



## PRESS RELEASE: The EU-funded DECAGONE project is launched

*DECAGONE will develop a cutting-edge industrial waste heat recovery demonstrator based on Organic Rankine Cycle technology for electricity production*

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The “DECAGONE” project - DEmonstrator of industrial CARbon-free power Generation from ORC-based waste-heat-to-Energy systems – started officially on 1st June 2022. The project is funded by the European Union’s Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon Europe (G.A. 101069740), with a grant amount of €14 million and a duration of 4 years (June 2022 to May 2026).

The ambition of DECAGONE is to develop beyond state-of-the-art technological solutions to increase energy efficiency in industry and to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutant emissions from industry by recovering excess industrial (waste) heat and converting it into electricity.

The technical solution, developed by a consortium of 16 partners from 10 European countries, is based on Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) technology. It will achieve scalability to higher power levels, improve cost effectiveness, increase the input temperature ranges and a significant improvement in compactness, allowing wider application and more effective heat recovery from a wide range of industrial processes. The solution will be demonstrated in the TRINECKÉ ŽELEZÁRNY steel Mill in Czech Republic with a 2 MW installation.

The ORC-based system will use enhanced heat recovery designs and disruptive turbomachinery developments. The proposed break-through architecture of the turbine is tailored for increased compactness, higher availability and safety, as well as cost reduction with near-zero maintenance. The project ensures an efficient and smart integration of advanced monitoring using innovative instrumentation and measuring devices, machine learning algorithms for real-time efficiency improvement. The potential of self-consumption in industrial plants at a large industrial scale will be assessed.

Within the scope of the project, the potential of this technology will be evaluated in six other energy-intensive industrial sectors. Market potential and Europe-wide transposability for potential use cases (aluminum, glass, gas-energy, oil & gas and refineries, LNG terminals, and cement) will be evaluated. New financing and business models will also be explored, to support long-term operations of the erected assets, coping with long-lasting and resilient industrial processes. The use of the ESCO model to contract, finance and operate energy efficiency facilities will be part of the assessment, preparing for the future operation of the facility by a specialized company. Lastly, the dissemination of best practice across Europe by relying on the consortium’s European partners in coordination with regional energy agencies.

During these first months we have started to work on the different activities, and we have defined our communication and dissemination strategy:



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- We have finalized different types of communication materials (a flyer, a poster, templates and a newsletter) to raise awareness of the project,
- We have launched the project website and social media, where people are demonstrating a great interest in our activities. To receive our updates, follow us on [Twitter](#) and a join us on [LinkedIn](#)!
- The project coordinator participated at the 16th Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) Conference on November 9, 2022.

To learn more about the project, please visit: <https://decagone.eu/>

The 16 consortium partners, from 10 different European countries involved in DECAGONE are:

1. Enertime – Project Coordinator (FR),
2. Energie Circulaire (FR),
3. Energetika Třinec, a.s (CZ),
4. National Technical University of Athens (GR),
5. SINTEF Energi AS (NO),
6. Commissariat à l’Energie Atomique (FR),
7. Université de Liege (BE),
8. Technische Universität München (DE),
9. SpinDrive Oy (FI),
10. Société Tunisienne d’Electricité et de Gaz (TN),
11. Motor Oil Hellas AE (GR),
12. Euronovia (FR),
13. EMCC energy sro (SK),
14. Polénergie (FR),
15. Arttic Innovation GmbH (DE),
16. Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale (CH).



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## Project details

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