

# Bottom Up Versus Top Down

Approaches Towards Low Energy  
Neighbourhoods in Austria

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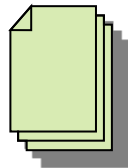
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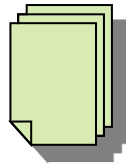


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Energy concept  
Detailed Plans

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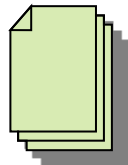


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- Existing infrastructure
- Data
- Potentials
- Targets

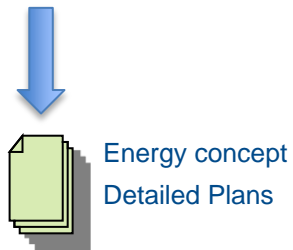
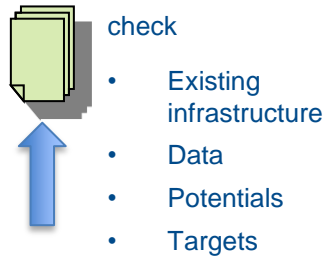


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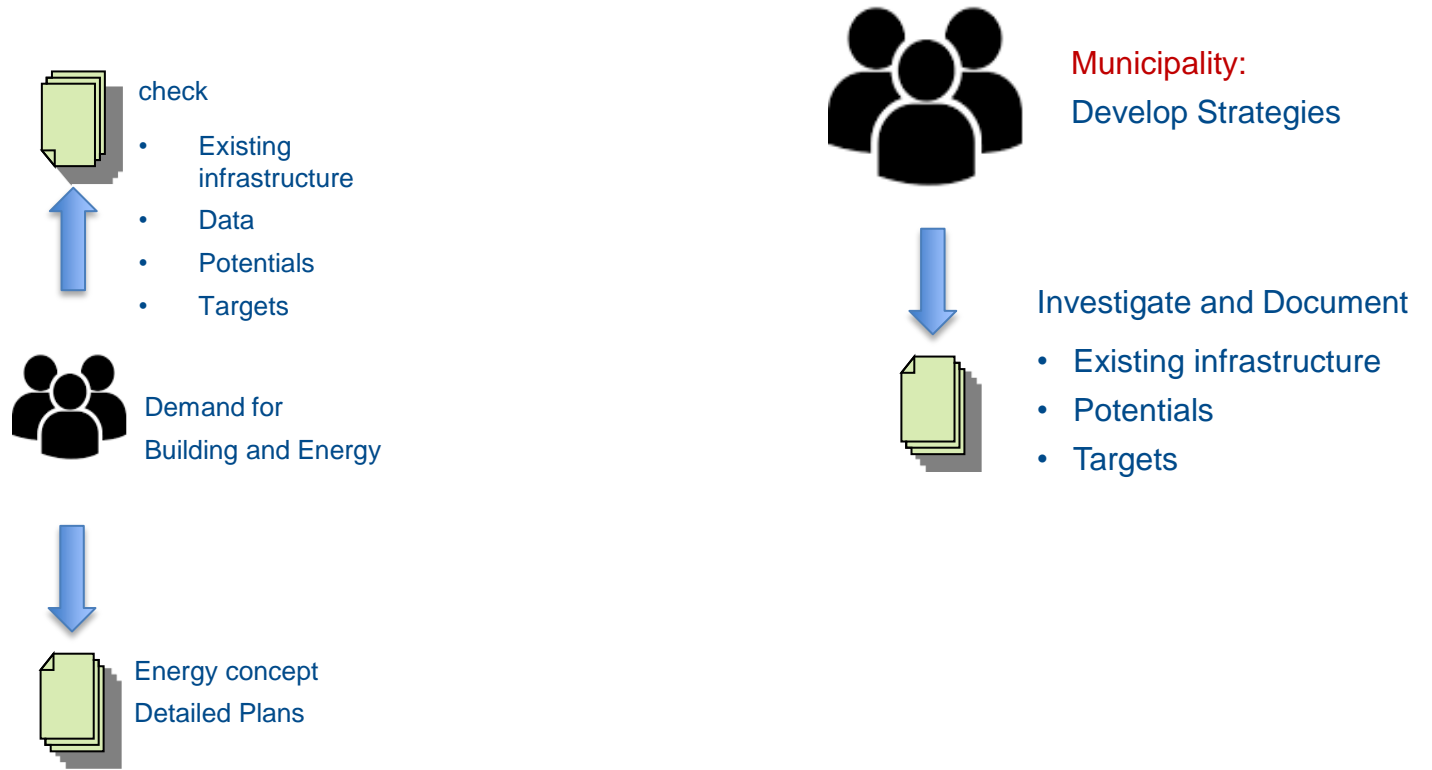
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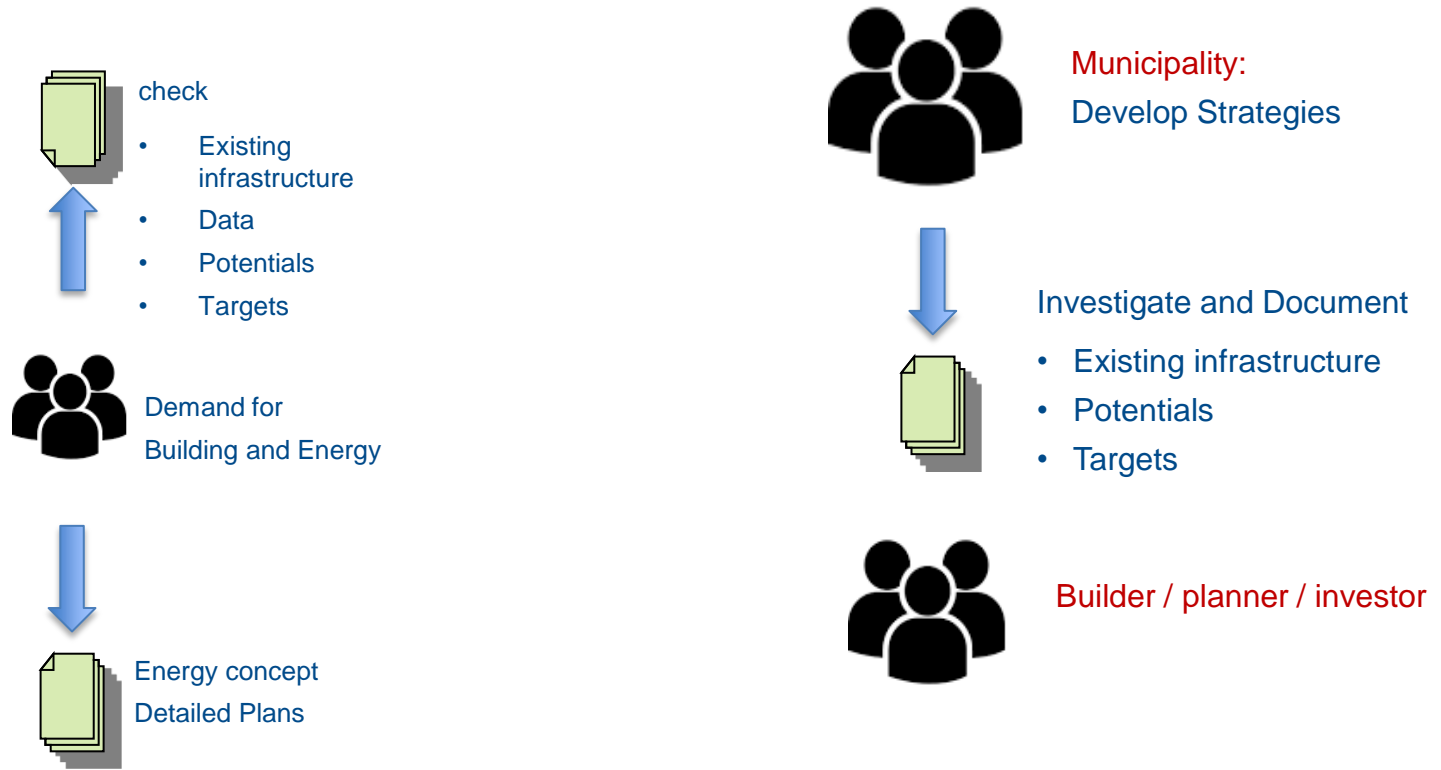


