

# Welcome to ARC

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# Program

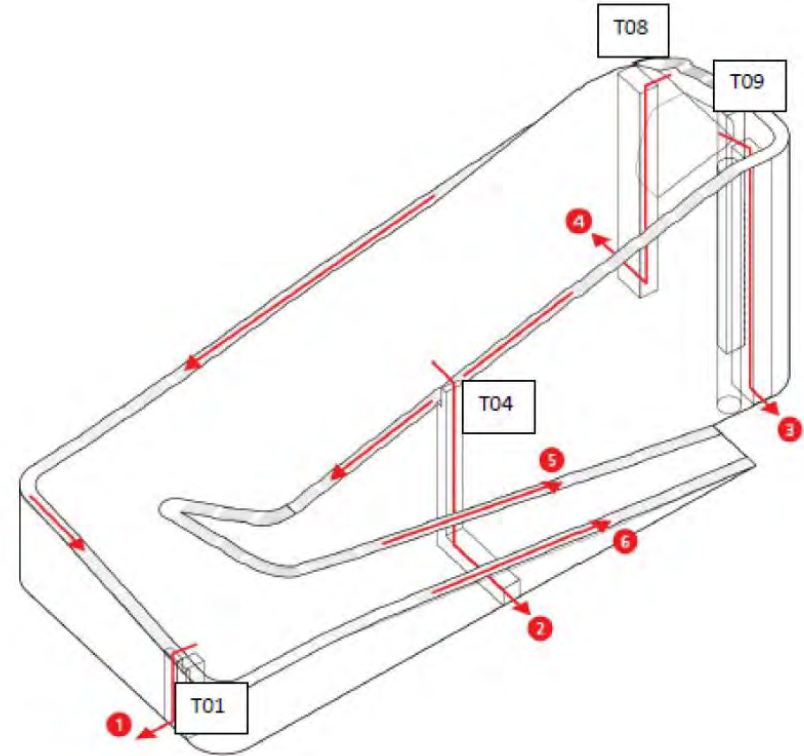
- Safety
- ARC and circular economy
- Development projects
- Amager Bakke



# Safety

## How many guests are present?

- If the alarm goes off, it is important that you keep calm.
- Follow an ARC employee through the nearest emergency exit.
- Safety gear is necessary, when we are inside the plant. More info will follow.



# Each Dane produces 842 kg of waste per year

Takes 1st place in the EU



# A total of 5 mio./t of waste per year

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What do we do  
with all that waste?



# Ownership

- **§60 company**

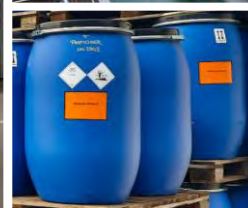
The activities must balance over five years

- **We get waste from**  
approx. 860,000  
inhabitants



# Organization

- Waste collection
- Waste to energy
- Recycling centres
- Local recycling points
- Transfer station
- Sorting plant
- Teaching and visits
- Hazardous waste, SMOKA
- Safe landfill, AV Miljø



# ARC in numbers (2022)

Revenue: **1,179,477 dkr.**  
(158 mio. EURO/USD)

Waste quantities at the energy plant  
approx.: **500,000 /t**

Waste quantities at recycling centres  
approx.: **100,000 /t**

Recycling centres: **10**

Employees in 2022: **400+**





# From waste to resource

## Abolish something

## Use waste

## Save resources

1903



DK's first  
Incineration  
plant opens

1935



Landfill  
established by  
the beach in  
Copenhagen

1950



The refrigerator  
is becoming the  
norm, and  
packaging waste  
is increasing

1970



The waste-to-  
energy-plant  
opens with  
furnace lines for  
district heating

1989



The first  
recycling site  
opens in  
Copenhagen

1991



The waste-to-  
energy-plant  
starts to  
produce  
electricity

2019



Amager Bakke  
opens to produce  
district heating and  
electricity to  
the Copenhagen



