



# EcoStruxure District Energy

Optimization of your district heating/cooling networks

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# Challenges, Imperatives, and New Enablers

## Imperatives



Increase energy efficiency, temperature optimization



Investments in development and new technologies



Environment, quality, safety regulations



Dynamic security concerns



Generation shift



Pace of change

## Market Environment

**Energy transition, decarbonization and price**

**Regional trends and regulations**

CAPEX constrains, Compressed construction, engineering & design cycles

**Operational efficiency to drive sustainability and profitability**

Performance management and decision support

Workforce evolution

**Circularity and new business models**

## Technology Trends



**Cloud**



Industrial IoT/Edge



**Big Data**



**Digital Twin**



**Artificial Intelligence**

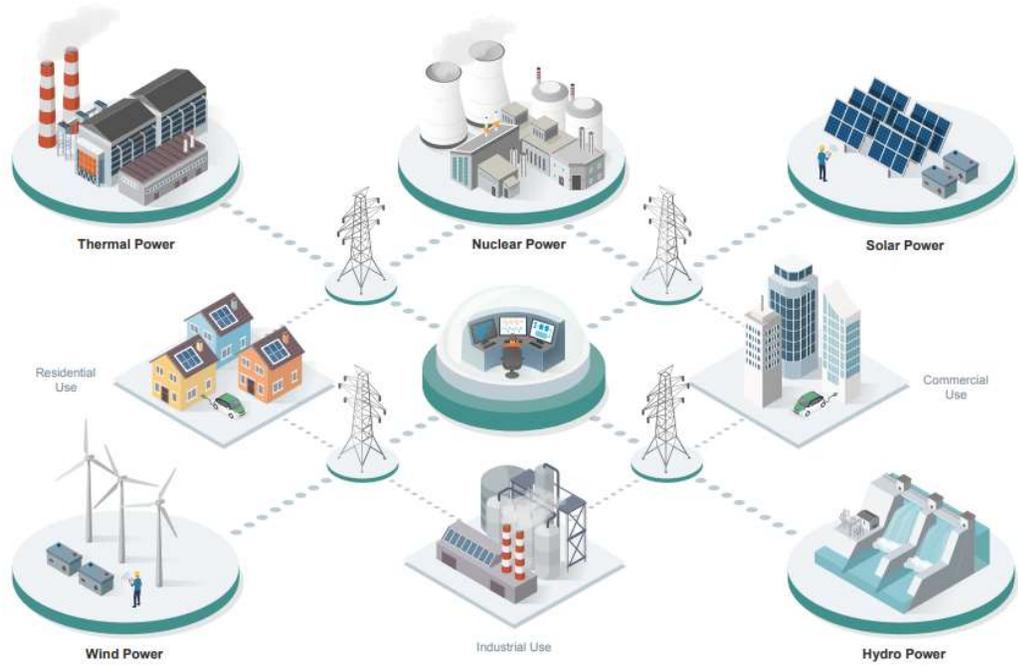


AR/VR

# Daily challenges in DH management

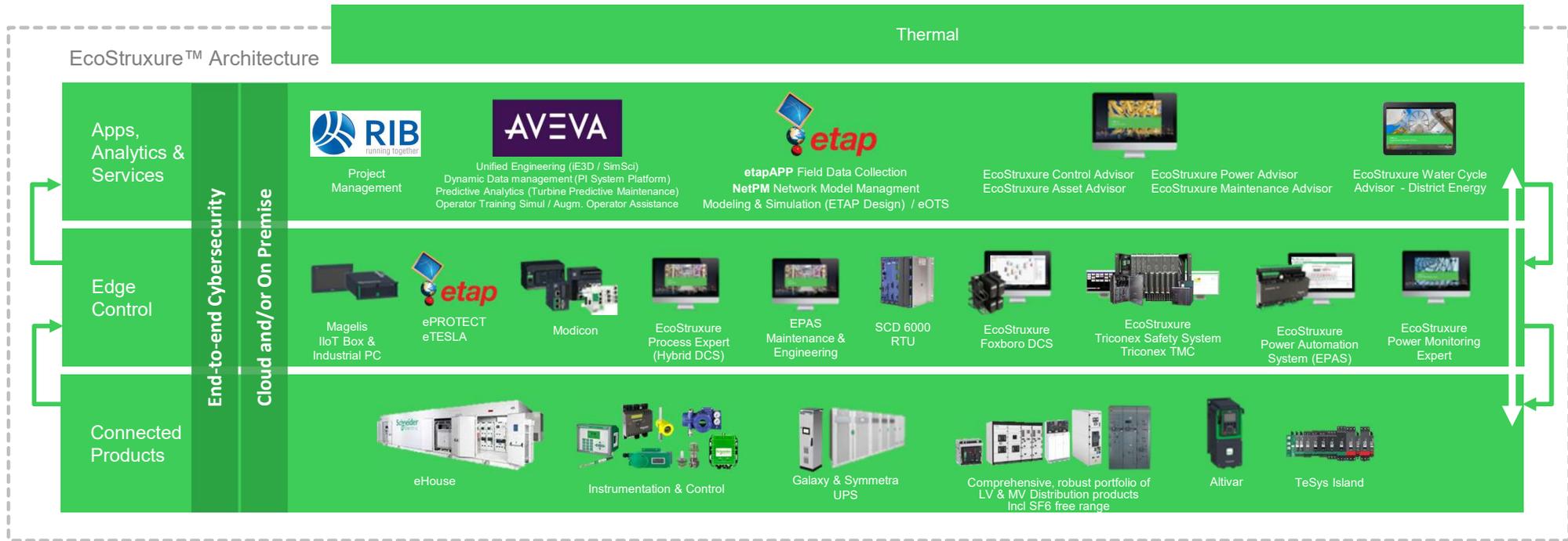
Customer satisfaction

- Reducing energy losses
- Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Fluctuation in demand
- Changing weather conditions
- Integration of multiple sources
- Integration of renewable sources



- Lack of information of system operation
- Heat to power ration
