For many energy companies and municipalities there are untapped opportunities for using waste heat or surplus heat. Such heat can be found in many forms, whether it is steam going out into the air or hot water going out into the ocean.

A lot of heat is lost in power plants, oil refineries and industrial processes. Many of these losses could be retrieved and distributed by district-heating systems to heat buildings. The same fuel achieves twice the work, thereby doubling fuel efficiency.

District-heating systems provide the necessary heat load for high-efficiency combined heat and power plants, while at the same time enabling the use of renewable energy. It demonstrates fantastic opportunities for other communities from a financial as well as an environmental point of view.

A residential building in Belgium, heated by surplus energy from a waste incineration facility.