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Foreword

- The notion of risk
- Risks associated with geothermal projects: a significant financial barrier
- Need of risk-adjusted financing:

 -assessment;
 -management;
 -mitigation;







- The risks associated with geothermal projects
- The perception of risk
- Risk management
- Existing insurance concepts to cover the geological risk in Europe
- Risk insurance scheme at European level











The risks associated with geothermal projects







The risks associated with geothermal projects (1/2)



- Usual business risks;
- **Risks specific to geothermal:**
 - Drilling, the cornerstone of the geothermal resource economical assessment
 - The geological risk

→Flow and temperature
→Short-term risk (drilling)
→Long-term risk (exploitation phase)







The risks associated with geothermal projects (2/2)



Financial dimension

Insurance availability







Phases of a geothermal projects – When may the risks occur?



Geothermal Project Risk and Cumulative Investment Cost



The risks associated with geothermal projects



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The perception of risk







The perception of risk



Quantifying loss to reward

Surrounding factors distorting the perception of risk

The perception of risks associated with geothermal resources in Europe



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Existing insurance concepts to cover the geological risk in Europe



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Existing insurance concepts to cover the geological risk in Europe (1/3)

Traditional means of excluding the geological risk

- →Pick out
- →Share out
- →Transfer







Existing insurance concepts to cover the geological risk in Europe (2/3)

Insurance patterns existing in Europe for the geological risk

→ Private insurance policies: the

German exception

→National insurance funds







Existing insurance concepts to cover the geological risk in Europe (3/3)

Insurance funds for the geological risk

The post-damage guarantee The guaranteed loan







Market-based insurance policies

- German example
- Geothermal projects insured
- Eligible costs
- Criteria for compensation
- Information to submit to the insurance company
- Premiums
- The German experience









Insurance Funds

The post-damage guarantee

The guaranteed loan







Insurance Fund: the postdamage guarantee (1/2)

- France, the Netherlands, Switzerland
- Scope of insurance
- Governance
- Expertise
- Applications







Insurance Fund: the postdamage guarantee (2/2)

- Capital and financial structure
- Coverage ratio
- Agreement
- Insurance process







Insurance Fund: the guaranteed loan (1/2)

- Germany, Iceland
- Scope
- Governance
- Insurance process







Insurance Fund: the guaranteed loan (2/2)



- Capital and financial structure
- Coverage ratio
- Feedback







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Risk insurance scheme at European level







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The GEOELEC project

Removing the financial barrier hampering geothermal development

Scenarios for an EU insurance scheme







Risks insured by the European insurance scheme



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Conclusion

The geological risk can be managed and mitigated

Insurance concepts are developing in Europe

European geothermal resources better harnessed thanks to European insurance scheme







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