- Economical operation
- Efficient network management
- Network expansion

# EcoStruxure™ Innovation At Every Level For District Heating Plants





# JKP “Beogradske elektrane”

With nominal power of 2.819 MW this is the largest thermal plant in Serbia.

## Customer Challenges

- Overlapping of the responsibilities of different utilities (DSO and Belgrade District Heating Utility)
- Centralized monitoring of the switching states of all heating plants
- Reliable partner for equipment maintenance
- Optimization of the consumption of the primary energy source

## The Solution

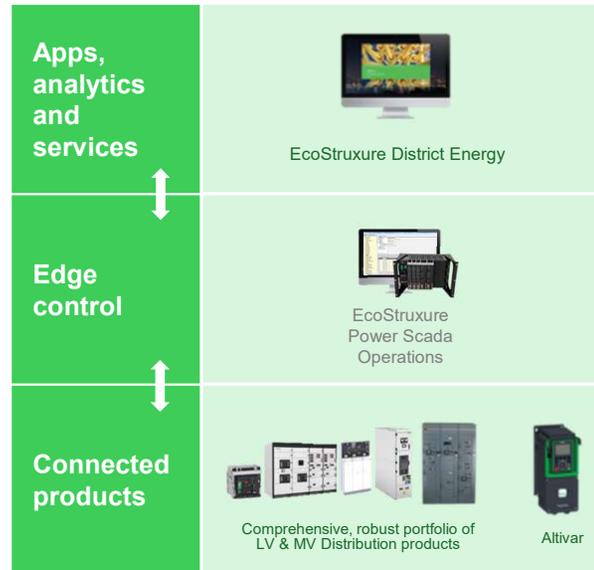
- EcoStruxure District Energy - real-time acquisition of actual system parameters and integration on third party control system
- EcoStruxure Power Scada Operations
- Boosting Field Services with annual maintenance contract
- Modern approach to distribution network automation with Easergy T300

## Customer Benefits

- Reliable Control Solution
- Reduced investment and life cycle costs with manufacturer maintenance
- End-to-end cybersecure EcoStruxure architecture

Schneider Electric’s **largest install base** in last 20 years on Serbian market

They constantly make efforts to increase the **energy efficiency** of the system and to **reduce the negative impact** on the environment.



