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# Early Stage Geothermal Development Support: PLUTO and EBRD's Experience in Turkey

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# EBRD at a glance



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- Promotes transition to market economies in 34 countries from central Europe to central Asia
- Since 2011, the Bank expanded its operations to include Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Cyprus
- Owned by 65 countries and two inter-governmental institutions, with a capital base of €30 billion
- In 2015 committed €9.4 billion through 381 financing operations
- Net profit of €802 million achieved in 2015



# Sustainable Resource Initiative (SRI) – *business model for geothermal scale-up*

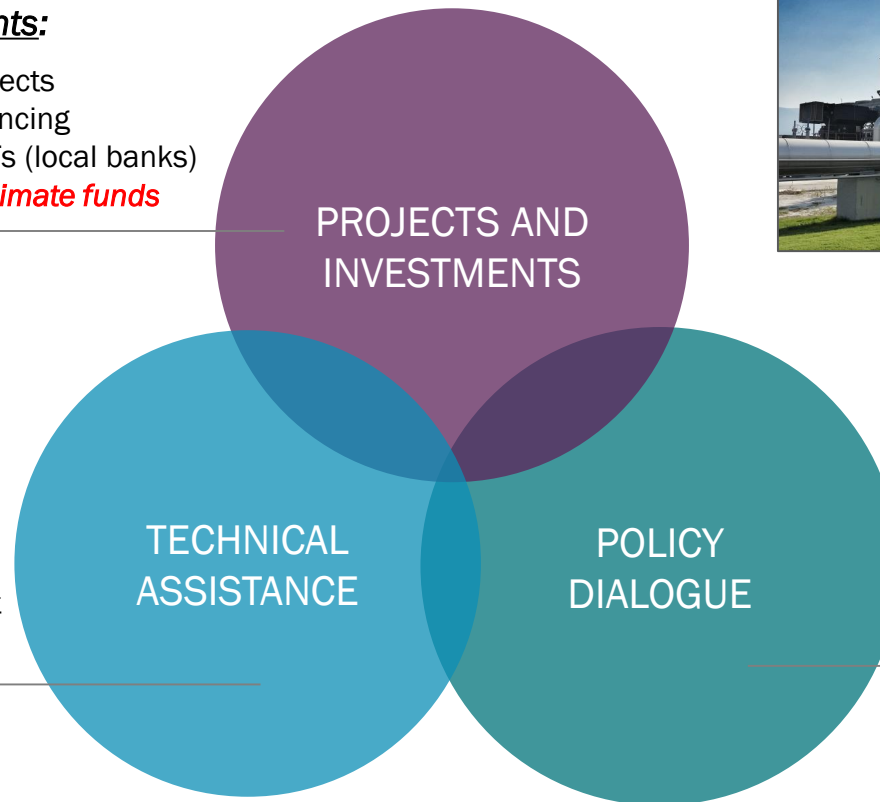
Various financing approaches that suit small and large projects alike

## Tailored financial instruments:

- Direct financing for large projects
- Syndicated loans and co-financing
- Small scale projects via SEFFs (local banks)
- **Concessional finance from climate funds**

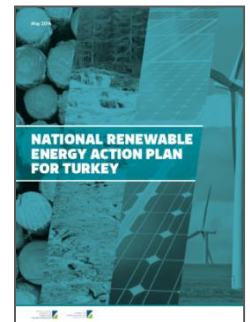
## Industry best practices:

- Review of market potential
- Project development support
- Environmental assessment



## Renewable Energy Action Plan:

Roadmap to achieving the 2023  
1,000 MW GPP target



# EBRD's experience in the geothermal sector



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## Tuzla GPP (2010)

- Capacity: 7.5 MW
- Investment size: \$22m
- Ormat ORC

## Gümüşköy GPP (2012)

- Capacity: 13.2 MW
- Investment size: \$50m
- TAS ORC

## Pamukören GPP (2012)

- Capacity: 45 MW
- Investment size: \$63m (\*\*)
- Atlas Copco ORC

## Babadere GPP (2014)

- Capacity: 7 MW
- Investment size: \$33m
- Atlas Copco ORC

## Germencik GPP (2015)

- Capacity: 170 MW
- Investment size: \$800m
- Dual flash + Ormat 3 binary

EBRD has  
participated in  
financing eight  
geothermal power  
projects so far,  
seven of which are  
in Turkey  
(279 MW)

## Mutnovsky IPP (1997)

- Capacity: 40 MW
- Investment size: \$150m
- Feature: first IPP<sup>(\*)</sup> in the Kamchatka region
- Dual flash technology

1 Kamchatka

## Alaşehir II GPP (2015)

- Capacity: 24 MW
- Investment size: \$100m
- Ormat ORC

## Umurlu II GPP (2016)

- Capacity: 12 MW
- Investment size: \$53m
- Exergy ORC



# Geothermal power in Turkey: *Historical Development*

## History

- **1935:** General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA) was established
- **1962:** MTA conducted the first geothermal exploration in Balçova-İzmir
- **1964:** First geothermal heating system in Turkey was established in Gönen, Balıkesir
- **1974:** A pilot 0.5 MWe GPP was constructed in Kızıldere-Denizli; expanded to 15 MWe and privatised in 2008
- **2005:** Turkey enacted its Renewable Energy Law (No. 5346) and introduced an incentive mechanism (amended in 2011)
- **2007:** First private 8 MWe GPP became operational (Dora-1) and Geothermal Energy Law enacted
- **2013:** New Electricity Market Law (No. 6446) enacted, limiting license trading and setting a deadline to project development rights



