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# Heat networks, cities and the energy transition

The development of heat networks in the UK and Germany – focus on how institutions are shaped and the role of different scales of the state.

- Heat networks as a tool for local state (re)-engagement in energy in the UK (but conflict between local and national discourses)
- Focus on unlocking finance for long-term, low return infrastructure but lack of debate of implications of various ownership models
- De/Repoliticisation – In UK heat networks are still largely depoliticised but emergent moves to ‘repoliticise’ subnationally?