



Success stories

Response to So-Pro on European level

The interest generated by the project on European level was very satisfactory and the international activities were well received by the target groups: the two international events were well attended and the newsletters and publications were received with interest.

The co-operation with the two major European platforms - ESTIF and Global Solar Thermal - was excellent: they actively supported the dissemination of information about events. In addition to the communication activities foreseen in the work programme, So-Pro was presented at a number of major European conferences, including the ESTEC 2011 conference, the Intersolar 2011 conference and the Solar World Congress 2011.

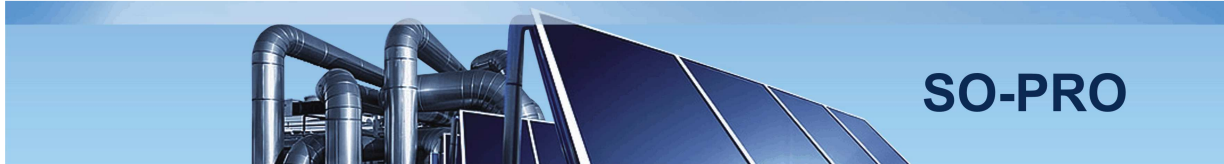
This will continue beyond the project duration: project partners have already been invited to several further presentations at international conferences, several more articles are expected to be published in the next months.

Through the involvement of ISE, So-Pro results will actively be used in the new IEA Task 49 "Solar Process Heat for Production and Advanced Applications".

The project partners have committed themselves to continue the co-operation and to set up an informal network "Solar Process Heat Europe".

Training courses and their continuation

The regional training courses, developed jointly by the regional partners and with support from the scientific partners, were very effective activities in increasing the knowledge of regional stakeholders, especially solar thermal companies. The aim of the courses was to provide the principle know-how to size and plan installations for solar process heat. 6 training courses were held with 143 participants in total.



Early in the project, project partners established contacts with organisations which could support the continuation of the training courses after the project end. All partners will continue the training courses: ESV in curriculum of the "Energy Academy", ESCAN in the framework of the EUREM training course, ECCB with its own course programmes, GERTEC in co-operation with Centre for Environment and Energy of the Chamber of Crafts, Energap in co-operation with Viessmann and ISE in the framework of the OTTI seminars as well as their university lectures.

Press echo

The project partners have successfully promoted the project and its activities to the daily and specialised press. They have placed articles on relevant websites, in online newsletters as well as in journals, including among others through press releases, inputs to regional e-mail newsletters, articles in technical press and magazines, interviews, information via online platforms and portals and through cooperation with Chambers, business developments, associations, energy agencies or relevant networks.

In total, 168 articles in press and online media were published in which So-Pro and its activities were mentioned.