# OVERVIEW OF EUROPEAN GEOTHERMAL PROJECTS IN BELGIUM

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# **R&D IN GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN BELGIUM**

- Investment in geothermal research and development have essentially focused until 2015 on characterizing the sub-surface potential
- ► 2005-2009: 0,24 M€ were invested on R&D
- ▶ 2009-2015: 13,40 M€ of funding on geothermal R&D (95% public 5% private funding)
- EU projects represent a large amount of these funding in Belgium
- Belgian research teams acquired a large experience through these projects...







Thermal laboratory analyses at GSB

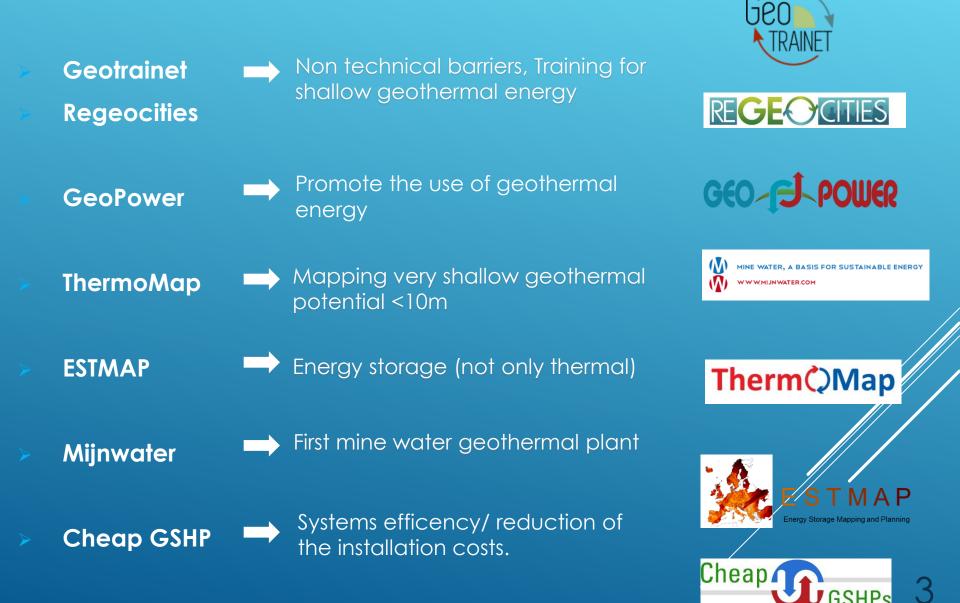


Yellowstone, Belgian Pool, USA



Drilling « Bois de la Cambre », January 20,17

# **EUROPEAN PROJECTS LINKED TO BELGIUM**



## GEOPOWER > http://www.geopower-i4c.eu/

## GEO-FJ-POWER

- 2010-2012 (Parnter: VITO), INTERREG IVC program
- Result : elaboration of 11 in-depth and well-tailored action plan (in each project region) on technical and financial criteria of applying GCHP systems together with the legislative solutions on how to promote the use of geothermal energy in residential, industrial and agriculture sector....
- Geothermal guidebook for Be with definitions, best practices, recommendations...







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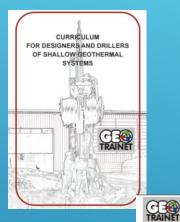
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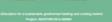


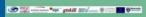


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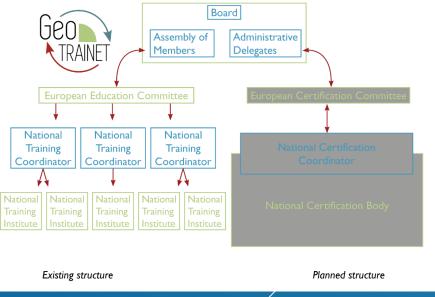


- http://geotrainet.eu/
- > 2008-2011 (Consultancy: GSB)



Main results: courses, manuals (3)

Continue as association since 2014 (Thomas Moore) University= coordinator for Be, Be regions and SGB are also involved)