Municipality:  
Develop Strategies

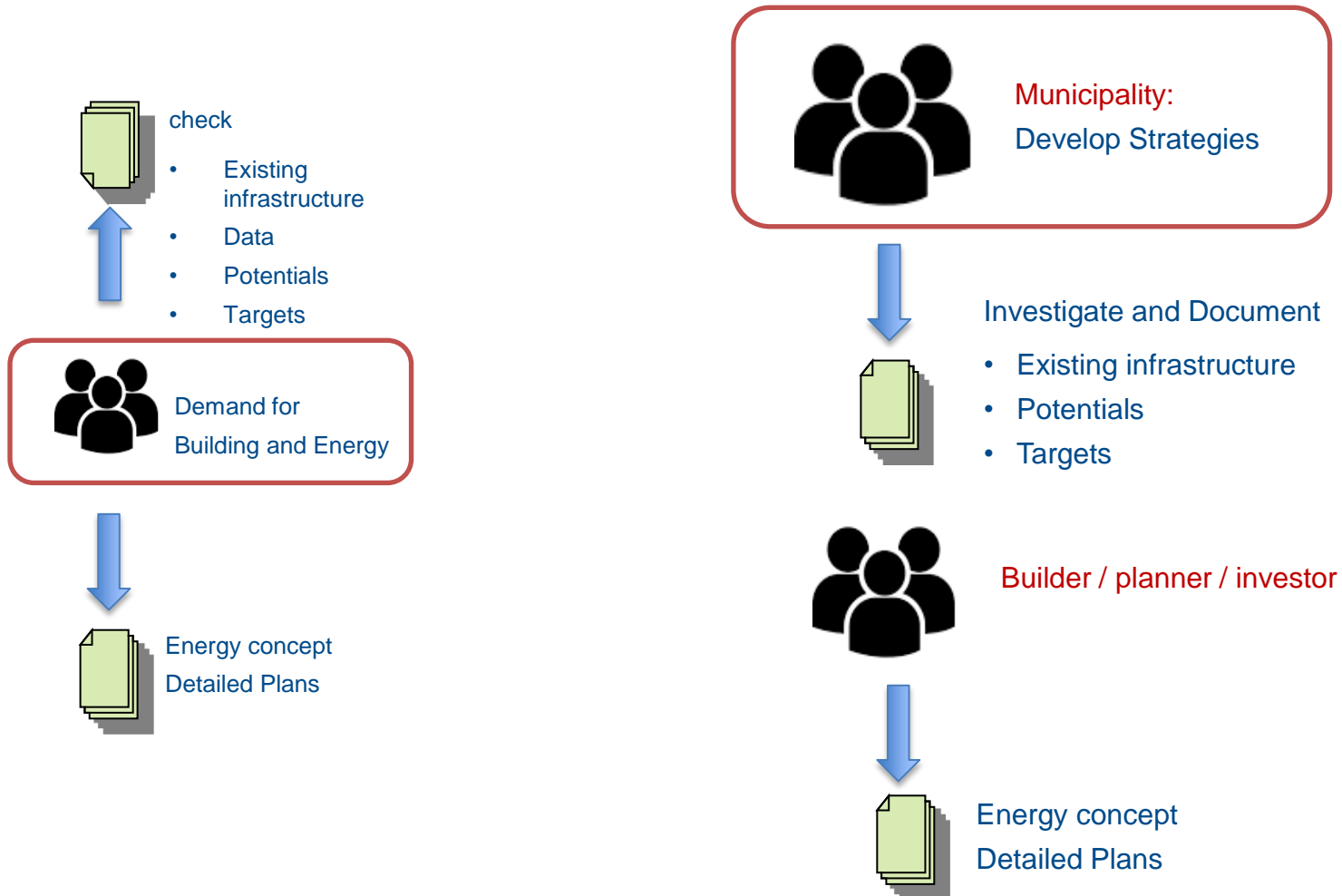
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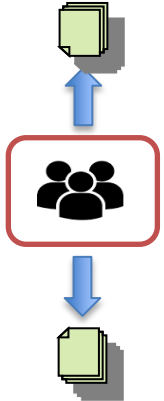
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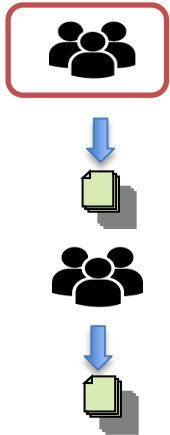


# Bottom Up <> Top Down



## Bottom Up:

- Starting point is the single building or building group
- Role of energy provider
- Integration into local grids
- Main motivation: building owner



## Top Down:

- Starting from community / town
- Energy provider is a main stakeholder
- Buildings are seen as end-consumers
- Main motivation: community, energy provider



- Who drove the process?
- What was the demand?
- Successful integration of buildings / energy system  
of community?

# Dieselweg: Renovation of a neighbourhood of multi family houses in Graz

## Starting point:

- Suburban residential area in Graz
- 14038 m<sup>2</sup>, 204 apartments
- Heated by single devices (fossil fuel or electric devices)
- low envelope quality

## Driving Forces:

- Low income due to vacancies (high energy consumption, poor comfort)
- Need for good publicity and investment return



Aim: Show the way towards a **solar-autarkic** neighbourhood

Heating demand:		
BEFORE:	142 - 225	kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a
AFTER:	9 - 12	kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a

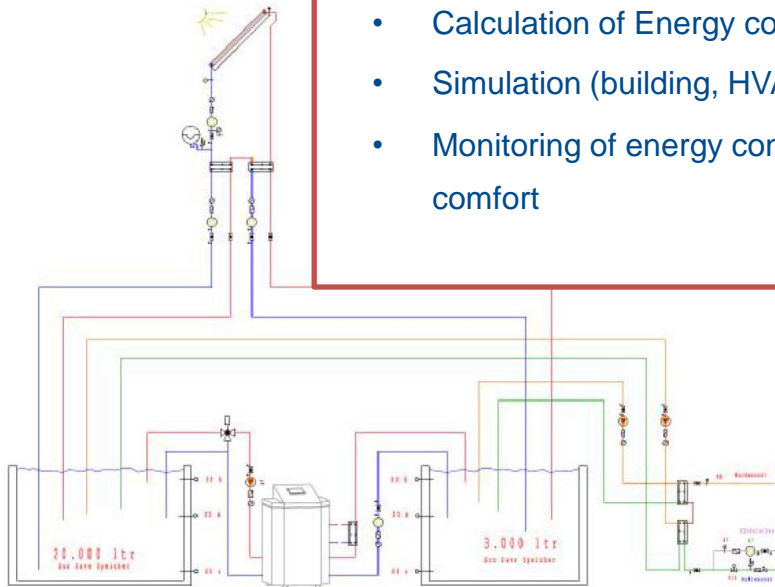
# Dieselweg: Renovation of a neighbourhood of multi family houses in Graz

## Innovative technical solutions:

- HVAC via facade (heating, ventilation)
- Solar thermal and PV
- Heat pump and large hot water storage for each building
- Ventilation by small units (one per apartment)

## Tools:

- Baseline Study
- Calculation of Energy consumption
- Simulation (building, HVAC)
- Monitoring of energy consumption and comfort



