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# A FORWARD-LOOKING SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN EU COUNTRIES

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# THE CHALLENGE

*Understand the **behavioral** obstacles of **end-users** that hinder the implementation of effective energy efficiency policies.*

## ABOUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY...

*“...the Stone Age did not end because we ran out of stones; we transitioned to better solutions.*

*The same opportunity lies before us with energy efficiency and clean energy.”*

**Dr. Stephen Chu, Former Secretary of Energy and Nobel Laureate**

# THE PROJECT

- **Title:** “*A forward-looking socio-economic research on Energy Efficiency in EU countries*”
- **Funding Mechanism:** HORIZON 2020, RIA
- **Total Budget:** €958,750.00 – 100% EC Contribution
- **Duration:** 31 months
- **Start Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015
- **Consortium:** 7 partners: 6 from 6 EU countries and 1 partner from EU candidate country
- **Project Coordinator:** NKUA-KEPA
- **Web-sites:**
  - [www.heron-project.eu](http://www.heron-project.eu)
  - [www.heron2017.wordpress.com](http://www.heron2017.wordpress.com)

# OBJECTIVES

1. Impact of socio-economic and institutional factors on **implementing** energy efficiency **policies** and **measures**.
2. Development of energy efficiency **pathways** to the horizon 2030 and beyond, taking into account the socio-economic drivers and the updated energy efficiency measures.
3. Contribution to improving energy modeling by **incorporating** social, educational and cultural factors so as to reflect the **end-user behavior**.
4. Establishment of **communication channels** between researchers, decision makers of different governance levels and social and market stakeholders.

# METHODOLOGY

Actions to achieve the objectives:

1. **Mapping** of energy efficiency policy instruments, available technologies and social, economic, cultural and educational barriers in transport and buildings
2. **Assessment** of the evidenced barriers and the main driving factors, in order to **define their weight/importance** for the implementation of energy efficiency policies
3. **Determination of linkages** between the factors and the energy efficiency
4. Forward-looking **scenario analysis**, focusing on macro- and micro-economic impacts of energy efficiency policy options
5. **Policy recommendations** through multi-criteria evaluation and feedback mechanisms with policy makers and market stakeholders from EU

