> by 2020, compared to 1990

Carbon per capita [kg CO <sub>2</sub> /person]	Carbon per GDP [ton CO <sub>2</sub> /billion EUR]	Carbon Emission per tonne of energy carrier (carbon intensity) [kg CO <sub>2</sub> /toe]
10 117	299	2 611
<i>The highest among the 14 HRE</i>	<i>5th highest among the 14 HRE</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> highest among the 14 HRE</i>
data <sup>[2]</sup>		

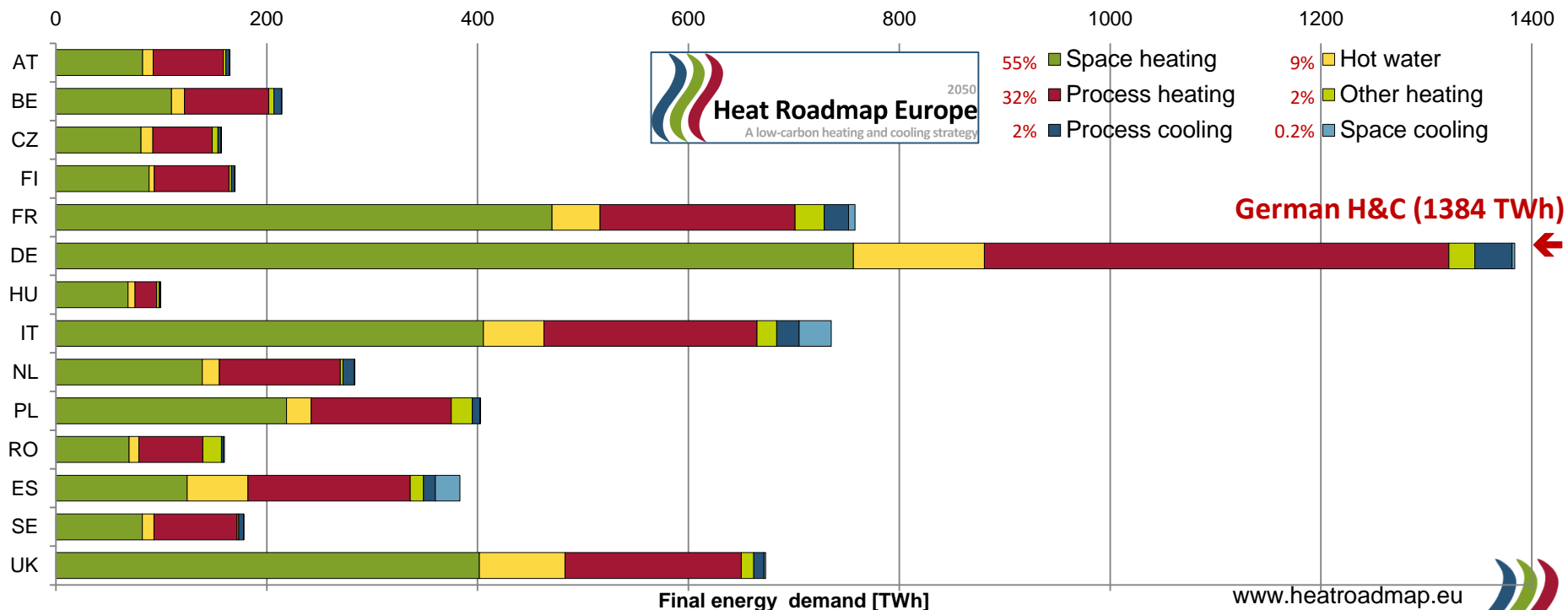


# Current national H&C situation



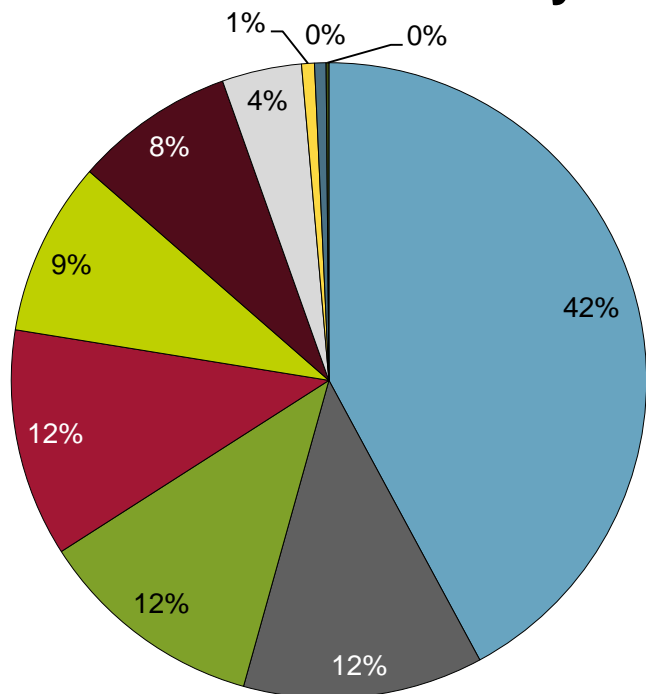
# H&C in Germany and 14 HRE countries

- Among EU countries, Germany has the **highest** FED-H&C
  - H&C is **56%** of Germany's total FED (1,38 PWh)
- As with most countries, German H&C is dominated by **space and process heating**, and **little cooling demand** at the moment (mainly process cooling), but this is rising all across the EU

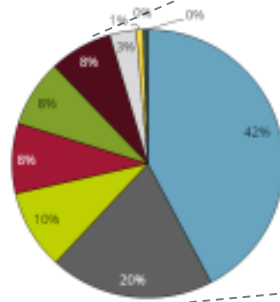
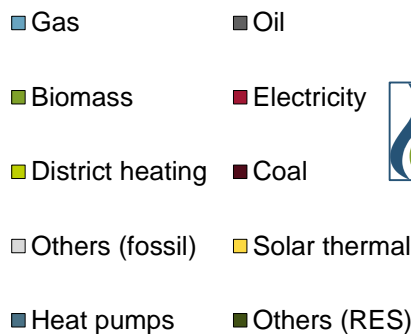


# German H&C energy carriers

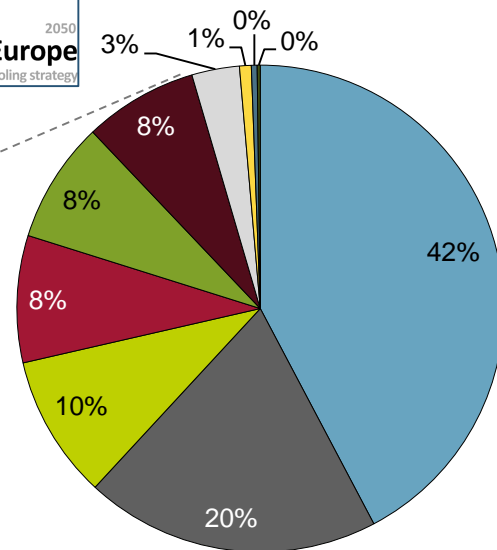
- Germany accounts for **22%** of the EU28's total delivered H&C demand.
- Compared to the EU28, it uses **more oil**, **less biomass** and **less electricity** for H&C.



EU28 H&C (6352 TWh)



Germany H&C (1,384 TWh)

