

1. TECHNICAL ANALYSIS – assumptions for DGC analysis

In the present case, the DGC analysis starts with the respondent answering questions on issues related with:

- Characteristics of the general state associated with the place of acquiring the mine water,
- Shaping water temperature,
- Direction of water use (heat or electricity),
- Technological, economic and environmental aspects related to the use of mine water.

Questions are both closed and open. Some respondent responds by answering "Yes" or "No". However in case of remaining questions one should give specific numerical quantities.

Replies to asked questions are being given according to the principle "Traffic light". Which means that if the answer given is positive for the investment, it is highlighted in green. When indifferent is displayed yellow. However when he has a very great negative significance for investment, is meant with colour red.

On the picture below was presented a model way of answering.

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Is there existing mine water discharge available?	good
yes	
Is that pump or gravity discharge?	good
gravity	
Is there existing shaft or borehole on site?	good
yes	
How deep you have to drill to the shallowest floded level? [m]	good
50	
What is water head in flooded mine? [m]	good
50	
What is the average temperature of the mine water? [°C]	
16	
Is there demand for heating?	good
Is there demand for cooling?	possible
Is there demand for both (heating and cooling)?	good
yes	
Risk of clogging or corosion?	good
no	
yes no	
	good
What is peak heating or cooling demand? [KW]	good
3 500 000	

Figure 1 General questions related to DGC analysis

Source: Own study

According to the methodology, the DGC analysis should be carried out in relation to another energy source. Most often, such analyzes are carried out with respect to an existing source, such as coal, gas or electric heating. Hence, in this analysis, detailed questions have been formulated to allow for more accurate analysis and more reliable results.

With reference to the energy source used and the potential source of energy, the respondent specifies in the following part of the questionnaire:

- Energy sources so far used,
- Cost of the thermal energy associated with using current energy sources,
- CO2 emission associated with energy sources so far used,
- Basket of electricity related to the operation of an alternative energy source,
- Emissions of CO2 associated with generated electricity,
- The distance from where the mine waters are taken from their use,
- Network length.

Below an example of the excerpt filled in of the questionnaire was expressed.

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What is the most favorite competitor against heat from mine water	Hard coal
What is the cost of this option kWh [euro/kWh]	0,058
What is CO₂ emission [kg/kWh]	0,25
What is the cost of electricity per kWh [euro]	0,11
What is CO₂ emission of electricity per kWh [CO₂/kWh]	0,83

Figure 2 Detailed questions - DGC analysis
 Source: Own study

After answering all the questions, the respondent can go to financial analysis using the "Financial analysis" button. It is located in the upper right corner of the calculation sheet. The graphical presentation of the location of the button is shown in the figure below.

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 Low-Carbon After-Life (LoCAL): sustainable use of flooded coal mine voids as a thermal energy source - a baseline activity for minimising post-closure environmental risks

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LOW Carbon After Life: sustainable use of flooded coal mine voids as a thermal energy source - a baseline activity for minimising post-closure environmental risks

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Is there existing mine water discharge available?	
yes	good
Is that pump or gravity discharge?	
gravity	good
Is there existing shaft or borehole on site?	
yes	good

Figure 3 Location of the "Financial analysis" button in the calculation sheet

Source: Own study

2. Viability analysis for the centralized system - DGC and CBA model

The cost-effectiveness analysis of potential energy sources (for the centralized system) was based on the dynamic generation cost model (DGC). It is assumed that this is a system containing one heat pump that supplies energy to several selected sites.

The DGC indicator can be used at various stages of the preparation and selection process of investment projects. The most important ways of using this method are:

- (1) comparing alternative solutions for a given problem,
- (2) reducing the scope of investment,
- (3) selection of investment projects.

In the case described, the first of these aspects applies. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to compare the use of two alternative sources of energy (e.g. coal and geothermal energy or gas and geothermal energy) to determine the potential profitability of one.

In the first place, the respondent writes the time period that the analysis will cover. It can be a period of 15, 20 or 25 years. The choice is related to your preferences and expectations. With a quick return on investment, a shorter analysis period (15 years) is required. On the other hand, if the investment is of an environmental and social nature, it is recommended to choose a longer analysis period (eg 20 or 25 years). The respondent selects an optimum option for himself. Example of time period selection is shown in the figure below.

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the period of analysis [years]

- 15
- 20
- 25

Figure 4 Choice of the scope temporary provided with analysis
Source: Own study

The rest of the analysis is done automatically. Investment and operating costs, based on which DGC is being generated are being enumerated expressed in [euro/kW]. An example of the DGC calculation is shown in the following table (XXX).