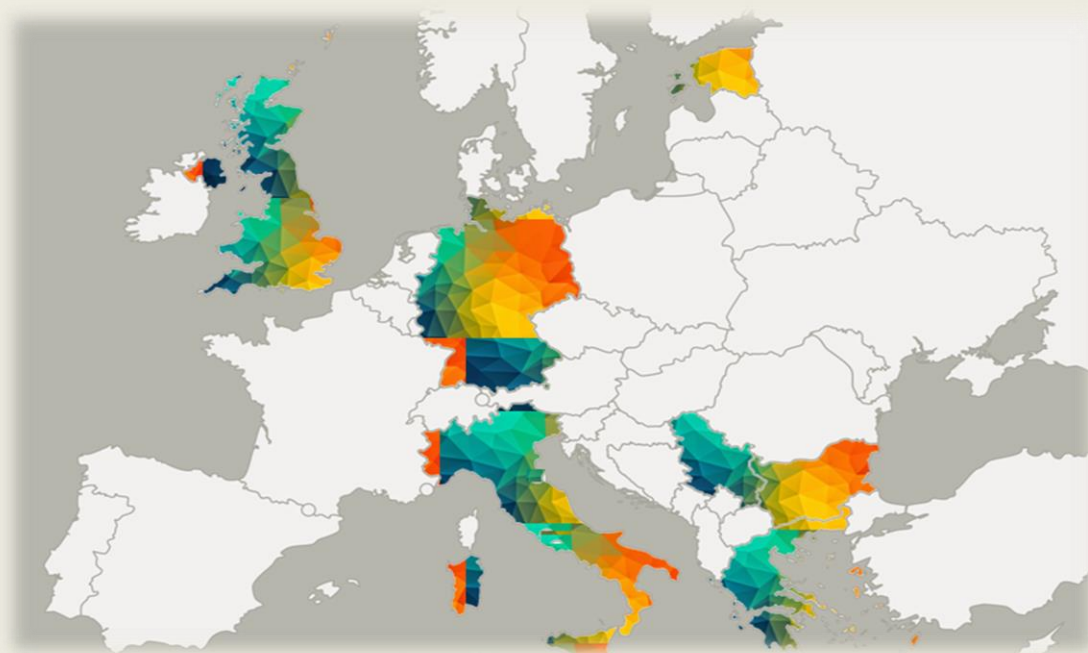
# CONSORTIUM

1. National and Kapodistrian University of Athens – Energy Policy and Development Centre (**KEPA**) – **Hellas**
2. University of Bocconi, Centre for Research on Energy and Environmental Economics and Policy (**UB-IEFE**) – **Italy**
3. Black Sea Energy Research Centre (**BSREC**) – **Bulgaria**
4. Oxford Brookes University (**OBU**)– **United Kingdom**
5. Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy (**WI**) – **Germany**
6. University of Belgrade – Faculty of Mining and Geology (**UB-FMG**) – **Serbia**
7. Estonian Institute for Sustainable Development, Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre (**SEI-T**) – **Estonia**

## EXPECTED RESULT

*To empower policy makers and market players by **providing them an innovative policy tool** allowing them to select and implement the **most effective policy instruments** for energy efficiency in building and transport sector **incorporating the end-users behavior.***





*1 month before project closure*  
**TODAY**

# OUTCOMES

1. Barriers and technologies in Buildings and Transport **mapping**
2. Developed Decision Support Tool (**HERON DST**) converting quantitative information to qualitative data.
3. Developed **scenarios** with HERON DST incorporated data
4. Concluded **preferable scenarios** per sector for each case study country
5. Developed **policy dialogue** on national and EU level

## OUTCOMES: MAPPING

- Mapping of **technologies** in Buildings and Transport sectors (WI)
- Mapping of **barriers** based on data and literature (OBU)
- **Survey** for non numerical barriers mapping (UB-IEFE)

## OUTCOMES: INNOVATIVE TOOL

Decision support **Tool** (HERON DST) converting qualitative information into quantitative, allowing the **incorporation** in energy modeling and scenarios development (UoA-KEPA)

## OUTCOMES: EE DEVELOPED SCENARIOS

- **6 developed scenarios per sector** in LEAP energy tool for each country (84 scenarios in total) (SEI-T)
- **1 optimum scenario per sector** for each country (14 optimum scenarios) (Consortium)

## THE EE DEVELOPED SCENARIOS

1. BAU: Business as Usual
2. EE0: Scenario *without barriers*
3. EE1: Scenario considering *all* barriers
4. EE2: Scenario with a HERON DST suggested minimized barriers **mixture (1)**
5. EE3: Scenario with a different HERON DST suggested minimized barriers **mixture (2)**
6. EE4: Scenario with a different HERON DST suggested minimized barriers **mixture (3)**

**6 scenarios per sector developed into LEAP tool, with incorporated the HERON DST outcomes.**

# OUTCOMES: EVALUATION

- Evaluation of scenarios per sector for each country (UoA-KEPA)
- **1 concluded preferable scenario** per sector for each country (14 optimum scenarios) (UoA-KEPA)

# EVALUATION REASONS

After the incorporation of HERON DST outcomes into LEAP developed scenarios, we have results pointing an **optimum** scenario

