

Transboundary geothermal energy resources of Slovenia, Austria, Hungary and Slovakia (TRANSENERGY) – contributions to integrated resource management policies and regional development

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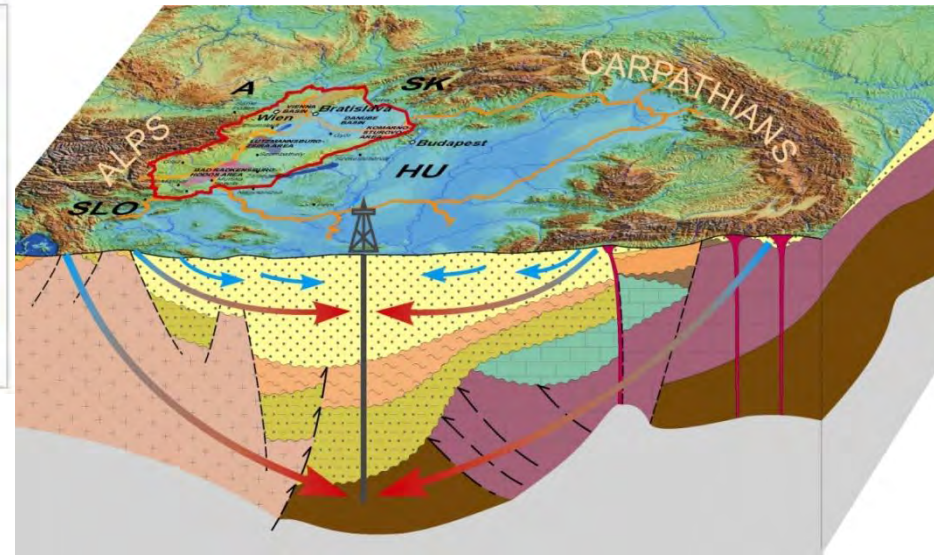
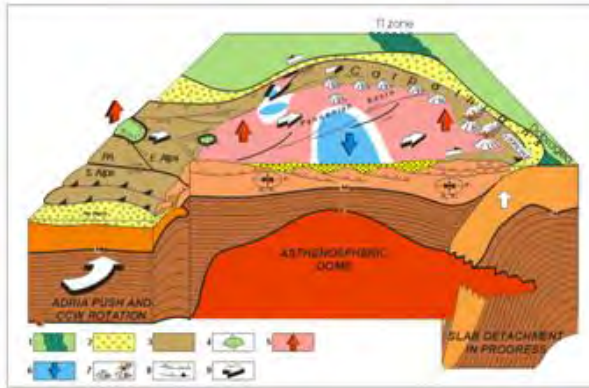
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Targets: hot sedimentary aquifers in the Pannonian Basin



Favorable conditions due to Miocene basin formation

Average terrestrial heat-flow: 100 mW/m²

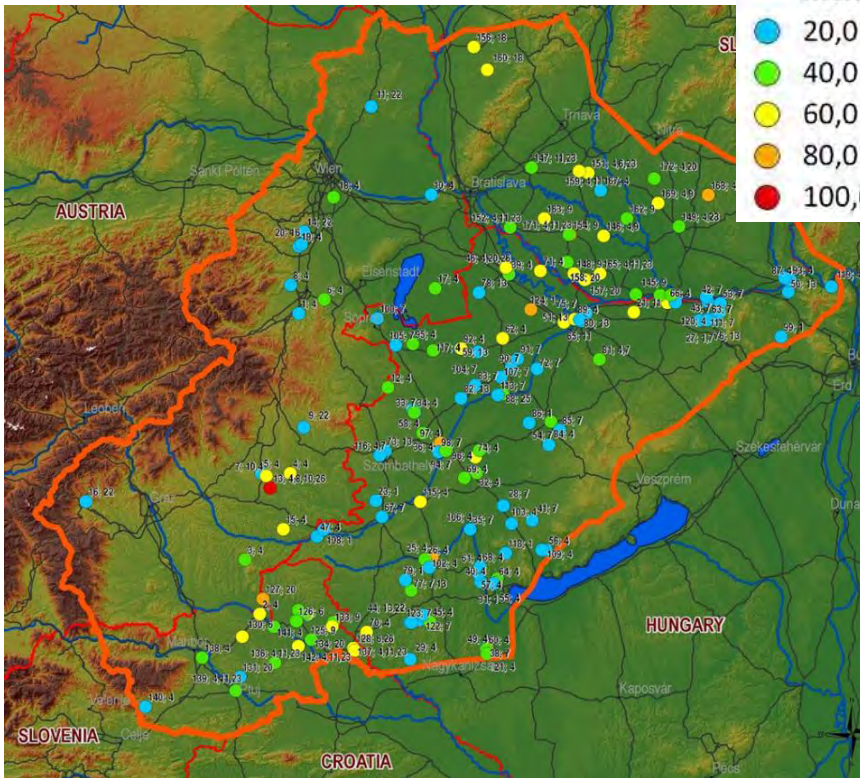
Geothermal gradient: 45 C/km

Main geothermal reservoirs	Paleo-Mesozoic fractured, karstified basement rocks	Miocene porous and carbonate reservoirs	Mio-Pliocene porous basin fill: multi-layered sandstones, shales
depth (top)	>2-3000 m	Basement highs	600-1500 m
temperature	>100-150 C	50-150 C	50-100 C
prospect	power, CHP	CHP, direct heat	direct heat, balneology

Maximum outflow temperature (°C)

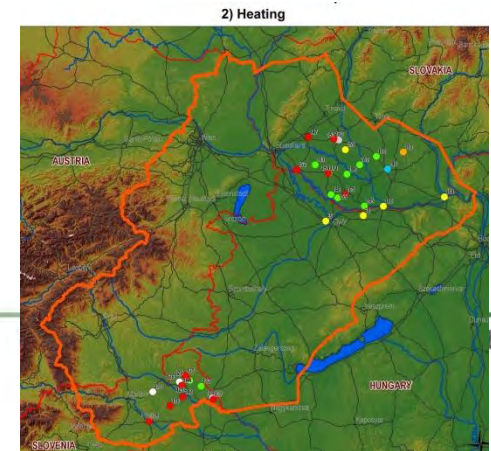


Current utilization and identified gaps



- Majority of use is low-temperature for balneology
- Hardly any re-injection: some aquifers are already overexploited
- Many users in the transboundary regions, no harmonized management strategies
- Low share of energetic use: Why? Resource-related? Non-technical barriers? Policy-related?