Opening of Sydhavn  
Recycling Center  
with a special focus  
on reuse



ARC starts to collect  
waste from private  
households

2021

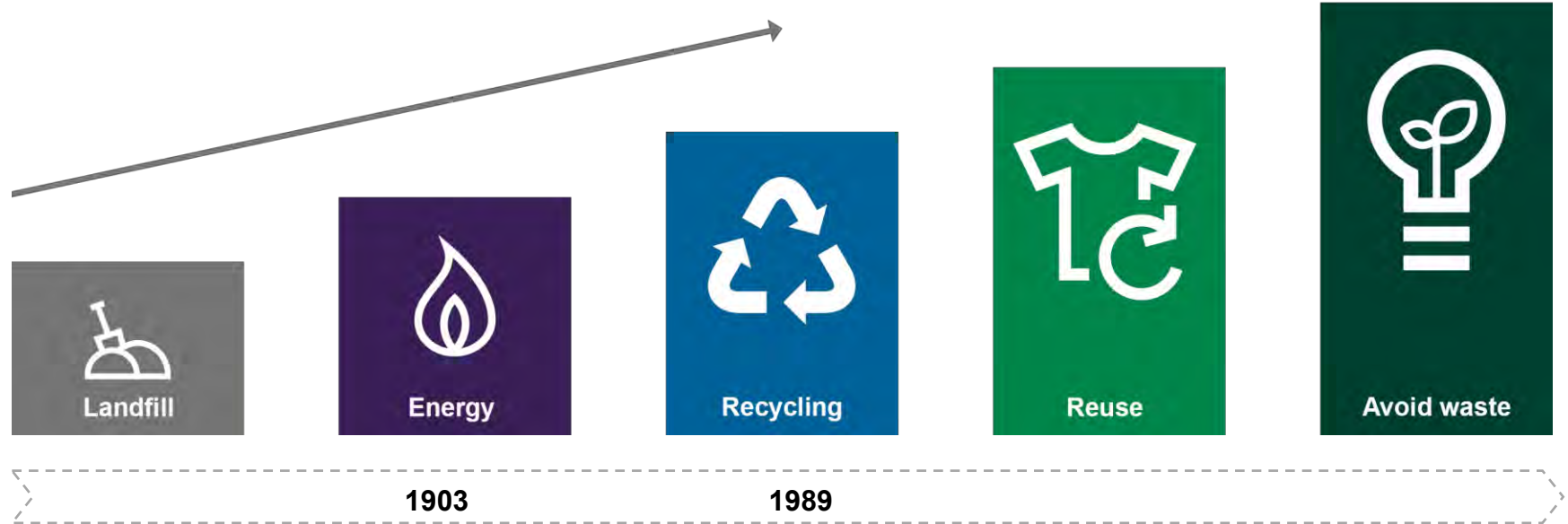


ARC  
captures the  
first CO<sub>2</sub>  
from the  
smoke

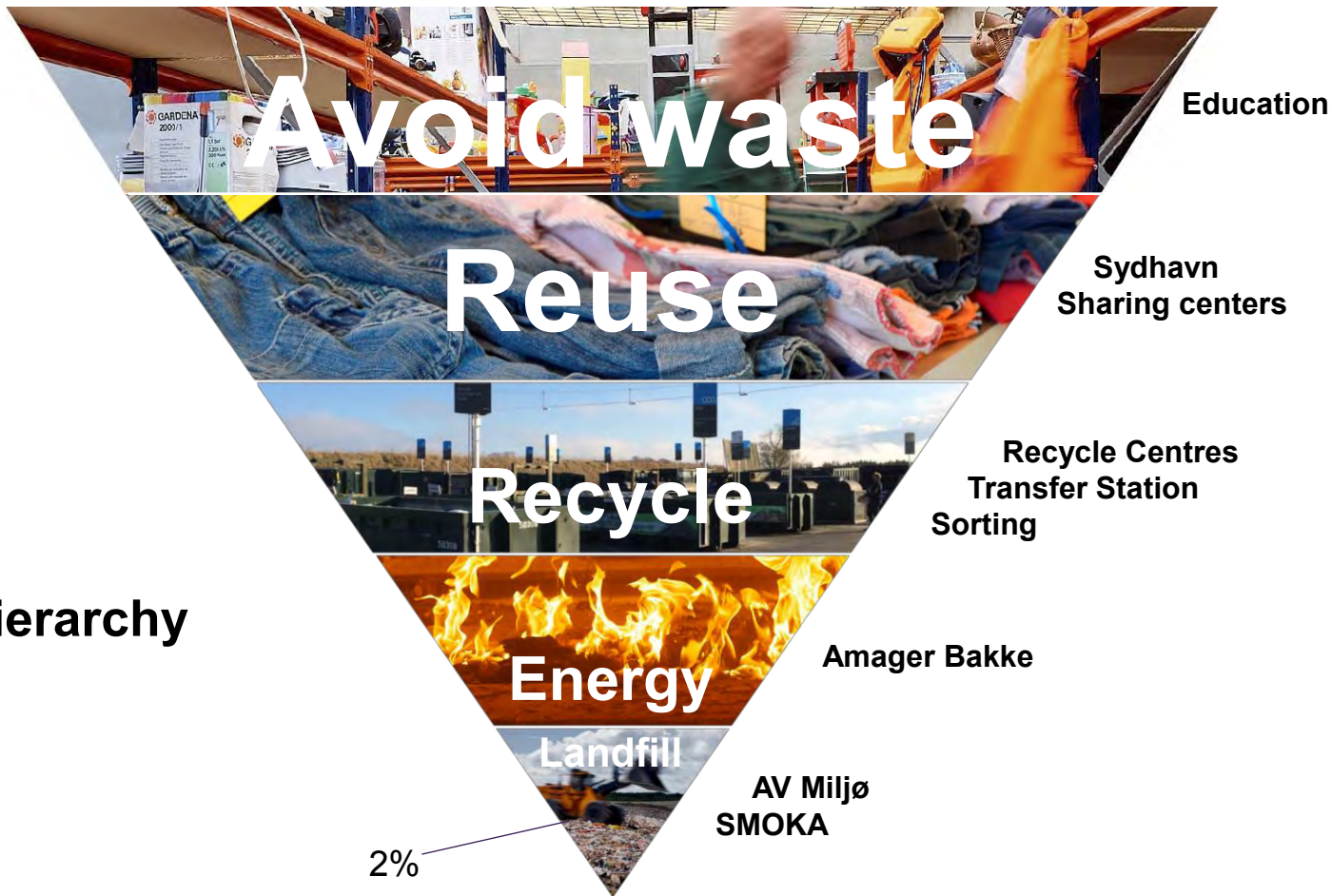
Professionalization of the way waste is handled

Active in the fight for the climate

# We aim to move waste upwards in the waste hierarchy



# The Waste Hierarchy



# Recycling Centres

- 900,000 costumers every year
- 100,000 /t of waste
- Sorting in more than 35 fractions
- Increased focus on reuse



# Sydhavn Recycling Center

- Won an award for using recycled concrete
- Shop with focus on longer use of good building materials and furniture
- TestLab and workshops
- Free education for schools on waste sorting



# Longer use of good items

## Copenhageners are sharing

- 3-dobling of longer use of good things
- Less waste for incineration
- Increased focus on reuse



# Local Recycling hubs

- 10 small, local recycling hubs in the Municipality of Copenhagen
- Increased focus on reuse of everything that is 'just' suitable for recycling but is not salable.