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Investment costs	1 107 038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	254 578	0	0	0	0
works [euro]	725 701															
equipments [euro]	254 578											254 578				0
start-up costs [euro]	126 760															
Operation cost	0	33 272	34 104	34 957	35 831	36 727	37 645	38 586	39 550	40 539	41 553	42 592	43 656	44 748	45 866	47 013
materials [euro/year]		627	643	659	676	692	710	727	746	764	783	803	823	844	865	886
energy [euro/year]		18 260	18 716	19 184	19 664	20 155	20 659	21 176	21 705	22 248	22 804	23 374	23 958	24 557	25 171	25 800
services [euro/year]		2 509	2 572	2 636	2 702	2 770	2 839	2 910	2 983	3 057	3 134	3 212	3 292	3 374	3 459	3 545
maintenance cost [euro/year]		2 509	2 572	2 636	2 702	2 770	2 839	2 910	2 983	3 057	3 134	3 212	3 292	3 374	3 459	3 545
personnel cost [euro/year]		6 273	6 430	6 590	6 755	6 924	7 097	7 274	7 456	7 643	7 834	8 030	8 230	8 436	8 647	8 863
overheads [euro/year]		3 095	3 172	3 251	3 332	3 416	3 501	3 589	3 678	3 770	3 865	3 961	4 060	4 162	4 266	4 373
fees for the discharge of water (if applicable), en	0	216	221	227	232	238	244	250	256	263	269	276	283	290	297	305
other [euro/year]		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
production of energy [kW]		3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000	3 500 000
discounted cost	1 107 038	31 376	30 353	29 364	28 378	27 435	26 540	25 660	24 798	23 999	23 186	156 608	21 697	20 987	20 273	19 604
discounted amount of energy		3 300 500	3 115 000	2 940 000	2 772 000	2 614 500	2 467 500	2 327 500	2 194 500	2 072 000	1 953 000	1 844 500	1 739 500	1 641 500	1 547 000	1 459 500
sum of the discounted cost [euro]		1 617 414	1 666													
sum of the discounted amount of energy [kW]		33 988 500														
DGC (dynamic generation cost) [euro/kW]		0,048														
Financial cost - Hard coal		208 075	213 277	218 609	224 074	229 676	235 418	241 303	247 336	253 519	259 857	266 354	273 012	279 838	286 834	294 005
Financial cost - Source of mine waters	1 107 038	33 272	34 104	34 957	35 831	36 727	37 645	38 586	39 550	40 539	41 553	297 169	43 656	44 748	45 866	47 013
Summary cash flows - Hard coal	0	208 075	421 352	639 961	864 035	1 093 711	1 329 128	1 570 432	1 817 767	2 071 286	2 331 144	2 597 497	2 870 510	3 150 347	3 437 181	3 731 186
Summary cash flows - Source of mine waters	1 107 038	1 140 311	1 174 415	1 209 372	1 245 202	1 281 929	1 319 574	1 358 160	1 397 710	1 438 249	1 479 802	1 776 971	1 820 627	1 865 375	1 911 242	1 958 255

Table 1 Indicator for DGC for the 15-year investment period
Source: Own study

If you choose a calculation period of more than 15 years, the table is automatically modified (expanded) by the number of years you choose.

Comparing many alternative solutions to the problem, the most advantageous solution is that the DGC is the smallest.

This analysis also allows you to specify the time period during which the cumulative costs associated with the operation of mine-based investment will be lower than the cumulative costs of using another source of energy. In the analyzed case (a summary of the use of mine and hard coal for energy purposes) is presented in the diagram below (Table 1). He points out that the cumulative costs associated with the use of mine waters after 6 years of investment will be lower than for conventional energy sources (e.g. coal).

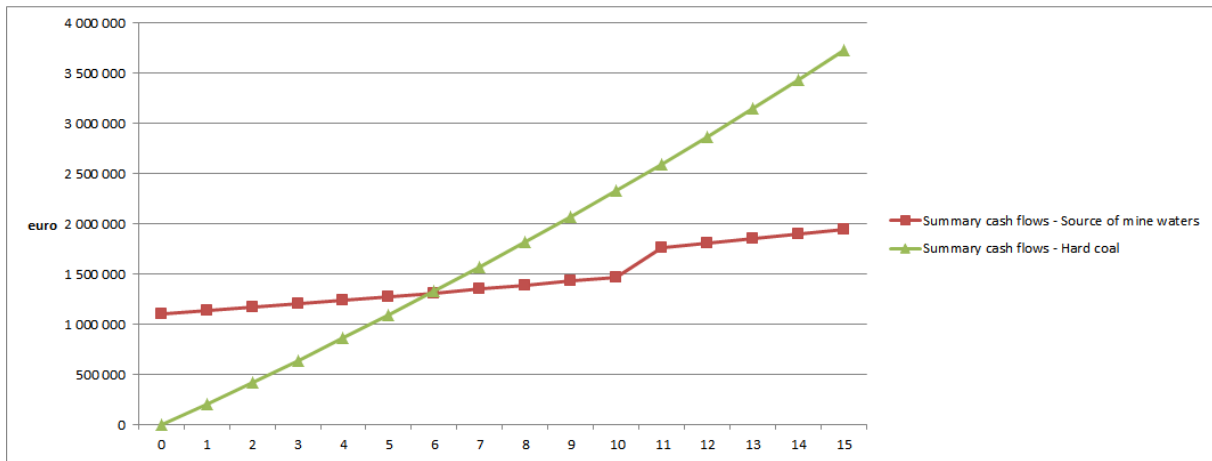


Figure 5 Accumulated operating costs of the investment of the two compared investments (use of mine and hard coal)
Source: Own study

For this analysis, it is also possible to analyze the discounted cash flows and benefits over the period considered. An example of calculations is presented in the table below.

