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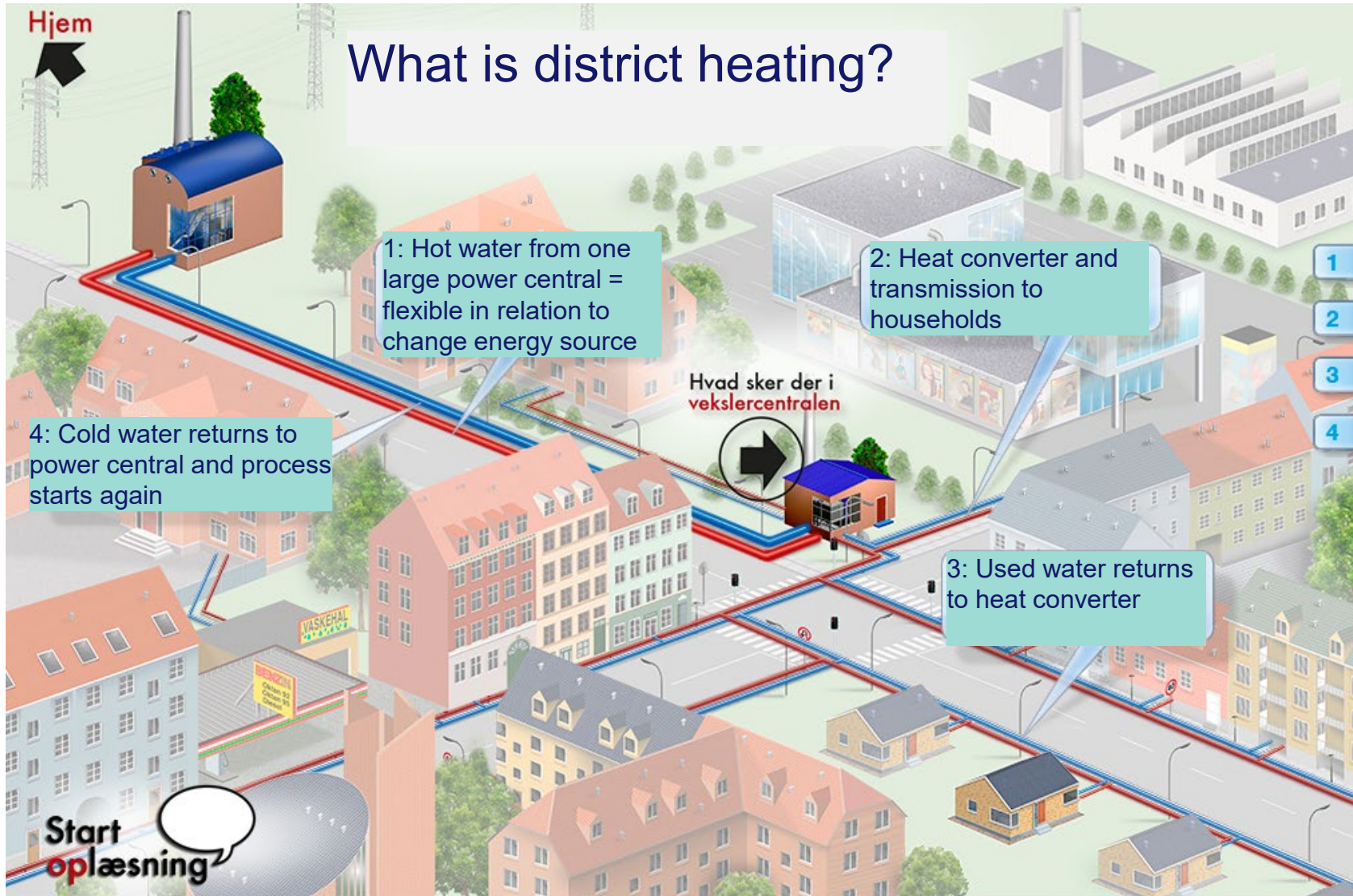
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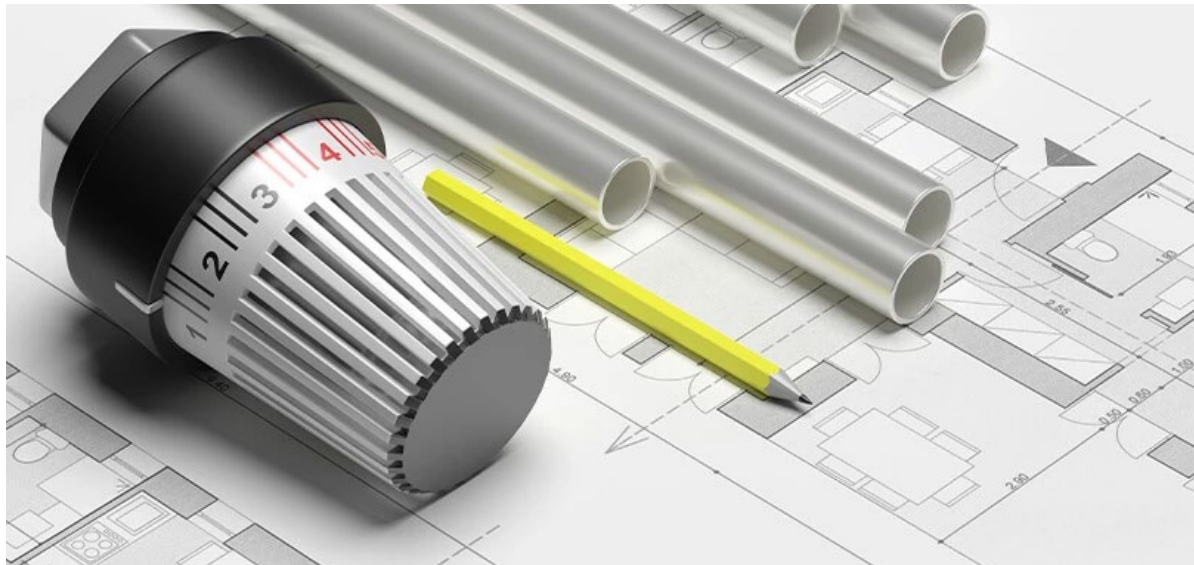
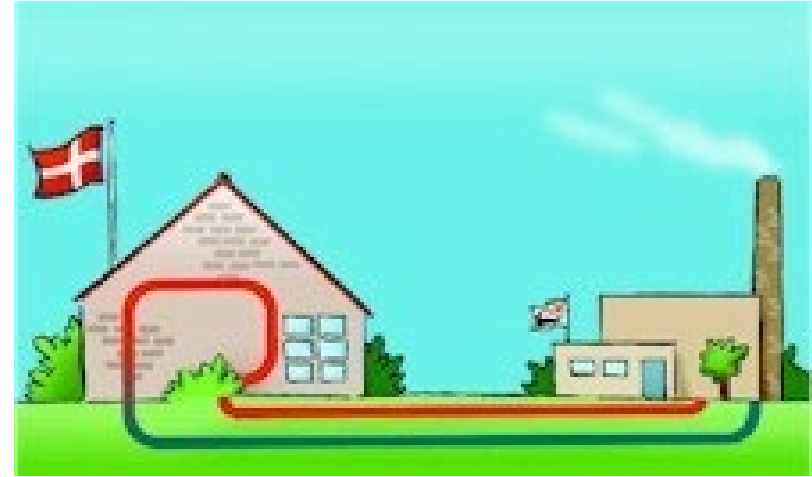




