

RES-H&C potentials and breakthrough requirements. Focus on building sector

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Final energy demand and energy carrier mix, H&C (buildings), EU-28 : base year and decarbonisation



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Can the electricity system cope with the additional electricity demand from heat pumps?



Electricity demand for heating and cooling, EU-28, 2 scenarios

- Decrease of electricity demand for heating due to more efficient buildings and substitution of direct electric heaters
- Strong increase (>+200%) in electricity demand for space cooling





Can the electricity system cope with the additional electricity demand from heat pumps?

• Yes, IF ...

- ... building refurbishment is gaining momentum
 - Reducing energy demand
 - Reducing required temperature levels for space heating
- ... heat pumps are applied in suitable buildings (i.e. buildings requiring moderate inlet temperature levels of the heating system) to allow efficient operation with acceptable COP





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Effective policy instruments?







Source: policy recommendations developed in the project progRESsHEAT (www.progressheat.eu)

Why can't it be easier (e.g. a smart econom

- ~ 300 million dwellings, of which the majority are
- Richard Thaler, Nobel pr 2017
 - "We all are susceptible to that can lead to an equal blunders in education, pe mortgages and credit can planet itself."
 - Humans tend to take dec depending on the framing economically well based
- Regional, local characte







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Breakthrough requirements for RES-H/C

 Integrative system perspective: RES-H/C only unleash their full potential, if combined and integrated with efficiency measures, district heating and smart solutions for sector coupling

- Broad policy packages
 - Starting from clear, transparent and trustworthy long-term targets.
 - Not focusing on only one instrument, but integrating all policy pillars.
 - Considering that humans take decisions like humans (and not like a homo oeconomicus)
 - Paradigm that RES-H/C is the conventional solution (and not the exception/alternative/innovation in a fossil based world).







Thank you!

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