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# Roadmap 2050: A practical guide to a prosperous, low-carbon Europe

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# The objective was to develop a fact based report - supported by key stakeholders and feeding directly into EU decision making

## Key deliverables

- A set of **plausible and visionary emissions pathways with an 80% reduction** across the EU-27 below 1990 levels by 2050
- Deep dive on **the decarbonization of the power sector**
- Implications **on strategic options** for the EU
- A related **set of policy options** highlighting potential decisions for the next 5 years

## Overarching objective

Develop a **fact based report** to support the European Commission and Member State policy-makers to chart an energy strategy for 2010-2014 consistent with the EU's 2050 climate and energy security commitments



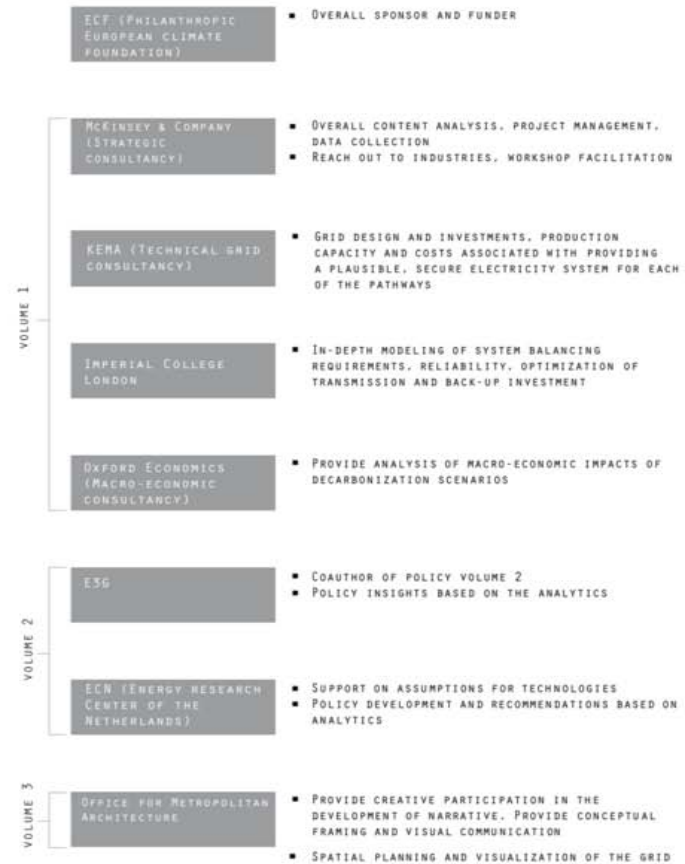
## Political agenda

Post-Copenhagen **political agenda for the new European Commission**

- **November 2010**
  - Commission to present European Infrastructure Package
- **2011**
  - Commission to present Communication on 2050 Energy Strategy
  - Commission to present Energy Action Plan 2011-2014

# Roadmap 2050 project team

## ROADMAP 2050 PARTNERS



# Key stakeholders are involved by providing input and reviewing results

## Core Working Group participants

Utilities



Transmission System Operators



Manufacturers



NGOs

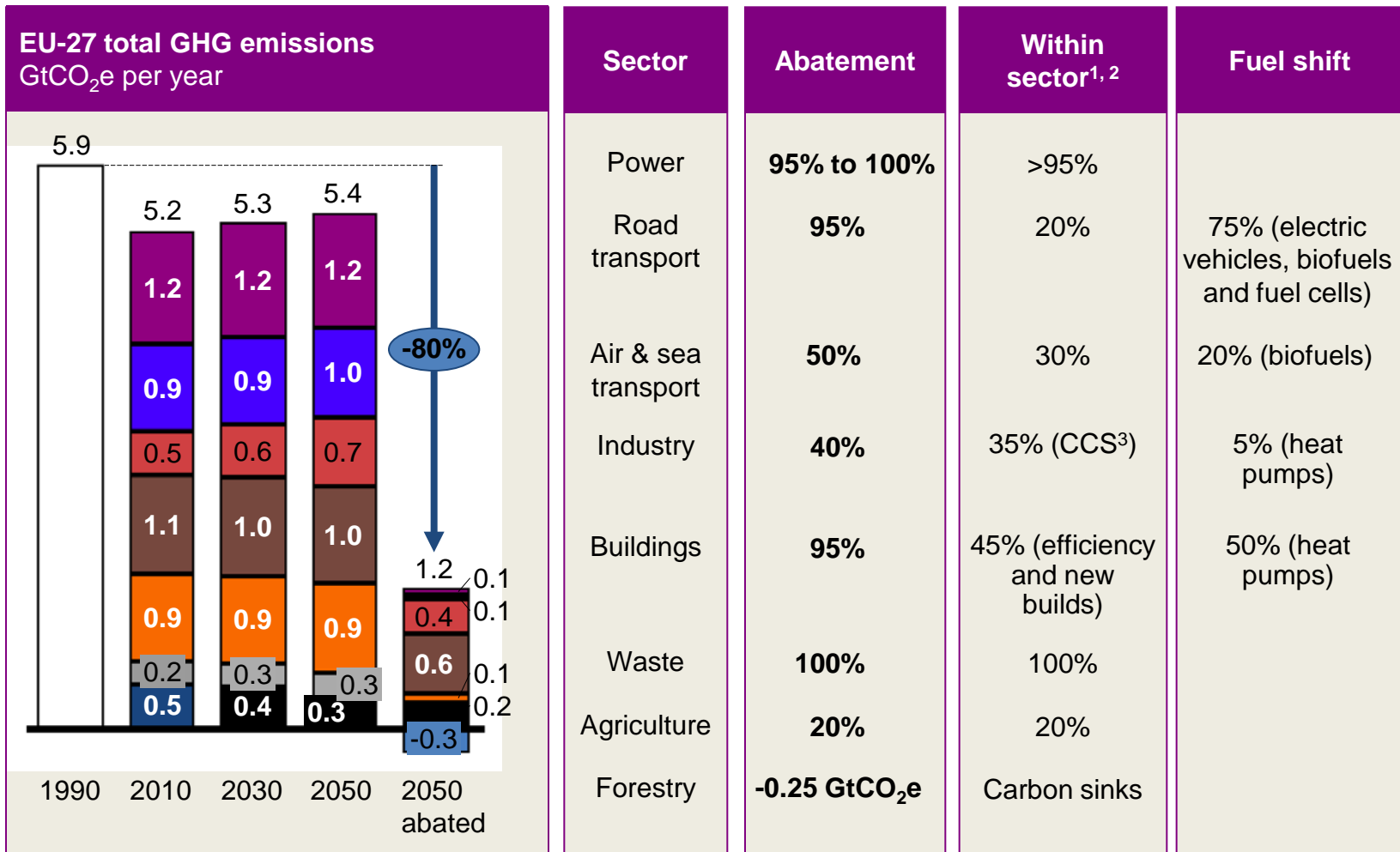


## Further outreach

Plus 40 more companies, NGOs and research institutes



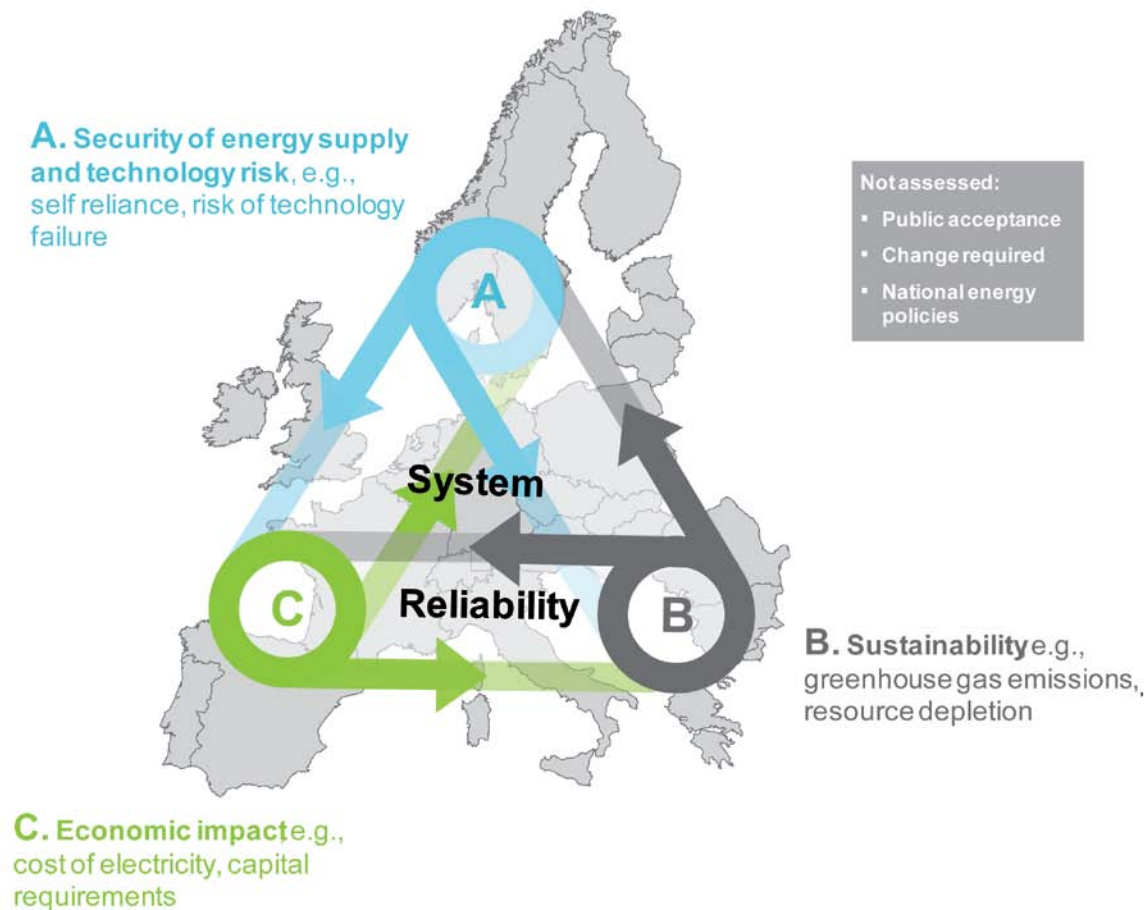
# 80% by 2050 only possible with *zero-carbon power supply*



1 Based on the McKinsey Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve  
 2 Large efficiency improvements already included in the baseline

