## **The Aarhus Case**

Cutting Carbon Emissions in Half with District Energy





The Role of District Heating in District Energy

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## **ABOUT AARHUS**



- 340,000 inhabitants.
- Fastest growing city in Denmark.
- 1.5% increase in inhabitants per year.



## **DANISH DISTRICT HEATING**

- 430 district heating companies.
- Owned by the consumers or municipalities.
- Non-profit economy.
- 65% of all houses in Denmark are heated by district heating.
- 60,000 km. -> 37.300 miles of district heating pipes.
- Employments in the sector:
  - Direct: 1,700 persons at plants and district heating companies.
  - Indirect: 21,700 persons at suppliers, contractors etc.



## **DANISH DISTRICT HEATING**

- Average single family house.
  - 19 MWh heat consumption per year = 64.83 mmBTU/yr
  - 130 m<sup>2</sup> ~ 1400 ff<sup>2</sup>.
  - DKK 14,000 per year (EUR 1,900)(USD 2,100) same MWh price for all costumers private and industry.
  - Typically cheaper than individual oil or gas heating.



## NATIONAL POLITICAL TARGETS

- The national energy agreement from 2012:
  - No heat production from fossil fuels in 2030.
  - All electricity and heat based on renewable energy in 2035.
  - The entire energy supply in DK based on renewable energy in 2050.
- Denmark as a showroom for green technologies and knowhow.
- Apply taxes as means to achieve the climate goals.

### **ABOUT AffaldVarme Aarhus**

- The waste and district heating department in Aarhus.
- Annual turnover approx. DKK 3.0 billion (USD 450 mill.).
- 400 employees.
- Non-profit company.
- Tariff financed.
- Politically controlled, owned by the City of Aarhus.
- The City Council in Aarhus is our "board".





## LOCAL POLITICAL TERMS

#### The City Council approves

- Budgets.
- New investments.
- Tariffs.
- Technical terms of district heating (temperature, payment etc.).

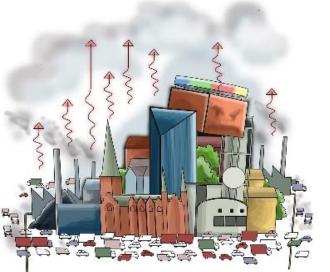


#### **AARHUS TARGETS**

In 2009 the City Council signed a declaration of intent:

# Aarhus as a CO2-neutral city in 2030

The beginning of a green transformation of Aarhus









## **CLIMATE HEAT PLAN 2010**



A strategic plan for development of district heating towards 2030

#### Focus

- Security of supply.
- Less CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Energy efficiency.
- Less fuel (also regarding biomass).
- Sustainable energy.
- Integration with the power market.



