

**Breaking free from
fossil gas**
A new path to a climate-
neutral Bulgaria



Presentation overview

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Project background



Project scope

Project setting

- Cooperation project between Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) and Agora Energiewende for Bulgaria, within a consortium of 9 countries to develop national pathways and an EU-wide pathway:
 - **Bulgaria:** Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD)
 - **Czechia:** Nano Energies
 - **Greece:** FACETS S.A.
 - **Croatia:** University of Zagreb – Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture
 - **Hungary:** Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK)
 - **Italy:** ECCO Climate
 - **Poland:** Forum Energii
 - **Romania:** Energy Policy Group (EPG)
 - **Slovenia:** University of Ljubljana – Laboratory of Energy Policy (LEST)

Scope

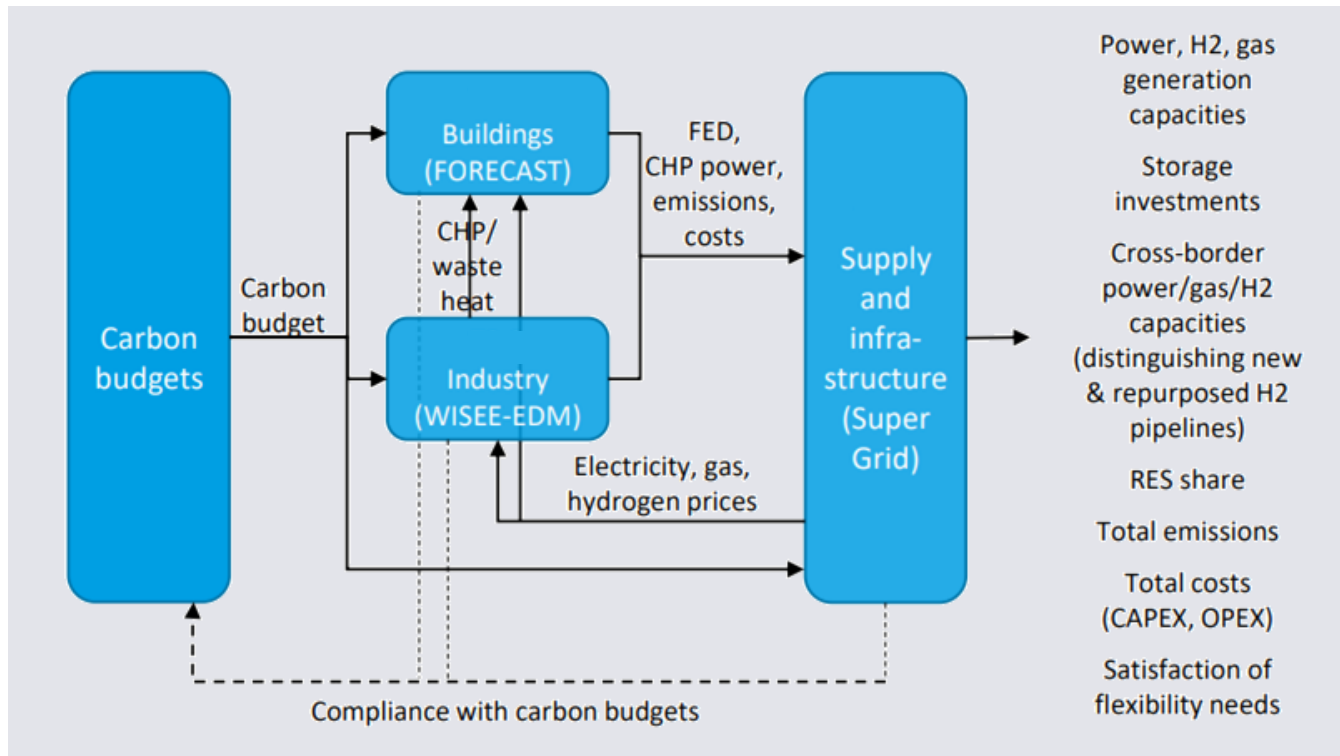
- Decarbonisation pathway until 2050, with fossil gas phase out by 2050 at the latest. Russian gas phase out as quickly as possible (by 2027).
- Focus on long-lasting demand reductions, as opposed to short-term behavioural changes.
- Cost-optimized balance between direct electrification and “no-regret” applications of hydrogen.
- Modelled sectors in 5-year steps: power, buildings, industry + infrastructure including interconnectors and storage (transport and agriculture sectors covered by existing studies).
- Energy demand modelled bottom-up by TEP Energy (buildings) and Wuppertal Institute (industry); power sector by Artelys. Energy supply was modelled for the whole EU with an optimisation model by Artelys.

Disclaimer

→ As this project has started in 2021 and its main results were published in 2023, the main part of the work on this project was conducted in 2022. Therefore, the results of this project are highly influenced by the drastic effects of the Russian invasion in Ukraine on European energy markets (high prices, risk of a gas shortage) back then. Some of the results might thus be outdated as the economic and political context has changed.

Overall modelling workflow

Data flow between the models



- Three separate models for building, industry and power and energy supply are soft-linked
 - Close coordination between the different models to select the least-cost options, making use of life-cycle costs, preferences and possibly cost abatement curves
 - Facilitates proper reflection of the “communicating vessels” logic between sectors
 - Feedback loop to carbon budgets allows to reallocate them between sectors or to identify the potential need for negative emissions
- Supply and infrastructure model
 - determines the optimal capacity mix to meet the final energy demand identified in the buildings and industry models (+ from other sectors according to integrated scenarios)
 - provides an educated guess of energy carrier prices to the demand models

Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute

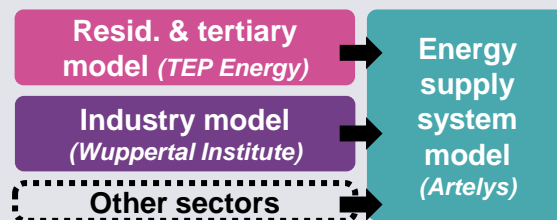
Assumptions on final energy demand and CO₂ emissions

Approach



Evolution of final energy demand:

- Buildings: TEP Energy (1)
- Industry : Wuppertal Institut (1)
- Transport: Transport & Environment, Road2Zero scenario (2)



Carbon budget approach:

- Overall carbon budget over the pathway split into yearly carbon budgets
- Greenhouse gas emissions of non-modelled sectors based on exogenous sources
 - Transport: Transport & Environment (2)
 - Agriculture and Waste: European Environment Agency (3)
 - LULUCF: European Commission (4)
- CO₂ price not an exogenous assumption for the modelling work

- The two most dimensioning constraints in the optimisation of the energy supply system are the evolution of the final energy demand and constraints on GHG emissions.
- The evolution of final energy demand, computed by TEP Energy for the residential, tertiary and by Wuppertal Institute for the industry were used as inputs for the optimisation of the upstream energy supply system.
- Yearly carbon budgets available for the upstream energy sector have been determined at the European level, based on the European climate ambition and the emissions foreseen in all other sectors.
- In concrete terms, the power sector is considered to be largely decarbonised by 2040.

(1) Agora - Breaking free from fossil gas (this study)

(2) Road2Zero scenario of the T&E study "Advanced renewable fuels in EU Transport"

(3) Scenario "With Additional Measures" of the European Environment Agency

(4) European Commission Climate Target Plan impact assessment (assumes a five-year delay)

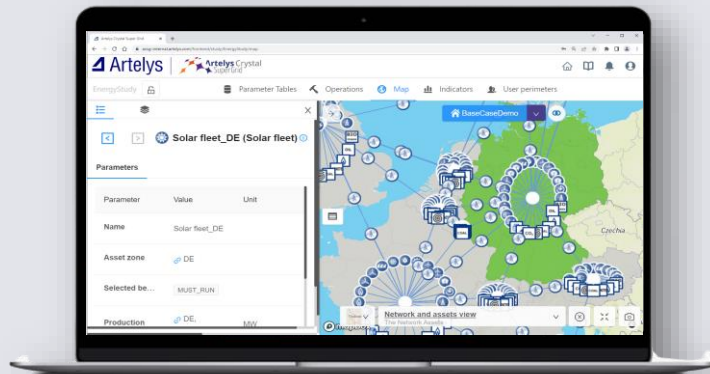
Energy sector:

***Methodology and
assumptions***

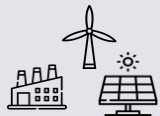


Energy system modelling in the EU-27

Artelys Crystal Super Grid model



A multi-energy modelling solution dedicated to interconnected systems



Bottom-up
representation

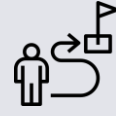


Multi-energy
approach

State-of-the-art optimisation techniques



Optimisation
models



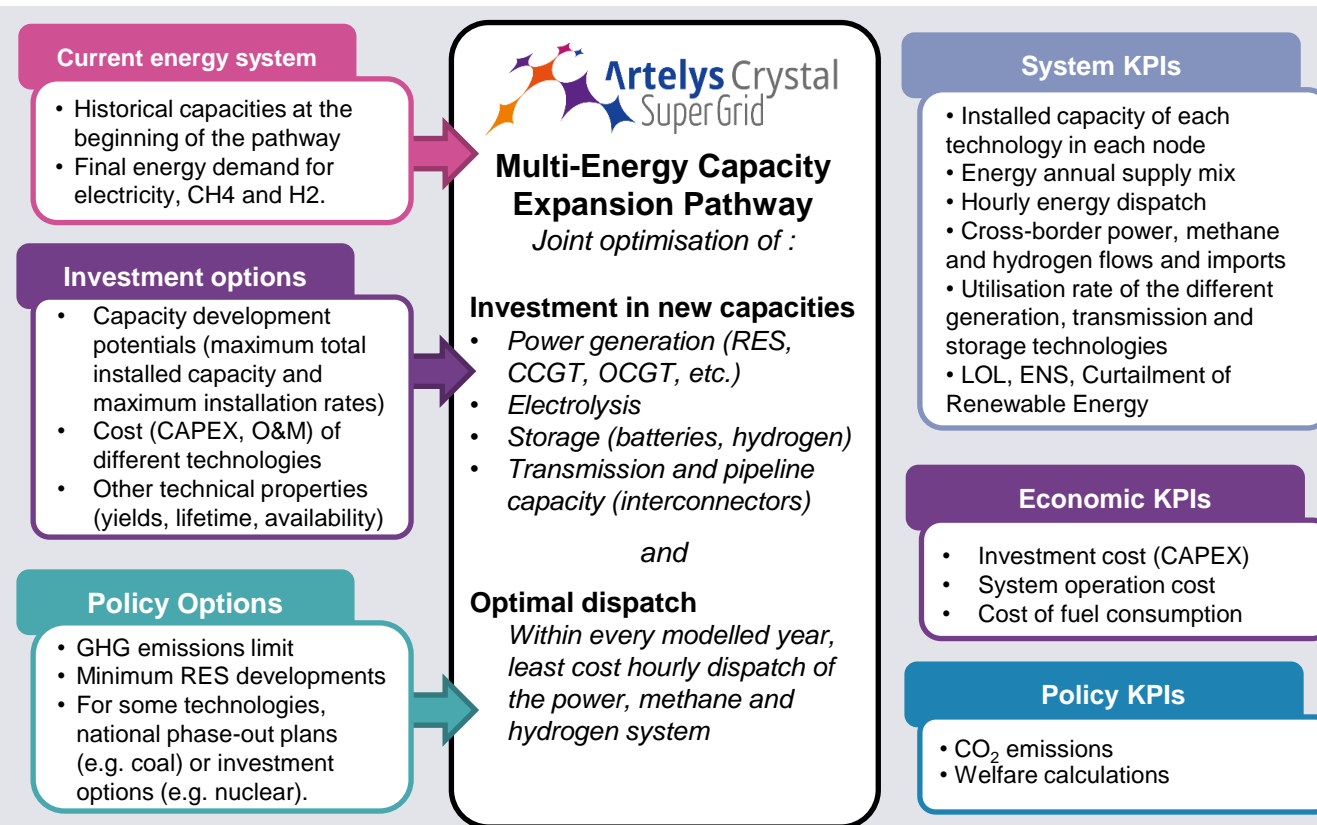
Advanced **capacity**
expansion features

Artelys

- The power, methane and hydrogen system in the EU-27 has been modelled in Artelys Crystal Super Grid.
- Bottom-up energy modelling solution: the different production and consumption technologies are explicitly represented and the supply-demand balance is simulated at an hourly granularity.
- The different energy carriers are modelled (electricity, hydrogen, methane, biomass), as well as CO₂ emissions and all sector couplings between energy carriers.
- Infrastructure such as electrolyzers, interconnectors and storage are modelled, but not the national transmission and distribution grids (all energy carriers).
- CCS is explicitly considered with respect to the removal of carbon emissions, but CO₂ pipelines and storage are not explicitly modelled.
- Fossil gas imports from outside the EU are endogenously determined based on gas cost curves provided by ENTSOG's TYNDP.

Energy system modelling

Overview of the power, methane and hydrogen sector modelling



- In the present study, a capacity expansion pathway optimisation has been performed in Artelys Crystal Super Grid: joint optimisation of investments in new capacities (generation plants, transmission, storage) and of the energy generation dispatch.
- The capacity expansion optimisation is performed on the entire pathway, with 5-year periods from 2025 to 2050. Within each of these years, the energy dispatch is optimized on an hourly basis.
- Capacity expansion optimisation is constrained by GHG emission limits.
- The model used for this study covers around 40 nodes (EU-27 + neighboring countries).

Overview of technologies considered to move away from fossil gas

→ Buildings

- Energy efficiency
- Heat pumps (various RES)
- District heating (low/high temperature)
- Solar thermal
- Geothermal
- Biomass/pellets
- Green gases (hydrogen, e-gas, biomethane)

→ Industry

- Energy efficiency
- Circular economy
- Electric furnaces (EAF, induction, microwave etc.)
- Large scale (high temperature) heat pumps and waste heat integration
- Solar/geothermal
- Dry Biomass (+ onsite gasification, BECCS option)
- Green gases (hydrogen, e-gas, biomethane)
- Relocation of basic industry within Europe (only partial)

→ Power and energy supply

- Electricity generation technologies (RES, hydrogen turbines, nuclear)
- Green gases (hydrogen, e-gas, biomethane)
- Storage assets (power, fossil gas, H2)
- Conversion processes (electrolysers, methanation, power-to-liquids)
- Cross-border infrastructure (for power, fossil gas, H2)
- Demand side response (EVs, heat pumps)
- Sector-coupling (+ flexible operation)
- Hybrid assets (e.g. hybrid heat pumps)

Assumptions on the power sector

Assumptions on available technologies and investment options



Renewables:

- Total potential per technology and deployment rates per 5-year period based on ENSPRESO (1)
- Amendments for some countries based on expert consultations



Fossils:

- Existing capacities decommissioning plans
- Coal and lignite forced out before 2035
- Investment options in new capacities of methane and hydrogen OCGT and CCGT (no CCS)



Nuclear:

- Existing capacities decommissioning plans
- Life extension reinvestment options (2)
- Investment options in new capacities in relevant countries (3)



Flexibility:

- Existing capacities
- Investment options in cross-border transmission lines, batteries

(1) ENSPRESO - ENS_Med_ForestBaU scenario

(2) In all the countries expect the countries with nuclear phase-out plans, namely DE, CH and HR

(3) CZ, HU, PL, SI, BG, RO, FR, GB, SK, FI

Assumptions on hydrogen and biogas/biomethane

Assumptions on available technologies and investment options



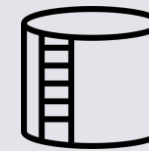
Domestic production:

- Existing SMR capacities forced out after 2030
- Investment options in new capacities of electrolyser and SMR with CCS in Europe including Norway
- In 2030, constraint on the minimum development of electrolysers (policy targets)



Pipelines and import infrastructure:

- Investment options from 2030:
- New intra-European pipelines
 - Imports pipelines from Algeria, Ukraine & Norway (import costs from Gas for Climate study)
 - Repurposing of existing methane pipelines
 - Maritime import infrastructure



Storages:

- Investment options in new hydrogen underground storages (salt caverns) in some countries (1)



Biogas and biomethane

- Biogas and biomethane considered to be interchangeable with fossil gas
- Conservative approach concerning their availability due to sustainability concerns of biomass overall.
- Total biomass consumption (excluding material use in the study) assumed to remain at today's levels at maximum.

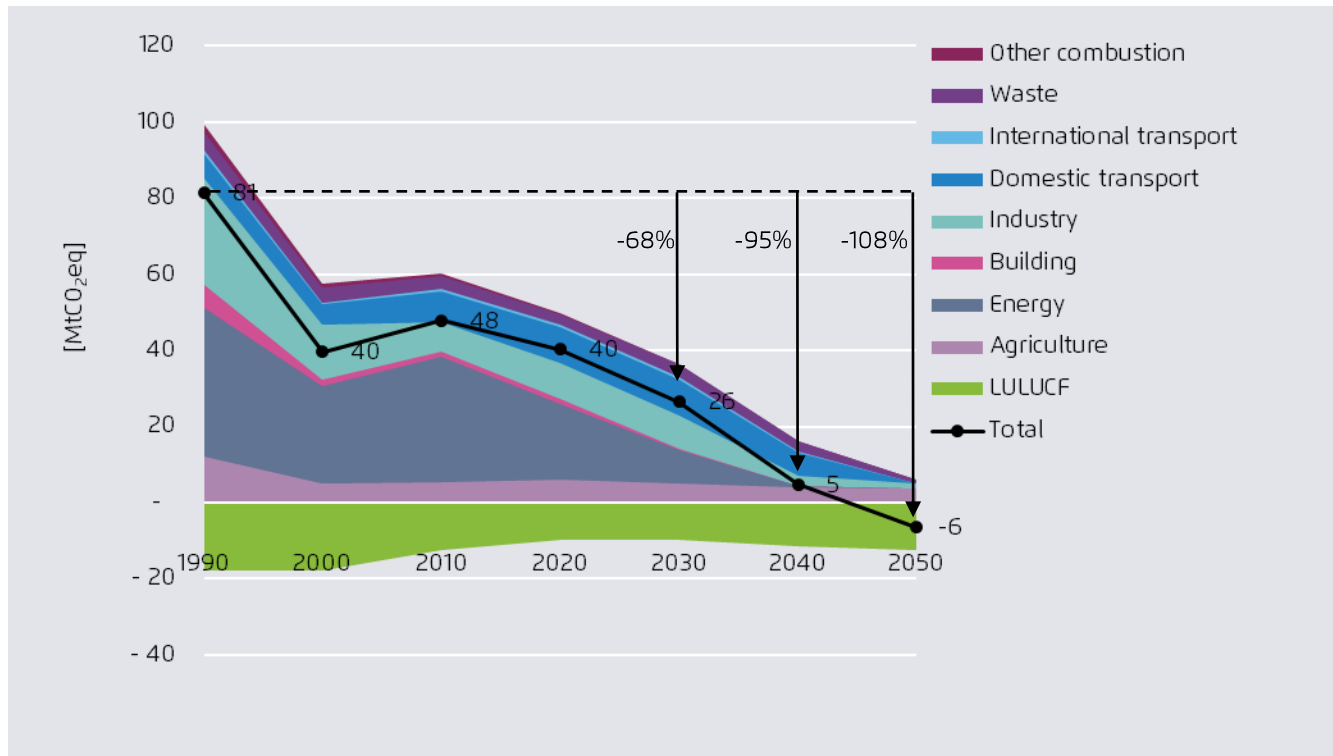
Energy sector:

***Results –
Overall pathway and
energy supply***



Accelerated GHG reductions can be achieved with the right investments starting today: net-GHG emissions reductions of -68% by 2030, -95% by 2040 and -108% by 2050

GHG emissions by sector in Bulgaria



- A target of -90% for the EU by 2040 would avoid 3.3 Gt more GHG emissions than projected in the EU's 2020 Climate Target Plan. For Bulgaria, that would amount to about -95% emissions.
- Transport, agriculture, waste and LULUCF covered by existing studies by Transport & Environment and the European Commission: significant efforts in these sectors, especially in the LULUCF sector, would be required to achieve those emissions reductions by 2040.
- Broadly speaking, the last 10% of residual emissions will be the hardest to mitigate.

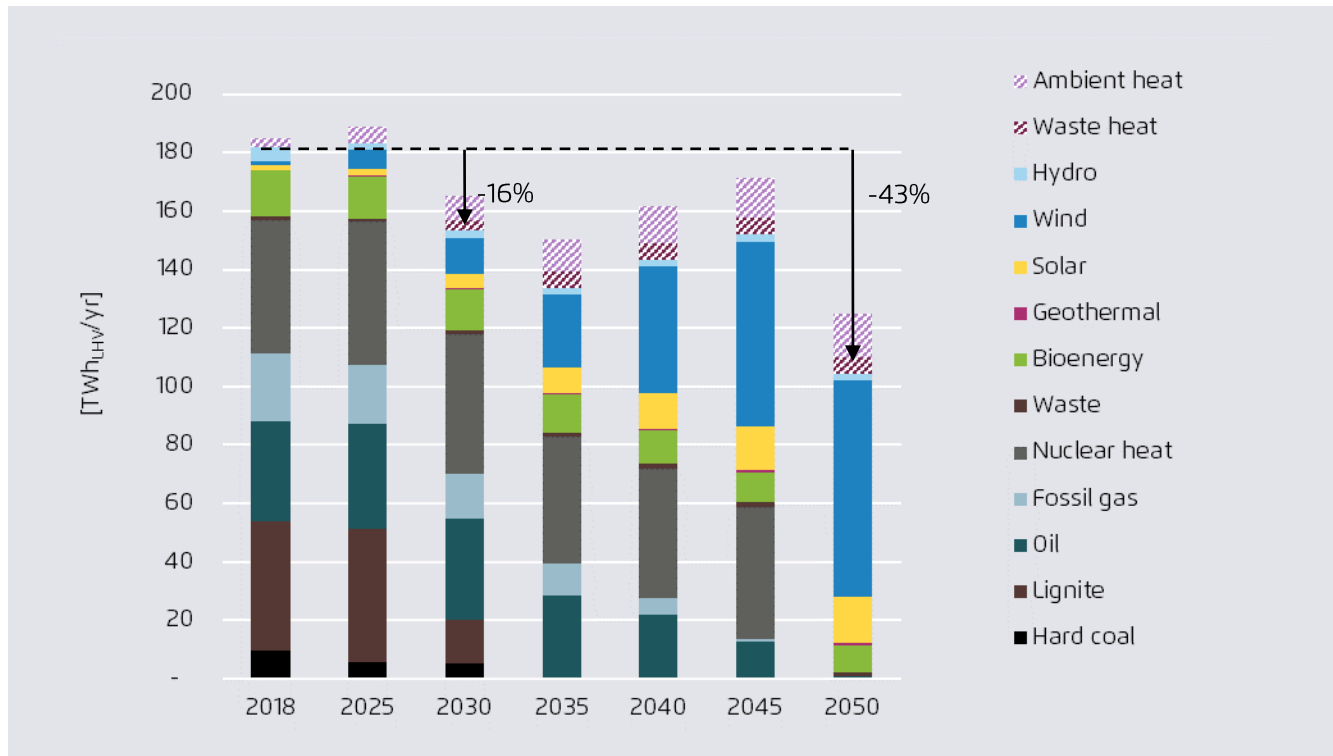
Eurostat; Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

* Based on scenarios by Transport & Environment (Transport) and the European Commission (Agriculture & Waste)

** Based on the LULUCF+ scenario from the EC Climate Target Plan impact assessment (assumes a 5-year delay)

Primary energy demand* declines by 16% by 2030 and 43% by 2050, not taking into account ambient and waste heat in the buildings and industry sectors

Primary energy demand* by energy source, Bulgaria



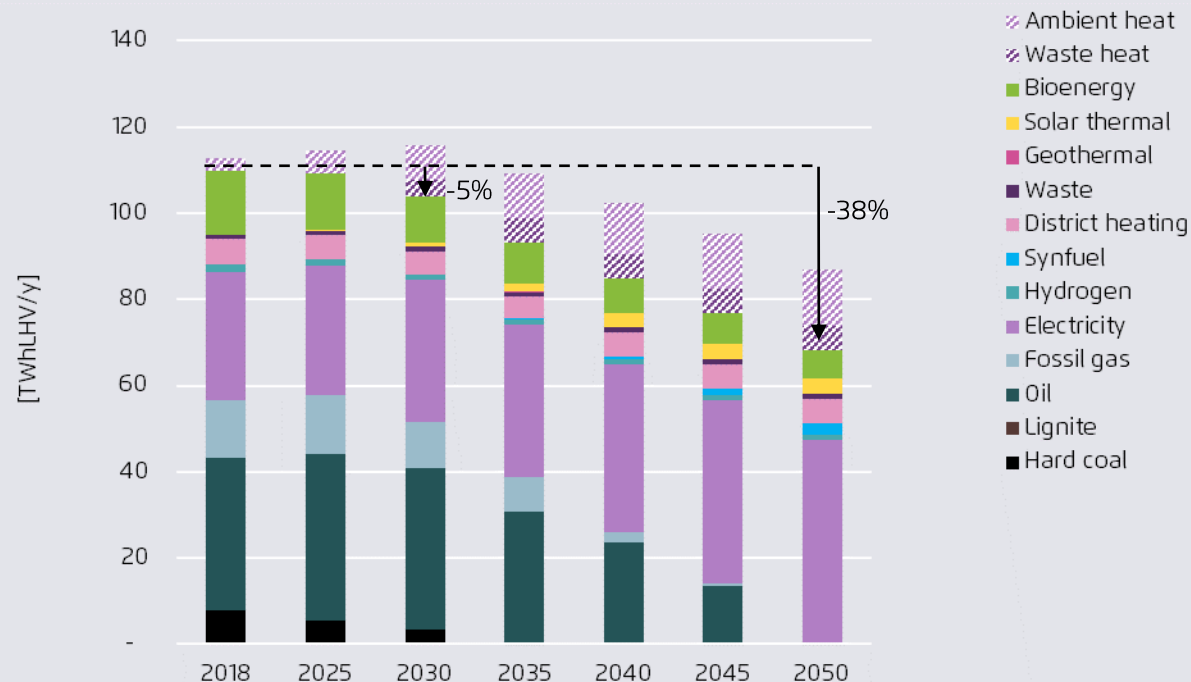
- Decline primarily thanks to electrification and efficiency increases, in particular the use of heat pumps in buildings and industry making use of ambient heat, as well as waste heat integration.
- Hard coal is entirely phased-out by 2035. Oil mostly remains in the transport sector after 2025.
- Renewables, especially wind and solar, massively increase from 13% of PED* in 2018 to 98% in 2050.

Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

* Data includes fossil gas and biomass/bioenergy non-energy consumption, but not oil non-energy consumption or hydrogen and synfuel imports. Hydrogen derivatives for non-energy use (ammonia, methanol etc.) are also excluded.

Final energy demand declines by 38% between 2018 and 2050.