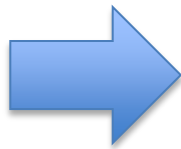
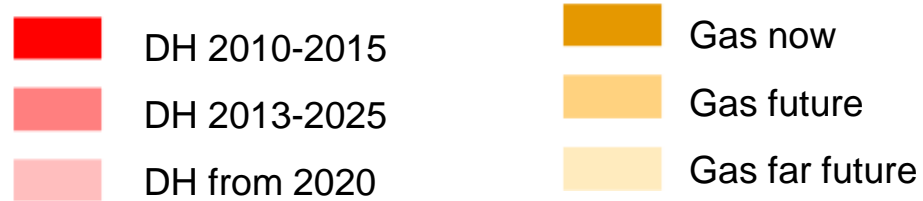
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- higher income due to slightly higher rental fees and low vacancies

# Dieselweg: Renovation of a neighbourhood of multi family houses in Graz



District heating and Gas grids



## Successful integration into existing grids?

- HEAT: No connection to district heating– ‚autarkic‘ island solution per building
- POWER: Connected to grid. Generated power is fed into the grid (legislative and financial reasons)

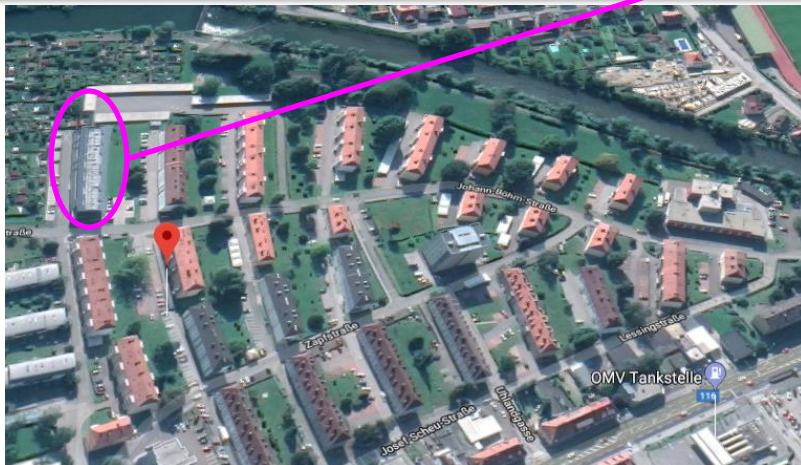
# Kapfenberg: Renovation of a multi family house in Austria

## Starting point:

- Residential area in the north of Styria
- 2845 m<sup>2</sup> - 36 apartments
- Heated by single devices (fossil fuel or electric devices) or small central heating systems, low envelope quality

## Driving Forces:

- Low income due to vacancies (**small apartments**, high energy consumption, poor comfort)
- Need for good publicity and investment return



Aim: Renovation to Plus Energy Residential Building

Heat + DHW consumption  
 BEFORE : 108 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a  
 AFTER: ~30 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a

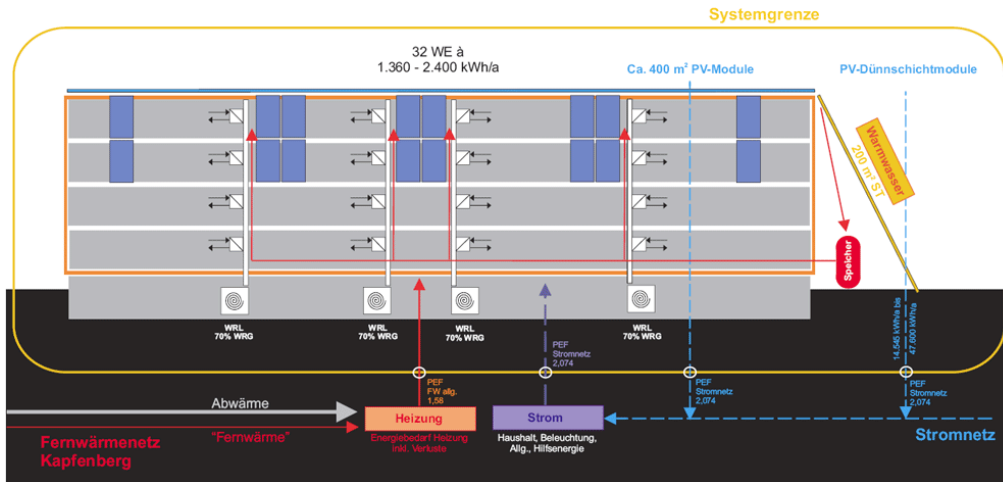
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## Innovative technical solutions:

- HVAC via facade (heating)
- Solar thermal and PV
- Connected to district heating (backup, load peaks)
- Central ventilation with heat recovery / heat recovery by heat pump for DHW

## Tools:

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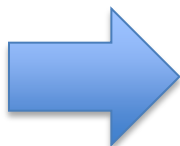
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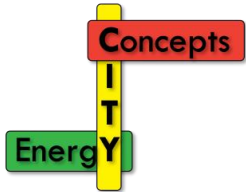
The area east of the residential building was already connected to DH (  )

## Successful integration into existing grids?

- HEAT: Active energy generation (HP+ heat recovery, solar collectors). DH as backup and for load peaks
- POWER: PV energy fed into grid, grid power for HP and other requirements (legislative and economical reasons)



# Energy Master Planning Processes of communities



▪ Main driving force:  
energy strategy of communities

## Status analysis

- Energy relevant data
- Energy consumption and GHG emissions
- Energy Potentials

Aim: Gather Information

Methods: use GIS and various sources

Open questions:

best way to gather data (Energy provider, community, final consumer...). Privacy

## Strategy development

- Create scenarios for the future
- Spatial modelling and simulation
- Derivation of measures

Definition of measures:

Renovation of heat generation, buildings, use renewables etc.

## Implementation

- On levels of organisation, planning, project and realisation

Give access to information

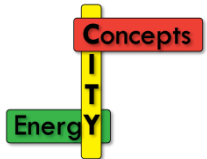
Open questions:

How to require implementation (eg local financial subsidies programmes, legally binding master plan ?)

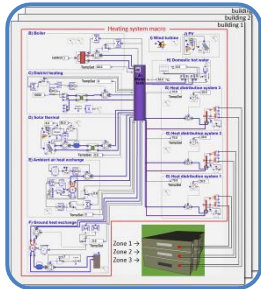
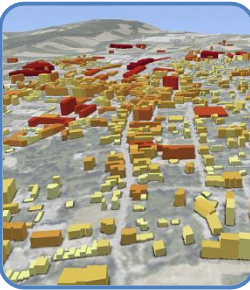
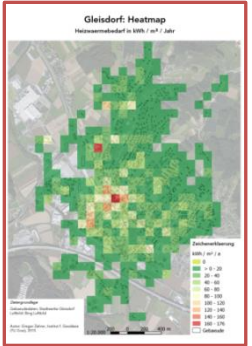
## Quality assessment and monitoring



# Methods - Workflow



## Spatial energy and infrastructure analysis and modeling GIS, statistics, energy balancing, roadmapping



**Data acquisition, geodatabase management**

**Pre-processing** (check, verify, extend database)

**Spatial analysis / spatial modeling**

- Characterization of existing infrastructures, energy demands and local resources

**Renovation and modernization roadmap**

- Building renovation roadmap based on hourly HWB\* calculation (acc. to EN ISO 13790)
- Scenarios for increased share of renewables in heating sector and DH extension