# District heating utility in Croatia

Optimized district heating distribution network



## Customer Challenges

- Increasing pressure on operations optimization
- Digitization of complete system
- To be a first choice as a heating provider in a city
- Service quality increase
- Decrease of CO2 emissions

## The Solution

- Geo SCADA for monitoring and control of heating substations and complete district heating network
- M171 PLC's, pressure sensors and different low voltage equipment for substation switchboards
- District Energy system for hydraulic modeling with AI Load Forecaster module

## Customer Benefits

- Decreases of operational and maintenance costs
- Increased operational efficiency and quality of service
- Decrease of CO2 emissions

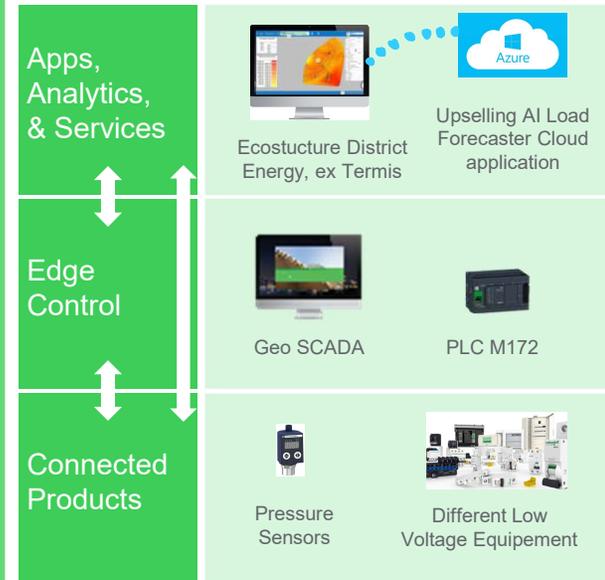
## The Results: Life Is On with...

Secure and reliable solution based on Schneider Electric technology and Specialized partner relation



District heating provider in Croatia with a nominal power of 150 MW, which supplies heat for 7833 citizens.

## Ecostruxure™ District Energy



# What is EcoStruxure District Energy (Former Termis)

EcoStruxure™ District Energy is the **digital twin** for **designing, operating** and **optimizing** your energy supply network. EcoStruxure™ District Energy reduces the utility's **energy costs** and usage to provide the appropriate **cooling/heating service**, minimize **heat losses**, and **streamline** the network operations.

Thanks to the use of our digital twin, we can provide further predictive analytics, **automated dynamic optimization** and **control, continuous visibility** and **transparency**, as well as **AI powered intelligence**, hence, offering **higher efficiency** and **lowering temperatures** on every district energy utility.

The digital twin for managing your energy supply network



# Why EcoStruxure District Energy?

Eco Struxture District Energy provide a complete solution for optimization of your DH system in production, distribution and final demand.

## Optimization of heat production

Based on artificial intelligence and thermohydraulic modelling, it is possible to optimize heat production where it can be achieved:

- Forecasting and optimizing the required energy production
- Determination of the most economical and efficient operating mode of production plants with respect of providing optimal inlet temperature in DH network
- Determining the most economical and efficient way to operate the production units at each plant
- Respecting electricity and heat market, operating by shifting generated power to ensure the most profitable operation.
- Integrating into operations renewable sources, waste sources, ensuring the most optimal operation in terms of reducing emissions.
- Integration and determination of the most optimal and efficient operation of heat storages



## Optimization of heat distribution

Based on hydraulic and thermodynamic modelling with artificial intelligence on top, it is possible to achieve:

- Stabilization and optimization of controls of hydraulic and thermodynamic parameters in distribution network
- Providing optimal inlet temperatures at the plants while ensuring sufficient and comfortable supply temperatures at consumers' side.
- Minimizing total energy losses in the network
- Reduce operational and maintenance costs while extending the lifetime of key components in the DH system
- Optimization of the pipe dimenzining in distribution network and increasing the knowledge of the system operation.
- Integration and determination of the most optimal and efficient operation of distribution heat storages