## **CLIMATE PLAN 2016-2020**



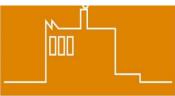
#### 6 focus areas





Energy

Transportation



Industry



Our workplace



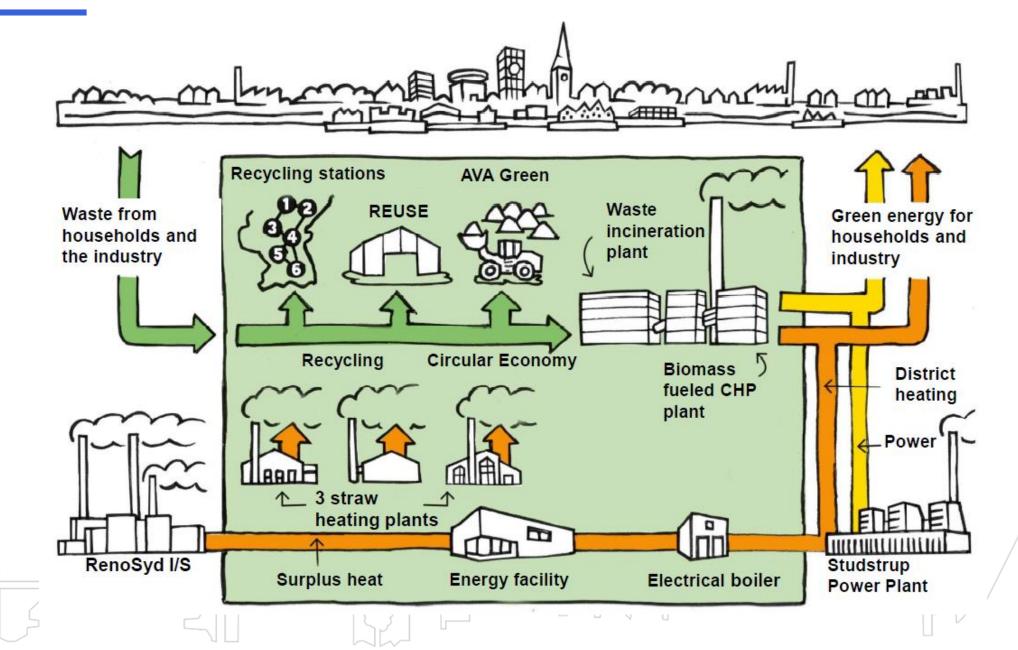
Buildings



Local engagement and growth

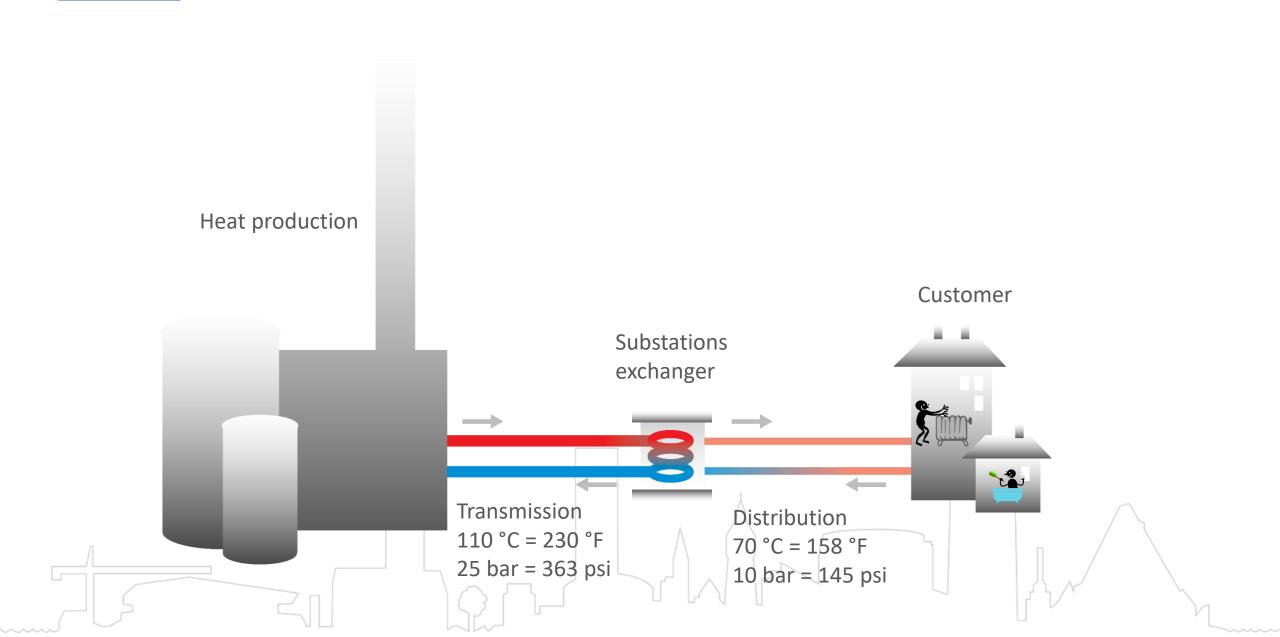


#### **AffaldVarme Aarhus**





### **TWO SEPERATE PIPE SYSTEMS**



## **CO<sub>2</sub> NEUTRAL HEAT SINCE 2017**

Supply 3,100 GWh = 10,6 billion BTU heat from 4 main production sites.

50% Wood pellets (CHP).

25% Waste (incineration plants).

