



# Towards climate neutral ( $H_2$ ) cities

**Dr. Andreas Poullikkas**

*M.Phil, Ph.D, D.Tech, FIET*

**Chairman, Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority**

[apoullikkas@cera.org.cy](mailto:apoullikkas@cera.org.cy)

# Contents



- EU energy strategy – towards 2050
- RePowerEU plan – phase out dependency on Russian fossil fuels
- The role of H<sub>2</sub> in energy transition – long-term scenarios from carbon economy to hydrogen economy
- National H<sub>2</sub> strategies – towards 2030-2050

# EU energy strategy towards 2050

# Energy transition

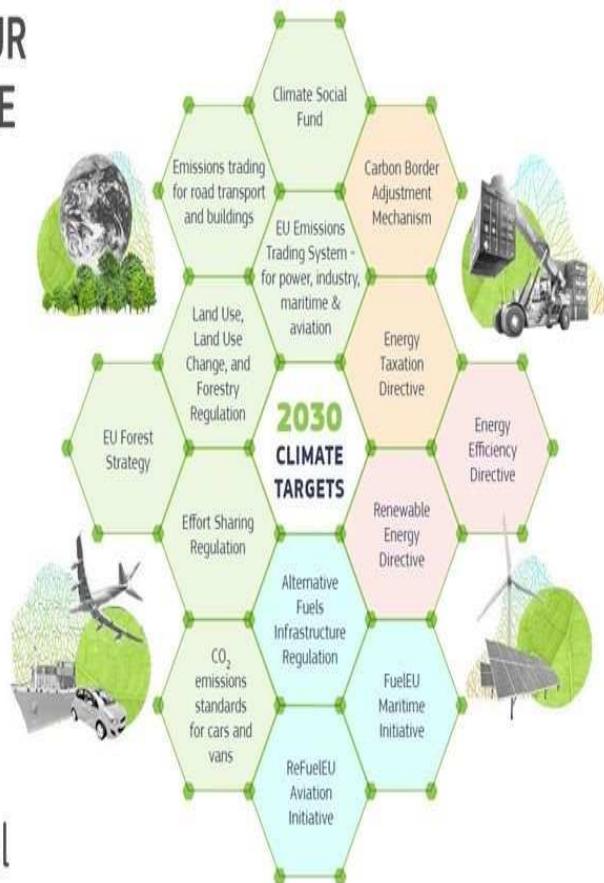
- greenhouse gas reduction
  - EU: climate neutral by 2050
- sustainable production and consumption
- competition in electricity and natural gas markets
- security of supply



# The EU Green Deal and Fit-for-55

## EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

REACHING OUR  
2030 CLIMATE  
TARGETS



#EUGreenDeal

...to reach our targets in a:

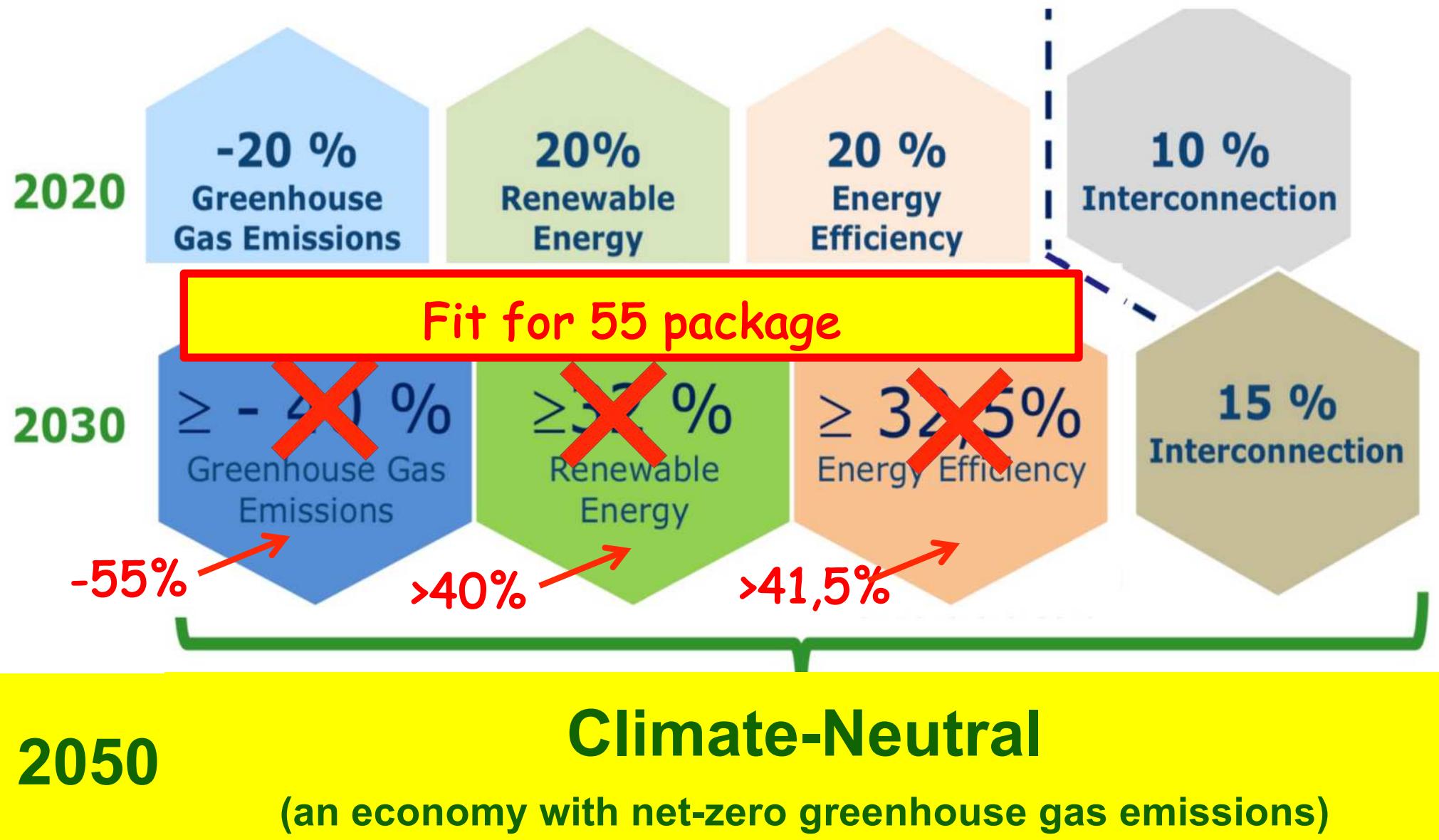
- socially fair
- cost-efficient
- competitive