## Optimization of heat consumption

Based on collecting data from energy sensors and smart meters, and thermohydraulic modelling with artificial intelligence on top, it is possible to achieve:

- Optimization of heat consumption and demand forecasting
- Detecting problems in heat demand
- Optimizing demand-response heating for peak load savings
- Integrating and determining the operation of buildings with integrated heat storages

## Benefits of EcoStruxure District Energy

- Tool designed also for **control room operators** that can be easily **integrated to SCADA** systems from Schneider Electric or third parties
- **Dynamic temperature optimization** minimizes heat losses and maximizes heating/cooling capacity, in real-time
- **Production scheduler**: the best possible production scenario is chosen to ensure minimum production cost at the service level required
- **Forecast network behaviors**: what-if scenarios based on real-time constraints
- **Augmented reality**: reaches where SCADA does not get with virtual sensors and network wide monitoring

**The solution has proven to provide project pay-back in less than 18 months**

Up to  
**20%**

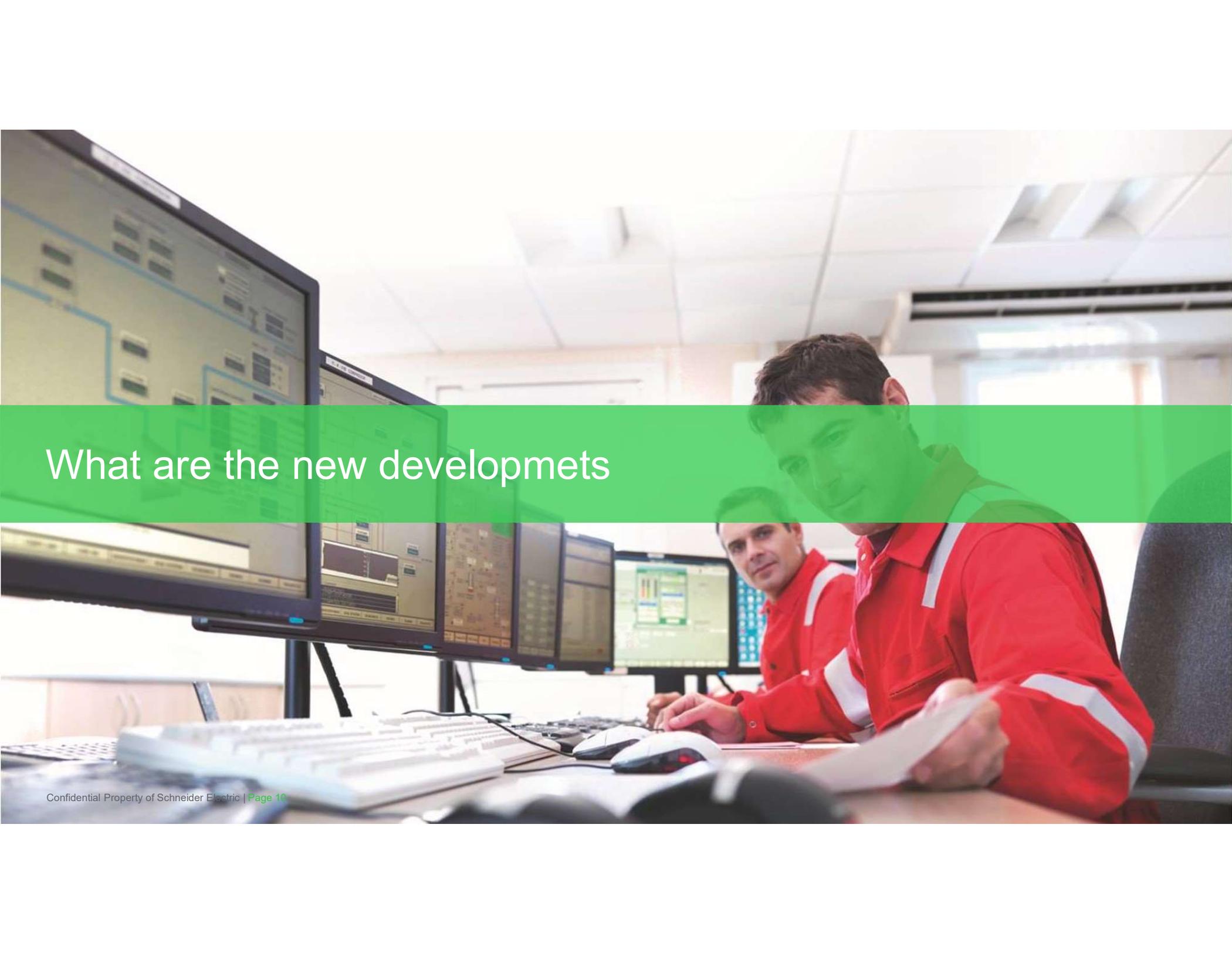
Reduction of energy costs

Up to  
**25%**

Increase in operational efficiency

Up to  
**20%**

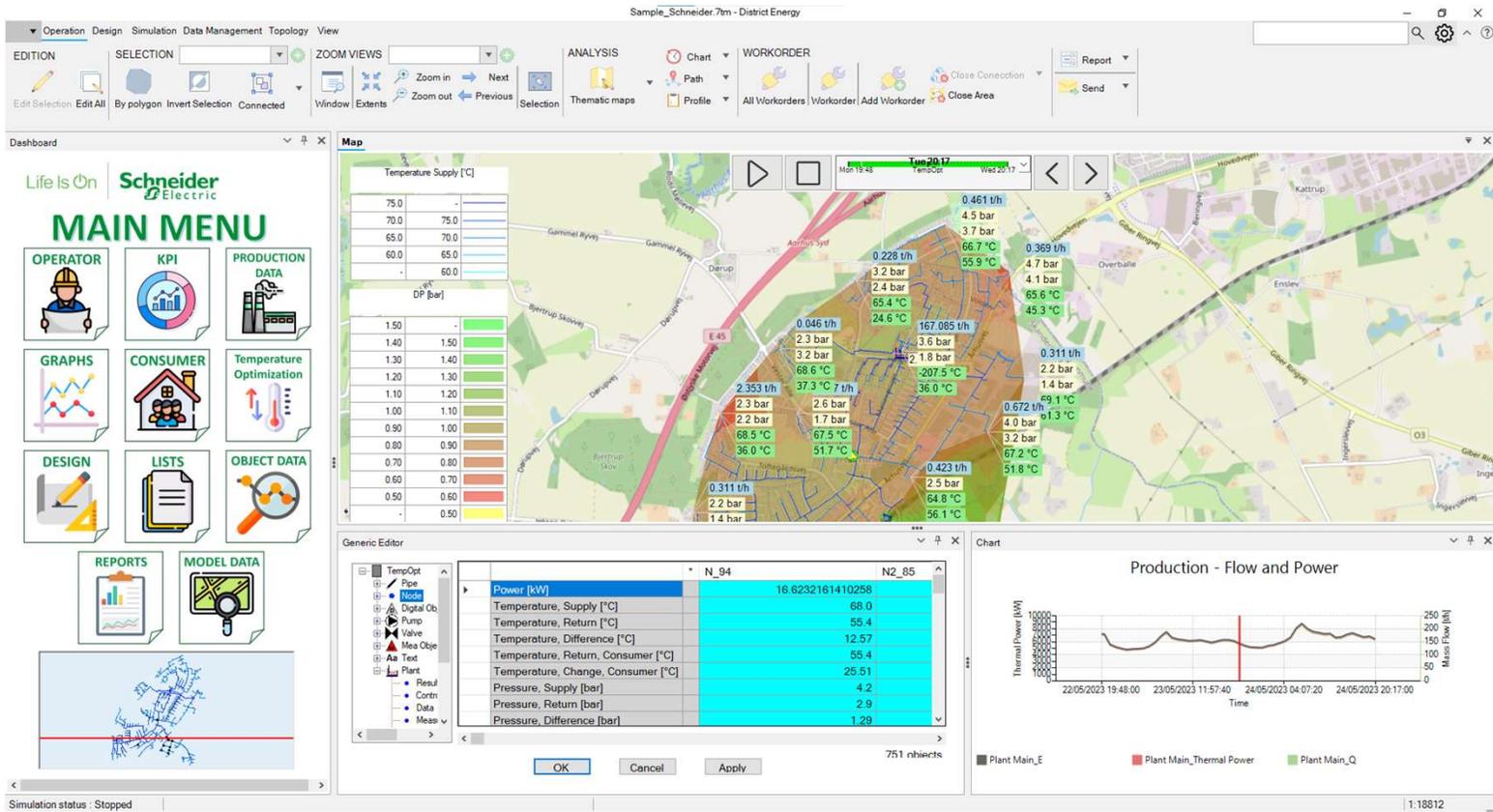
Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The image shows two men in red high-visibility work shirts sitting at a desk in a control room. They are surrounded by several computer monitors displaying various data and graphs. The man in the foreground is looking at a document he is holding, while the man behind him is looking at the monitors. A green horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'What are the new developmets'.