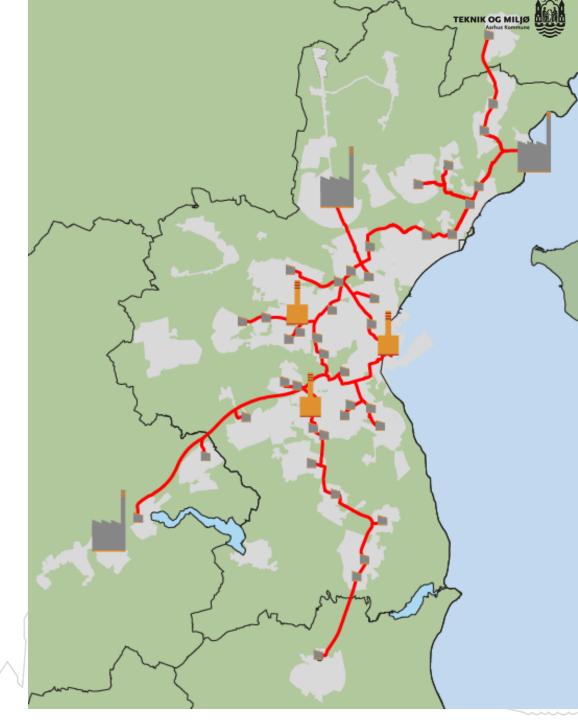
20% Straw (CHP).

3% Surplus heat (heat pumps).

1% Electricity (heated boiler).

<1% Biogas.

<1% Oil.



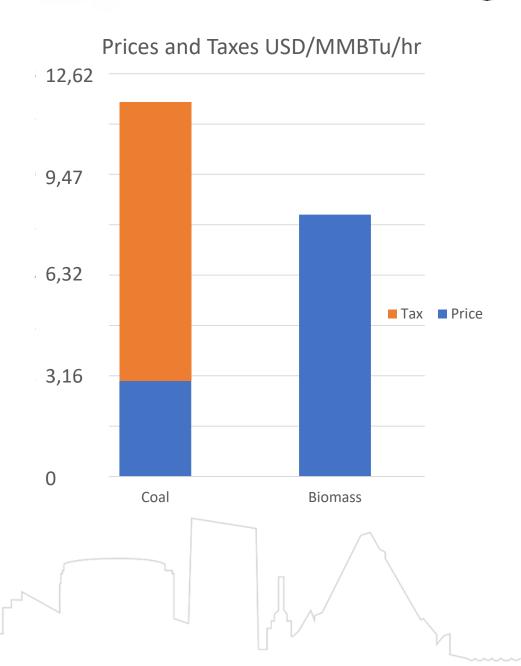
## THE ROAD TO CO2 NEUTRALITY



Investment for DKK 1,8 billion (USD 270 mill.)

- Electric heated boiler (80 MW->273 MMBTu).
- The CHP plant converted from coal to wood pellets (540 MW-> 1840 MMBTu).
- New CHP plant on straw and wood chips (80 MW-> 273 MMBTu).
- Heat pump based on sea water (2 + 12 MW->7+41 MMBTu).

Without increasing the price for our customers.



## **GEOTHERMAL ENERGY – NEW PROJECT**

Investigate the potential with MAERSK (A.P. Møller Holding).

The concept is at Power-Purchase-Agreement.

A.P. Møller Holding takes the geological risk.

Danish city Aarhus and A.P. Moller Holding plan geothermal district heating project



