

Shallow geothermal maps in Cheap-GSHPs and GEO4CIVHIC European Projects

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1. European shallow geothermal map – drillability map

2. Local shallow geothermal map for closed-loop systems



1. European shallow geothermal map – drillability map

- ✓ **EUROPEAN SCALE** mapping
- ✓ **Target group:** policy makers, energy planning administrator
- ✓ Based on the **geological map** released following the **INSPIRE** (INfrastructure for Spatial InfoRmation in Europe) Directive
- ✓ ESRI Shape (vector file), **Scale 1:1.500.000**, Projection ETRS 1989 LCC
- ✓ considers the most used **drilling methods**



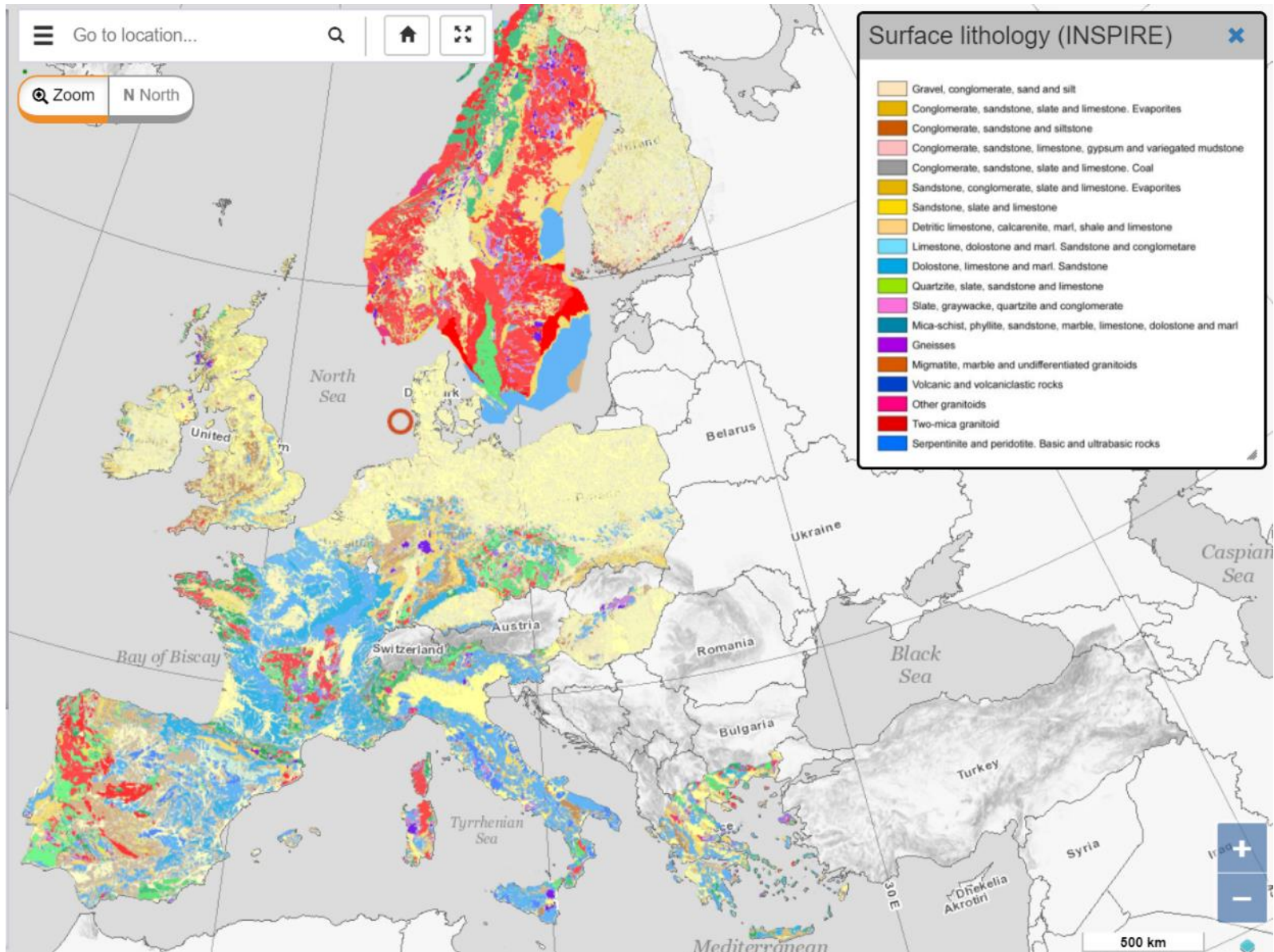
It provides:

- ✓ First information about the geological context
- ✓ First estimation of the best drilling techniques to be applied and time/costs



Pan- European Geological map

Provided by the EuroGeoSurveys' European Geological Data Infrastructure (EGDI)



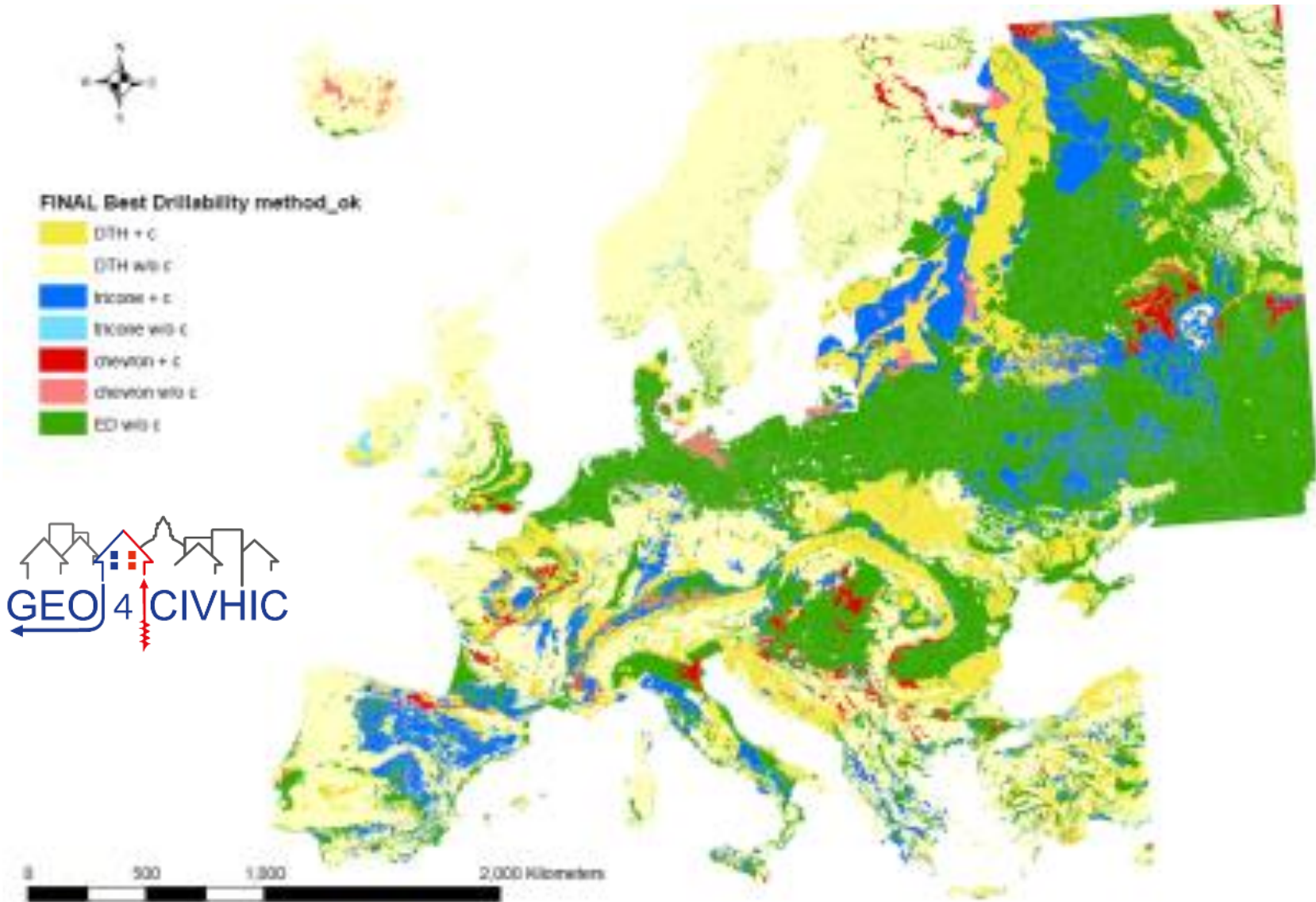
<http://www.europe-geology.eu/onshore-geology/geological-map/onegeologyeurope/>