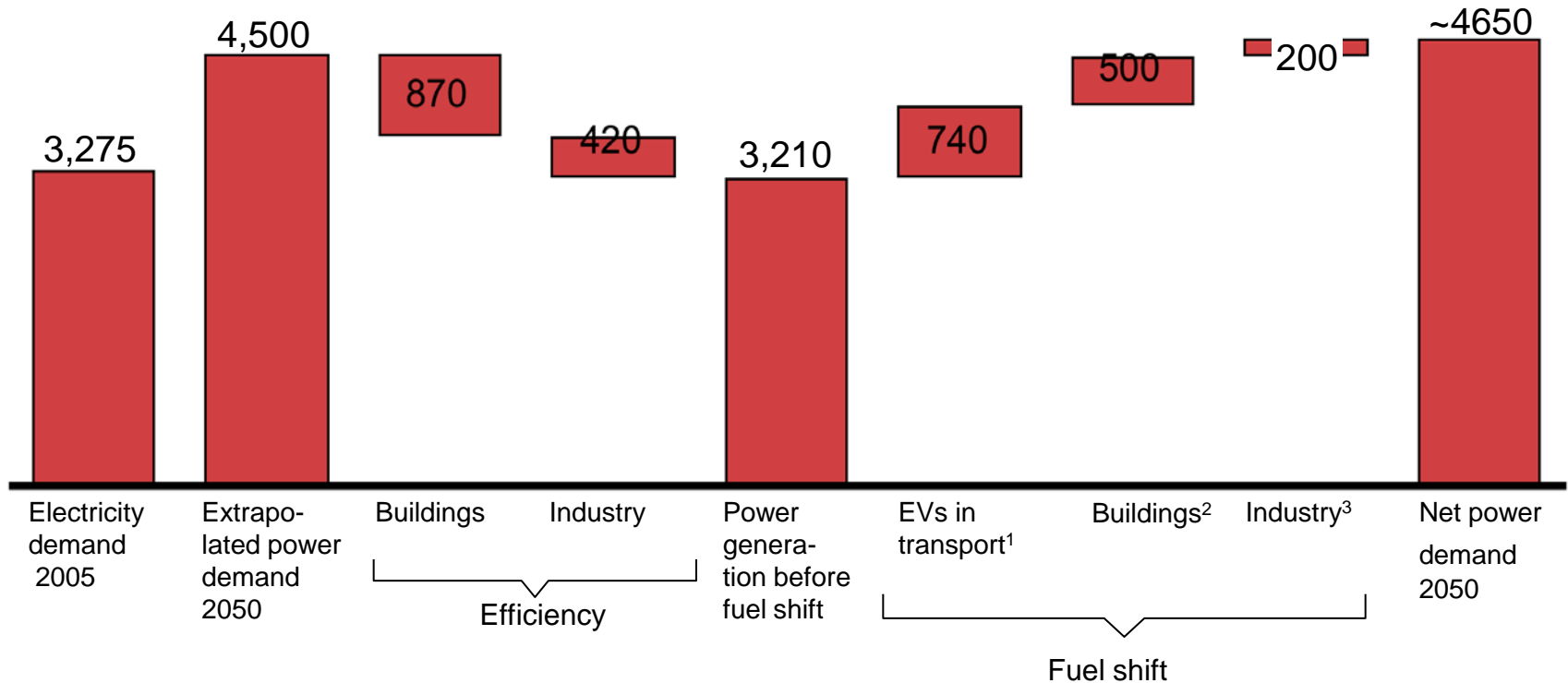
3 CCS applied to 50% of industry (high-temperature process industries)

# Pathways must be reliable, technically feasible, have a positive impact on the economy...& be nearly zero carbon



# Efficiency flattens demand growth, 'fuel shift' drives it back up to the same level as 'BaU', but far less energy intensive

EU-27 power demand, TWh per year



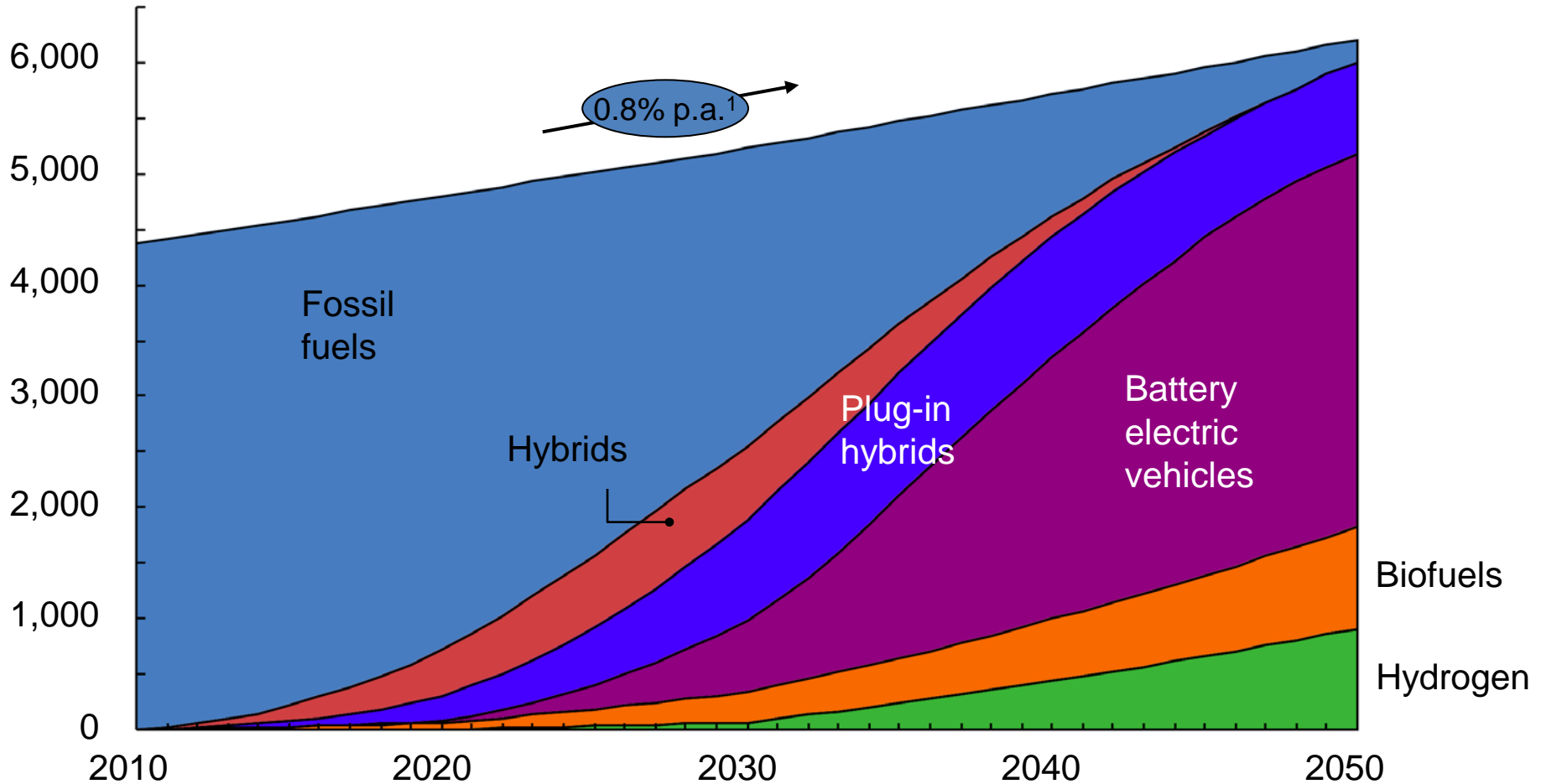
1 Assumption: electrification of 100% LDVs and MDVs (partially plug-in hybrids); HDVs remain emitting ~10% while switching largely to biofuel or hydrogen fuel cells

2 Assumption: 90% of remaining primary energy demand converted to electricity usage in buildings for heating/cooling from heat pumps; assumed to be 4 times as efficient as primary fuel usage

3 Assumption: 10% fuel switch of remaining combustion primary energy demand converted to electricity in industry for heating from heat pumps; assumed to be 2.5 times as efficient as primary fuel usage

# The decarbonized pathways assume a mix of electric vehicles, biofuels and fuel cell vehicles

Billions of Km driven<sup>1</sup> by type of energy sources



<sup>1</sup> 1 Kilometers for heavy trucks normalized for a factor 4 higher fuel consumption per km



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## Decarbonization pathways

**40% RES<sup>1</sup>**  
**30% Nuclear**  
**30% CCS**

**60% RES**  
**20% Nuclear**  
**20% CCS**

**80% RES**  
**10% Nuclear**  
**10% CCS**

- RES share close to currently legally committed by the EU and the IEA baseline
- Sensitivities on a high nuclear share and a high thermal / CCS share are included

- RES mix based on current deployment (minimum), aim for a broad mix of technologies and theoretical deployment (maximum)
- Equal shares for nuclear and thermal / CCS

### Additional sensitivities

- Fuel prices (coal, gas, uranium)
- Cost of capital
- Learning rates
- Grid solutions
- Electricity demand
- 100% RES supply