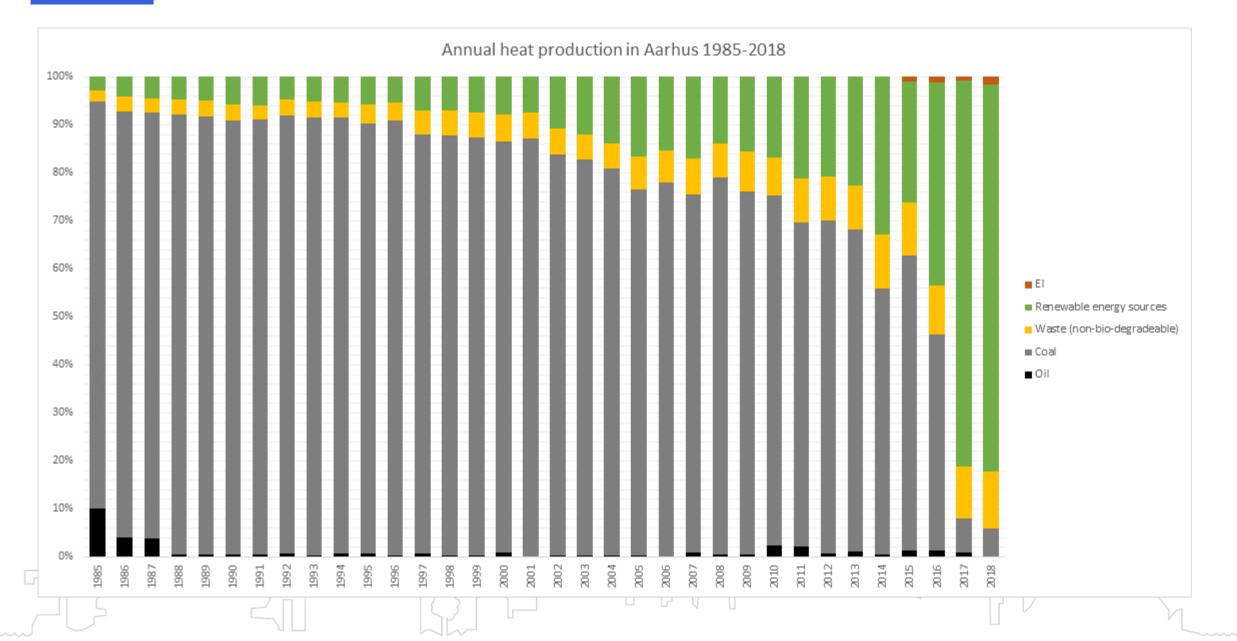
City view over Aarhus, Denmark (source: flickr/ User:Colin, creative commons)



The municipality of Aarhus in Denmark and A.P. Moller Holding are preparing for a largescale geothermal district heating system project in Denmark.