Drilling methods

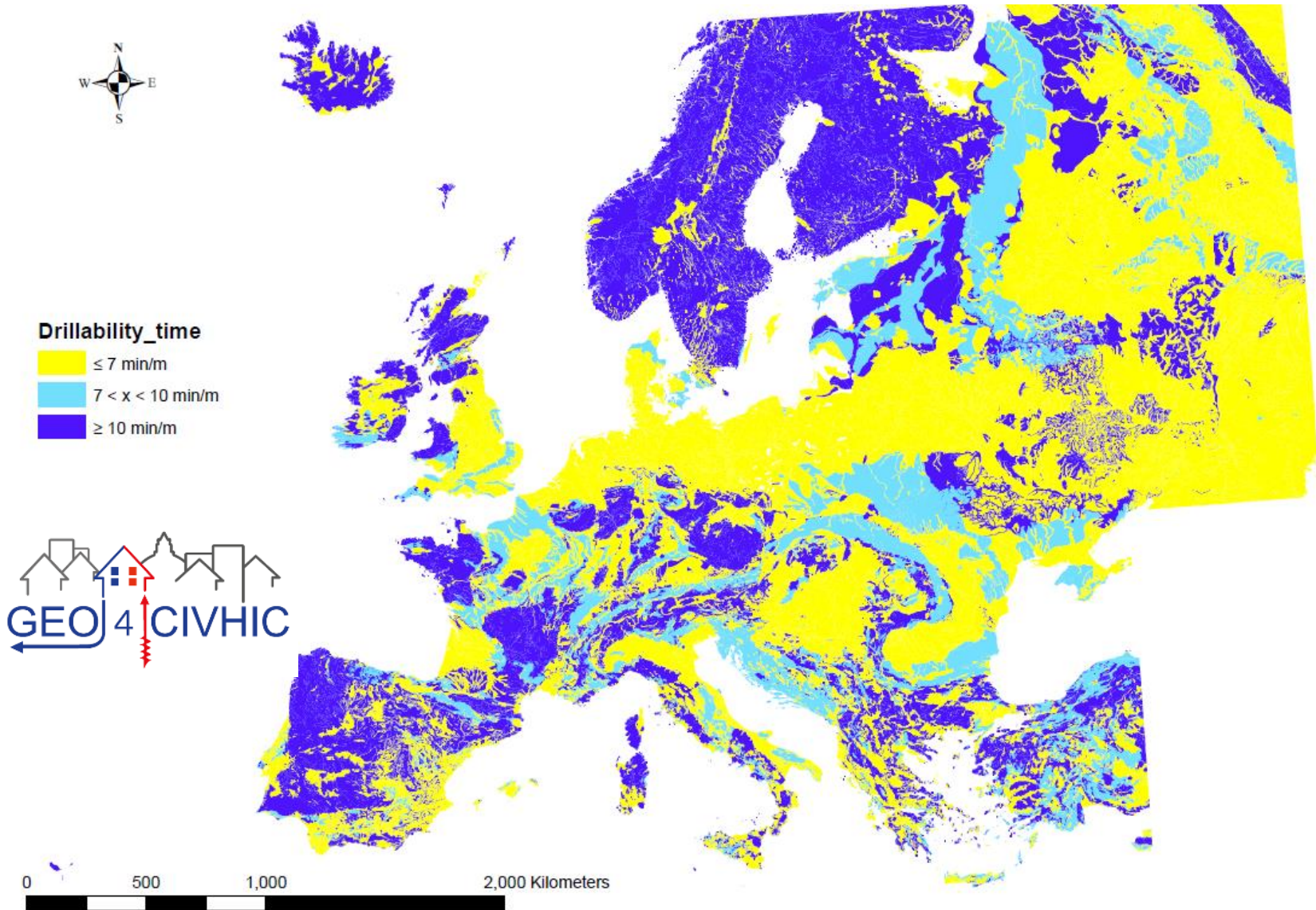
The drilling methods considered by questioning project partners expert in drilling operations (FAU, GEOSERV, GEOGREEN, UBeG, HYDRA, UNIPD-DG) are:

- 1) down-hole hammer WITH casing → **DTH + c**
- 2) traditional down-hole hammer WITHOUT casing → **DTH w/o c**
- 3) rotary drilling tricone WITH casing → **tricone + c**
- 4) rotary drilling tricone WITHOUT casing → **tricone w/o c**
- 5) chevron WITH casing → **chevron + c**
- 6) chevron WITHOUT casing → **chevron w/o c**
- 7) easy drill piling without casing (Cheap-GSHPs technology) → **ED w/o c**
- 8) easy drill with casing + grout+ probe inserted and extraction of the casing at the end (technology developed in the GEO4CIVHIC project) → **ED + c**
- 9) enlarged auger for helicoidal heat exchangers (with casing of about 30cm) (Cheap-GSHPs technology) → **EA**

Drilling methods



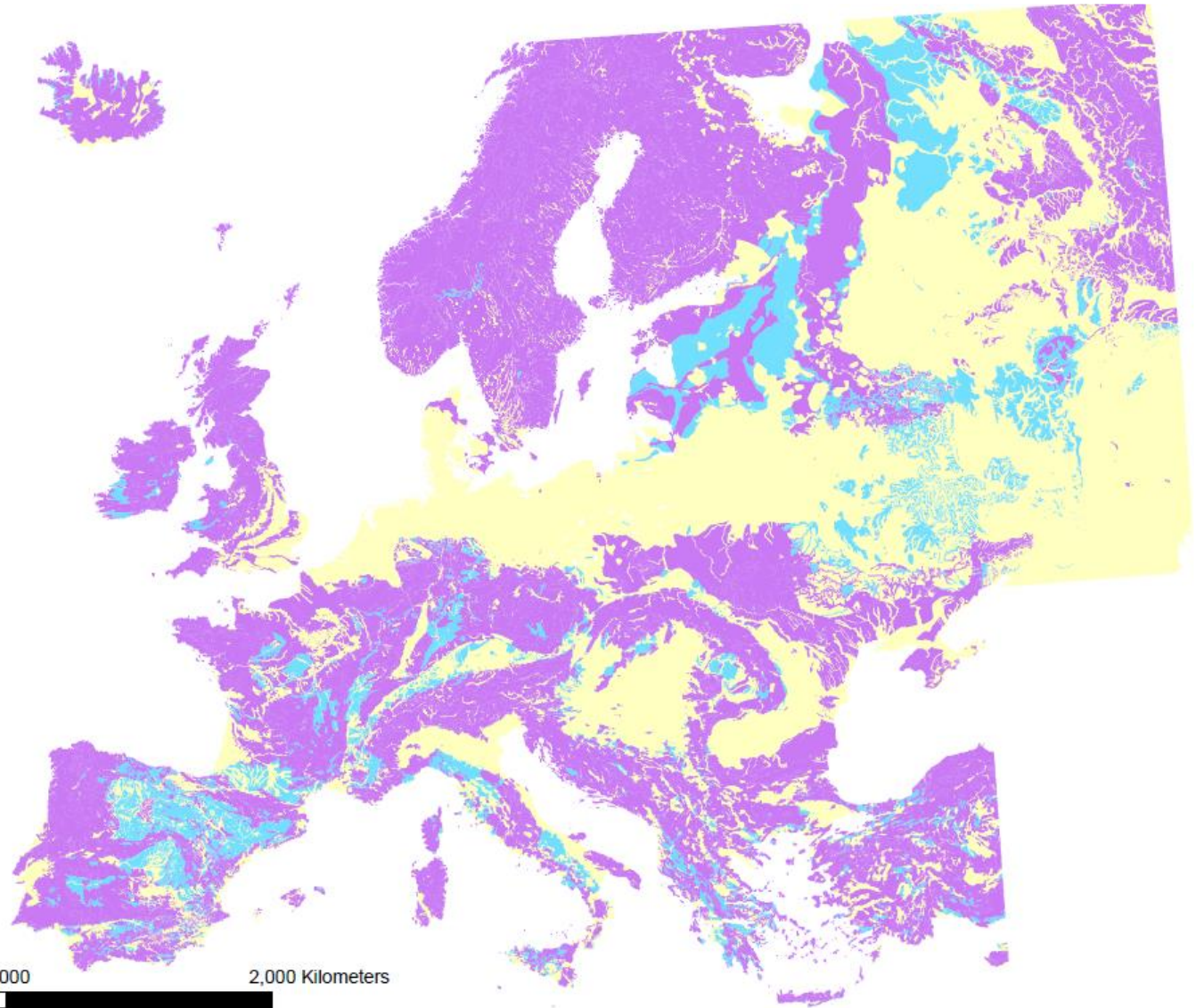
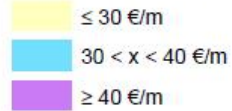
Drilling time