## What are the new developmets

# A completely new application

Faster performance, more user friendly, customizable, scalable, powered by latest technologies



**Escalability** (cut-edge technology and architecture)

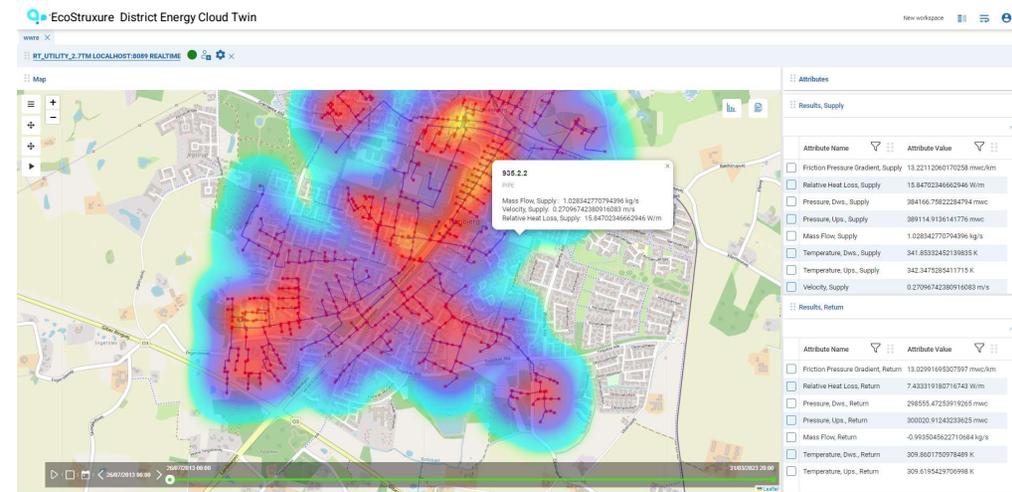
**Customization** (Engine and GUI – Citizen Developer)

**Simplified usability and workflows** (Common rules)

# EcoStruxure District Energy Cloud Twin

## Our Solution

- **EcoStruxure District Energy Cloud Twin** is a cloud-based service which enables a connection to the different Digital Twins in the organization, so these are centralized in a single Hub.
- EcoStruxure District Energy Cloud Twin allows the user to:
  - Visualize all the real time and operation models in a centralized dashboard.
  - Compare several what-if scenarios and design alternatives, coming from different people in organization, side by side with the real time scenario. (Compare thematic maps, time series profiles, calculated values tables, etc.)
  - Create operation consigs, run them from the web, analyze the output, compare it with real-time models or any other operation scenario and send it to the real-time scenario. All from the same application and visualizing in live all the process
  - Alarms visualization and notifications
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# EcoStruxure District Energy Cloud Twin