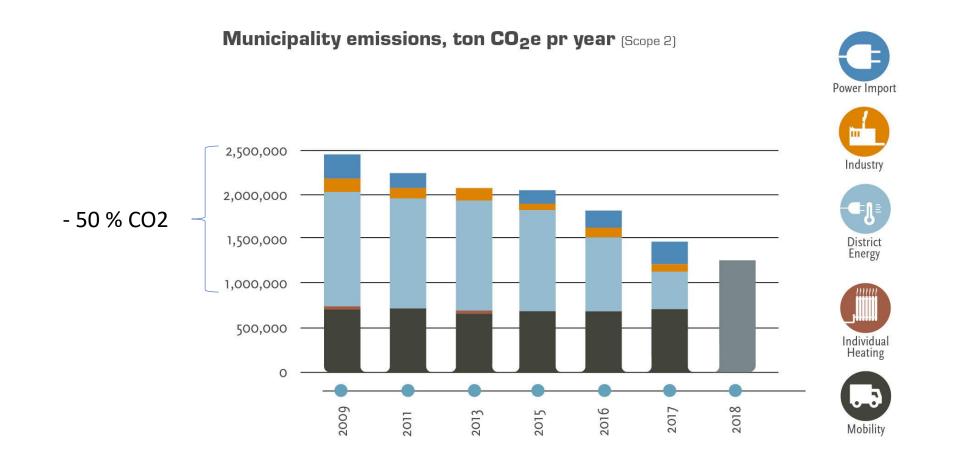


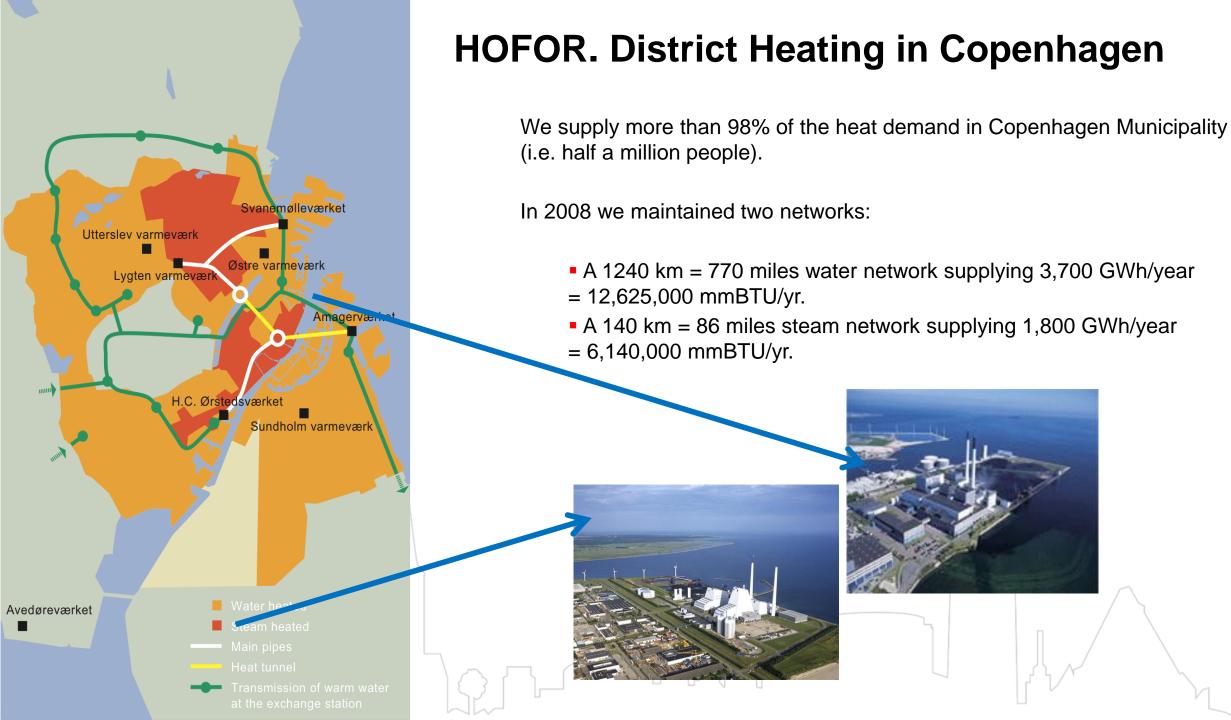
## **HEAT PRODUCTION IN AARHUS**





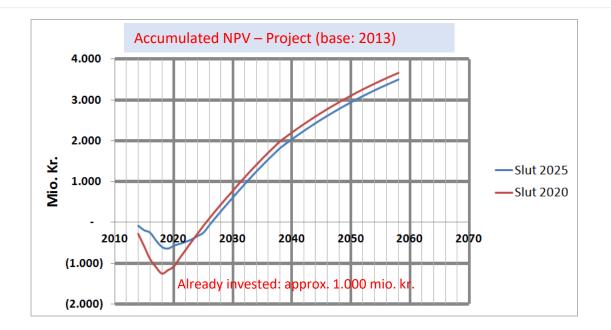
## **CUTTING EMISSIONS IN HALF IN JUST 10 YEARS**





## **Steam conversion – Why?**

- Underlines HOFOR-Strategy
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction
  - Reliability
  - Costumer costs reduction
  - BIO4
- Business Case very good (NPV)
  - Accumulated NPV by 2040: approx. DKK 2 billion.
  - Investments (2008-2021): approx. DKK 2.2 billion.
  - Completing by 2021 instead of 2025: plus DKK 200 mill.
  - 4% reduction in heat price for a period of 25 years



- NPV/INV: Approx. 2 (year: 2040)
- ▶ IRR: approx. 9%
- Discount rate: 4.5%

## Assumptions – from steam to hot water

- Project period 2009-2021.
- Investments, total: EUR 260 mill = USD 293 mill.
- Distribution heat loss reduced from 16% to 7%.
- O&M reduced from EUR 23.7 m/year to EUR 1.9 m/year = USD 8.14 ft/year to USD 0.65 ft/year.

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Steam/Condensate (140 km = 87 mile): EUR 3.3 mill/year = USD 3.7 mill./year.
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Hot water (96 km = 60 mile): EUR 0.2 mill./year = USD 0.23 mill./year.