Final energy demand by energy carrier, Bulgaria

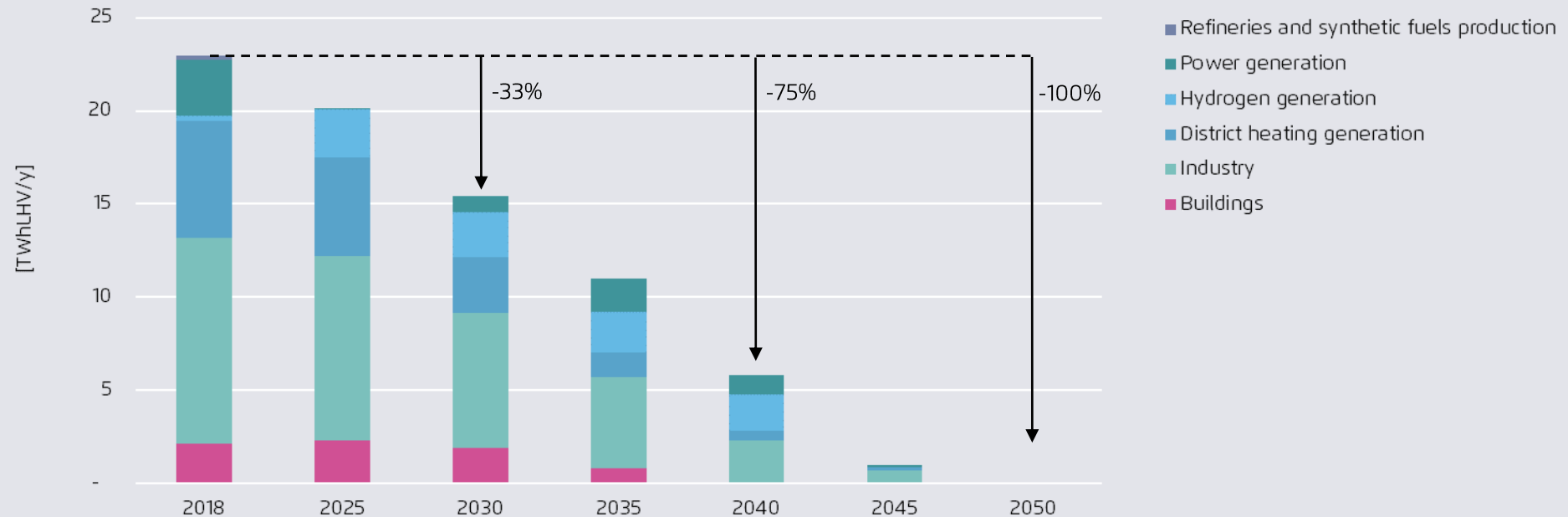


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- Direct electrification is the key decarbonisation route, playing a major role in buildings, industry and mobility. Same as for PED, the use of heat pumps in buildings and industry making use of ambient and waste heat integration significantly reduce energy demand.
- The share of power in final energy demand (FED) increases from 27% in 2018 to 32% in 2030 and to 69% in 2050. On the contrary, fossil fuels representing 51% of FED in 2018 are phased out by 2050, oil in transport being the longest in the energy system.

Fossil gas use in Bulgaria, a focus of this study, can decline by a third by 2030 and be completely phased out by 2050 with structural demand reduction measures only.

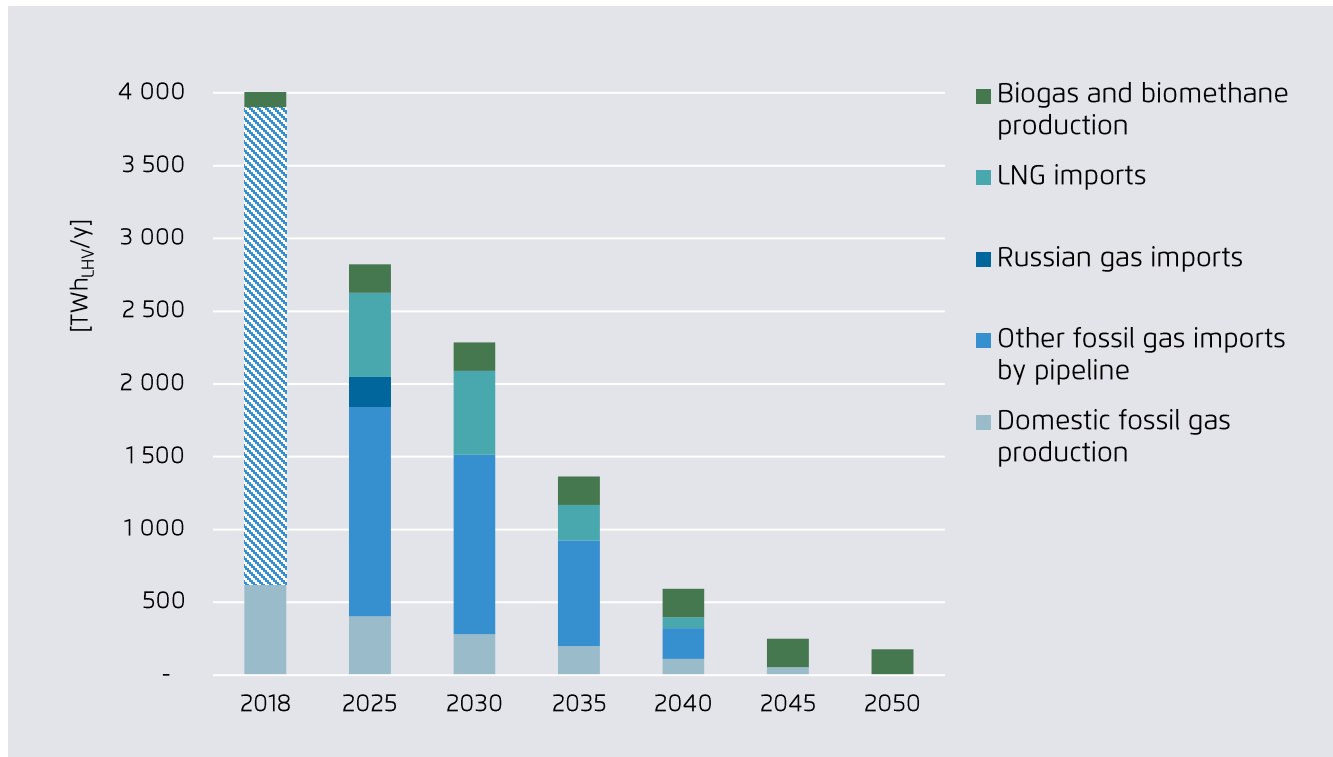
Evolution of total fossil gas consumption in Bulgaria, 2018-2050 (in TWh_{LHV})



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

With well-planned and implemented measures, the EU can phase out Russian gas by 2027 at the latest and continue reducing its dependence on fossil gas.

Methane supply, EU-27

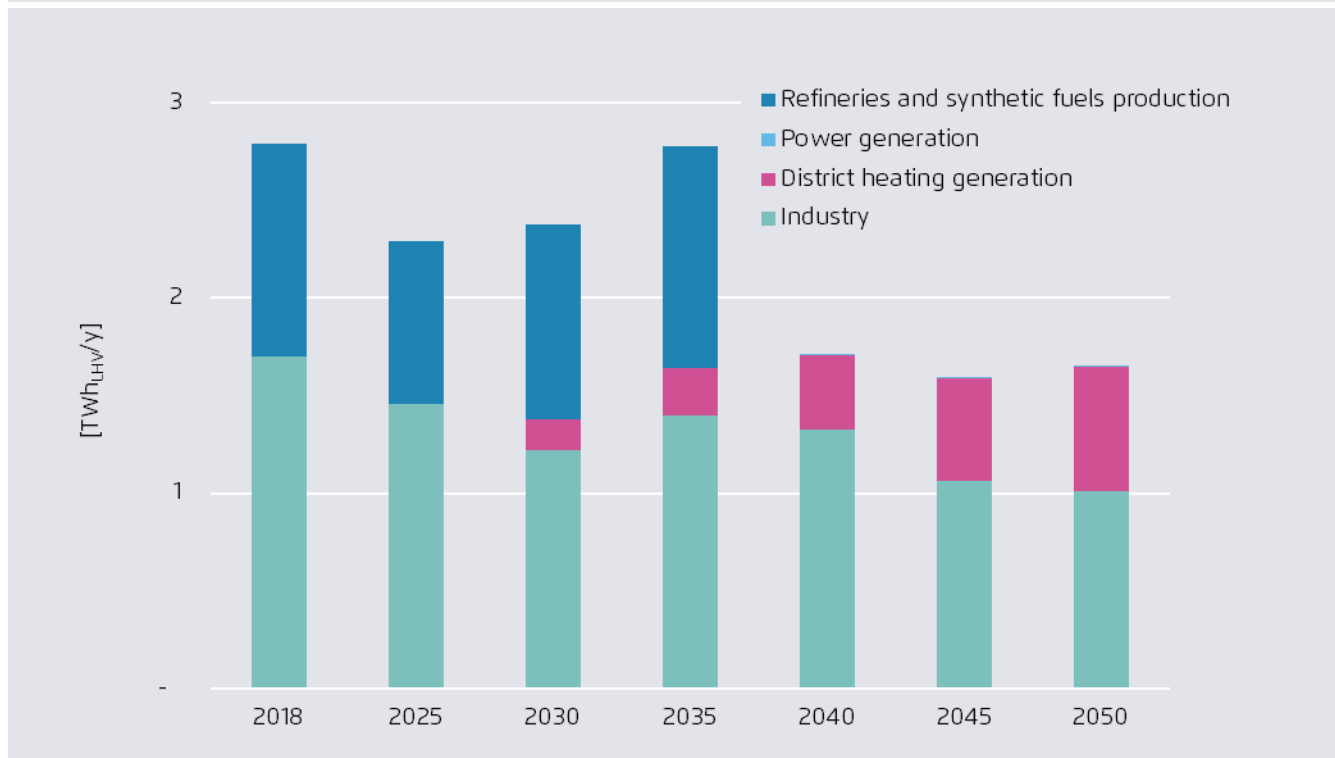


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- Russian gas: imports through Ukrainian and TurkStream transits are phased out by 2027 and considered to remain at very low levels until then (<10% of supply).
- Thanks to electrification, fossil gas needs only to be replaced partially by alternatives such as hydrogen and biomethane.
- Domestic European biogas and biomethane can almost completely supply the remaining methane demand by 2045.

Hydrogen demand in Bulgaria could be almost halved by 2050 mostly due to the transition of the transport sector

Hydrogen consumption by sector for Bulgaria

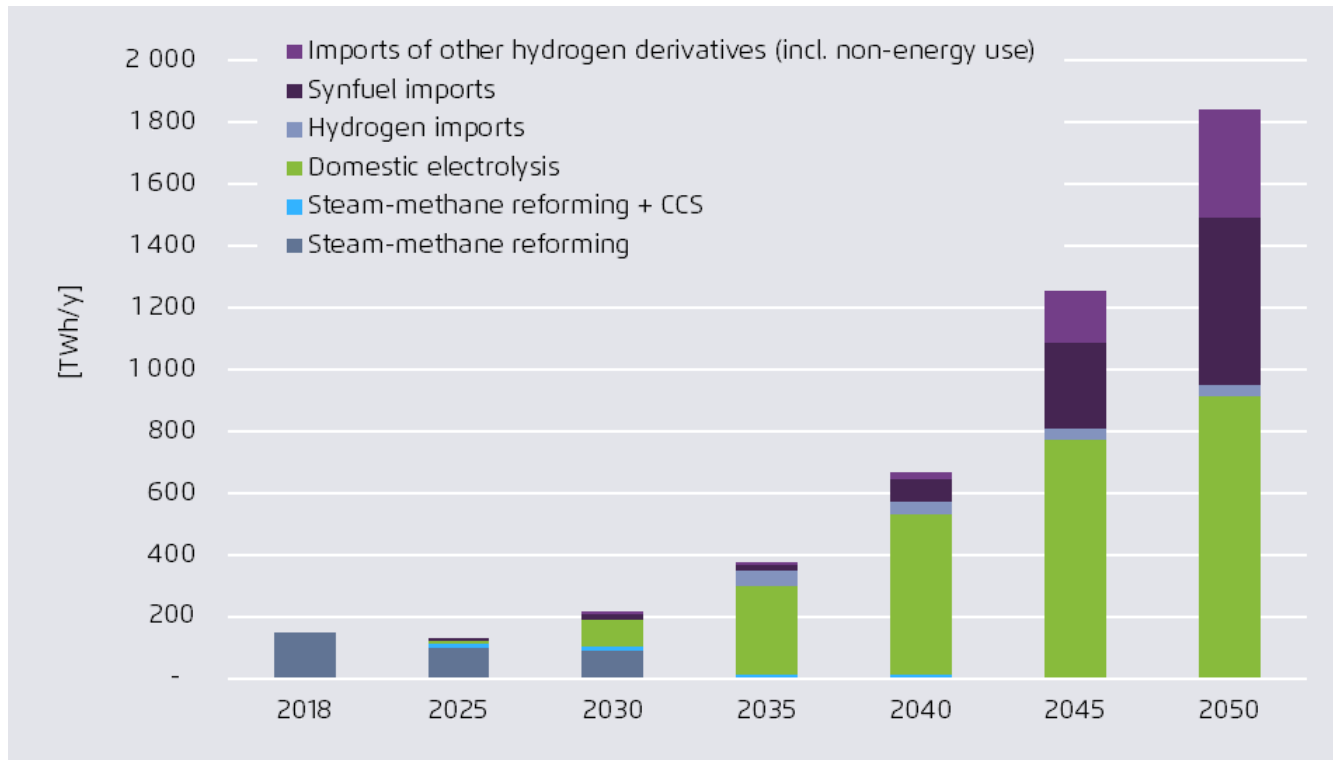


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- By 2050, hydrogen demand will reach 1.6 TWh, about 7% of current fossil gas demand if prioritized effectively. Hydrogen and its derivatives should indeed be prioritised for hard-to-abate sectors, as it will remain more costly and less efficient than direct electrification where available.
- In Bulgaria, most of the current hydrogen is used in refineries and the chemical industry. This will decline with the transition of the transport sector, with the electrification of surface transport. Demand in chemicals will also decline with ammonia production partly moving away towards regions with good renewable potential.
- Some hydrogen will also be needed to provide heat for district heating starting 2030. Hydrogen will remain too costly to be used in individual boilers to produce low temperature heat for the buildings sector.

Hydrogen can be mostly supplied domestically within Europe, while its derivatives are largely imported. Bulgaria can cover its national demand and export the surplus to other Member States by 2050.

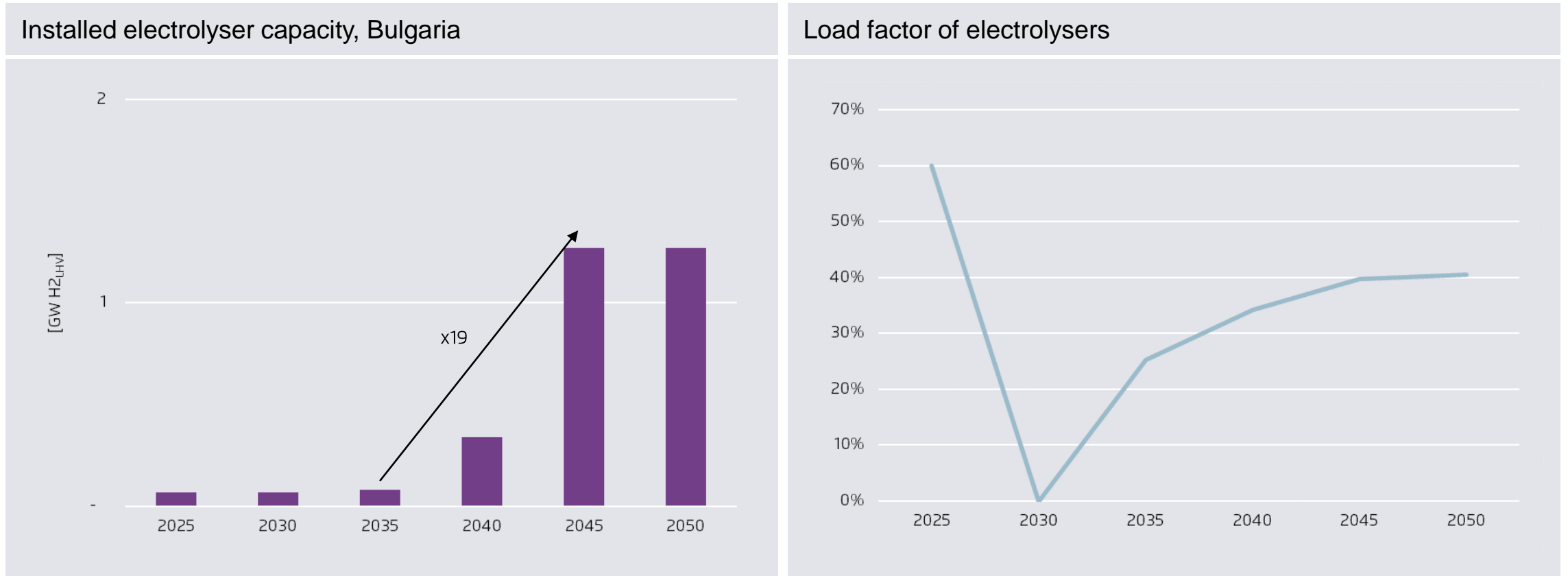
Hydrogen and hydrogen derivatives supply mix, EU-27



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- Renewable hydrogen produced in Europe reaches 90 TWh (2.7 Mt) by 2030 to first replace fossil-based hydrogen. It scales significantly until 2050 to reach 910 TWh (27 Mt).
- Imports of renewable hydrogen only start in 2035 with 52 TWh/y (about 15% of supply) and remain low until 2050. SMR hydrogen with CCS is found to play a minor role in the transition pathway.
- Imports of hydrogen derivatives (ammonia, methanol, synthetic cracker feedstock as well as synthetic fuels for transport) starts in 2030 with 28 TWh (0.9 Mt). By 2050, most of the hydrogen derivatives (incl. non-energy use) will be imported – about 895 TWh (27 Mt in H₂ equivalent).

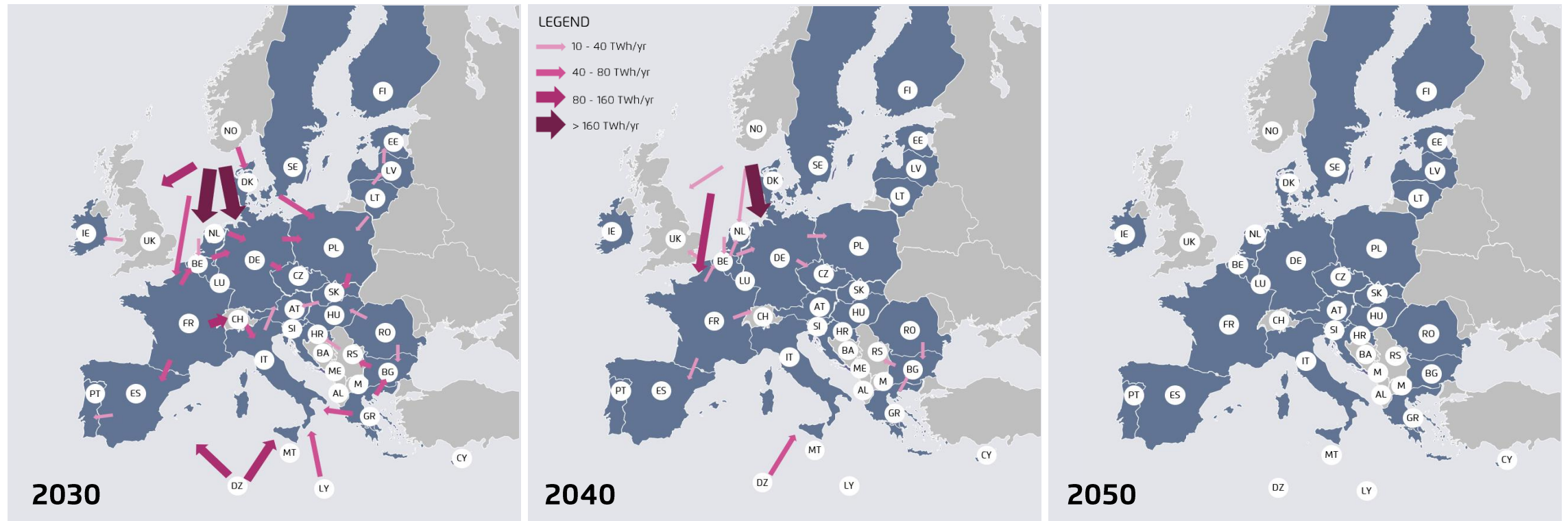
Electrolyser capacity reaches will remain low until 2035 as H2 demand will slightly decline. More than 1 GW will be deployed by 2045 when renewable hydrogen will have replaced fossil-based H2 all over Europe.



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

As demand declines, fossil gas transmission pipelines will be partly converted to hydrogen, the rest decommissioned.

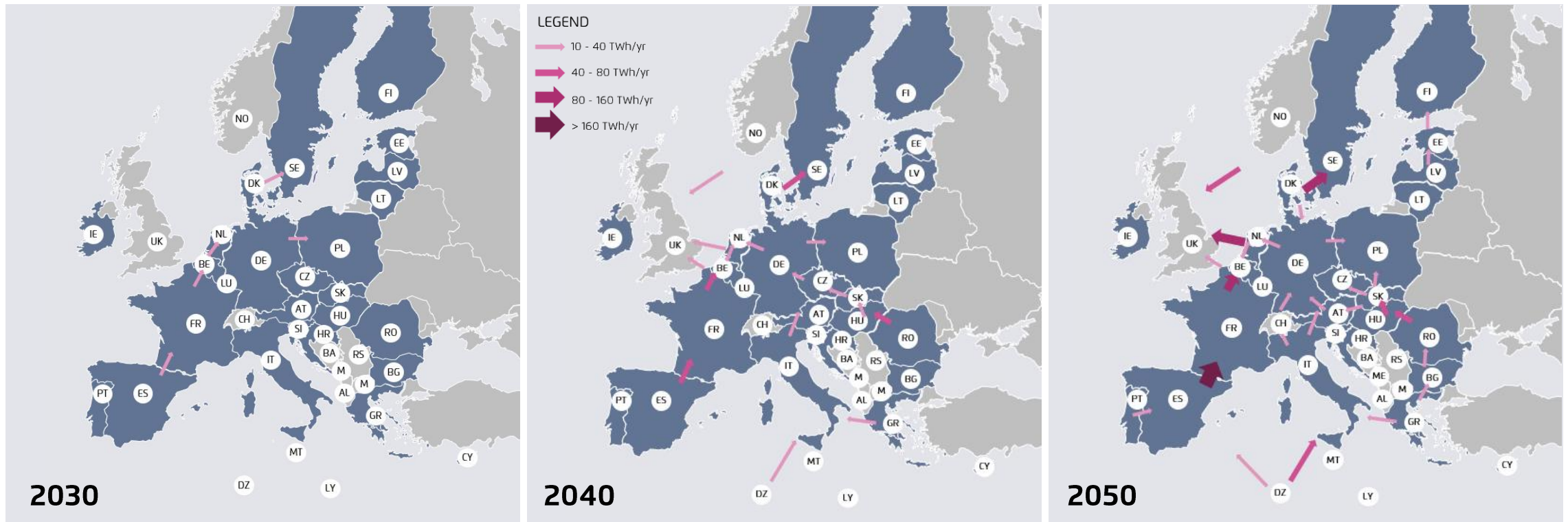
Methane flow through pipelines in Europe in 2030, 2040 and 2050



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

A hydrogen pipeline infrastructure will emerge after 2030 to supply Europe with mostly domestically produced renewable hydrogen from South to North

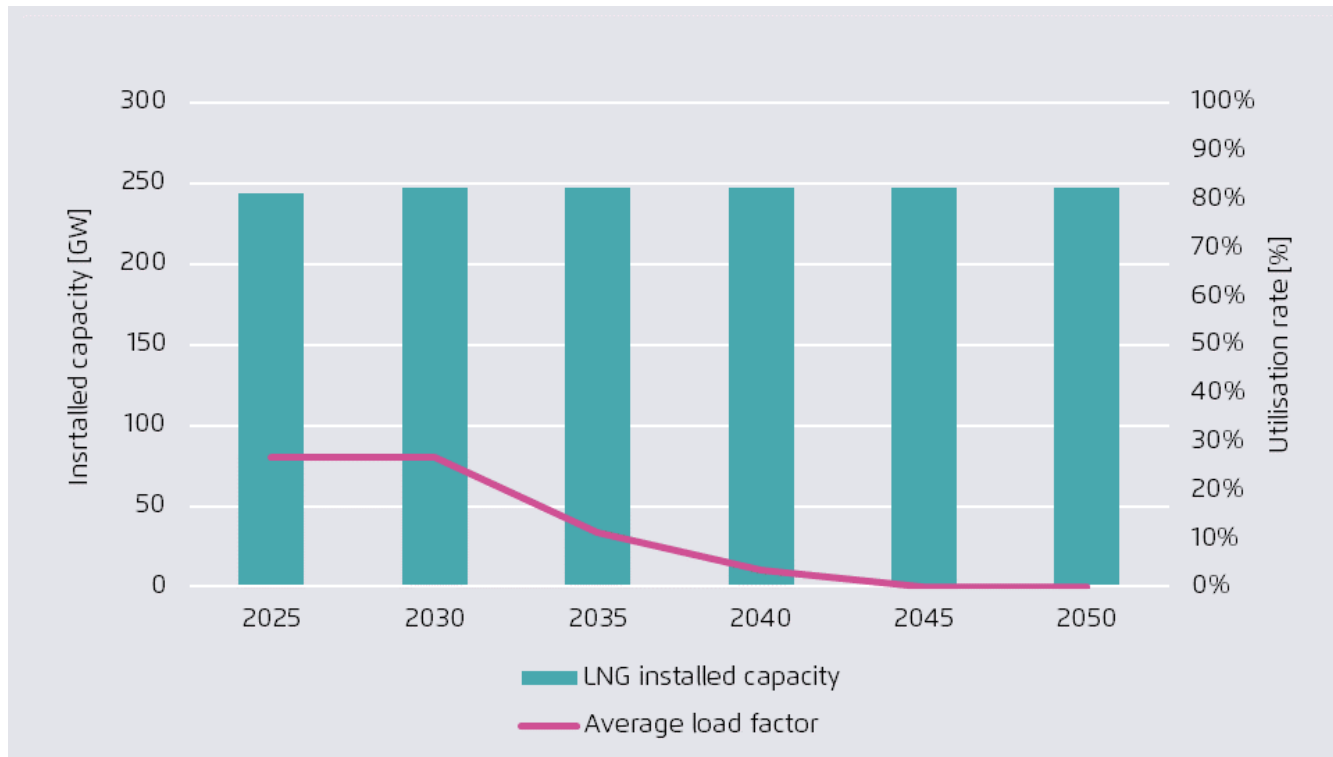
Hydrogen flow through pipelines in Europe in 2030, 2040 and 2050



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Current investments in new LNG terminals in Europe are over-dimensioned and risk becoming stranded assets quickly as fossil gas demand declines