# Geothermal power in Turkey



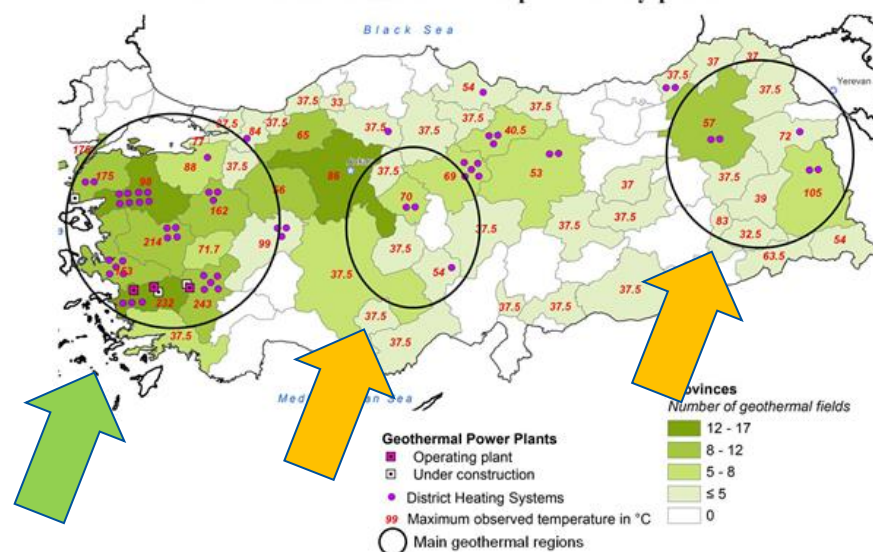
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## Turkey

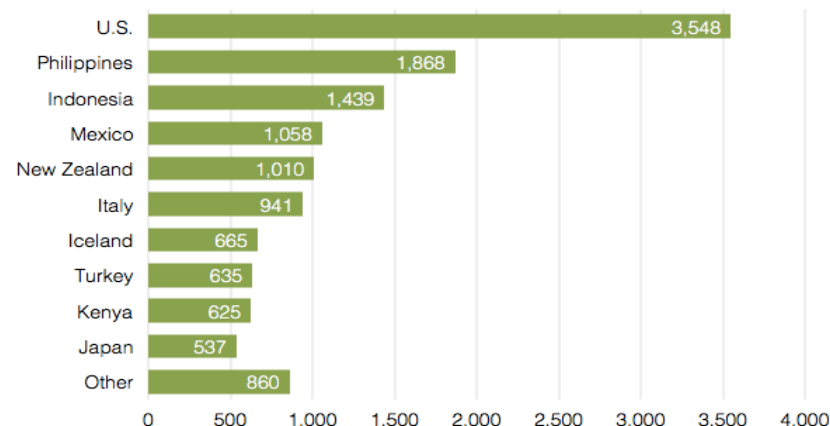
Installed geothermal capacity:  
**635 MWe in 21 units (Jan 2016)**  
or ~14% of the 4.5 GWe estimated potential

**Western Turkey** currently holds the greatest potential for development of geothermal resources (initially developed by **MTA**), with Central and Eastern Anatolia largely unexplored

Geothermal fields, power plants, districting heating systems, and maximum observed temperature by province



Top 10 - Installed Geothermal Capacity (MWe) - Jan. 2016

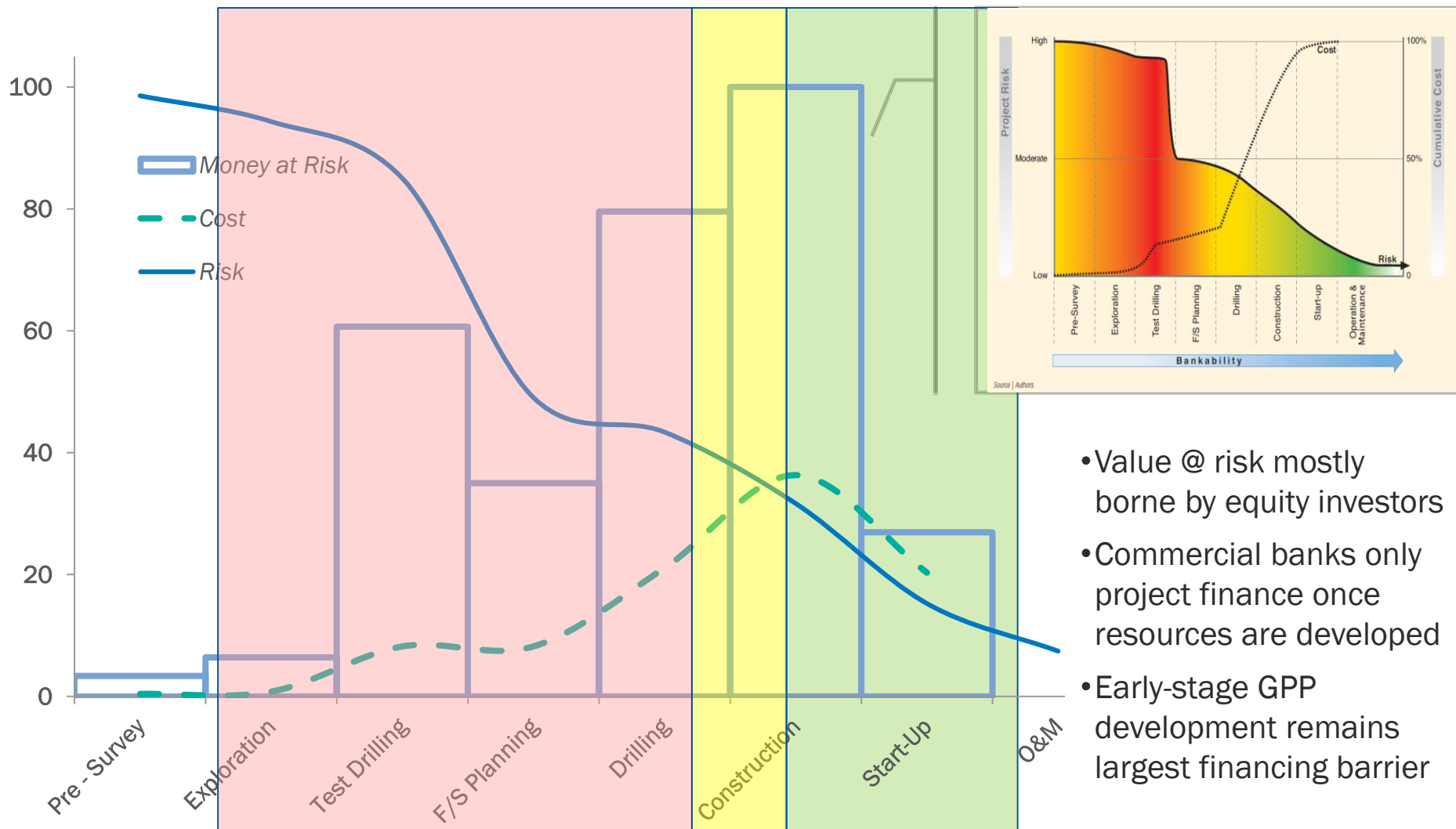


Total Electricity Production, 2015- (share of geothermal)	260 TWh - (1%)
Installed Capacity, Jan 2016	635 MWe
Growth, 2010-2015	560%
Share of Global Installed Geothermal Capacity, 2015	5%