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# District heating in Denmark

- 65% of all houses in Denmark are connected to district heating. Some cities have 100 % depending on demography
- District heating began in large-scale during the oil-crisis in the 1970s
- Industrial symbiosis since early 1990s
- 72 % of district heating is produced from renewables
- 410.000 households still depend on natural gas
- District heating needs a number of houses/customers to be financial sustainable



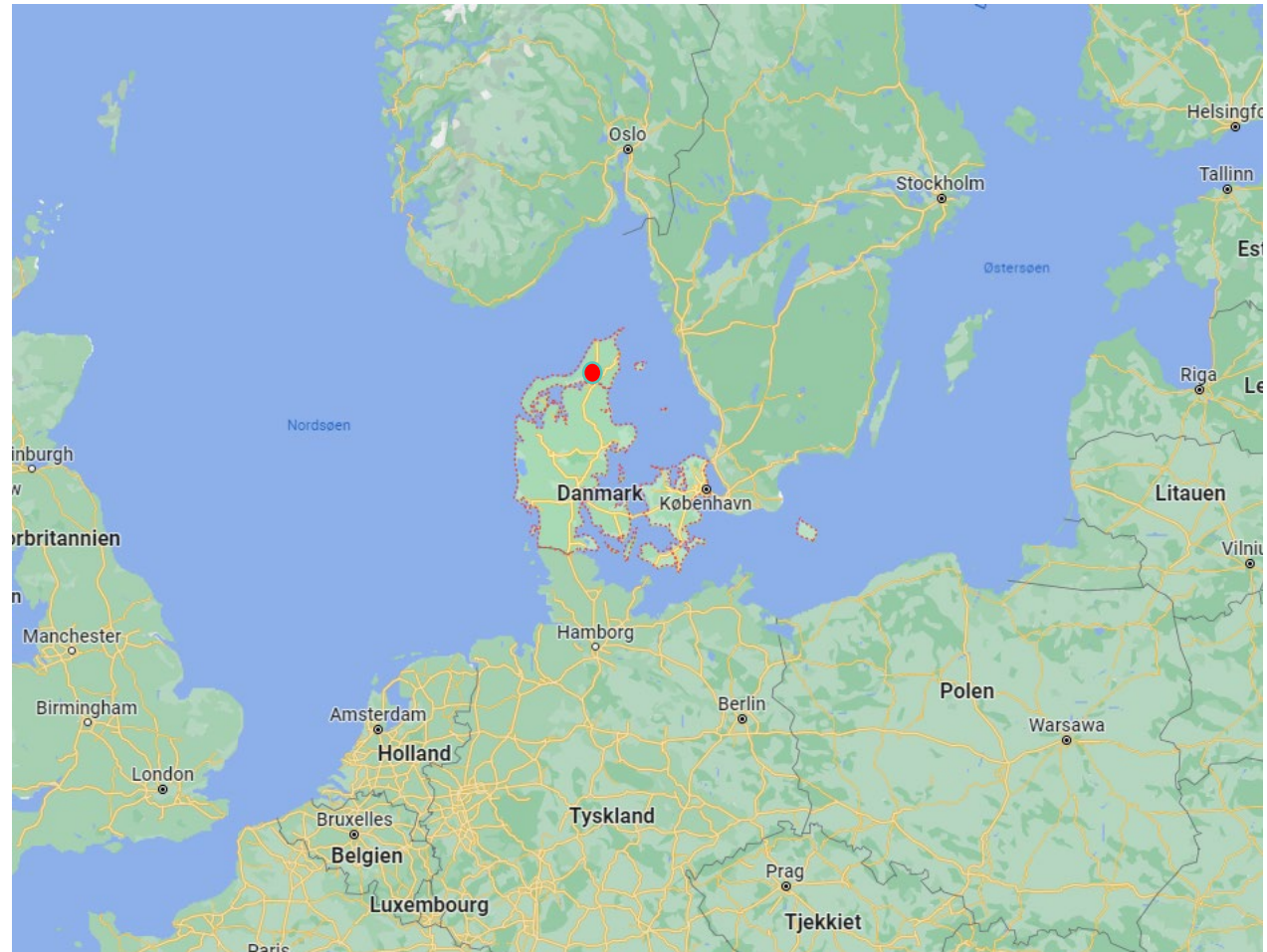
- Energy mix is waste, biomass, wind, solar power, geothermal power, natural gas, oil, coal and surplus heat from industry
- 60.000 km of pipes
- The 'district heating law': All district heating companies are obliged to invest profit in energy efficiency, convert to renewables and/or lower the prices for the consumers

# Where are we?

North Denmark Region

600.000 people

Largest city Aalborg: 130.000 people



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# The INDDHEAT project

INDDHEAT stands for “Improving renewable energy and energy efficiency in North Denmark District HEATING

