

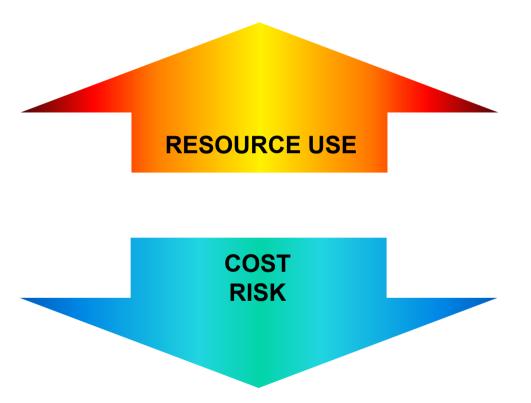
# Geothermal energy R&D in the 7th Framework Programme



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## The EGS challenge



- o **exploration**
- o resource assessment
- o resource management
- o advanced drilling
- o advanced stimulation
- o efficient power cycles
- o **environmental impact**

## Implications for research investment

The estimated cost-split for an EGS power plant :

× Capital: 80%

× Maintenance: 10%

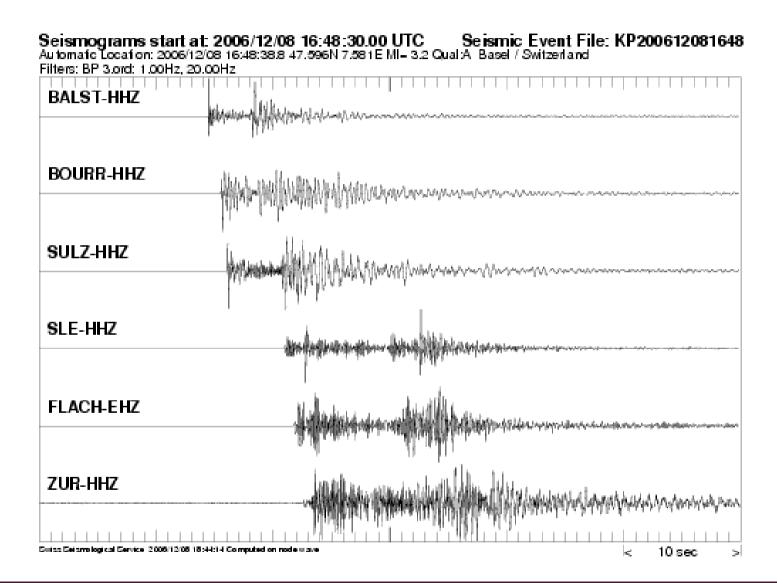
× Personnel: 5%

× Other (insurance etc.): 5%

© Cost reductions in capital expenditures hold the greatest potential for reducing the overall costs of EGS power plants

However, the lack of public acceptance can be a show stopper!