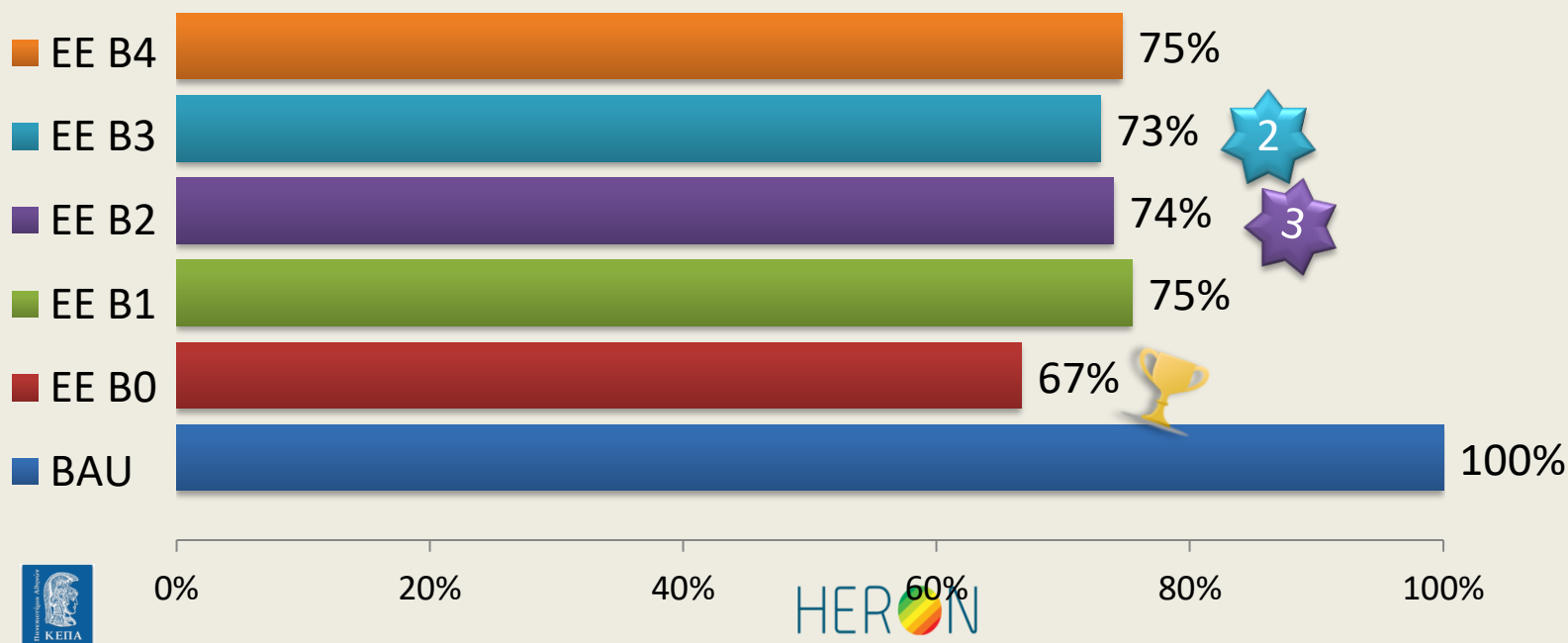


*is that enough?*

## Case: Greece, Transport sector

Final energy consumption in year 2030, compared to BAU

[Source](#)





## *EVALUATION REASONS*

Initial criteria: Incorporate the end-users behavior  
Present the most Energy Efficient scenario

How to conclude to a **preferable** scenario?  
by adding criteria

**Additional** criteria, supported by the selected evaluation method (AMS)

**A – Environmental performance**

**B – Political acceptability**

**C – Feasibility of implementation**

# THE SELECTED EVALUATION METHOD

Integrated multi-criteria analysis method for quantitative evaluation of climate change mitigation policy instruments.

