Energieinstitut an der Johannes Kepler Universität Linz cordially invites you to join the

1st Linz District Heating Forum

Date: March 17th+18th, 2026

Venue: *Uni-Center* at Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, in-person only

The 1st edition's focus areas are:

- supra-regional district heating networks
- large thermal energy storage
- industrial symbiosis for waste heat integration

The Forum gathers approximately 100 experts.

- 30+ invited speakers
- Contributing projects' partners
- Further participants

The Forum aims to

- Transfer knowledge between applied research and district heating practice
- Foster networking among actors from specific fields of district heating
- Disseminate project results
- Connect key stakeholders

Draft agenda:

Monday March 16th	Tuesday March 17th	Wednesday March 18th
	09:00 Welcome/Keynotes	Session(s)
	Coffee	Coffee
	Session(s)	Session(s)
	Lunch	Lunch
	Session(s)	Session(s)
	Coffee	Coffee
	Session(s)	Workshop
Welcome reception	Invited dinner	

Registration:

- Invited speakers and invited participants may register at veranstaltung@energieinstitut-linz.at
- Interested participants may apply for participation at veranstaltung@energieinstitut-linz.at
- The Forum's language is English
- There are no participation fees
- Contact: Simon Moser moser@energieinstitut-linz.at

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Projects contributing to the 1st edition of Linz District Heating Forum

The idea of the Linz District Heating Forum is to join forces in order gather a critical mass of experts for the exchange, dissemination and replication of project results and the projects' innovative ideas.

FUTURE HEAT HIGHWAY	Future Heat Highway: The Austrian flagship project Future Heat Highway demonstrates how **supra-regional district heating** pipelines can efficiently harness **industrial waste heat** and renewable sources in four Austrian industrial regions. Concrete rollout plans are being developed for four regions, which specifically combine technological innovation with regional strengths.
HeatRock	Heatrock: cavern thermal energy storage in crystalline rocks. Large-scale seasonal thermal energy storage systems will play a key role in the heat transition. One promising option is large-scale heat storage in caverns in solid rock (**cavern thermal energy storages**). Cavern storage systems have a very long service life and are barely visible.
TREASURE	Treasure: demonstrating **large pit thermal energy storages**. Our goal is to bridge the gap between research and practice to ensure robust, safe, cost effective and sustainable large-scale thermal energy storage; and develop secure and smart system integration concepts and increase the effectiveness of realizing pit thermal energy storage (PTES) technology in Europe.
ENERGIZE SUPPORTING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION OF EUROPEAN BUSINESSES	The ENERGIZE project (**ENERgy coopERation** for Growth, Innovation, and Zero Emissions in **Industrial Parks**) seeks to demonstrate the feasibility of cooperative energy models in selected EU industrial zones (Manresa, Spain; Valesia Region, Italy; Zlín Region, Czech Republic; Upper Austria) by fostering energy collaboration.
HyEfRe	HyEfRe: Hydrogen integration for efficient renewable energy systems. HyEfRe addresses the challenges of integrating volatile renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and decarbonizing the Central European energy system. As a result, a favorable investment environment will be pursued in Central Europe to promote renewable energy and green hydrogen technologies as a sector coupling solution, along with **waste heat integration** as a holistic approach.
energy storage IEA Technology Collaboration Programme	IEA ES 46 AppESS: **Application oriented energy storage selection**. The objective of this new Task is to develop a methodological approach for classifying potential energy storage applications based on their technical and economic requirements, and to match them with the most suitable storage technologies.
Industrial Energy-Related Technologies and Systems iets	IEA IETS Task 21 Phase 3: Carbon Capture in Industry and **Facilitation of Industrial Symbiosis**. The subtask " Carbon Capture " considers the technical integration of CCUS into industrial systems and their assessment in the LCA. The subtask "Industrial Symbiosis" examines how industrial symbiosis can be initiated and which business models are suitable for its implementation.
IEA DHC	Hy2Heat: **Using electrolysis waste heat in district heating**. The aim of HY2HEAT is to analyse the techno-economic synergies of electrolysis waste heat integration in DH systems (including the assessment of the role and expected volumes), to evaluate the best technical solutions for capturing and upgrading the electrolyser waste heat for utilisation in DH networks, and to derive a practical guide for DH operators for the pursuit of the potential and its technical integration.

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Arrival and accommodation

General information

At Linz train station, you are in the centre of Linz.

In the centre of Linz, several hotels are available.

Tramway: You can buy a 24-hours ticket for 6 Euro or a one-week ticket for 19.10 Euro.

You need a tramway ticket to go to the venue, which is located at the final destination of Tramway lines 1 and 2, direction “Universität”, leave at final station “Universität”. The ride takes 20 minutes from the city centre.

Venue: Uni-Center at Johannes Kepler University; Altenberger Straße 69 A-4040 Linz

Linz, by train:

Linz main station can be reached with direct trains from

- Prague in 3:45
- Frankfurt in 5:00
- Berlin in 7:00
- Munich in 2:47

Linz main station can be reached with changing the train from

- Udine in 5:30
- Zürich in 6:45
- Ljubljana in 6:00
- Verona in 7:14

Linz, by plane:

Go to Vienna airport

Take the 2:00 hour direct train to Linz main station

(Sometimes the airport train is included in the flight ticket!)

Recommended Hotels:

- Park Inn by Radisson Linz Hotel
- Hotel Motel One Linz-Hauptplatz