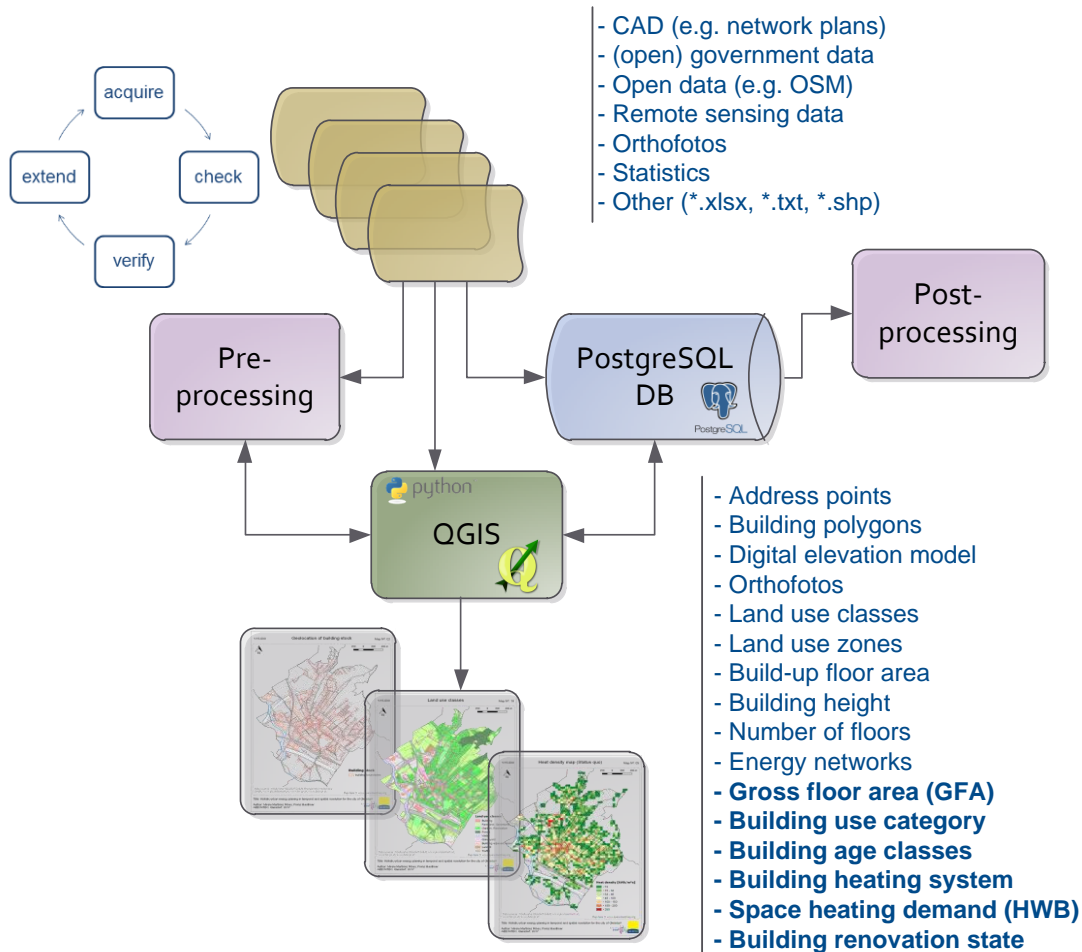
**Dynamic building and utility network simulation**

- Automated workflow coupling geodatabase with IDA ICE building simulation framework

## In-depth analysis / simulations in high temporal resolution physical models, (dynamic) simulation

# Spatial analysis and modeling

## Setting-up geodatabase



## Final geodatabase

- Geolocation of all buildings and energy supply networks
- **Full characterisation of residential sector** for basic energetic analysis
- *Only partial characterisation of industry, commercial and public sector*
- Land use / zoning



# Salzburg Schallmoos: EMP for a quarter in Salzburg

Main driving force:  
Energy and climate strategy of Salzburg

Data acquisition and analysis ☺

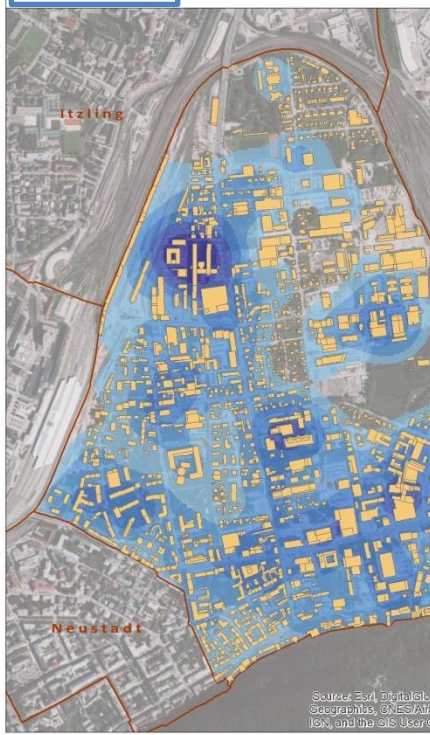
Definition of high priority areas ☺

Plan: Start with high priority: renovate neighbourhoods that are up to now coal – heated

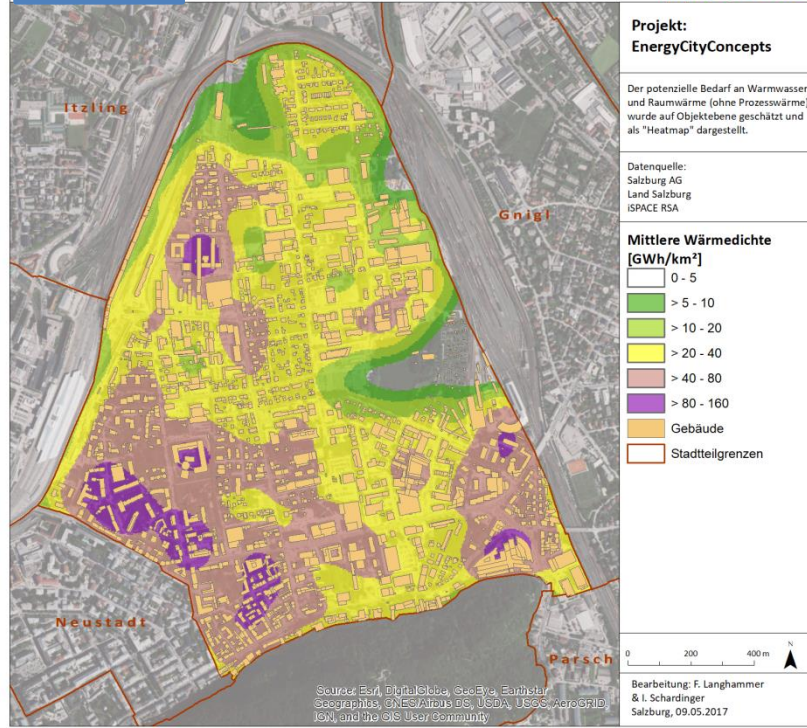
power



cold



heat



Concepts

Energy

# Demonstration project + ERS Towards Plus Energy Neighbourhoods



## Starting point:

- Industrial wasteland, in Graz
- Need of new residential space in a growing town
- Investors have taken over the area

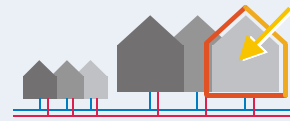
## Driving Forces:

- Investor: Need for investment return
- Town and Neighbours: Upgrade of the area
- Town: Need for apartments
- Town: No further emissions due to already bad air quality