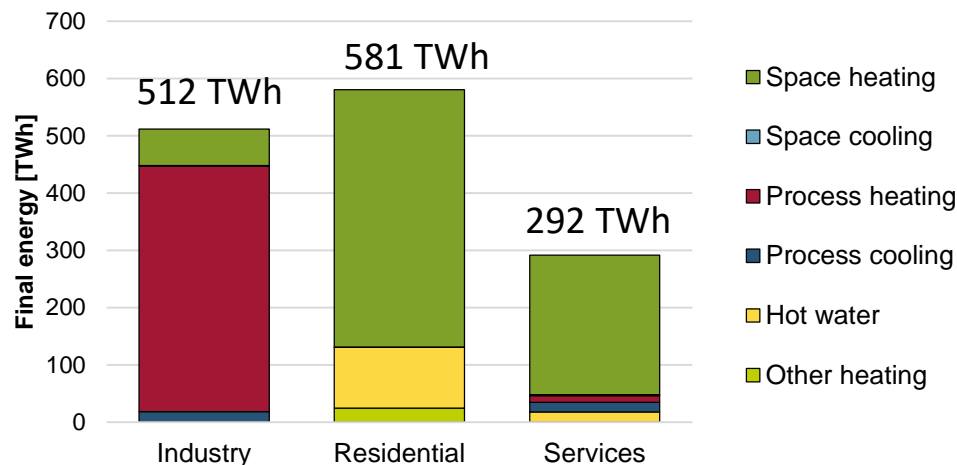


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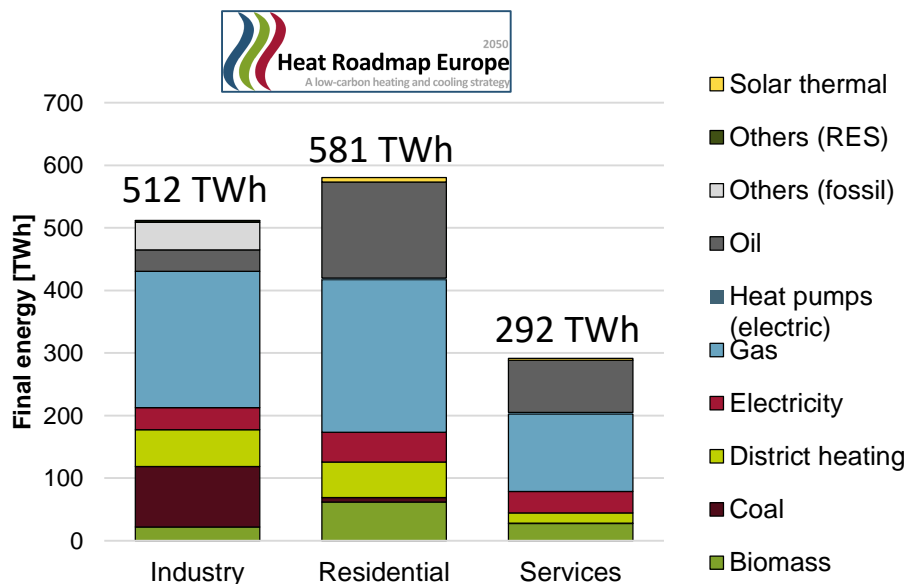


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# H&C breakdown among sectors



- German industries are overwhelmingly dominated by **process heating** (72%), the built environment by **space heating** (81%).



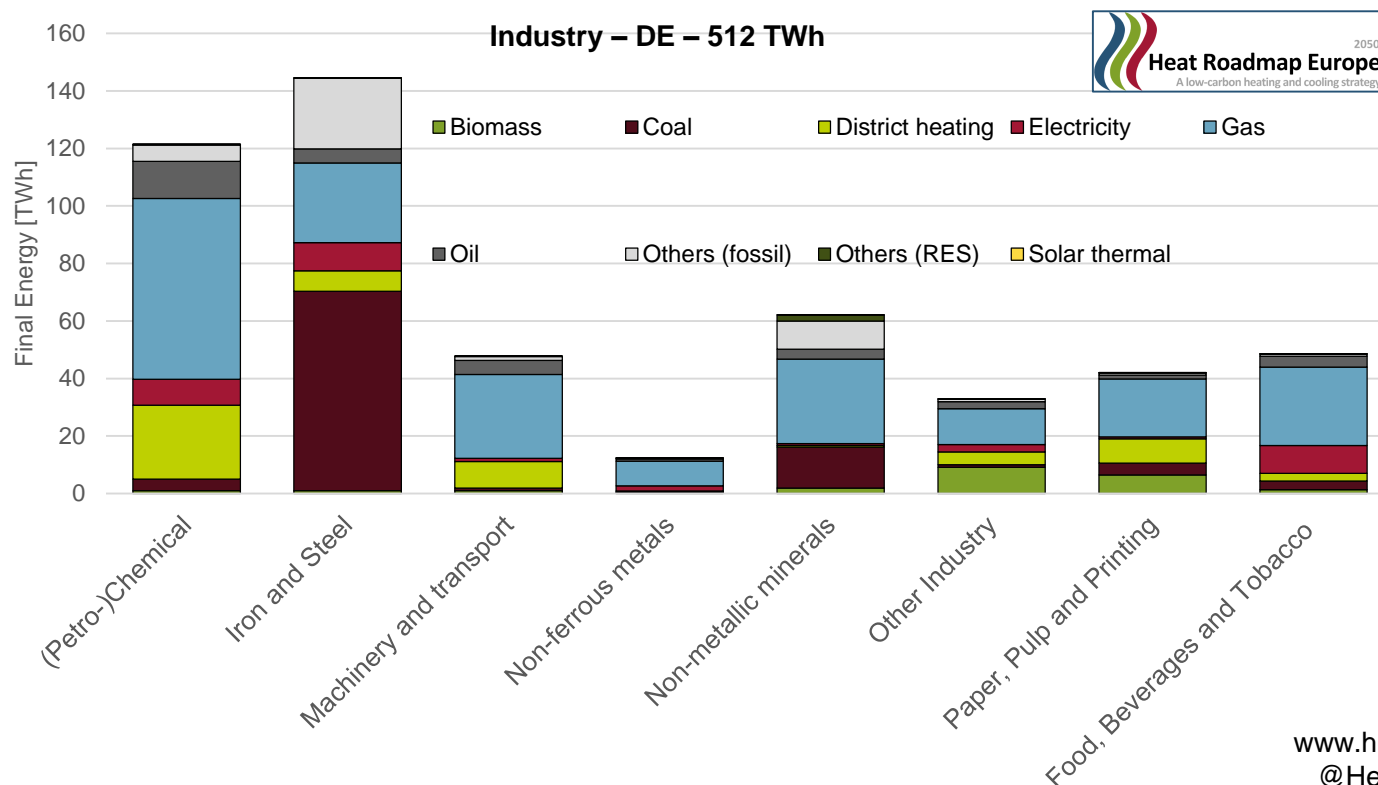
- All sectors rely (too) much on fossil fuels, especially **gas**, while industry also relies on **coal** (19%) and the other sectors on **oil** (27%).
- District heating** plays a minor role so far (8%), mainly in households





# H&C breakdown among industries

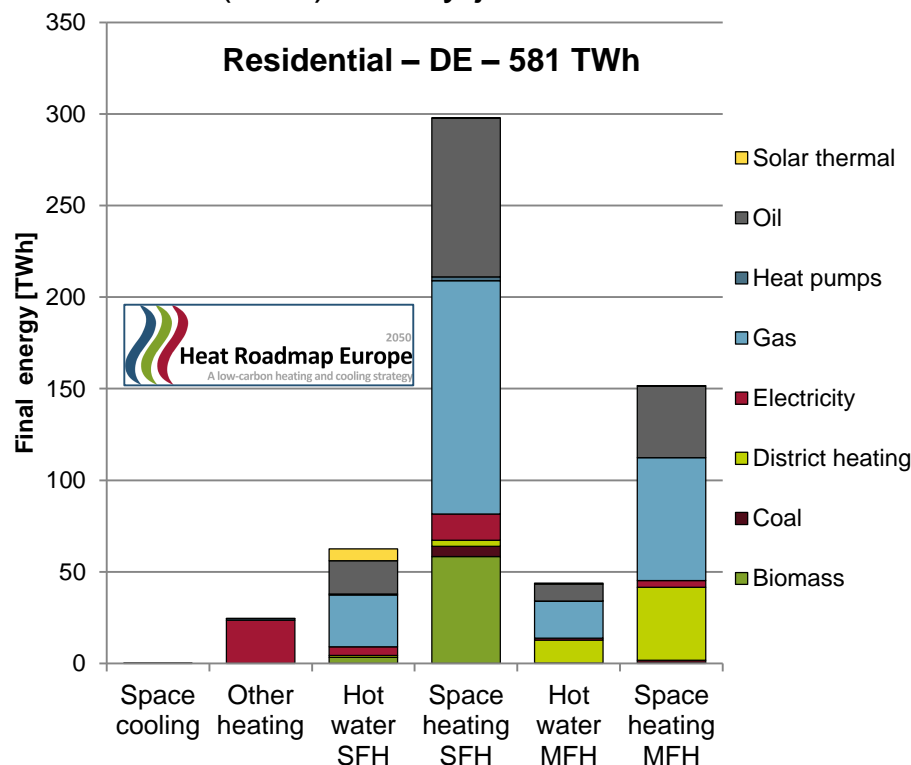
- **Fossil fuel** dependence for high temperature processes.
- Paper and “other” are industrial leaders in using **biomass** (22%)
- (Petro-)Chemical uses more **DH** (18%) than other industries
- *Are there some industries which could use alternatives?*