## Basel (CH), Friday 08 December 2006



### This did not remain unnoticed...

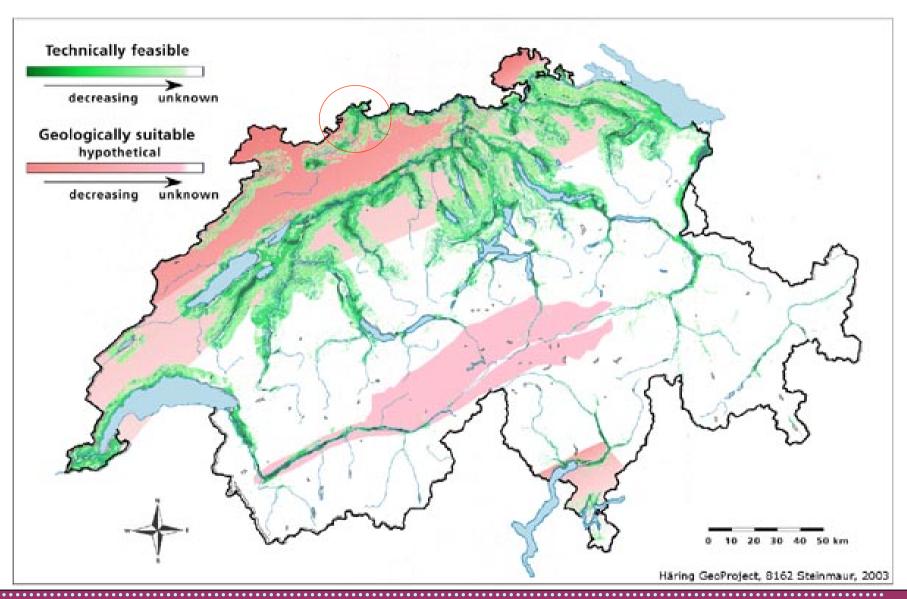


## Après le séisme à Bâle: deux vaches encore toutes secouées

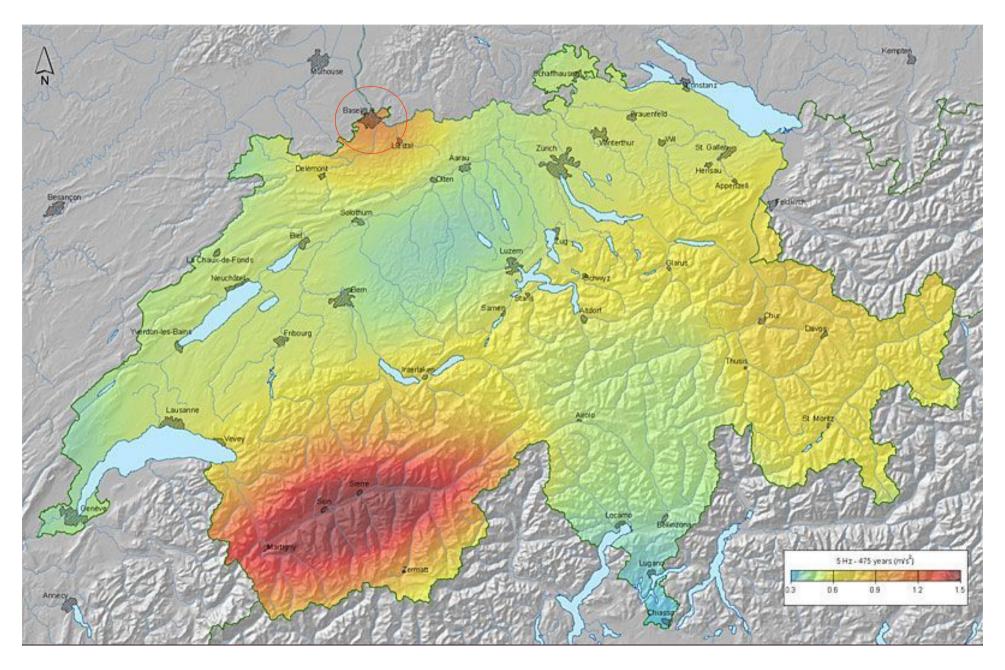
## **EGS** in populated areas



## EGS possibilities in Switzerland

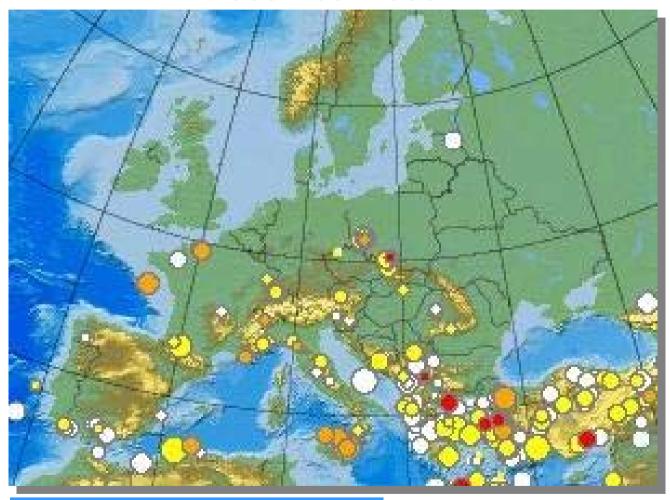