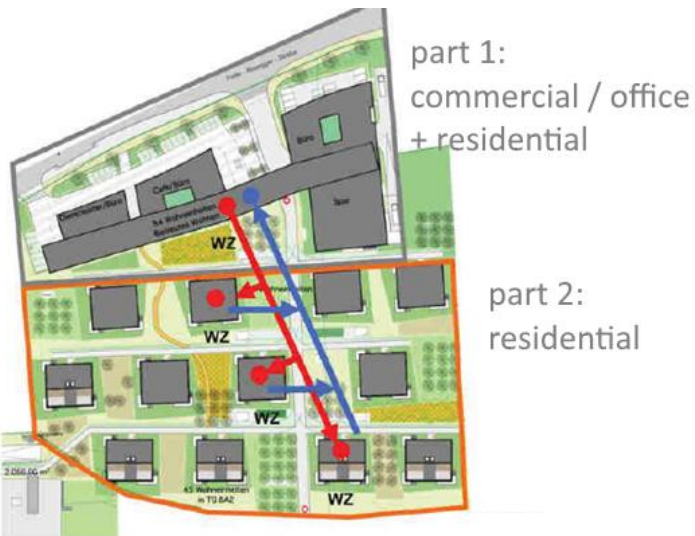
Aim: Plan and build a new urban district. Reach Plus energy and realize energy exchange between residential and commercial areas

# Demonstration project + ERS Towards Plus Energy Neighbourhoods



## Innovative technical solutions:

- Solar thermal collectors
- Foundation: Ground heat collector
- Heat pumps
- Energy exchange between commercial and residential area. (Summer heat is stored for heating in winter)

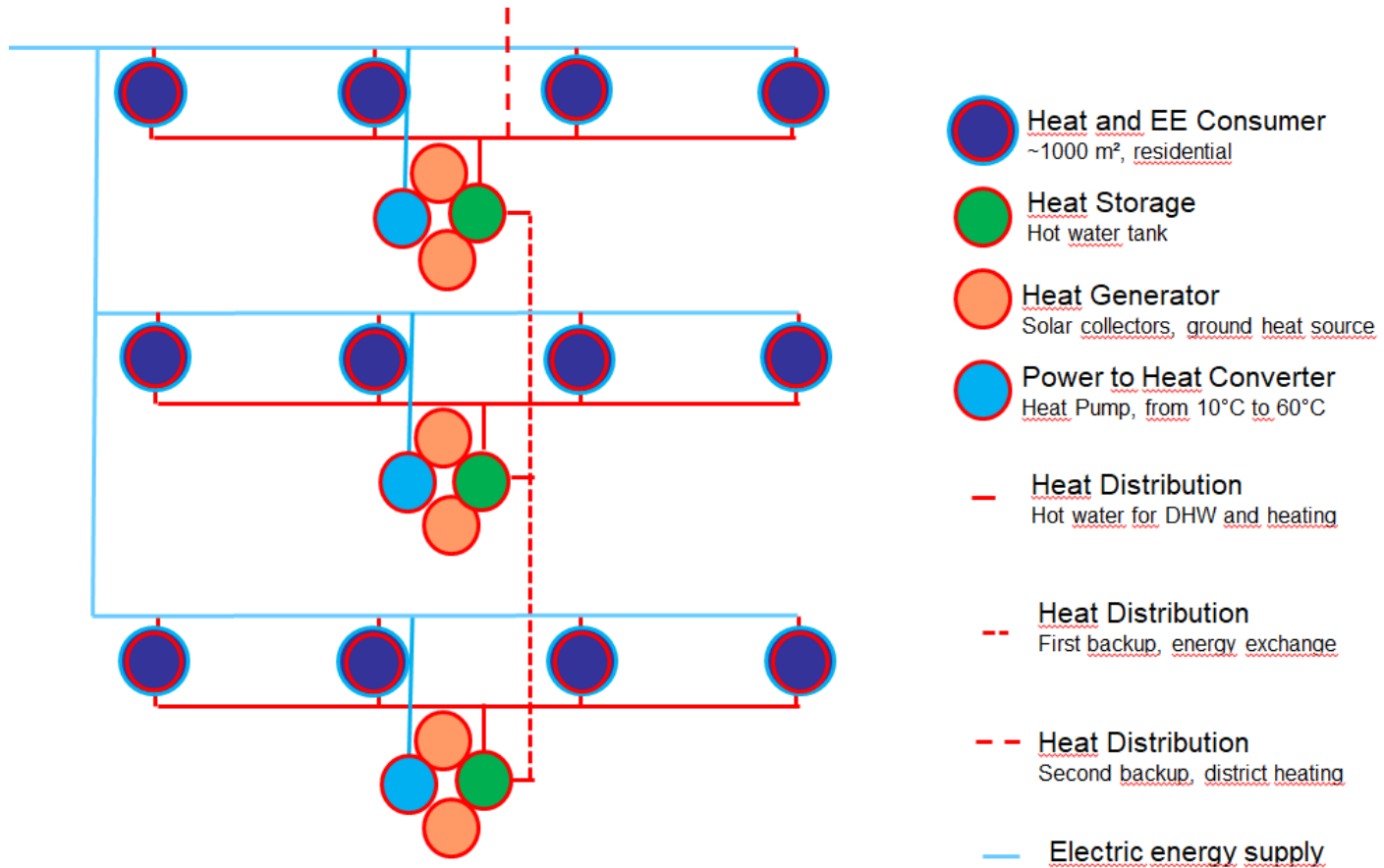


## Results:

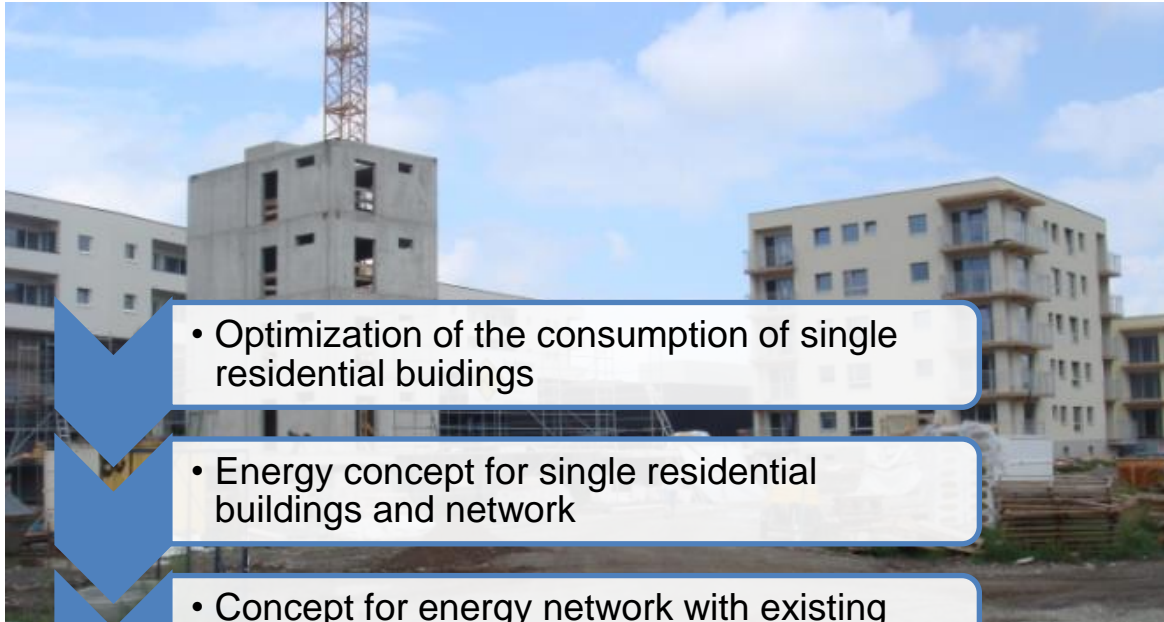
Consumption (residential): 35 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a  
Plus Energy **NOT REACHED**

- PV was not realized
- no energy exchange for cooling of supermarket
- less energy demand for cooling

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# Demonstration project + ERS Towards Plus Energy Neighbourhoods



- Optimization of the consumption of single residential buildings
- Energy concept for single residential buildings and network
- Concept for energy network with existing (commercial) buildings
- Load profiles for residential areas
- Simulation of the model with TRNSYS, Calculation of Variants and Optimization with SIMPLEX (simulation tool for heat networks)