- 175 users from 308 wells
- Abstraction of ~ 30 million m³/y of thermal water (except AT)
- 4-6 re-injection wells



More on utilization in HS-1-14 (Rman et al).
June 5 at 12.10 Pacinotti

Final goals of TRANSENERGY

1. Assessment of hydrogeothermal resources at the W-ern part of the Pannoninan Basin – show the potential for energy use
2. Recommendations on integrated, harmonized management strategies and sustainable utilization
3. Identify and dismantle non-technical barriers

Stakeholder group	Identified needs	Scale of information
Decision makers (ministries, authorities, governmental bodies), also at EU level (e.g. DG Energy, DR Regio, ICPDR)	-overview on the current utilization schemes and its impacts, -independent expert-based information on the limits of an enhanced use of geothermal resources and its forecasted impacts -concise thematic expert summaries supporting policy documents	macro-regional
Potential investors and project developers	-information on the geothermal potential -information on the current regulatory and financial environment	regional/national
Project developers and users	-information on the targeted reservoir properties -transparent and reliable regulatory framework, short and easy licensing procedures	reservoir

Integrated resource management of hydrogeothermal systems – policy aspects „environment”

hydrogeothermal reservoirs \approx thermal water aquifer
carrying medium: thermal groundwater

Water Framework Directive – good quality and quantity status of aquifers -
PROTECTION

Danube River Basin District: Delineated Groundwater Bodies in the DRBD
Transboundary GWBs of basin-wide importance

MAP 4

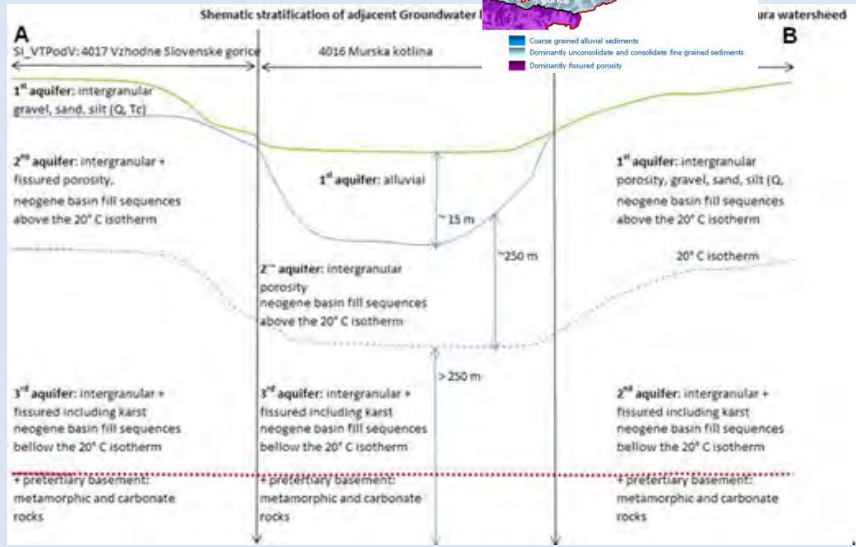


Common Implementation Strategy

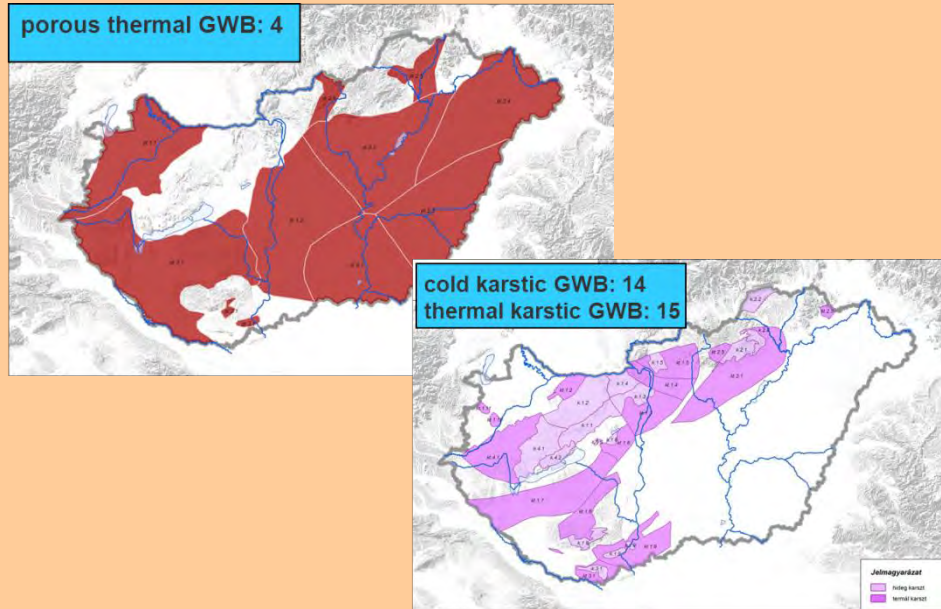
However the way to reach goals („good status”) – national – **no/little harmonization**

Delineation of groundwater bodies („hydrogeothermal reservoirs”) – differs in countries

