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THE FUTURE OF DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING STARTS TODAY!

Influential city leaders from across Europe will meet in Gothenburg this week to kick off CELSIUS, a major European low carbon energy programme under the Smart Cities and Communities umbrella of the European Research Programme (FP7). The overall aim with the project is to save energy by using more wasted excess heat in Europe. The potential is huge; there is actually enough waste heat unused in Europe to heat the entire European building stock.

In Gothenburg the district heating provides heat to more than 90 % of all apartment buildings. The average figure for the EU is 10 %. The barriers are not of technical nature but policies, investments, attitudes and business models.

CELSIUS has a clear strategy and a pro-active approach to deployment, which will result in 50 new cities committing to the CELSIUS roadmap by the end of 2016. The core in the project is the demonstrators, some of them built in the project and some already existing.

The partner cities are London, Rotterdam, Genoa, Cologne and Gothenburg. The consortium has 21 partners which cover all parts of the value chain to assure collaboration with all actors such as cities, utilities, industry, politicians, financiers, universities and research centers from the different cities. Among others the partners are London School of Economics, Imperial College and SP Research Institute from Sweden. Gothenburg is chosen to be the lead partner of the project thanks to its long standing experience in the field.

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