# GPP cost and risk profile at stages of development



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- Value @ risk mostly borne by equity investors
- Commercial banks only project finance once resources are developed
- Early-stage GPP development remains largest financing barrier

Adapted from ESMAP, 2012, Geothermal Handbook: Planning and Financing Power Generation, *Technical Report 002/12*.

# Financing mechanisms for exploration

## Illustrative Assessment of Leverage Capability by Policy

Low leverage	Medium leverage	High leverage	Very high leverage
<b>Government-led exploration:</b> government incurs full cost of exploration and investment forfeiture in the case of dry wells	<b>Lending support mechanisms:</b> interest from loans could help defray costs, provided that the default rate remains low	<b>Loan guarantee:</b> high leverage in the case of limited guarantee payouts	<b>Quasi-equity support</b> (concessional financing) at early stage  Conversion to <b>commercial financing</b> for GPP construction
<b>Grants and cooperative agreements:</b> represent a liability in either the case of direct payouts or foregone tax income		<b>Drilling failure insurance:</b> high leverage in the case of limited claims	Use of <b>revolving fund</b> for concessional portion after 2 years

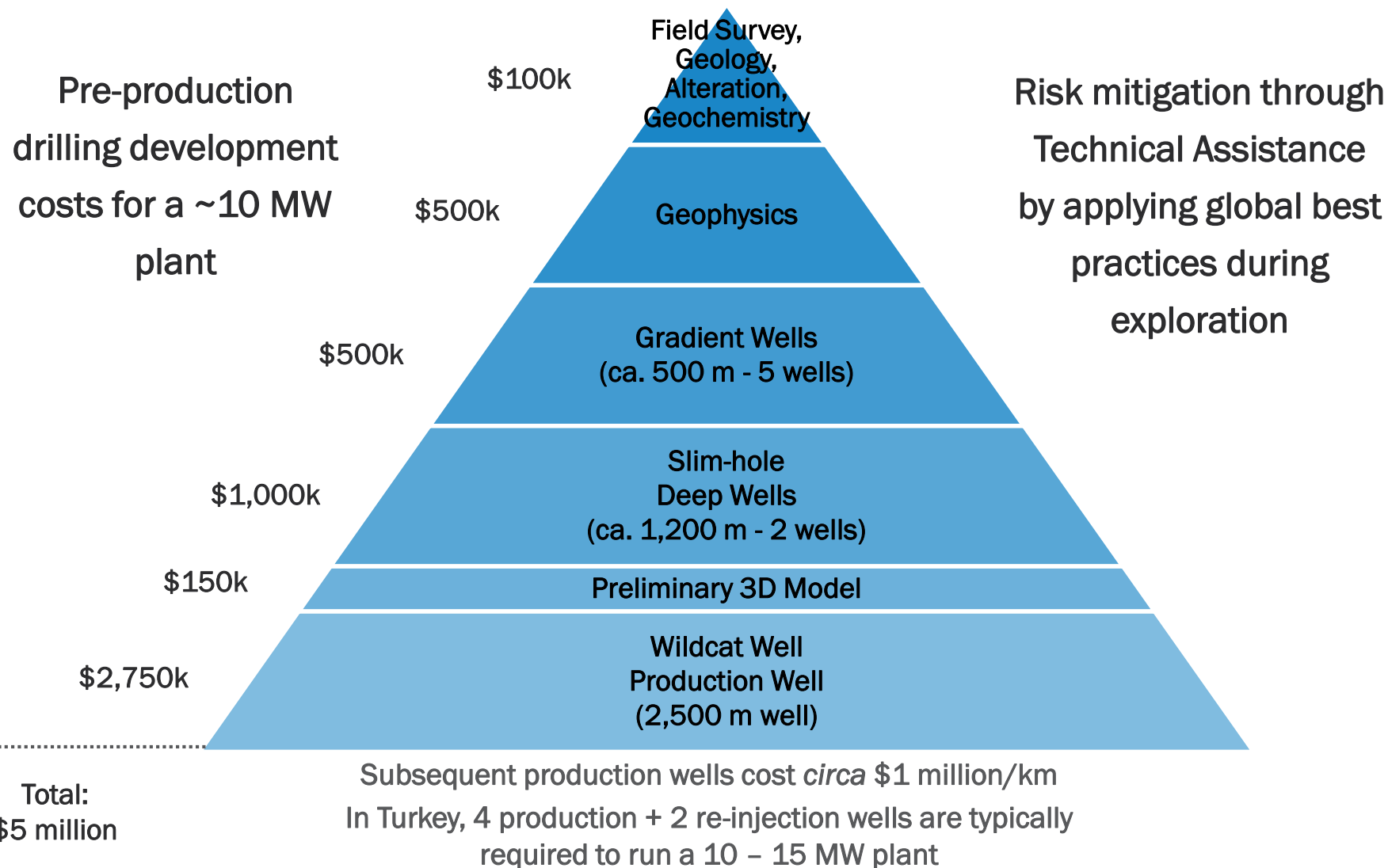
### *EBRD framework*

- 1. addresses the equity gap at early stage;*
- 2. tackles technical risks by utilising global experts; and*
- 3. uses fast turnover of concessional funds to enhance the leverage capacity of climate finance*

Adapted from Speer et al., 2014. "Geothermal Exploration Policy Mechanisms: Lessons for the United States from International Applications." The assessments of leverage provided here are general comparisons across the five policy types. Actual leverage will depend on the specifics of policy design.