<sup>1</sup> Renewable energy sources

## Share of production by technology in 2050 as defined

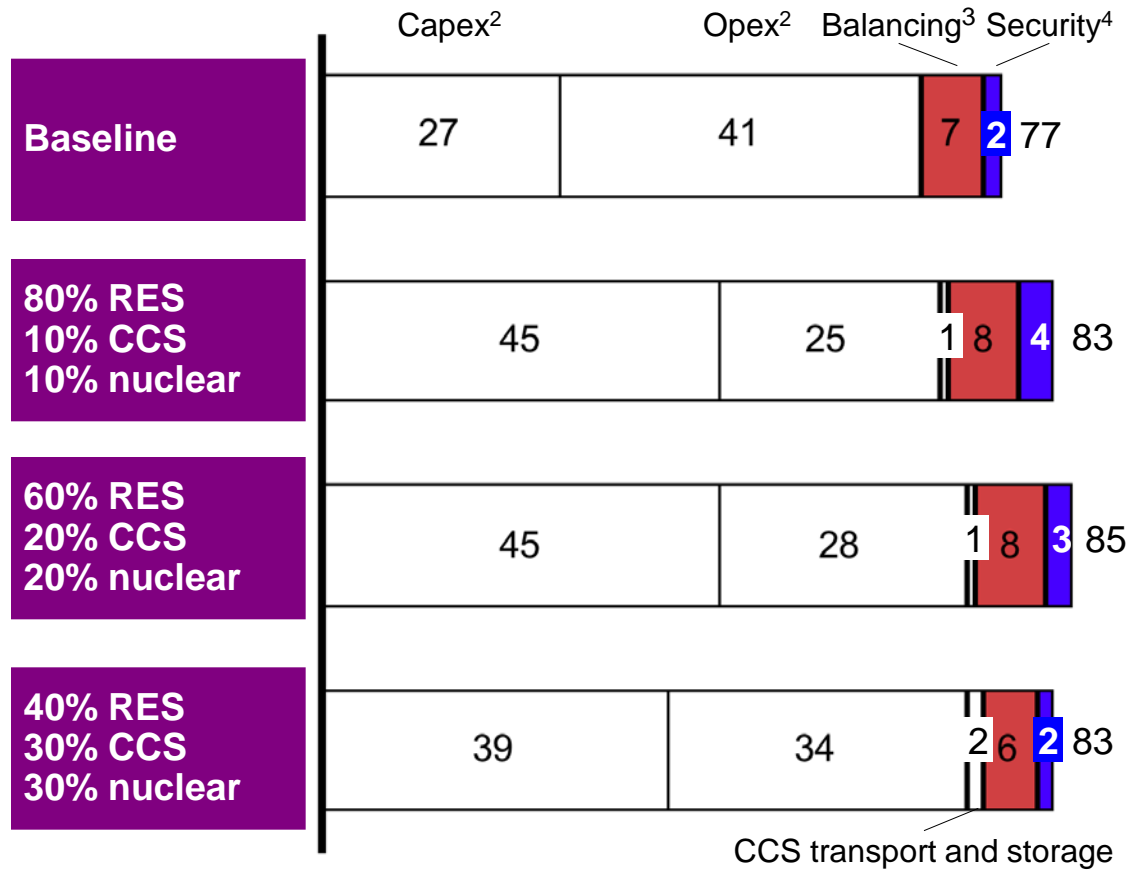
In percentage of production

	Coal	Coal CCS	Coal CCS retrofit <sup>1</sup>	Gas	Gas CCS	Gas CCS retrofit	Nuclear	Wind		Solar		Bio-mass	Geo-thermal	Large Hydro
								On-shore	Off-shore	PV	CSP			
80% RES 10% CCS 10% nuclear	0	3	2	0	5	0	10	15	15	19	5	12	2	12
60% RES 20% CCS 20% nuclear	0	7	3	0	10	0	20	11	10	12	5	8	2	12
40% RES 30% CCS 30% nuclear	0	10	5	0	15	0	30	9	2	4	3	8	2	12
(Baseline) 34% RES 49% coal/gas 17% nuclear	21	0	0	28	0	0	17	9	2	1	1	8	1	12

<sup>1</sup> Only on "CCS ready" plants

<sup>2</sup> 5% from Europe and 15% from North Africa

# All pathways can deliver power with roughly the same cost and reliability as the baseline with carbon price $\leq \text{€}50/\text{tCO}_2$



Average new built  
CoE from 2010 to 2050<sup>1</sup>,  
EUR/MWh (real terms)

1 Weighted average based on the CoE in each 10-year time frame (2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050)

2 Generation only

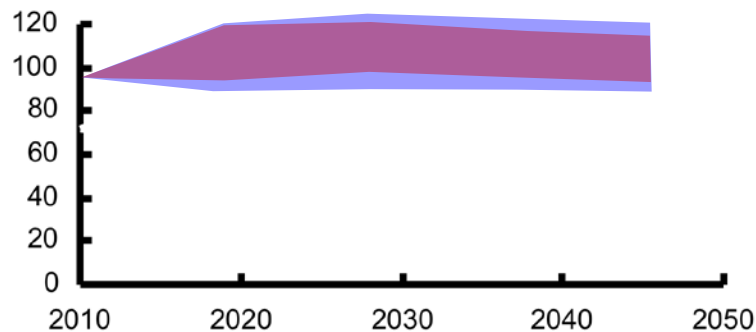
3 Cost related to non optimal plant use, system dispatch cost for secure operation, running backup plants, storage losses, reserve and response cost

4 Transmission and additional generation capex as well as fixed opex for transmission and backup

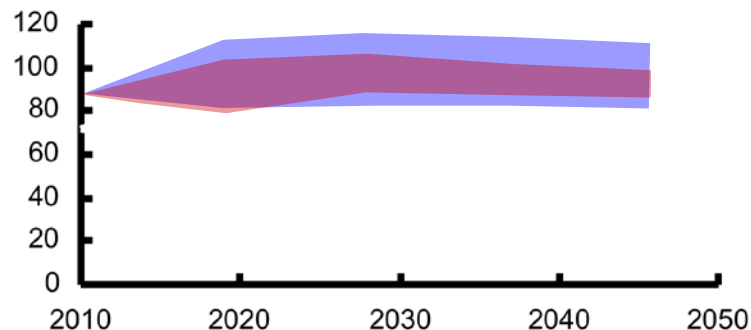
# Confidence ranges for assumptions: likely outcomes are within 10-15% of each other across all pathways

Likely ranges over time in the cost of electricity of new builds<sup>1</sup> EUR/MWh (real terms)

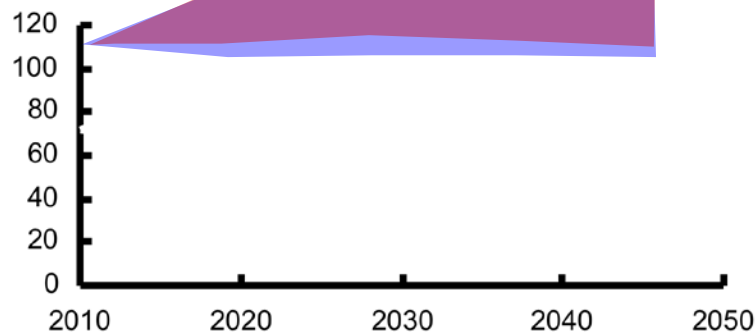
**Baseline and average of decarbonized pathways**



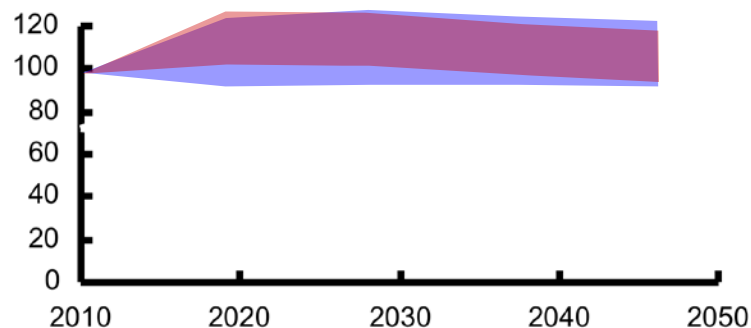
**Baseline and 40% RES pathway**



**Baseline and 60% RES pathway**



**Baseline and 80% RES pathway**

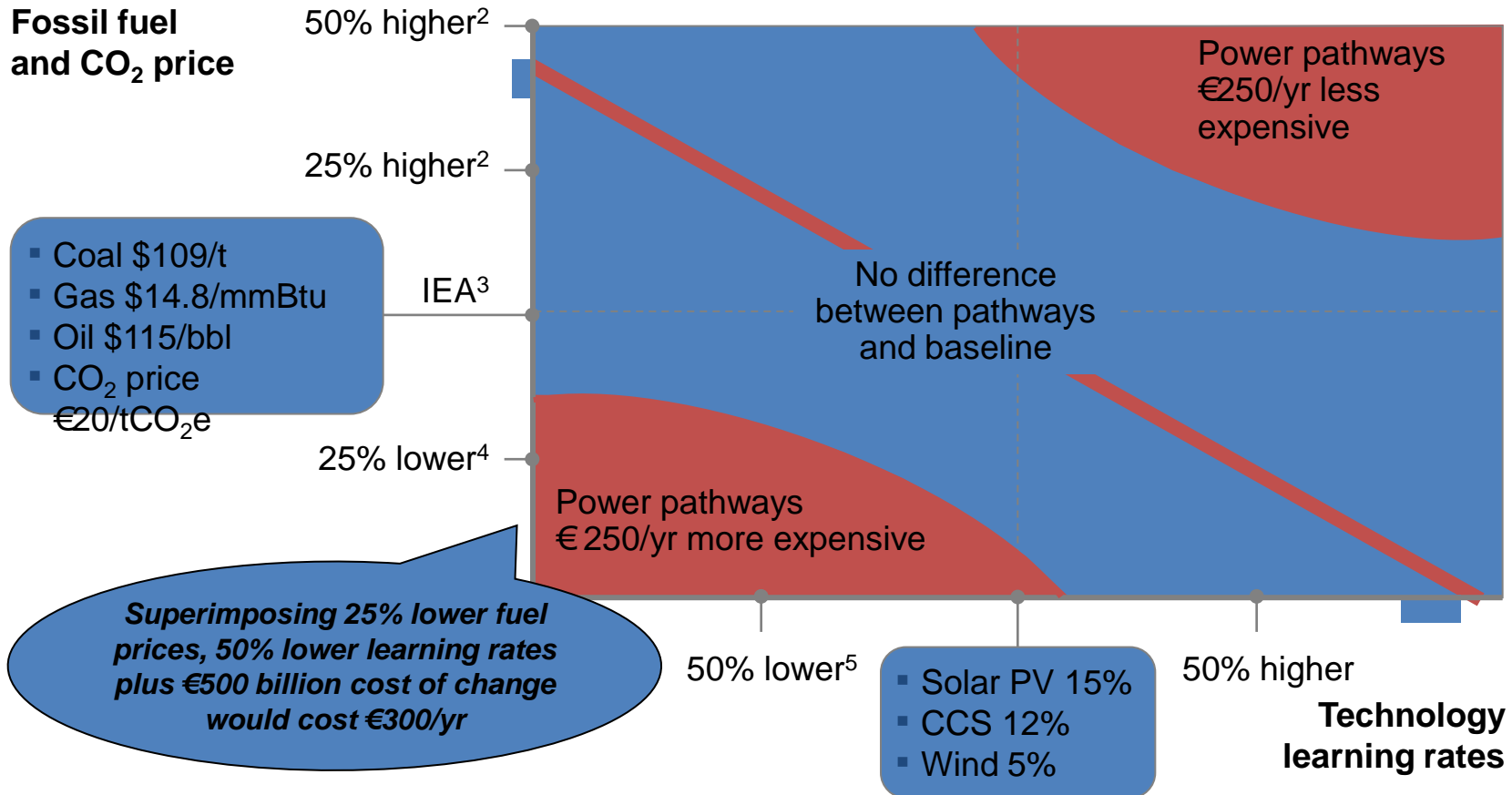


NOTE This is excluding a price for CO<sub>2</sub>. A price of ~€50 per tCO<sub>2</sub>e would be equivalent to the range shown in the baseline

<sup>1</sup> Based on a WACC of 7% (real after tax), computed by technology and weighted across technologies based on their production; including grid

# The cost of the decarbonized pathways and the baseline are likely to differ less than € 250 per year per household

Cost impact of the decarbonized power pathways per year per household<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Assuming all power costs get passed through to households

<sup>2</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> price assumed of € 40/tCO<sub>2</sub>e

<sup>3</sup> IEA WEO 2009 '450 Scenario' assumptions for 2030, kept constant up to 2050