# H&C breakdown in the built environment

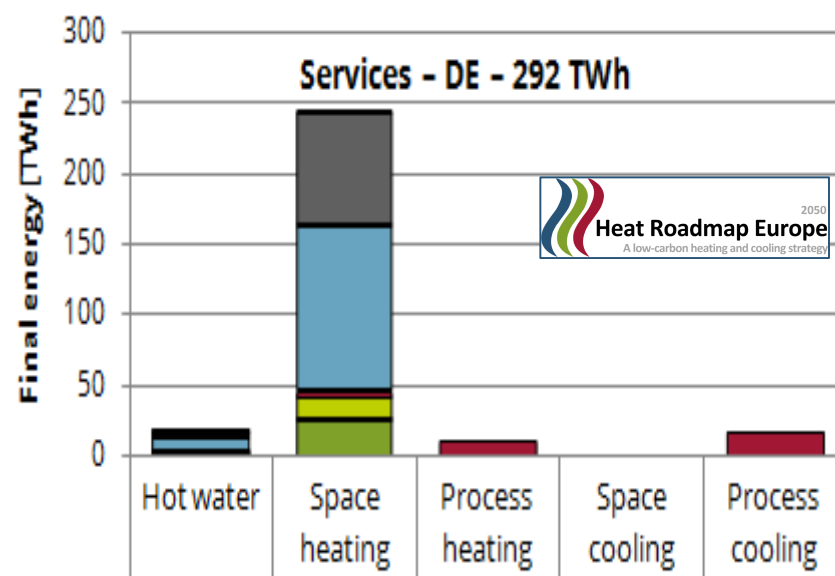
## Residential:

- **SFHs** have the most demand
- But **DH** (11%) mostly just for some MFHs



## Services:

- **DH** (9%) mostly for space heating
- All H&C **processes** covered by electricity only



*Besides reducing demand, how to supply better H&C?*



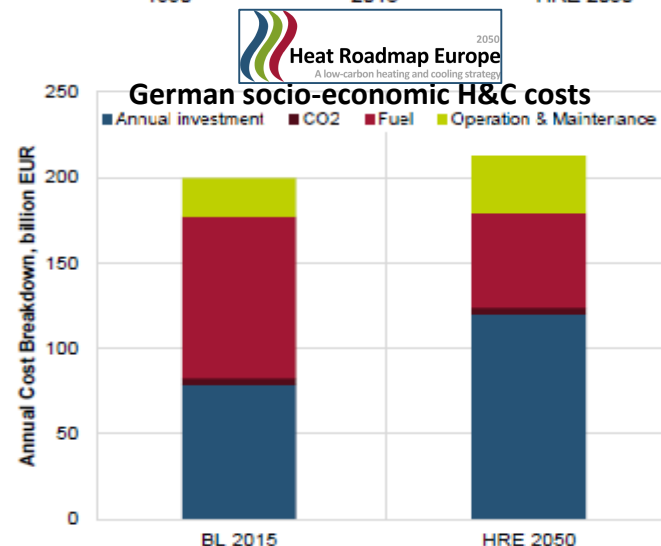
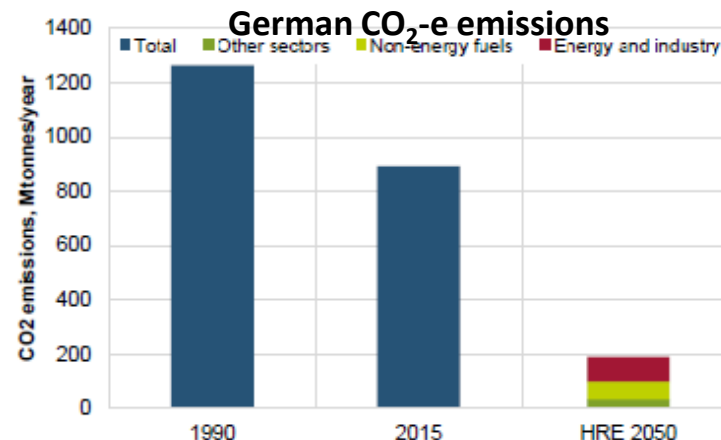
# HRE pathway forward for Germany

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# Heat Roadmap Germany

- HRE4 suggests a **deep decarbonisation** pathway for the German energy system by 2050 which is **technically feasible** and **economically viable**
- *How deep?*
  - **85% CO<sub>2</sub>-e reductions** (compared to 1990)
  - In line with Germany's 2050 ambitions
- *How cheap?*
  - Net annual savings of **€18 billion**
- *How now?*
  - Possible using **proven technologies already deployed** in Germany and Europe
  - **Needing no new nuclear or coal power plants, and without CCS** at all