# Indicative cost pyramid for geothermal energy projects





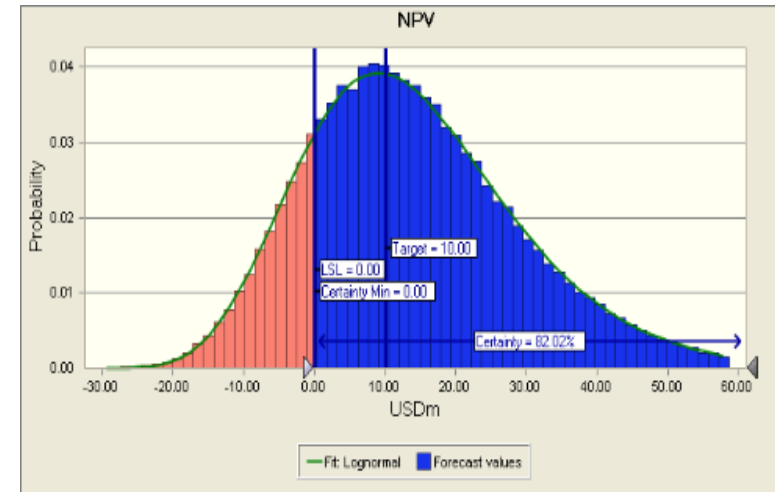
# PLUTO: Early Stage Priate Sector Geothermal Development Framework



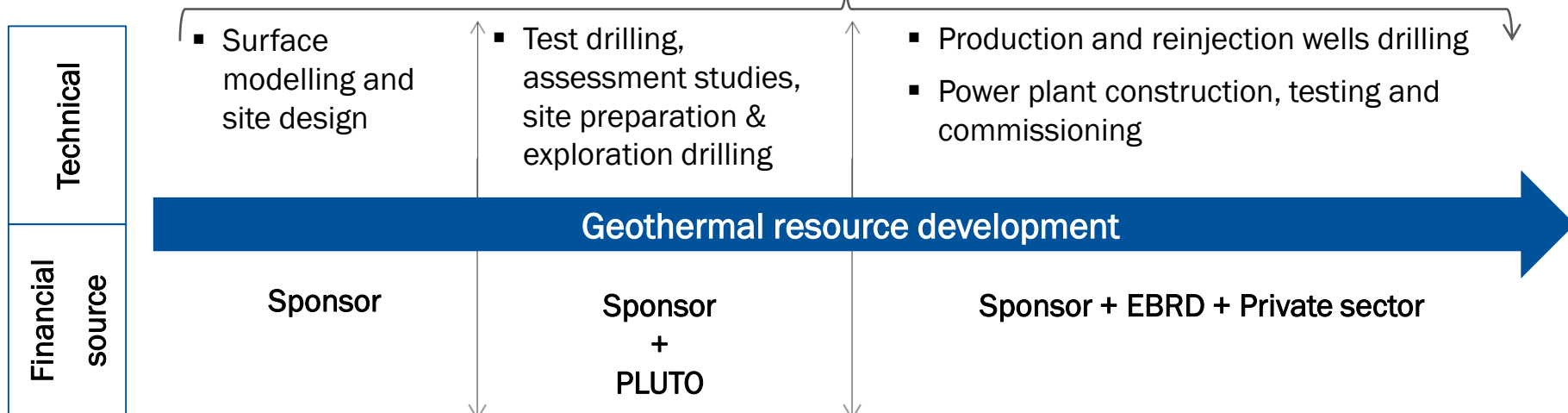
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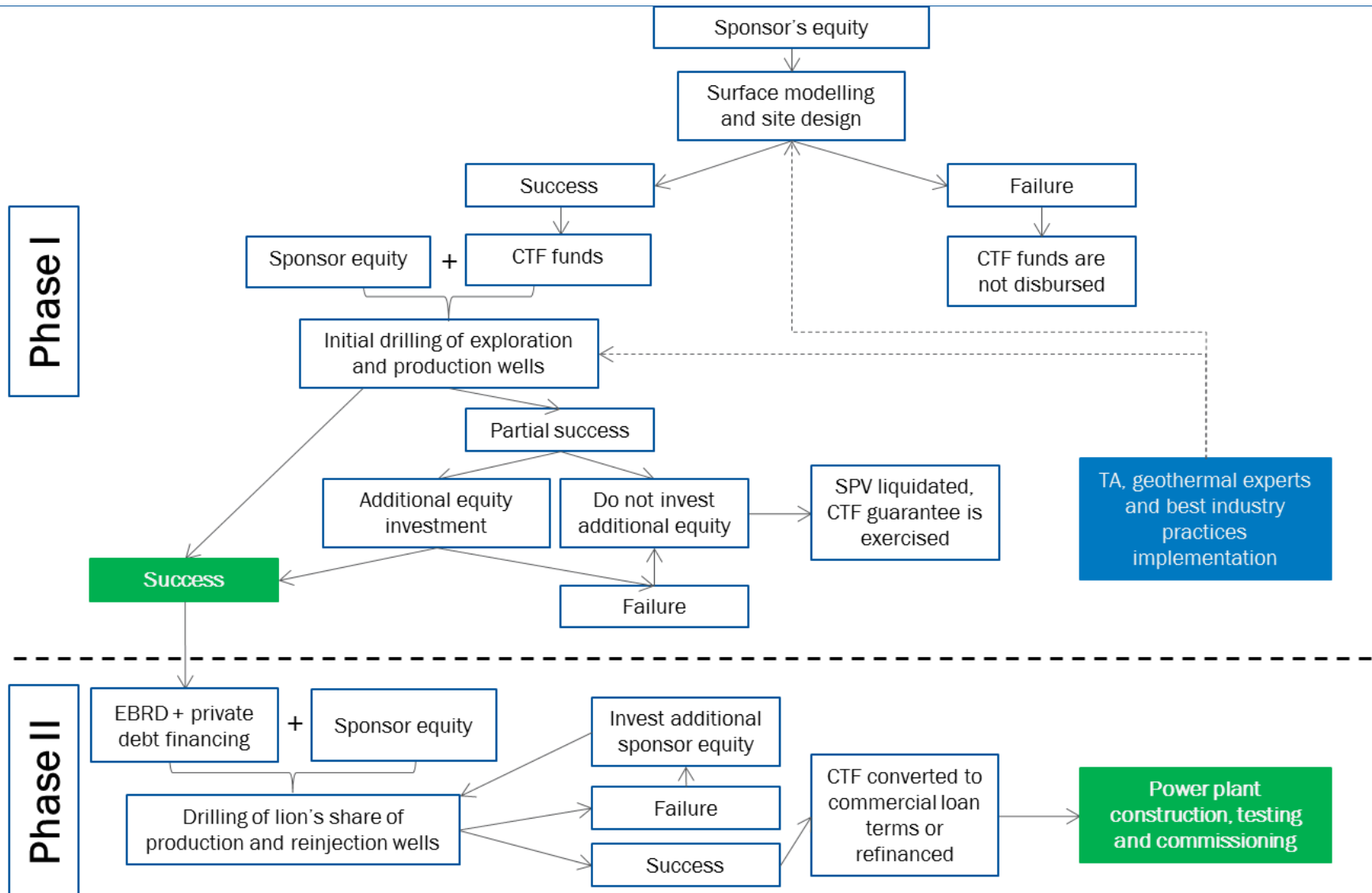
Currently developing a framework to **support private sector early stage development**:

- Deploying \$25 million of CTF concessional funds to partially mitigate early stage risk and unlock commercial direct financing
- Mobilising \$100 million in EBRD financing and over \$200 million in private sector resources to finance site and plant development
- Engaging global experts as to implement best industry practices at all stages



TC Funds and technical support – EU IPA 2013





# Non-condensable gases (NCGs)

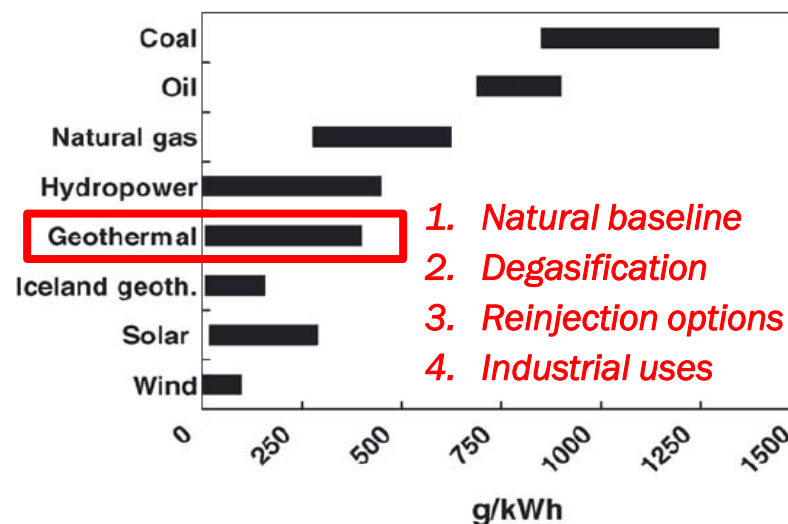


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- GPP projects must address the release of CO<sub>2</sub>, even though emissions are *relatively low* compared to fossil fuel-based power plants
- Potential solutions to NCGs
  - Reinjection (in binary and combined cycle GPPs)
  - Sale of the CO<sub>2</sub> to potential industrial and agribusiness clients
  - Accurately modelling the background & degasification processes
- EBRD framework includes technical assistance to address the issue in its GPP investments



Greenhouse gas emissions from various types of power plants



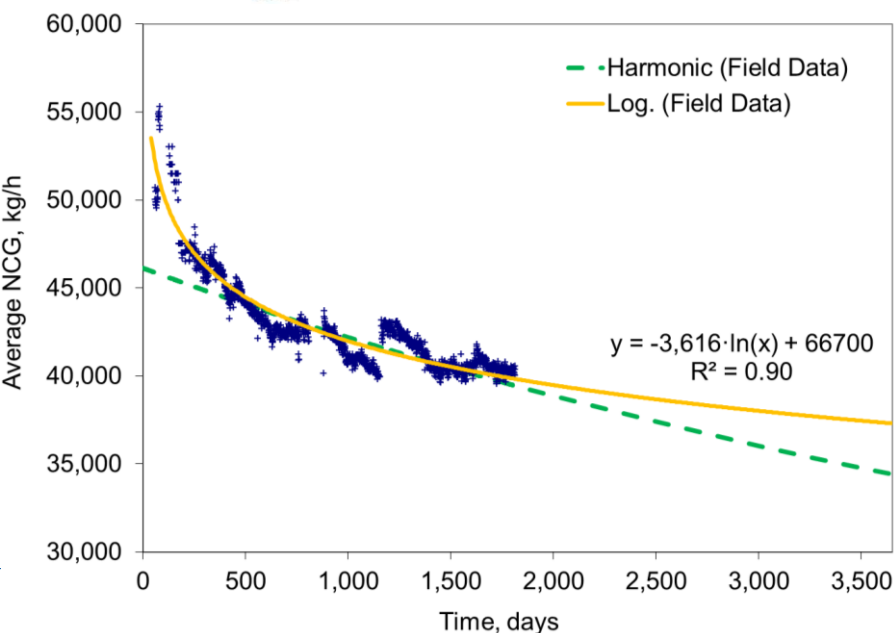
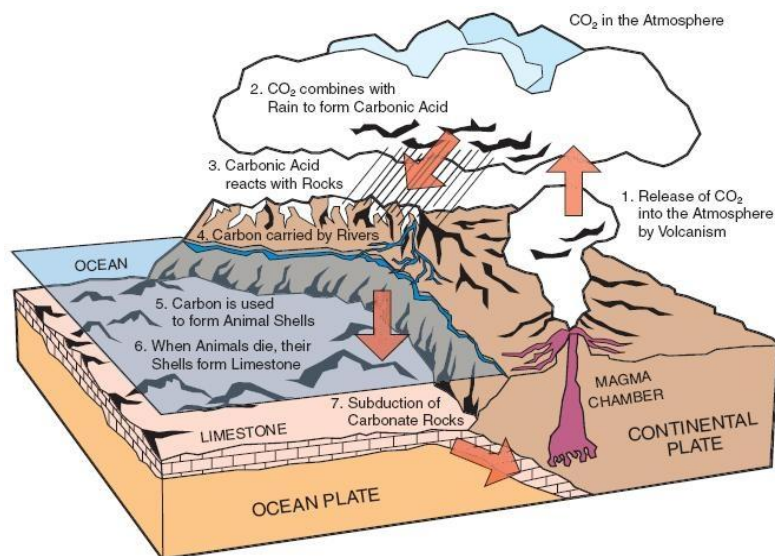
## Assessing the use of CO<sub>2</sub> from natural sources for commercial purposes in Turkey

