Special Issue

District Heating and Cooling Networks

Message from the Guest Editors

Yearly, conventional thermal generating plants reject a large amount of energy. If this rejected heat were to be used through district heating networks, given a previous energy valorisation, there would be a noticeable decrease in imported fossil fuels for heating. As a consequence, benefits in the form of an increase in energy efficiency, an improvement in energy security, and a minimisation of emitted greenhouse gases would occur.

Due to its cost competitiveness, its flexibility in terms of its ability to use renewable energy resources and fossil fuels, and the fact that, in some cases, losses to a country/region's energy balance can be easily integrated into district heating networks, if appropriate measures were proposed, district heating and cooling networks and cogeneration could become a key element for a future with greater energy security, while being more sustainable.

This Special Issue, therefore, seeks to propose an energy strategy for a number of cities/regions/countries, by proposing appropriate measures supported by detailed case studies.

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