Consists of:

1. a set of criteria supported by sub-criteria, all of which describe the complex framework under which these instruments are selected by policy makers and implemented
2. an Analytical Hierarchy Process (**AHP**) process for defining weight coefficients for criteria and sub-criteria according to the preferences of three stakeholders groups and
3. a Multi-Attribute Theory (**MAUT**)/Simple Multi-Attribute Ranking Technique (**SMART**) process for assigning grades to each instrument that is evaluated for its performance under a specific sub-criterion

*The method was named **AMS** from the initials of the combined processes and techniques.*

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421507003229>

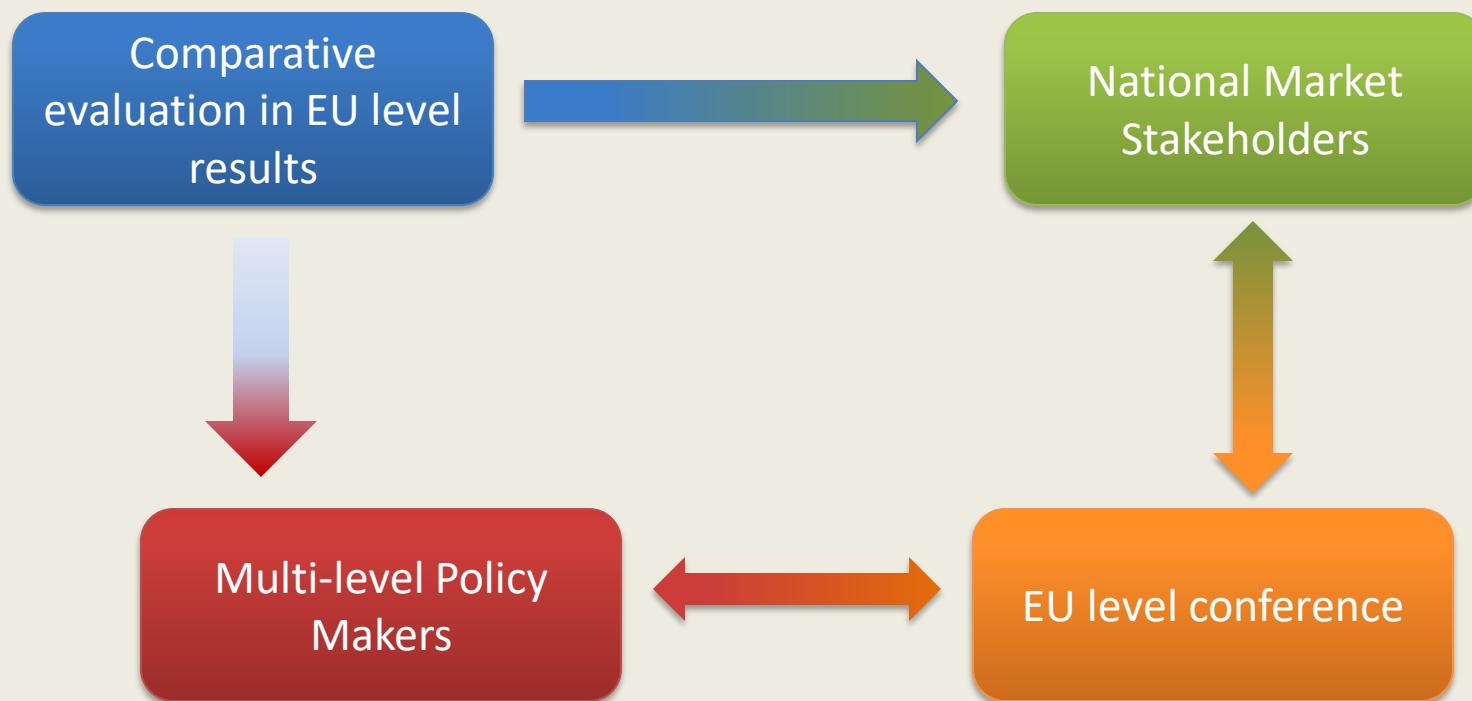
# AMS CRITERIA

Criterion Subcriteria	Weight coefficients
<b>Environmental performance - A</b>	<b>0,168</b>
Direct contribution to GHG emission reductions	0,833
Indirect environmental effects	0,167

Criterion Subcriteria	Weight coefficients
<b>Political acceptability - B</b>	<b>0,738</b>
Cost efficiency	0,474
Dynamic cost efficiency	0,183
Competitiveness	0,085
Equity	0,175
Flexibility	0,051
Stringency for non-compliance	0,032

