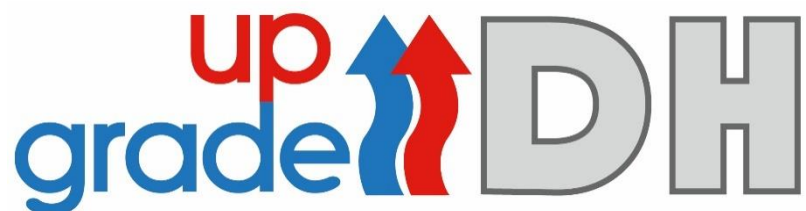


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1 General information

A professional, attractive and user-friendly project website was developed and launched in July 2018. The website is accessed under www.upgrade-dh.eu. It is adapted to be also user friendly on smart phones and Tablets. The **design** is consistent with the style and colours of the logo and design elements.

In the starting phase, the website gives information about the scope and objectives of the project and the activities that will be implemented throughout the project duration. It informs as well about the demo cases of the project and the partners involved.

The website will be updated continuously to include news and results and to inform about the progress of project activities. The different sections of the website are available in 9 languages: English, Bosnian, Danish, Croatian, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish and Dutch. Various methods will be used to increase the visibility of the website by the project target groups and the general public, like links on the websites of the project partners and relevant projects, and by mentioning it in all relevant publications and articles and on the social media.

The website will be maintained up to three years after the project ends.

2 Website sections

The structure of the Upgrade DH website was elaborated by WIP (the administrator) in collaboration with all project partners. It includes 2 main menus, one horizontal and one vertical (Figure 1) in addition to links to the different project social media accounts.



Figure 1: Homepage of the Upgrade DH website

2.1 The horizontal menu

The horizontal menu contains the following sections:

- Home
- About Upgrade DH
- Project partners
- News & Events
- Publications & Reports
- Contact
- Links

The section **Home** includes the general objective of the project and the core activities.

The section **About Upgrade DH** informs about the specific objectives and the expected outcomes.

Information about project partners with links to their respective organisation website is included in the dedicated **Project partners** section (Figure 2).

The screenshot shows the 'Project Partners' section of the Upgrade DH website. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About Upgrade DH', 'Project Partners', 'Publications & Reports', 'Links', 'Contact', and 'News'. Below this is a banner with the text 'Upgrade Dh: Upgrading the Performance of District Heating Networks in Europe' and a graphic of two upward-pointing arrows. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'Demo cases', lists various cities and countries with a map of Europe below. The middle column, titled 'Project Coordinator', features the logo for WIP Renewable Energies and provides contact information for Dominik Rutz, Rainer Janssen, and Cosette Khawaja. The right column, titled 'Project Partners', lists Solites (Steinbeis Research Institute for Solar and Sustainable Thermal Energy Systems) and the Lithuanian District Heating Association (LDHA), each with their respective contact details. A footer at the bottom states 'This website uses cookies to ensure you get the best experience on our website. More info'.

Figure 2: Project partners section of the website

The section **News and Events** informs the public about the news, results and progress of the project (Figure 3). This section contains the detailed information about news and events.

Additionally, on the right vertical column, the announcement of news and events is displayed and is visible no matter in which section of the website the user is browsing. Upon clicking on the announcement, the user will be redirected to the detailed information present in **News and Events** section.

The section **Publications and Reports** will eventually contain all reports, publications, public deliverables of the project, and related publications and reports (Figure 4).

The **Contact** section includes the contact information of the project partners (Figure 5).

The **Links** section contains links to other relevant projects and websites (Figure 6).