Drilling costs



Drillability_cost



Development of an Application for support in situ workers on Geothermal field



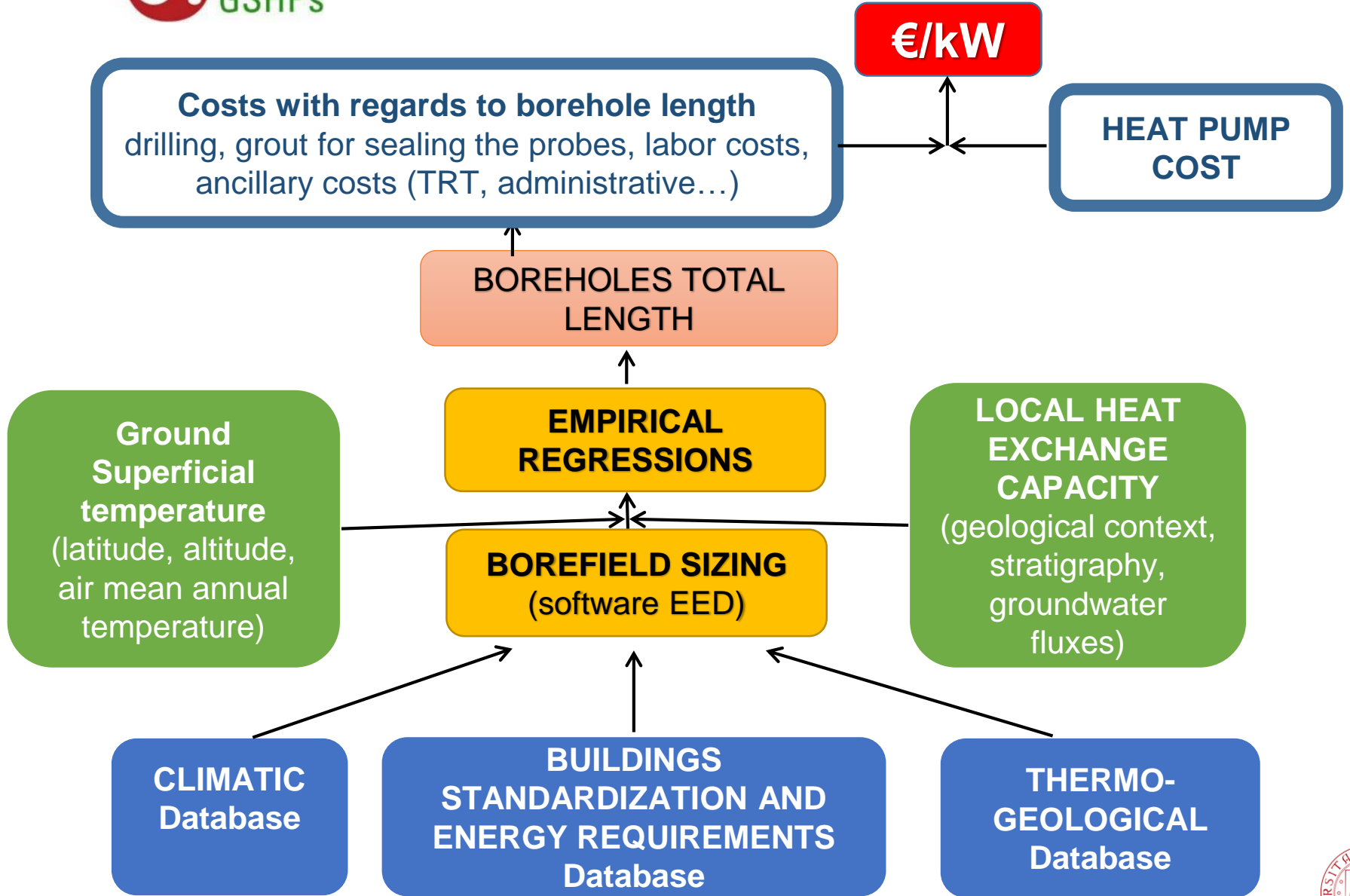
✓ Based on the **European drillability maps**



ENVIRONMENT	SUB-ENVIRONMENT	MAIN LITHOLOGY
1 Alluvial plain	1.1 high plain (towards the mountains)	1.1.a gravel
		1.1.b sand
2 Mountain-hill area	1.2 low plain (towards the sea)	1.2.a sand
		1.2.b clay
3 Coastal area	2.1 valley plain	2.1.a gravel
		2.1.b sand
	2.2 slope	2.2.a limestone
		2.2.b dolomitic limestone
	3.1 rocky coast	3.1.a limestone
		3.1.b marl
	3.2 shoreline	3.2.a sand
		3.2.b silt

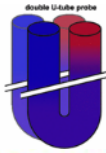
- 1. lithology sub-definition**
- 2. wet recommended thermal conductivity value ($W \cdot m^{-1} K^{-1}$)**
(database GEO4CIVHIC)
- 3. drillability method**
(data from D1.2)
- 4. drillability time ($min \cdot m^{-1}$)**
(data from D1.2)
- 5. drillability costs ($€ \cdot m^{-1}$)**
(data from D1.2)

shallow geothermal maps for closed-circuit



Techno-economic potential of closed-loop shallow geothermal systems

Test sites applications – Chiasso (Switzerland)