Criterion Subcriteria	Weight coefficients
<b>Feasibility of implementation - C</b>	<b>0,094</b>
Implementation network capacity	0,309
Administrative feasibility	0,581
Financial feasibility	0,11

# OUTCOMES: POLICY DIALOGUE



# OUTCOMES: HERON PROCESS

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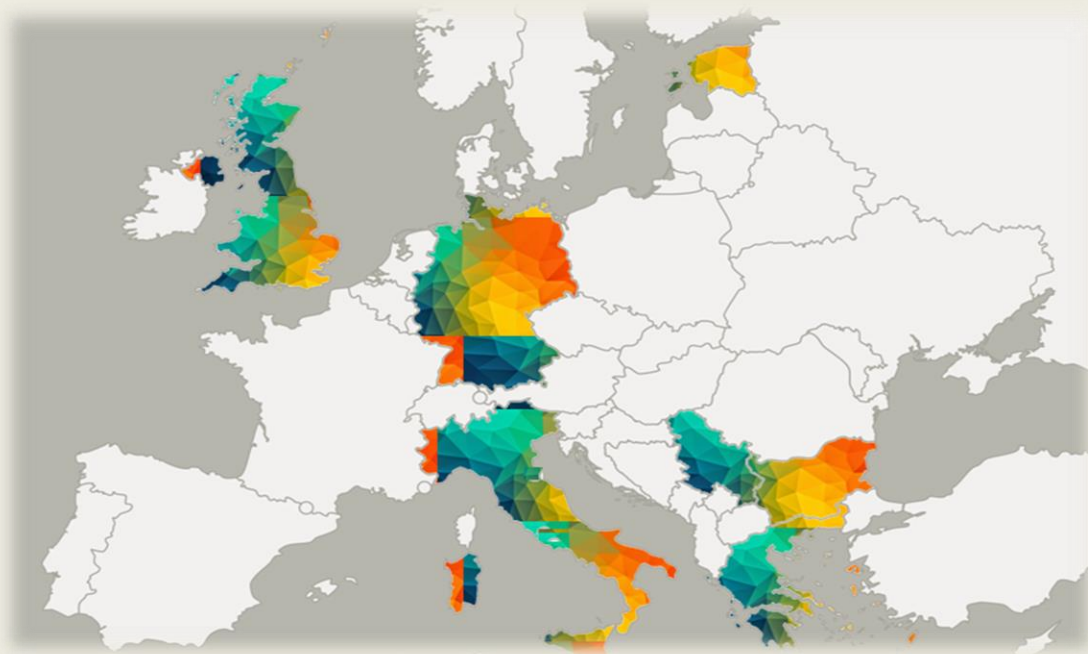