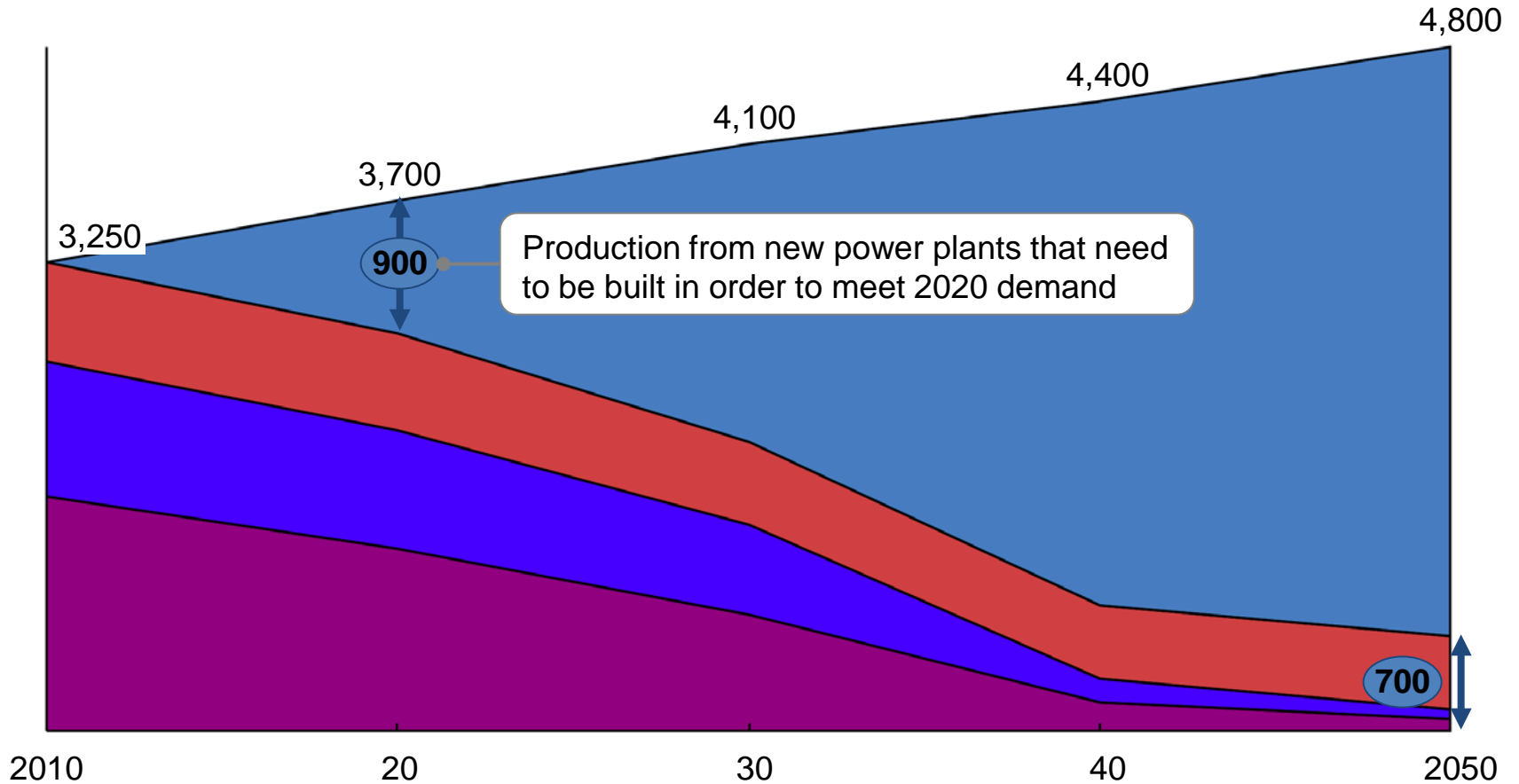
<sup>4</sup> No carbon price

<sup>5</sup> For all technologies, learning rate defined as capex improvement per doubling of cumulative installed capacity

# Most of the non-hydro capacity will be retired by 2040

Power supply by existing and currently planned power plants and forecasted power demand, TWh

- Total power demand
- Existing nuclear
- Existing RES<sup>1</sup>
- Existing fossil



<sup>1</sup> Existing RES mainly hydro; remains in operation until 2050

# Power generation technologies that are at least in late stage development are included

## Power generation technologies included in the pathways

Type of generation	Generation technologies
RES	<b>Non-intermittent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large hydro</li> <li>Geothermal</li> <li>Biomass dedicated</li> <li>Solar CSP with storage</li> </ul>
	<b>Intermittent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wind onshore</li> <li>Wind offshore</li> <li>Solar PV</li> <li>Hydro run of river</li> </ul>
Fossil	Coal conventional
	Coal CCS
	Coal CCS retrofit
	Gas conventional
	Gas CCS
	Gas CCS retrofit
Nuclear	Oil
	Nuclear III

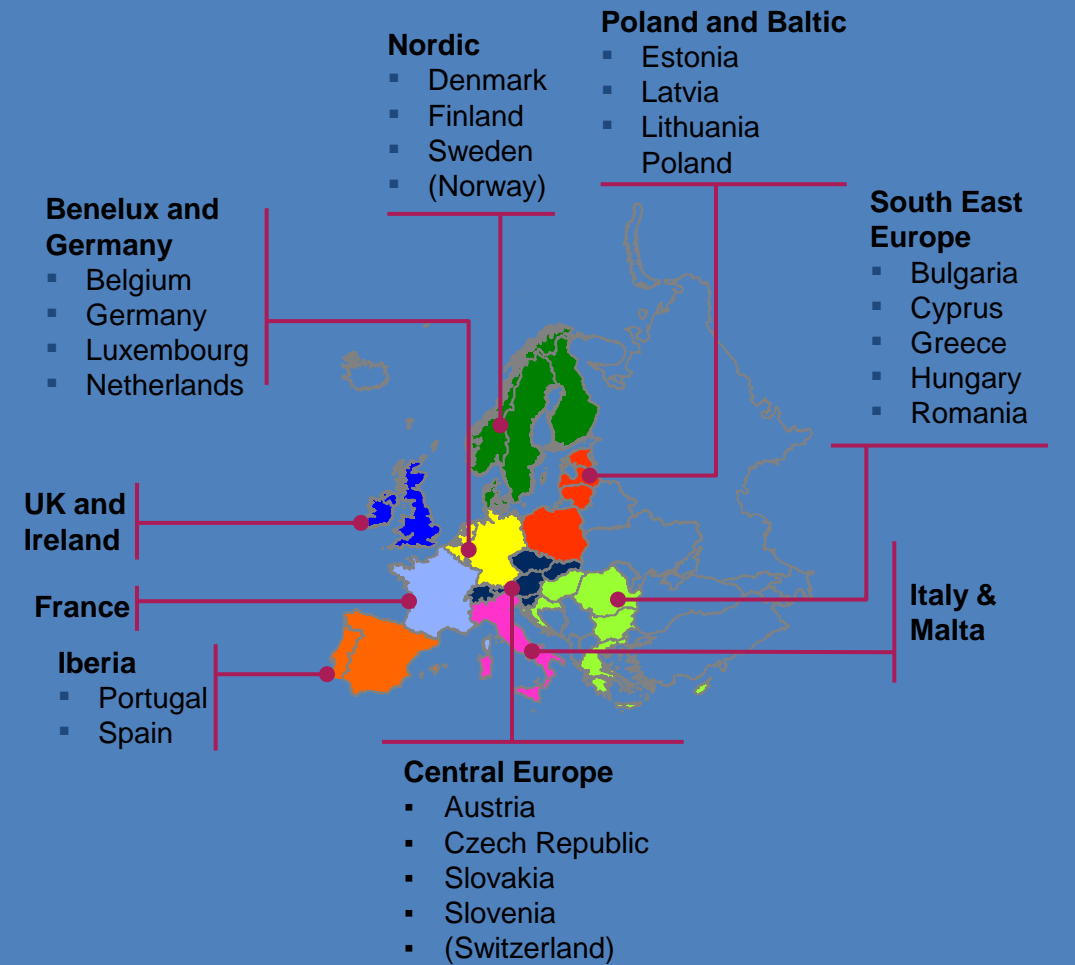









## Regional clustering of EU-27 countries (including Switzerland and Norway)



## New inter-regional transfer capacity required (60% RES)



● Centre of gravity

Interconnection	Capacity additional (existing) [GW]	Annual utilization [%]
UK&Ireland-France	8 (2)	75
UK&Ireland-Nordel	0 (0)	0
UK&Ireland-Benelux&Germany	3 (0)	83
France-Iberia	32 (1)	83
France-Benelux&Germany	14 (6)	78
France-Central-Europe	7 (3)	93
France-Italy&Malta	0 (3)	92
Nordel-Benelux&Germany	0 (3)	75
Nordel-Poland&Baltic	4 (1)	60
Benelux&Germany-Central-EU	0 (4)	74
Benelux&Germany-Poland&Baltic	9 (1)	81
Central-Europe-Poland &Baltic	0 (2)	77
Central-South East EU	1 (2)	80
Central-Europe-Italy	0 (5)	58
South East EU-Italy	9 (1)	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 (34)</b>	





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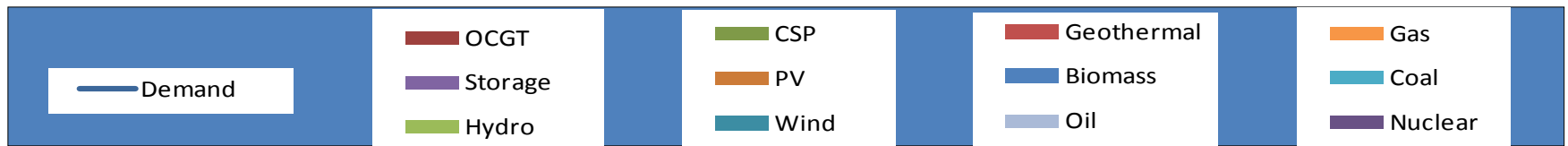
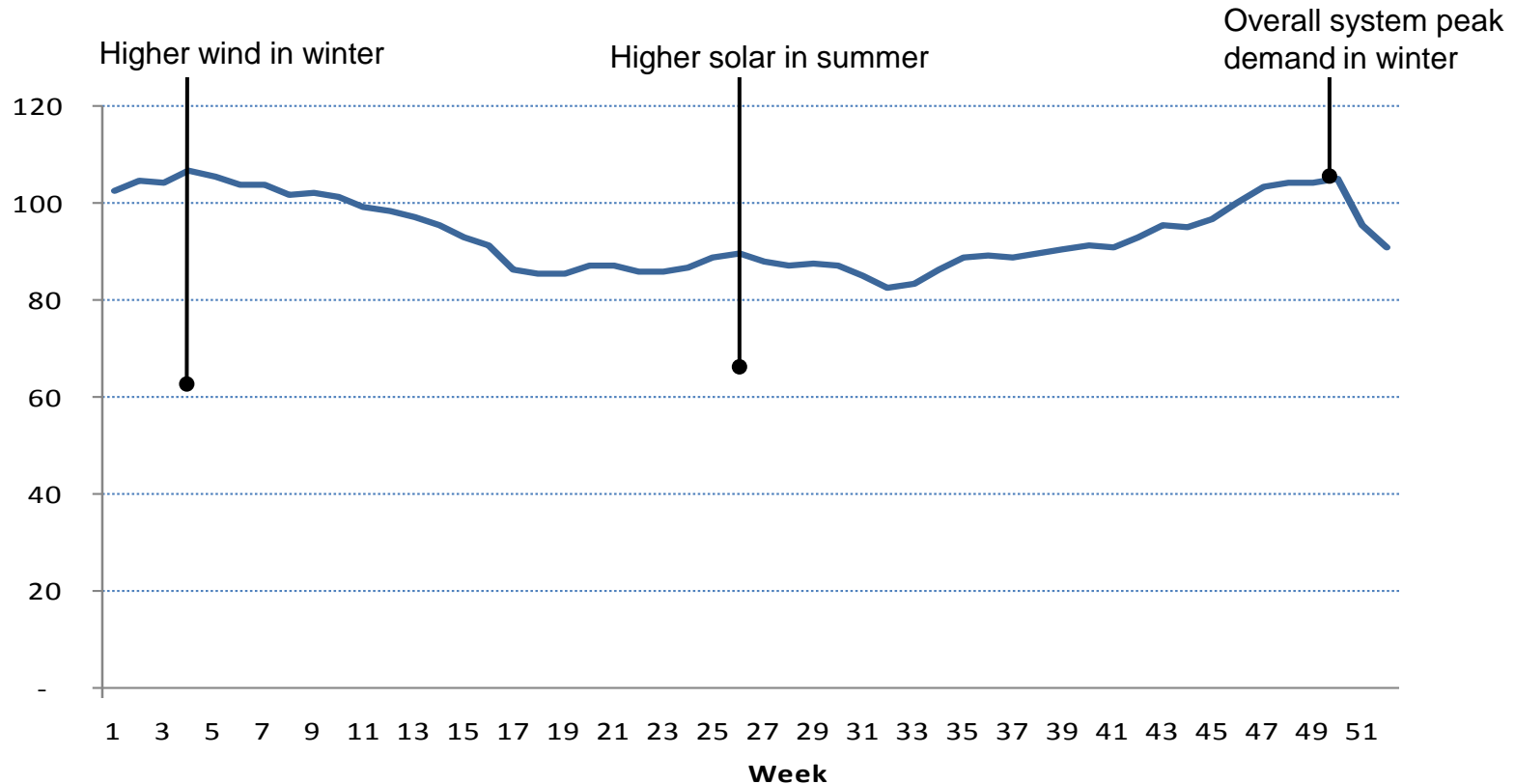