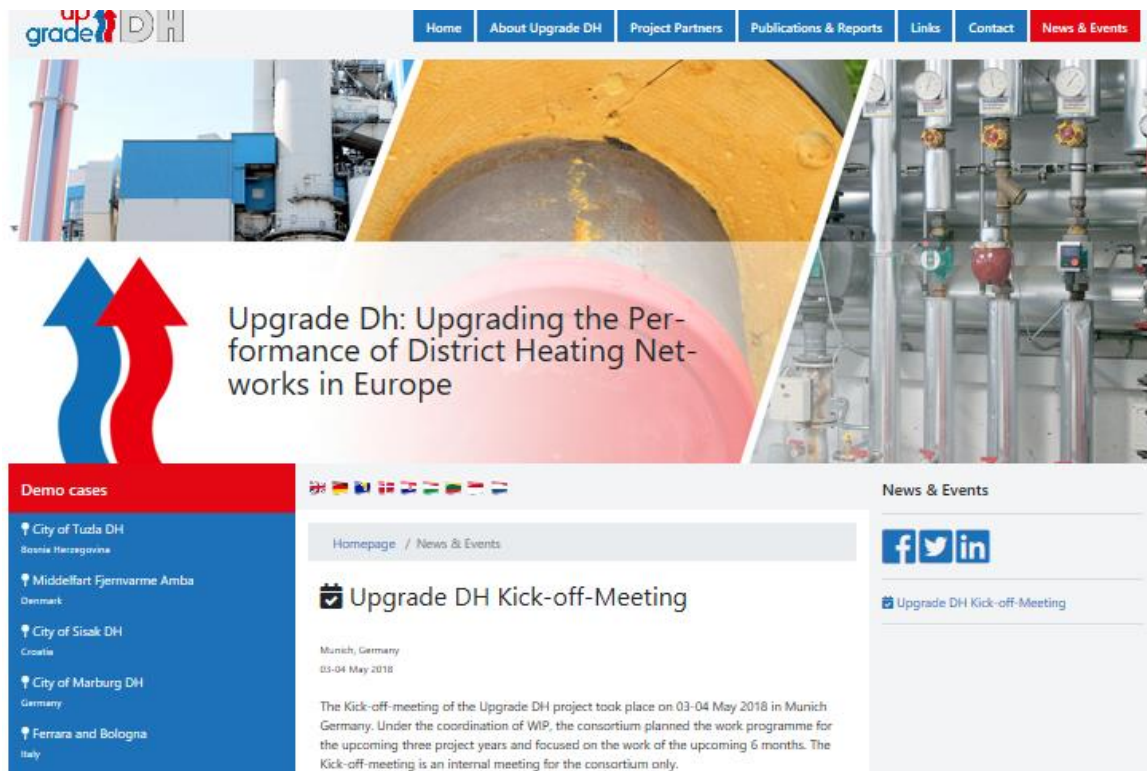


Figure 3: News and Events section of the website

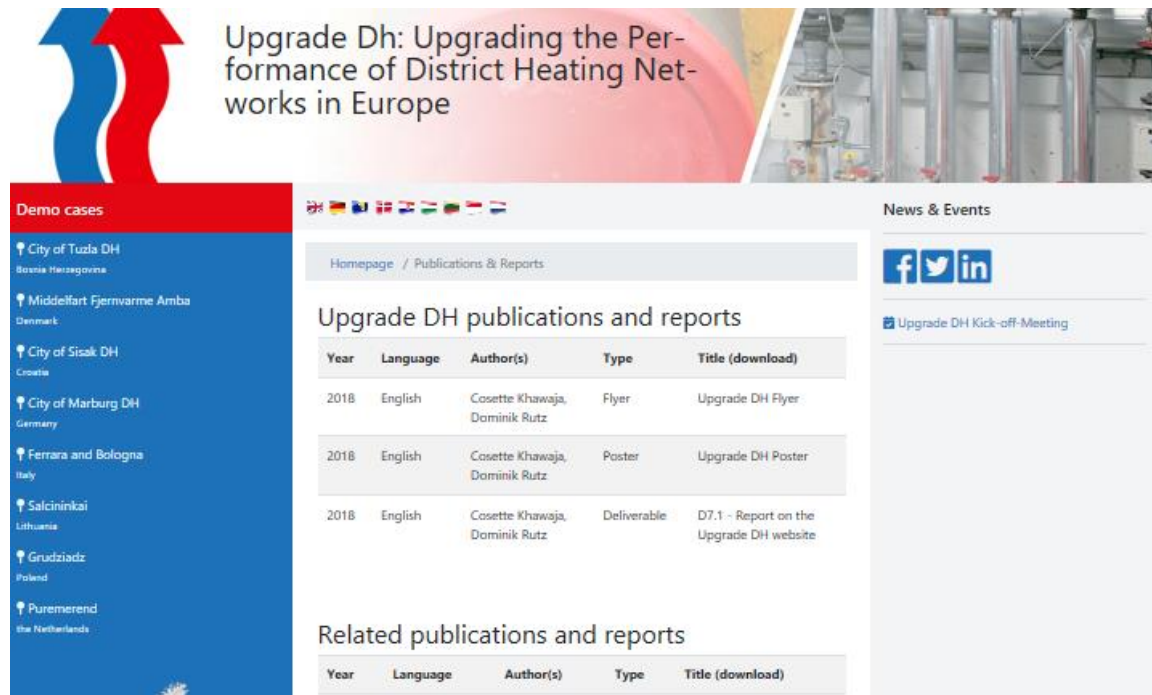


Figure 4: The section Publications and reports

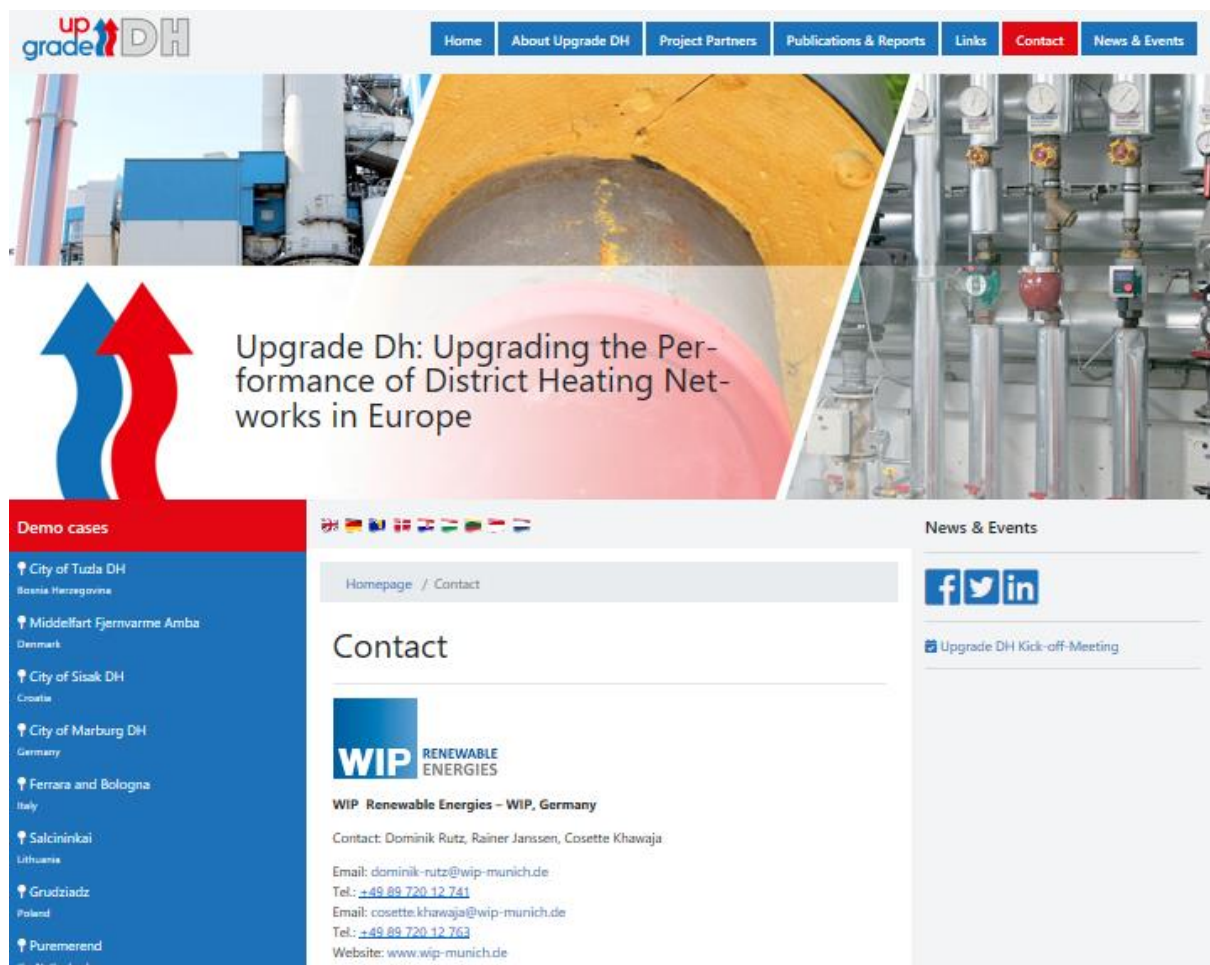


Figure 5: The section Contact

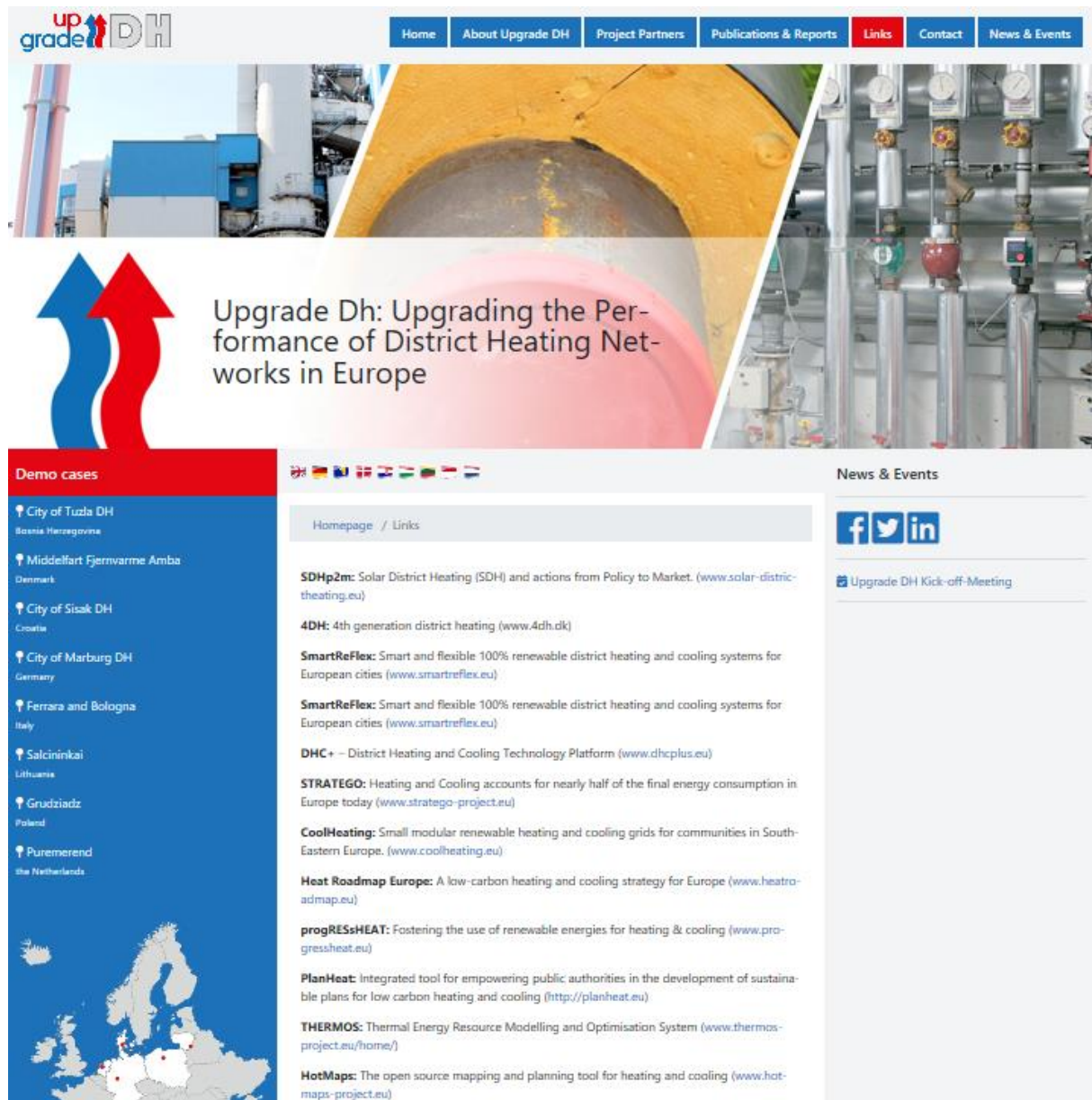


Figure 6: The section Links

2.2 The vertical menu

The vertical menu of the website contains information about the following 8 demo cases of the project:

- City of Tuzla DH, Bosnia Herzegovina
- Middelfart Fjernvarme Amba, Denmark
- City of Sisak DH, Croatia
- City of Marburg DH, Germany
- Ferrara and Bologna, Italy
- Salcininkai, Lithuania
- Grudziadz, Poland
- Puremerend, the Netherlands

A summary on the status of the demo case is given in the beginning of the project but progressively, the results and engagement of stakeholders will be visible in these sections (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Example of the section Demo cases