2,8 million € in funds from European Investment Bank for green transition of district heating in North Denmark

The project contributes to more than €130 million in local investments

More than 40.000 tons of CO2 reduction

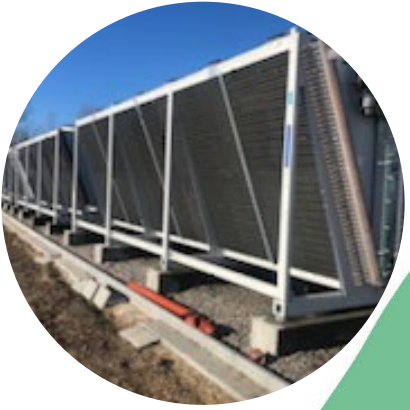
16 projects and 11 partners all over North Denmark

Project period 1. July 2018 to 31 December 2021

iNDDHEAT

# iNDD EAT

- Heat pump
- Renovation of distribution grid
- Expansion of distribution grid
- District cooling
- Heat storage facilities
- Transmission grid
- Electrical boiler



# The INDDHEAT project

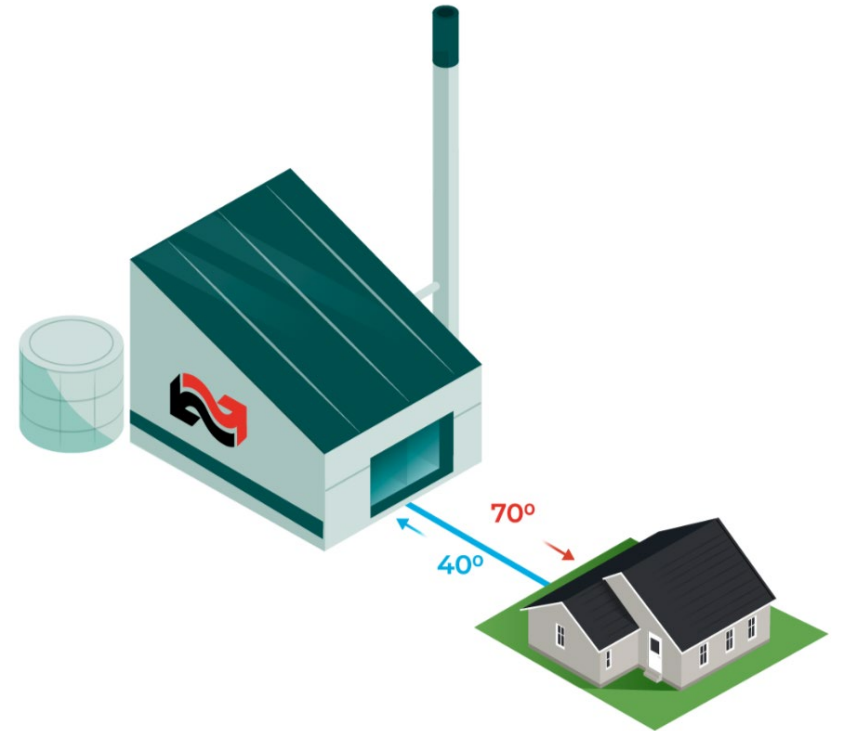
## Main results 1/2

2,8 million € in support from EIB has contributed to more than €130 million in local investments

Investments in local challenges like

- Master planning/strategy
- Heat pumps,
- Renovation of distribution grid
- Expansion of distribution grid
- District cooling
- Heat storage facilities
- Transmission grid
- Electrical boilers

More than 500 local jobs created/supported in the project phase



# The INDDHEAT project

## Main results 2/2

Significantly increased efficiency in energy production = stable price for consumers

Spin-offs initiatives and knowledge sharing between project partners = new projects and collaboration

District cooling identified as new business area at Aalborg Utility – approved by EIB



Courtesy of Brønderslev Utility



# District heating in the future?

Collaboration between municipalities due to high gas prices.  
Cooling as a larger business area (primarily around larger cities)  
Triple-helix cooperation (public sector, private sector and academia)  
Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage + Transport, CCUS+T  
Power-to-X projects  
Biogas +30 new plants in the next 5 years

Aalborg Portland symbioses



Reno Nord, incineration plant



Green Gas Vraa



# Smart district heating – 2030 vision for North Denmark

## Objective

- Sustainable energy production, 100 % fossil-free power plants
- Energy efficiency
- Customer and service orientated
- Low temperature DH
- 100% digitalisation of value chain
- Sector coupling with industry,
  - electrical production
  - agricultural sector
  - waste- and water sector