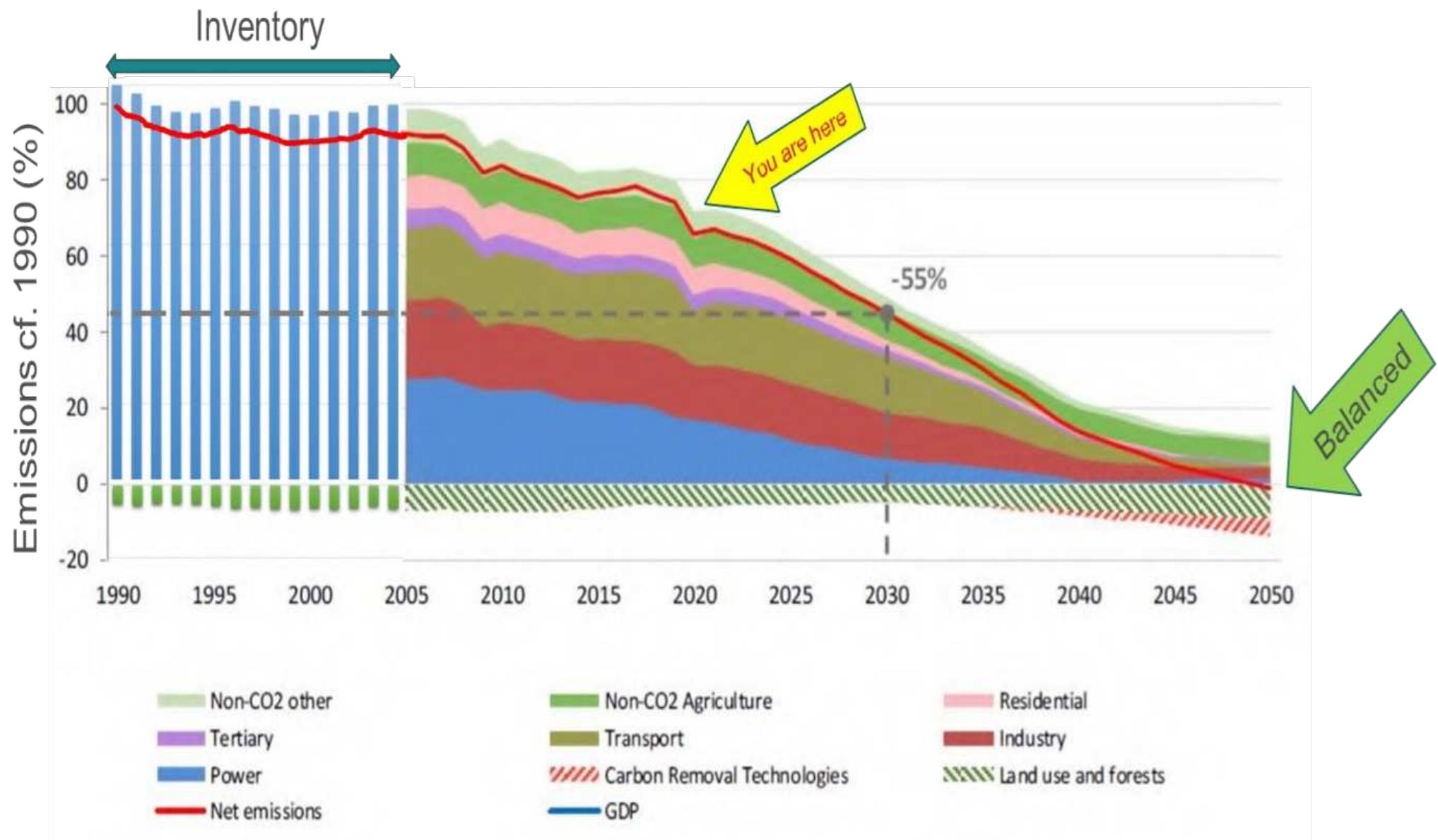
European  
Commission

way...

