

Dear colleague and user of the EnergyPLAN software,

You are receiving this mail because you have once downloaded the EnergyPLAN computer model. We issue newsletters similar to this e-mail once or twice a year. If you do not wish to receive these newsletters, please reply with a NO to this e-mail and we will delete your e-mail address from the list.

In this newsletter, we announce four key updates for the EnergyPLAN tool:

- **A redesign of the EnergyPLAN homepage based on your inputs**
- **New facilities on the EnergyPLAN website to support and assist you**
- **A New Version 11 of EnergyPLAN is available, including a facelift**
- **Introduction of Three new help tools (add-ons)**



### **A redesign of the EnergyPLAN homepage based on your inputs**

We are proud to present a facelift and complete re-design of the EnergyPLAN homepage. As many of you know, during the spring, we carried out a survey among you - the users - about your experience with the model and the homepage. Warm thanks to those of you who spent time and participated in the survey, as well as to Maja Taghdissi Jani Gierringe, Christina Jensen, Søren Kristensen Gravesen and Jeppe Dejgaard Hansen who have carried out the re-design based on your valuable inputs.

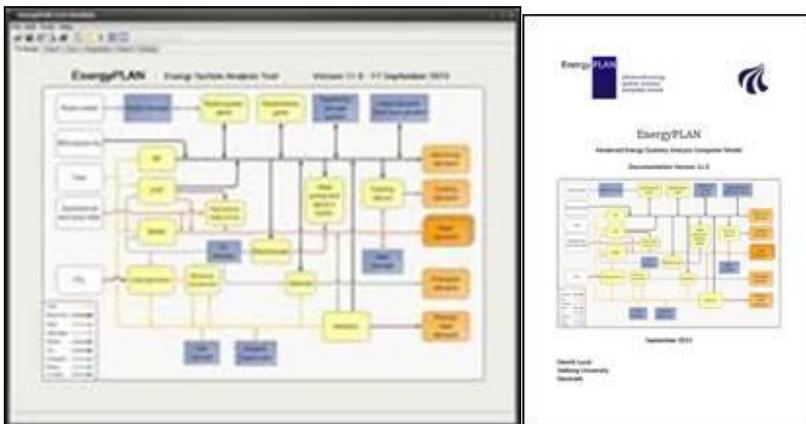
However, not only the homepage, but also the model itself has got a facelift (see below). Please, have a look for yourself on [www.EnergyPLAN.eu](http://www.EnergyPLAN.eu).

## New facilities on the EnergyPLAN website to support and assist you

In addition to the graphical makeover, the new website has new forms of support for our users. In brief, the key new changes are:

- **A new “Get Started” page**, which outlines how you can begin using EnergyPLAN.
- **A new “FAQs” page**, which describes some of the most common issues experienced by our users.
- **A new “Forum”**. This is one of our most exciting additions. We hope that this new forum will enable users to connect with one another, to discuss different case studies and ask each other questions in relation to the EnergyPLAN tool.
- **A new support email**. If you cannot get the help you need from the FAQs or the Forum, then you can always contact the EnergyPLAN support team using the new email address: [energyplanmodel@gmail.com](mailto:energyplanmodel@gmail.com).
- **A new categorisation of existing case studies**. Although we have always displayed case studies on our website, it has sometimes been difficult for our users to find the most relevant case study for them. Now we have created a new way to display the case studies by dividing these into the country and technology on which they focus. We have also developed a new search function for the case studies.

We hope that these new features will enhance your experience as a user of the EnergyPLAN tool. If you have any comments or feedback in relation to the new website, please contact us at [energyplanmodel@gmail.com](mailto:energyplanmodel@gmail.com).



## A New Version 11 of EnergyPLAN is available, including a facelift

With this newsletter, we also announce the new version 11 of EnergyPLAN. The most significant improvement in this version is the new appearance. This includes a new colour scheme, buttons, and graphics. Next, the model can now facilitate additional help tools (see below). And finally, a new desalination unit has been added to the model.



### Introduction of Three new help tools (add-ons)

When you download the new version 11, three new independent help tools are included. Help tools are add-on programmes which aid the user when creating a model in EnergyPLAN. The new help tools are:

-  A “Distribution File Editor” tool in which one can load, change, and save distribution files as well as show these in diagrams of hour-by-hour and duration curves. These graphs can be copied into your documentation when reporting your results.
-  A “Compare Version” tool in which one can compare the results of a model from different versions of EnergyPLAN. This help tool may assist you in identifying any changes in previous models and calculations when a new version is released.
-  A “Compare Input” tool in which one may compare different input data to identify any differences.

You can activate the help tools by using the icons which are found in the upper right corner of the EnergyPLAN model. We hope that these tools will be of use to you. Moreover, we invite any user to involve in making additional tools which we will be happy to include in the future. If you wish to do so, please contact us.

Enjoy!

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