LNG terminal capacity and utilisation rate, EU-27

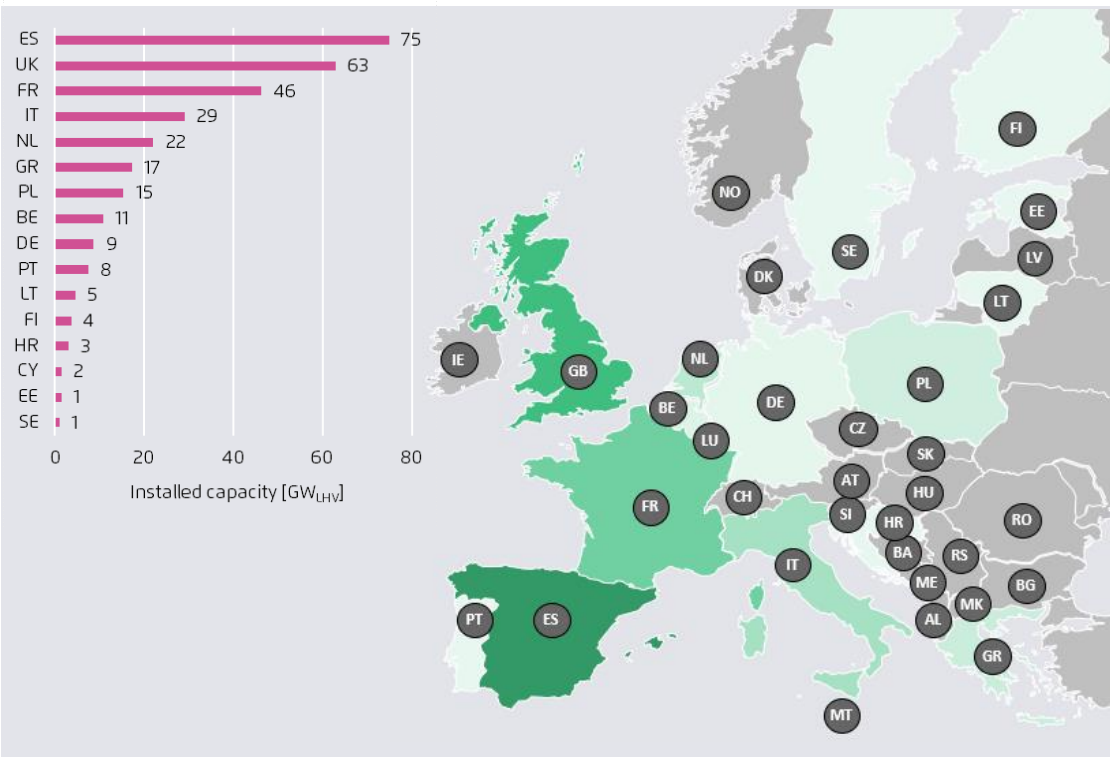


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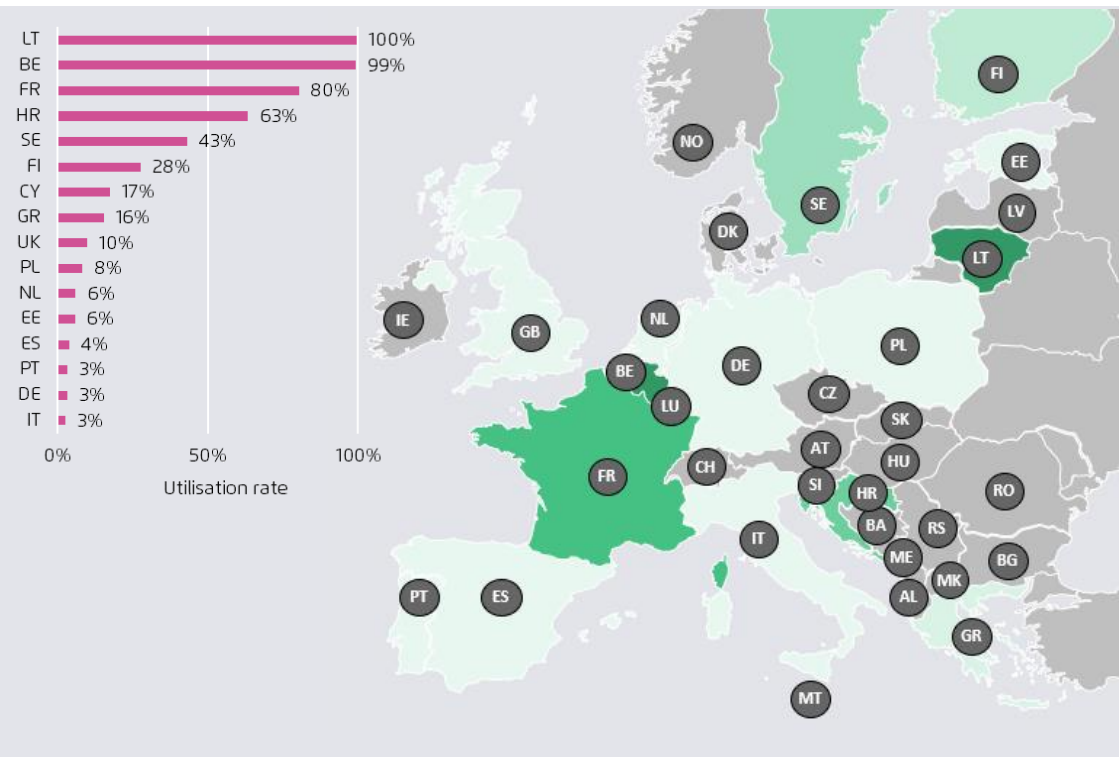
- As a response to the fossil gas supply crisis, LNG import capacity in the EU-27 will expand by 21%, or 53 GW compared with 2021.
- If demand declines as it should in order to ensure energy sovereignty and for Europe to achieve its climate targets, those investments will be used very little (average utilisation rate of the terminals will peak at about 27% in 2025-2030 from about 40% on average between 2018 and 2020) and become stranded assets by 2040 at the latest.

LNG terminals currently being built in several European Member States risk becoming stranded assets by 2030 already

LNG terminal installed capacity by country in 2030 (GW)



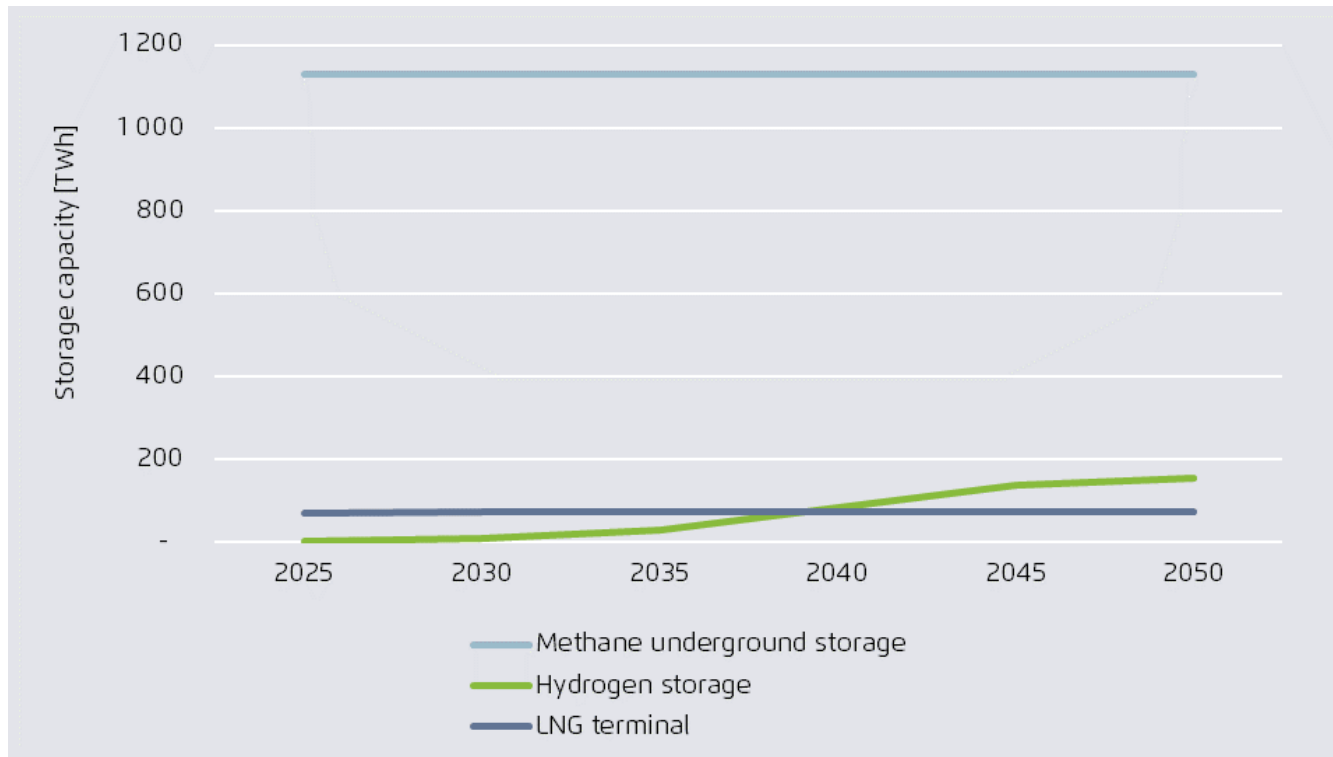
LNG terminal utilisation rate by country in 2030 (GW)



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

Hydrogen storage increases with demand, but remains much lower than current methane storage

Storage capacity by type, EU-27

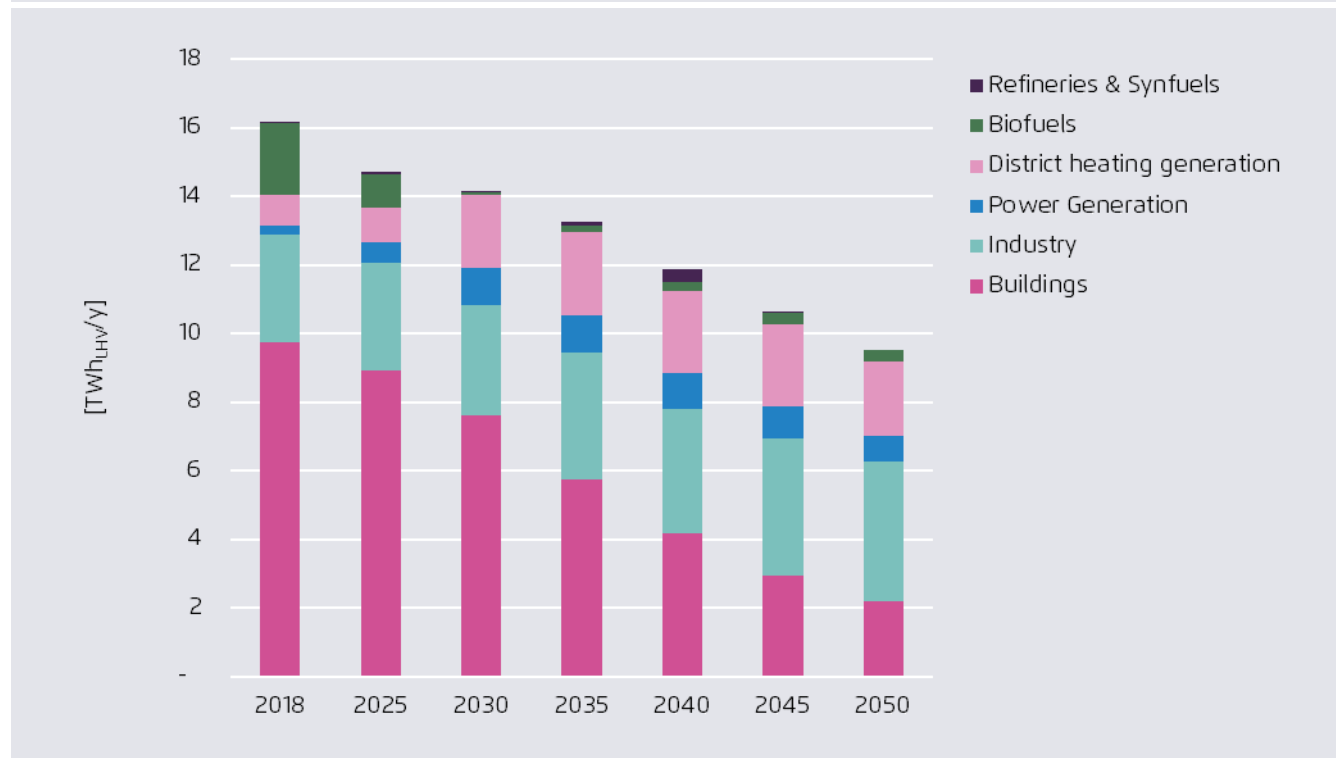


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- Hydrogen storage reach 154 TWh_{LHV} in the EU-27 (16% of demand by 2050).
- This is more than twice the storage capacity in LNG terminals (73 TWh), but only about 15% of the current methane underground storage capacity.
- Methane storage capacity is not optimised in the model and considered constant over the years.

The use of biomass for bioenergy and non-energy feedstock purposes strongly declines in buildings

Energy and non-energy consumption of biomass by sector in Bulgaria



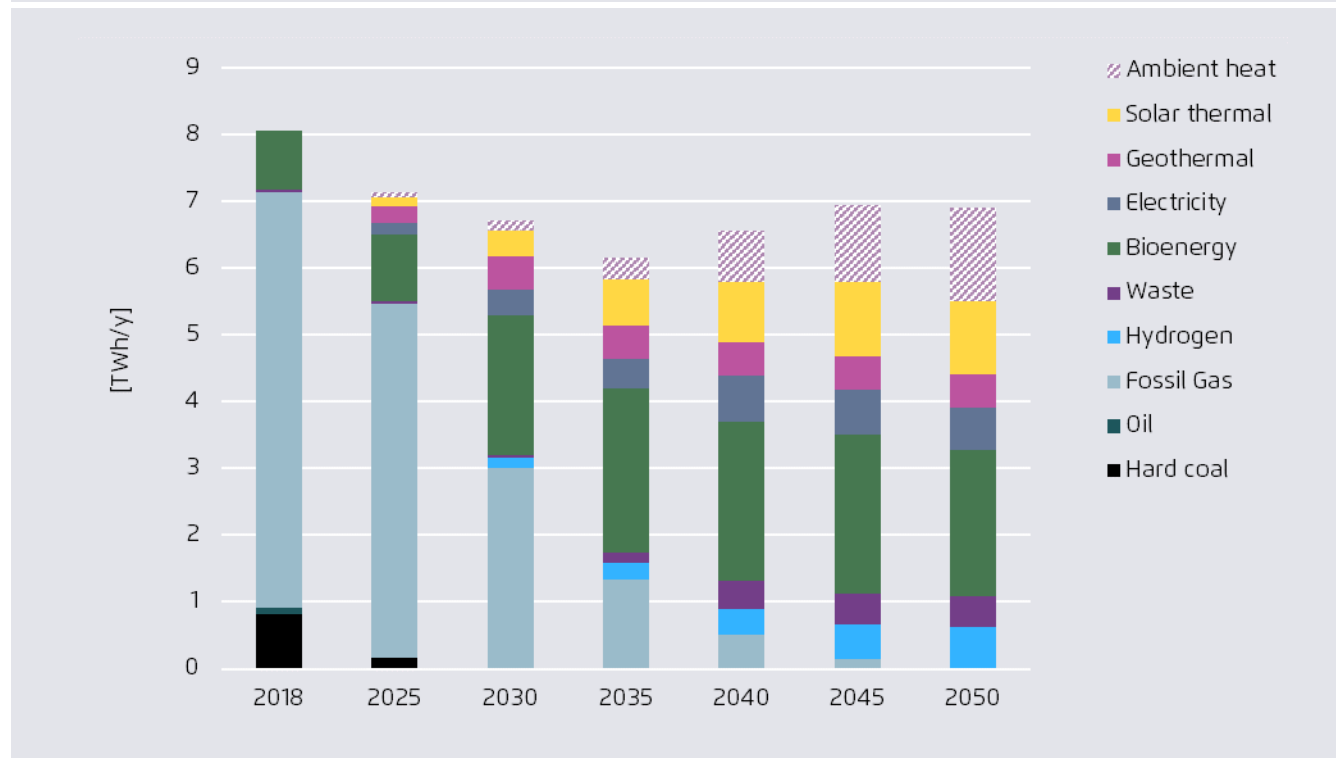
- In the Gas Exit Pathway, the use of biomass for bioenergy and non-energy feedstock purposes remains below today's levels as biomass consumption declines in buildings and energy and is prioritised for higher value applications over time.
- Bioenergy is mainly consumed in the buildings and industry sectors, including for district heating generation.
- Consumption declines from about 16 TWh in 2018 to 10 TWh in 2050. It declines by close to 65% in the buildings sector and for DH generation until 2050 but increases by 30% in the industry.
- The role of biomass for power generation remains stable until 2050 with a slight increase during the transition.
- The Gas Exit Pathway shows what a climate optimised bioenergy pathway could look like, given that demand for biomass for materials is set to increase.

Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

Note: Including non-energy consumption of biomass feedstocks in chemicals and refineries, but excluding material uses.

District heat supply can become more efficient despite an increase in heated surface by 2050.

Energy input to district heating (including CHPs), Bulgaria

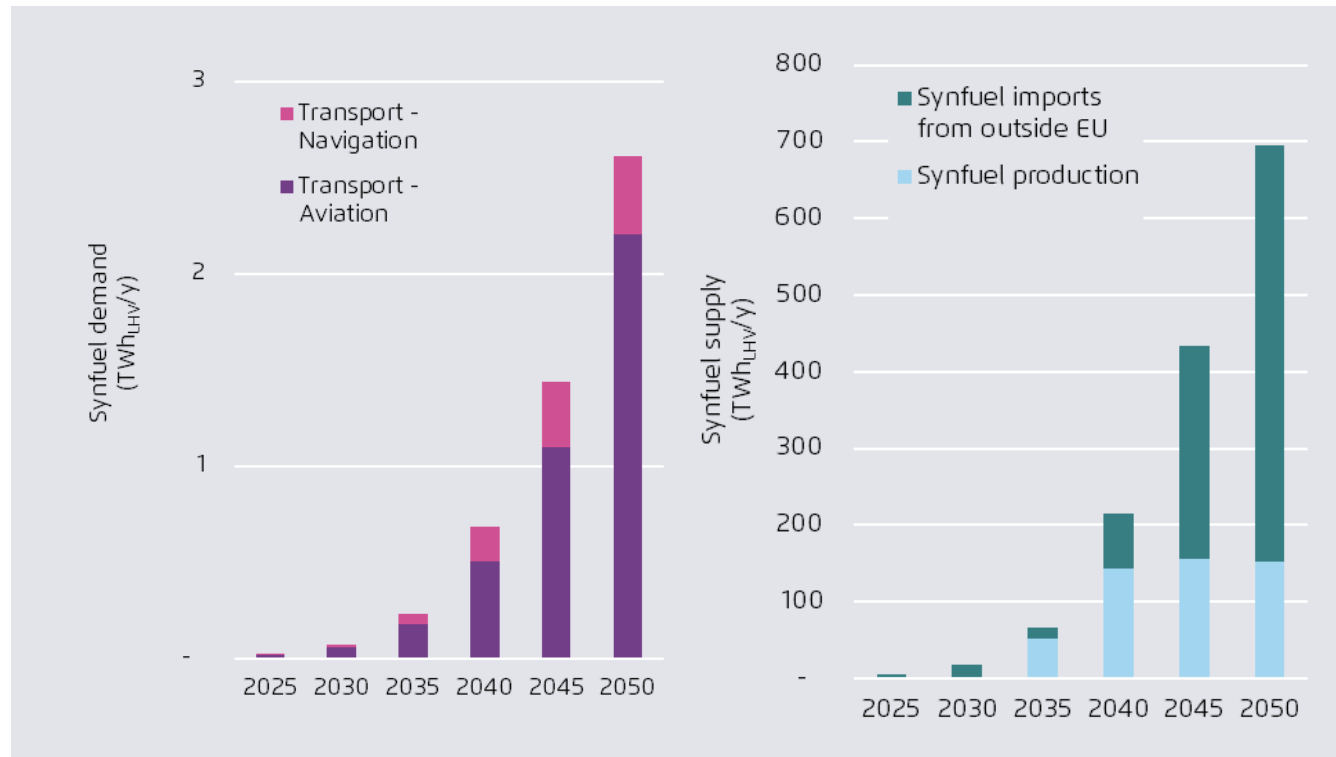


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- In 2018, the district heating supply mix is dominated by fossil gas (77% of the total), biomass (11%) and hard coal (10%).
- District heating sees a quick reduction in fossil-gas demand, declining by 52% from 2018 to 2030 to 3 TWh, and is almost phased out by 2045.
- Fossil gas is gradually replaced by bioenergy, heat-pumps, and solar thermal. These technologies account for roughly 70% of the energy consumption by 2050 if considering ambient heat.
- Geothermal has some potential to be explored, as well as hydrogen, which starts playing a role in 2030 to replace fossil gas.

Synthetic fuels in the EU and Bulgarian Gas Exit Pathway remain exclusively used in the transport sector, in particular aviation and navigation, after 2035.

Synthetic fuel demand in Bulgaria, and supply mix at EU-27 level

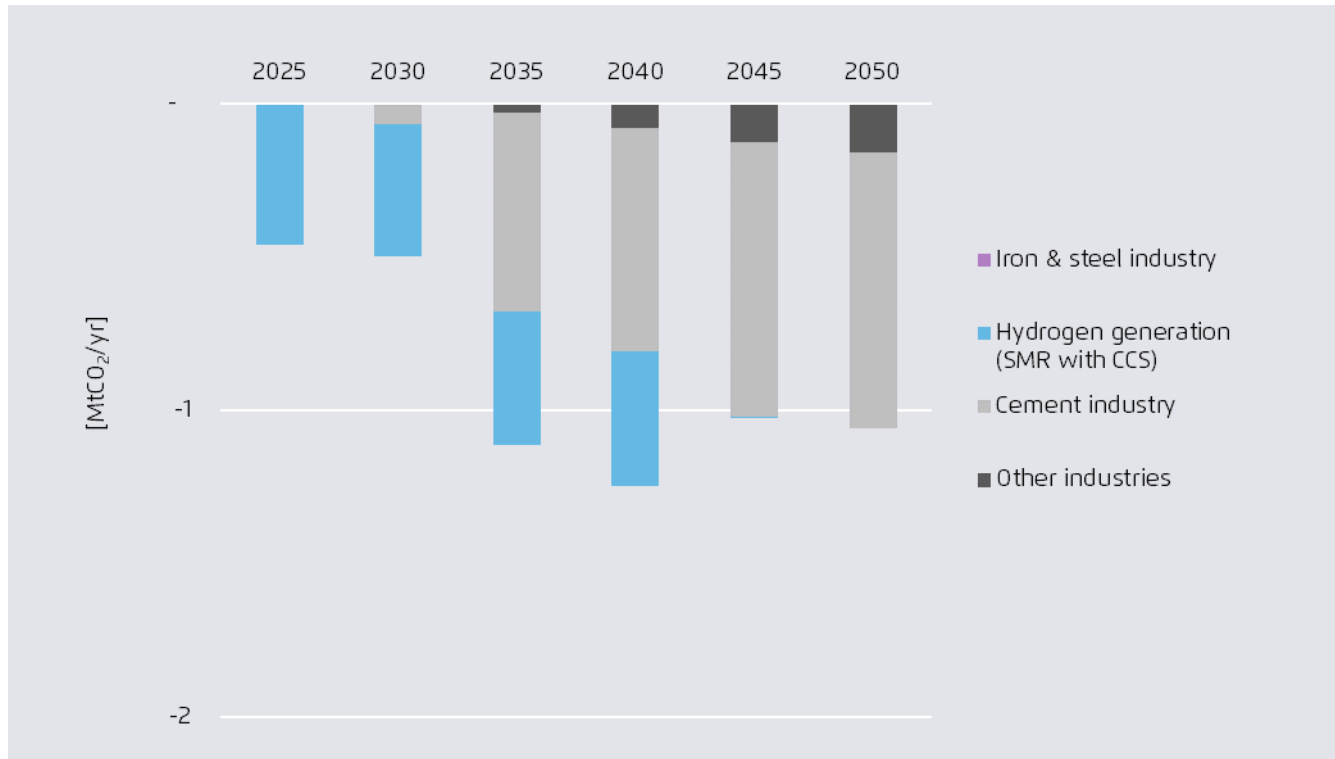


Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- The T&E scenario included in this project foresees a very strong electrification of surface transport (both private and goods transport).
- Synthetic fuels are being used in particular in aviation and navigation, and imported starting 2025. Imports represent up to 78% of supply by 2050 for production efficiency/cost reasons.
- Production in Europe starts as refineries are being closed down around 2035 due to strong electrification of the transport sector.

CCS will play an important part in decarbonising the industry sector, though it could be limited to about 1 MtCO₂ per year by 2050.

CCS balance in Bulgaria's Gas Exit Pathway



Artelys, TEP Energy, Wuppertal Institute modelling (2023)

- The use of CCS can be economical for some applications by 2030 already: in producing decarbonised hydrogen.
- It really takes off after 2030, the lion's share of the used CCS capacity during the whole transition going into the cement industry (60-88%).
- The use of CCS in the power sector has not been considered in this study.

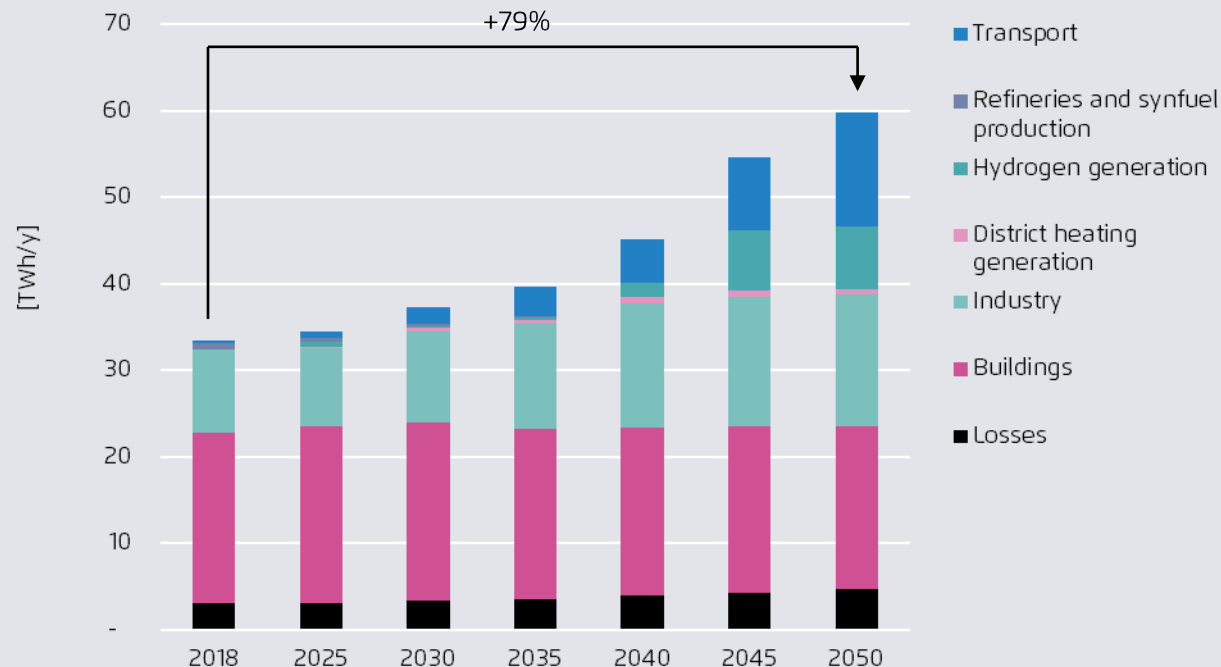
Energy sector:

***Results –
Power sector***



Electricity demand

Power consumption by sector for Bulgaria

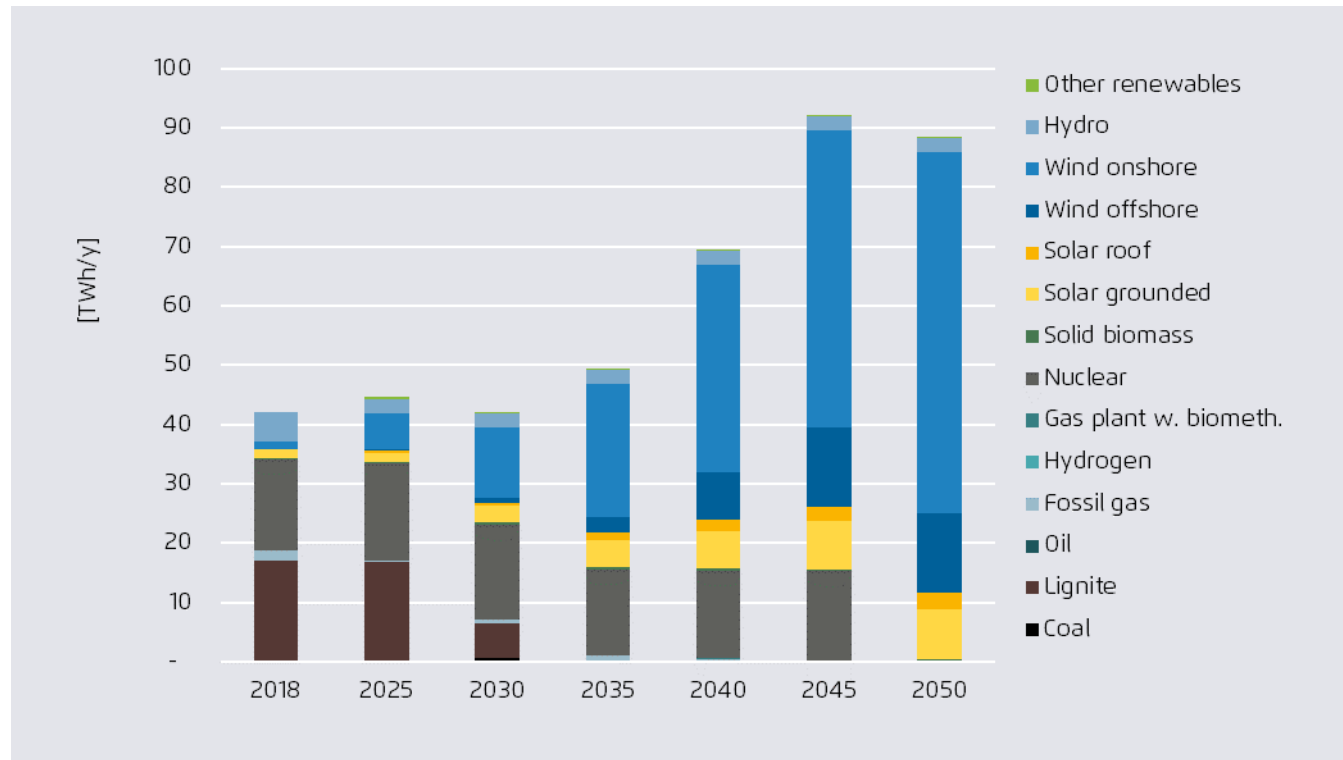


Artelys modelling (2023)

- Total electricity consumption almost doubles between 2018 and 2050.
- The increase is mainly due to the electrification of transport (+13 TWh) and electrolysis (+7 TWh).
- Due to the combined effect of energy efficiency measures (incl. building renovations) and electrification of heating devices (mainly through heat-pumps), power demand in the buildings remains stable while it only slightly increases in the industry sector between 2018 and 2050 (+5 TWh).