# EU medium and long term targets



# Fit-for-55 strategy



# CERA Energy Transition Regulatory Decisions



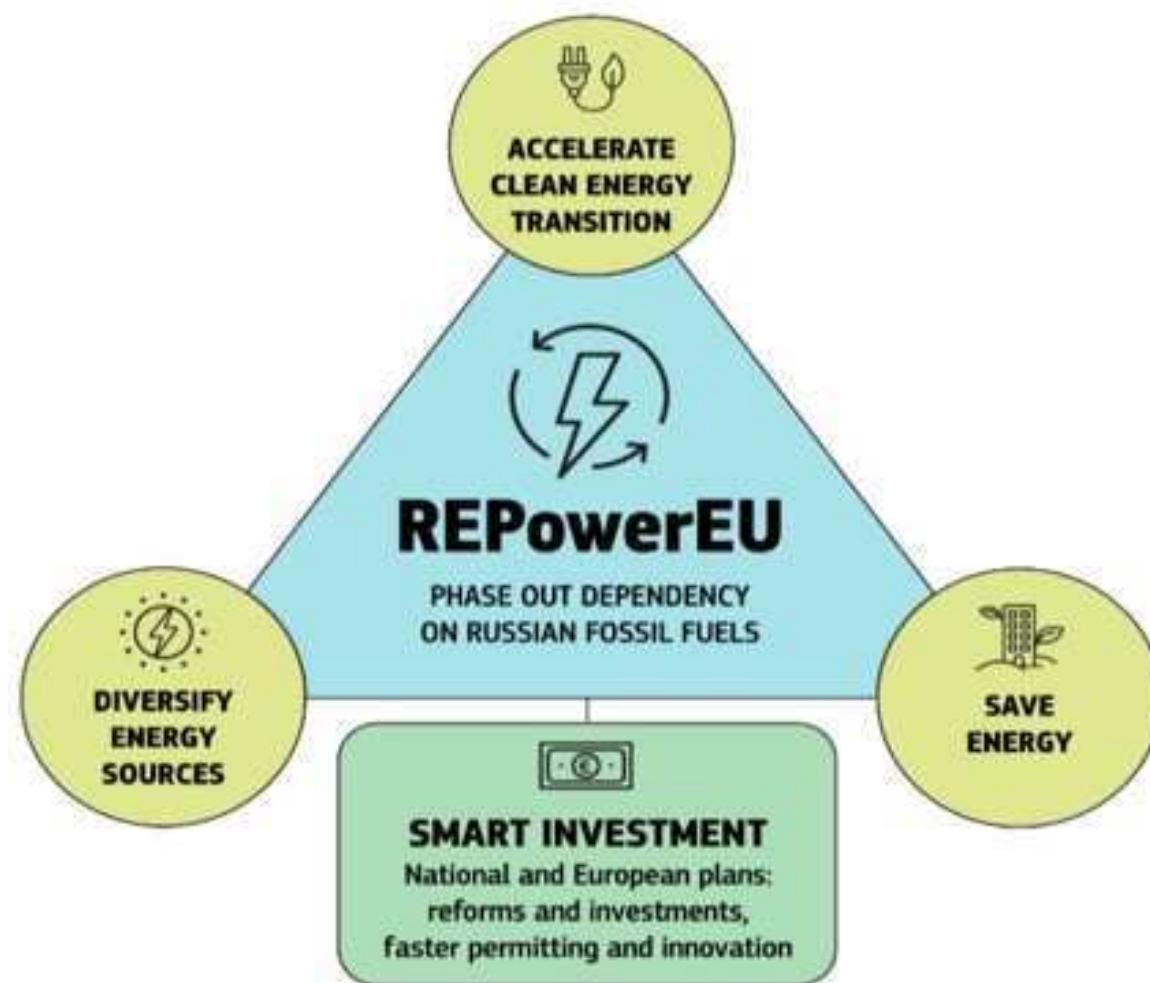
- **Regulatory Decision 01/2017 (ΚΔΠ 34/2017): A detailed schedule for the implementation of EU electricity market target model**
- **Regulatory Decision 02/2018 (ΚΔΠ 259/2018): The mass installation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure including smartmeters to all electricity consumers**
- **Regulatory Decision 02/2019 (ΚΔΠ 204/2019): The establishment of basic principles of a regulatory framework for the operation of electricity storage systems in the wholesale electricity market**
- **Regulatory Decision 03/2019 (ΚΔΠ 224/2019): The redesign of the power grid to become smart and bi-directional in order to allow integration of large quantities of renewable energy sources in combination with energy storage systems**

