

Identification of most promising markets and promotion of standardised system configurations for the market entry of small scale combined solar heating & cooling applications

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Solar thermal domestic hot water heating (DHW)

& space heating

& space cooling

**DHW** 

Solar Combi

Solar Combi+

Main Aim: Identify and promote standard system configurations for small scale (up to 20 kW) solar heating and cooling applications

**Partnership**: 12 partners from 7 countries (Italy, Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Sweden) including the 5 leading European small scale sorption chiller producers

**Approach:** To identify standard system configurations and most promising applications, the project proposes to perform **virtual case studies**, where promising system configurations are defined (based on a thorough analysis of the market) and validated by simulations and economical and ecological ratings for different typical conditions (i.e. utilization, climate, building type).





# Background

Small scale sorption chillers are now commercially available, but there are several non-technical barriers which can bother a smooth market entry:

- Ombined solar heating & cooling needs high effort in design stage, which is not affordable for small applications
- ② Small scale sorption chillers are at the moment expensive due to low production numbers
- 3 Small scale combined solar heating & cooling is **not enough known by key actors**, such as installers and planners on the one side as well as public authorities and consumers on the other side





## Objectives & main steps

Proposed solutions to the barriers

- 1 High effort in design stage
- → Reduce design effort, identifying standardised system configurations (technology independent) and package solutions (for single chiller) through virtual case studies
- 2 Low production numbers
- → Trigger application by identifying most promising markets (both in the sense of applications and regions)
- 3 Not enough known by key actors
- → Rise awareness with **targeted dissemination and promotion**, towards professionals (training, presentations), policy makers (pro-active approach) and end users (media campaigns)





## **Expected results**

- **Standard system configurations,** which work best under different circumstances, are described in a **brochure** and disseminated to professionals
- **Package solutions** for the single chiller technologies are broadcasted at fairs and taught in special **trainings** (focusing on solar thermal enterprises and installers)
- **Most promising markets** are identified (both in the sense of applications and regions ) and promoted
- Knowledge among professionals is increased, inter alia offering access to virtual case studies through an online tool enabling early decision on feasibility
- Awareness within public authorities is enhanced, assistance for integration in support schemes and implementation of EPBD is given, pilot installations are initiated





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