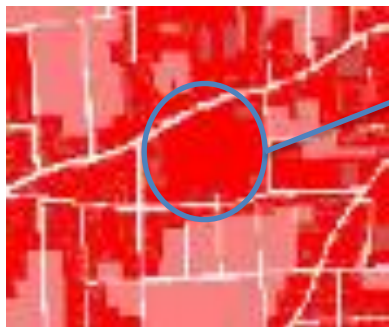
## Tools:

- Baseline Study
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- Simulation (building, HVAC)  
TRNSYS, PHPP, simplex (heat network)
- Monitoring of energy consumption and comfort

## Funding:

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- Contracting for cooling energy

# Demonstration project + ERS Towards Plus Energy Neighbourhoods



DH was planned for this area already before 2010

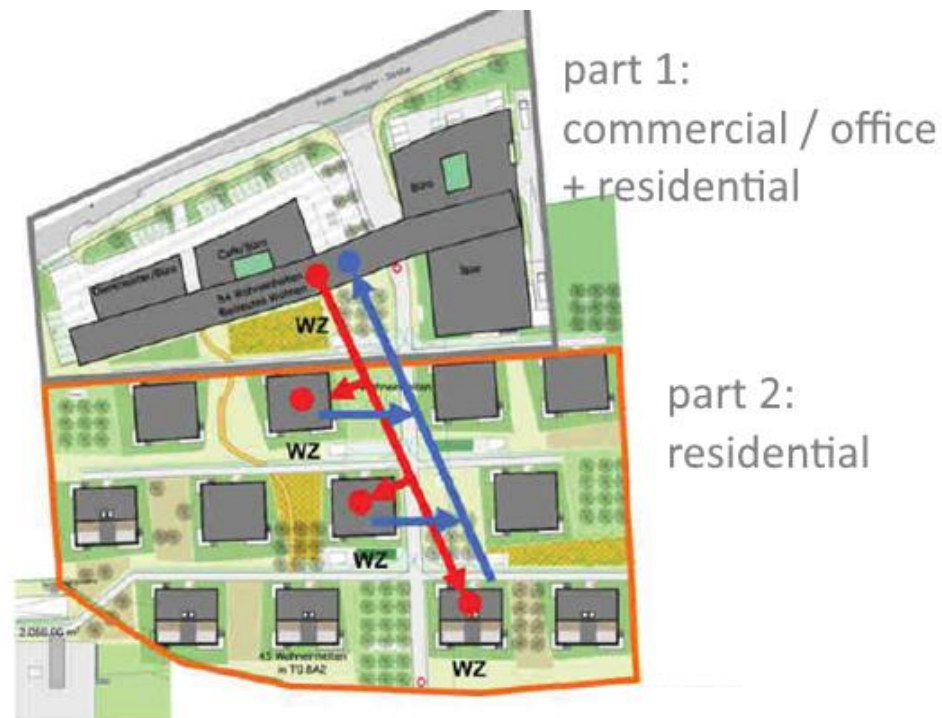
Successful integration into existing energy system?

HEAT:

- Neighbouring buildings as first backup, district heat as second backup
- Heat/cooling exchange with neighbouring building is technically possible. Organisationally not

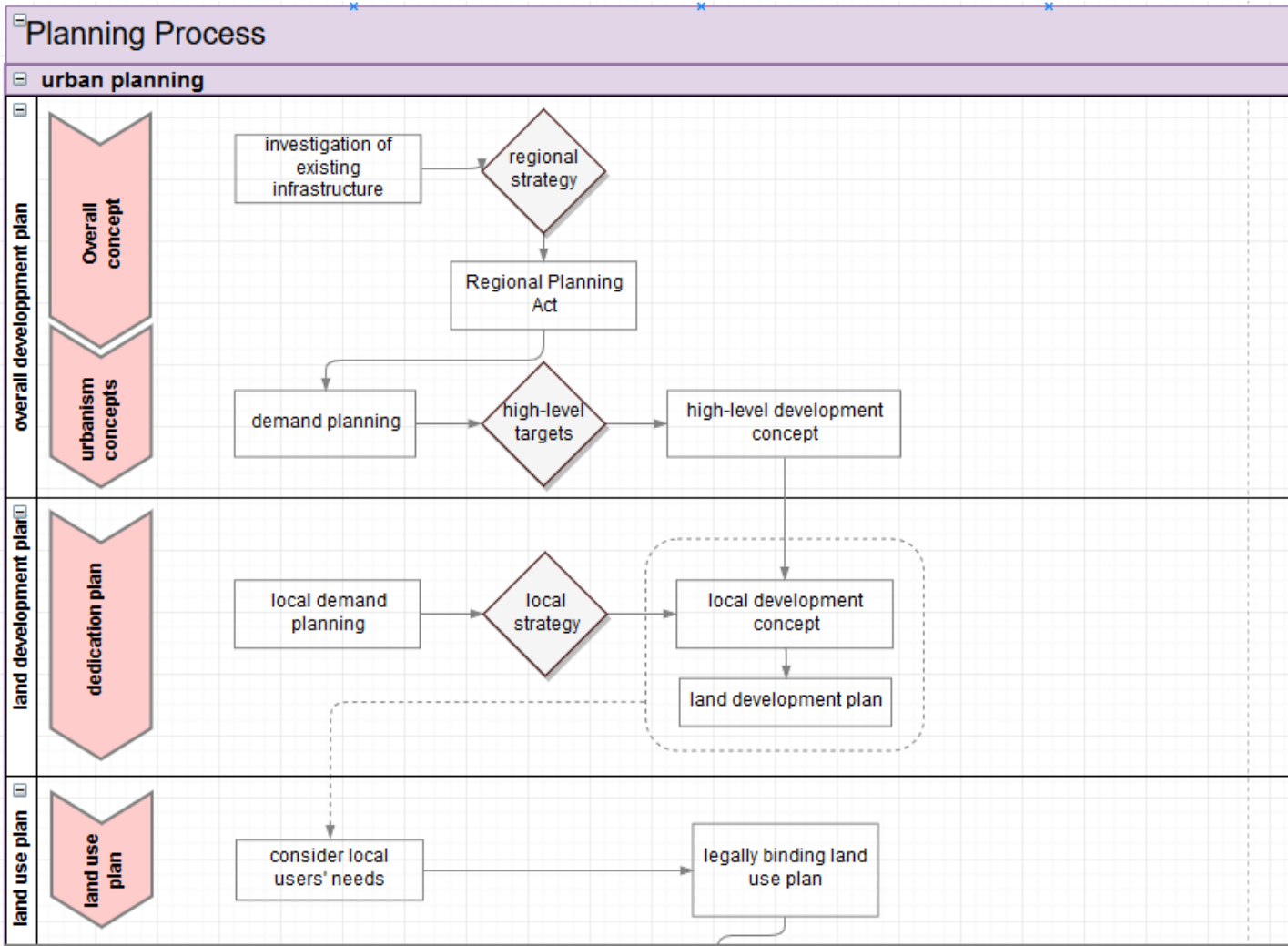
POWER:

- Connected to power grid





# Process Design of Energy Master Planning in Austria



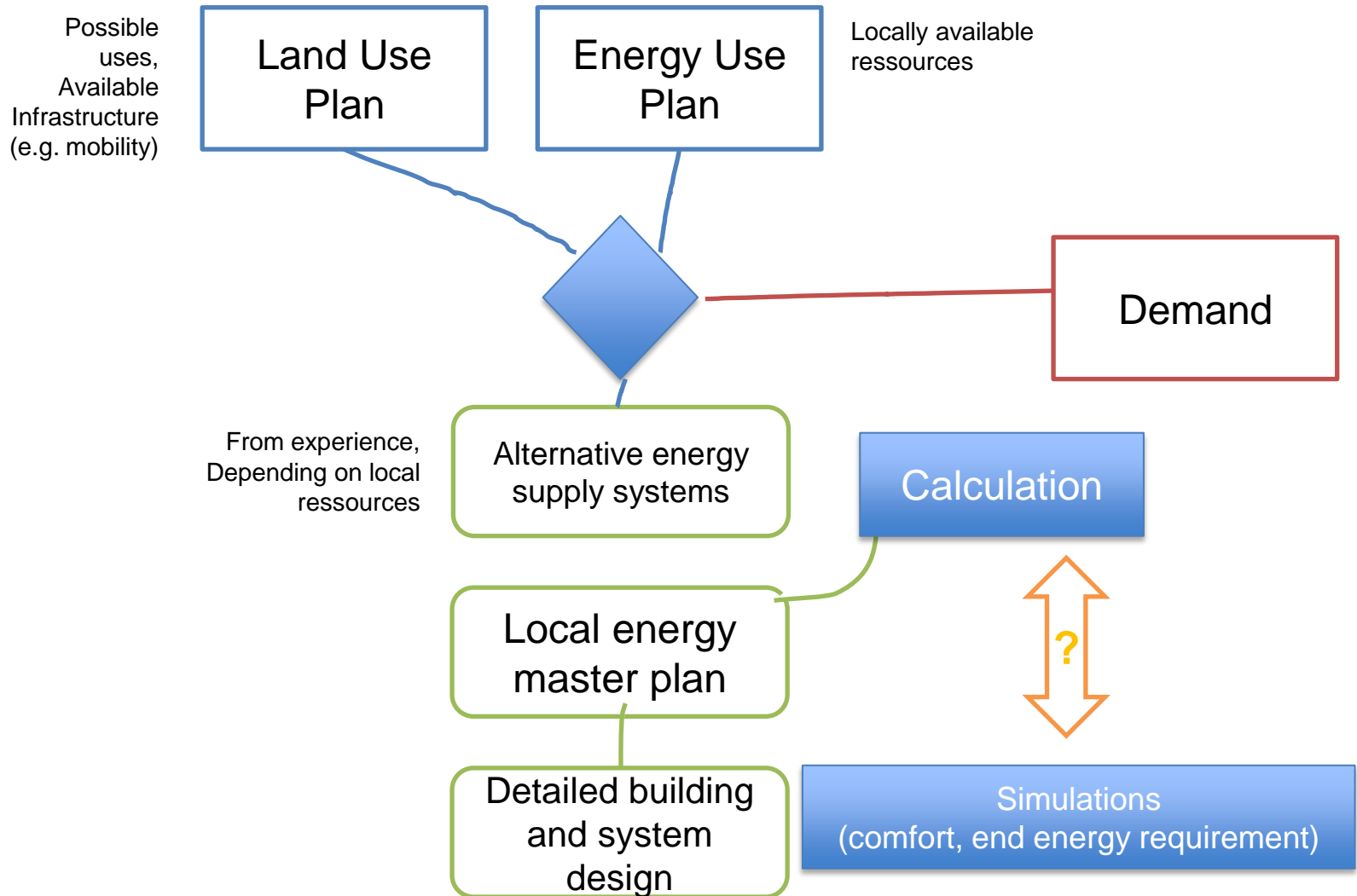
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Energy Use Planning

- Priority areas
- Priority energy supply system

Source: CraveZero

# Process design



# Example: Salzburg Lehen



## Example Salzburg-Lehen: Low-temperature SDH grid

Solar thermal system connected to a low-temperature heating network supplying around 68,000m<sup>2</sup> of heated floor area

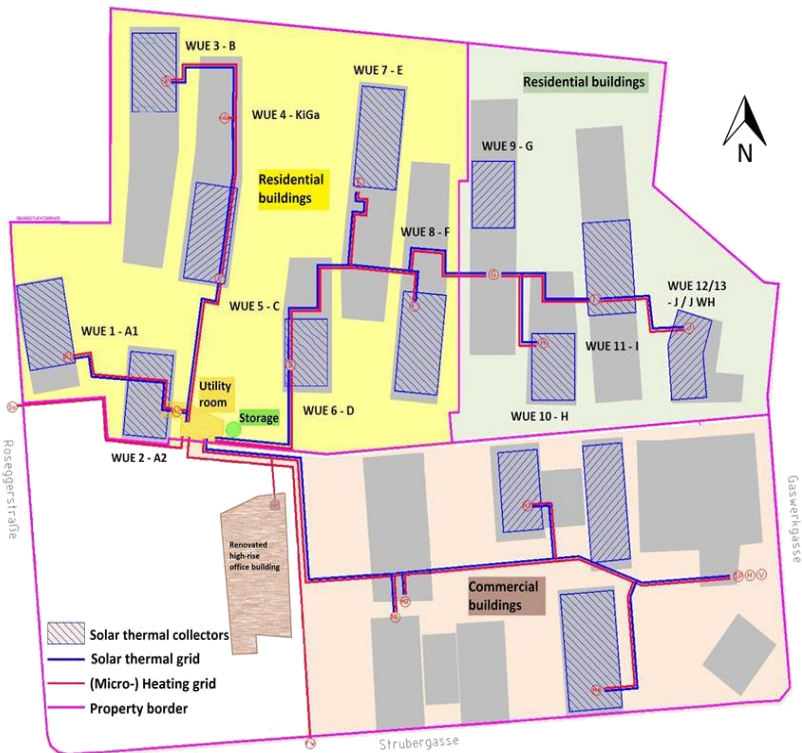
2,048m<sup>2</sup><sub>gross</sub> flat plate collector field (mounted on 13 separate roofs)

200 m<sup>3</sup> energy storage

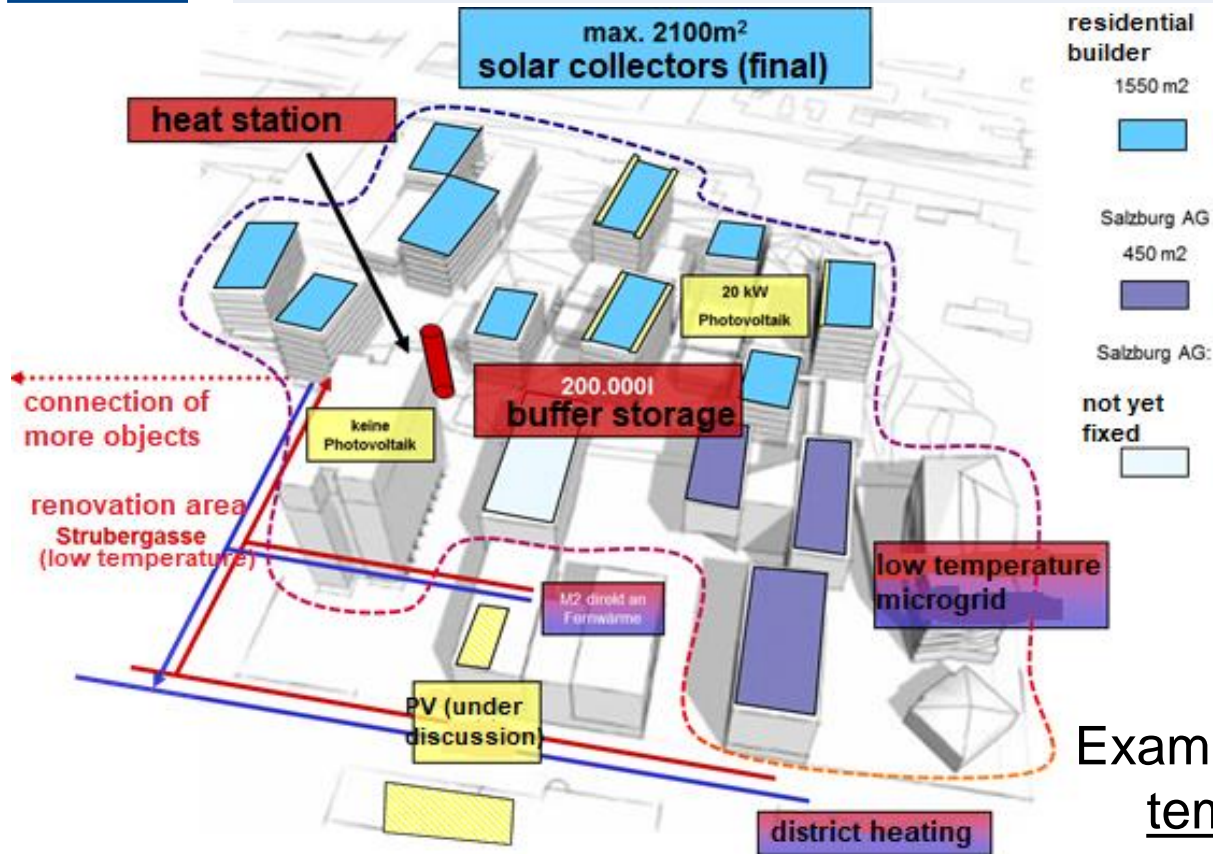
Auxiliary heating: storage integrated HP (160 kW<sub>th</sub>) + district heating