Slovenia – depth



Hungary – aquifer lithology and T



Slovakia – Q, pre-Q, thermal

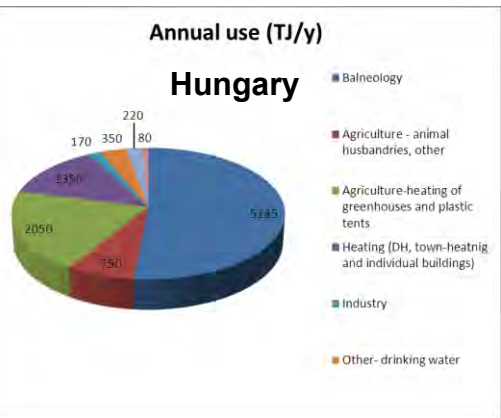
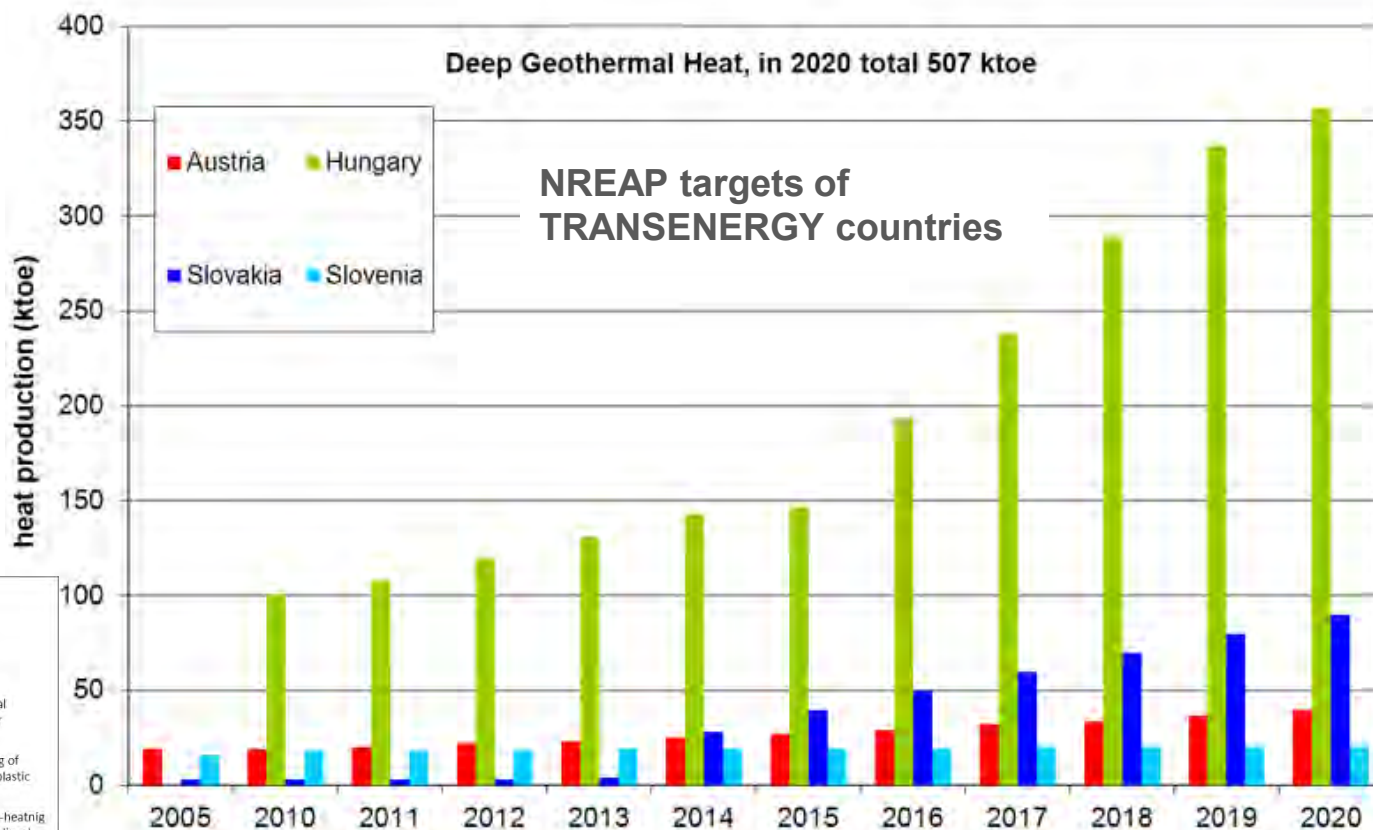


Austria – shallow and deep No thermal GWB on TRANSENERGY area

Groundwater body code	Groundwater body notation
GK100157	Tertiärsande
GK100158	Thermalgrundwasser
GK100159	Enns
GK100160	Tertiärsande
GK100162	Donau Ost – Heideboden
GK100168	Steirisches Pannonisches Becken u.
GK100169	Oststeirisches Becken
GK100171	Weststeirisches Becken
GK100193	Rabnitzinzugsgebiet

Integrated resource management of hydrogeothermal systems – policy aspects „energy”

RES goals: increase of geothermal → enhanced abstraction of thermal water - **UTILIZATION**



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Policy related challenges

Is it possible to match „energy” and „environmental” goals – can the abstraction of thermal water be increased without threatening the quality and quantity status of the aquifers?

If yes, what are the boundary conditions for sustainable production?