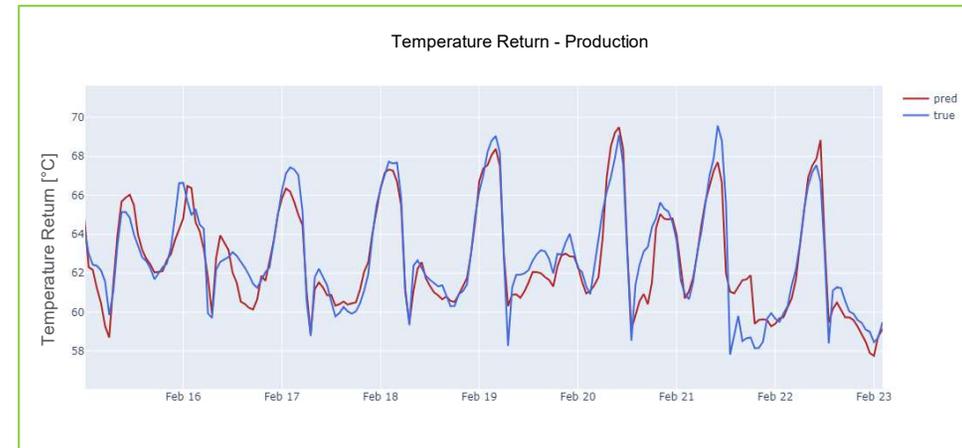
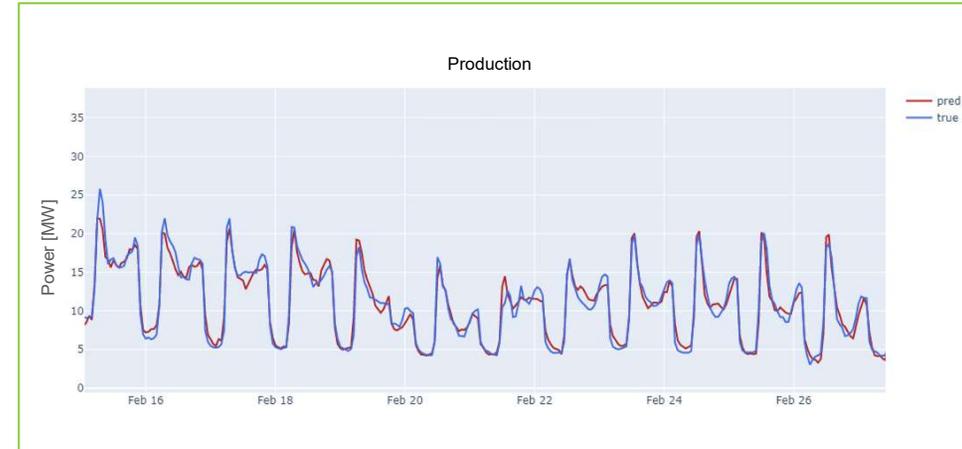
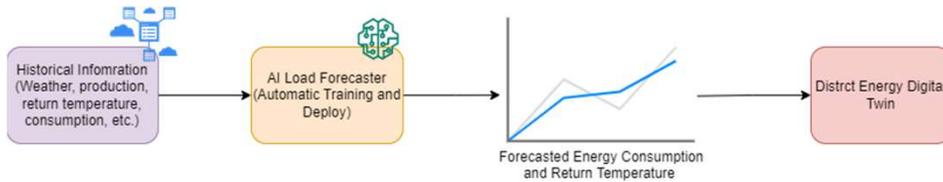
Look and Feel – What-if and real-time scenarios comparison



# Digital Intelligent – AI Load Forecaster

The main purpose is to provide a more accurate and stable prediction of demand and therefore to ensure an optimal operation of the system in the future.