DH supply temperatures: 65/35

Monitoring: 07/2013 – 06/2014



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## TOP DOWN:

- Communities define energy and emission strategies
- Development of a common procedure for land use and energy planning
- Energy planning to accompany land use planning

## BOTTOM UP:

- Provide information on local energy supply system
- Potential for renewable energies
- Cooperation with neighbours

# Conclusion and Outlook

- TOP DOWN:

- Communities define energy and emission strategies
- Development of a common procedure for land use and energy planning
- Energy planning to accompany land use planning



Data acquisition (consumption, return temperature)

Data exchange (GIS, BIM, ...)

System optimisation (buildings and energy systems)

Steering measures

- BOTTOM UP:

- Provide information on local energy supply system
- Potential for renewable energies
- Cooperation with neighbours

An aerial photograph of a modern building complex. The buildings feature large glass facades and are surrounded by a paved courtyard and a road. A prominent feature is a large array of solar panels mounted on a structure in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue. In the top left corner, there is a yellow vertical bar with a dark blue curved bottom section containing the text 'AEE INTEC'. Below this, a white horizontal bar contains the text 'IDEA TO ACTION'.

**AEE INTEC**

**IDEA TO ACTION**

**Thank you  
for your Attention**

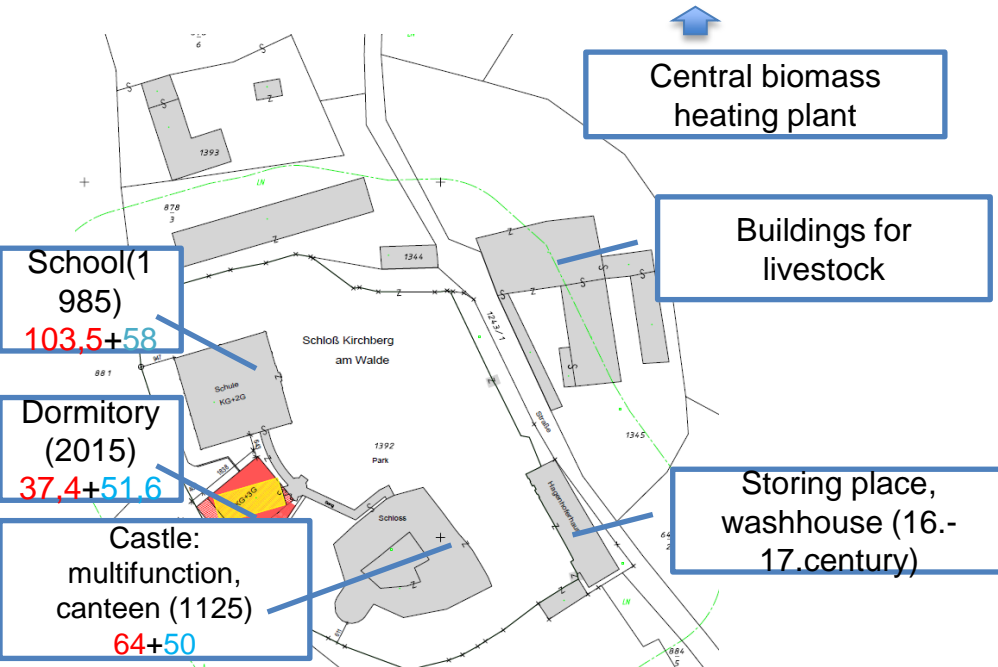
# Kirchberg am Walde: Partial Renovation of a rural school

## Starting point:

- Agricultural and forestry school in Upper Styria
- >7680 m<sup>2</sup> - 36 apartments
- Dormitory, canteen, school building

## Driving Forces:

- Bad comfort and need for more space
- Need for good publicity (to have enough pupils)



Aim: Rebuilding of the dormitory house, thermal renovation of all buildings, where possible

Heat + DHW consumption  
BEFORE : xxx kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a  
AFTER: 14,4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a



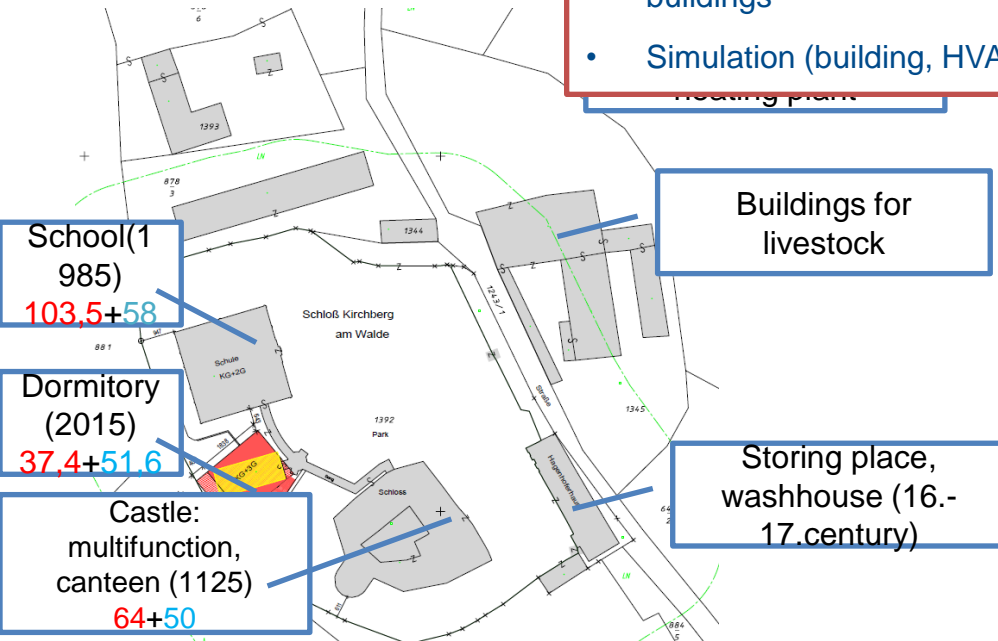
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## Innovative technical solutions:

- Rebuilding the dormitory
- Careful renovation of historic monuments

## Tools:

- Baseline Study
- Calculation/Measurement of Energy consumption of single buildings
- Simulation (building, HVAC)



## Funding:

- Public funding
- Income via PV feed in

- No optimization of heat network
- Single building approach