

"Geothermal energy in Ilfov County - Romania"

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Geothermal resources in Romania



- The research for geothermal resources for energy purposes began in the early 60's based on a detailed geological programme for hydrocarbon resources.
- The geothermal potential low-temperature geothermal systems
- porous permeable formations such as the Pannonian sandstone, and siltstones specific (Western Plain, Olt Valley) or in fractured carbonate formations (Oradea, Bors and North Bucharest (Otopeni) areas).
- First well for geothermal utilisation in Romania (Felix SPA Bihor) was drilled in 1885 to a depth of 51 m, yielding hot water of 49°C, maximum flow rate 195 l/s.
- Since then over 250 wells have been drilled with a depth range of 800-3,500 m, through which were discovered low-enthalpy geothermal resources with a temperature between 40 and 120°C.
- The total installed capacity of the existing wells in Romania is about 480 MWth (for a reference temperature of 25°C).



The main geothermal reservoirs (Bendea et al., 2015)

Geothermal resources in Bucharest-Ilfov Region

Otopeni geothermal reservoir (Rosca et al., 2010)

- ➤ Location: North of Municipality of Bucharest (North of Ilfov County)
- ≻Area: 300 km²
- ➤ Drilled wells: 24 (18 wells production or injection)
- ➤ Geology structure: sedimentary rocks (limestone and dolomites)
- ➤ Location of geothermal aquifer: 2000-3200 m
- ➤ Temperature gradient: 2.3 ÷ 2.6 °C/100 m
- ➤ Wellhead temperature: 58 84 º C
- **> Flows: 22 ÷ 28 l/s**





Project "Harnessing geothermal water resources for district heating the Emergency Hospital «Prof. Dr. Agrippa Ionescu», Balotesti Commune, Ilfov County"

- Financed under the RO 06 Renewable Energy Programme RONDINE within EEA Grants 2009-2014
- ➤ Programme Operator: Environment Fund Administration
- ➤ Project Promoter: Ilfov County Council
- ➤ Geothermal component of the RO 06 Renewable Energy Programme RONDINE



General Objective

Harnessing geothermal water resources from Balotesti North Perimeter for district heating the Emergency Hospital «Prof. Dr. Agrippa Ionescu», located in Balotesti Commune, Ilfov Council

- Duration: 05.12.2014 30.04.2017
- ➤ Total budget of the project: aprox. 2.1 mil EUR, of which: Contribution of Ilfov County Council: aprox. 0.45 mil EUR Grant: aprox. 1.7 mil EUR
- ➤ Beneficiary: aprox. 12,000 persons every year
- Current status: in operation since October 2016



The main investments

- 1. Rehabilitation and testing of the Balotesti Well 2684
- 2. Construction of well cabin and installing geothermal pump (25 l/s)
- 3. Construction of geothermal plant fully equipped
- 4. Round-trip circuit for heat and hot water circuit
- 5. Tank storage for geothermal waste water 500 m³
- 6. Exhaust pipe for geothermal wastewater
- 7. Connections to consumer (s)



Geothermal plant and waste water storage tank



Exploitation unit of geothermal plant





Well Cabin 2684 Balotesti

Line shaft pump in Balotesti well 2684 (251/s)

Project "The development of geothermal potential in the counties of Ilfov and Bihor"



Financed within RO 05 Energy Efficiency Programme-Bilateral

Relations Fund, EEA Grants 2009-2014

Programme Operator: Ministry of European Funds

Project Promoter: Ilfov County Council

Partners:

Intercommunity Development Association Oradea Metropolitan Area

ISOR Iceland GeoSurvey

Duration: 22.05.2017- 31.10.2017

Total budget (Grant): aprox. 63.000 EUR

Activities durring the project: Exchange experience between Romanian partners and ISOR Iceland GeoSurvey in Romania and Iceland, including field visits and lectures.



General objective aimed to increase awareness of policy makers from Ilfov and Bihor counties about sustainable geothermal development.



Romanian delegation visiting Reykjavik Energy, June 2017

Project "Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics"







City	No of BHE	Depth BHE (m)	Total depth BHE (m)	No of heat pumps	Instaled capacity (MWth)
Magurele	1,080	125 m	13,500	80	5.5

Largest GSHP application in Romania Current status: under construction (it is expected to be in operation at the end of 2019)



Possible geothermal projects in Bucharest – Ilfov Region

- ➤ Harnessing geothermal resources from Otopeni Area for district heating and medical purpose (balneology) at National Institute of Gerontology and Geriatrics "Ana Aslan" Otopeni
- > District Heating of International Airport Henri Coanda Otopeni
- > District Heating in Municipality of Otopeni
- ➤ Extend geothermal investments with new wells in the north part of Ilfov County at Tunari Commune and surrounding for district heating and medical spa
- ➤ New medical, wellness and entertainment centers in the North of Ilfov County in order to increase medical and recreational tourism in Bucharest-Ilfov Region
- ➤ Investments in the North East of Ilfov County at Gruiu, Snagov, Dascalu and Moara Vlasiei especially for agriculture

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