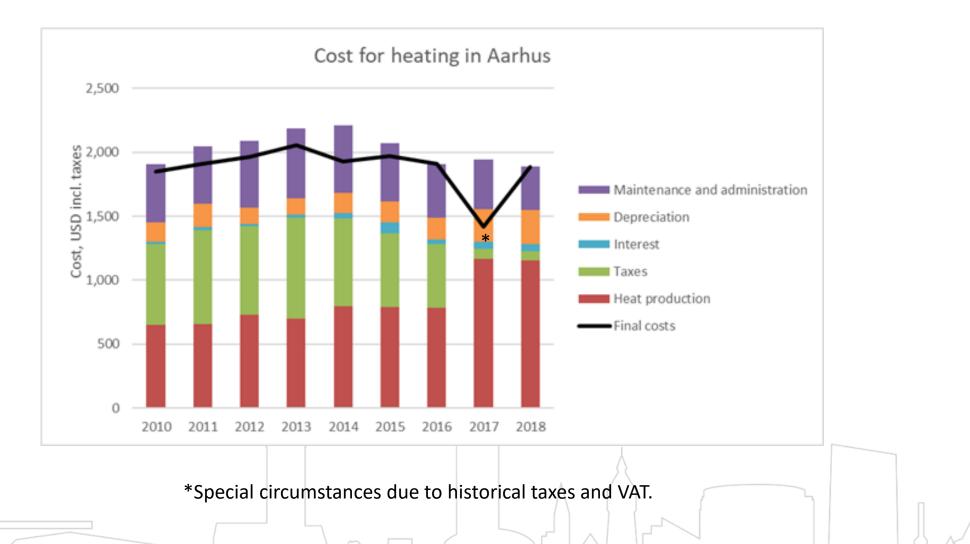
- DH purchase: DH water expected to be produced approx. EUR 1.75 GJ = USD 2.08 mmBTU cheaper than steam.
- Reduced water losses.





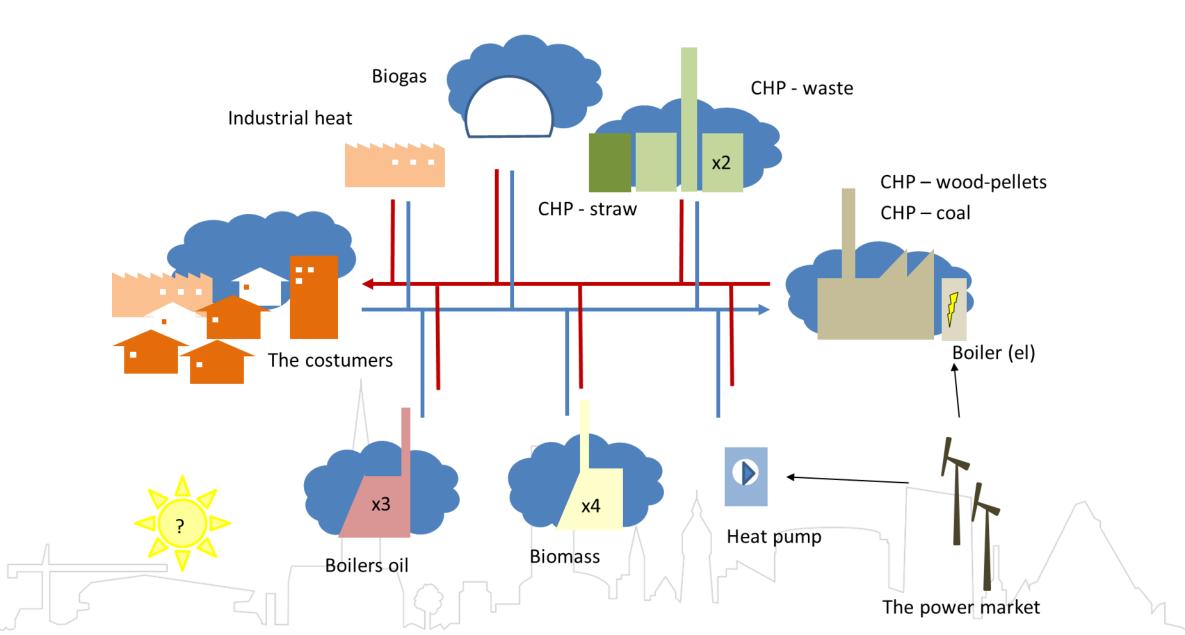
## **COST FOR HEATING IN AARHUS**

Cost for heating for an average single-family house in Aarhus. Typical cost for heating is 3-7% of available income.