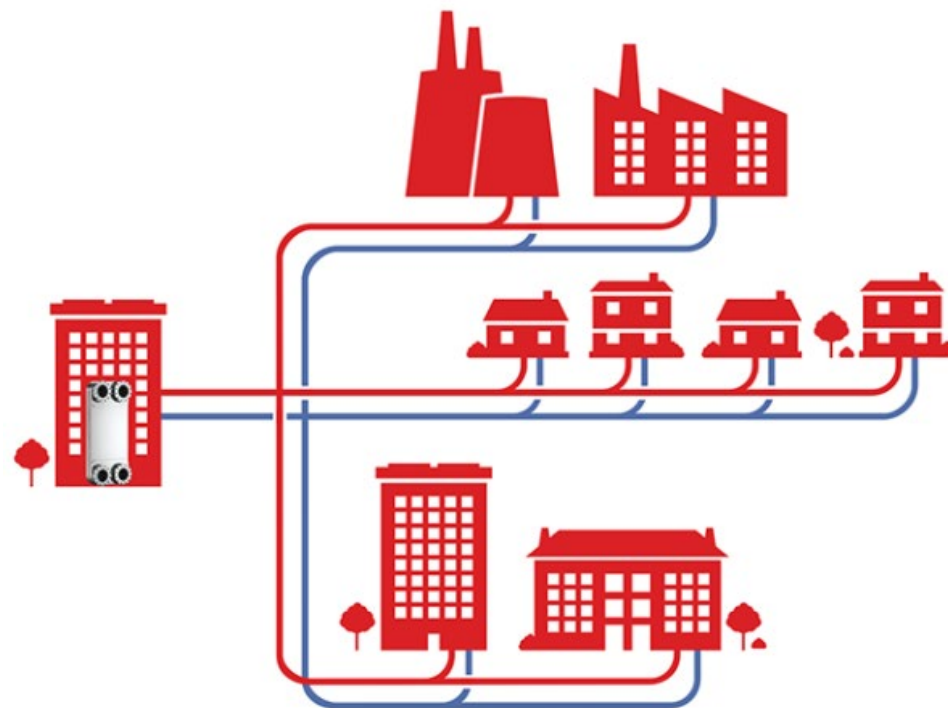
## Partners

District heating companies

Municipalities and regions

Private sector

Universities and knowledge institutions



Courtesy of SWEP



**Thank you for your attention**



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Thorkil Neergaard, CEO at Brønderslev Forsyning A/S, Denmark

*INNOVATIVE CO-GENERATION OF DISTRICT  
HEATING AND POWER BASED ON SUSTAINABLE  
RESOURCES*



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# Short facts about Brønderslev Utility Ltd.



- ▶ 100% Owned by the Municipality
- ▶ Founded as LTD-Company in 2007
- ▶ 34 Employees
- ▶ Turnover: 22 Mio. €
- ▶ Non-profit business model

## Working areas:

District Heating

5.000 households

Water Supply

6.500 households

Waste Water Handling

15.000 households

# Main Business Challenges



Benchmarking  
and legal  
regulation



More  
challenging  
customers &  
owners



Sustainable  
development  
& climate  
change

Doing More for Less

# INDDHEAT: Masterplan - Aims for 2030



- ▶ 100% sustainable production
- ▶ Lowering DH-temperatures (60°/30°)
- ▶ More digitization
- ▶ Remote management of consumers DH-units
- ▶ More energy savings esp. in the network
- ▶ Less losses of water in Network
- ▶ SDG7 – a part of the strategy



# The Big Picture

- **2014** : Remote-readable heat meters installed
- **2015 - >** : Overall production strategy with new sustainable district heating production established and new BIO-CSP-ORC plant subsequently established.
- **2015-19**: Focus on "bad coolers" with less than 25°C cooling -> we got lowered T-Return by 5-6°C.
- **2019-22**: INDDHEAT-project:
  - A new Master Plan:
    - Production optimization (continued lowering of forward and return temperature)
    - Analysis of future distribution area and sections
    - Renovation of pipes energy optimization
    - Strategy for placing peak load and emergency production
    - Consumer installations and behavior
- **2019-22**: HEATMAN project: "Digitalization of district heating "
- **2020**: New consumer-App introduced
- **2021**: Motivation tariff for billing of district heating introduced (30°C limit)







# Main Productions units

New units in **Red**

## Combined Heat and Power Units:

- ▶ 7 Gas Engines (natural gas), Total 22,8 MW<sup>power</sup> and 30 MW<sup>heat</sup>
- ▶ 1 ORC-unit, 4 MW<sup>power</sup> and 16 MW<sup>heat</sup>

## Only Heat Production Units:

- ▶ 2 Gasboilers, 34,8 MW<sup>heat</sup>
- ▶ 1 Electrical Boiler, 20 MW<sup>heat</sup>
- ▶ 3 Heat Pumps for cooling of flue gas, 2 MW<sup>heat</sup>
- ▶ 1 CSP Plant, 17 MW<sup>heat</sup> (peak)

## PV-Plant:

- ▶ 400 kWp power installed (+ new plant decided)