Geotrainet organisation



## **REGEOCITIES** > http://regeocities.eu/

# **REGEOCITIES**

- 2012-2015 (Partner: Walloon Region, +GSB consultancy)
  - REGEOCITIES worked on the integration of shallow Geothermal Energy at a local and regional level. It examined and promoted best practices and an intelligent regulatory framework,
  - Overcome barriers referred to regulation of geothermal resources and administrative procedures
- Results: reports , analyses, tools, brochures, factsheets are available
  - Overview of Shallow Geothermal Legislation in Europe
  - Best practice analysis report
  - Database and tools for public authorities
  - Report on the Belgian regulative framework

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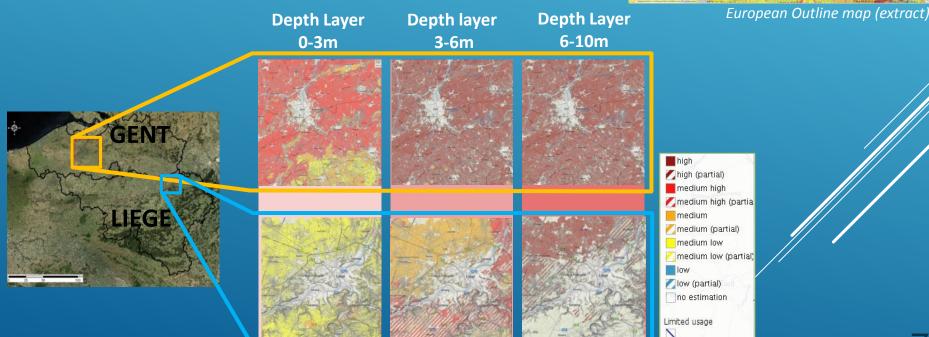
http://www.heatunderyourfeet.eu/usefultools/thermomap-mapping-shallow-geothermalpotential-across-europe/

# Therm () Map

- > 2010-2013 (Partner: GSB), EU-ICT-PSP program
- Estimate the very shallow geothermal potential (<10m) using combined geoscientific data (soil, climatological, topographical, geological, groundwater and administrative data)
- Provide a visualization system (ThermoMap MapViewer)
- Creation further background information on a large (European Outline Map) to medium (14 Test Areas) scale across Europe.







Belgian Test Areas situation and Thermal conductivity maps for each depth layer

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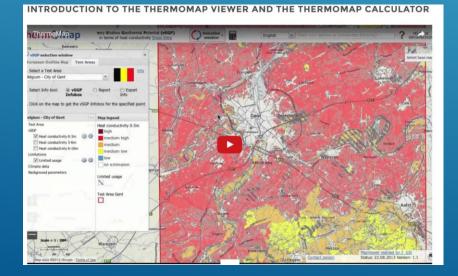
### ThermoMap Mapviewer and calculator

#### Visualisation of the parameters as maps:

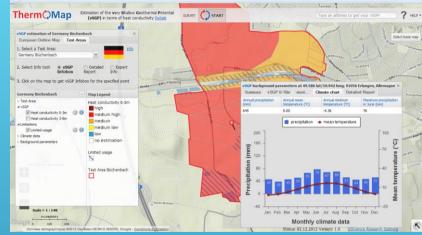
Slope, annual temperature, annual precipitation, water table, thickness of the softrock zone, soil type (WRB classification), grain size at three depth levels (USDA classification), heat conductivity at three depth levels (Kersten formula)....

### Watch the video !

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEYACwM\_UHY



## Therm () Map



#### German Test Area vSGP and climatic data

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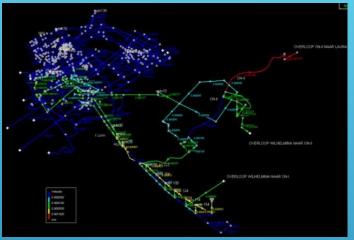


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# 2006-2008 (BE Partner: VITO): Interreg North-West Europe

### Heerlen (NL): First mine water geothermal plant

- In 2005 feasibility study for the mine water concept
- In 2005, with support from the EU and Agentschap NL, five wells were drilled
- In 2006 the "Minewater Project" started under the Interreg IIIB NEW Programme. It demonstrates how the geothermal energy stored by mine water can be used as a safe and ecological way to heat buildings.
- In 2008 the first mine water geothermal plant in the world, was put into operation: 52000 m<sup>2</sup> of indoor space were connected and heated....