Power generation

Power generation in Bulgaria

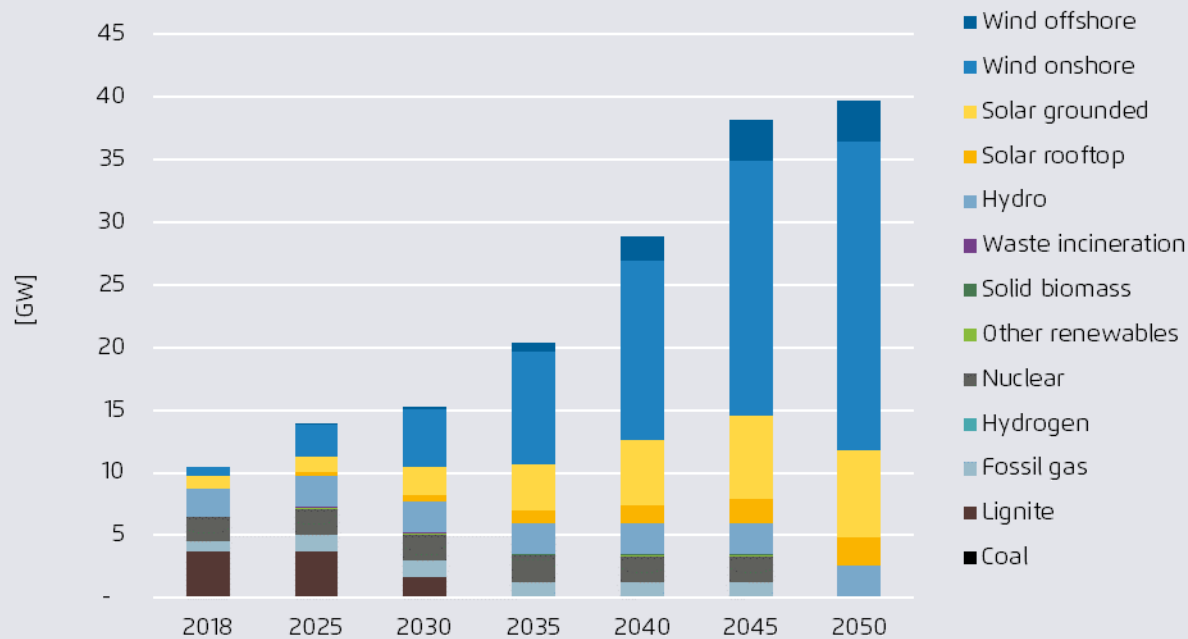


Artelys modelling (2023)

- Coal is phased out by the end of 2030 to achieve the governmental plan of a decarbonized power sector by 2030.
- Due to the current context and the gas prices which are expected to remain higher than they used to be in the past ten years, electricity generation with fossil gas decreases strongly between 2018 and 2025 (-79%).
- Renewables (solar + wind + hydro + biomass + renewable hydrogen) account for 45% of total power supply by 2030 and 100% by 2050.
- Nuclear power generation remains in the power system as dispatchable power generation technology until 2045 before being replaced by renewables by 2050 as no new nuclear plant is being built according to the cost optimization carried out in this project.

Installed capacity

Power generation capacity, Bulgaria

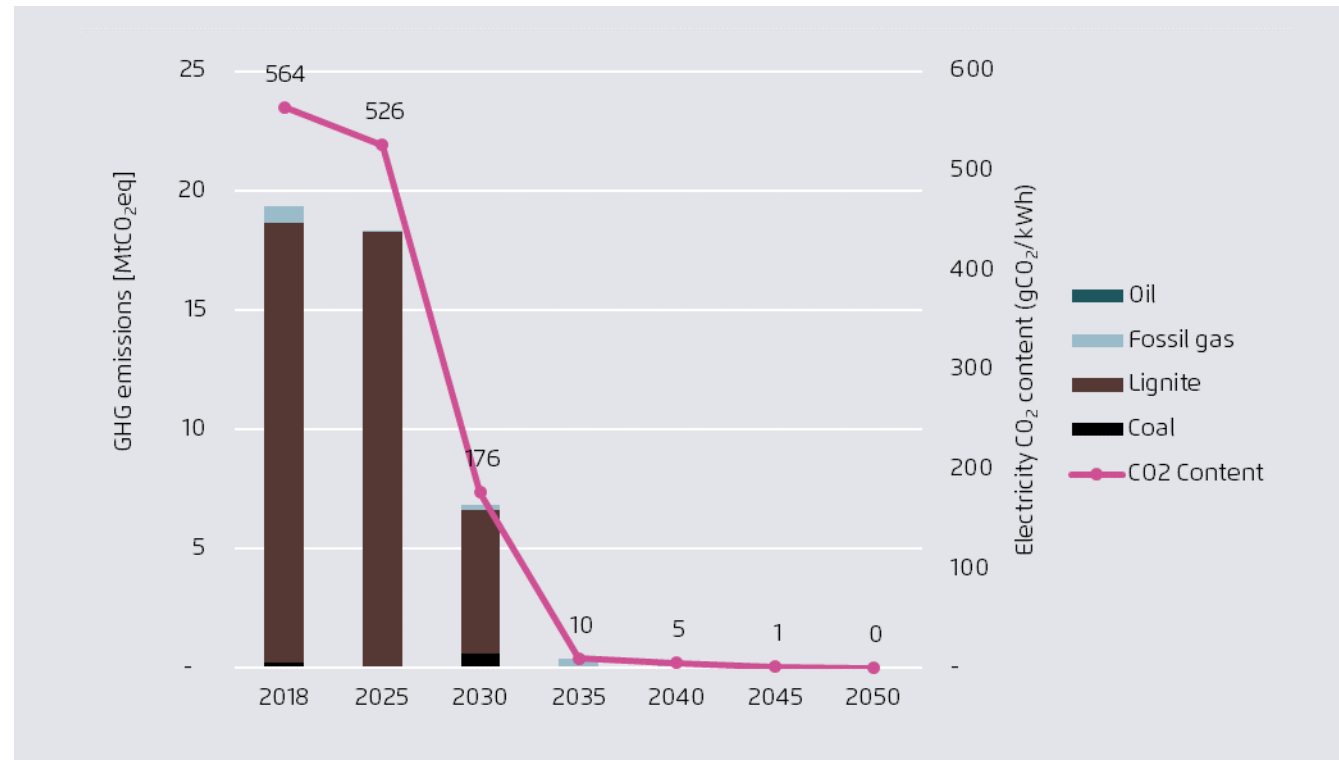


Artelys modelling (2023)

- The power generation mix is dominated by solar and wind power (by 2050, solar accounts for 23% of installed capacity and wind for 70% for a total of 93% of capacity).
- Wind reaches 4.8 GW by 2030 (4.5 GW onshore and 0.3 GW offshore) and 28 GW in 2050.
- Solar reaches 2.7 GW by 2030 and 9 GW by 2050.
- Dispatchable capacities decrease by 70%, from 9 GW in 2018 to 2.6 GW in 2050. Coal power plants are phased out by the end of 2030. Gas powered capacities as well as extended nuclear power plants are phase-out between 2045 and 2050 and replaced by renewables. Hydro power plays an import role in offering flexibility to the system.

CO₂ content Power sector

Evolution of electricity CO₂ content, Bulgaria

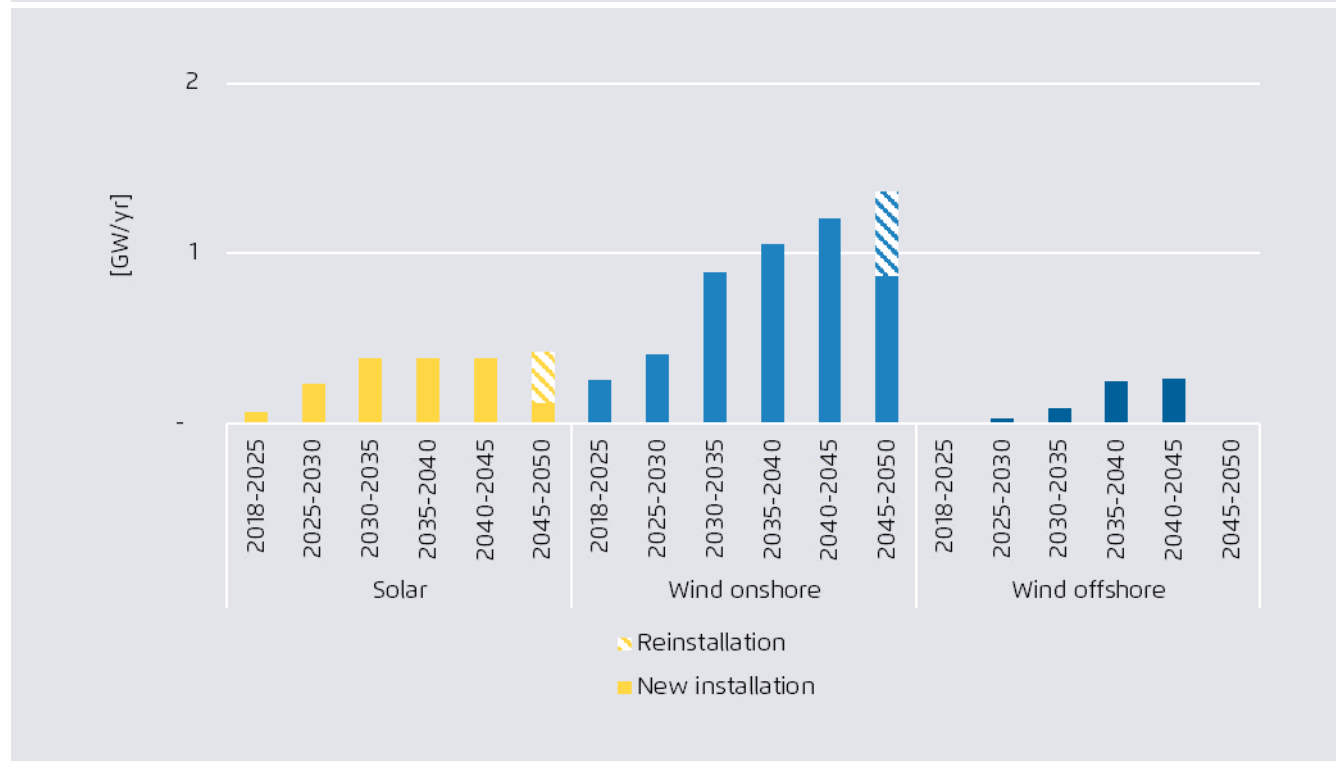


Artelys modelling (2023)

→ The power sector will be almost emissions free by 2035. Some fossil gas will remain in the power sector until 2040, leaving a limited CO₂ content.

Capacity installation rate – renewables

Power generation capacity installation rate per 5-year period in Bulgaria

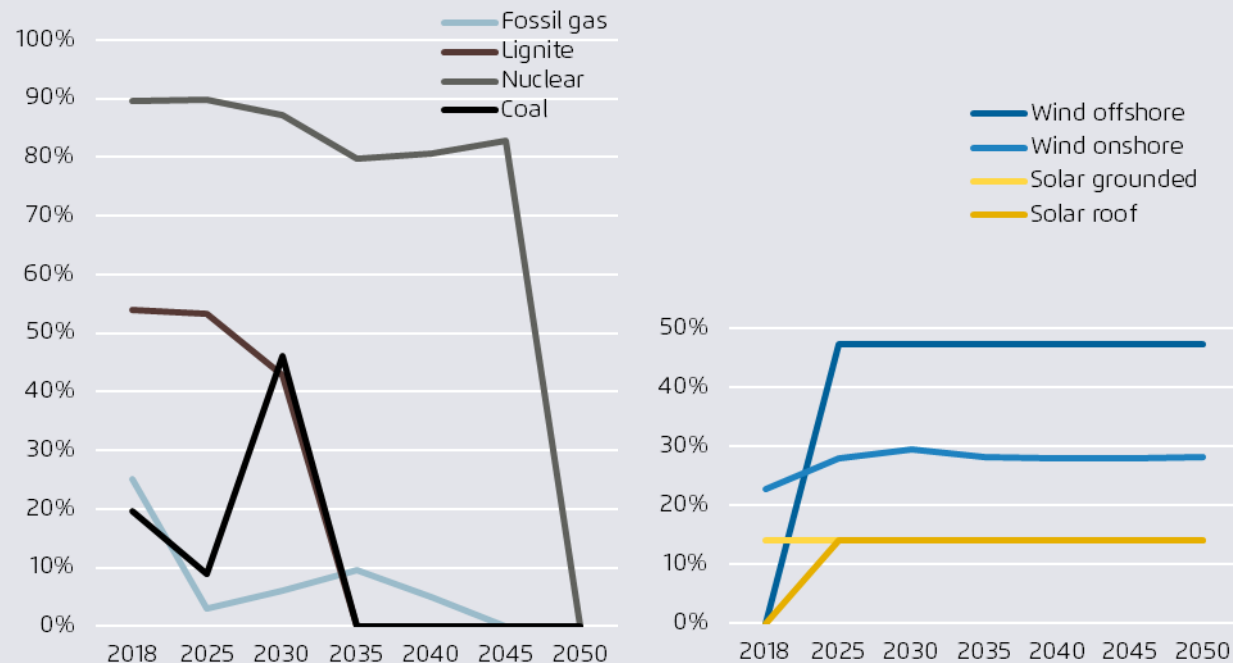


Artelys modelling (2023)

- 320 MW of solar, 900 MW of onshore wind and 110 MW of offshore wind need to be installed on average per year in the period 2018-2050.
- The pace of investment needs to be accelerated until 2030 to not push back the investments and realistically develop the local industry.
- Solar gross installation rates remain more or less constant from 2030, due to reinstallation (decommissioning of capacities at the end of their lifetime, replaced with new capacities).
- Onshore wind installation rates will grow over the transition to reach roughly 1.3 GW per year by 2045.

Capacity factor of different technologies

Capacity factor per technology (%)

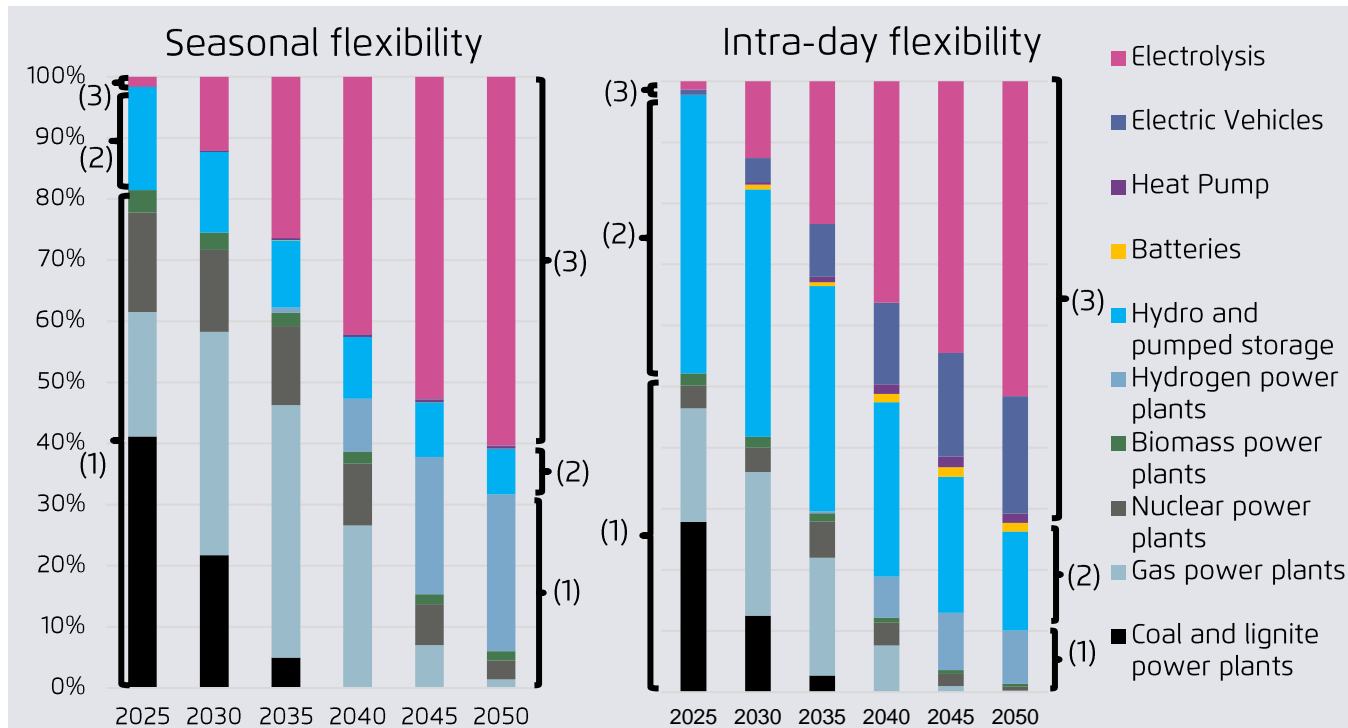


Artelys modelling (2023)

- The average capacity factor of carbon-intensive dispatchable technologies strongly decreases during the transition. Those capacities develop a "capacity value", offering security of supply and flexibility to the system until other forms of flexibility take over.
- Due to the current context and the high gas prices, the average load factor of gas power plants decreases strongly between 2018 and 2025 (from 25% to 3%). Despite low generation, all the gas capacities remain online to provide flexibility to the system until 2045.

Flexibility provision

Evolution of the provision of flexibility in EU-27

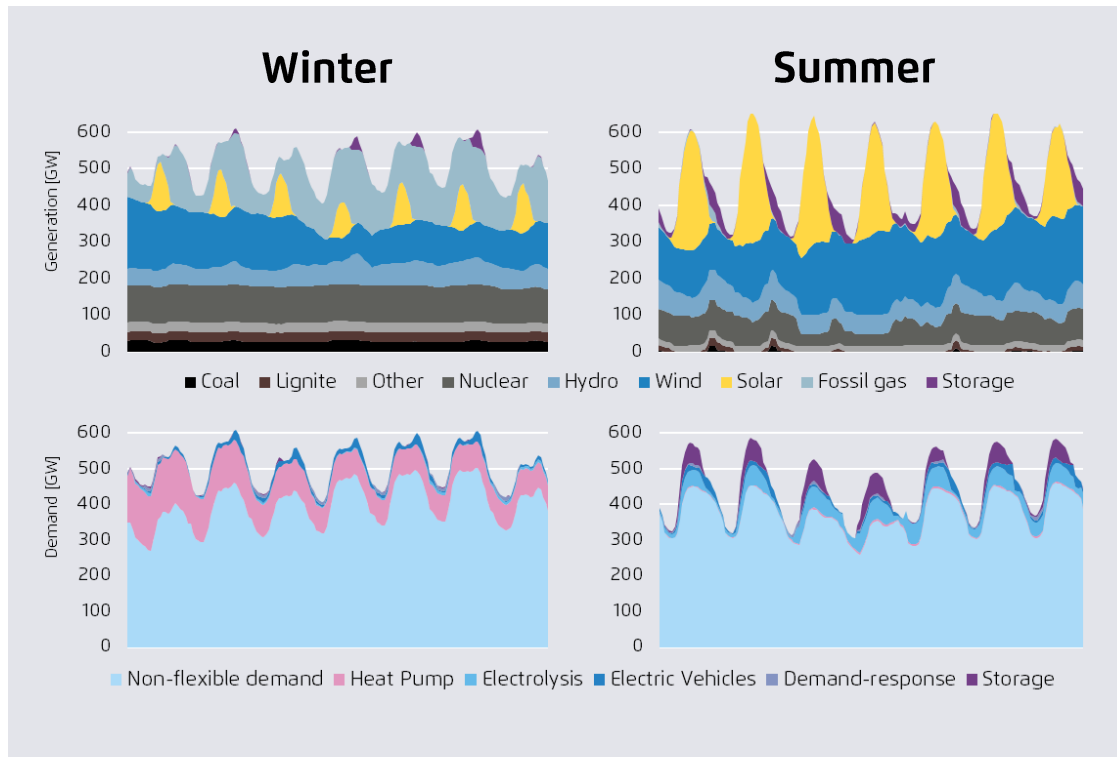


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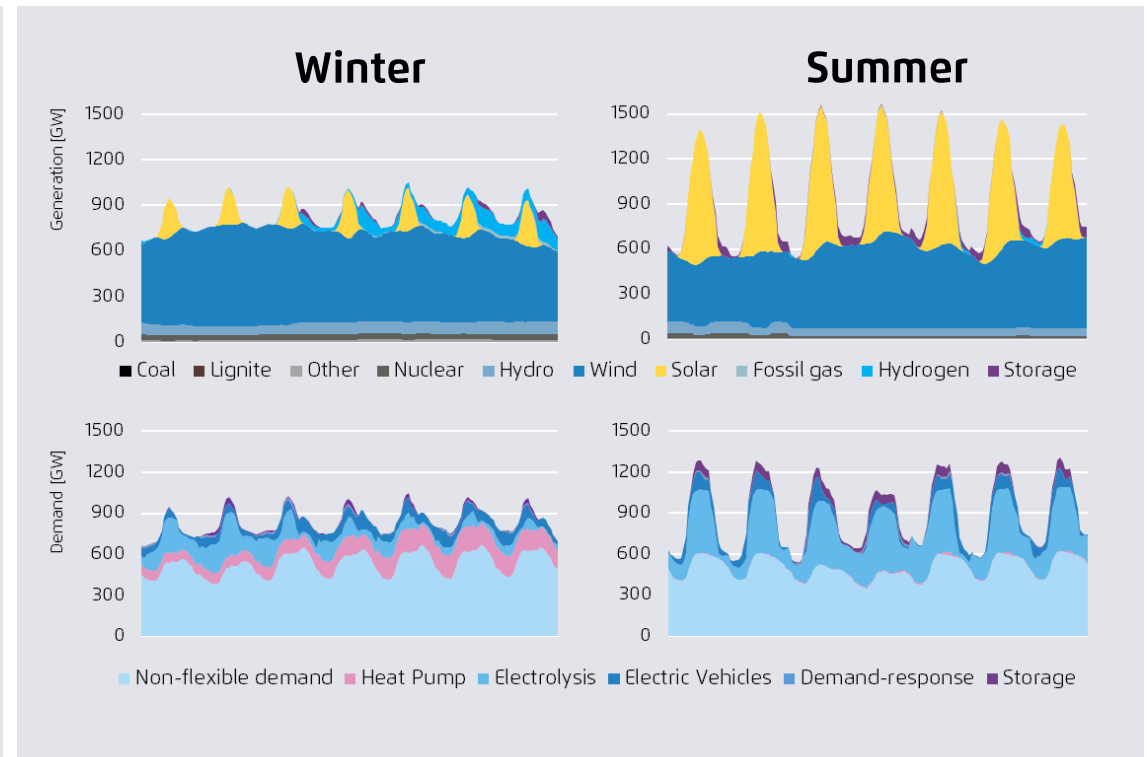
- Currently, system flexibility needs are mainly met by conventional power plants (1) and storage technologies (2) for both seasonal and short-term flexibility
- In future, demand side flexibility (3) will play a predominant role
 - Electrolysis alone will provide 60% of the seasonal flexibility needs and 50% of intra-day flexibility needs by 2050.
 - Electric vehicles will provide short-term flexibility with about 20% of the intra-day flexibility needs.
- Hydro and pumped storage continue to offer the same level of flexibility over the transition, and place gas and nuclear power plants starting 2045 for both seasonal and short-term flexibility. They will play an important role especially for seasonal flexibility in Bulgaria.
- Batteries play an increasing role over time for short-term flexibility, which however will remain very limited considering total flexibility needs (<5%)

Flexibility requirements will significantly increase until 2050

Demand-supply balance during a typical week in 2030 in the EU



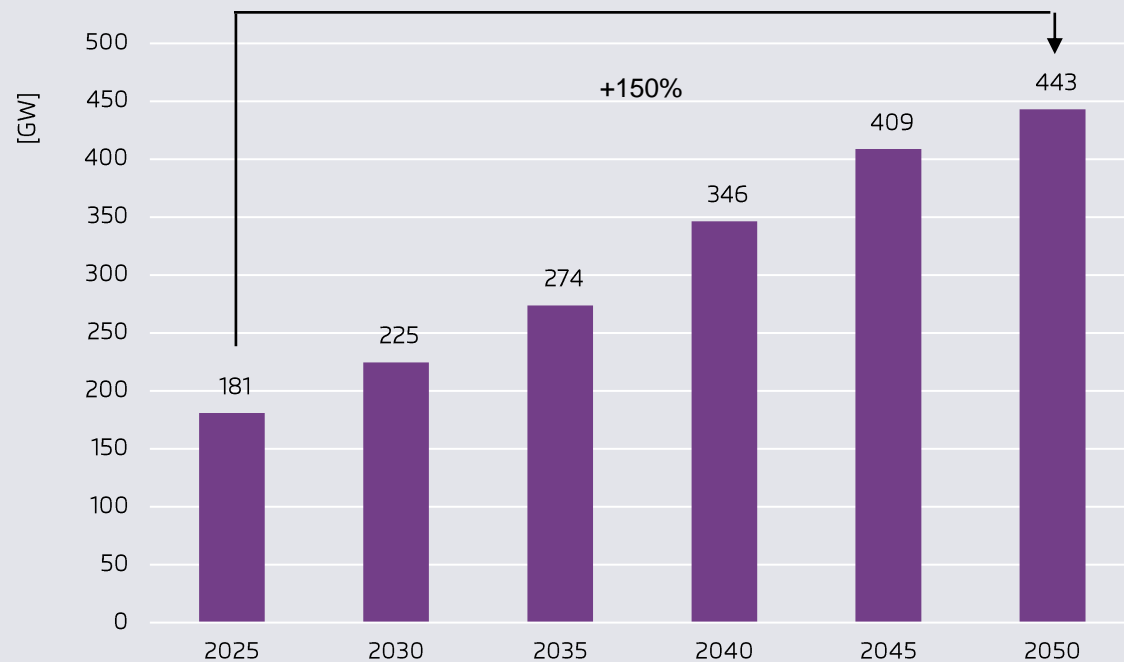
Demand-supply balance during a typical week in 2050 in the EU



Artelys modelling (2023)

Evolution of power transmission infrastructure

Power transmission cross-border capacities in the EU-27



Artelys modelling (2023)

- Electricity interconnections are multiplied by 2.5 between 2025 and 2050.
- Interconnections are found to be very efficient flexibility solutions to foster variable renewable generation. Their development may nevertheless be constrained by social acceptance issues which need to be tackled.