# New sustainable production concept 2017



5 km parabolic sun troughs ("CSP")  
Peak effekt: 16.6 MWh



2 Biomass boilers a 10 MWh



1 Powerproducing  
ORC-turbine (4 MW-el)



3 Heatpumps

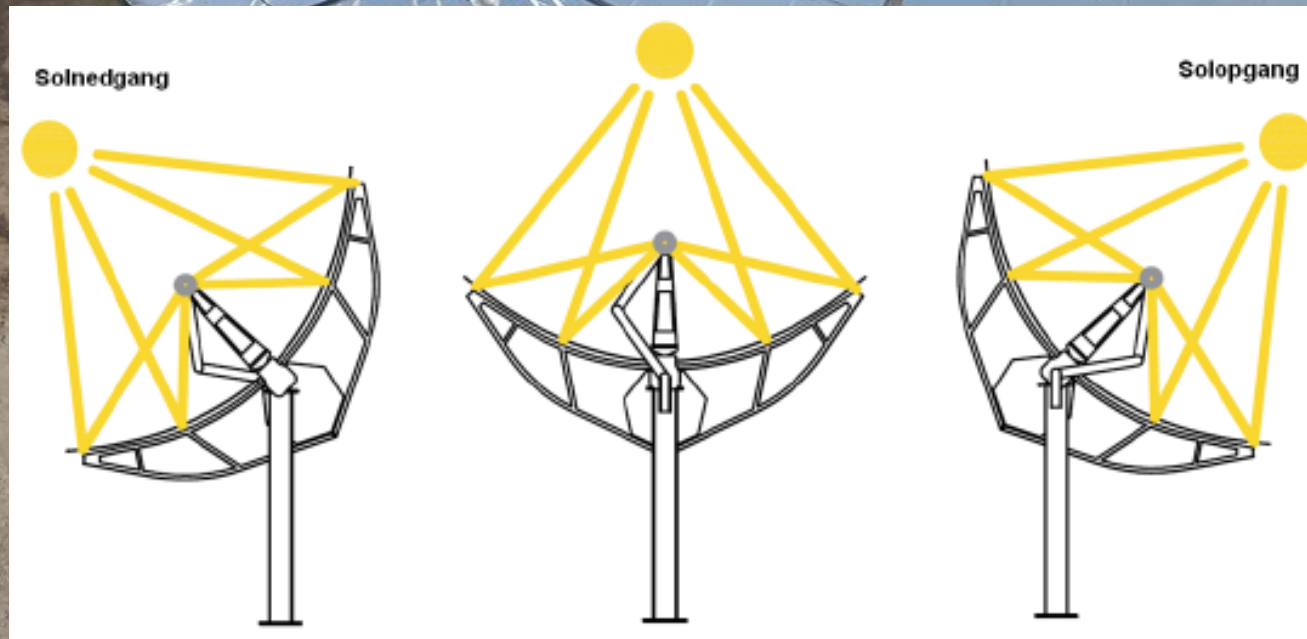
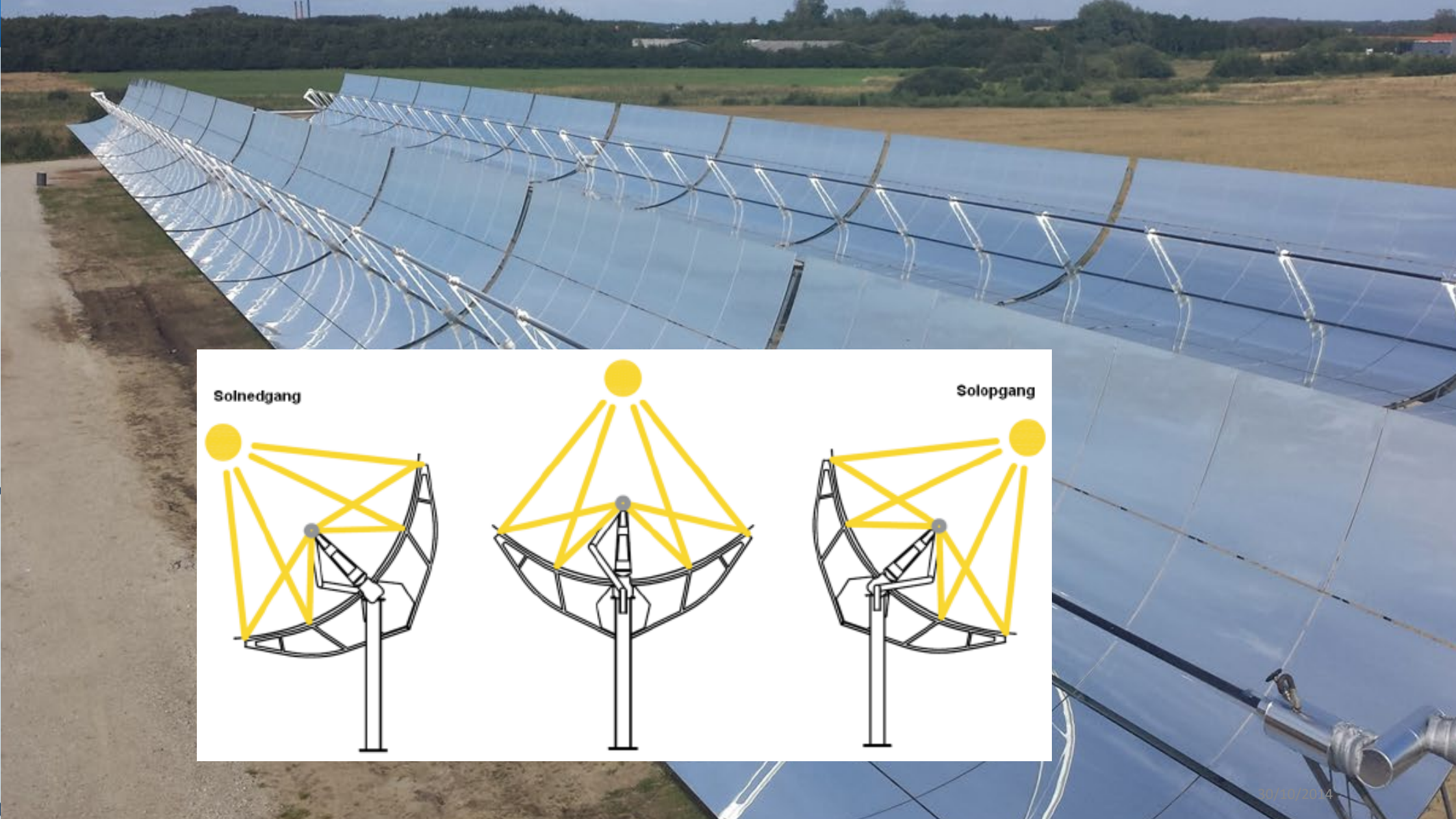
# Biomass plant