3D model of the underground geometry of the mine with overview of the flow and initial temperature conditions (VITO)

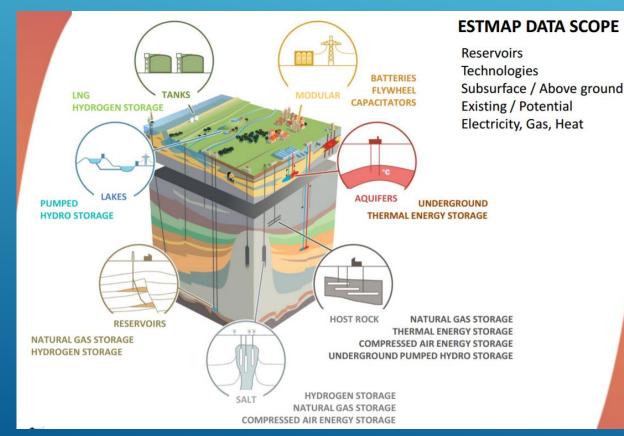
### ESTMAP <a>http://www.estmap.eu/</a>



2014-2016, (Parnter: VITO, subcontractor: EGS (SGB for Wallonia region))

Contribute to energy storage development:

- Key knowledge and information on Europe's energy storage potential
- Spatial energy storage database for electricity, gas and heat technologies
- Case demonstration of European energy systems analysis and planning



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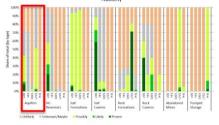


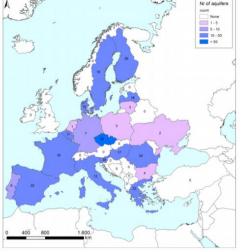
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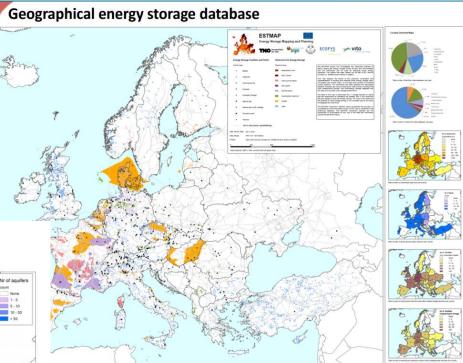
### -> available online in February 2017

#### EU summary of collected sites: Aquifers

- · Widely distributed reservoir type
- ~50% site-specific potential including good indication of capacity.
- The other half concerns regional formations without defined site-specific potential and capacities (regional): Focus areas for further identification and confirmation of realizable potential
- Key target for UGS and UTES. Competing uses: CO2 storage and Geothermal
- Scope for including more aquifers (regional mapping, characterization, assessment)







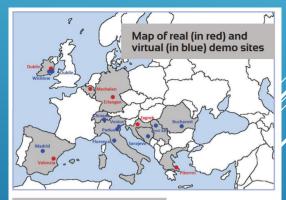
### CHEAP GSHP > <a href="http://cheap-gshp.eu/">http://cheap-gshp.eu/</a>

- 2015-2019 (Be Partner: GeoGreen), GSB participate for laboratory analyses; H2020 program
- To reduce the total cost of shallow geothermal systems by 20-30 % (innovative vertical borehole installation technology, design of coaxial steel GSHE and newly designed basket type GSHE's )
- development of more efficient and safe shallow geothermal systems
- develop a decision support system (DSS) and other design tools covering the geological aspects, feasibility and economic evaluations
- The developments will be demonstrated in six sites whilst the tools will be applied to several virtual demo cases.





Helicoidal Ground Source Heat Exchangers



#### Real demo sites

- 1. Belfield House at University College Dublin, Ireland
- 2. Residential ecohouse Putte bij Mechelen, Belgium
- 3. Universidad Politécnica de Valencia Spain
- 4. Test Site Erlangen Erlangen-Eltersdorf, Germany
- 5. Bioclimatic office building of CRES Pikermi, Greece
- 6. Technical Museum of Zagreb Croatia

Thank you for your attention! Bedankt voor uw aandacht!

Merci pour votre attention!

Yellowstone National Park, August 2016, USA