

Heat Reuse Platform (HRP) Project

Quarterly Update Q3 - 2026

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Project Introduction

Data centres generate large amounts of excess heat, while district heating networks need low-carbon heat sources to decarbonise space heating. The Heat Reuse Platform (HRP) connects both sectors and helps turn opportunities into projects faster.

By visually matching data centres and nearby heating networks across Europe, the platform makes it easier to find partners and assess opportunities. It shortens the time needed to connect stakeholders, evaluate viability, agree terms, and move projects forward.

The online HRP resource section provides calculators, feasibility tools, guidelines and training to help operators reduce risk and accelerate delivery.

The platform is led by EUDCA, Euroheat & Power (EHP), Net Zero Innovation Hub (NZIH), Open Compute Project (OCP), DC Byte, and The Data Centre Heat Company (TDCHC).

Q3 milestone: From pilot to launch readiness

The Heat Reuse Platform (HRP) has entered a new phase. Following completion of the pilot phase, the alliance has agreed a common vision and mission statement.

VISION

To accelerate the identification and verification of viable heat reuse opportunities.

MISSION

Bring together expertise, develop practical resources and support their effective use to unlock viable heat reuse opportunities.

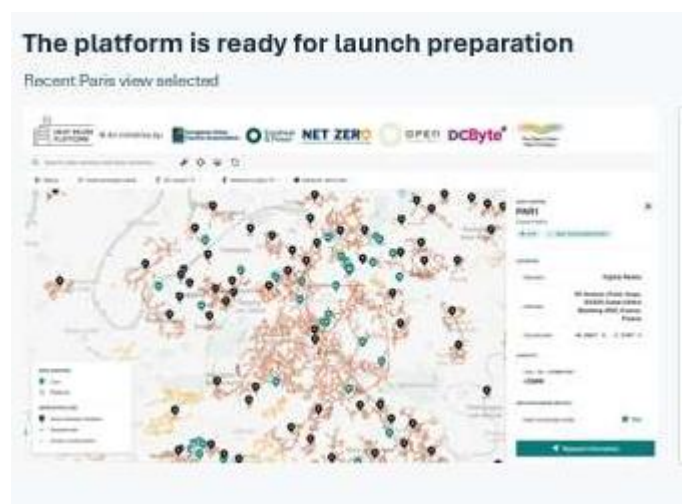
Q3 marked the transition from pilot delivery to launch preparation, supported by new governance structures, practical resources and stakeholder engagement activities.

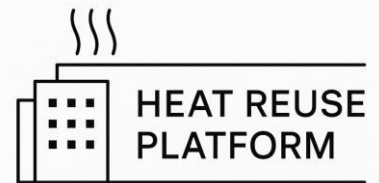
What the platform will help users do

HRP supports the first two stages of a heat reuse project: identifying potential opportunities and assessing early feasibility. It does not replace the detailed design, investment or implementation work that remains with project stakeholders.

The first release is being prepared to provide:

- a European view of data centres and heating networks;
- filtering by data centre temperature range and network capacity;





- radius, direct-distance and nearest-network measurements;
- distinctions between existing, future and heat-reuse-ready assets; and
- a route for requesting further information from operators.

These capabilities are intended to reduce the time and uncertainty involved in finding potential partners and deciding whether an opportunity warrants deeper investigation.

Key Activities Q3

Moving from pilot delivery at the end of Q2 to a scalable operating model from Q3 onwards. The alliance adopted a new delivery model built around five partner-led workstreams. These workstreams now place ownership for scope, plans, outcomes and progress reporting directly with the relevant alliance partners:

1. IT platform: release content, data and platform readiness
2. Communications and awareness: visibility, website, LinkedIn and quarterly updates
3. Tools, educational content and funding: practical resources, calculators and collaboration opportunities
4. Stakeholder community: launch, outreach, webinars and case studies
5. Governance and coordination: alignment, decisions and overall project health

This structure replaces a largely centralised pilot model with decentralised delivery and named responsibility. Workstream plans are reviewed annually, progress is reported monthly and the alliance reports externally each quarter

Building the practical resource base

Work is continuing on a curated resource library, including tools, calculators, guidance materials and educational content. The Technical Working Group is supporting development of the emissions calculator while the alliance expands the resource base and identifies collaboration and funding opportunities.

External Engagement Outlook

- On October 15, the Euroheat & Power, together with DG ENER, will organize an expert workshop the HRP partners and other stakeholders in the community. The workshop will focus on contractual relations between data centre and heating network operators and take place at European Commission premises in Brussels. It is an invite-only workshop.
- Baltic Roundtable (TBC) - Government representatives from the Baltic countries are expected to meet on 20 October to discuss data centre heat reuse. HRP plans to participate, introduce the project and hear local perspectives and needs.

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