- Initial technical characterisation of the CO<sub>2</sub> supply available for commercial use in Turkey
- Mapping of the existing CO<sub>2</sub> value chain & identification of bottlenecks in supply and demand
- Assessment of the current market & legal/regulatory framework
- Financing and grant options to expand industrial use of CO<sub>2</sub> from geothermal resources

# NCG abatement strategies



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1. **Natural baseline:** measure natural CO<sub>2</sub> background emissions in 5 areas prior to GPP development
2. **Degasification:** regression analysis of data from existing liquid-dominated resources suggests 40 to 70% decline over plant lifetime
3. **Industrial uses:**
4. **Economically-viable reinjection options?**

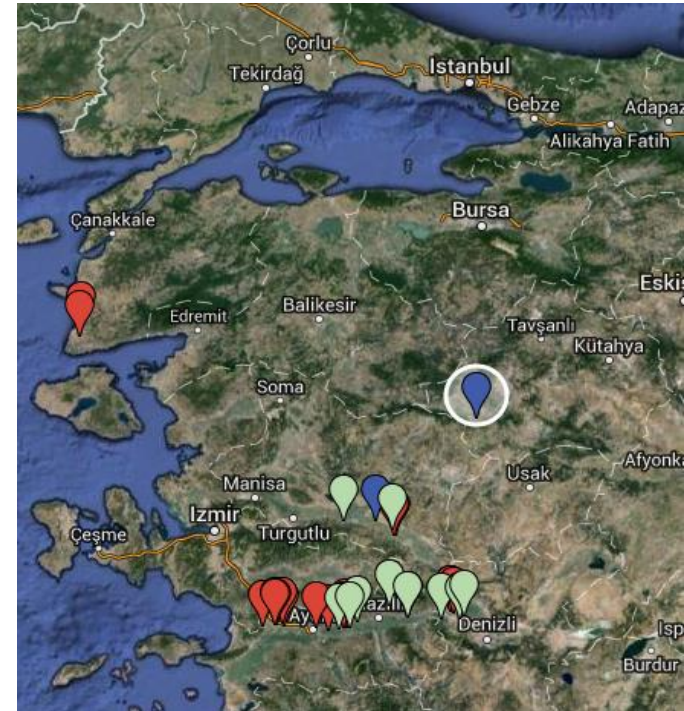
CO <sub>2</sub> technology	Application	Selection criteria			Relative Final Score
		Uptake	Economic potential	Long term contribution to CO <sub>2</sub> reduction	
CO <sub>2</sub> to fuels carriers	Renewable methanol	Low	Med	Low	Med
	Formic acid	Low	Med	Low	Med
	Algae cultivation	Low	High	Med	Med
Enhanced commodity production	<b>Urea production and yield boosting</b>	Low	High	Low	Med
	Enhanced geothermal systems	Low	Low	High	Med
Enhanced hydrocarbon production	<b>Enhanced oil recovery (EOR)</b>	Low	High	Med	High
	Enhanced coal bed methane (ECBM)	Low	Med	High	Med
CO <sub>2</sub> for food production	<b>Greenhouses</b>	High	High	Low	High
	Beverage carbonation	Low	High	Low	Med
CO <sub>2</sub> mineralisat.	Concrete curing	High	Low	Med	Med
	Carbonate mineralisation	Unknown	Low	Med	Low