- Handle demand variations in due time according to the impact parameters.
- Consistent operation under certain external conditions
- Increase asset utilization and reduce downtime or cancellations of production
- Reducing energy consumption by improving process efficiency
- Optimizing production using different scenarios



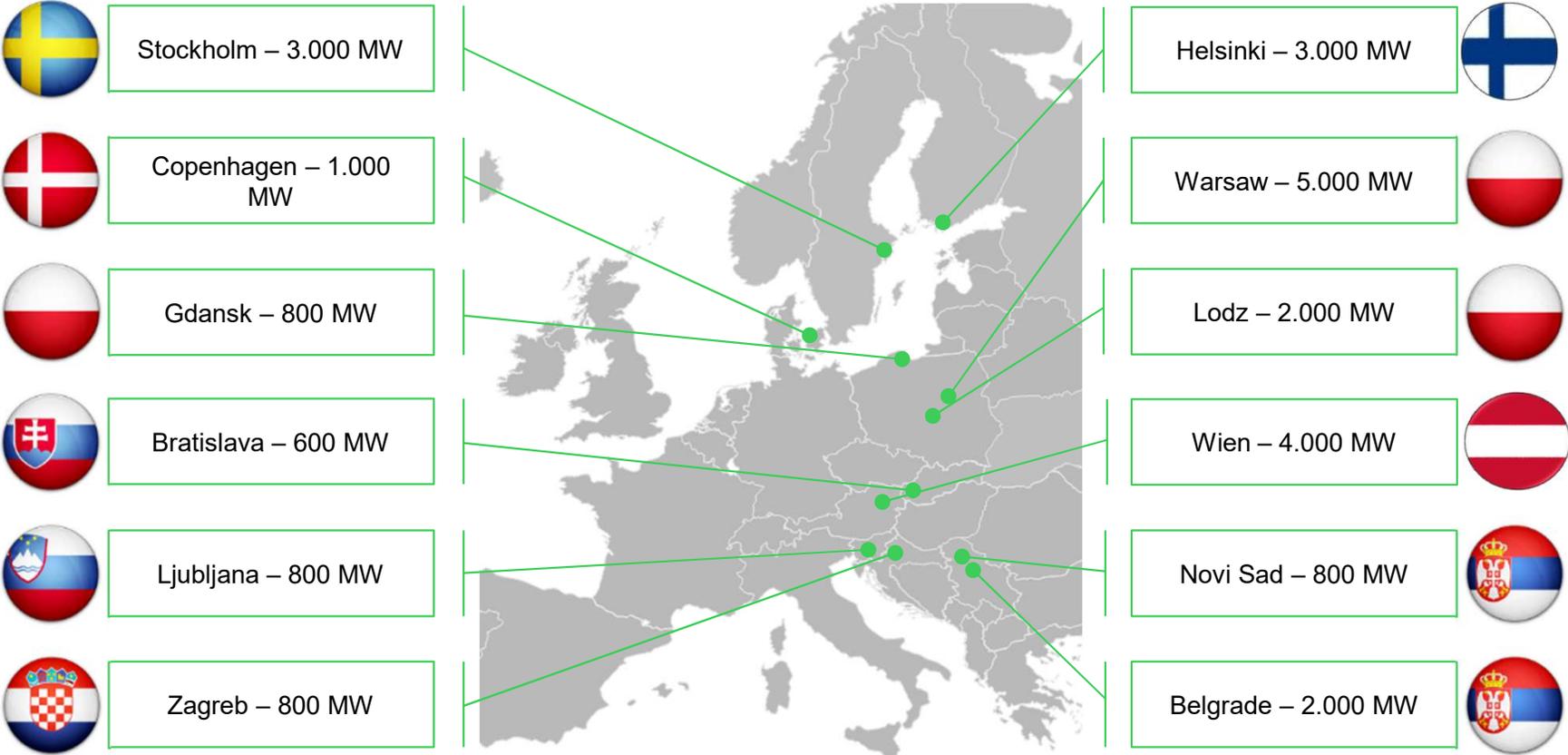
We work with the biggest and most renowned companies in the world

Some of our key customers in district heating/cooling market:



**Over 300 references worldwide**  
**Applications ranging from 10 to 6.000 MW**

# Many of the biggest district heating systems in Europe use EcoStruxure District Energy



Life Is On

**Schneider**  
Electric