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# Increased interconnectivity across regions exploits natural counter-cyclicity of primary European RE resources

Overview of yearly energy balance, 60% RES pathway, TWh per week



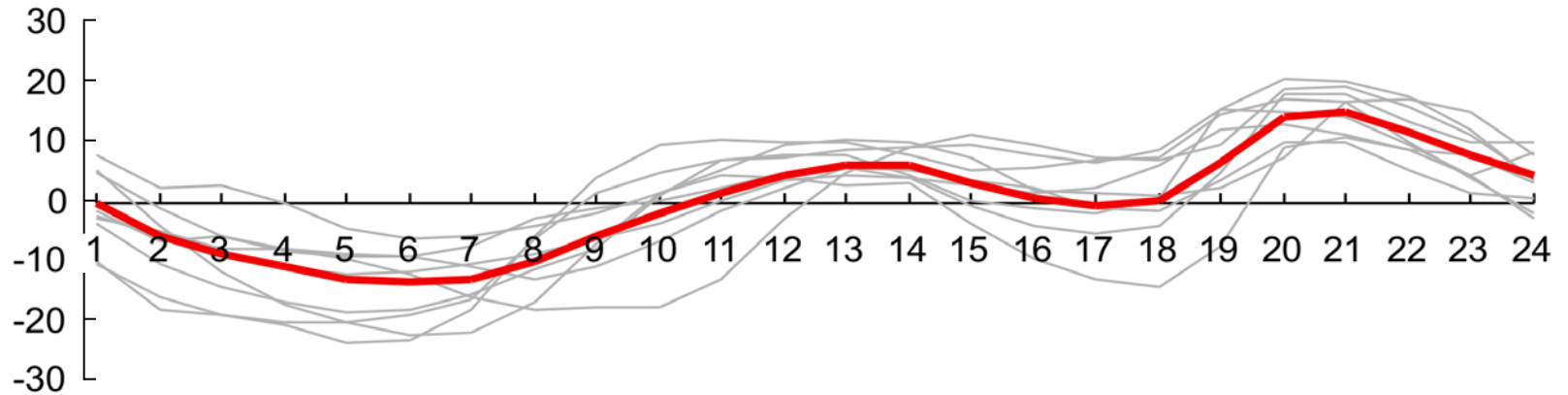
1 Storage included in the model relates to the existing hydro storage available across the regions



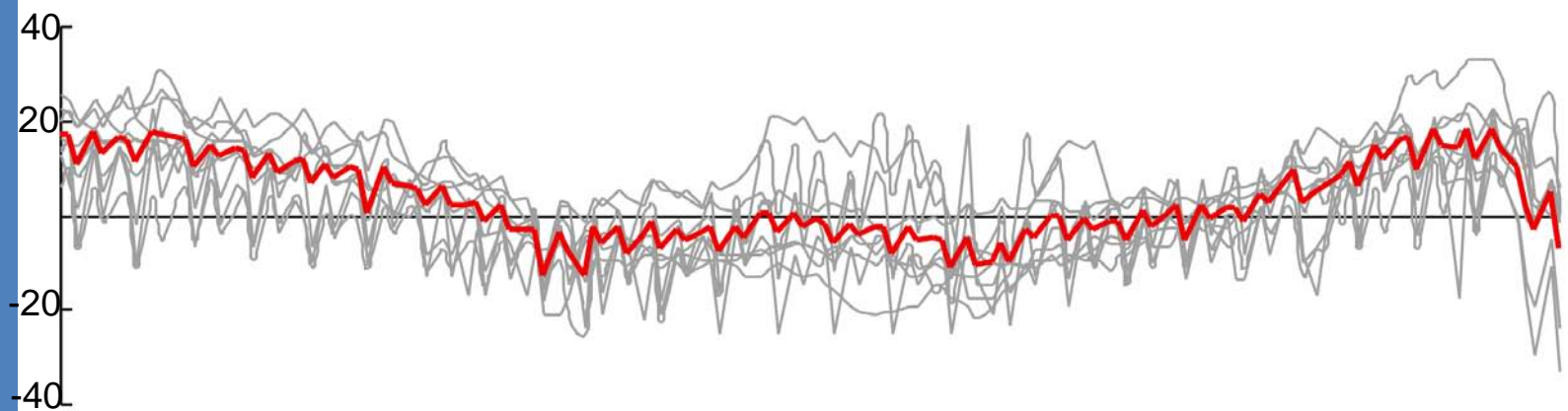
# Increased transmission cancels out both daily and seasonal fluctuations

— Individual regions — Total EU-27

Example: Regional demand variation from average per hour during one day



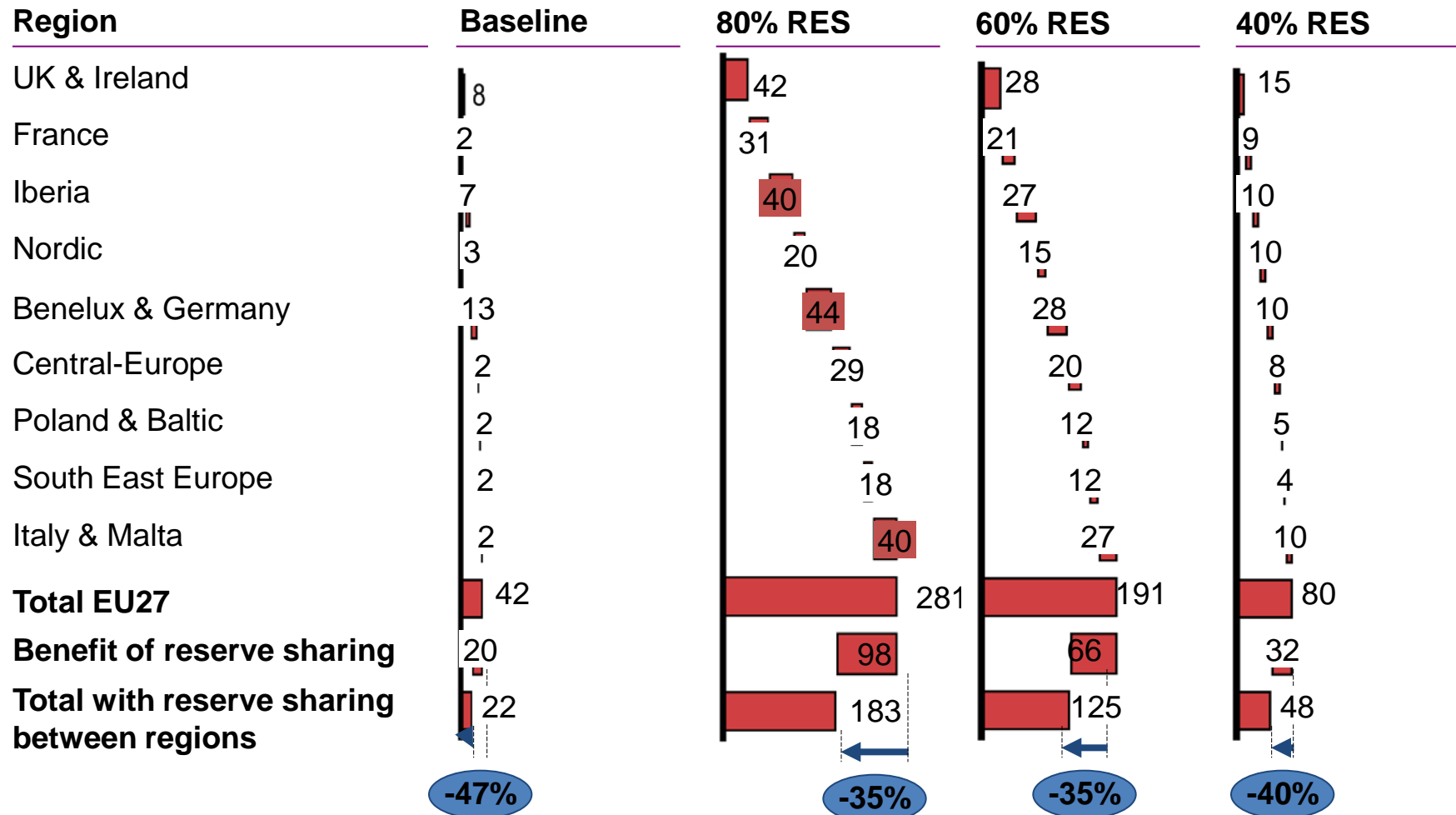
Regional demand variation from average over the year



NOTE Excluding additional seasonality demand from heat pumps and extreme weather cases