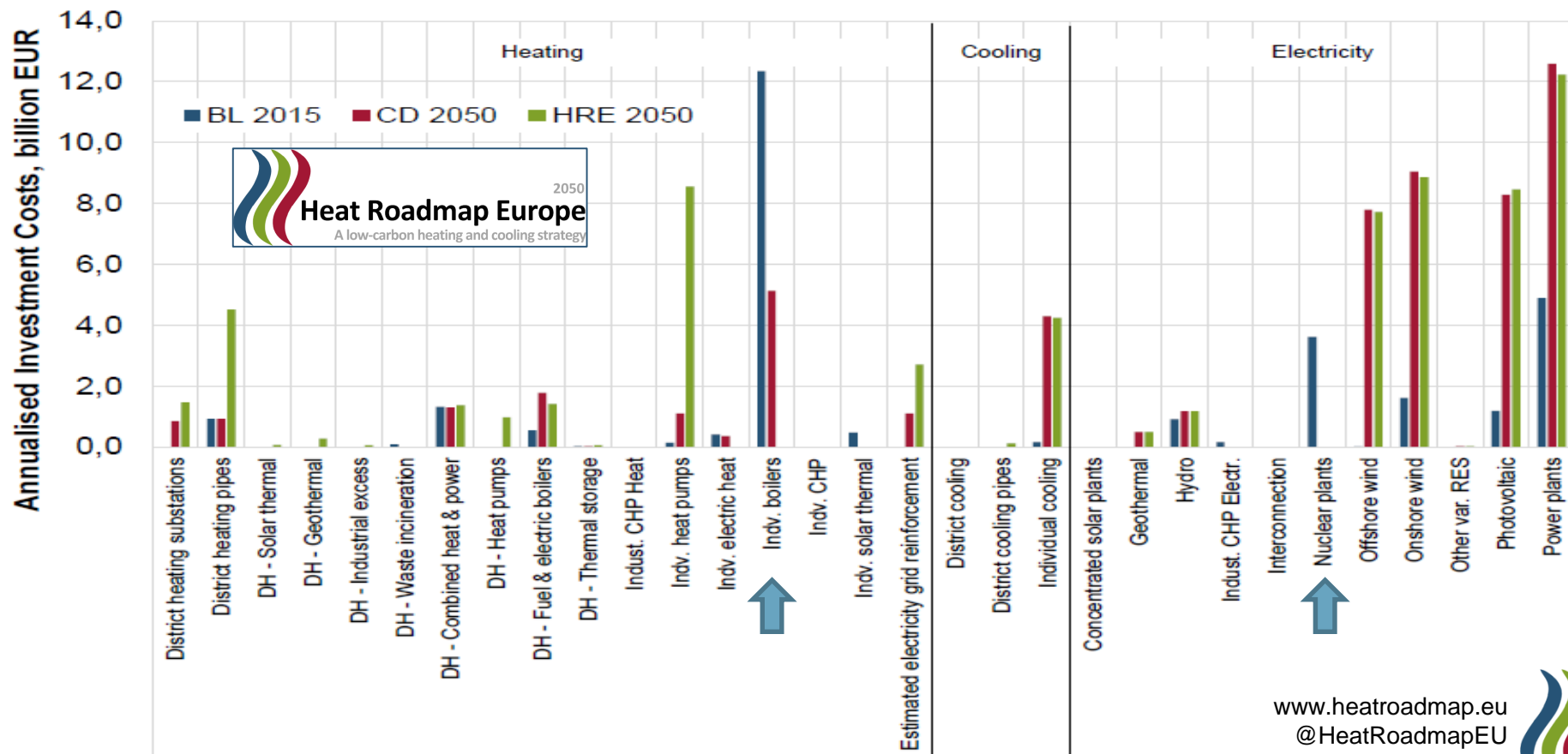


# 3 “easy” steps to decarbonise!

1. Save energy  
(~2/3 of costs)

2. Low-carbon  
energy

3. (De)Centralised  
systems

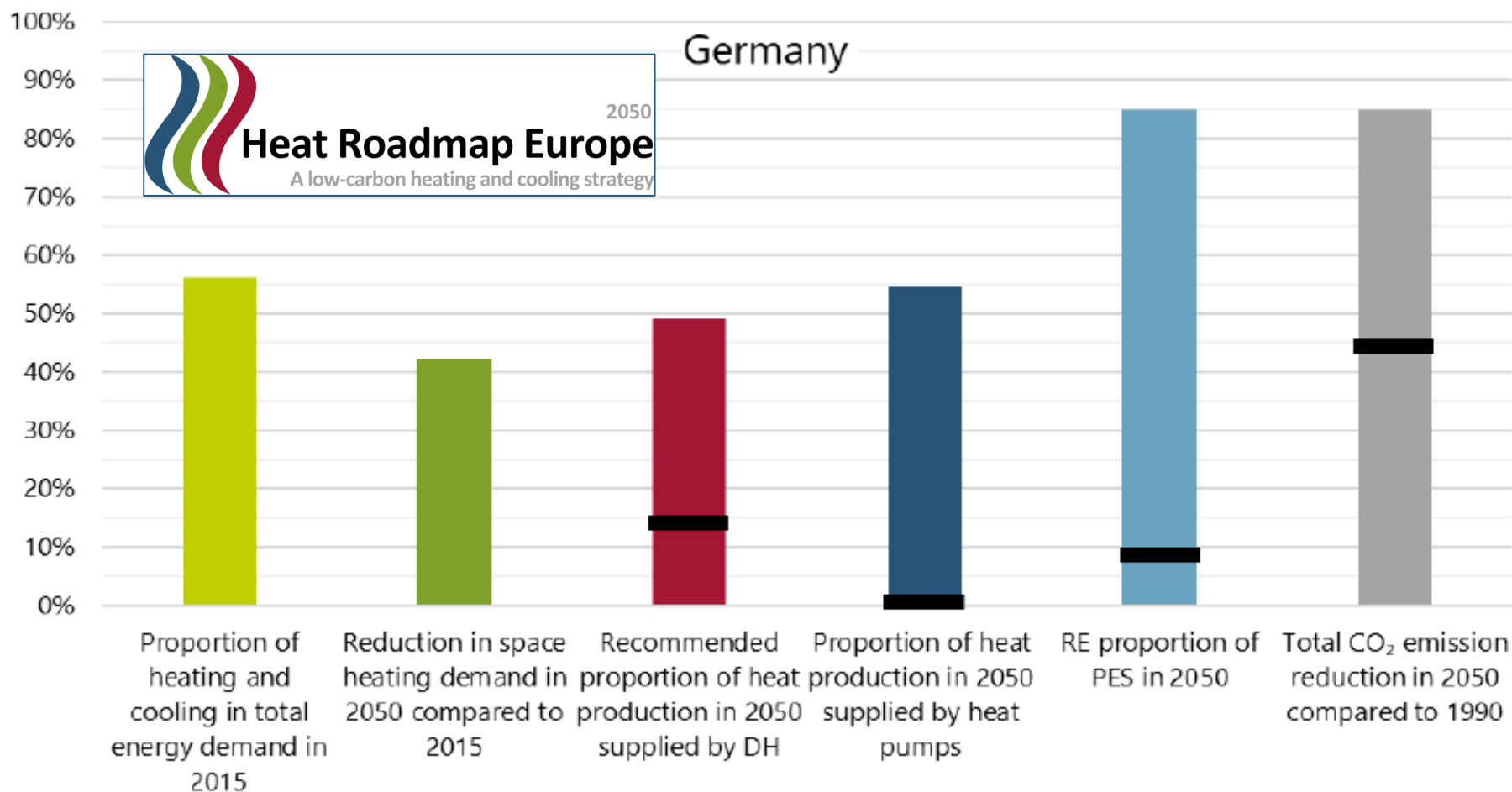


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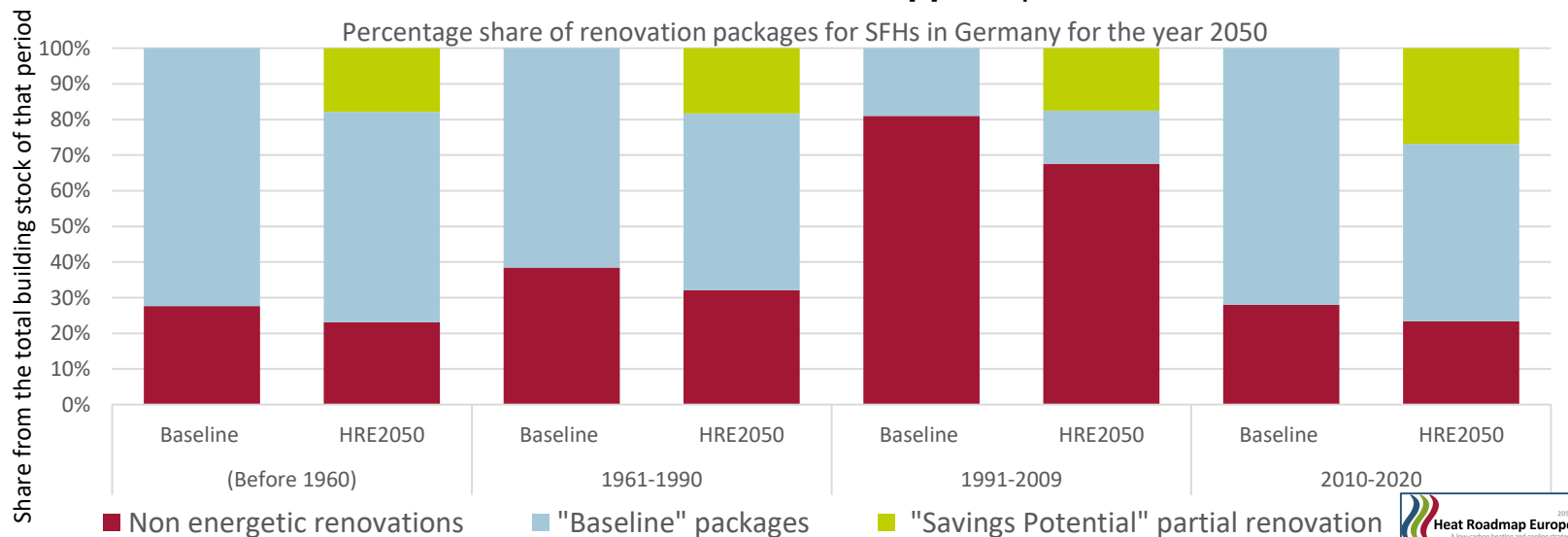
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# Heat Roadmap Germany - scenario



# Pillar 1: Energy efficiency savings

- End-use savings on **space heating** (especially in the built environment), should **aim for ~40%**
  - **Doubled rates** of refurbishment (1,5-2%)
  - **Deeper renovations** than now planned
  - More efficient **demands** ⇒ more efficient **supplies** possible

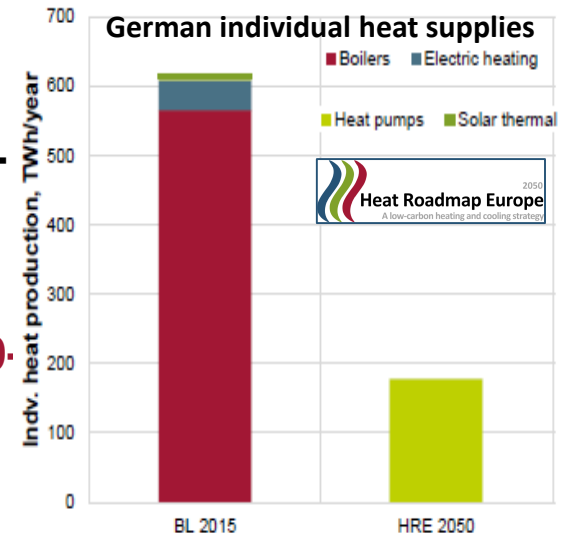


- Need to ensure ambitions with **follow-through** on the ground, in particular **industrial** – to widen focus traditionally mainly oriented towards savings in (residential) space heating