# Sorting plant

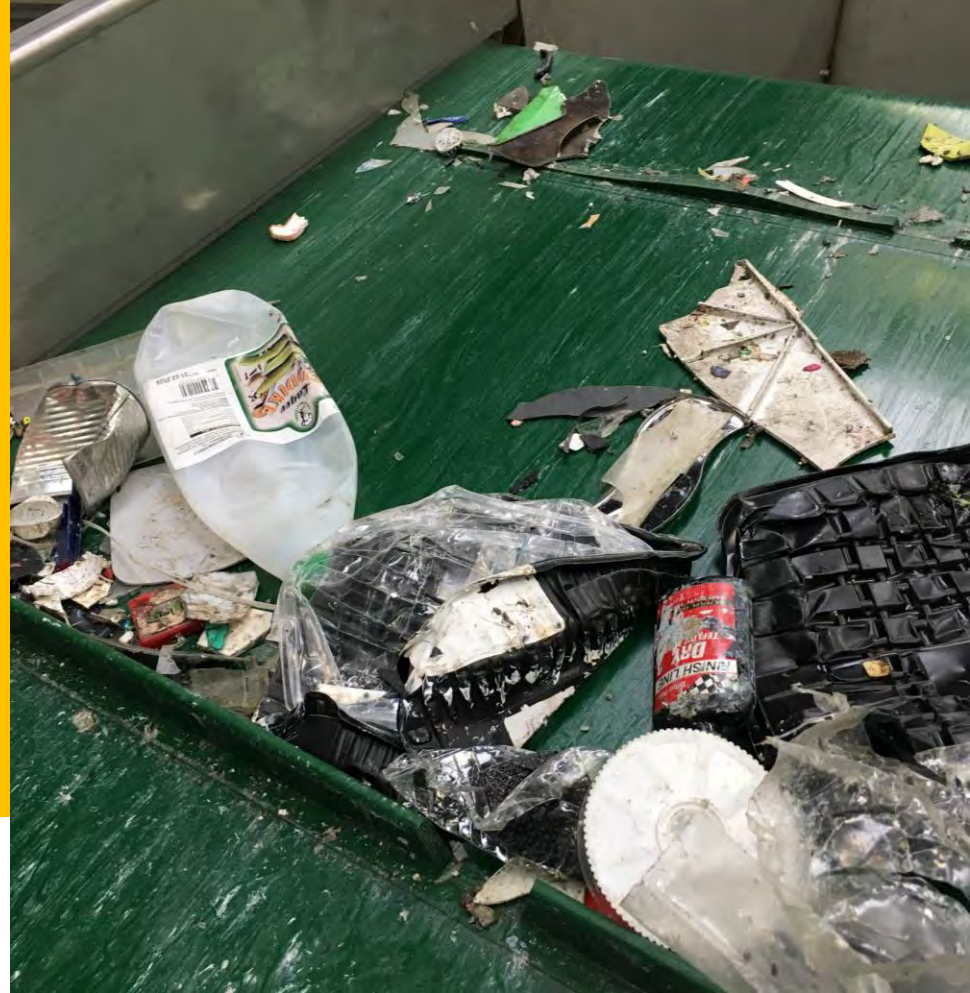
- Digital water marks
- Ensures better recycling
- Producer responsibility on packaging from 2025





# Partnership for Circular Food Trays

- Seven tonnes of collected PET-plastic will be converted into 400,000 of new plastic trays
- Experiment to close the cycle of food trays
- Cooperation with partners from different parts of the recycling chain



# Transfer Station

Each year approx. 11,250 tonnes of municipal waste is sent for recycling, such as:

- Plastic
- Appliances
- Electronics



# Compressed plastic

Approx. 6,000 tonnes of plastic are compressed into bales to optimize transportation of plastic for recycling



# SMOKA

Handles 10,000 tons of hazardous waste annually from:

- 1,5 mio. citizens
- 90,000 companies
- 23.000 red boxes

Adviser on hazardous waste such as:

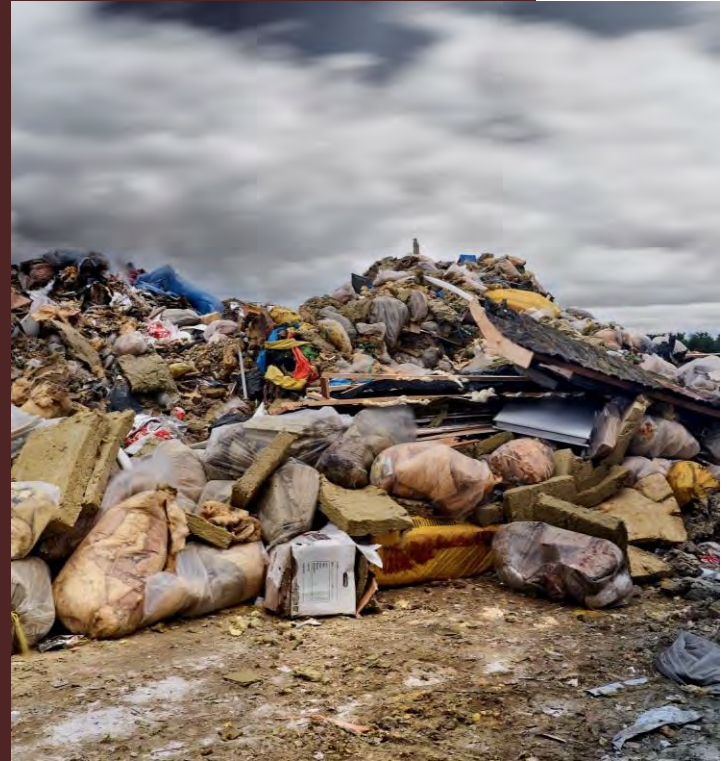
- Chemicals
- Paint
- Batteries



# AV Miljø

2% of the waste ARC handles, ends up at a safe landfill\* with less environmental impact

- No organic materials
- Bacteria in the top layer converts 95% of the methane to CO<sub>2</sub>
- Polluted concrete, soil, asbestos and other non-hazardous materials, that cannot be recycled or used for energy
- Membranes at the bottom protects the groundwater



# Waste collection

From private households in the municipalities

- Copenhagen
- Dragør
- Tårnby



# Amager Bakke

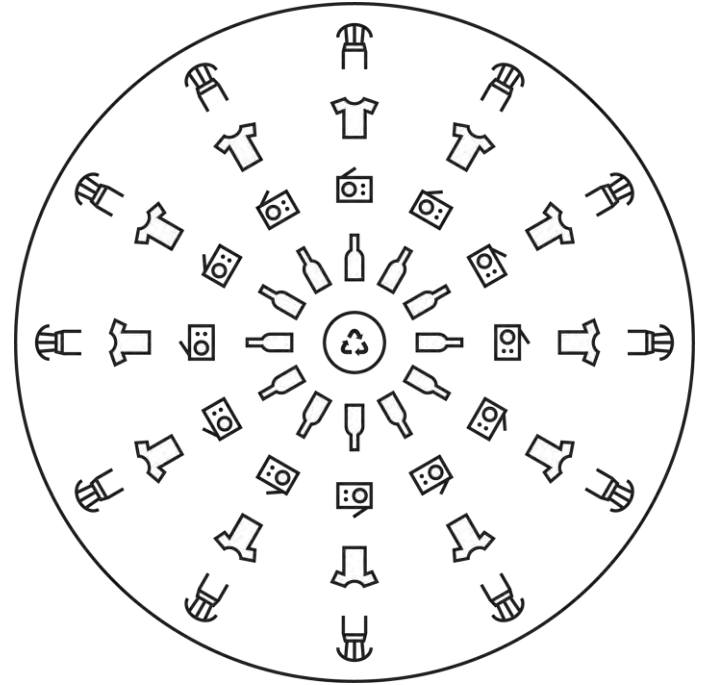
One of the best  
waste-to-energy  
plants in the world

- High environment  
and energy profile
- Modern and flexible  
energy production



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**Why do we talk about waste-to-energy in the circular economy?**





# Waste not suitable for reuse or recycling needs to end up somewhere

- We avoid big landfills and in terms of green house gas-emissions combustion is better than landfill
- Combustion is hygienic
- Diapers, waste from hospitals, cat litter and pizza trays cannot be recycled
- Produces electricity and heat
- **Replaces fossil fuels!**

# From waste to energy

Every day 200 waste trucks deposits residual waste from the five owner municipalities



Two grappers mix the waste before lifting it into the funnel. They can lift 6 tonnes of waste



The silo has a capacity of 22,000 tonnes of waste



The two ovens burn each 35 tonnes of waste per hour

*Funnel*

The temperature in the ovens is 900-1,100 degrees Celsius



The heat from the oven is being transferred upwards and heats up water in the boilers. The boiler consists of multiple pipes located right next to each other.

A pump keeps a high pressure within the pipes, so the steam has a pressure of 69 bar and a temperature of 440 degrees Celsius.