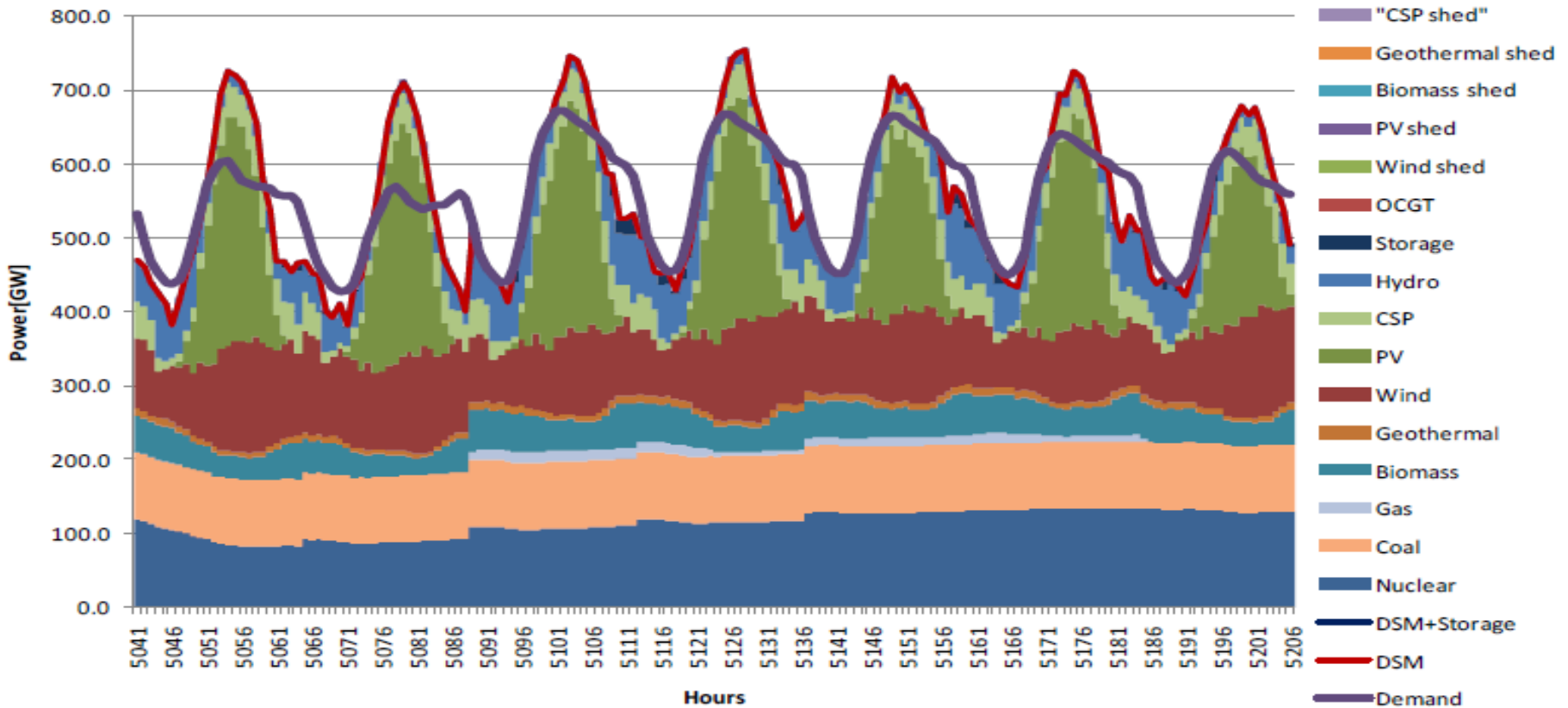
# Reserve sharing between regions reduces total reserve requirements by ~40%

Maximal reserve requirement<sup>1</sup>, GW



<sup>1</sup> Reserve refers to reserve required at four hour ahead of real-time. This is required to manage the larger changes in generation (due to plant outages and expected uncertainty in intermittent output) expected over that four hour period that could require starting additional (or switching off) generation

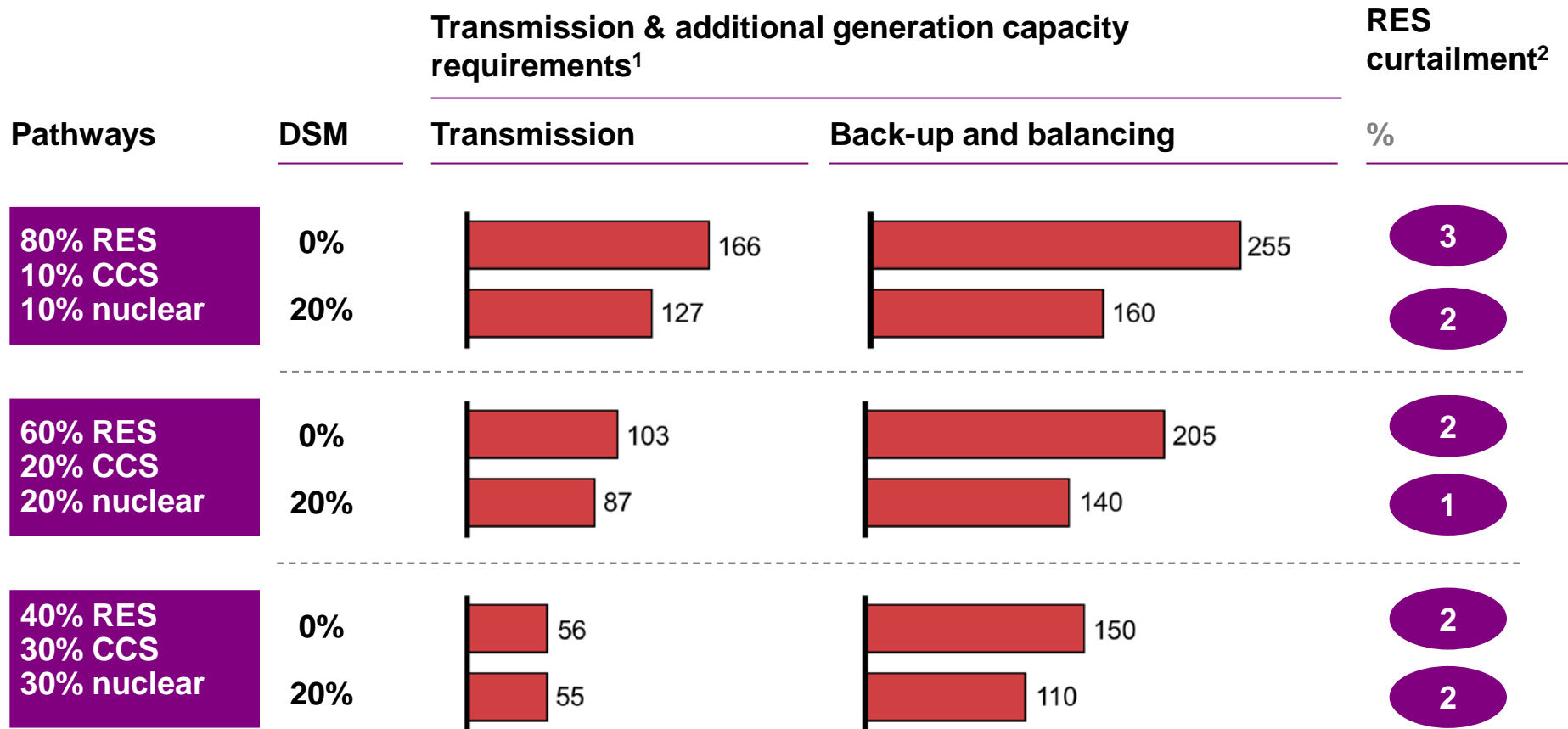
# Increased demand flexibility through 'smart' grid investments is a cost-effective alternative to curtailing low-carbon sources



- DR also reduces the need for additional OCGT plants
- The graph shows how the original demand line (purple) is shifted to earlier during the day (red line) when more power is available to match supply