# Pillar 2: Low-carbon H&C supplies

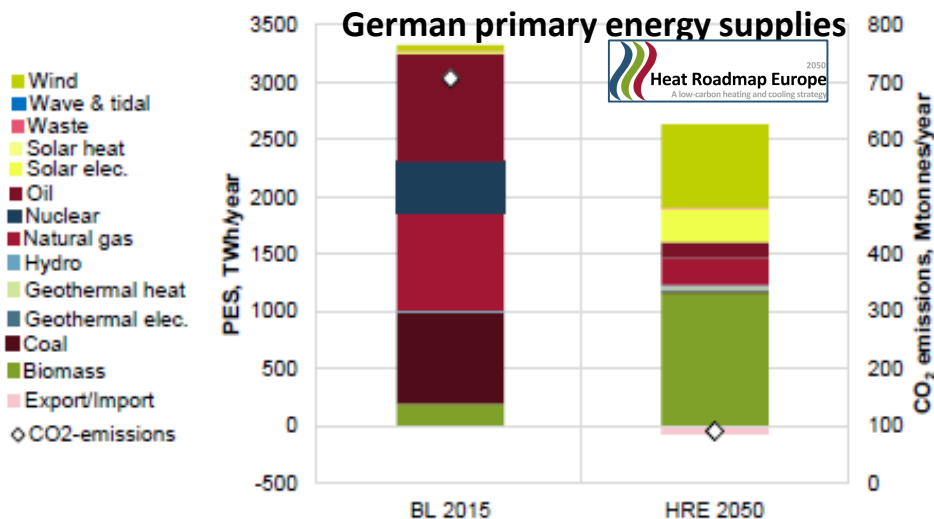
## Heat pumps

- HPs are ideal, decentralised solutions for **less-urbanised** areas
- Also **large heat pumps** very beneficial for DH
- From Germany's current negligible levels  $\Rightarrow$  **40-50%** coverage of demand (especially in rural and disperse suburbs)
- Proliferation of heat pumps will necessitate some increases in the levels of **electrification** planned for Germany
  - effectively supports the **integration of fluctuating RES** into the electric grid, especially if combined with (thermal) storage options
- Strong need remove **financial/administrative barriers** to encourage a switch, especially for homes and businesses now using individual (fossil-fuel) boilers to **invest in heat pumps**



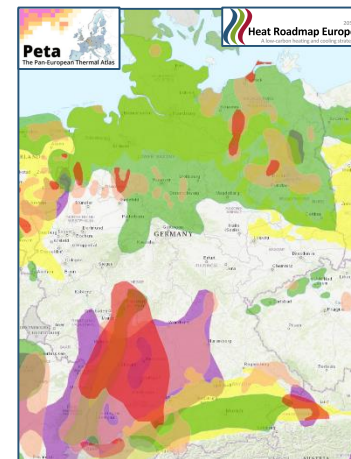


# Renewable energy sources



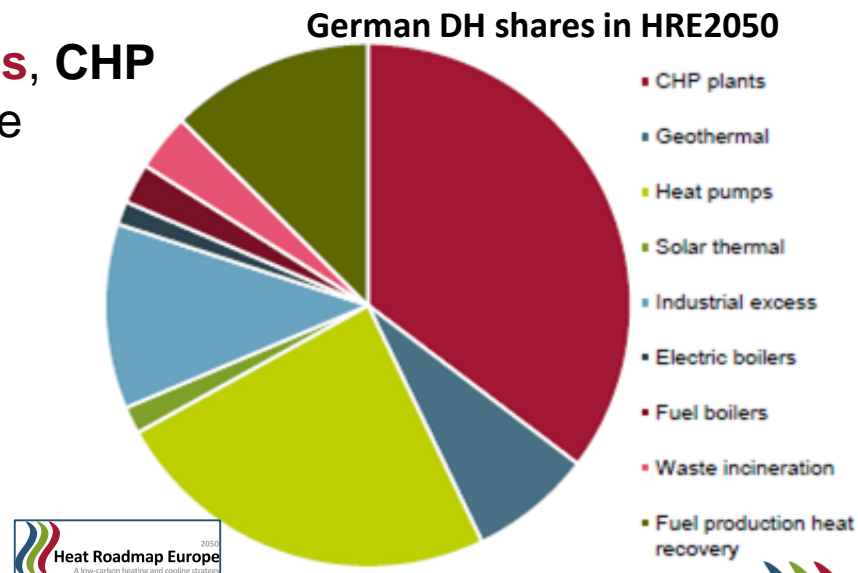
- **85%** of primary energy in Germany could be from RES, as compared to ~9%
- In terms of **DH**, RES inputs mainly biomass for CHP, geothermal and solar thermal

- RES also foreseen to greatly increase its share in **power** production (e.g. ~33% from power plants as largest consumers of biomass, 44% from wind and 18% from PV), supported by **synergies with the H&C** sector:
  - **Fluctuating RES** electricity (e.g. solar and wind) can be better integrated via **heat pumps** and **(thermal) storage**, as well as e-vehicles and e-fuels



# Pillar 3: Thermal grid expansions

- Significantly **increase DH** levels 14%  $\Rightarrow$  **48-79%** of demand
- Focus on implementing/financing DH:
  - switching from **gas networks and individual boilers** – no direct burning of fossil fuels at all
  - using DH for **low-temperature processes** (industrial and commercial)
  - 25-35% each of large **heat pumps**, **CHP** and **excess heat**, as well as some **geothermal**, **solar thermal**, etc.
- Switch to **district cooling solutions**, especially for the built environment, to match this as the fastest-growing demand (~3x)
- **Thermal storage** (seasonal and short-term) important for optimising grids

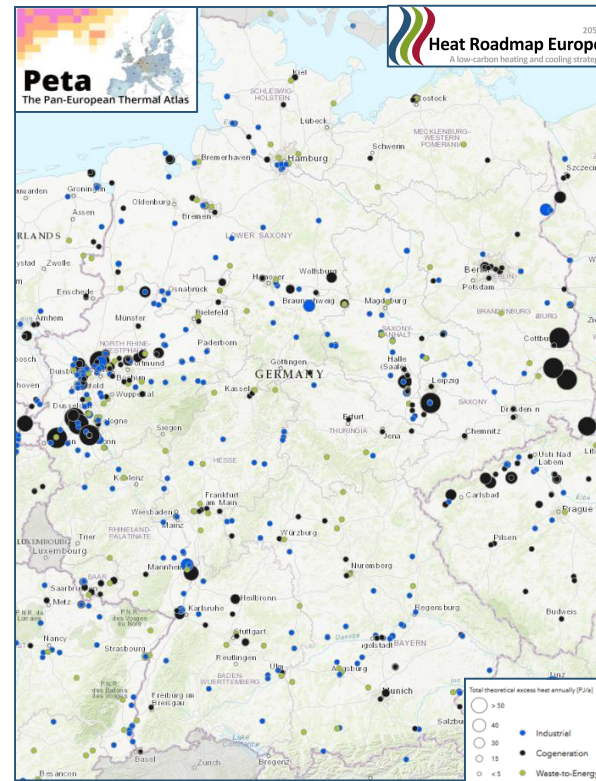


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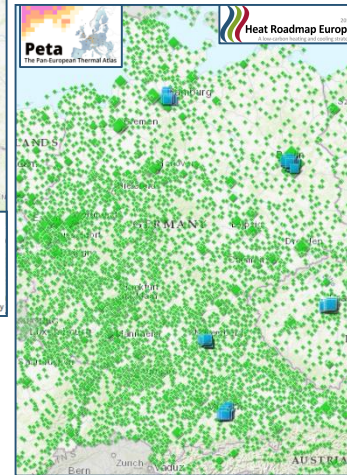


# Integration of excess heat

- Identify **suitable excess heat** options from industrial and commercial sectors
  - factories, refineries, power plants, waste incineration...
  - wastewater treatment , underground metro stations , data centres...
- Excess heat fed into grids to cover **~27% of DH needs**
- There remains a need to still **reduce financial / administrative** barriers in order to integrate excess heat into DH
- Strong potential for **Heat Synergy Regions** to develop to synergise demand with resources
  - Case in point: **Essen**

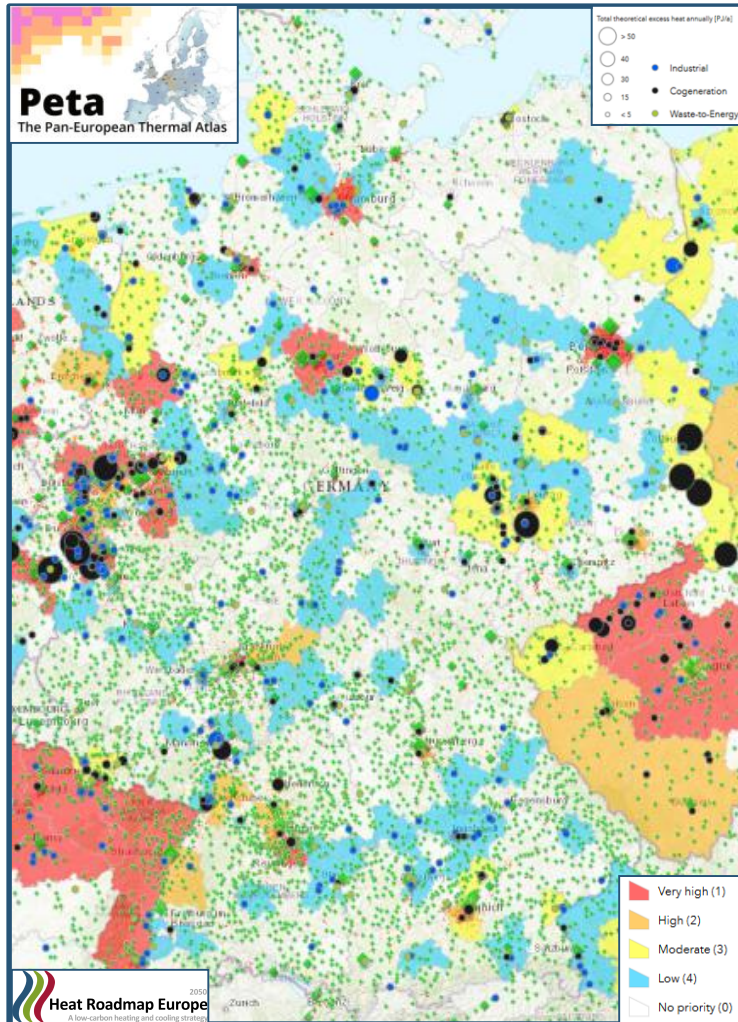


Conventional **excess heat** sources (left), and low-temperature excess heat sources (below), from Peta4 showing major facilities [HRE4, 2018]