# Potential Projects:

## Simav Graben – Eyre GPP

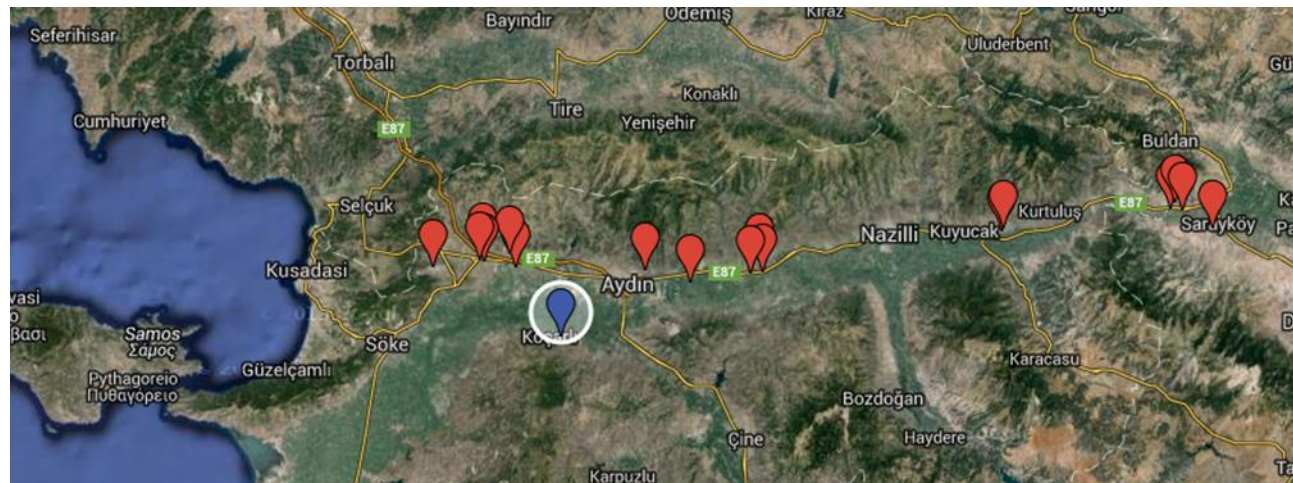
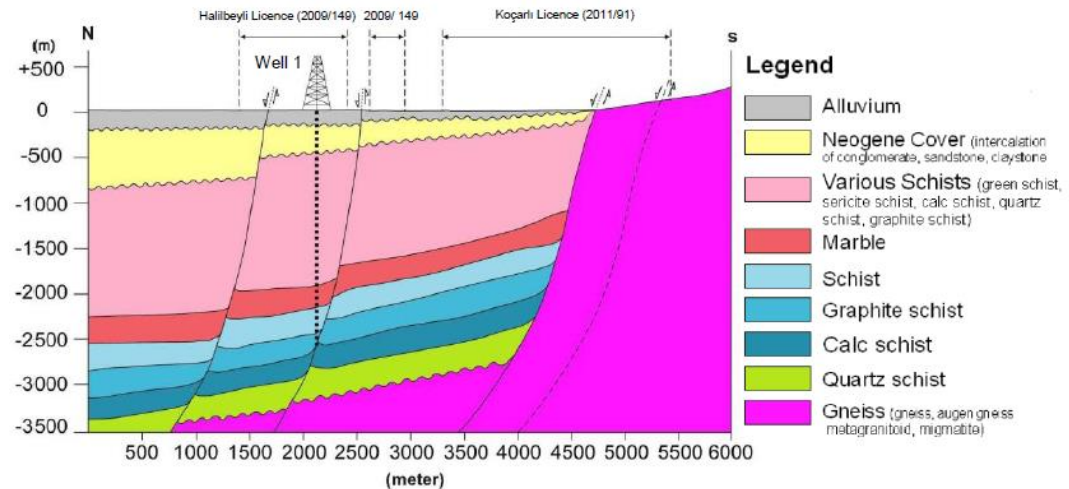
- Supporting geothermal development in the **Simav graben** (inner Aegean region in Turkey), with no existing GPP
- District heating** from geothermal resources is quite common in the area
- Many greenhouses in the area **use waste CO<sub>2</sub>** from **the existing wells** to produce tomatoes
- There are **no geothermal power production sites nearby**
- One 380 m gradient well, showing a gradient of **57 °C/km**.



# Potential Projects under the PLUTO: Halilbeyli GPP



- *South of the Büyük Menderes Graben*, in the inner Aegean region in Turkey
- Most GPPs concentrated in the north of the Büyük Menderes Graben); potential of its southern part remains unknown
- One **1,170 m** slimhole well has been drilled, showing a temperature gradient of **50 °C/km**
- Estimated temperature at a depth of **3,200 m** depths is around **170 °C**
- The drilling of a “Wildcat” **production well** will start in late May



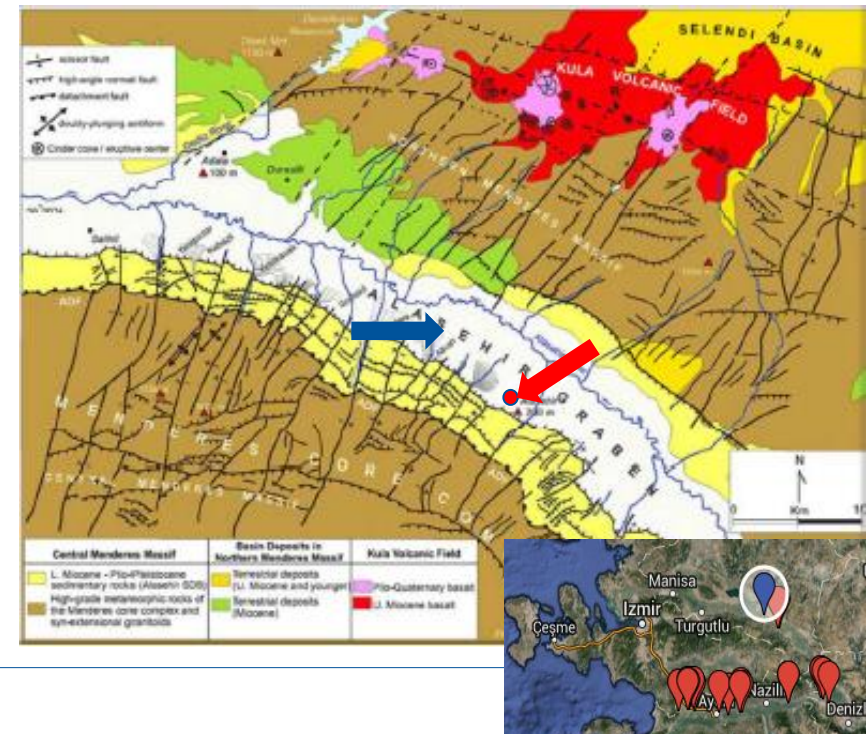


# Potential Projects:

## Gediz Graben – Yeşilova GPP



- *North of the Gediz graben*, where only two operating plants exist despite good temperature gradients ( $110\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C/km}$ )
- Geothermal area under development; existing (partially collapsed) well at **2133 m**
- The **PT surveys** carried out down to **1950 m**; unfortunately, significant portion of the mud loss zone was covered with fill
- The **maximum temperature of  $222\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$**  was measured at 1950 m
- Promising project but currently on hold due to shift in priorities by developer, focusing on developed licenses