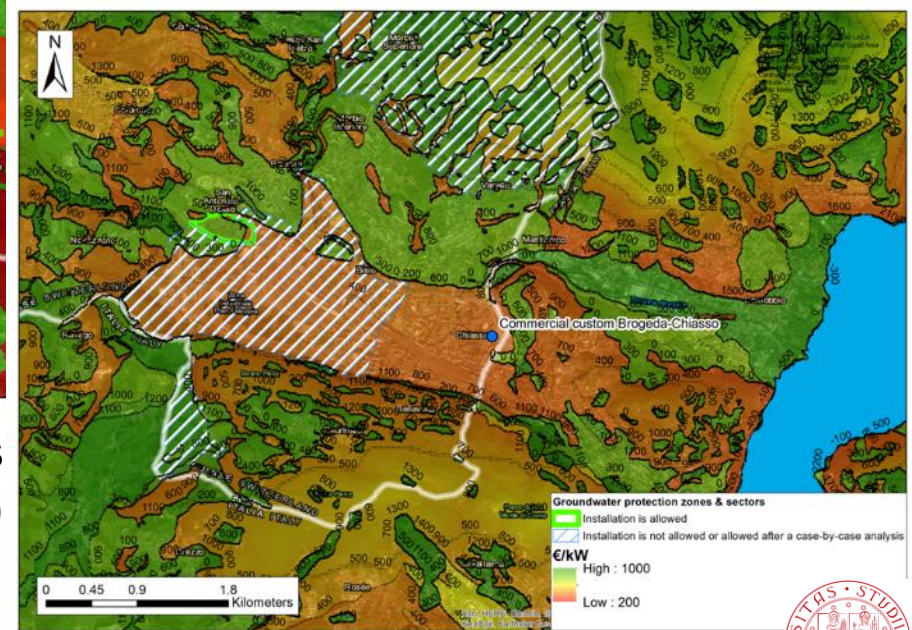
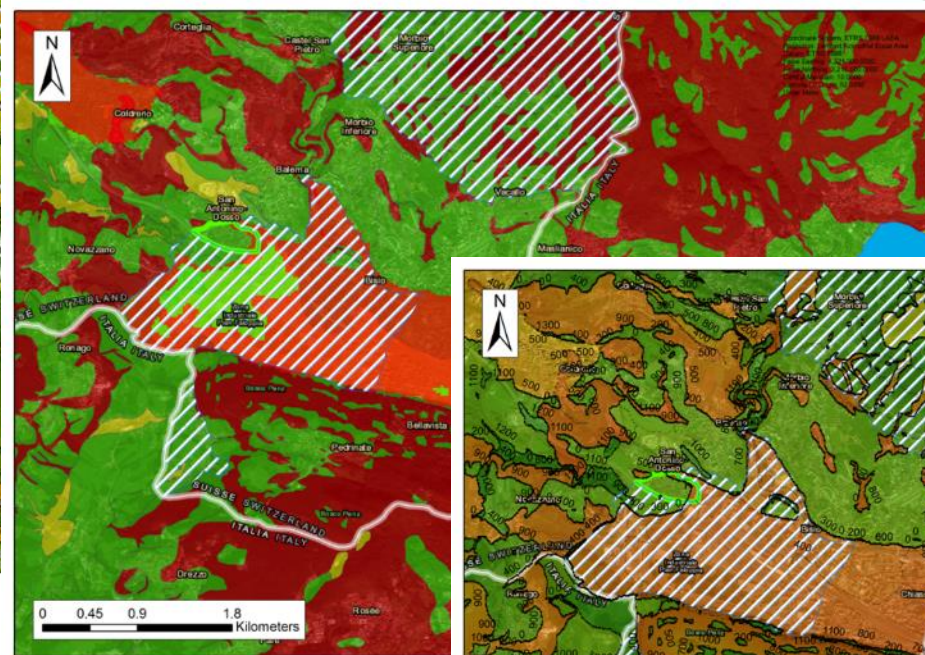
€/kW for double U



Helix HE feasibility



€/kW coaxial probe



only in well-defined geological contexts
(no rock, no unsaturated deposits)



2. Local shallow geothermal map

- ✓ **Thematic maps at municipal scale (1:25.000)**
- ✓ **Target group:** geologists, engineers, local authorities, stakeholders, policy makers, administration ...
- ✓ Based on **local information (3D data):**
Geological / **hydrogeological** data/ local costs / local heat exchange capacity / TRT / ground temperature / building thermal needs etc...
- ✓ To be calibrated/compared with the **real data in the test sites**



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It provides:

- ✓ Suggestions about the **best drilling technique** to be applied
- ✓ Estimation of **drilling time and costs**