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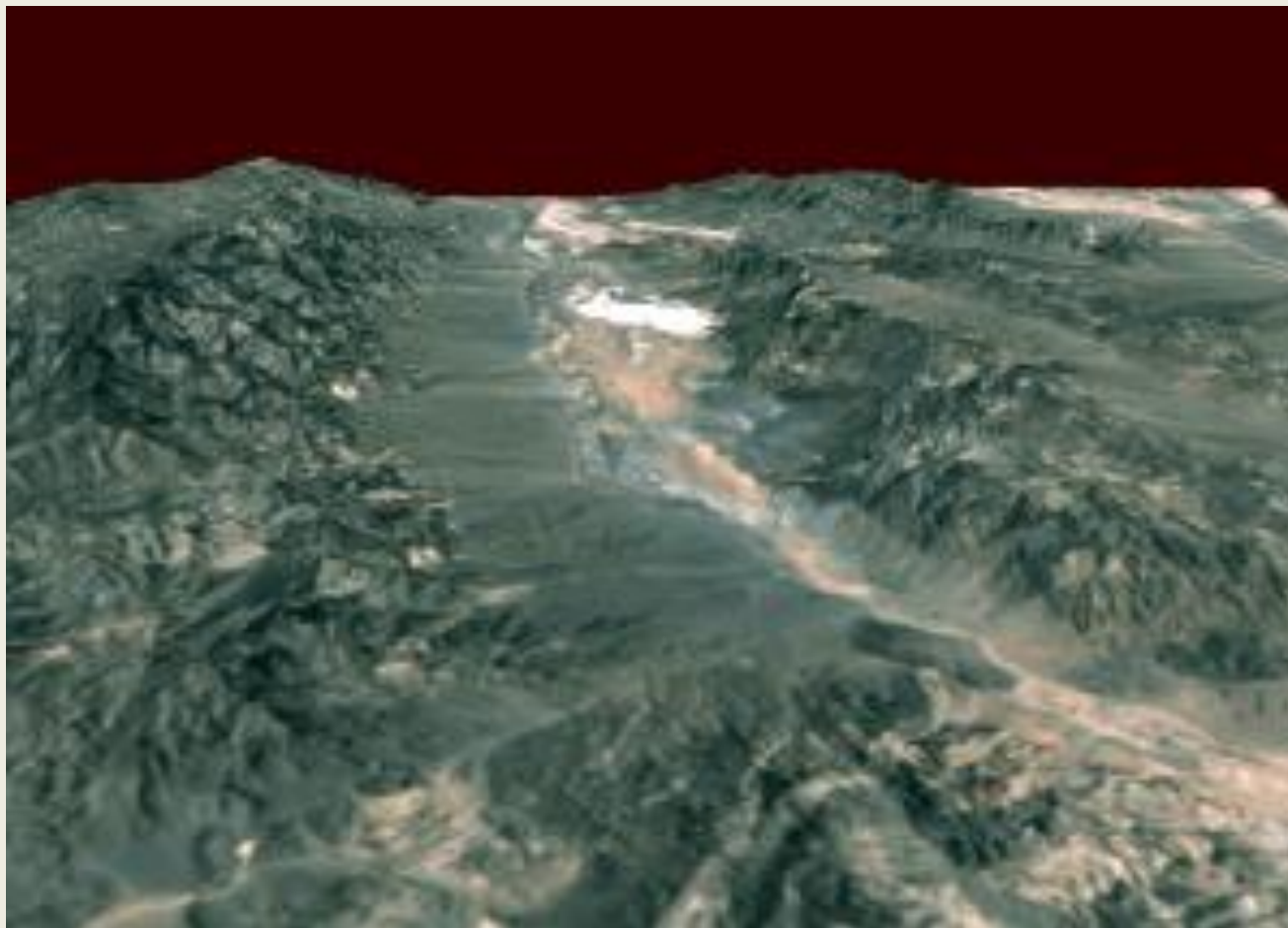
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scenarios  
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Evaluation  
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Preferable  
EE scenarios  
conclusion