## Seismic hazard map of Switzerland



## **Euro-Med earthquakes**

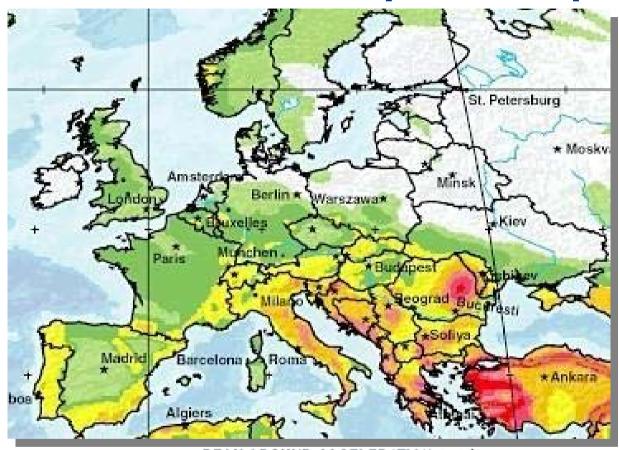
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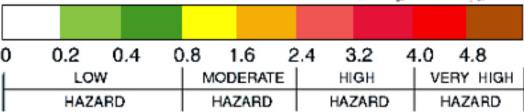
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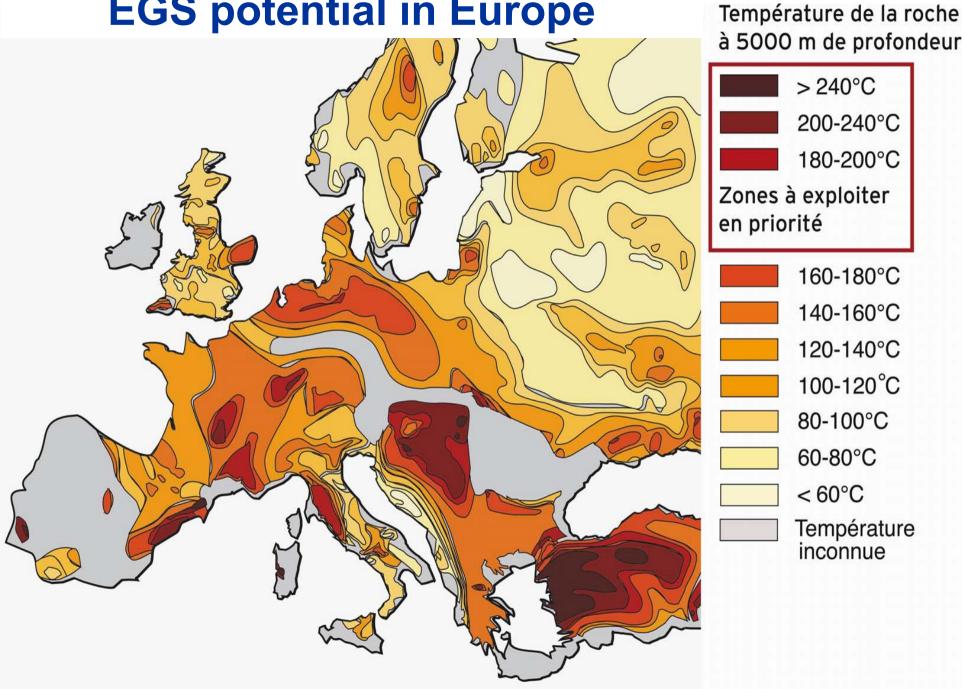
## Seismic hazard map of Europe