- Two independent lines for flexibility





# CSP Plant (Concentrated Solar Power)



# From 2022: A new PV-solar plant is added



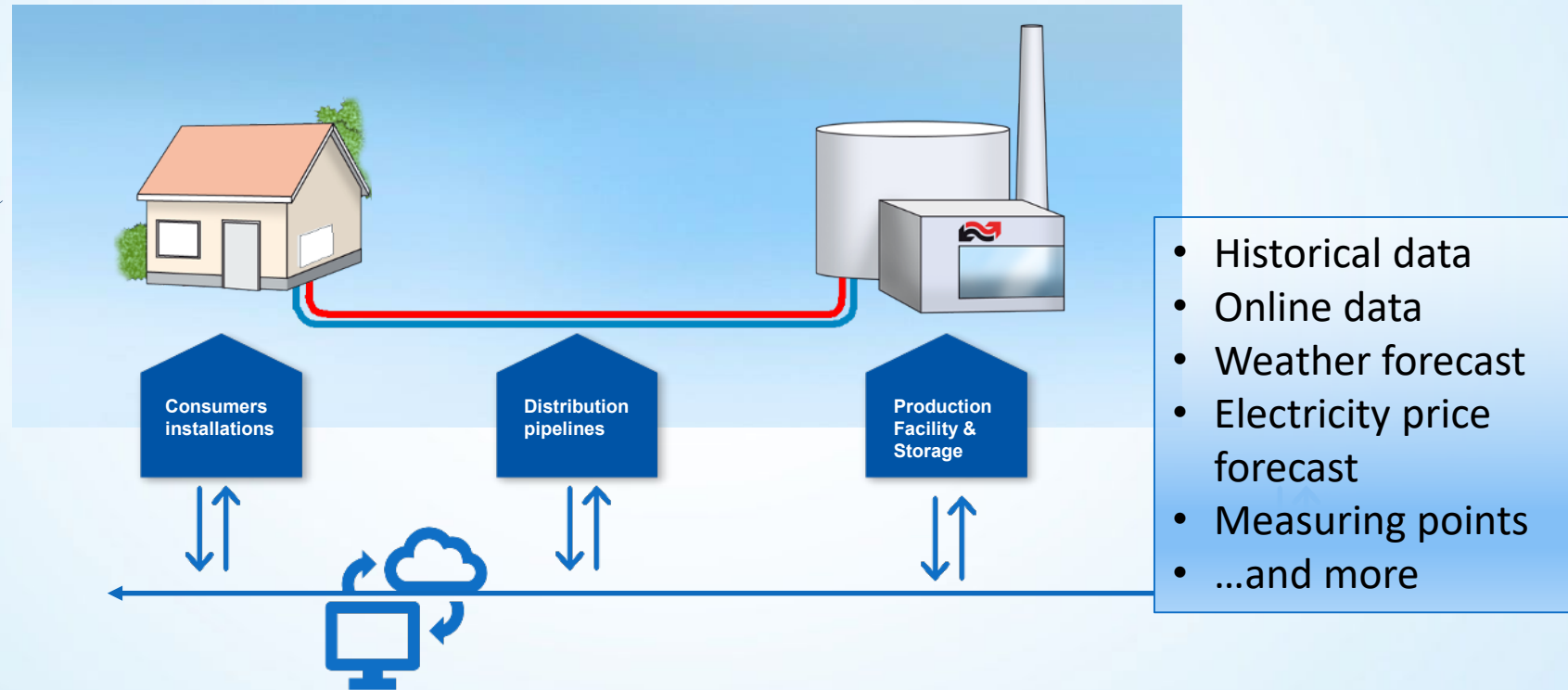
# SMART District Heating:

- ▶ New, sustainable concept: BIO-CSP-ORC
- ▶ "120 pct. Energi-efficiency"
- ▶ Production integreted with Power-grid (In/Out)
- ▶ Smart meters
  - ▶ Leakage Monitoring
  - ▶ Focus at high Cooling (delta T)
- ▶ Optimisation of Forward and Return Temperatures in Network
- ▶ High degree of interaction with Consumers