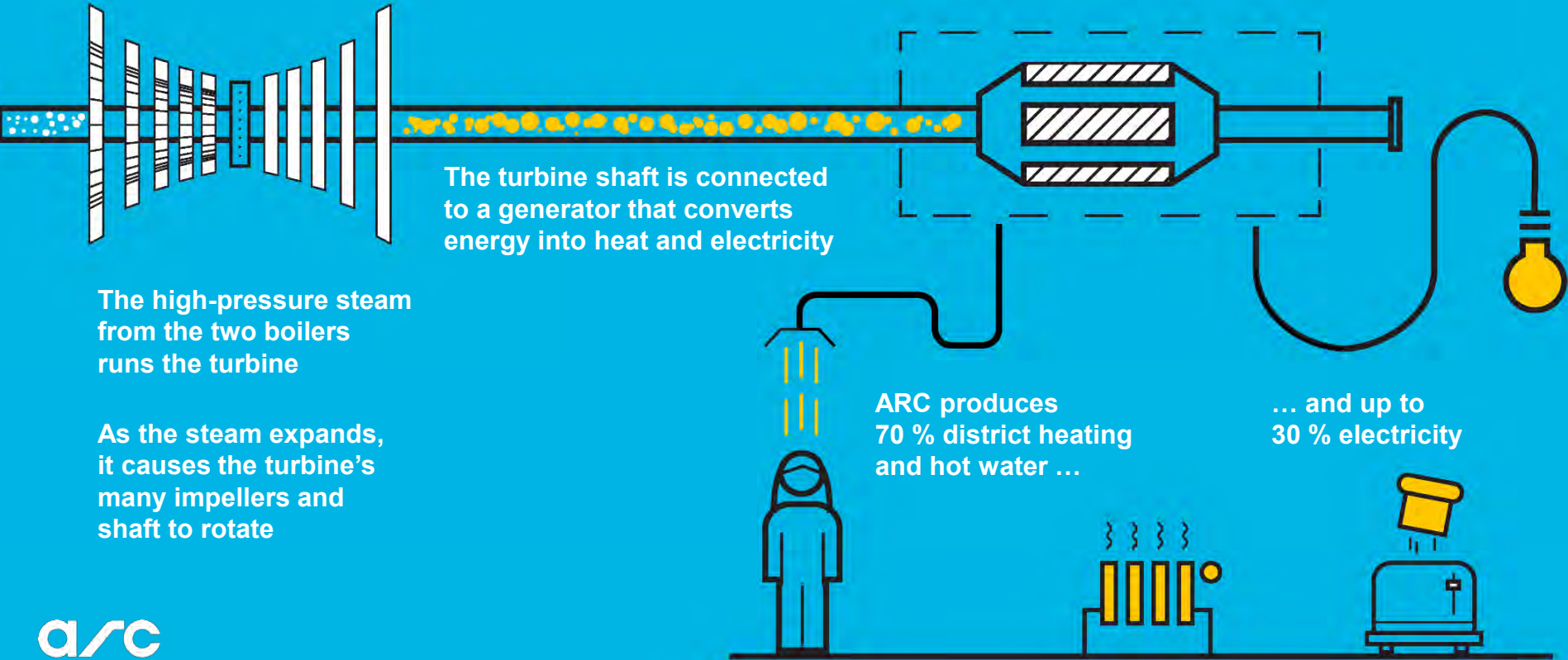
When the waste has been incinerated a by-product called slag is left. Slag consists of ash, sand, gravel, and metals.

Metals are extracted from the slag, and the remainder can be used as a filling material under new roads.



# District heating and electricity

At Amager Bakke we produce energy to 150,000 households

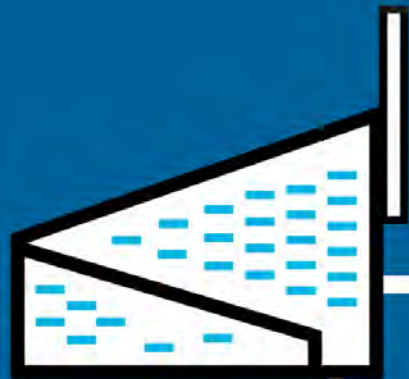


# Energy production

2022



**533.000**  
tonnes of waste



Electricity  
**276 GWh = 92,000 households**  
Yearly consumption: 3,000 kWh per household



Heatproduction  
**1,163 GWh = 78,000 apartments**  
Yearly consumption: 15 MWh (75m<sup>2</sup> apparm.)



# Production of energy

(2022)

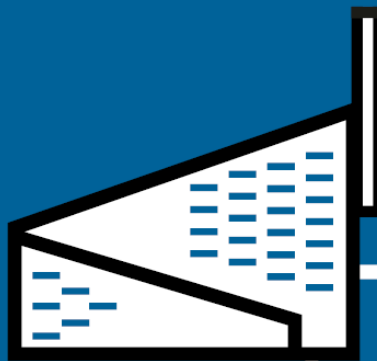
- Amount of waste received:  
**533,000 tonnes**
- Total energy production:  
**1,439 GWh**



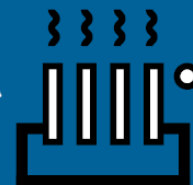
# Energy production



**535.000**  
tons affald



**265 GWh = 90.000 husstande**  
Årsforbrug på 3.000 kWh pr. husstand



**Fjernvarmesalg**  
**1.197 GWh = 80.000 lejligheder**  
Lejlighed på 75 m<sup>2</sup> med et årsforbrug på 15 MWh

# Bottom Ash

- 17-20% of waste cannot burn
- Amounts to 80,000 tonnes of bottom ash each year
- 5,500 tonnes of metal is extracted per year
- 27 kg of gold per year
- The rest of the bottom ash is left for treatment and is used for road filling underneath asphalt



# Effective flue-gas treatment

after the flue-gas has heated up the boilers

First, an electric filter removes fly-ash and dust particles in the flue-gas



Then the harmful NOx is neutralized by adding ammonia



In scrubber 1 the flue-gas is washed to remove hydrochloric acid and mercury



In scrubber 2 Sulphur dioxide is removed by using lime



The last step is a wet dust filter removing the remaining particles before the flue-gas is released through the stack