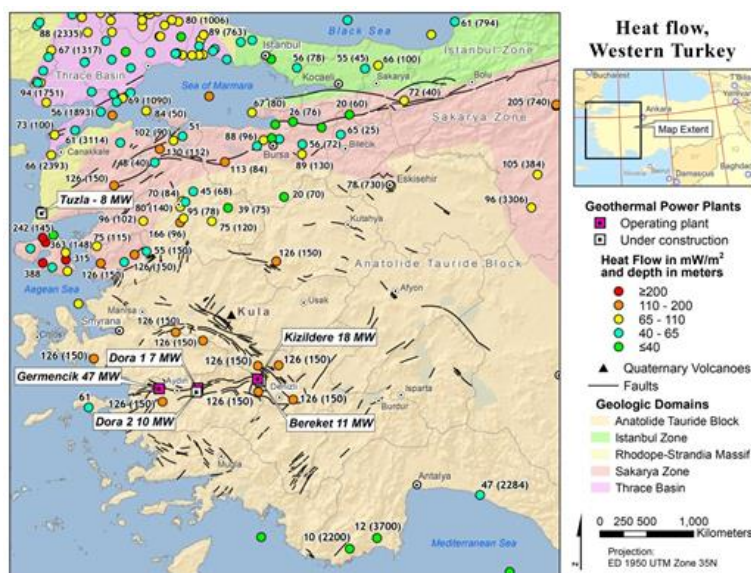
# EBRD support for geothermal development



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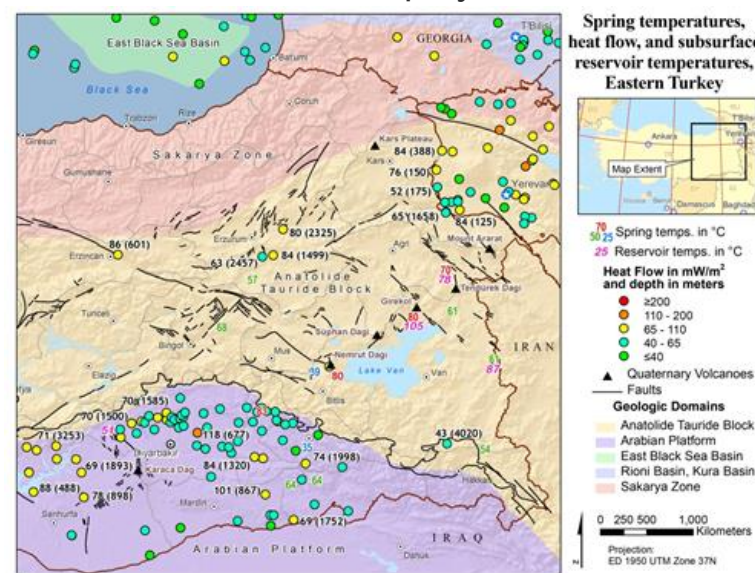
## PROJECT FINANCE

- **Direct project finance:** 170 MW in the Aydın-Germencik province
- **Intermediary financing** existing projects through local banks
- Engaging blue-chip developers in Turkey to support future **greenfield projects**



## POLICY DIALOGUE

- Support MoENR in further developing legislative frameworks & **licensing procedures**
- Defining centralised approach on key issues such as **sustainable resource management**
- **Raising awareness** on existing challenges and industry best practices to mitigate early stage risks and accelerate deployment





A background image showing a dense collection of various national flags, including the Turkish flag, the Malaysian flag, and others, hanging vertically.

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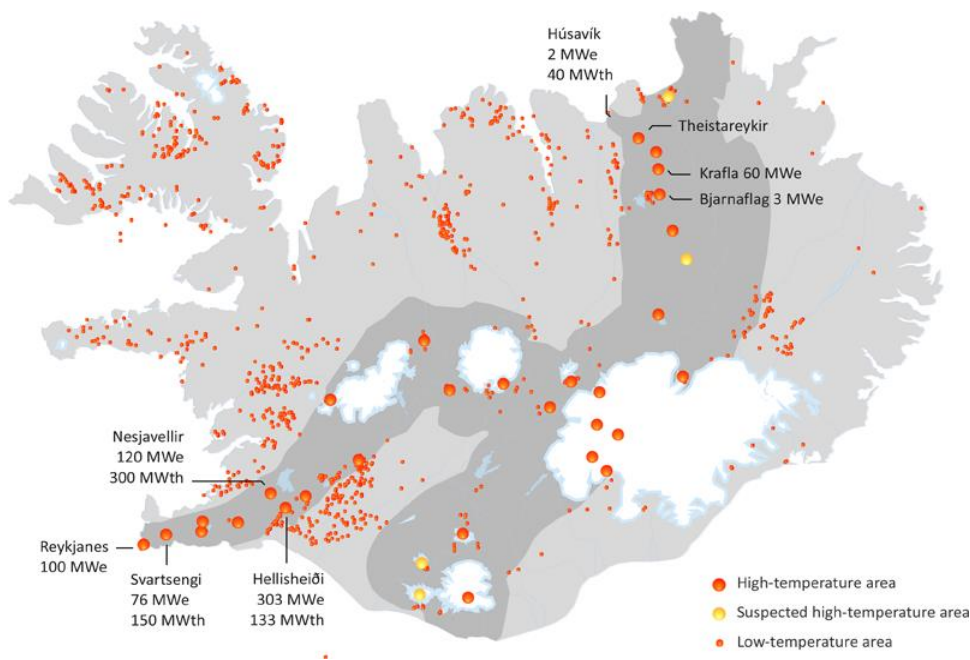
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ISOR, 2015.

Total Electricity Production, 2012 – (share of geothermal)	18 TWh - (29%)
Installed Capacity, 2014	665 MW <sub>e</sub>
Growth, 2010-2014	15.6%
Share of Global Installed Geothermal Capacity, 2014	5.2%

## History

- **1928**: 1<sup>st</sup> district heating system installed in Reykjavík
- **1967**: Energy Fund created for **cost-sharing** in drilling and exploration (convertible loans for up to 80% of unsuccessful drilling costs)
- **1999**: *Master Plan for Geothermal and Hydropower Development in Iceland* initiated
- **2006**: Market opened to private developers; to date, 100% of power generation has been developed by public companies/utilities
- **2007**: Private developers HE Orka, Orkusalan enter the market
- **2009**: Iceland Deep Drilling Project becomes hottest producing geothermal well in the world by harnessing **supercritical hydrous fluids** (over 450°C)