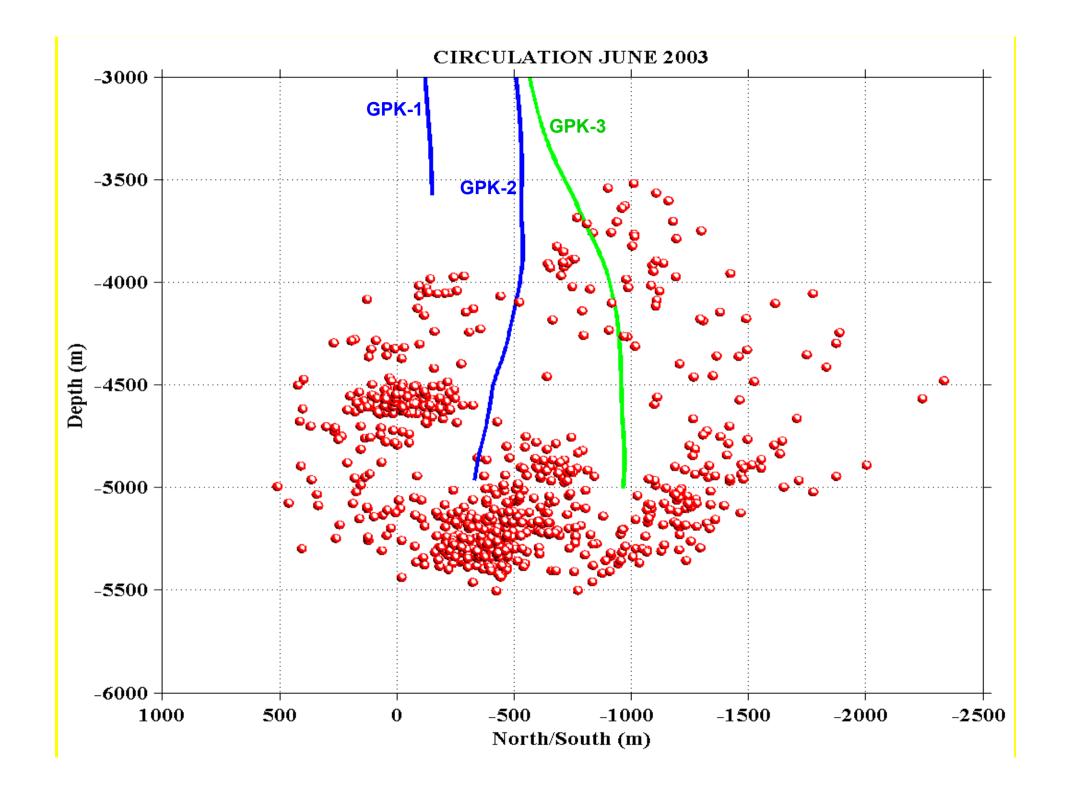


PEAK GROUND ACCELERATION (m/s²)
10% PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE IN 50 YEARS, 475-year return period



**EGS** potential in Europe





### We need to:

#### **Understand**

- Why, where and when does induced seismicity occur
- \* How it relates to regional geology (pre-existing stress, lithology)
- How to avoid or mitigate it (stimulation, long-term field development)

#### Co-operate in R&D

- × Europe (ENGINE, FP7)
- \* International (e.g. through the IEA)

## FP7 - Energy

(DG Research & DG Energy and Transport)

Hydrogen and fuel cells

CO2 capture and storage technologies for zero emission power generation

Renewable electricity generation

Clean coal technologies

Renewable fuel production

Smart energy networks

Renewables for heating and cooling

Energy savings and energy efficiency

Knowledge for energy policy making

# Electricity from geothermal: Content 1st Call

#### Research and development

Aims to develop enabling technologies for the exploitation of hightemperature resources, and to prove the feasibility and sustainability of EGS technology in representative EU sites.

Understanding and Mitigation of Induced Seismicity Associated with Geothermal Field Development: Results should enable to define strategies for fluid injection, for the extraction of heat over a prolonged period, and/or for the creation of EGS.

#### **Demonstration**

Aims at improving geothermal reservoir detection technology, increasing the performance of fluid production systems (corrosion and scaling), and increasing the efficiency of electricity generating systems.

No topic open in 1st Call

# Geothermal Heating & Cooling: Content 1st Call

#### **Demonstration**

Focus will be on improving the performance of geothermal heat pumps and on improving the reliability and ease of maintenance of the underground components of the heat pumps.

- ❖ Improved geothermal heat pumps: Optimise the component level design including heat transfer fluids of commercial geothermal heat pumps. Increase the coefficient of performance and extend its usage in Europe and particularly to the Mediterranean regions
- ❖ Improved underground systems: Development of components which are easy to connect and disconnect from the surface, thus reducing the installation and maintenance cost

# Stakeholder input: a crucial role for ENGINE

- \* Best Practice Handbook and the definition of innovative concepts for the investigation, reservoir assessment and exploitation of geothermal energy
- \* Technical and socio-economic <u>risk evaluation</u> for the development of geothermal energy in Europe (WP9)
- Scientific and technical <u>European Reference Manual</u> for the development of Unconventional Geothermal Systems and Enhanced Geothermal Systems (WP9)
- Roadmaps: expert groups defining <u>priorities</u> in the field of medium to long term research investment (WP6, WP7, WP8)

## How to prioritise R&D needs?

#### An example

EGS technology	Priority A	impact of innovation (Δ€ <sub>el</sub> )	Priority B	impact of innovation (Δ€ <sub>el</sub> )	Priority N	impact of innovation (Δ€ <sub>el</sub> )
Resource investigation	Topic 1	x %	Topic 2	у %	Topic <i>n</i>	z %
Drilling, stimulation and reservoir assessment						
Exploitation, reservoir management & monitoring						
Economic, environmental and social impacts		high		medium		low

### **Conclusions**

- \* The EC research programmes will continue to give support to geothermal energy
- \* The emphasis of the RTD part of the programme is on electricity production from high-temperature resources
- \* The emphasis of the TREN part of the programme is on heating and electricity
- × Generic technologies may help the wider uptake of EGS
- Reducing the environmental impact (induced seismicity) is crucial to assure public acceptance
- ENGINE can provide important input to FP7 and beyond

http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index en.cfm