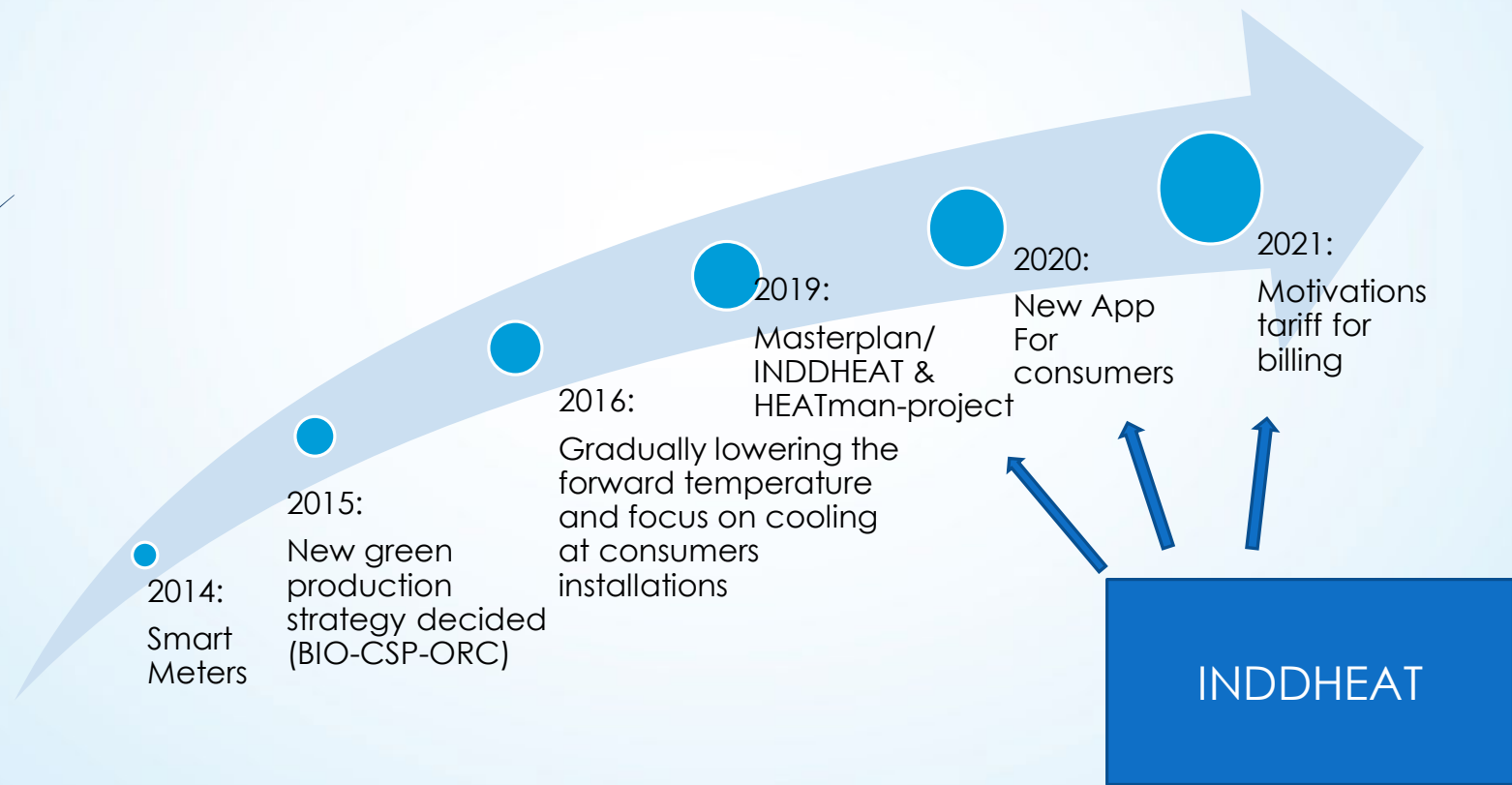




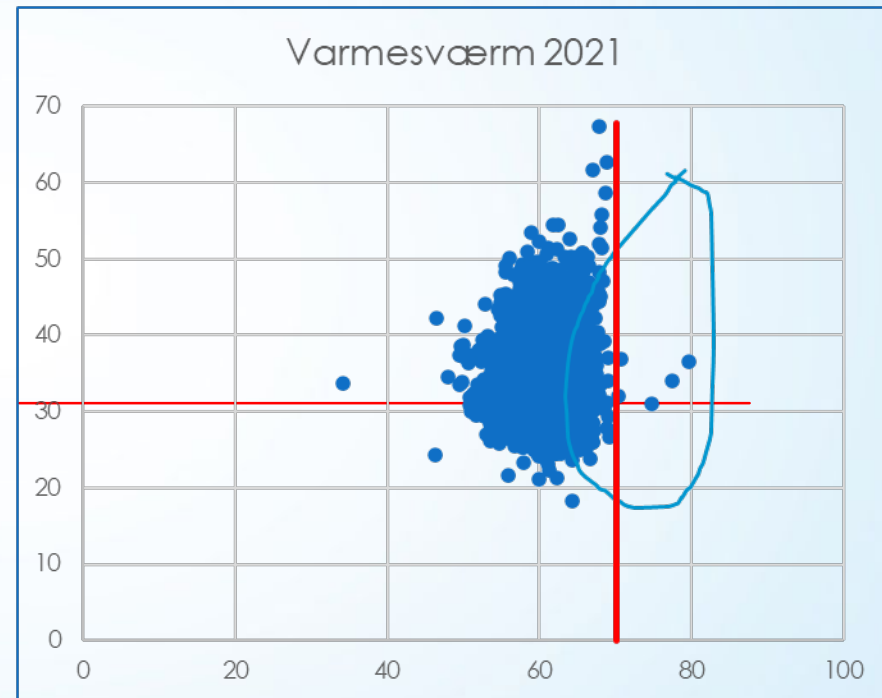
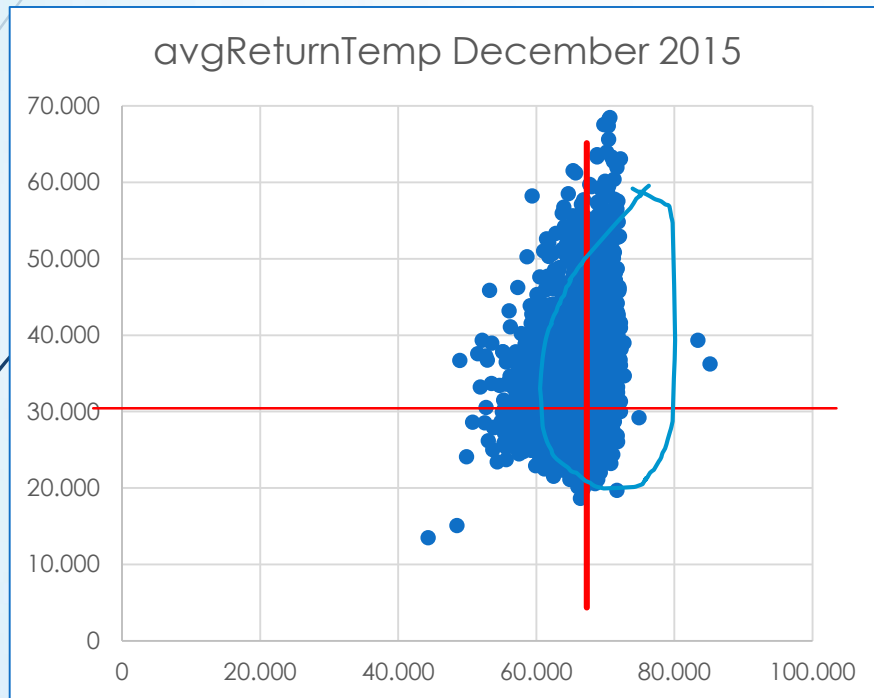
## The Digital District Heating



## Digitalization of Brønderslev District Heating - an ongoing journey



# "Heatswarm" december 2015 vs. december 2021



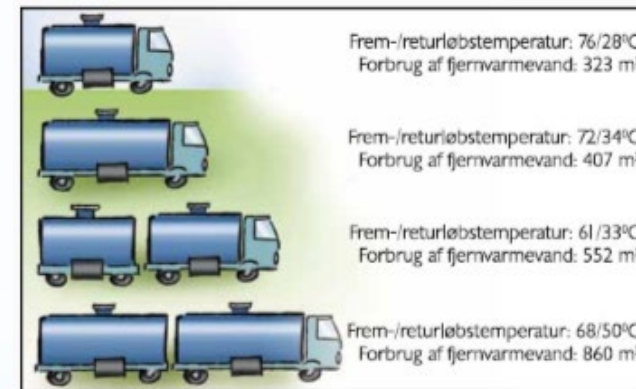
Source: Measured from Smart Meters

## Better cooling of the water in the district heating system

### Focus from 2015 -> :

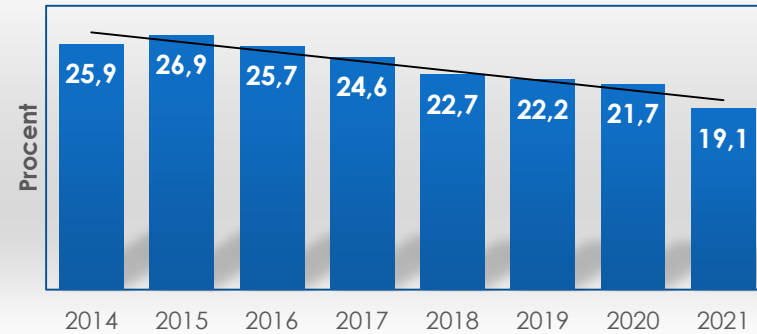
Lowering the average return temperature 5°C has reduced the running costs by DKK 2 million kr. = Each consumer saves 500 kroner a year.