Table 2 Discounted cash flow

	0	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075	208 075
Financial cost - Hard coal																
Financial cost - Source of mine waters	1 107 038	33 272	34 104	34 957	35 831	36 727	37 645	38 586	39 550	40 539	41 553	297 169	43 656	44 748	45 866	47 013
Cash flows	-1 107 038	174 803	173 971	173 118	172 244	171 348	170 430	169 489	168 525	167 536	166 522	-89 094	164 419	163 327	162 209	161 062
discounted cash flows	-1 107 038	164 839	154 834	145 419	136 417	127 997	120 153	112 710	105 665	99 181	92 919	-46 953	81 716	76 600	71 696	67 163

Source: Own study

In the further part of the analysis, environmental issues related to the realization and functioning of the intended investment were presented. For the selected time period, CO2 emissions for the investments compared are shown and the costs and benefits associated with them. This analysis refers to the cost index associated with CO2 emissions. This means that CO2 emissions are converted into environmental costs. This makes it possible to indicate the difference between the analyzed investments, which will contribute to the identification of environmentally-friendly (CO2-based) energy production technologies.

The graphical presentation was introduced to the issue mentioned above in the following table (Table 3).

Table 3 Costs and benefits associated with applying chosen methods

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CO2 emission per year - Hard coal [kg]	0	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000	875 000
CO2 emission per year - Source of mine waters [t]	0	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858	259 858
Economical cost [euro/Mg CO2 emission]	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
Economical cost - Hard coal	0	28 875	29 750	30 625	31 500	32 375	33 250	34 125	35 000	35 875	36 750	37 625	38 500	39 375	40 250	41 125
Economical cost - Source of mine waters	0	8 575	8 835	9 095	9 355	9 615	9 875	10 134	10 394	10 654	10 914	11 174	11 434	11 694	11 953	12 213
Economical benefits - Investment	0	20 300	20 915	21 530	22 145	22 760	23 375	23 991	24 606	25 221	25 836	26 451	27 066	27 681	28 297	28 912
discounted benefits	0	19 143	18 614	18 085	17 539	17 002	16 480	15 954	15 428	14 931	14 416	13 940	13 452	12 983	12 507	12 056
sum of the discounted benefits [euro]		232 528,57														
benefits	0	183 981	173 448	163 504	153 956	144 999	136 633	128 664	121 093	114 112	107 336	13 940	95 168	89 583	84 203	79 219
financial	0	164 839	154 834	145 419	136 417	127 997	120 153	112 710	105 665	99 181	92 919	0	81 716	76 600	71 696	67 163
economic	0	19 143	18 614	18 085	17 539	17 002	16 480	15 954	15 428	14 931	14 416	13 940	13 452	12 983	12 507	12 056
cost	1 107 038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46 953	0	0	0	0
financial	1 107 038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46 953	0	0	0	0
economic																

Source: Own study

As a result of this analysis, the respondent receives information on the costs associated with the production of 1 kWh from various energy carriers, the amount of CO2 emitted, and the benefits (or losses) associated with the implementation of this project. It allows you to indicate which of the following ways of gaining energy it:

- is cheaper (e.g. coal or use of mine waters) – A,

- allows you to emit as little CO2 as possible - B,
- allows you to achieve the greatest possible economic and environmental benefits - C.

The results of this analysis are summarized below (Figure 6).

SUMMARY ANALYSIS			
Price for 1 kWh of energy			A
	Hard coal	0,058	
	Source of mine waters	0,048	
CO₂ emission per year [kg Co2]			B
	Hard coal	875 000	
	Source of mine waters	259 858	
Results of Economic Analysis			C
	NPV	403 321	
	ENPV	635 849	
	B / C	1,551	

Figure 6 Summary of DGC and CBA analysis

Source: Own study

Where:

- NPV - This is the return on investment expressed in money that an investor can achieve. Its positive value suggests "earnings" and a negative "loss" for the investor,
- ENPV - this is the return on investment expressed in money that can reach the investor and the environment and society. Its positive value suggests "earnings" and negative "loss",
- B / C - this is the ratio of total benefits to costs (both financial and environmental). A value greater than 1 suggests the advantage over cost.