# Demand flexibility reduces grid and related investments, minimizes low-carbon resource curtailment, minimizes cost

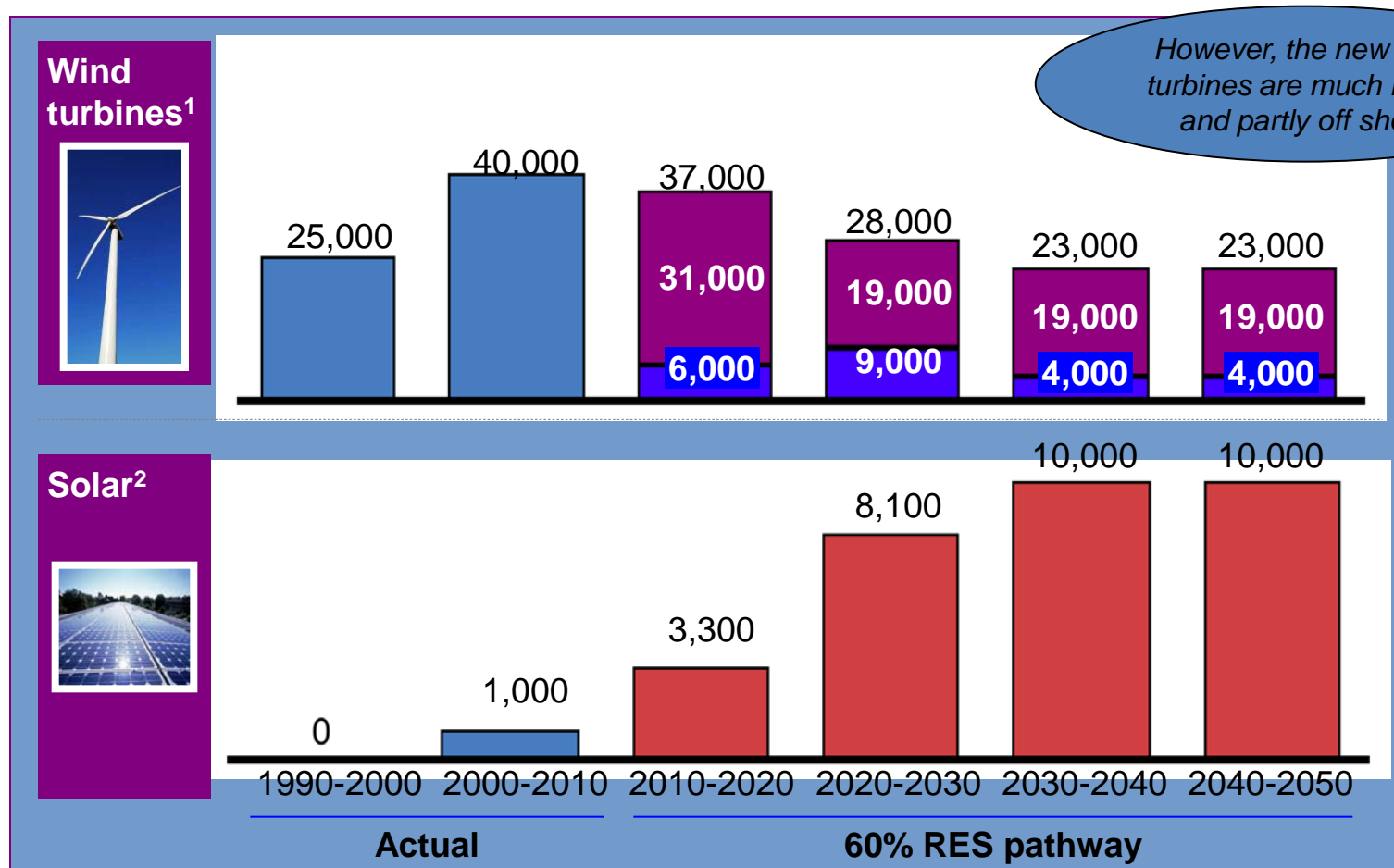
2050, GW



# More balance between wind & solar investment as PV technology matures

Number plants built per decade

■ Wind onshore ■ Wind offshore



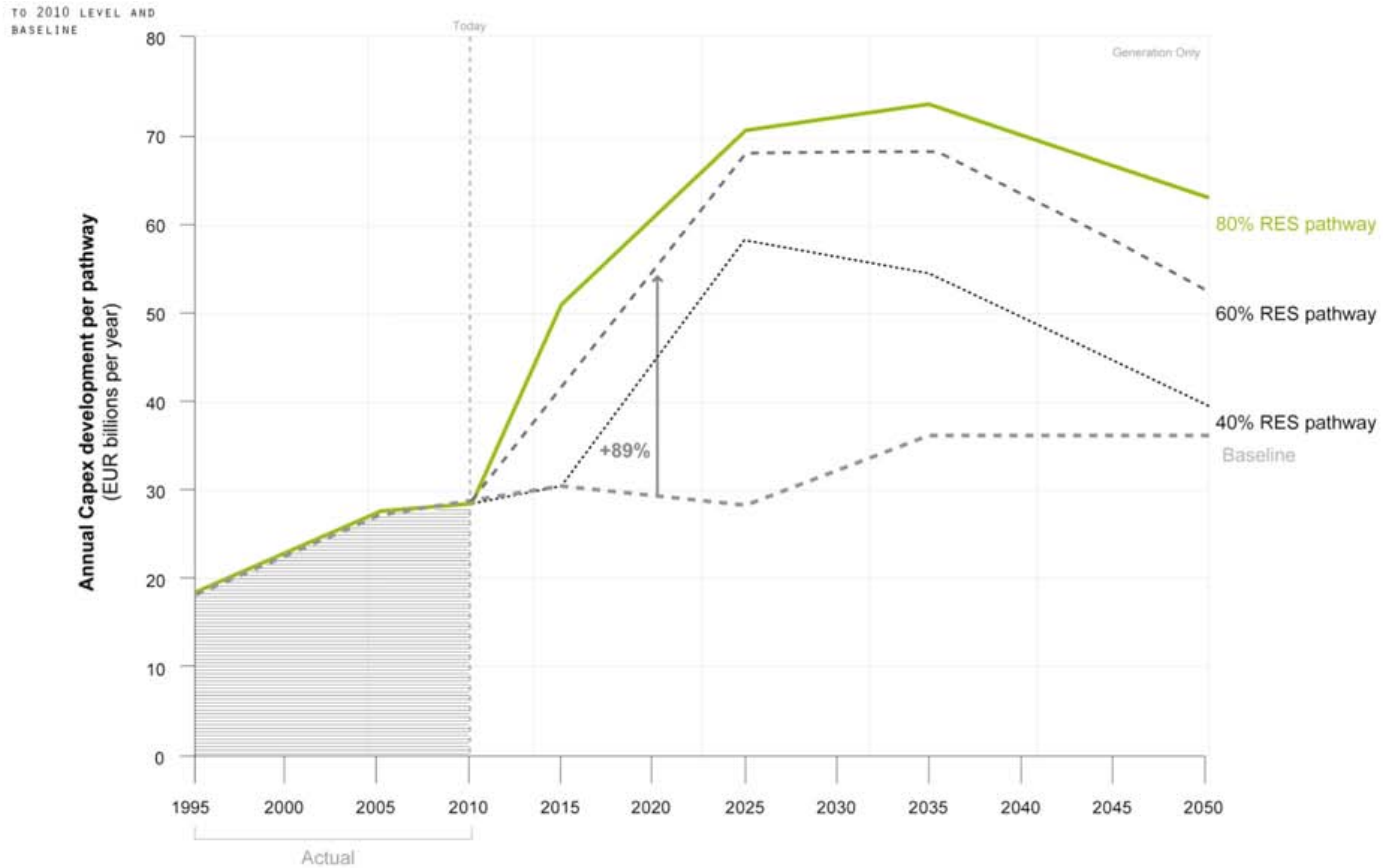
1 1990 to 2010 actual data taken from BTM Consult ApS; average size of new wind turbines for wind onshore: 2.5 MW until 2020 and 3.0 MW thereafter; for wind offshore: 5.0 MW until 2020, 7 MW 2020 to 2030 and 10 MW thereafter  
 2 Average size of 20 MW per plant; buildup of 500 plants between 2005 and 2010 which leads to 1,000 plants for 2000 to 2010  
 3 In line with assumption of maximum annual growth per technology of 20%



# A doubling of capex would be required over the next 15 years

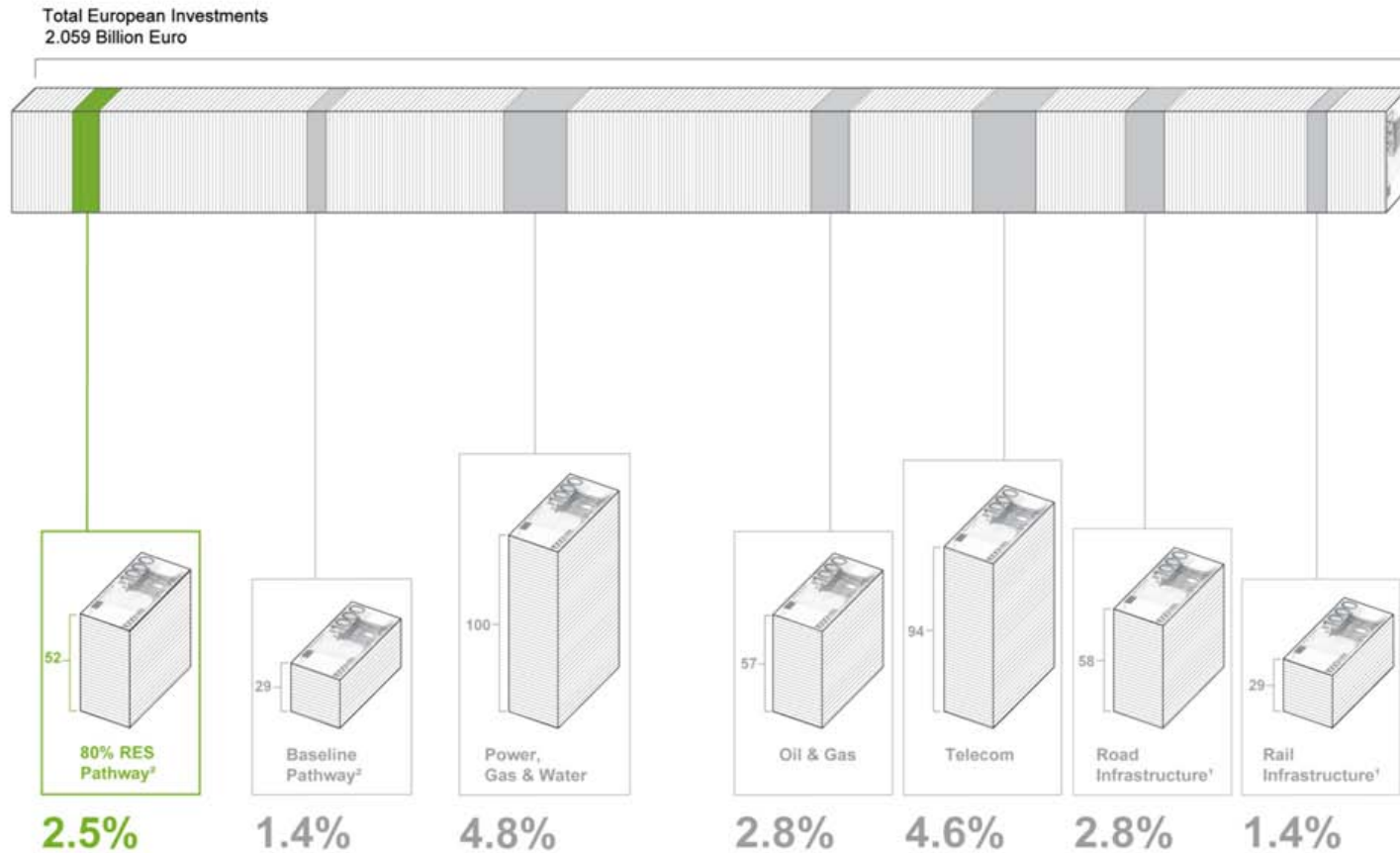
Annual capex development per pathway, € billions per year

GENERATION ONLY



A doubling of capital spend would be required over the next 15 years  
SOURCE: Roadmap 2050 Technical Analysis

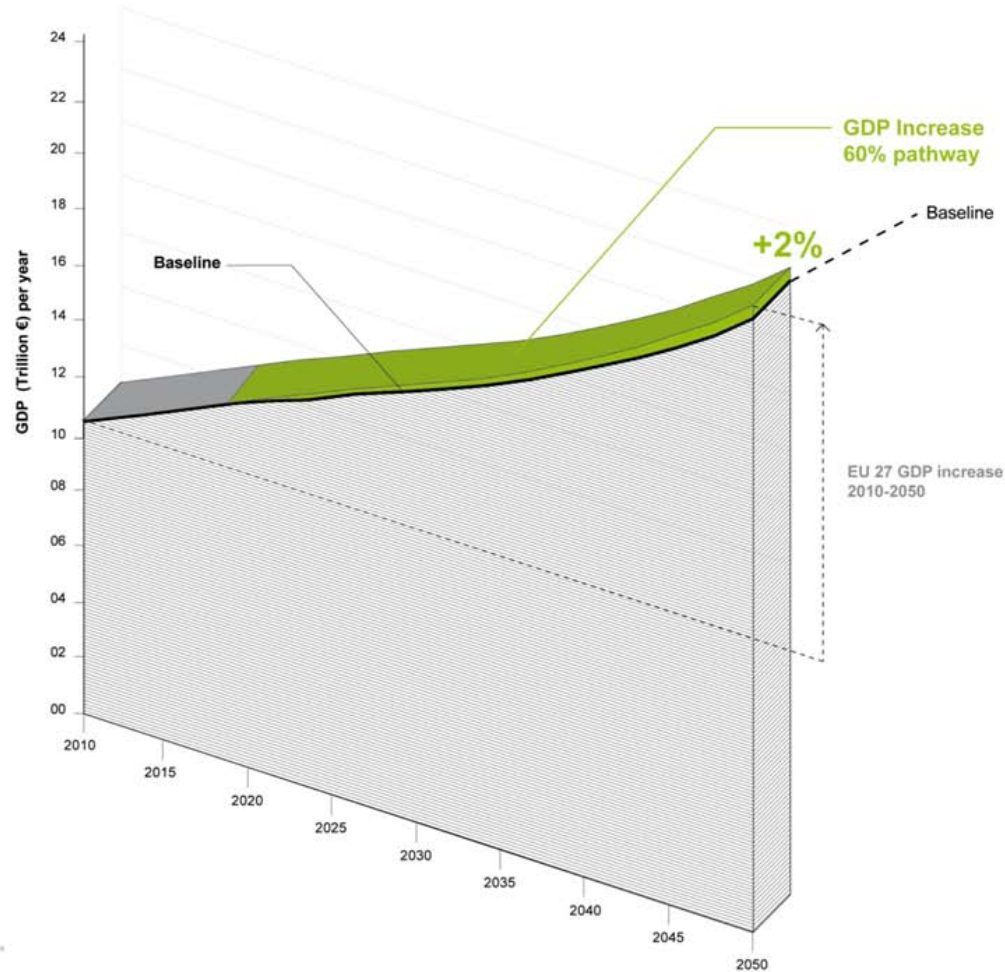
# Annual capital compared to total EU capital investment