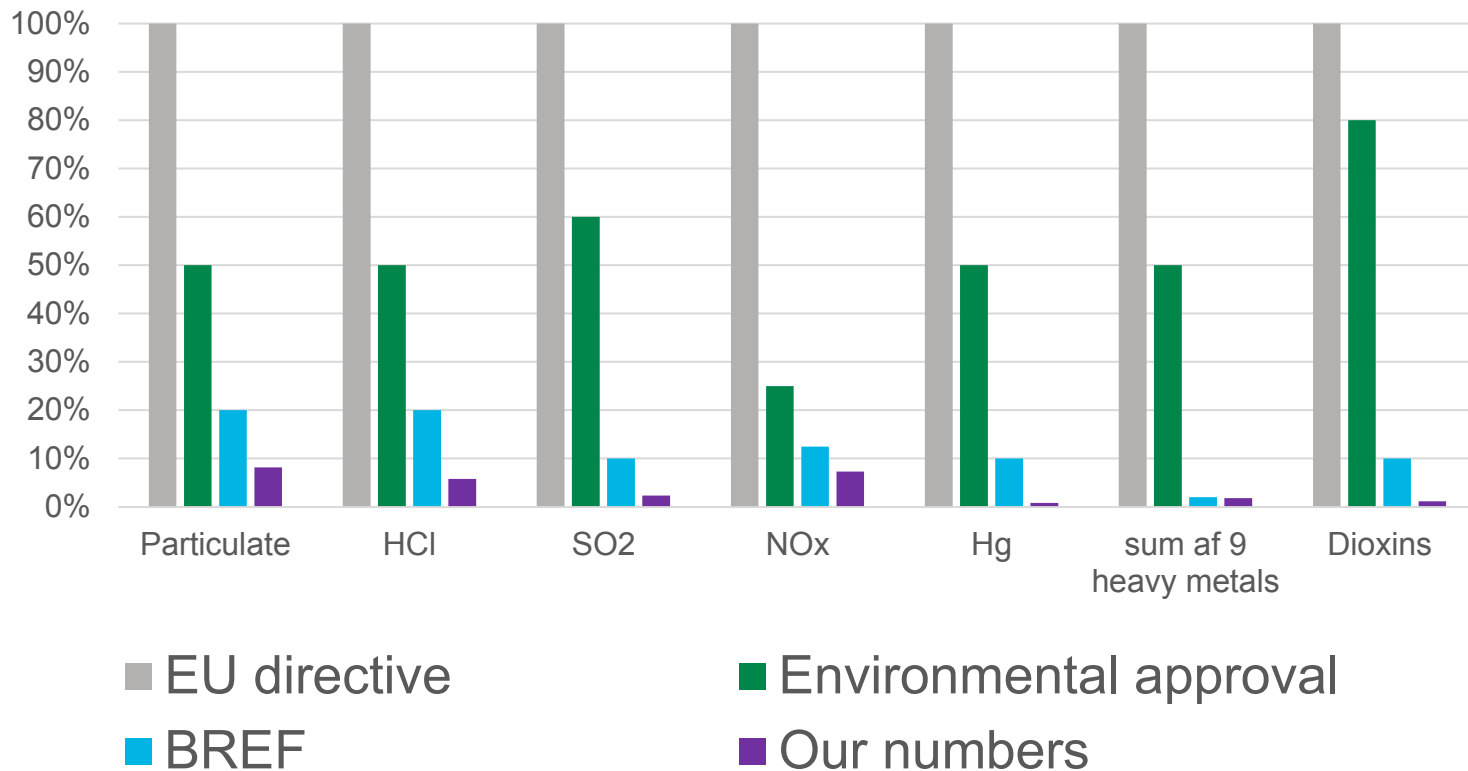


In scrubber 3 activated Carbon is added to remove dioxins and the remaining mercury





# Our performance in flue-gas treatment



# Emissions from the stag

Parameter	Unit	EU Directive	Environmental approval	BREF-dokument	Our numbers
Dust particles	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10	5	2-5	0.82
Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	10	5	2-6	0.58
Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	50	30	5-20	1.16
NOx	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	400	100	50-120	14.65
Mercury (Hg)	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.05	0.025	0.005-0.020	0.0004
Sum of 9 metals	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0.5	0.25	0.01-0.03	0.009
Dioxins	ng/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1	0.08	0.01-0.06	0.0015

# Carbon capture at Amager Bakke



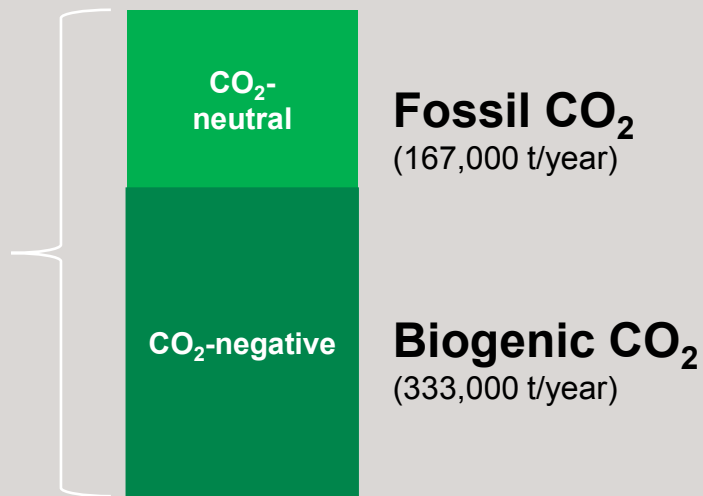
# Carbon capture på Amager Bakke

- Carbon capture is crucial to accomplish national and international goals
- Financing: High CO<sub>2</sub>-fee and/or support
- Possibility of success in Denmark:
  - Research and innovation
  - Green initiatives
  - CO<sub>2</sub> reductions

