



LIFE Low2HighDH at Midpoint: Supporting Clean Heat in Central and Eastern Europe

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Key Highlights from the First 18 Months

The EU-funded LIFE Low2HighDH project has reached a key milestone, completing the first half of its implementation. With groundwork laid across Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia, the project is now entering a more action-oriented phase — shifting from analysis to technical and financial support for district heating (DH) decarbonisation.

- 32 DH operators applied to join the project; 6 pilot sites were selected (2 per country) for technical and financial support for the first round, second selection process will follow this autumn.
- Detailed technical, market, and financial analyses were completed for the DH sectors in all three countries.
- A portfolio of 24 decarbonisation technologies and a comprehensive financial tools guide were developed to support investment planning.
- Produced 5 awareness videos and launched a multilingual website reaching 1,500+ unique visitors.
- Established 30+ member Ambassador Community of stakeholders from across Europe.
- Built strong synergies with other EU-funded DH projects via a joint District Heating Synergy Hub.

In the first half of 2025, the LIFE Low2HighDH project significantly expanded its visibility across Europe by contributing to several key sectoral conferences and EU-level events:

- **VYKUROVANIE 2025** – Slovakia (March 10–14): With over 500 participants, this was one of the largest national events for DH professionals. STUBA presented the project's approach to decarbonising high-temperature systems.
- **Šilumos energetika 2025** – Lithuania (March 13): National heating conference attended by 160+ experts, including representatives of the Lithuanian Ministry of Energy. LEI showcased the Low2HighDH project and its national relevance.
- **CYSENI 2025** – Lithuania (May 20–22): The Project Coordinator David Pérez delivered a keynote presentation at this international young scientists' conference. The team also visited the Rukla DH pilot site, engaging with local stakeholders to prepare tailored technical and financial support.
- **Smart Cities Marketplace** – EU Webinar (June 6): Low2HighDH was featured in a session on financial modelling for DH decarbonisation, targeting municipalities and public authorities across Europe.
- **Energy & Sustainability Conference** – Crete, Greece (July 2–3): Held in Chania, Crete, this international hybrid conference featured an oral presentation by Paula Reg (Creara - Project Coordinator), and the project was displayed in the EU project poster exhibition. Partners from LEI, STUBA, and UNIPARTHENOPE participated.

As Low2HighDH entered into its second half, the project is set to deliver concrete technical support, unlock investment opportunities, and contribute to a more resilient, low-carbon heating future for Europe.



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