## WHAT'S NEXT?



**Death Valley** (Romania): NASA 3D representation

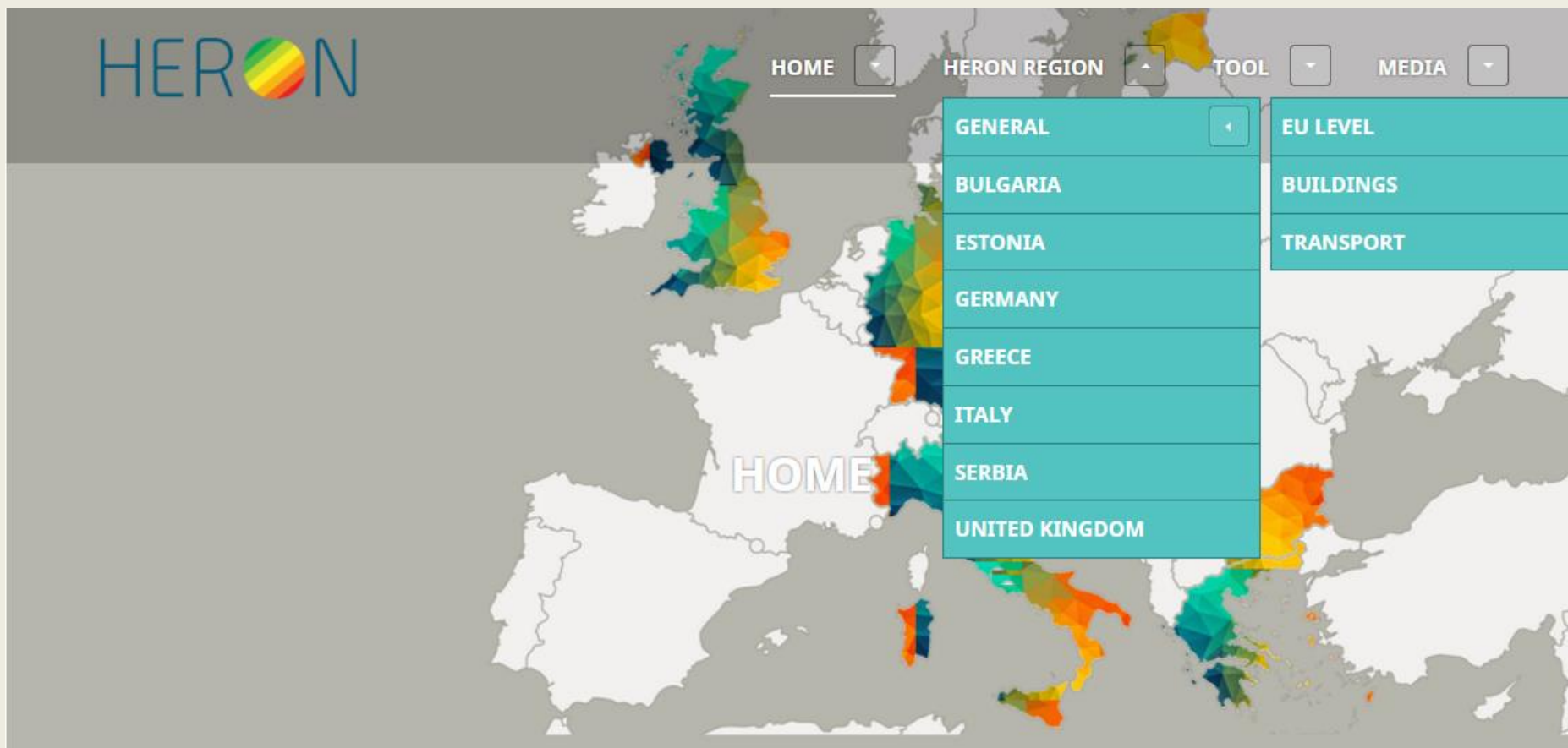
# DEATH VALLEY

- New research area → publications, articles, papers
- HERON DST training seminars
- HERON process dissemination → Conferences, seminars, reports
- HERON DST linkage to energy tools
- Feedback based improvement of the tool



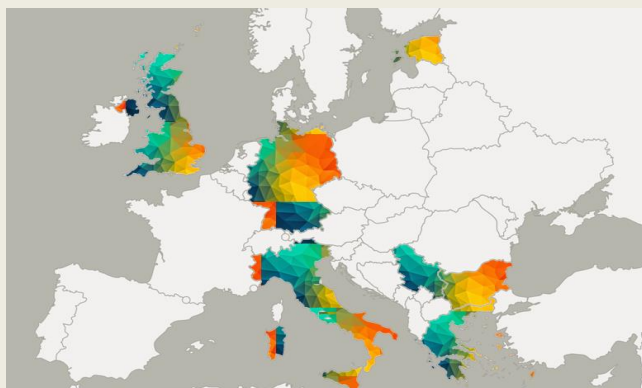


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