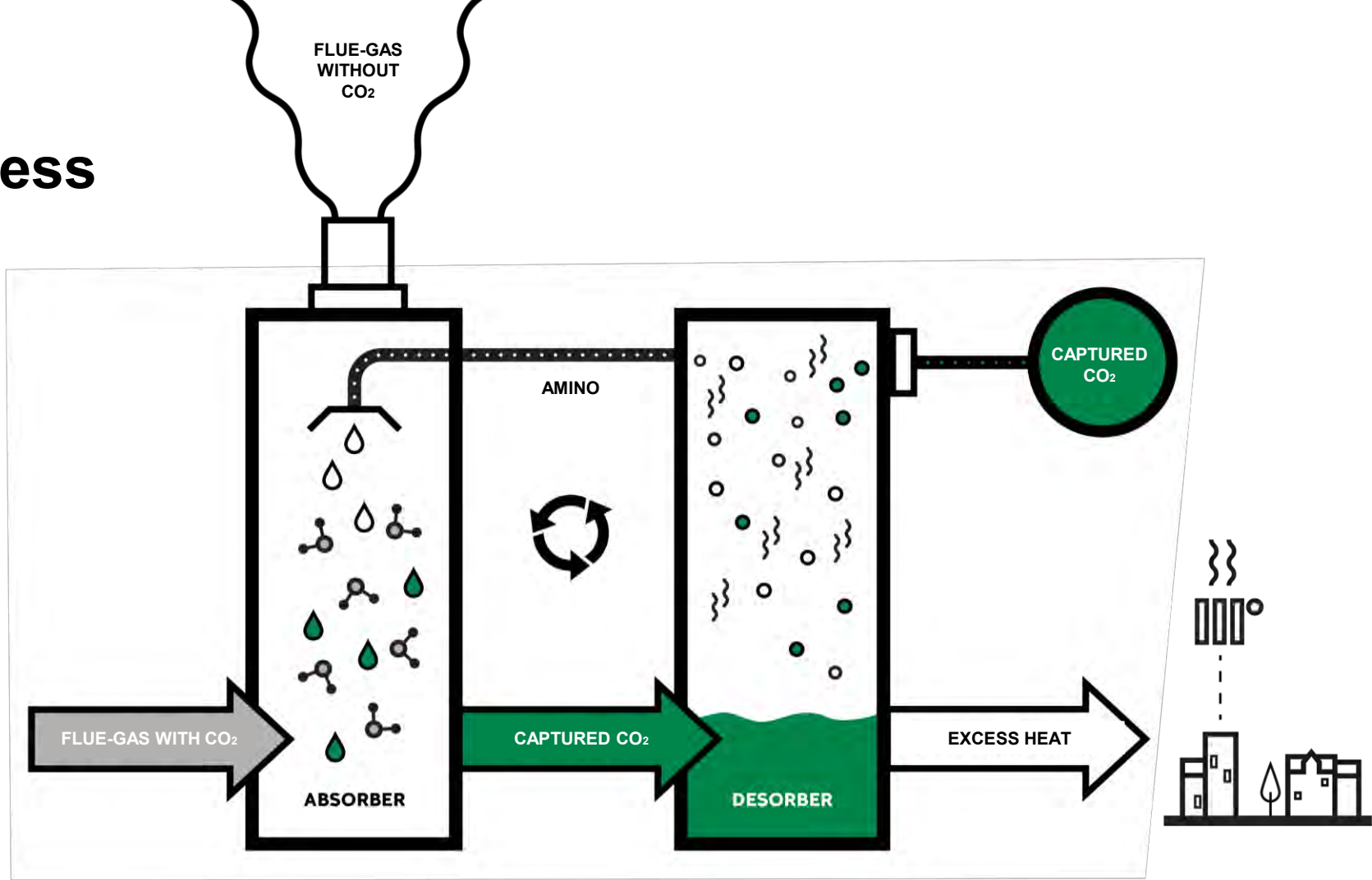


# The potential of carbon capture

**500,000**  
CO<sub>2</sub> t/year

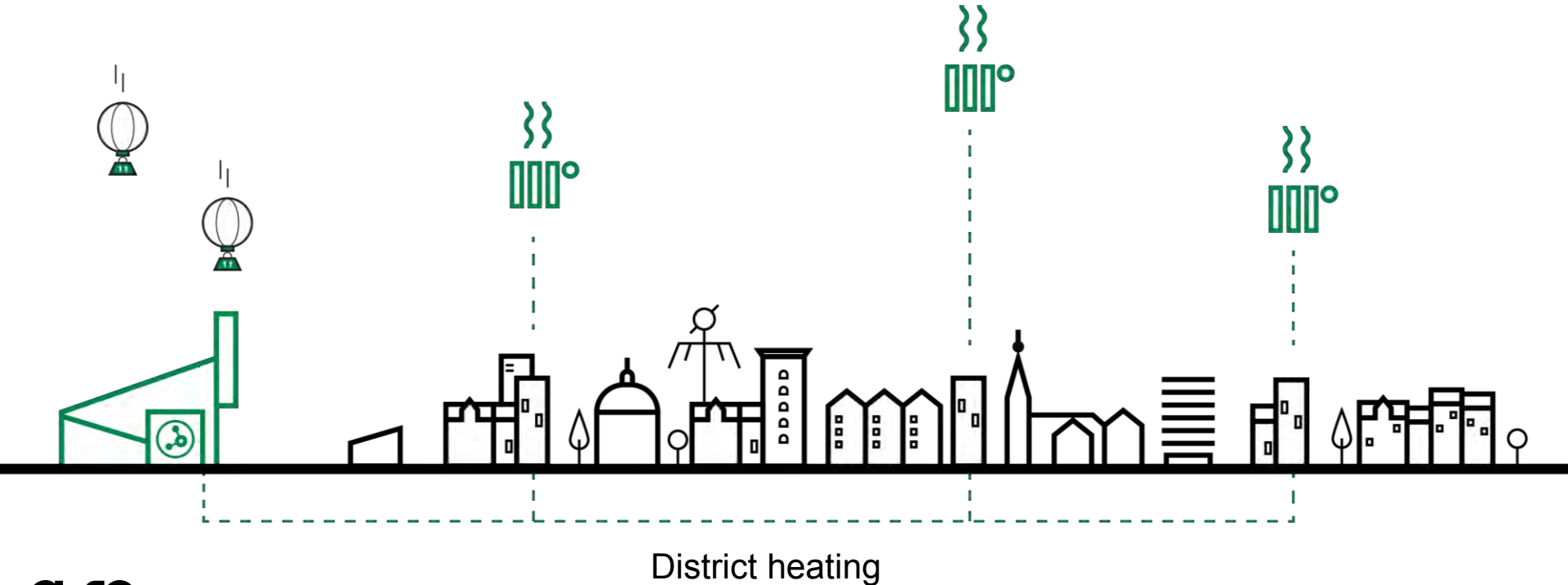


# The process

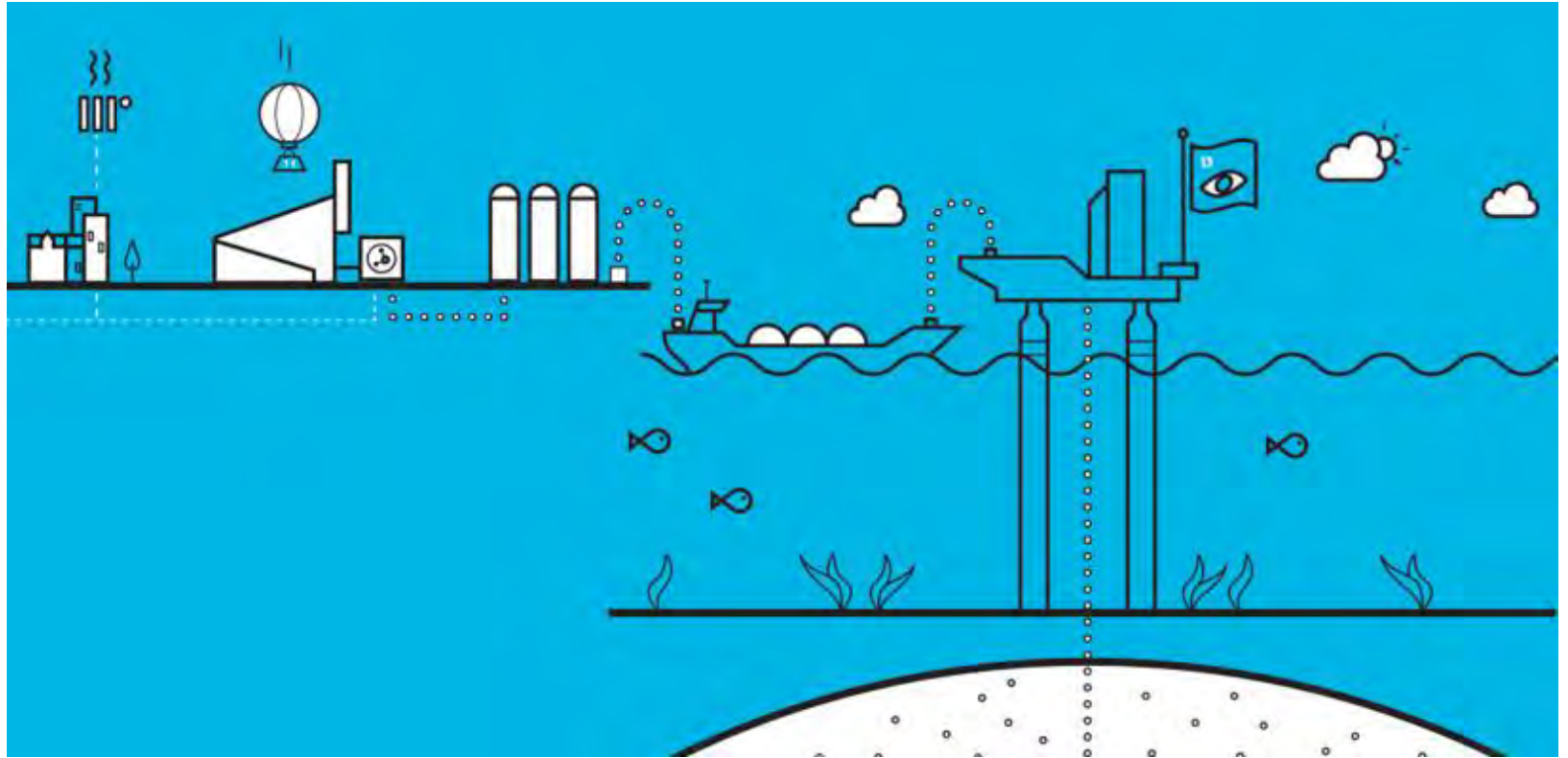


# Excess heating used in the district heating system

... becomes energy neutral



# The Value Chain





# Thank you for your attention!

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