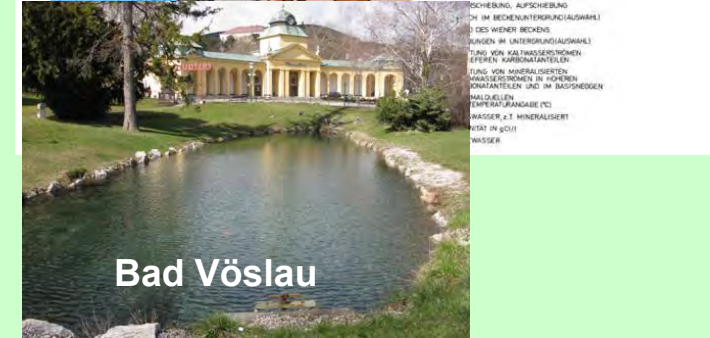
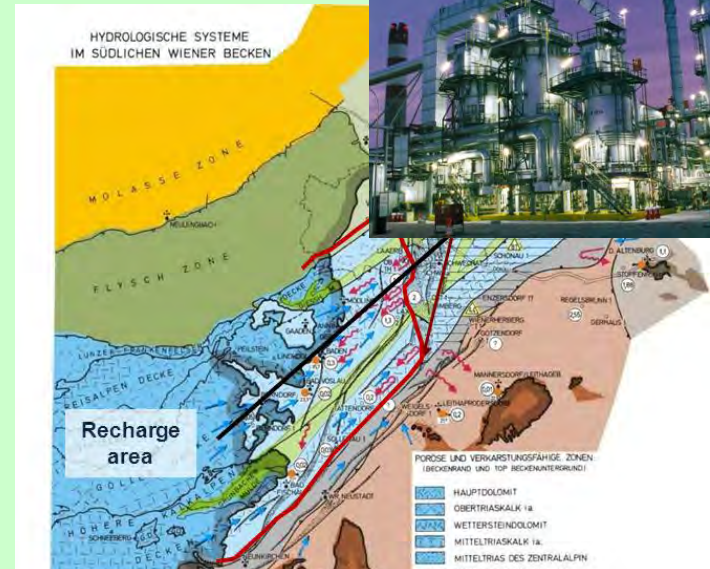


Other aspects

Cross-border utilization conflicts



Competition for different types of use (hydrocarbon, CO₂ storage, etc.)



Where and which depth are the most important potential reservoirs?

GEOLOGICAL MODEL

How much thermal water can be abstracted which has natural recharge? (quantify free water resource)

To which extent abstraction can be increased without threatening environmental targets ? Impacts?

HYDROGEOLOGICAL MODEL

Which are the main flow-directions? Any cross border? Water-budgets among the main aquifers?

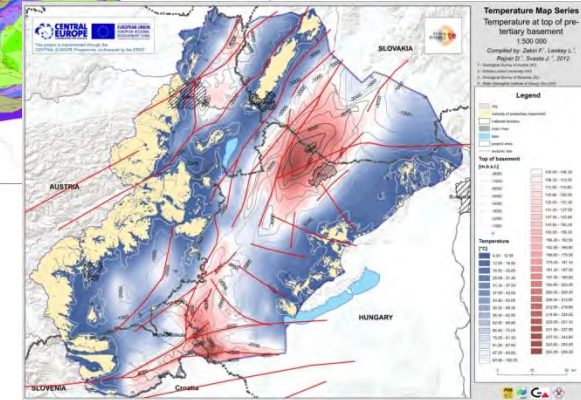
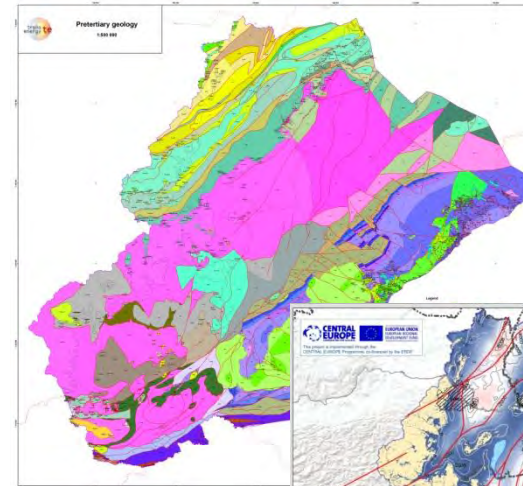
Chemical composition of thermal waters: Gases, dissolved content that might restrict utilization (scaling, corrosion)? Can associated gases be utilized? Is water treatment necessary?

HYDROGEOCHEMICAL INVESTIGATIONS

What is the temperature at certain depths?
How much heat is available (resources, reserves)? What sort of utilizations are feasible?

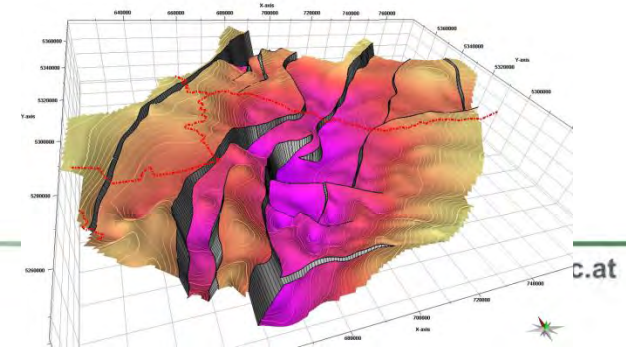
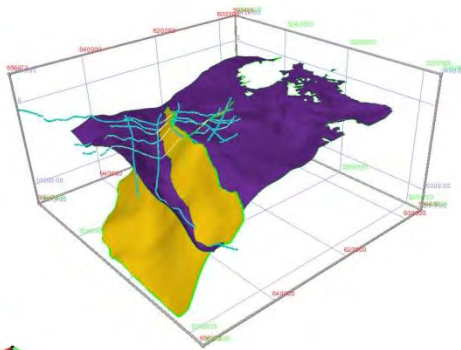
GEOHERMAL MODELS