# Heat Synergy Regions



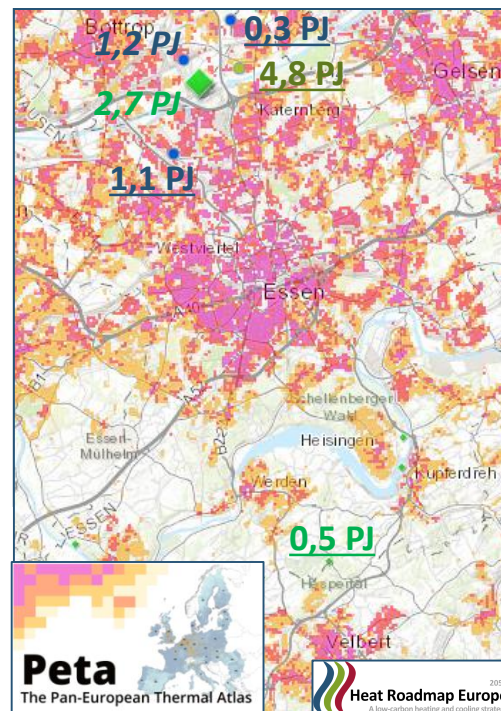
- HSRs: bringing energy from a wider region to the demand centres where it can be used
  - Though energy demands and supplies are each (relatively) discrete, energy flows do not need to be.
- *Why not look beyond current administrative borders for synergies?*
  - **Balance** supply and demand
  - Increase energy system **flexibility**
  - Create new economic **opportunities**
- There is a need for administrative / political **frameworks** to support multi-jurisdictional cooperations and management

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# Essen



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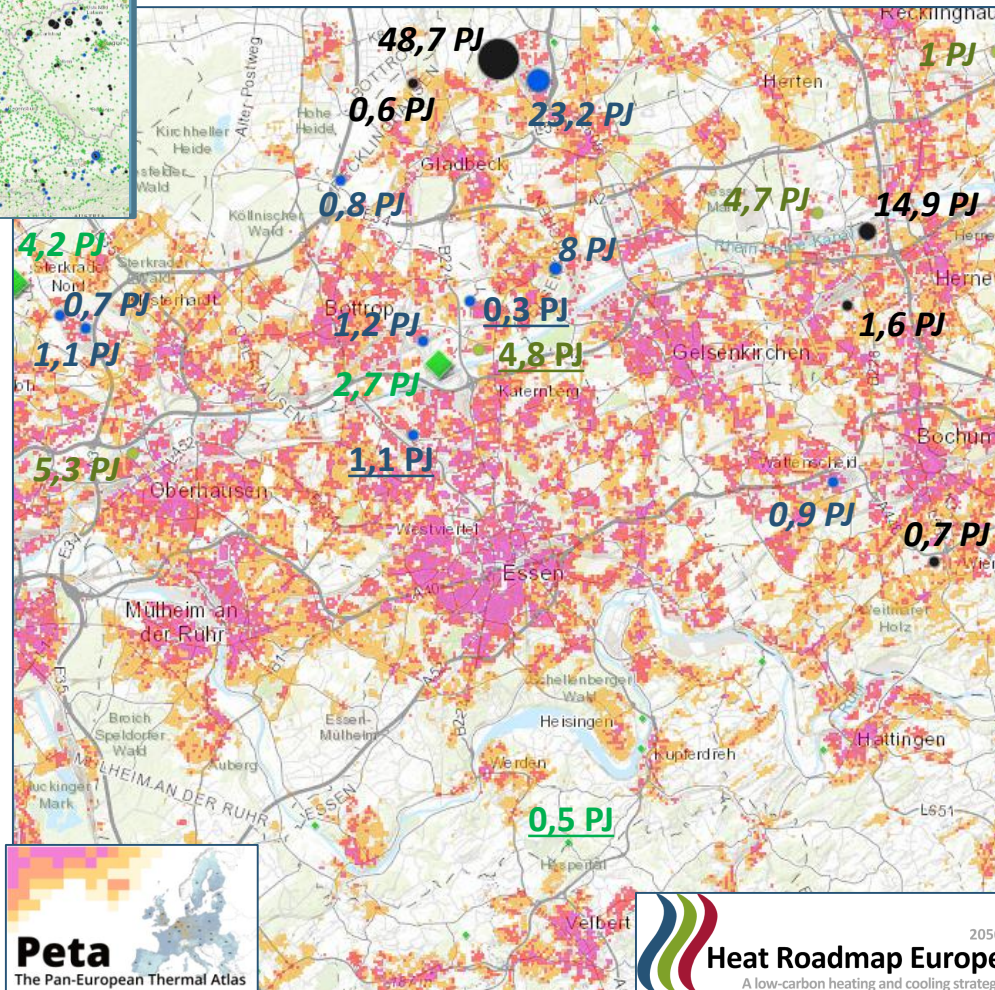
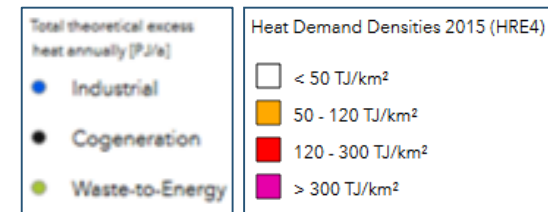
- Active member of HRE's **Cities and Regions Interest Group**
- **Green Capital** of Europe
- **half million** residents
- context of **Ruhrgebiet**, ~5 mill.
- **0,8 PJ** of biowastes

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- HD < 20 TJ/km²: 0,17 PJ
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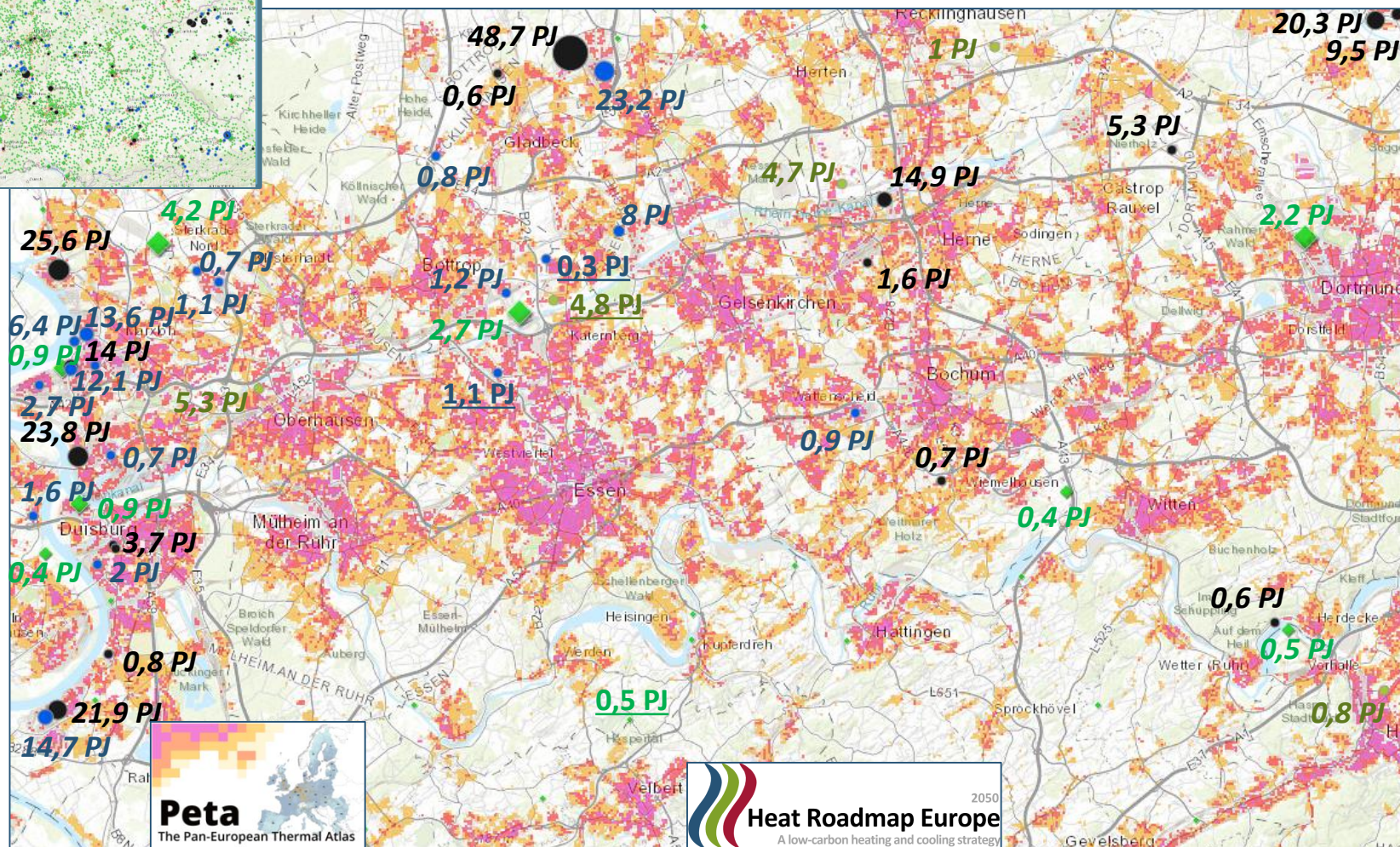
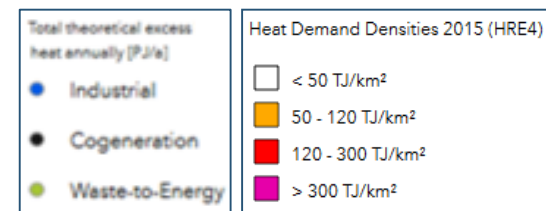
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**Peta**  
The Pan-European Thermal Atlas

