

## Case Studies

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Flexibility by  
implementation of heat  
pumps in multi-vector  
energy systems and  
thermal networks

### Municipal utility, Rosenheim, Germany

“Large-scale heat pumps in district heating networks – installation, operation, monitoring and system integration”

#### KEY FACTS

**Type of heat pump:**  
river heat pump

**Energy distribution System:**  
33 MW<sub>el</sub>, 115 MW<sub>th</sub>, 4,5 MW<sub>th</sub>  
heat pumps

**Energy Storage:**  
heating storage (1.000 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Control for the flexible heat  
pump operation:**  
Heuristic control: optimization  
for minute reserve on the  
electricity market

**General description:**  
3x 1,5 MW<sub>th</sub> heat pump

**Heat Source:**  
waste, natural gas, bio  
methane, waste wood, river  
water, electricity

#### Project:

Place: Berlin / Germany  
Time Frame: 4/2021 - 3/2026  
Owner/leader: Stadtwerke  
Rosenheim GmbH & Co. KG  
R&D-project partners:  
AGFW; Fraunhofer ISE; IER  
Stuttgart

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#### Summary of the project:

The municipal utility Rosenheim provides heat and electricity using a range of fuels: waste, natural gas, bio methane and waste wood are burned in a waste heating plant, several CHP units and wood gasifiers.

The newly installed heat pumps are part of three so-called innovative CHP systems (iKWK) which were completed in fall 2023. The LHPs are supplemented of two electric boilers of 5,1 MW<sub>th</sub> as power-to-heat plants. Three gas engines of totally 13,5 MW<sub>el</sub> complete the systems. The heat is stored in an existing 1.000 m<sup>3</sup> tank. To be able to react flexibly to the actual availability of electricity, grid requirements and the heat demand, the three heat generating technologies are intelligently linked using the control and instrumentation technology.

In the Real-World Laboratory the integration of the LHP in den district heating network and the optimal application regarding grid friendliness and economic efficiency is being investigated.

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