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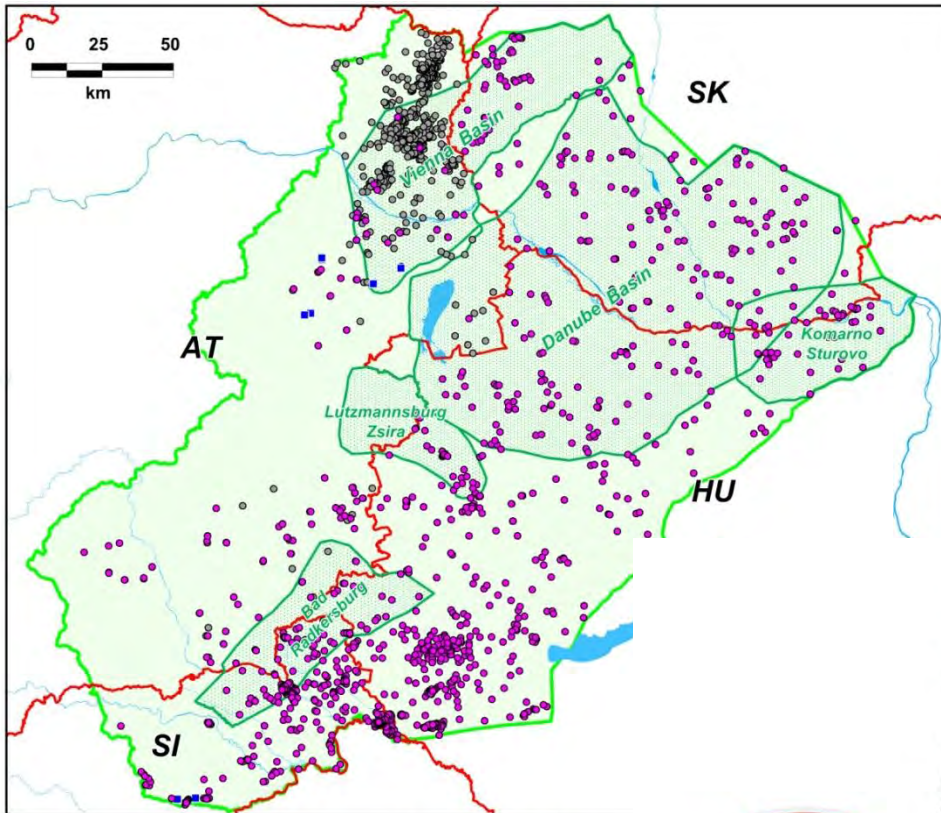


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2. Komarno-Sturovo [HS-1-49 \(Gáspár et al\)](#)
3. Danube basin [HS-1-59 \(Svasta et al\)](#)
4. Bad-Radkensburg – Hodos [HS-1-79 \(Fuks et al\)](#)
5. Vienna basin [HS-1-20 \(Goetzl et al\)](#) June 5 15.20 Pacinotti



Data collection, harmonization, multi-lingual database (boreholes) (MS-Access)



● BOREHOLES ● BOREHOLES WITH CONFIDENTIAL DATA ■ SPRINGS

Objects



Data from **1686** objects (boreholes)

