

## Pilot action in the Municipality of Samothrace

*contribution of RES to spa tourism*

*Under the implementation of project*

**“Fostering the use of low temperature geothermal sources through the development of operational exploitation guidelines and green energy solutions of enterprising” – “ENERGEIA”**

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- **Position:**  
Thrace – N.  
Greece
- **Size:** 178 km<sup>2</sup>
- **2.840 residents**
- **11 villages**
- **95% within  
Natura 2000**

- **Alternative  
tourism**
- **Spa tourism**
- **Thermal Baths'  
of Psarotherma**

- **Wind Energy**
- **Hydroelectric  
Energy**
- **Geothermal  
Energy**

# Thermal Baths' of Psarotherma

## Psarotherma

- Known from Byzantine period
- Village “Therma”, 14km from port
- Hot sulfur springs
- 1920 first building facilities
- Therapeutic properties
  
- **92°C thermal water**
- **11m<sup>3</sup>/h aver. Supply**
- **Water used in 37-38°C**

## Facilities

- Building of 458 m<sup>2</sup>
- 13 personal baths
- 2 swimming pools
- Lockers
- WCs
- Waiting room

## Visits

- 5.500 tickets – swimming pools
- 1.870 tickets – personal baths (3 yrs aver.)
- Operation period: June - October



## **Idea !**

- Utilisation of waste heat of thermal fluid
- Extending the operation period of the thermal baths.

## **Objective**

- Retrofit to achieve nearly zero energy building

## **Evaluation of current situation:**

- **No insulating protection on the building envelope**
- **No heating/cooling system**
- **Inadequate hot water from installed solar collectors**
- **Low thermal comfort levels inside the building**
- **High amount of heat rejection (thermal fluid)**

**Proposal from DUTH:**

**Pilot hybrid heating and domestic hot water system utilising photovoltaics and geothermal energy**



## Pilot action: Innovative utilisation of geothermal energy for heating and domestic hot water of the facilities of Thermal Springs of Samothraki

### Issues

- Formation of deposits due to sulfur content of thermal fluid
- Increased humidity inside the swimming pool rooms due to high temperature of thermal fluid



- Utilisation of old swimming pool
- Thermodynamic calculation and design of a specific water to water heat exchanger
- Heat exchanger constructed by copper pipes  $\Phi 35\text{mm}$  of 27m
- Ease of disassembly and cleaning of copper pipes
- Design of new HVAC system in accordance with VDI 2089 regulation
- Evaporation of water is 11 kg/h from each pool
- Requirement of 3.000 m<sup>3</sup>/h fresh air



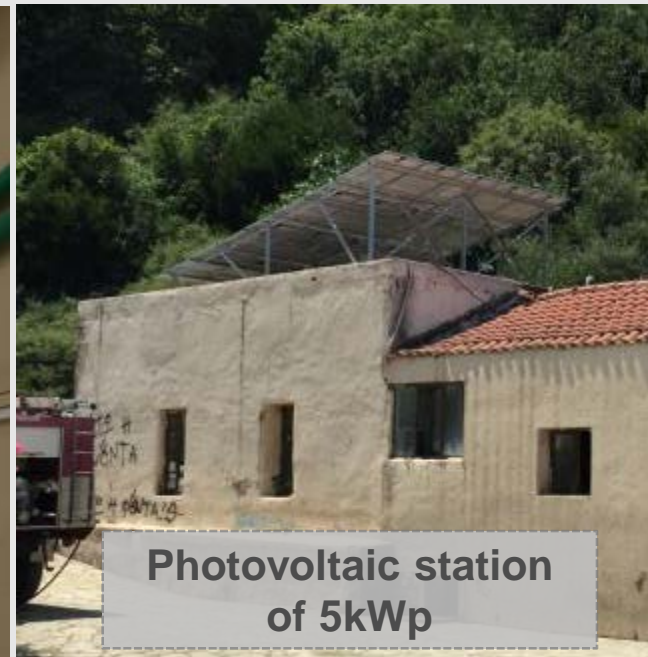
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Ext. th. insulation - new double glazed frames



HVAC of 3.000 m<sup>3</sup>/h



Photovoltaic station of 5kWp



New LED lighting



HVAC of 3.000 m<sup>3</sup>/h



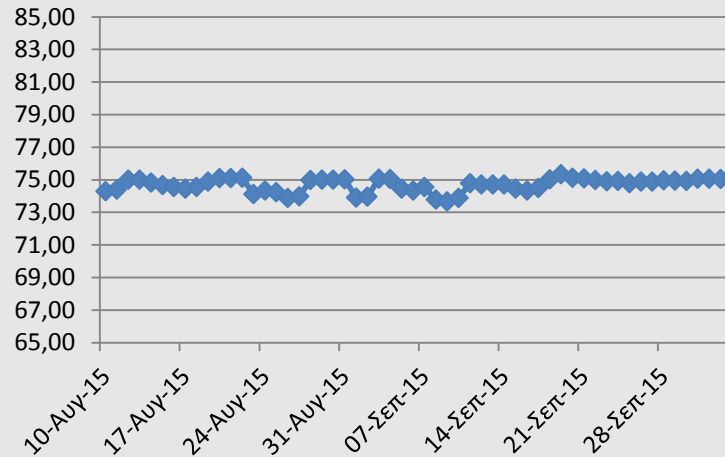
## Results of pilot operation

**10/8 to 4/10**

### Heat exchanger

- 151 m<sup>3</sup>
- Average  $\Delta T$ : 10°C
- **Geothermal energy consumed 1.720kWh**
- **Electrical energy consumed from pilot heating system: 95kWh**
- **Energy savings due to LED lighting: 410 kWh<sub>el</sub>**
- **100% electrical energy fed by the new PV station**

**Average T in tank (oC)**



**Yearly (estimat.)**

- **Geothermal energy consumption 20.000kWh/year**
- **100% coverage of thermal needs by geothermal energy**
- **100% coverage of DHW needs by geothermal energy**
- **73% coverage of electrical needs of pilot application from PV station**



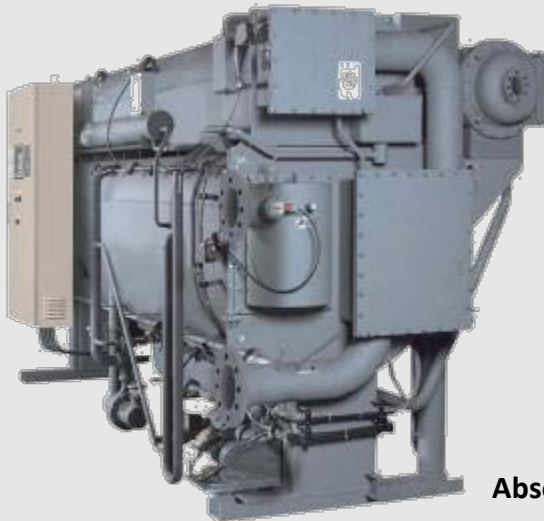
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### Conclusions

- Extension of operating period of the thermal baths without additional energy costs
- Increased thermal comfort inside the building
- Hybridization with PV technology offers the development of zero energy heating systems
- Increased potential for further exploitation of the geothermal energy of the site

### Future steps

- Solve geothermal well cleaning requirements
- Install absorption chiller to complete HVAC system
- Investigate the profitability of new low carbon SPA facilities capitalizing on the results produced by ENERGEIA project



**Absorption chiller**



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