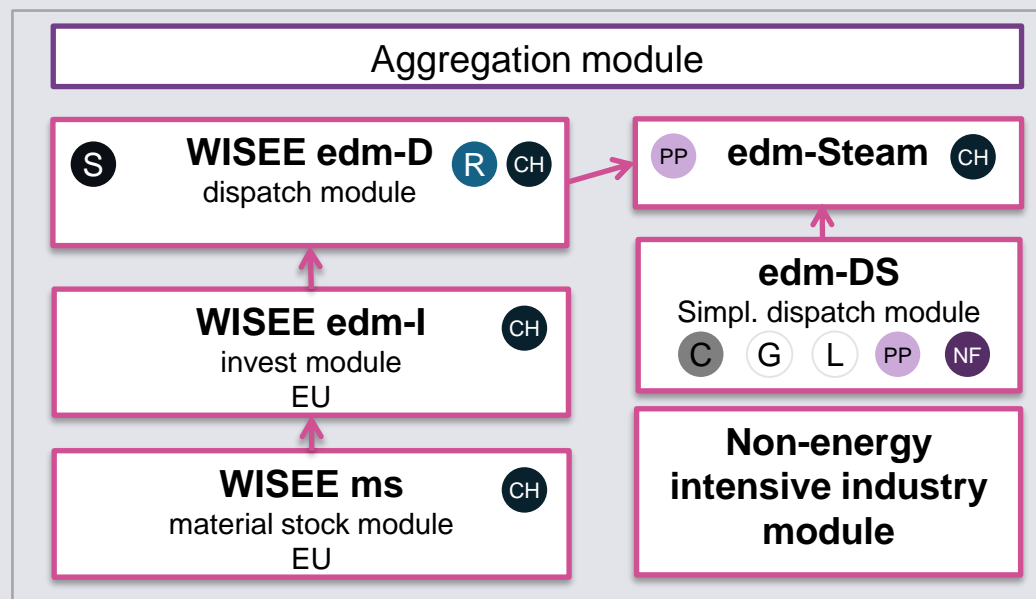
Industry & refineries:

***Methodology and
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Industry modelling: country and technology specific

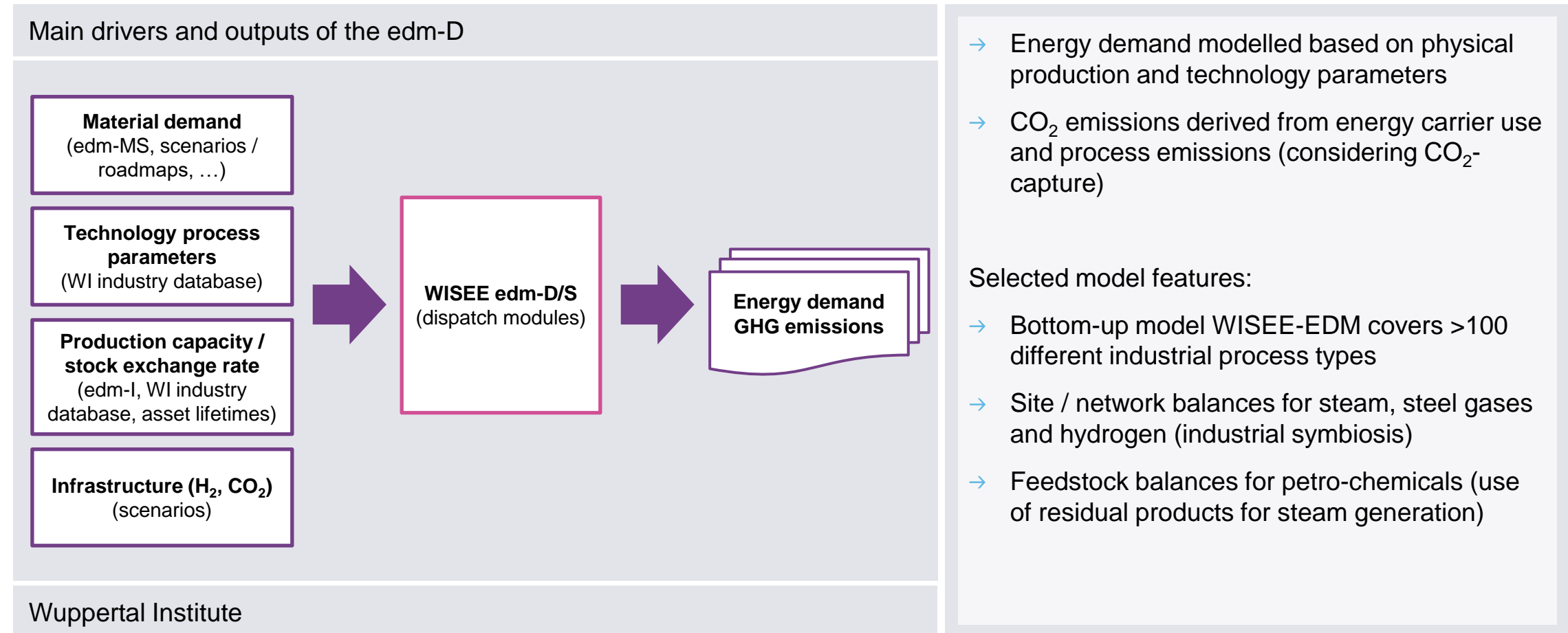
Overview of the WISEE-EDM modelling system



Graduated modelling approach:

- Full site-specific European value chains are modelled for the petrochemical sector.
- Other chemicals, iron & steel as well as refineries are modelled technology- and site-specific
- Non-metallic minerals, non-ferrous metals and the paper industry are modelled technology specific.
- Other industry branches are modelled in an econometric manner, with real gross value added (GVA) as a driver and assumptions about temperature level distribution of heat demand.

Industry modelling: A glimpse at the edm-Dispatch model



Industry modelling: A detailed analysis of assumptions and results was carried out in five of the national deep dive countries together with national partners

Five deep dive countries for industry

- **Bulgaria:** Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD)
- **Hungary:** Regional Centre for Energy Policy Research (REKK)
- **Italy:** ECCO Climate
- **Poland:** Forum Energii
- **Romania:** Energy Policy Group (EPG)

Key parameters

Industrial production: consistent at EU-27 level

- GVA of industry and its branches
- Evolution of production volumes for energy intensive products (and market shares within the EU)
- Assumptions / simulation results for core (re-)invests such as Fischer-Tropsch refineries, iron reduction or steam crackers

Industrial sites & infrastructure:

- Evolution of the H₂ backbone in the country and connection dates for important sites (chemicals, refineries, steel)
- Evolution of the CO₂ grid in the country and connection dates for important sites

Key parameters and assumptions on the industry sector

Industrial production

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- Assumptions / simulation results for core (re-)investments such as Fischer-Tropsch refineries, iron reduction or steam crackers
- Substitution rates for fossil gas boilers
- Market shares in the substitution in the branches and at different levels of temperature of:
 - Heat pumps
 - Electric heaters (electrode boilers)
 - Hydrogen boilers
 - Concentrated solar power (CSP)
- Evolution of industrial CHP per country:
 - MWth and MWeI
 - Energy carrier use
 - Electricity shares
 - Full load hours

Industrial sites & infrastructure

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Assumptions on the industry sector

- Only slight relocation of production:
 - The industrial structures and value chains in the EU countries are stable.
 - Some extra-EU ammonia imports (compared to 2021 and earlier) and relocation of ammonia production within the EU
- Fast electrification via heat pumps and electric boilers to displace fossil gas
- Industrial ovens are replaced by electric devices after 2030
- Use of fossil gas as a bridge in the transformation of integrated steel mills only in locations without supply bottlenecks.
- No distribution grid for hydrogen, only chemical parks and steel sites are supplied via backbone
- The role of hydrogen as an energy carrier is limited to the use in hybrid steam supply systems (chemical parks)
- Biogas and biomethane are considered interchangeable with fossil gas.

Assumptions: Technology costs

Overnight Investment costs*)

Technology	new/retrofit	overnight invest [€/kW] (useful)	Source
LT Natural Gas boiler (condensing)	new built	179	PRIMES
LT heat pump	new built	637	PRIMES
HT heat pump	new built	549	IFSME**) Study
Natural Gas heater	new built	256	IFSME Study
Hydrogen heater	converted NG	66	IFSME Study
Hydrogen heater	new built	308	IFSME Study
Plasma heater	new built	1017	IFSME Study
Natural Gas boiler	new built	220	IFSME Study
Hydrogen boiler	converted NG	66	IFSME Study
Hydrogen boiler	new built	264	IFSME Study
Electrode boiler	new built	146	IFSME Study

*) Technical lifetimes are assumed to be 25 years

**) Industrial Fuel Switching Market Engagement Study

Compilation Wuppertal Institut (2023)

EU steel industry

Characterization of the general development

Crude steel production per process in the EU-27



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- Blast furnaces are quickly phased-out avoiding additional relinings.
- Electric arc furnaces become the standard steel production units throughout Europe, basic oxygen furnaces remain a little share to ensure the availability of all steel qualities.
- Scrap becomes the main iron input in steel making and reaches 67% in 2050 (compared to ca. 50% today).
- The second iron input is DRI, which is mainly produced in Europe.
- The EU is a frontrunner in DRI production, but imports are accepted, starting with 8% in 2030 and reaching a peak in 2040 at 27% (8% in 2050).

Chemicals in the EU

Characterization of the general development

- In the mid-term (until 2030) ammonia production in the EU-27 is concentrated at sites with good fossil gas access and partly substituted by imports.
- Fossil refineries are closed throughout the EU, starting in the 2020s (not converted to feedstock refineries).
- Petrochemical sites come thus under pressure to search for new sources. In the mid-term shale gas and Extra-EU naphtha imports increase, but chemical recycling as well.
- Until 2040 new Fischer-Tropsch refineries are opened-up at selected sites in Europe (ES, NL, RO, SE, UK).
- CCU-methanol is produced in Spain and the UK.
- In 2040 green methanol can be imported from the world market, afterwards also synthetic feedstock (naphtha) comes available.

Non-metallic minerals in the EU

Characterization of the general development

- The challenge in these branches is the transformation of high-temperature heat supply.
- Electrification is a challenge as the respective ovens are in most cases not market ready at scale and efficiency gains are often relatively low, compared to lower temperatures.
- Electrification does not address process-related emissions.
- Focus is therefore on:
 - Efficiency gains and waste firing (in the short term)
 - Biomass firing, (partial) electrification and CCS in the mid- and long-term

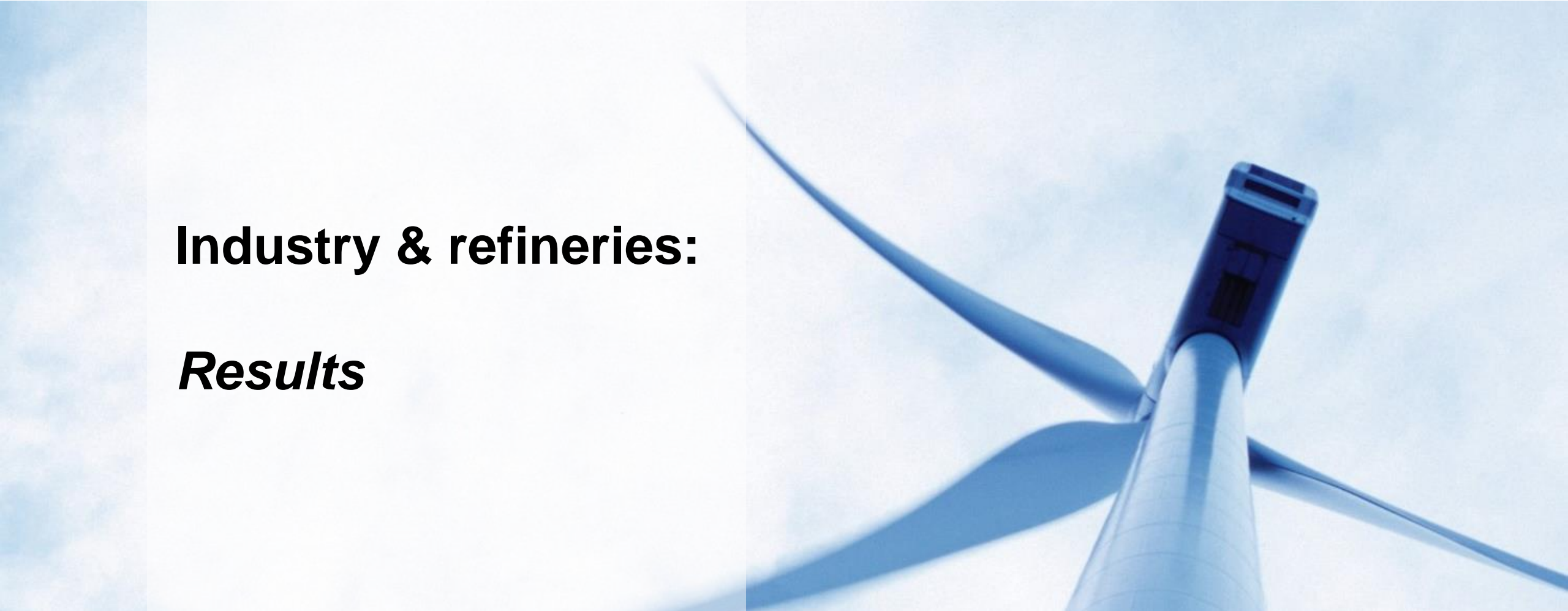
EU refineries

Characterization of the general development

- Due to electrification of the transport sector, fuel demand will decline quickly throughout the EU.
- Processing of crude oil is completely phased-out in Europe until 2050.
- Refineries are assumed to be closed according to their age (typical lifetime of 60 years)
→ need for refinement to account for regional supply security within the EU

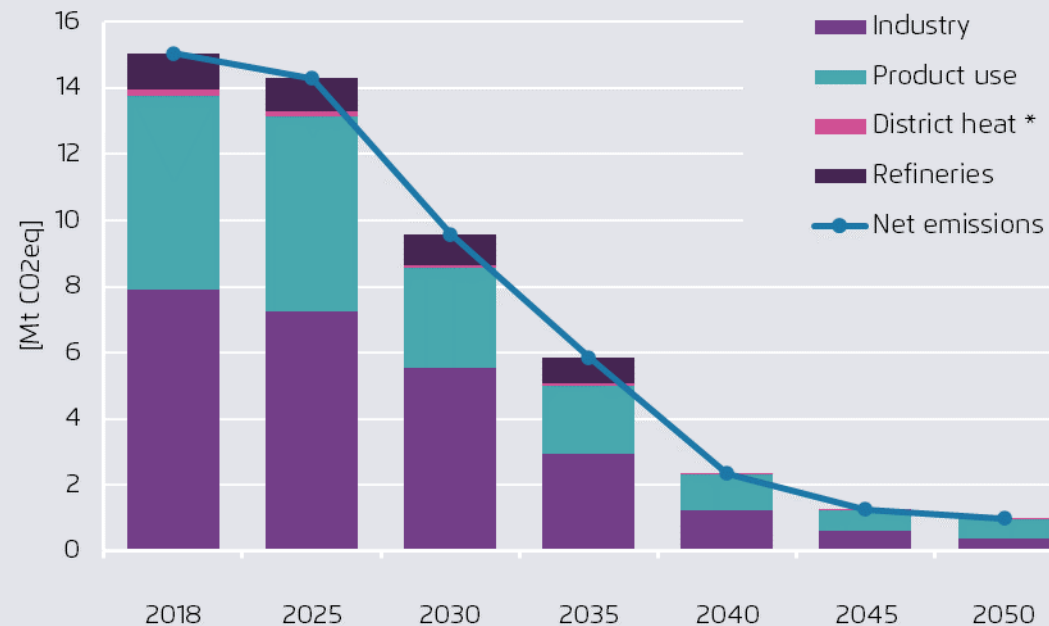
Industry & refineries:

Results



Greenhouse gas emissions

GHG emissions from industry & refineries in Bulgaria



- The trajectory for GHG emissions of the industry and the crude oil refining sectors shows a steep decline between today and 2040, especially after 2025. Emissions can already decline by 36% by 2030.
- In 2040, the defossilisation of energy supply is almost accomplished. The main remaining emissions are process-related and are increasingly captured.
- After 2040, negative emission contributions are added via green feedstock and BECCS, the emissions of the sector turning net negative.

Until 2030, ...

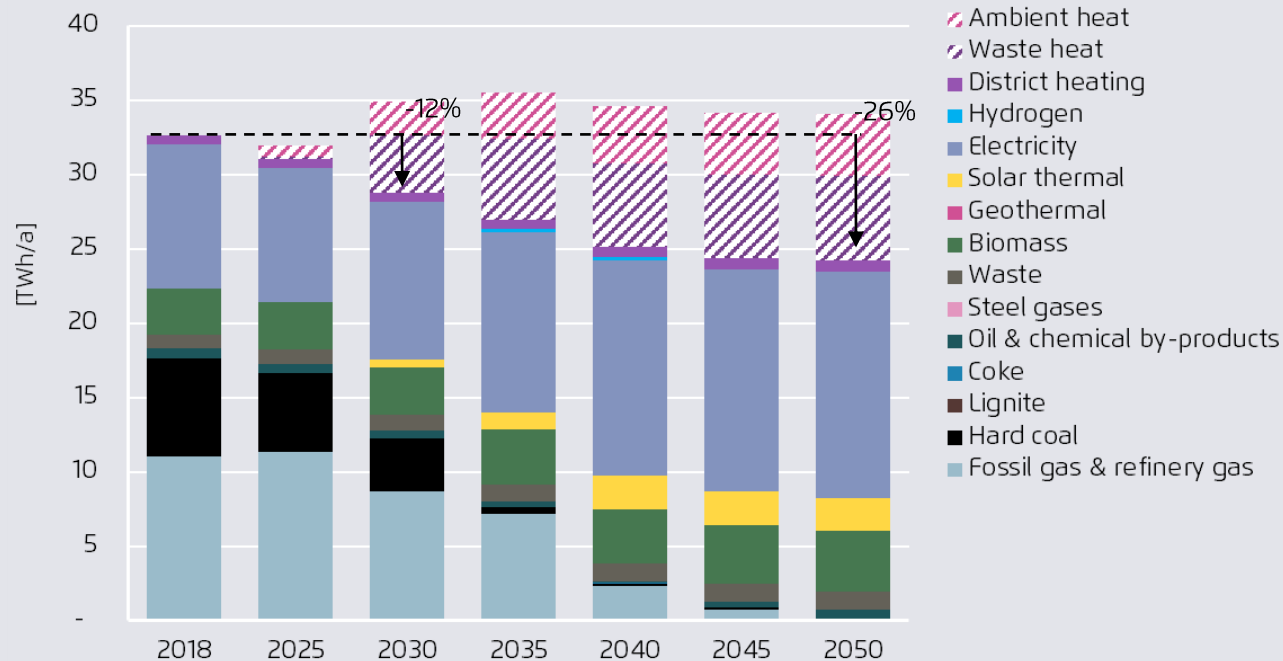
- ...the bulk of emission reductions are achieved in process-related emissions (-3 Mt CO_{2eq} or 50%).
- ... emissions from the chemicals industry decline by 35% (-1 Mt).

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* District heat = external heat supply in sectors other than chemicals and refineries

Final energy demand declines mostly due to electrification and the use of waste and ambient heat, complemented with bioenergy and solar thermal

Final energy demand in industry in Bulgaria



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- Final energy demand in the sector declines by 12% by 2030 and by 26% 2050 (not including ambient and waste heat).
- The share of fossil fuels declines from 56% in 2018 to 44% in 2030 (direct use in industry). It further declines to 10% in 2040 with a limited remainder of oil consumption by 2050 (3%, 0.7 TWh), which represents the energetic use of by-products in the chemical industry. Fossil gas can be almost phased out by 2045.
- Electrification as primary fuel switch strategy: from 30% of total in 2018, 58% by 2030 and 63% by 2050.
- Energetic biomass and waste are restricted to high temperature generation and are mainly used in plants with carbon capture, their use increasing slightly (+30%) between 2018 and 2050.
- Solar thermal energy plays an important role in big chemical parks in the Black Sea region where it is part of hybrid steam supply systems.
- Hydrogen use remains very limited over the industrial transition in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian industry and refinery sectors can save 36% of fossil gas by 2030.

Savings in fossil gas use in industry and oil refining in the EU-27, 2030 vs. 2018

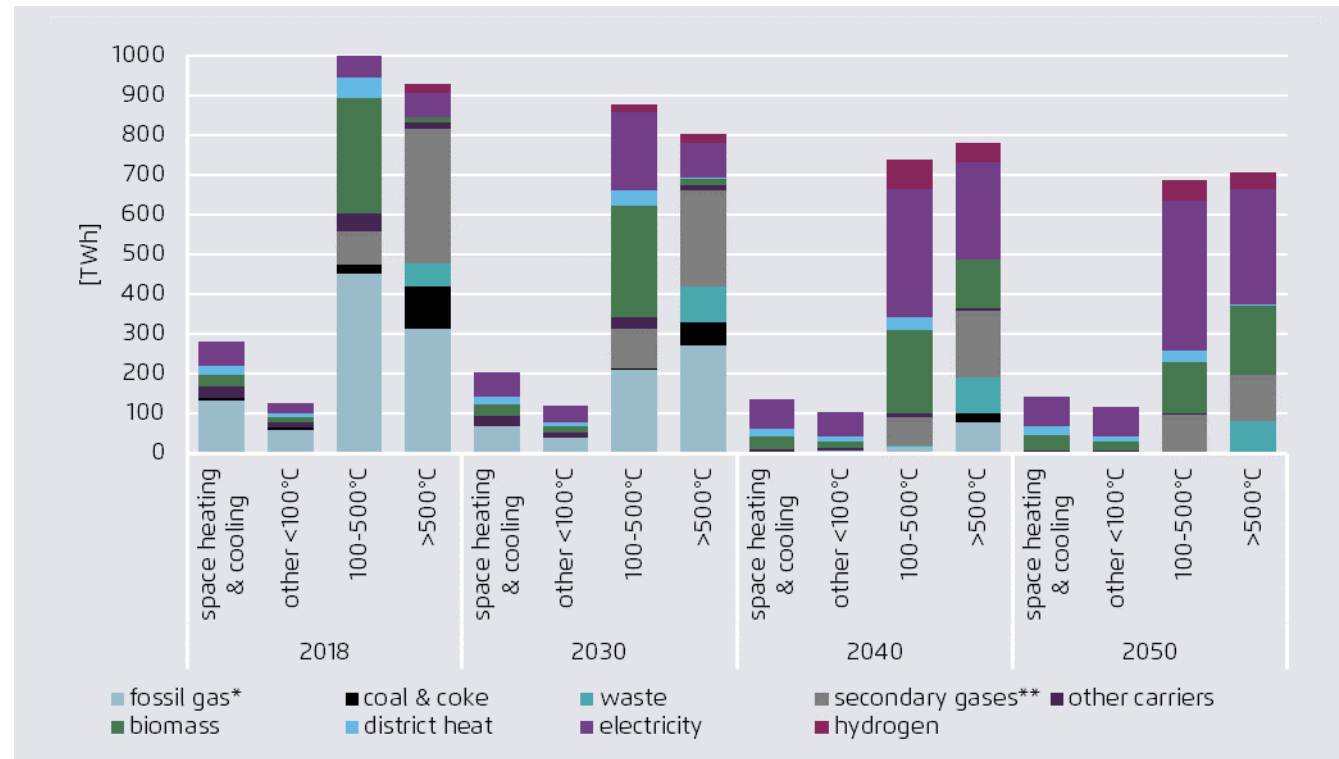


- Savings stretch from 16 to 88% according to the Member State.
- The largest savings are achieved in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, France and Spain, together representing 70% of the industrial savings in volume.
- Bulgaria alone represents 1% of the savings of the sector in the EU-27.
- Most of fossil gas is used in Bulgaria in the chemicals, minerals, food and iron & steel sub-sectors today (about 80% of demand, more than half of it in the chemicals sector).

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Fossil gas can be displaced by direct electrification at all temperature levels, complemented by biomass, hydrogen, waste and district heat

Final energy use for heat in the industry per temperature level, EU-27

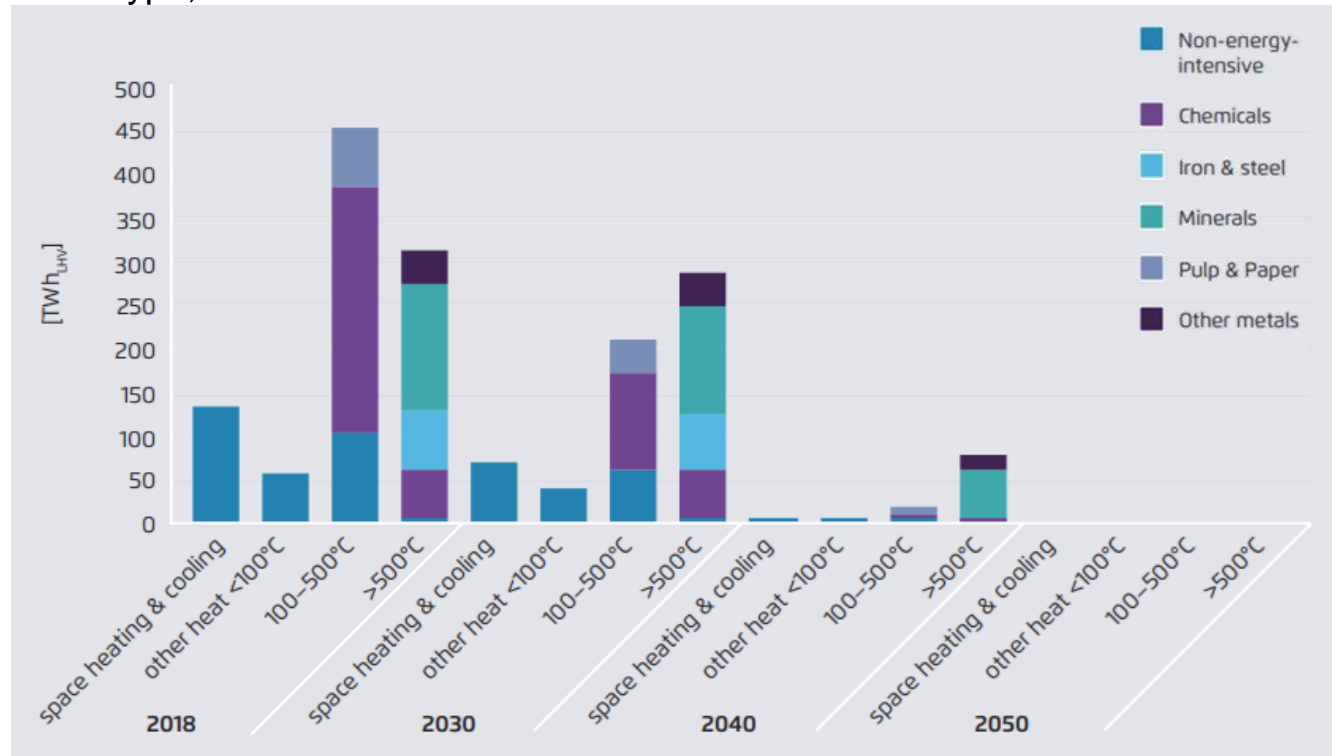


Wuppertal Institute (2023) * "fossil gas" includes fossil gas, refinery gas and LPG; **"secondary gases" include coke oven gas, blast furnace gas, basic oxygen furnace gas and steam cracker by-products

- Rapid gas demand reduction until 2030 in the low- to mid-temperature segments including steam production. Further decline in all segments after 2030, the remainder in 2040 being mostly in high temperature processes.
- Electrification plays a significant role in all temperature levels.
- Biomass gain in importance starting in 2030, especially in higher temperature segments.
- Hydrogen is used in a limited manner starting in 2040 in high temperature segments. Hydrogen remains mostly used as a feedstock at any time.
- The use of secondary gases as by-product of industrial processes declines with the transition of those production processes to cleaner alternatives.