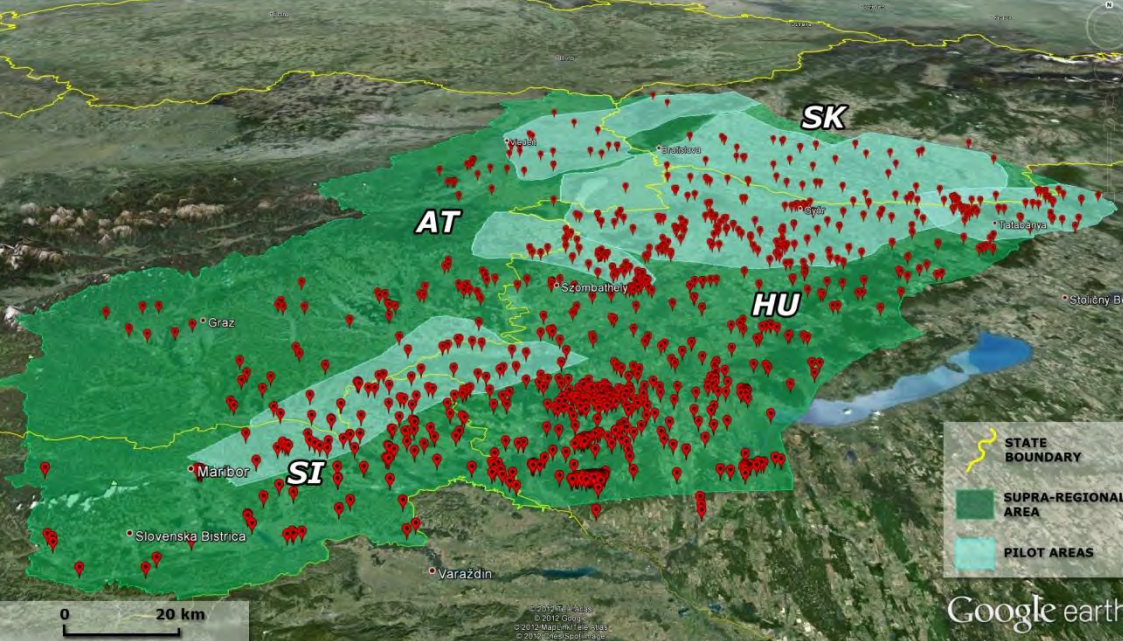
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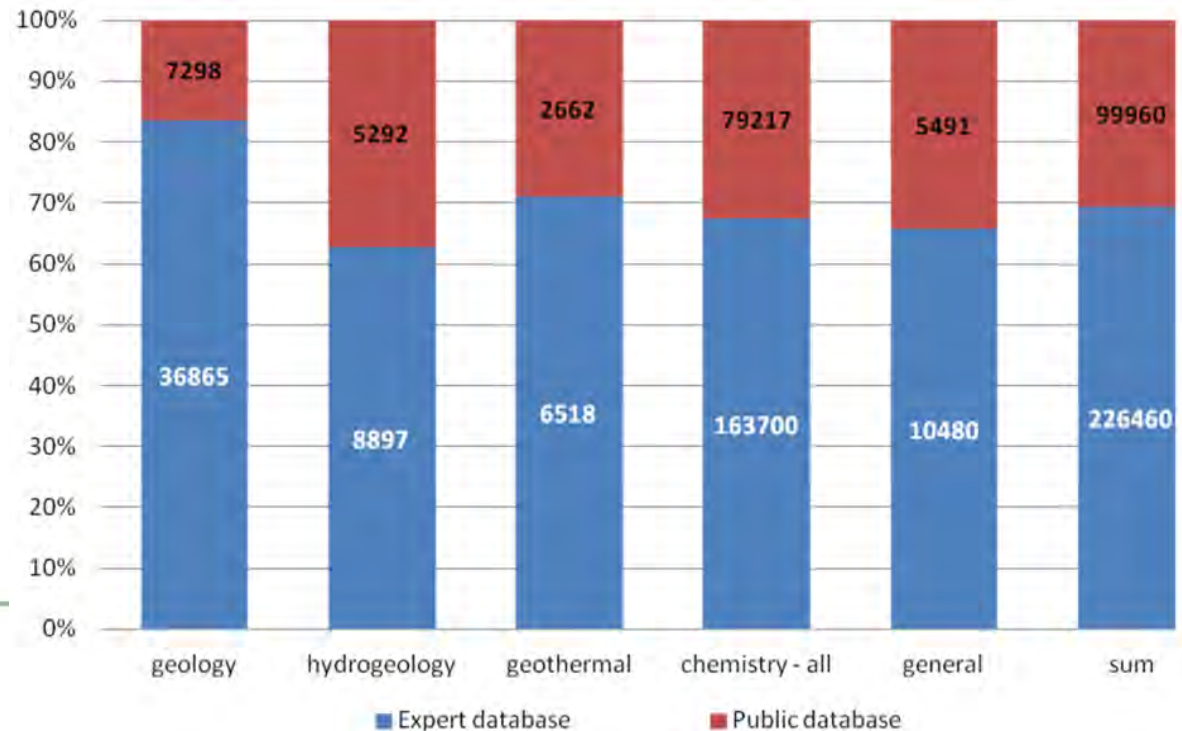
General	• borehole identification, localization, purpose, ownership, etc.
Utilization	• thermal power, thermal groundwater usage/monitoring, waste water data, etc.
Technical	• borehole dimensions and construction, drilled profile, casings, screened intervals, geophysical surveys (inclination and dip), etc.
Geology	• lithology and stratigraphy (age) of rocks, facies, formations, fault traces
Hydrogeological	• hydraulic tests, hydraulic parameters, aquifer hydraulic properties, groundwater level monitoring, etc.
Geothermal	• thermal properties of rock and fluid, temperature profiles and monitoring, thermal gradients, etc.
Geophysics	• geophysical borehole logs
Basic chemistry	• water analyses or monitoring of respective <u>macro</u> components (Ca, Na, Cl, ...)
Trace elements	• water analyses or monitoring of respective <u>micro</u> components (Se, B, I, ...)
Isotops and noble gases	• water/gas analyses or monitoring of respective Isotopes (^{14}C , $\delta^{18}\text{O}$...) and Noble gases (He, Ne, Ar, ...)
Organic compound	• water analyses or monitoring of respective components (PAH, VOC, AOX, ...)

**Public database:
1041 boreholes**

available under web-map services on
<http://transenergy-eu.geologie.ac.at>



AT – 115 boreholes
SLO – 128 boreholes
HU – 742 boreholes
SK – 56 boreholes



Web-map and web-feature services as management supporting tools

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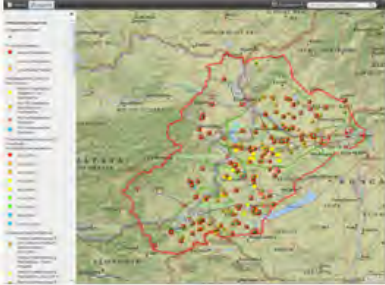
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Transenergy Webmaps