**Heat Roadmap Europe**  
A Roadmap for a Secure and Sustainable Energy Future

The map displays a dense network of energy infrastructure across Europe, including pipelines, power lines, and storage facilities. A red box highlights a specific area in Central Europe, likely related to the 'Energy Triangle' mentioned in the text.

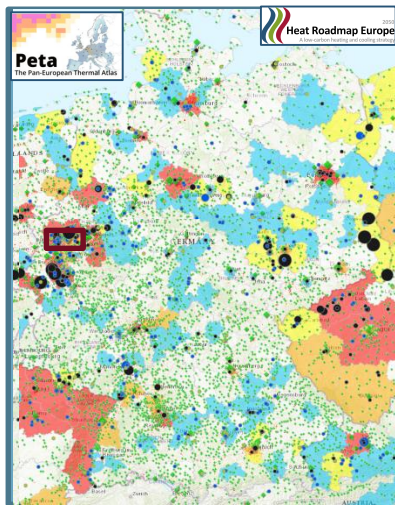


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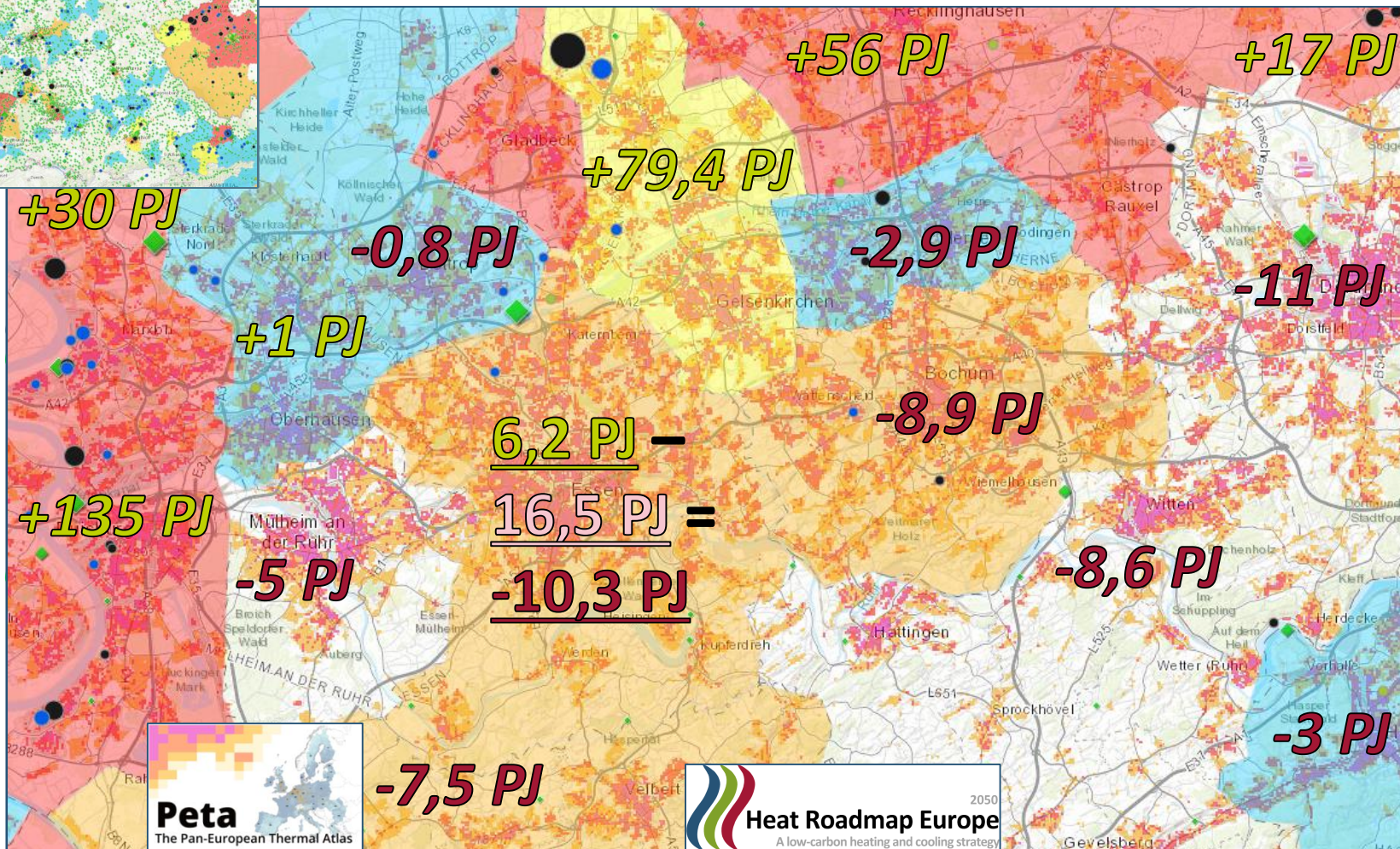
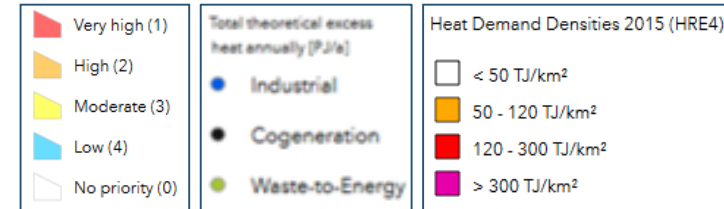


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# Essynergy?



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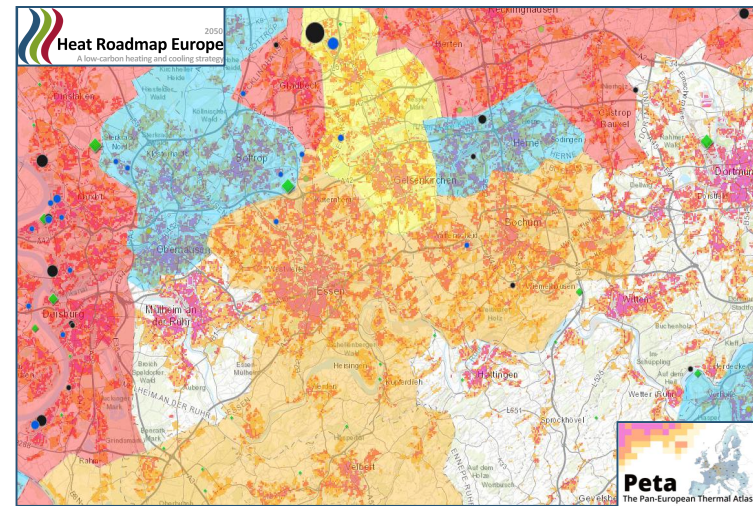
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# Ruhrgebiet Heat Synergy?