## Old knowledge...but..

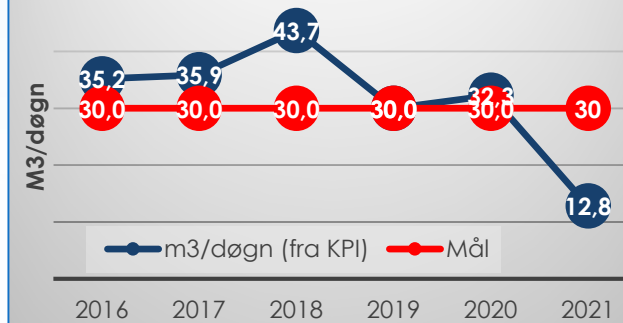


## Other results

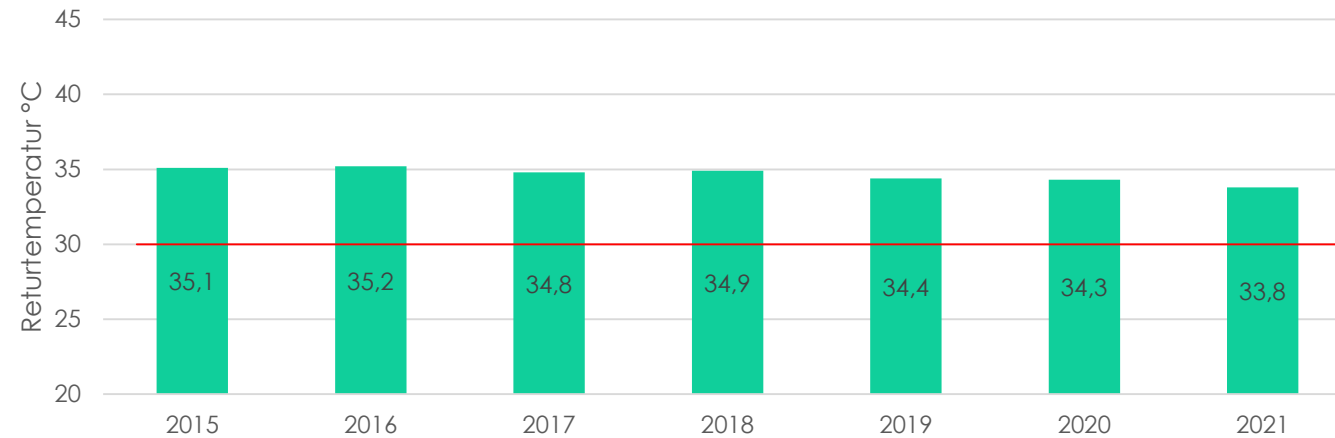
### Lowering energy loss in distribution network

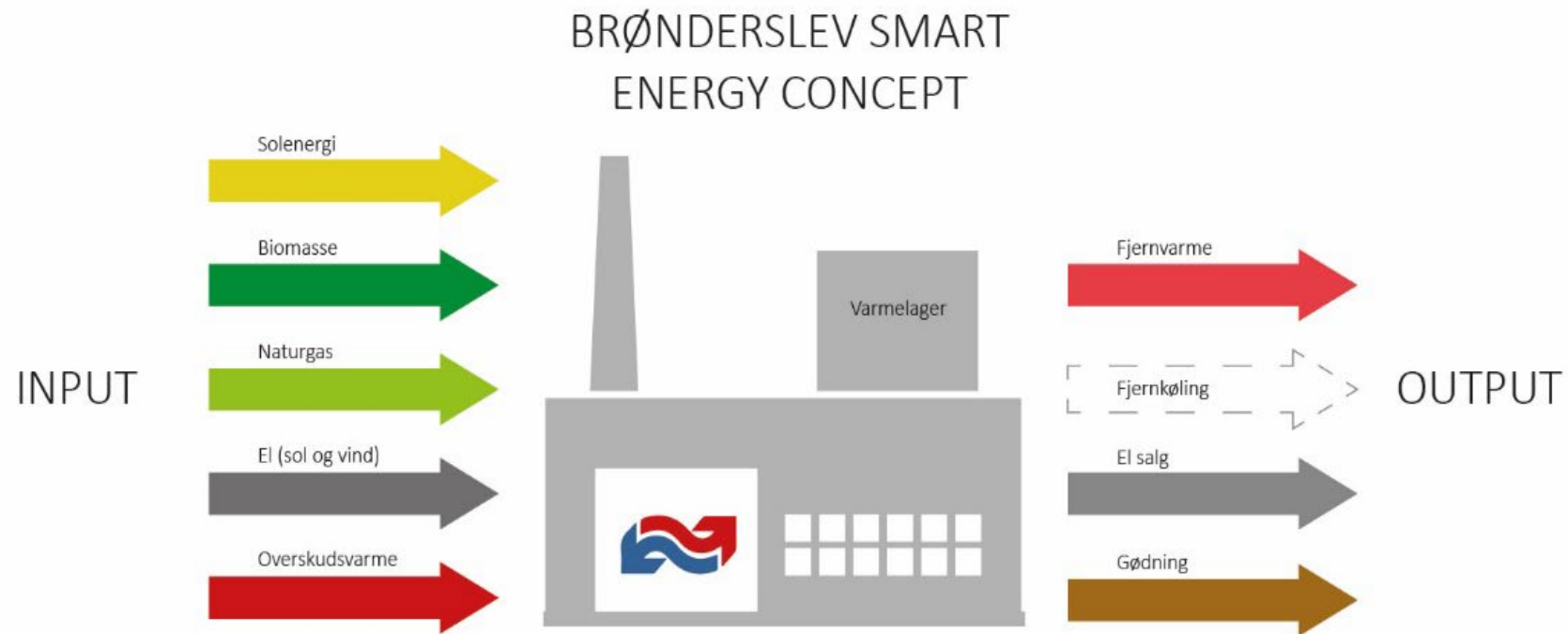


### Lowering water-loss in distribution network



### Avg. Return-temperature in network (Cooling index aim: = 30 °C)





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# Thank you!



# We are here:

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