Web Map User Guide

Disclaimer

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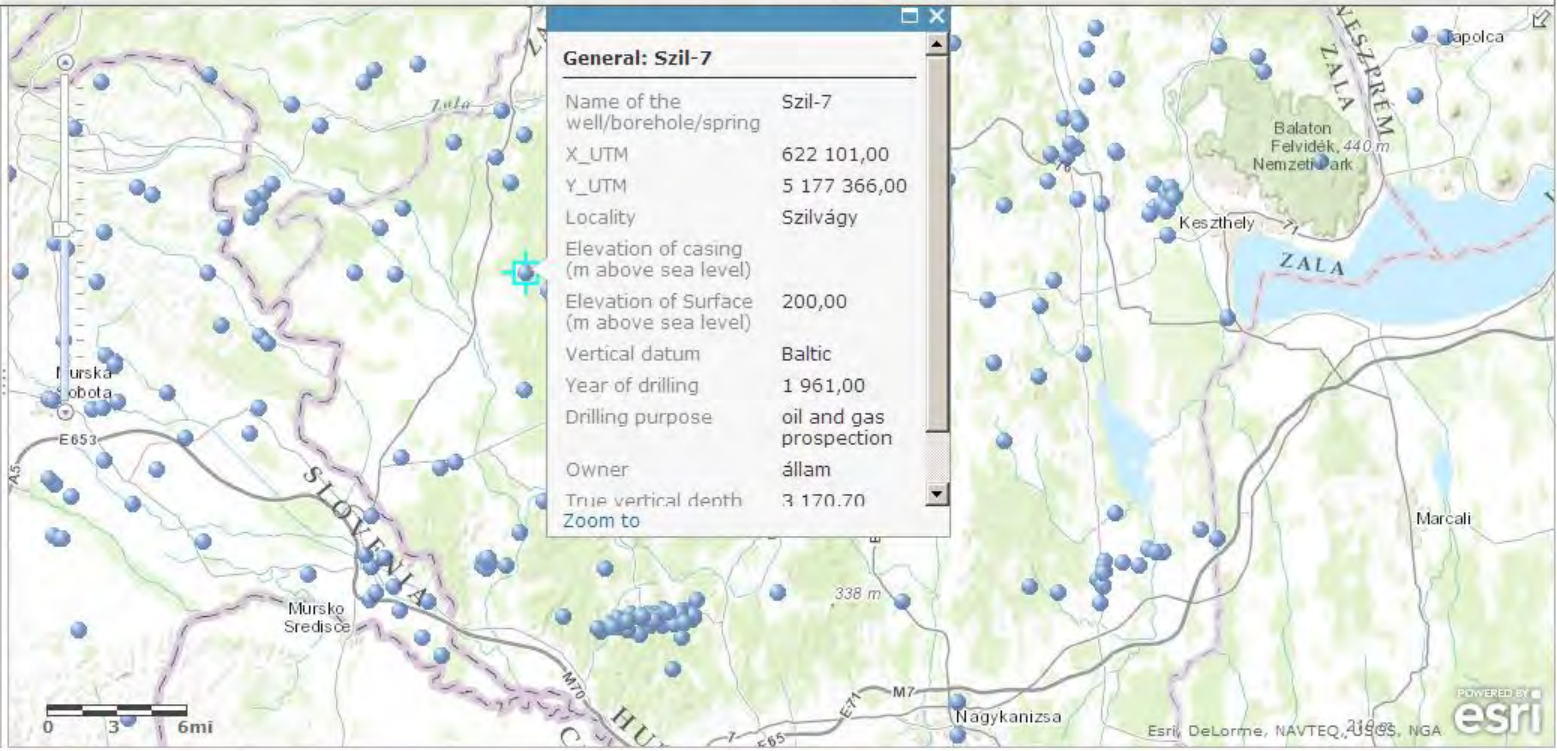
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Geology: Dok-1/88

Name of the well/borehole/spring	Dok-1/88
X_UTM	590 576,00
Y_UTM	5 161 217,00
Quaternary depth top	0
Quaternary depth bottom	50
Upper pannonian depth top	50
Upper pannonian depth bottom	1295
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Map showing geothermal resources in the Zala region, Hungary/Slovenia border. A popup window displays data for well K-1:

(1 of 2)

Hydrogeology: K-1

Name of the well/borehole/spring	K-1
X_UTM	631 305,84
Y_UTM	5 183 949,02
Aquifer porosity type	intergranular porosity
Screen top	226,00
Screen bottom	295,00
Screen number	3,00
Screen length	15,00
Groundwater head (m a.s.l.)	169,21
Date of groundwater head measurement	1 jan. 1977
Maximum exploitable Zoom to	0.13

Map labels: HUNGARY, SLOVENIA, ZALA, VESZPRÉM, Balaton Felvidék, 440 m Nemzeti Park, Keszthely, Zala, Marcali.