<sup>1</sup> Forecast for 2010 supply requirement not available for road and rail infrastructure investments; 2007 actual data is used instead  
<sup>2</sup> Average yearly supply requirement from 2011 to 2020

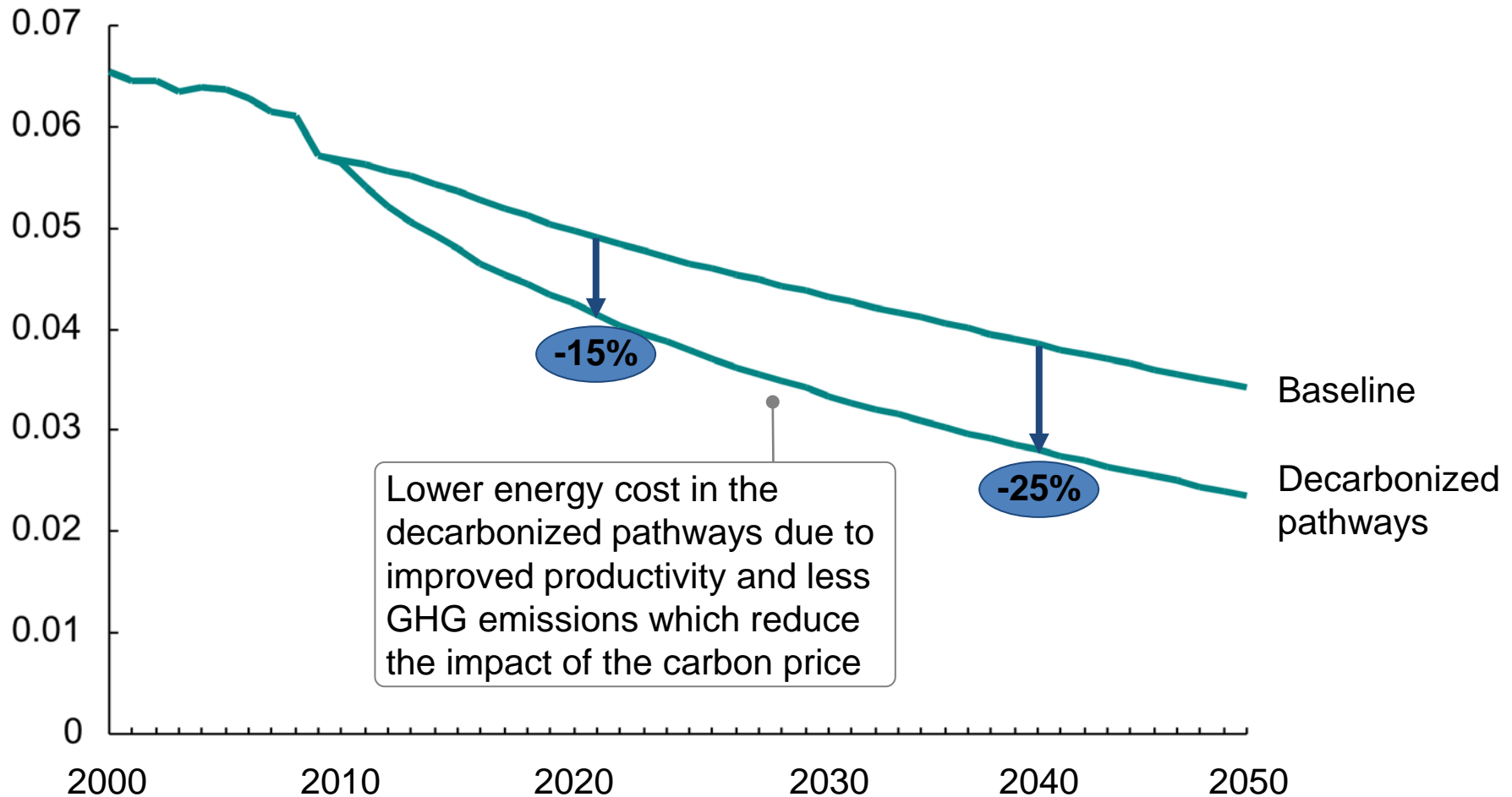
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# Despite slightly higher initial unit costs for power, impact on overall economic performance is neutral to positive



# Energy cost decreases in the baseline, but even more so in the decarbonized pathways

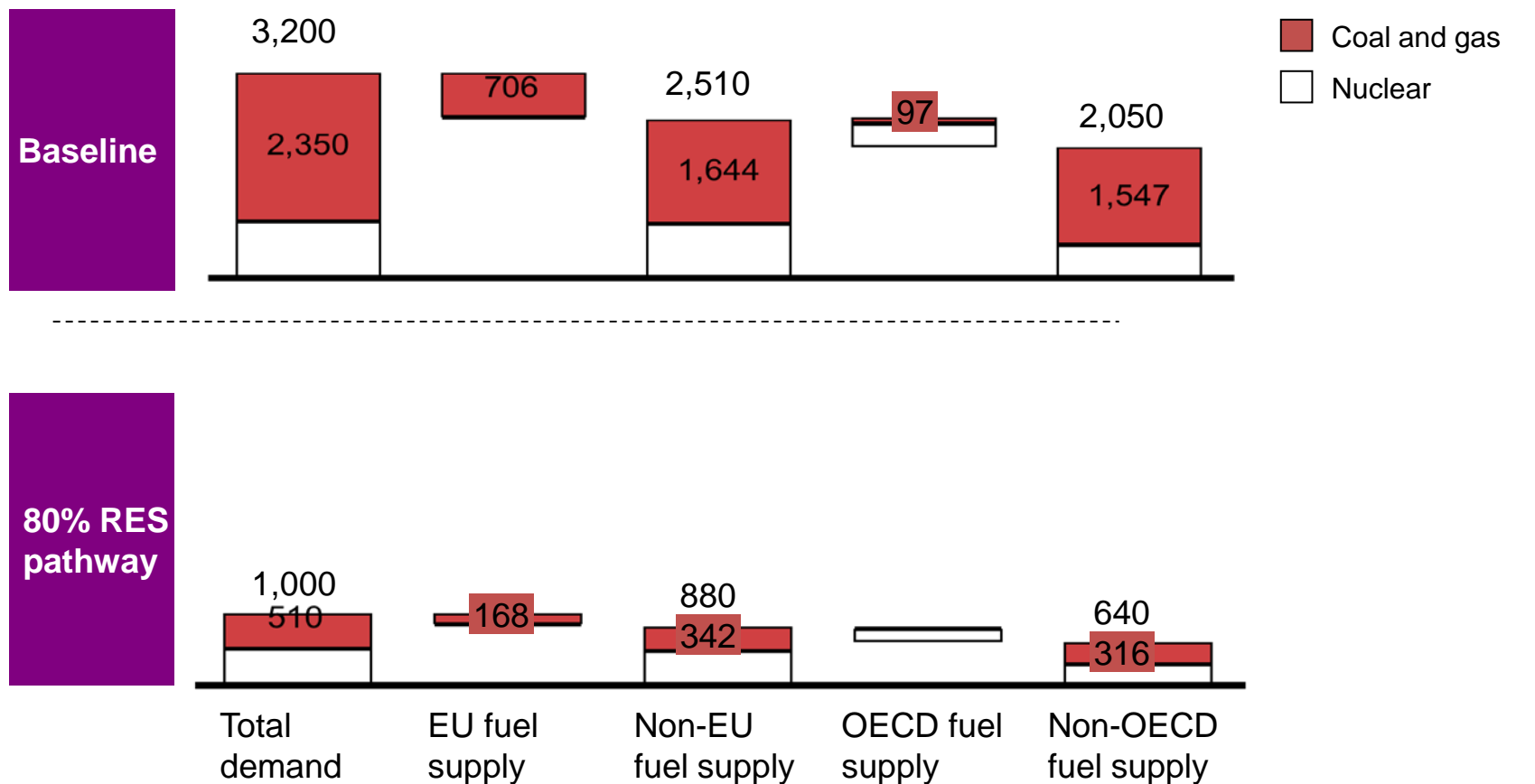
Energy cost per unit of GDP output, € (real terms)



NOTE: Energy prices are a weighted average of prices faced by consumers weighted by the shares of consumption of different fuels

# In the “high RES” pathways, European imports of coal and gas decline from 35% of final consumption to 7%

TWh, 2050



Availabilities 2050: biomass: 90% EU-27, 10% Non-OECD; nuclear: 2% EU-27, 43% OECD, 55% Non-OECD; coal: 50% EU-27; 10% OECD, 40% Non-OECD; gas: 16% EU-27, 0% OECD, 84% Non-OECD

# Key emerging challenges for the EU

- Step change in energy efficiency
- Technology commercialisation
- Creating strategic EU power network (wide-area integration + demand-side activation)
- The future of ETS, complementary measures and market reform

# What real energy security looks like...

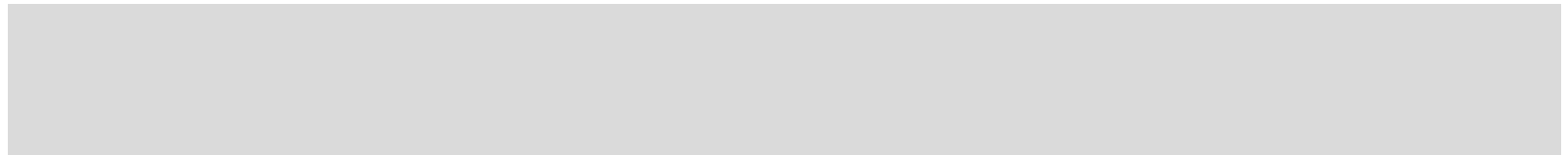


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