The use of fossil gas differs according to the subsector, requiring a mix of technologies to displace

Evolution of fossil-gas* consumption in the industry sector by sub-sector and heat type, EU-27



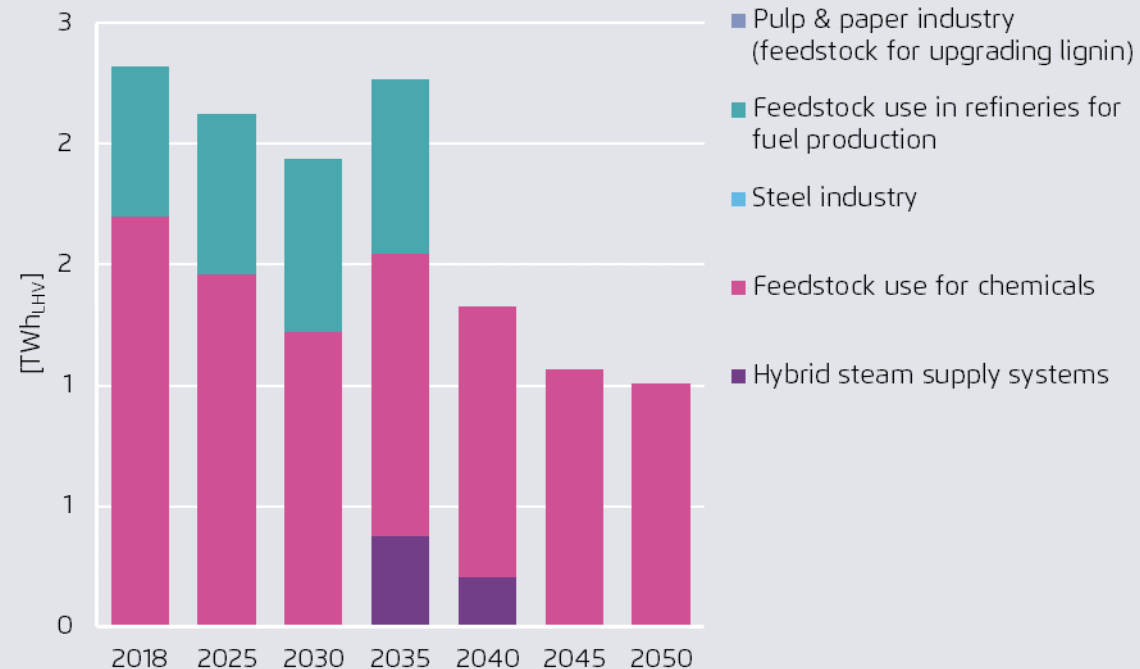
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- The non-energy-intensive sectors consume fossil gas to produce heat up to 500°C. The largest share goes into low-temperature heat up to 100°C, which can be easily electrified with heat pumps already today.
- The chemical industry consumes most of its fossil gas to produce mid-temperature heat, as well as the pulp and paper industry.
- High-temperature heat, last to phase out fossil gas, is spread between Minerals, Iron & steel, other metals and the chemical industries. Nearly half of the residual fossil gas consumption in 2040 is found in the non-metallic minerals sub-sectors such as glass, lime and cement.

Hydrogen demand will decline with the phase out of refineries and the transformation of the chemicals industry

Net* hydrogen demand per sector and appliance in industry and refineries in Bulgaria

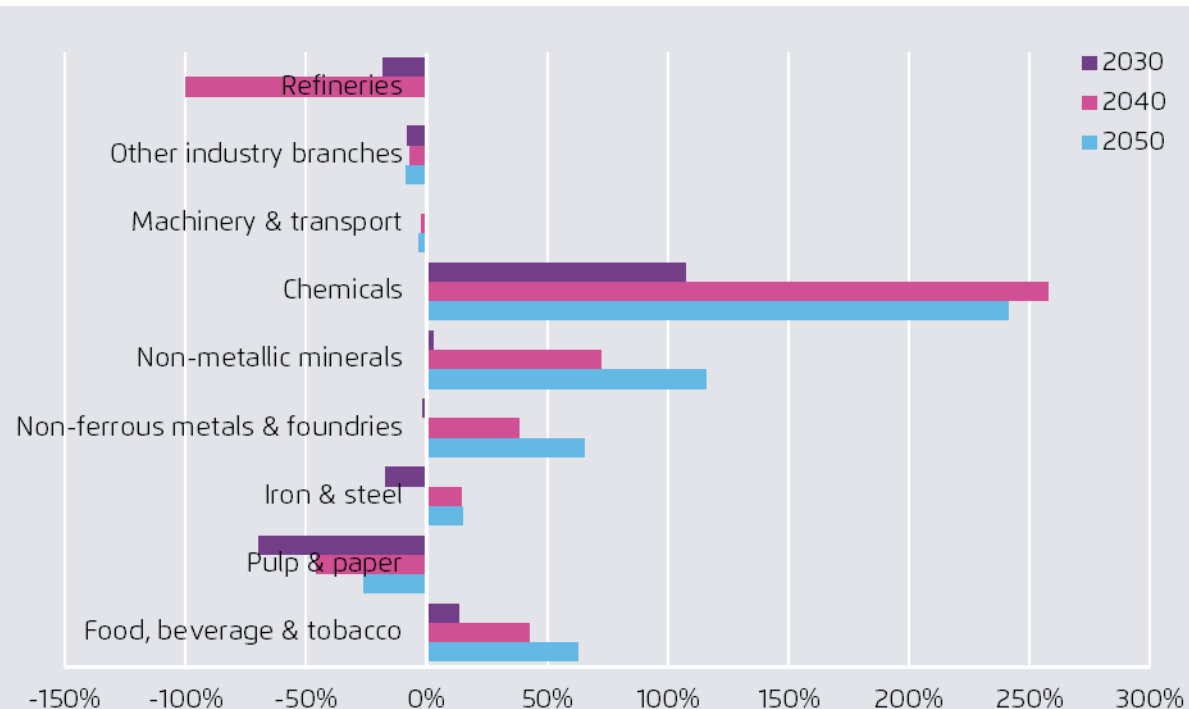


Wuppertal Institute (2023) * Gross hydrogen demand and gross by-production (e.g. by chlorine production) are balanced out, leaving only net demand to be covered by sources such as SMR or water electrolysis.

- Despite some new applications in 2030 in the chemical industry for hybrid steam supply systems, total H₂ demand will decline as refineries will phase out their conventional fuel production with the electrification of the transport sector, and part of the ammonia demand being imported and substituting the EU domestic production as already started in 2022.
- Hybrid steam supply systems are introduced quickly in chemical parks with electric boilers using existing fired boilers as a back-up. The back-up carrier fossil gas is replaced over some time by hydrogen and the utilisation rates of the electric boilers increase over time.
- If direct electrification is prioritised as a more mature and efficient technology to displace fossil fuels, hydrogen demand will decline by about 40% in the chemicals industry.

Power demand will strongly increase by 2050 in most of the sub-sectors of the industry, especially in the chemicals industry

Gross power demand evolution compared to 2018 in the Bulgarian industry

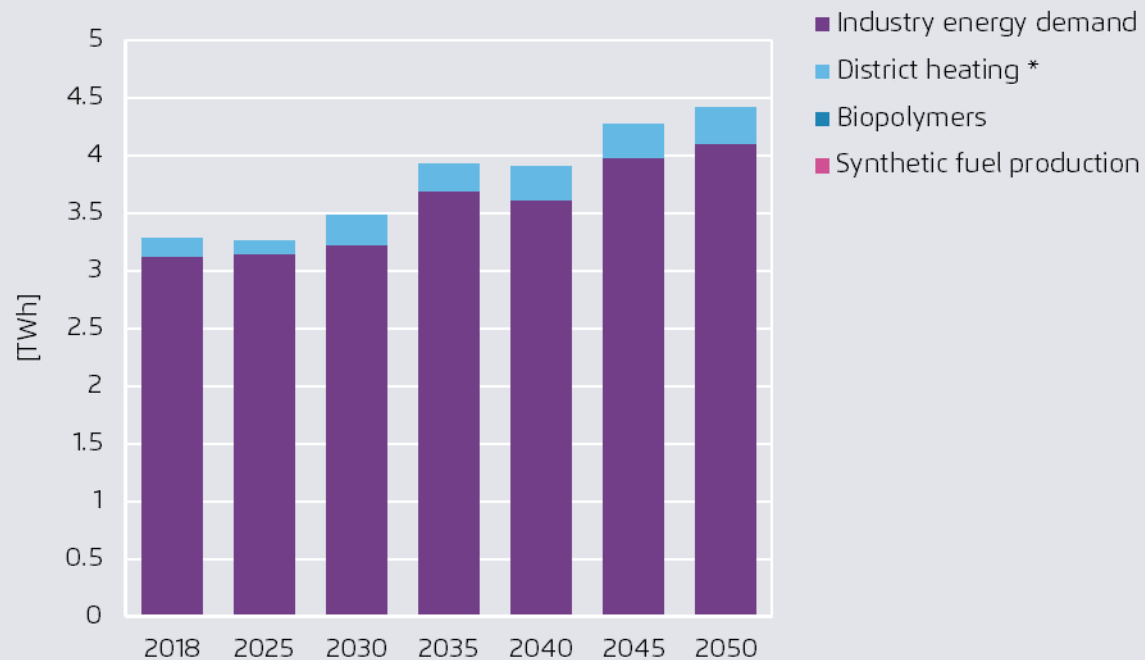


- Electricity use increases in the energy-intensive branches by an average of 70% until 2050.
- The chemical industry will see a very high electrification rate also compared with other Member States (+250%).
- The actual increase in connected loads is even higher when companies switch from generating their own electricity to buying electricity from external sources (steel, chemicals, food).

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Biomass use in industry & refineries will increase through the transition as an efficient alternative to fossil fuels as energy source

Biomass use for final energy, district heating and synthetic hydrocarbons, Bulgaria



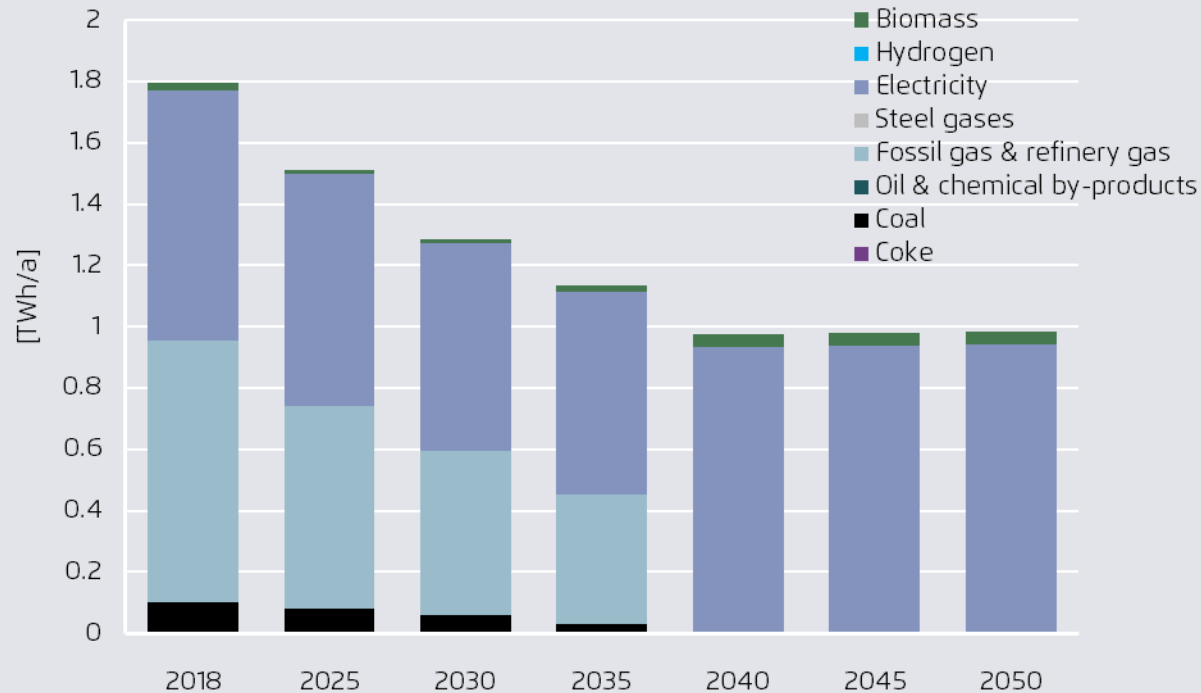
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- Biomass demand will shift from the pulp & paper sector and the non-energy intensive sectors to the minerals, food and chemicals sub-sectors, mostly combined with CCS to achieve negative emissions.
- In Bulgaria, biomass demand will remain for energetic use.

Sub-sector transformation: Iron & steel

Final energy use of the steel industry, Bulgaria

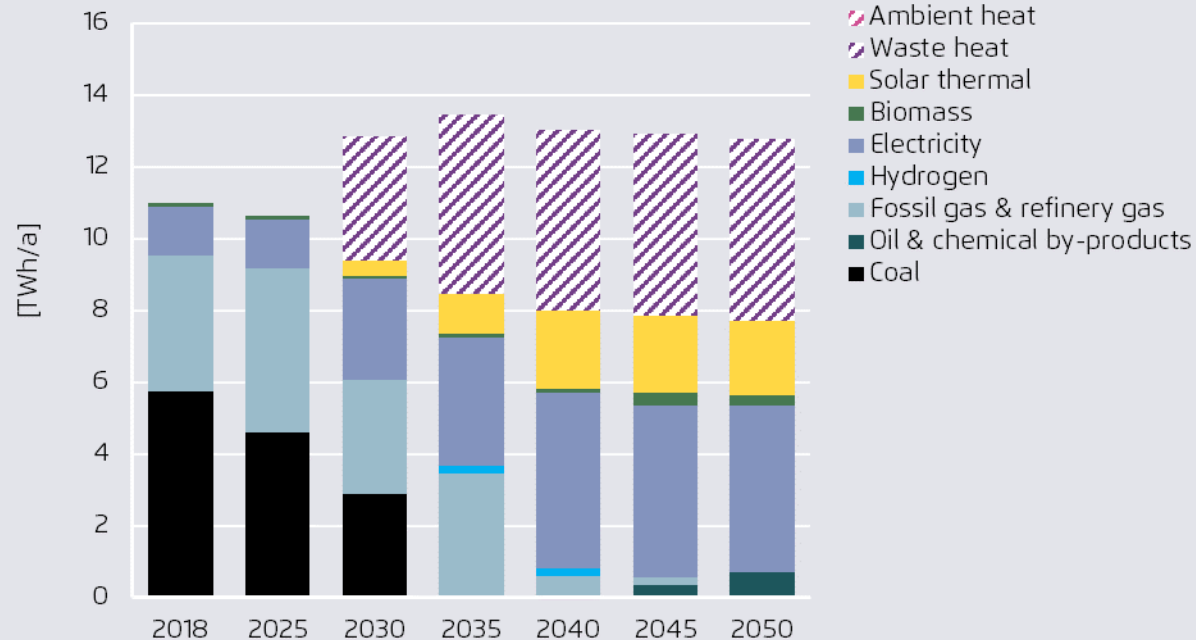


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- Thanks to a shift to secondary steel, primary energy demand declines by 28% by 2030 and 45% by 2040 and remains stable afterwards.
- Gas demand (steel gases and fossil gas) can be halved by 2035 and be phased out by 2040.
- Coal and coke use can be phased-out by 2040 as well.
- New reinvestment pathway for the European steel industry avoiding stranded “green” assets leading to a switch from a largely fossil fuel dominated demand structure (53%) to almost 100% renewable power by 2040.
- Biomass use remains very limited in the steel industry in Bulgaria. It is only partly related to carbon requirements (carburation in the EAF and BOF process) but also due to the opportunity of achieving net negative emissions via BECCS (use of biomass in furnaces).

Sub-sector transformation: Chemicals

Final energy use and feedstock input in the chemical industry, Bulgaria

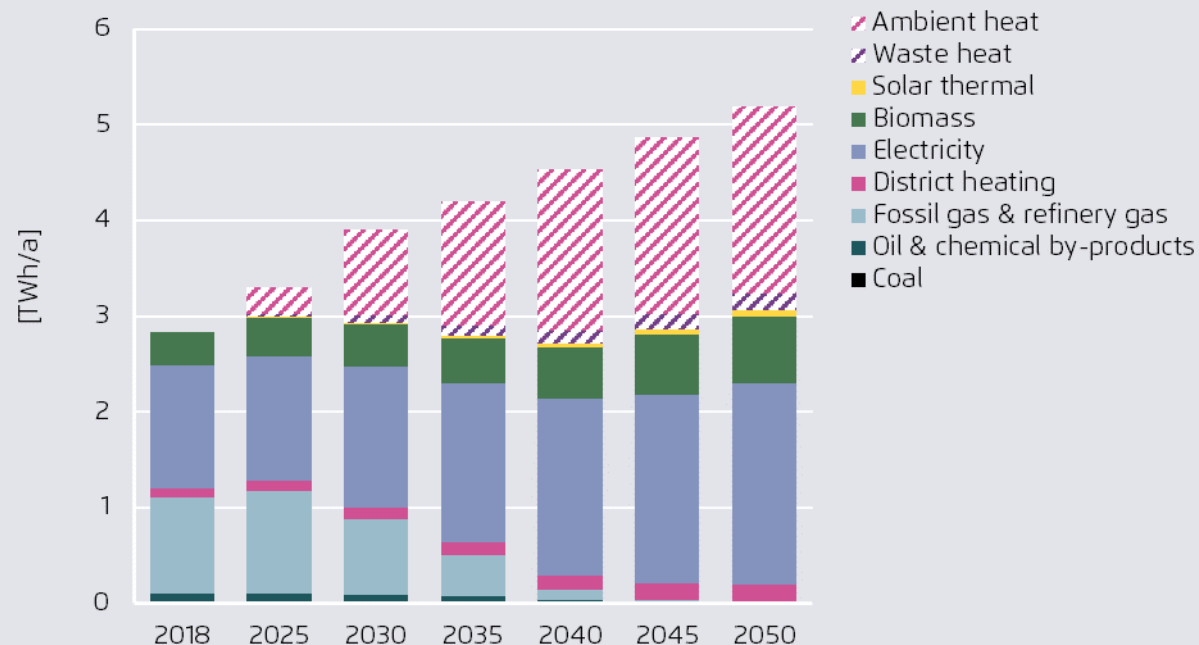


- Thanks to efficiency increases and electrification, final energy demand declines by 14% by 2030 and 30% by 2050 (excluding waste heat).
- The sub-sector is fossil-gas free in terms of energy use by 2045: it is being replaced mostly by electricity (about 60% of energy demand in the long run, high temperature heat pumps making use of significant amounts of waste heat), and solar thermal.
- Coal is also phased out by 2030

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Sub-sector transformation: Food, Beverages & Tobacco

Final energy demand in the manufacturing of food, beverages & tobacco, Bulgaria

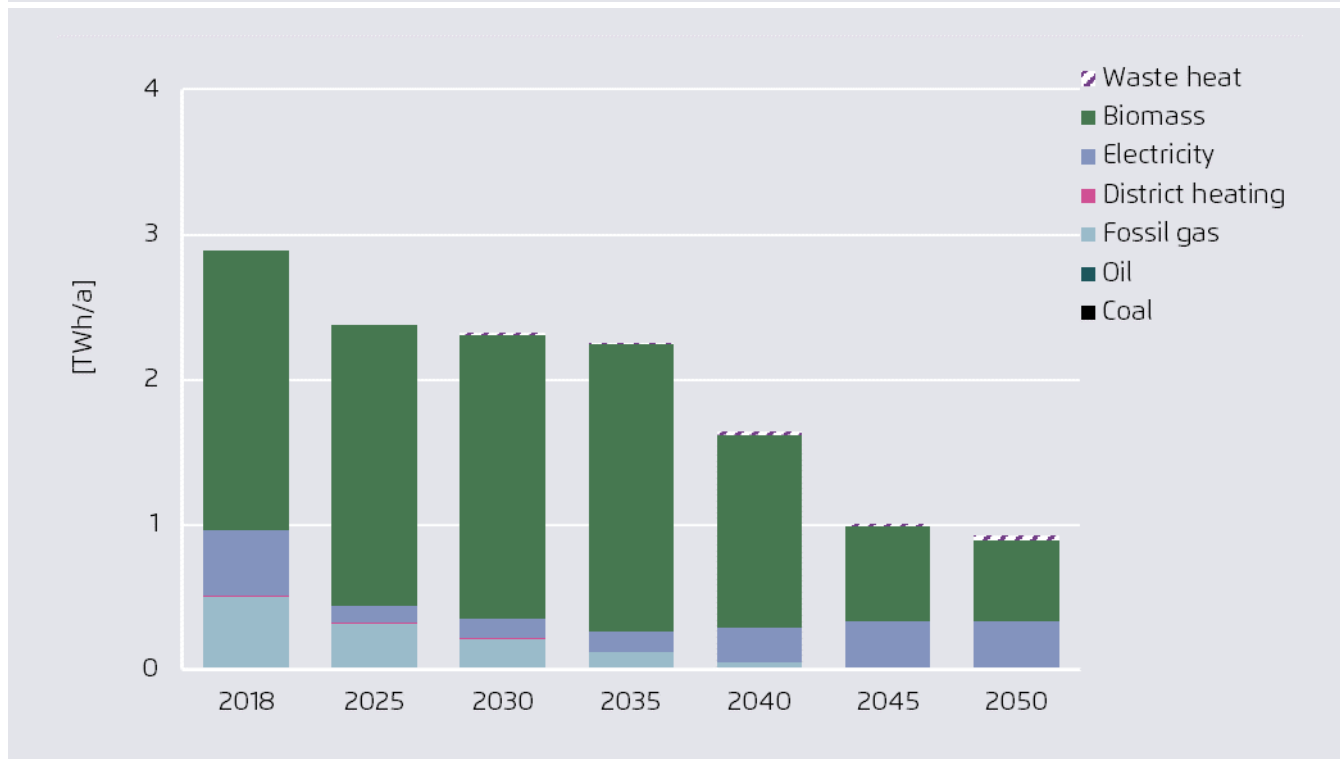


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- The strong efficiency increases in the sector are partly compensated by a strong economic growth, resulting in limited final energy demand decline: only 3% until 2030 and 8% by 2050 (excluding ambient and waste heat).
- The sub-sector can be close to fossil-gas free by 2040, phasing out oil and coal as well at the same time.
- Today, fossil gas is used mostly in low- and mid-temperature ranges (in heating and cooling, as well as the drying processes), especially in CHPs and steam production. Current technologies can be substituted by heat pumps making use of ambient heat and waste heat, the sub-sector having a large production of low temperature waste heat.
- Consequently, power demand scales up from about 46% to represent up to 70% of final energy demand (excluding ambient and waste heat) by 2050.
- Biomass and district heat use will increase slightly, though will remain a complementary technology in this sub-sector motivated by the local availability of these options.

Sub-sector transformation: Pulp & paper

Final energy demand in the manufacturing of pulp and paper, Bulgaria

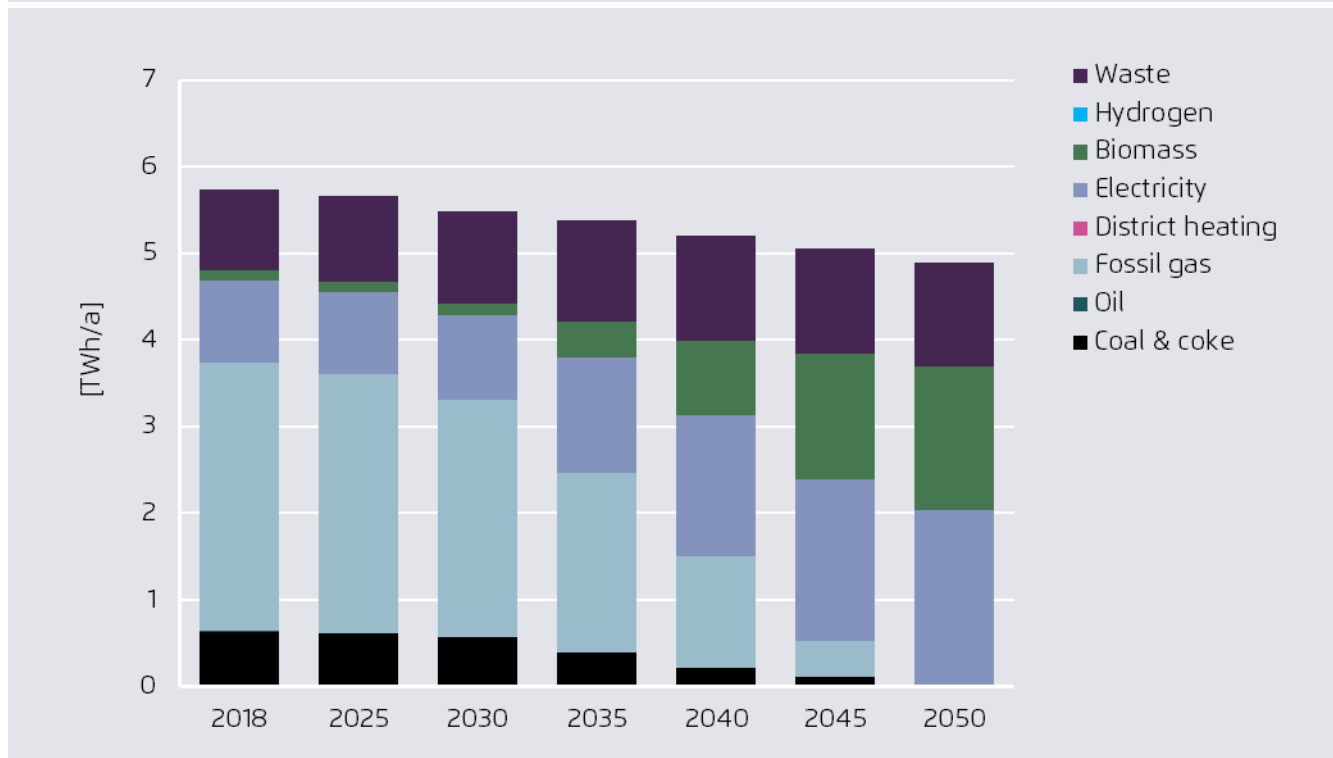


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- Thanks to efficiency increases and electrification, final energy demand declines by 20% by 2030 and 70% by 2050 (excluding waste heat).
- A relatively small fossil gas consumer compared to the other sub-sectors, it can be close to fossil-gas free by 2035.
- Fossil gas is used mostly in mid-temperature ranges for steam production, especially in the paper production process.
- Biomass represents about two-thirds of FED in the sub-sector today. Biomass will be heavily substituted by electric heat, which allows a shift of biomass use towards more efficient uses.
- Power demand will remain stable despite electrification thanks to efficiency increases. It will represent up to 37% of final energy demand by 2050, up from 16% in 2018 (excluding waste heat).