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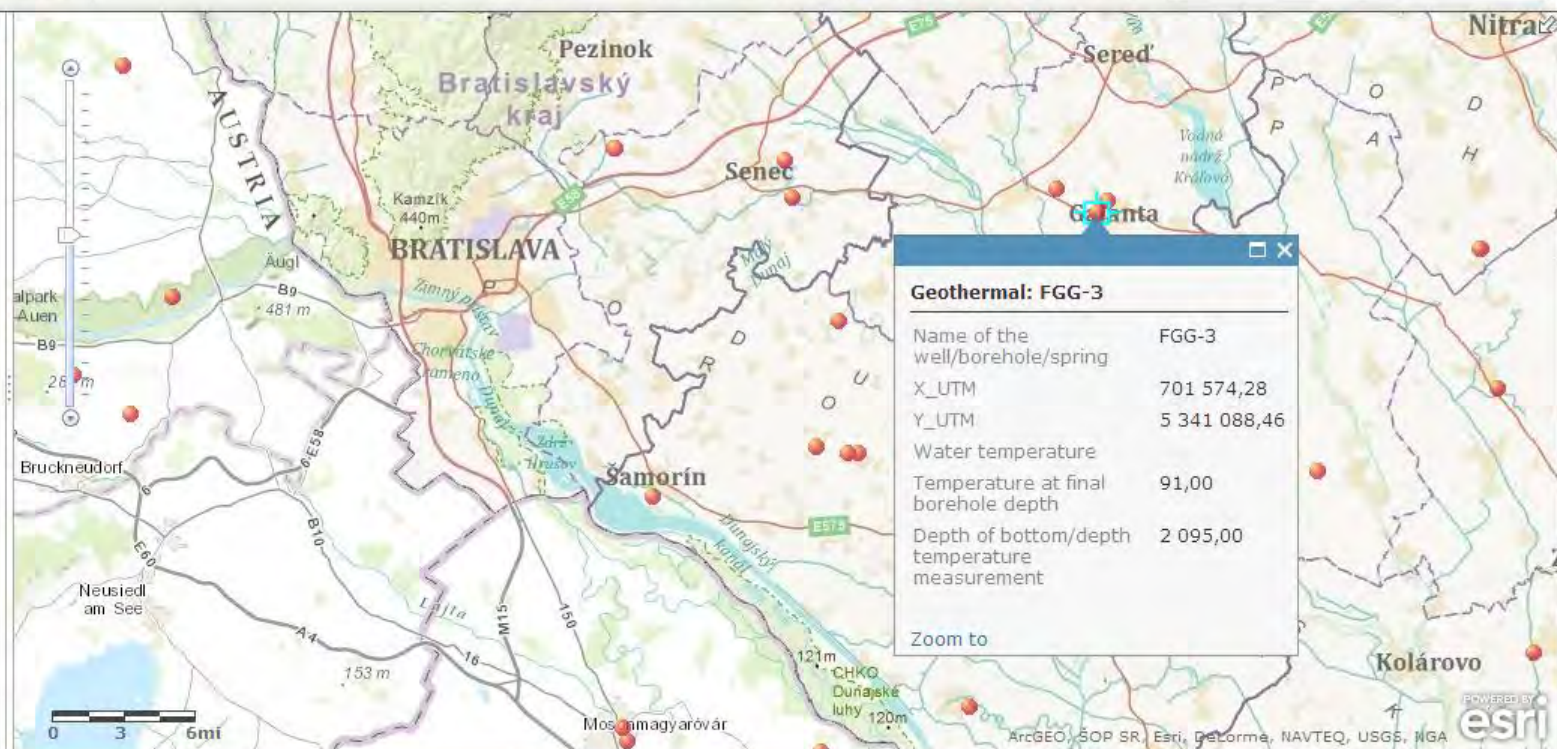
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 - Austroalpine units gneiss, schist, phyllite, marble, amphibolite
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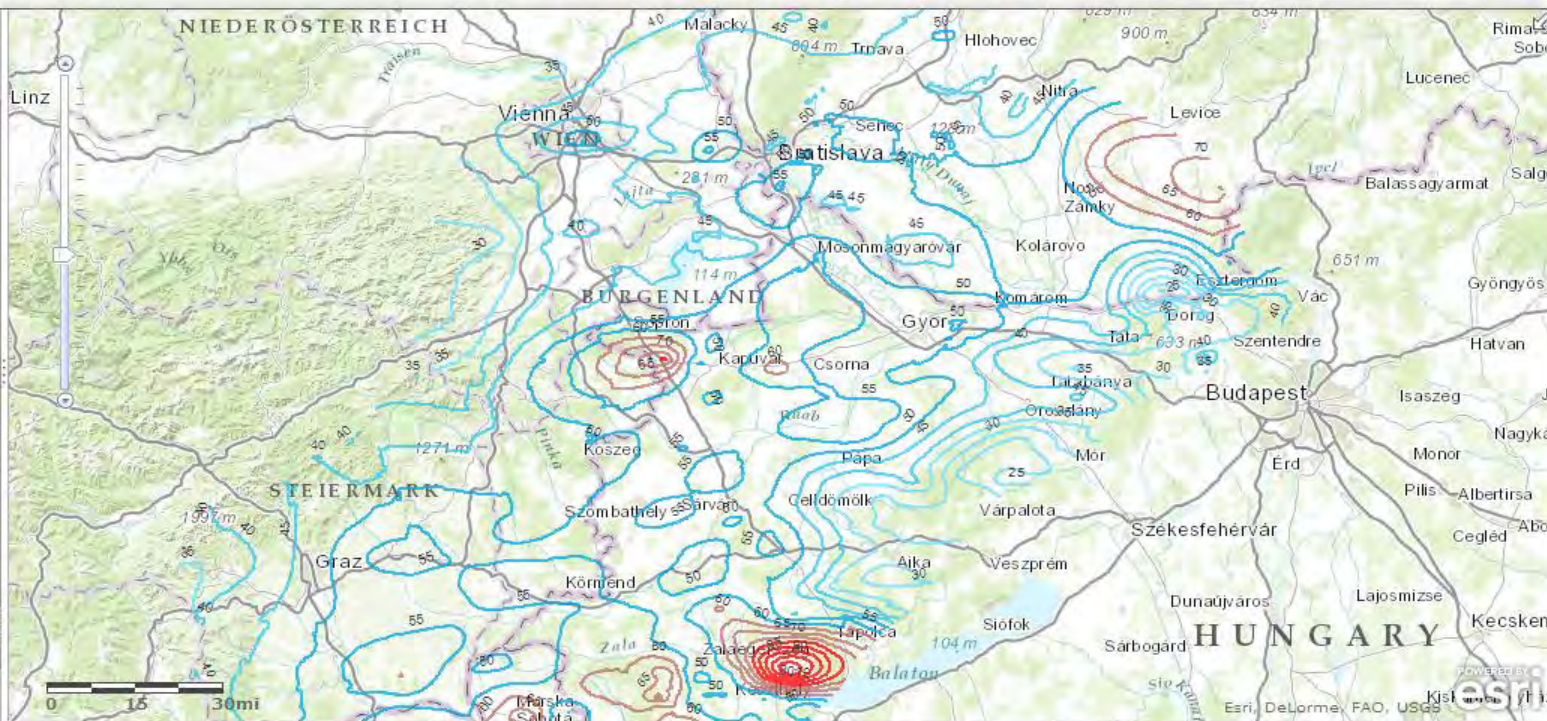
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Non-technical barriers



LEGISLATIVE:

- GE is state owned, except for AT
- responsibilities are shared between ministries „energy-mining” and „environment”
- water concession in SLO, geothermal concession in HU
- licensing mostly by water permits: different authorities requirements and procedures
- re-injection: for the entire amount of abstracted water: SLO, AT, case-by-case: HU, SK

FINANCIAL:

- Direct subsidies, loans: for large projects EIB, EBRD
- FIT: exists, but low, under revision in HU
- No off-take, or support for green-heat
- No risk-insurance
- Tax incentives: only SK
- Indirect support schemes: energy-related operative programs of the Structural and Cohesion Funds: SK, SLO, HU

Conclusions

- ✓ Sustainable utilization of hydrogeothermal resources needs consensus between water management („protection”) and energy („utilization”) policies
- ✓ A win-win situation can be achieved: if resource-related questions are clearly defined and answers are based on firmly based geoscientific models
- ✓ Harmonized management strategies can be based on:
 - common understanding and co-operation
 - joint database and information platform
 - transparency
- ✓ Non-technical barriers to be dismantled
- ✓ TRANSENERGY concepts to be applied elsewhere

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