- *Is the 260,4 PJ net total extra excess heat in the Ruhr region realistic?*
  - Peta's excess heat values are **theoretical** maxima
  - Most from **questionably-sustainable** sources (power plants, refineries, incinerators...)
  - Power plants likely **closing by 2050**
- **HSRs driving regional strategies:**
  - **Replace far plants** with decentralised systems (e.g. **heat pumps**)
  - **Convert “urban” plants** (to RES)
  - **Smart specialisation** of regions (e.g. **“export”** excess or demand)
  - **Energy-oriented spatial planning** (e.g. energy density or new industries)
- **Cooperation** across multiple administrations
  - **Political will** between city/regional levels?
  - **Frameworks** needed to govern financing, administration, infrastructure, sustainability...



# Thank you! Questions?

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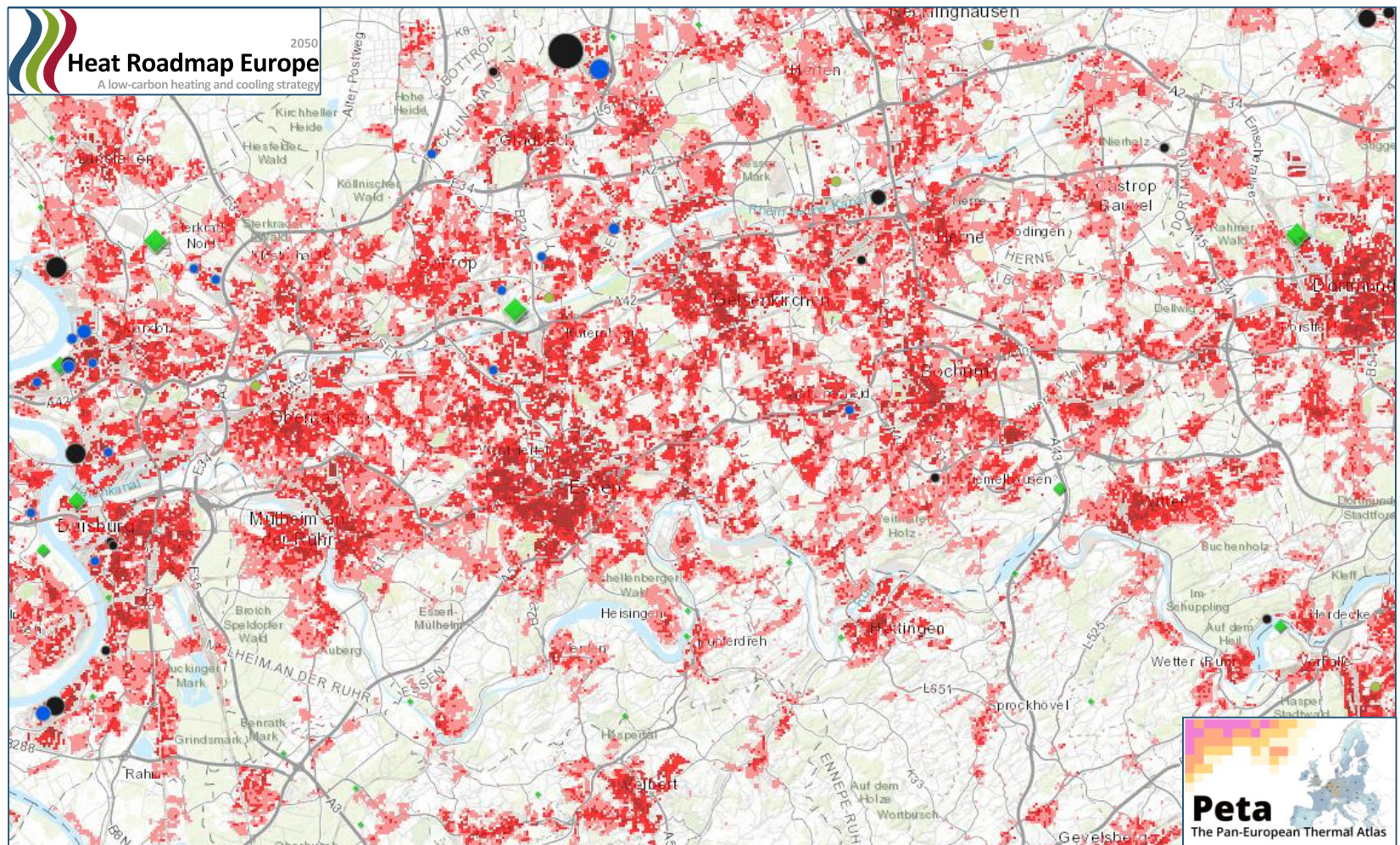
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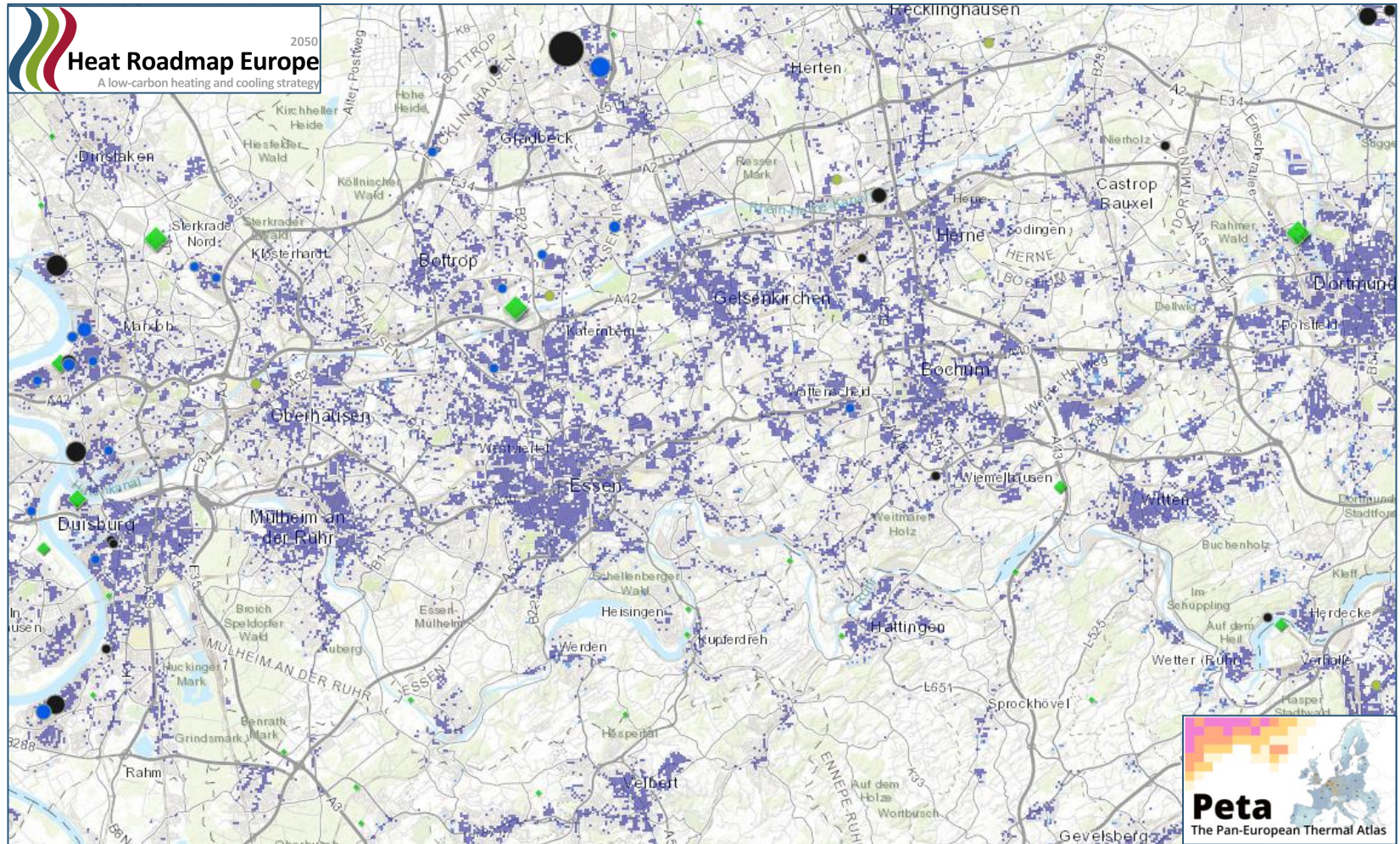


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