Sub-sector transformation: Non-metallic minerals

Final energy demand in the processing of non-metallic minerals, Bulgaria

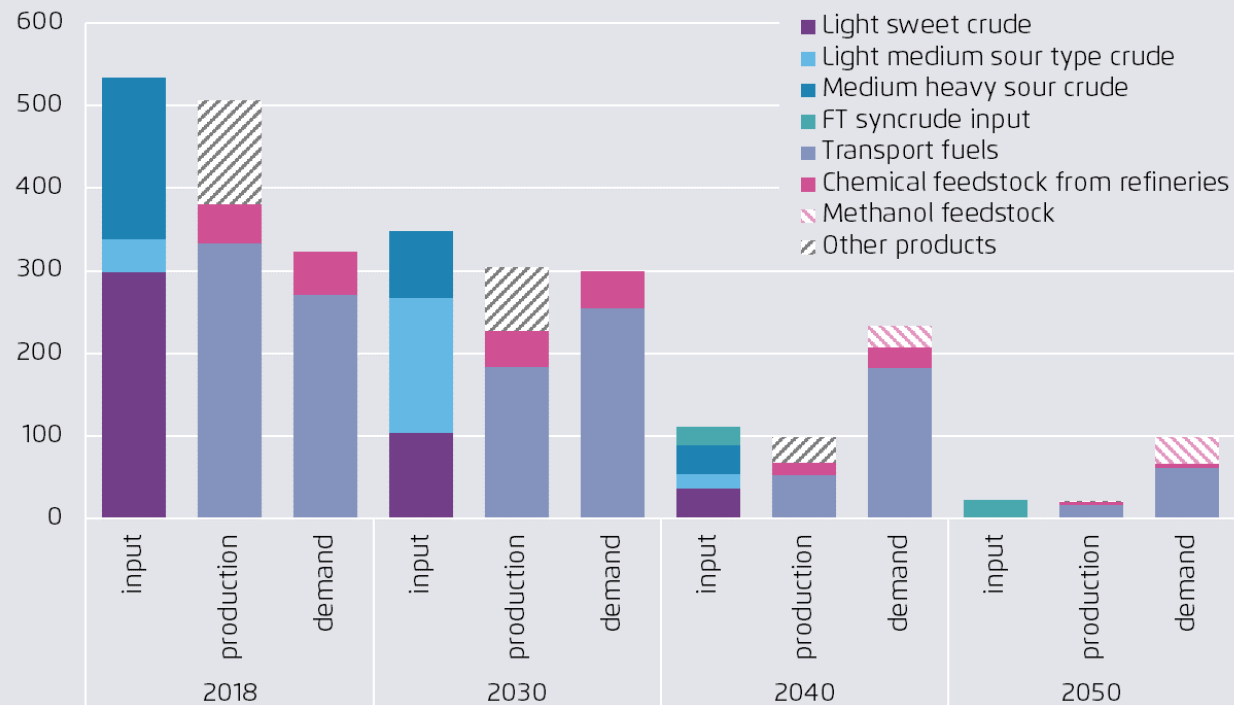


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- Final energy demand will decline steadily in this sub-sector to reach 15% by 2050. Due to the high temperature heat demands and production locations near to raw materials rather than to energy infrastructures, the non-metallic industry branch is really a hard-to-abate sector.
- Fossil gas demand will decline by only 12% by 2030. The bulk of its demand reduction will take place between 2030 and 2045, making this sub-sector the last one to phase out fossil gas. Coal, coke and oil will be almost phased out in parallel until 2045.
- Easy investments into technologies such as waste use are quickly made, but the further defossilisation of energy supply requires rather large investments into core technologies of the sector, i.e. in the ovens.
- Waste and biomass fired ovens are equipped with carbon capture wherever possible and (partial) electrification is fostered after 2030, especially in the glass or the cement industry (calcination). By 2050, renewable electricity represent 42% of FED, biomass 34% and waste 24%.

Sub-sector transformation: Refineries (EU level)

Refinery balance vs. fuel and feedstock demand in the EU-27

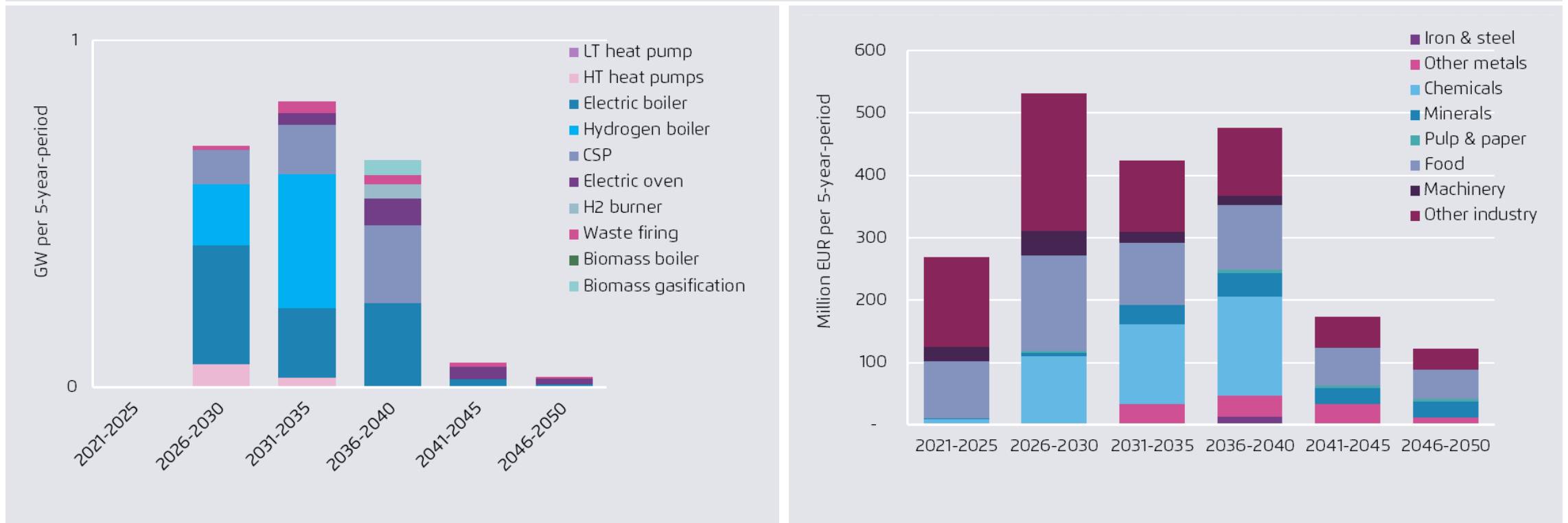


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- Europe has overcapacities in crude oil refining, but many refineries are old and not well integrated.
- A decline in hydrocarbon transport fuel demand should thus result in refinery closings or massive scale-downs, starting around 2030.
- Refinery closings together with a switch in crude oil supply to lighter feedstock improves the gas balance.
- The future of the European refining sector is still very open, but we assume a partial coverage of European remaining demands in aviation and shipping by domestic Fischer-Tropsch fuel production (synthetic fuels) at sweet spots on the Iberian Peninsula and smaller units at the North, Baltic and Black Sea.

Invest in fuel switch for heat supply

Investments in $GW_{thermal}$ (left) and billion Euros in the Bulgarian industry (right)*



Wuppertal Institute (2023) - *excl. investments in new technologies such as DRI plants, new steam crackers or oxyfuel cement clinker ovens

Buildings:

***Methodology and
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Buildings: Scope

- Includes energy used inside the building, e.g. for heating, hot water, cooking, lighting, appliances
- Final energy:
 - Delivered by the gas, electricity or district heating grid, by delivery of fuels.
 - Ambient Heat: tapped by heat pumps from air (air/air or air/water heat pumps), ground/geothermal (brine/water heat pumps) and water (water/water heat pumps). Thus, shallow geothermal heat pumps are included.
- Electricity consumption for heat pumps is accounted separately from ambient heat.
- Electricity:
 - Heat applications (e.g. heat pumps, direct electric heating) and other appliances (e.g. lighting)
 - Electric consumption of lighting decreasing due to further diffusion of LED and installation of day-light and occupancy controls in the residential and tertiary sectors.
 - Moderate reduction of electric consumption for household, ICT and other appliances as well as for building technologies.

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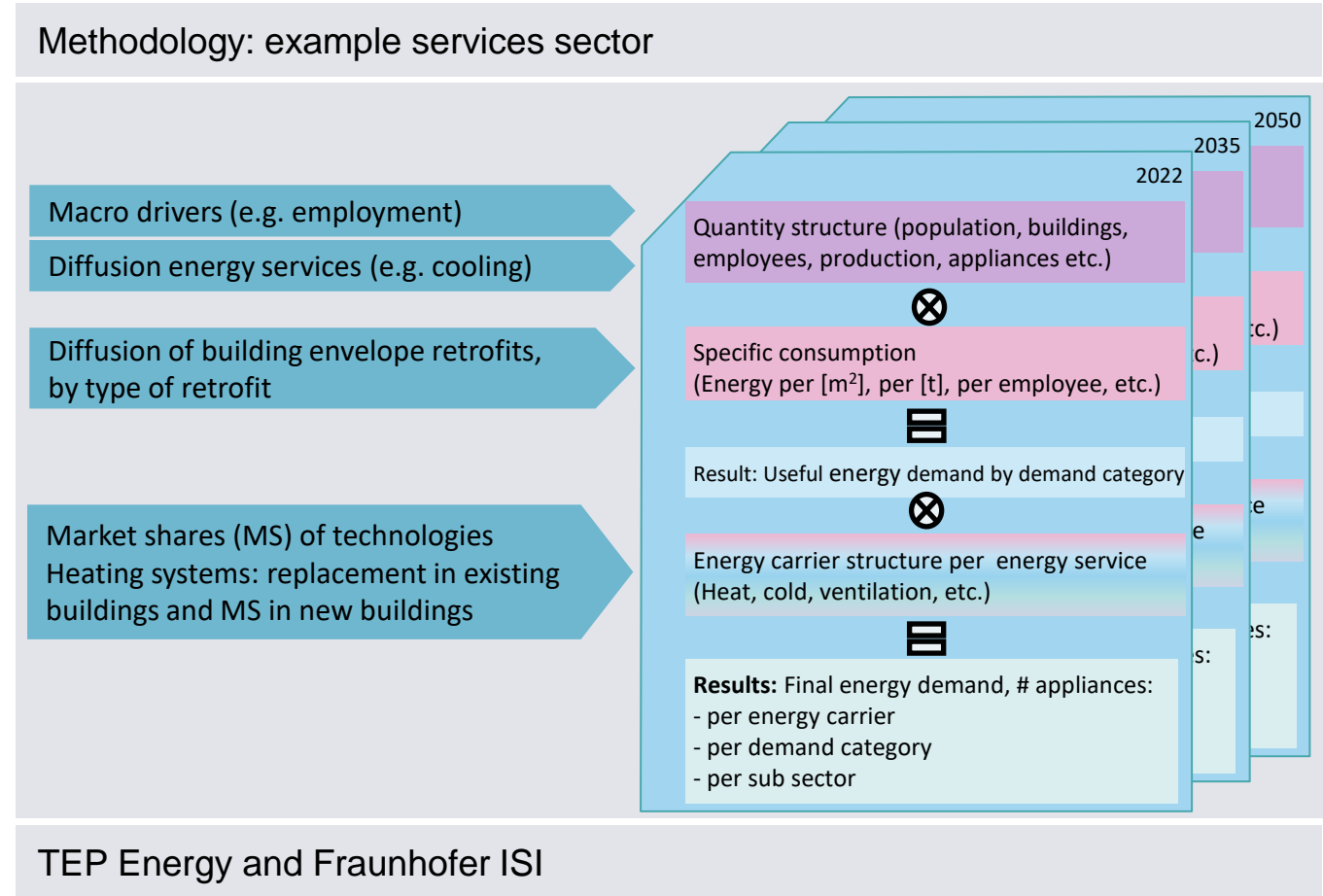
Main input parameters residential sector

	Residential sector
Main drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No of households - Building area [m²] by type of building and by age class
Prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy prices - Taxes
Technology data	<p>Building related data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insulation levels - Heating system efficiency - Heating system and envelop retrofit costs - Lifetime <p>Appliance data by efficiency class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market share - Specific energy consumption, Standby power and hours - Lifetime

Source: TEP Energy and Fraunhofer ISI

- Energy consumption and emissions driven by
 - Structure and condition of the current building and heating systems stock
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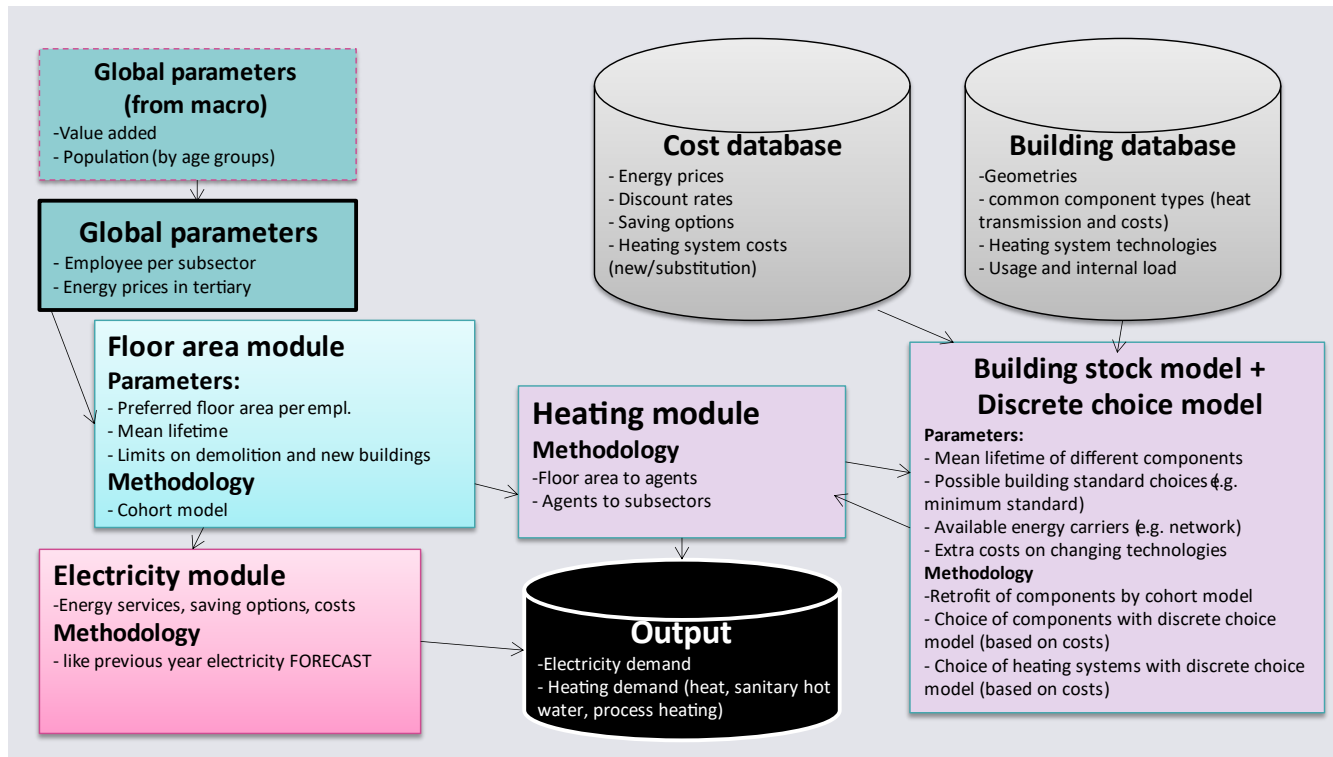
- Population, number of employees
- Specific floor area per employee or person
- Detailed building stock data:
 - 2+8 building typologies, 5 age classes
 - 4 building elements: walls, windows, roof, basement
 - Building codes per building element
 - Investment & life-cycle costs of refurbishment measures
 - 12+ different heating technologies, incl. costs per technology and replacement type
- Energy carrier prices, carbon prices, energy taxes and other policy instruments (codes and standards, subsidies, tax incentives, bans/mandatory requirements)
- Potentials and limitations: decentralized (thermal) Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and central district heating, infrastructure (cost curve) based on fundamentals gained in other projects (including spatial and topological analysis)
- Calibrated to Eurostat final energy demand for residential and tertiary sector

Output

- Final energy demand per energy carrier (including district heating) and country, per year
- Specific heat demand per m² energy reference area
- Energy related CO₂ and greenhouse gas emissions
- Investment costs for refurbishment measures, heating technologies and district heating infrastructure and heat generation
- Installation rates for heating systems and envelope retrofit measures

FORECAST Model – Focus Buildings Sector

Model and data base

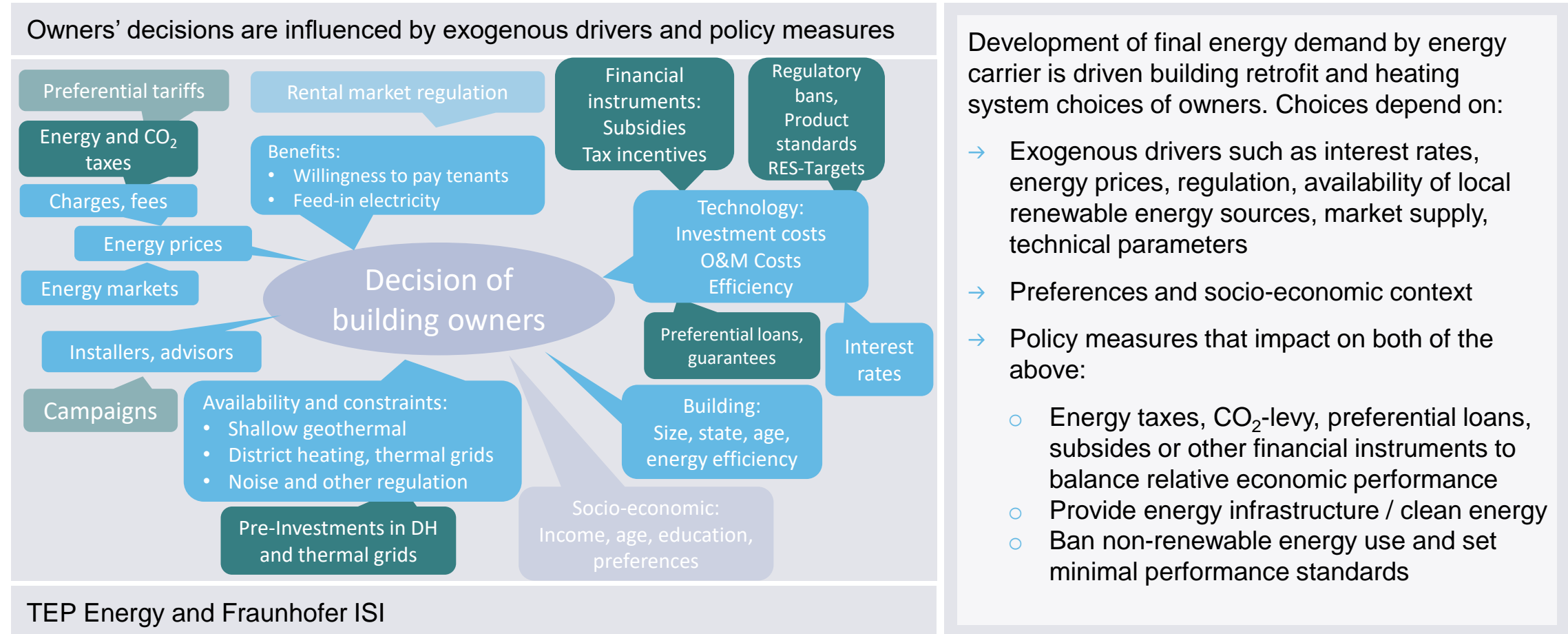


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Scope

- Residential, services (and industry) sector buildings final heating demand per fuel type, incl. district heating, electricity, fossil gas, hydrogen and biogas, fuel oil and renewable sources
- Development of the building stock in terms of specific heat energy demand differentiated for new and refurbished buildings
- Integration of remaining carbon budgets and emission reduction targets for all countries
- Focus on nine core countries with respect to assumptions (national policies, national targets)

FORECAST Model – Decision modelling



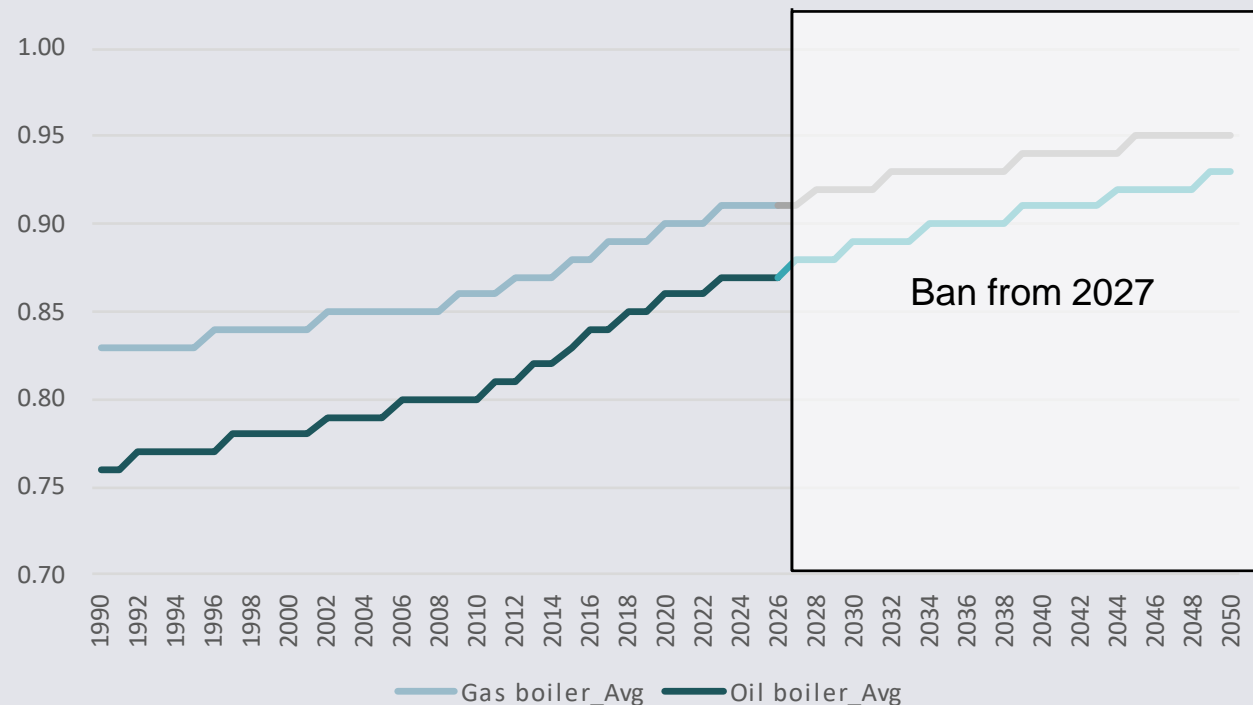
Legend: Exogenous drivers Policy measures

Key policy assumptions for buildings

- **Fossil fuel subsidies:** No explicit fossil fuel subsidies enabled in the modelling.
- **Carbon pricing:** CO₂ price of 39 €/tCO₂ in 2027 rising to 49 €/tCO₂ in 2030 and 200 €/tCO₂ in 2040 to reflect an EU emissions trading system for building and transport fuels.
- **Efficiency in buildings:** High energy efficiency standards for the thermal envelope of new construction and existing buildings in line with reinvestment cycles for components. However, no explicit modelling of minimum energy performance standards.
- **Fossil fuels in new buildings:** No fossil fuels allowed in new buildings from 1 January 2027.
- **Fossil heating in existing buildings:** Modelling assumptions simulating ecodesign & energy labelling rules that restrict the installation of fossil heating appliances from 1 January 2027.
- **Coal heating phase-out:** Country specific coal phase-out dates in district heating and individual boilers before 2035.
- **Fossil cooking phase-out:** Phase out of fossil fuels in cooking appliances by 31 December 2030.

Key assumptions: Phase out of stand-alone fossil fuel boilers

Efficiency of heating system

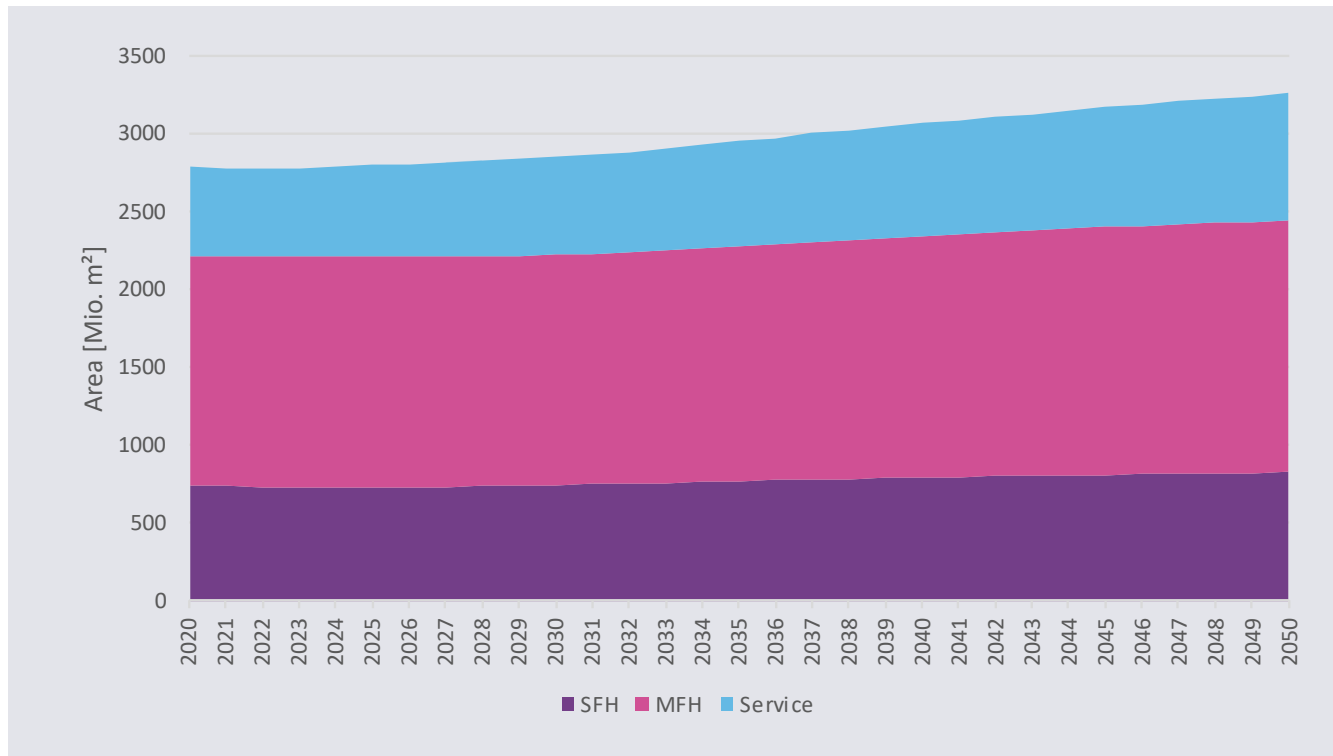


- Ban of stand-alone fossil fuel boilers from 2027 based on boiler efficiency values, simulating a revision of Ecodesign rules for heating appliances currently under discussion.
- The rule is assumed to only apply to new installations, not existing ones.
- The efficiency values for heating appliances are based on lower calorific value and an average over all countries and includes distribution losses in the building.
- The modelling also assumes reduced *willingness to pay* for fossil fuel boilers before the ban to reflect the impact of the war in Ukraine.