### FROM SIMPLE TO COMPLEX





## **DISTRICT HEATING WITH VARMEPLAN AARHUS**

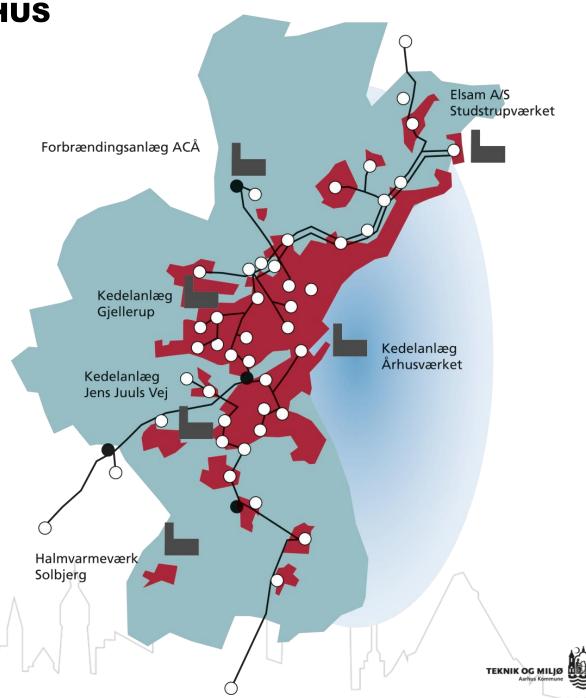
The historical background

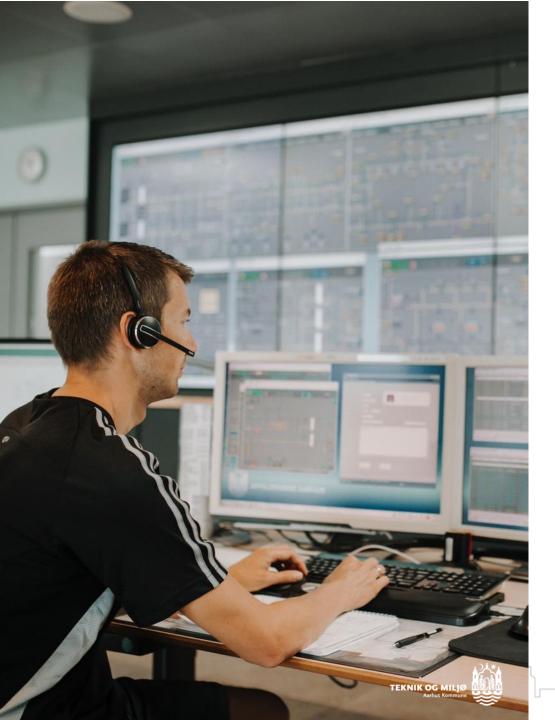
- 1968: Studstrup Power Plant a new coal-fired and oil-fired power plant.
- 1973: Energy crisis.
- Idea of using waste heat from energy production to district heating.
- 1995: A new energy policy 90 percent of district heating in the Aarhus area must be combined heat and power.

## **DISTRICT HEATING WITH VARMEPLAN AARHUS**

The historical background

- The co-operation in Varmeplan Aarhus is established.
- 16 independent district heating plants and the municipality of Aarhus agree to buy heat from Studstrup Power Plant.
- 1985: A new transmission network connect the heat supply together.
- District heating companies distribute district heating.
- Advantageous from an economic point of view.
- High security of supply.





## **NEW COMPLEX WORLD**

"Yesterday" the planning was "simple" .

The cheapest plant are also the most CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral

The planning today is complex.

The heat prices will vary from hour to hour depending on the weather (wind and sun).

Integration with electricity, buildings, transport etc.

Data is important!



## Thank you for your attention