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Key assumptions: Households and floor area

Floor area by building type in Italy

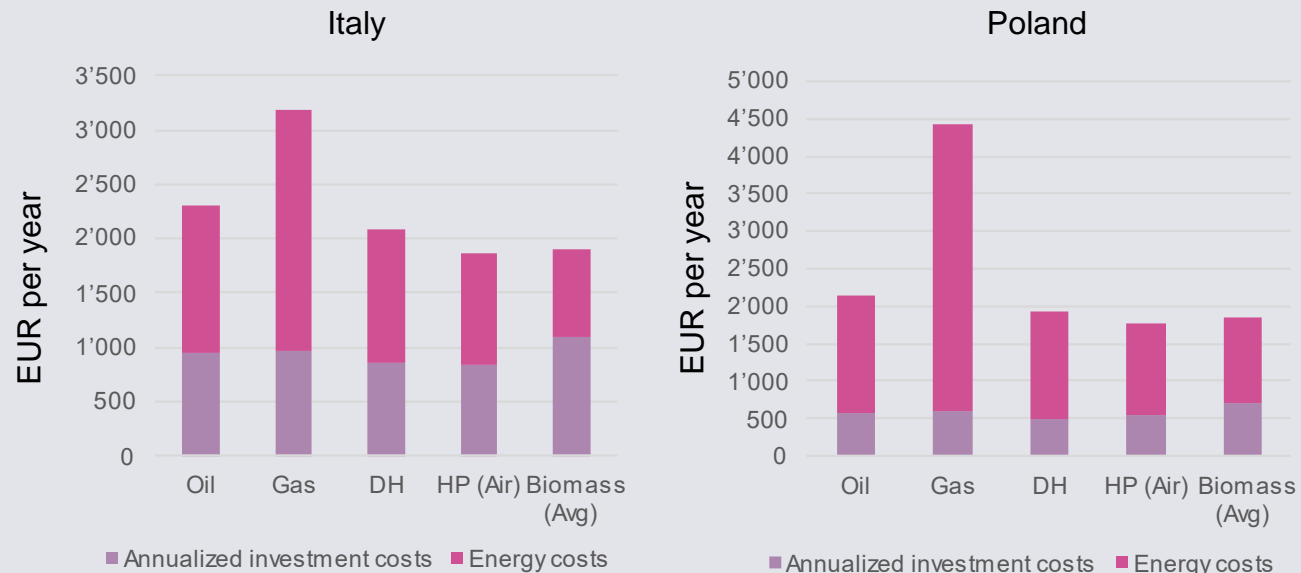


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- Floor area is based on values per occupant (residential sector, single and multi-family homes) resp. per employee (service sector).
- Development of population stems from demographic forecasts
- Employment is based on macro-economic data that forms the basis of the simulation model.
- Resulting total floor area increases by 17% between 2020 and 2050

Key assumptions: Economics and policy of heating system changes

Annualized heat generation costs in single family house: heating system change 2025 –
Example of **Italy and Poland**



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Ranking of heat generation costs of individual heating systems depend on

- Investment costs of heating systems (by country)
- Interest rate
- Technical efficiency
- Willingness to pay
- Relative energy prices, including taxes, by country
 - Ratio of electricity price and fuel prices
 - Favourable for heat pumps: ratio <3

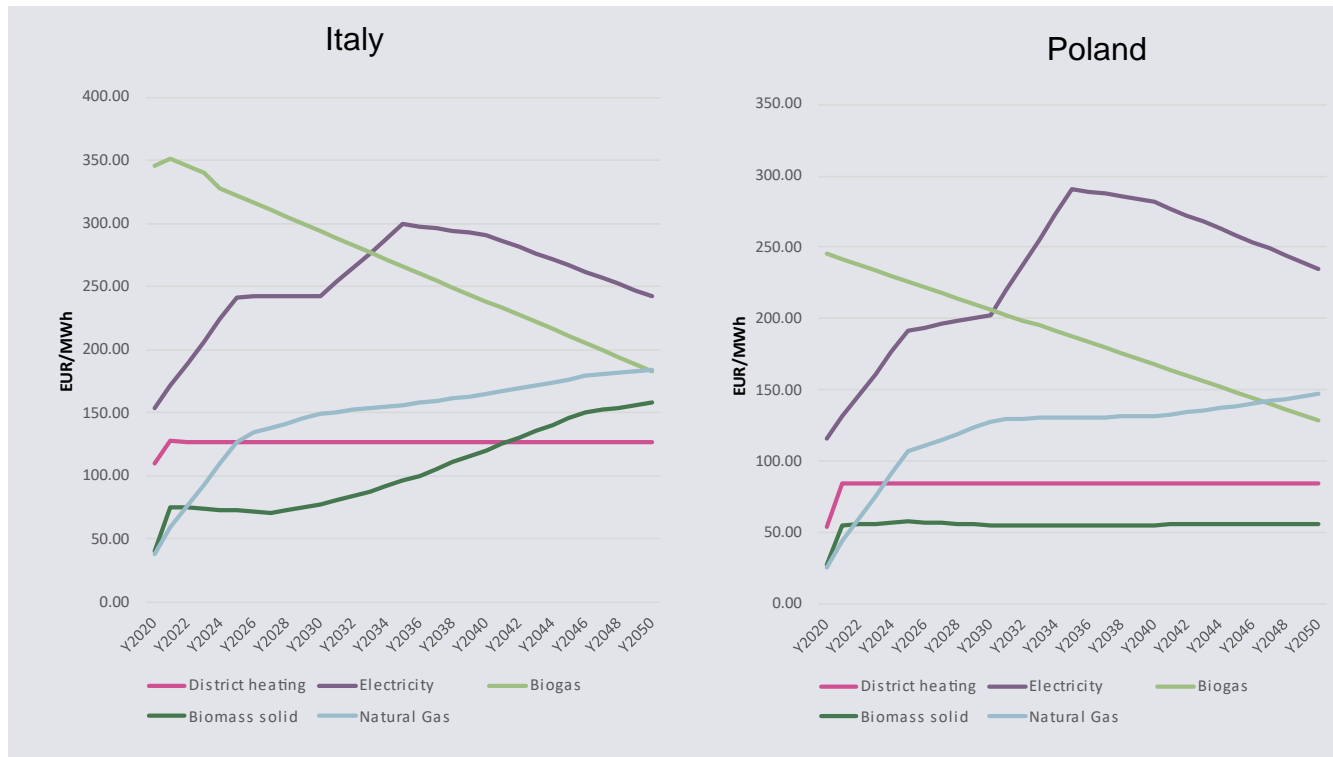
Policy measures to foster heat pump market take-up considered include:

Quality assurance (efficiency, noise, quality of installation), preferential tariffs, incorporate heat pump in building standards and labels

- Annualized costs are quite similar across systems using renewable energy sources (and less costly with high energy prices)

Key assumptions: Energy prices and technology data

Exemplary energy prices from **Italy and Poland**, in the residential sector - with taxes, distribution, etc.



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Energy prices

- Consumer prices are derived from assumptions on energy commodity prices (whole-sale prices)
- Electricity: underlying energy commodity prices consistent with results from the simulation of the energy sector.

Technology data

- Technical and economic parameters of the different heating systems are defined in the simulation framework of FORECAST.
- This data is used and updated in numerous European projects (e.g. sEEnergies, Building Market Briefs - BMB).

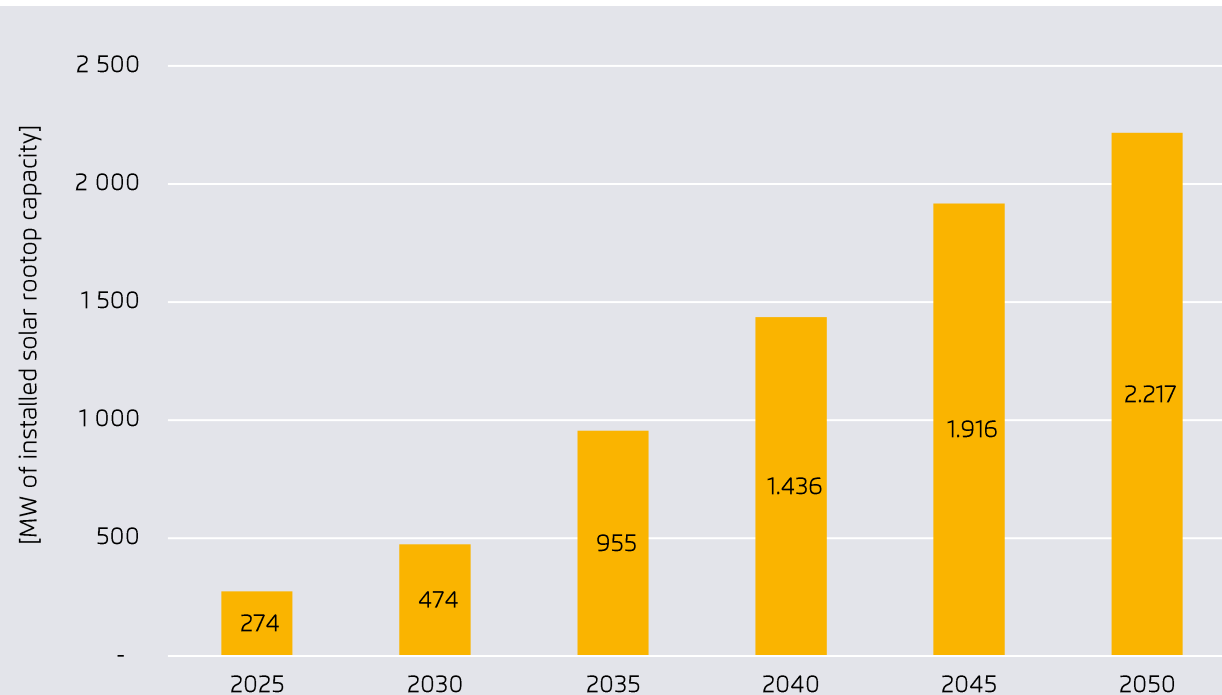
Buildings:

Results



Deep dive: Solar rooftop PV

Installed solar rooftop PV capacity (in MW) – Bulgaria



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- Installed solar rooftop capacity and generation grows rapidly, especially after 2030:
 - 0.47 GW (2030); 1.4 GW (2040); 2.2 GW (2050)
 - 0.7 TWh (2030); 1.8 TWh (2040); 2.8 TWh (2050)
- Rooftop solar is expected to represent 17-24% of total solar capacity and generation
- Rooftop PV generation is on an aggregate yearly balance able to cover a small-moderate share of electricity consumption in buildings :
 - (%) total electricity demand in buildings (excl EVs): 3% (2030); 9% (2040); 14% (2050)
 - (%) of electricity for heating, cooling & ventilation: 7% (2030); 22% (2040); 33% (2050)

District Heating (DH): Methodology and assumptions

District heat: is it useful, is it needed and if yes, why?

Two types of motivation for the use & expansion of district heating

→ Positive motivation:

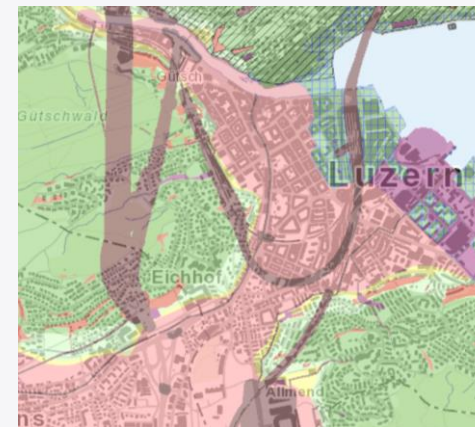
- Favourable energy density
- Low-cost solution for building owners (depending on the price model of utilities)
- Few actors to decarbonise building stock

→ Decentralized systems

- Renewable energy potentials limited
- Constraints: space, noise
- Might be more costly (e.g. to thermally recover geothermal borehole heat exchanger, to implement noise protection measures)
- A lot of actors (building owners) to be convinced

Two examples of constraints for decentralized heating systems

Borehole HP not allowed in ground-water areas



Air/water HP emit noise in and need space



Topology resulting from spatial energy analysis

Example: Municipalities in Switzerland with more than 10'000 inhabitants

	Share of energy floor area
Only thermal grids (decentral solutions constraint)	23 %
Thermal grids & decentral solutions (geothermal, air)	63 %
Decentral solutions: geothermal <u>and</u> air	6 %
Decentral solutions: only air	2 %
Decentral solutions: only geothermal	4 %
None of them	2 %
Total	100 %

Settlement structure (urban/rural topology, linear energy demand density), renewable energy source availability and legal/technical limitation determine feasible solutions.

Spatial energy analysis: topology of centralized/non-centralized options.

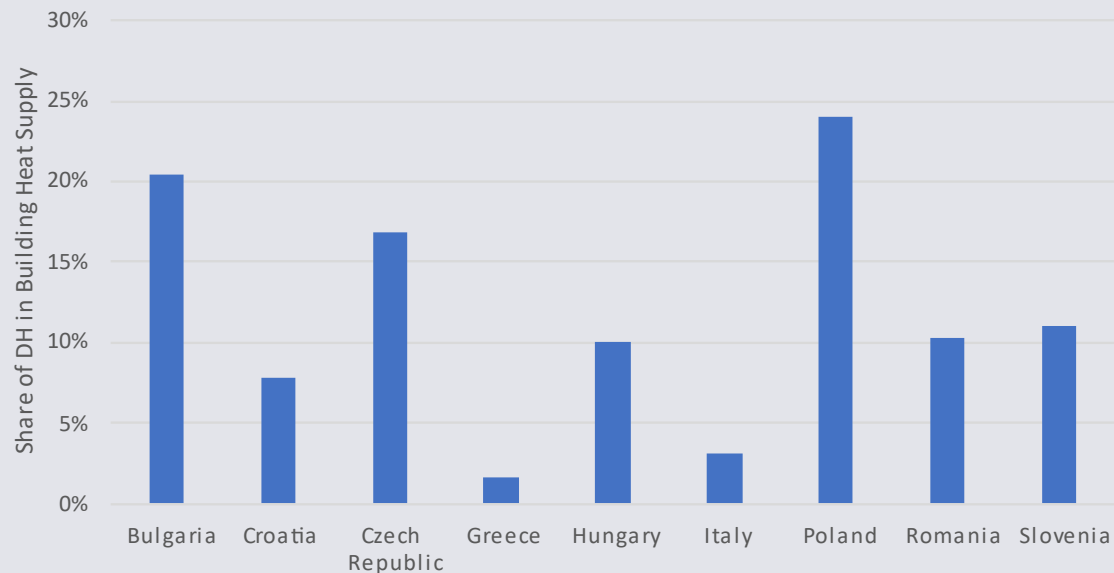
Results (example Switzerland):

- In about two thirds allow of the floor area several options (grid and non-grid) are feasible (at medium thermal grid distribution costs)
- District heating almost exclusive approach to bring thermal energy in cities (if gas grids are phase-out): about 20% to 25% of the building stock in municipalities > 10'000 inh.
- About 10% only decentralized systems

Source: TEP Energy modelling (2021), table adopted Prognos/Infras/TEP 2021 (Technical report about the Energy Perspectives 2050+ on behalf of the Swiss Federal Office of Energy)

District heating (DH): starting from very different situations

Share of district heating at Building Heat Supply in 2020

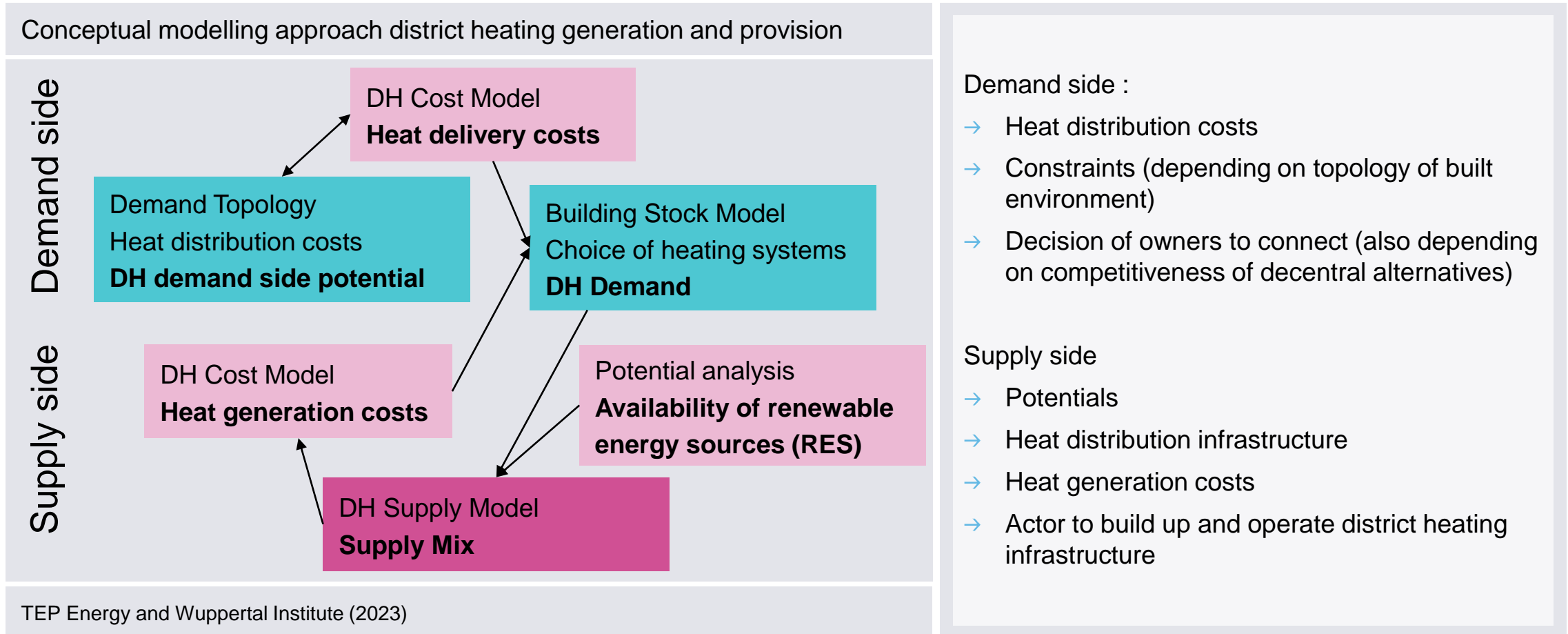


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Two types of countries (focus on 9 national partners):

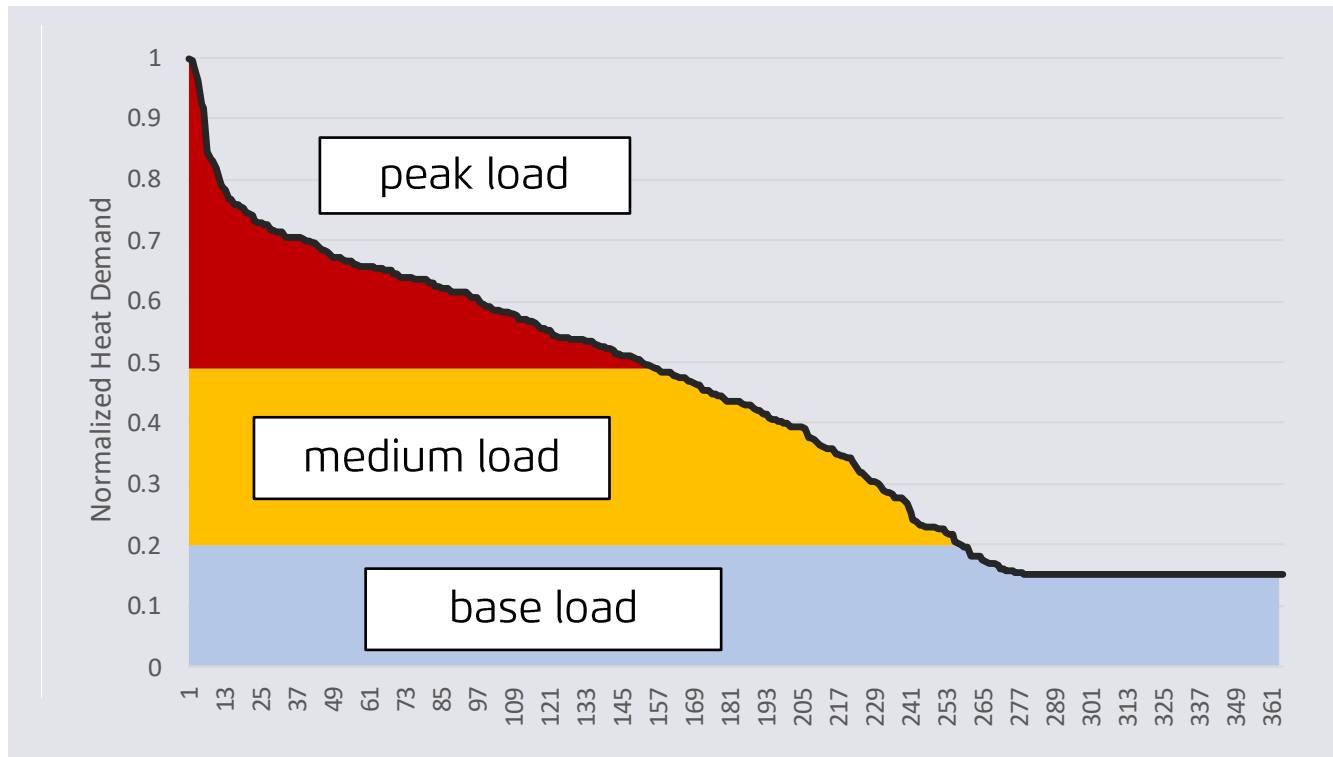
- Historical experience countries (PL, CZ, BG) :
 - to lower district heating temperature to accommodate RES
 - to get DH provision more efficient
 - to keep and slightly increase district heating coverage
- “Newcomer” countries with a current share of about 10% or less (IT, GR, HR, HU, RO, SI):
 - to increase district heating coverage
 - mainly in cities where decentralized renewable energy systems are a challenge (limited potentials, noise restriction, env. protection)

District heating modelling: demand and supply



District heating modelling: conceptual approach

Illustration of assumed heat supply logic



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- The district heating supply modelling covers the full mix of technologies needed to cover the heat supply for base and peak load.
- Heat pumps, solar thermal, geothermal and waste are assumed to be covering the base load.
- Peak load is assumed to be provided by gaseous energy carriers and direct electric applications for a yearly energy share of 15-20%.
- Hydrogen and biogas/biomethane are assumed to be used in district heating as peak load technologies.
- Solid biomass is assumed to be covering a medium range of heat supply between base load and peak load.

District heating: results



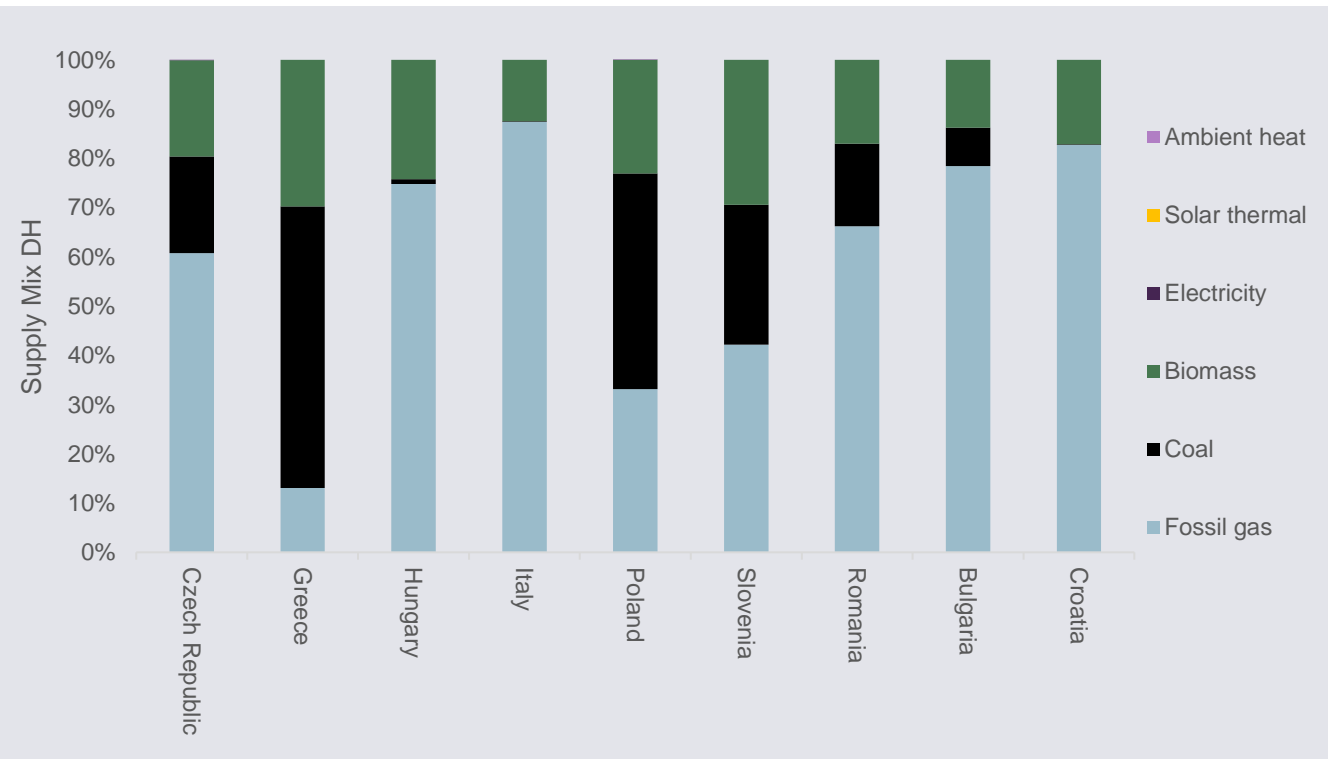


District heat: Background note for interpreting the results

- Includes energy that is used on site in heat generation for district heating. Grid losses are included.
- Includes heat generation from combined heat and power (CHP) and heat processes
- Ambient Heat in district heating is the source for heat pumps and can be from the air (air/air or air/water heat pumps) or from the ground or ground water (water/water heat pumps)
- Deep geothermal heat that can be used for district heating without the need of heat pumps is accounted separately.
- Electricity for heat applications is shown, whereas primary energy for producing electricity is balanced in the energy sector.
- In some cases, country specific restrictions (via limits to consumer *willingness to pay*) based on expert judgement were applied to avoid overshooting the deployment potentials for district heating. Without adjusting the model assumptions, district heating would not be competitive to other heating systems in some countries.

District heating generation: starting from very different situations

Share of district heating energy provision mix



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Starting from very different situations

- In the starting year, fossil gas was dominant in most deep-dive countries, yet at quite different levels: mostly 30% to 90% (except for Greece)
- Coal important in some countries (Poland, Slovakia, CZ varying from 20% to more than 40%) and very important in Greece
- Biomass (mostly solid) account for 10% to 30%
- Ambient heat / heat pumps and solar thermal are negligible in district heating generation