# **RePowerEU plan**

## **phase out dependency on Russian fossil fuels**

# RePowerEU plan\*

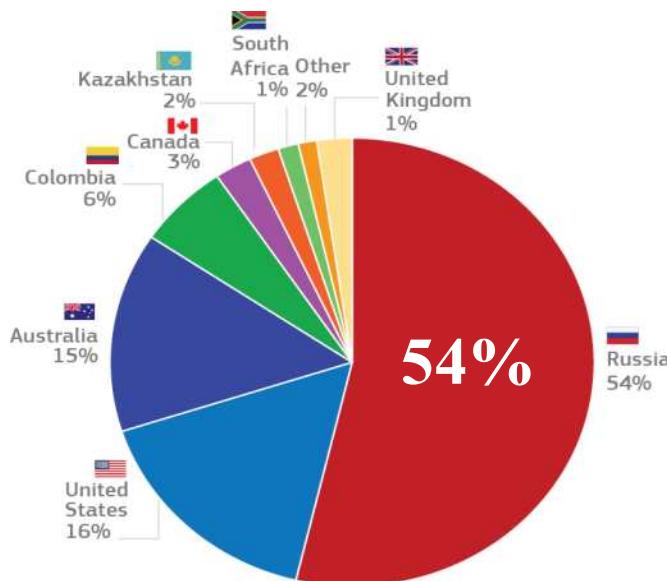
## Phase out dependency on Russian fossil fuels



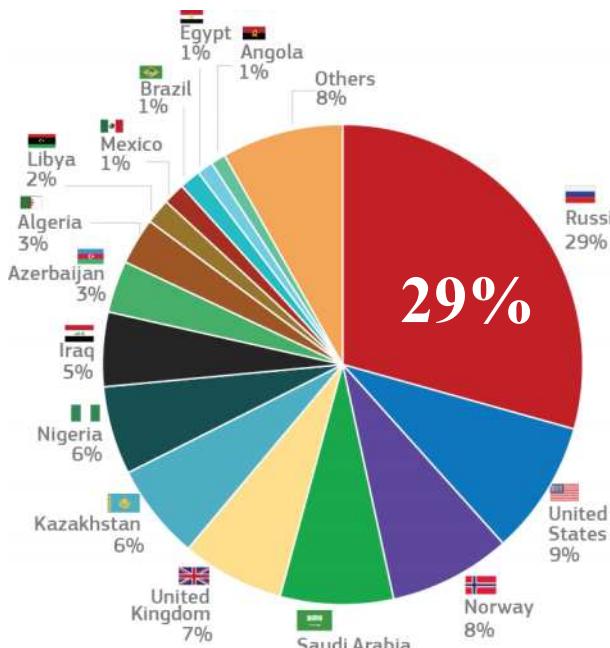
\* *RePowerEU Plan, EU, 2022*

# EU energy import dependency on Russia (year 2021)

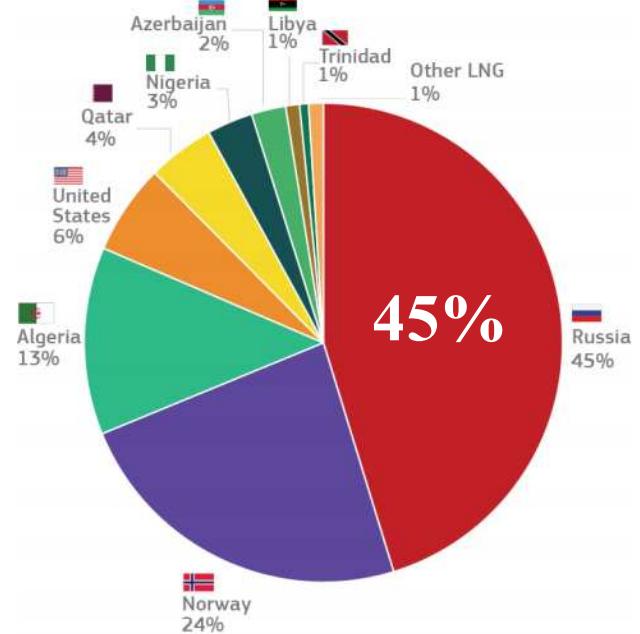
## Coal



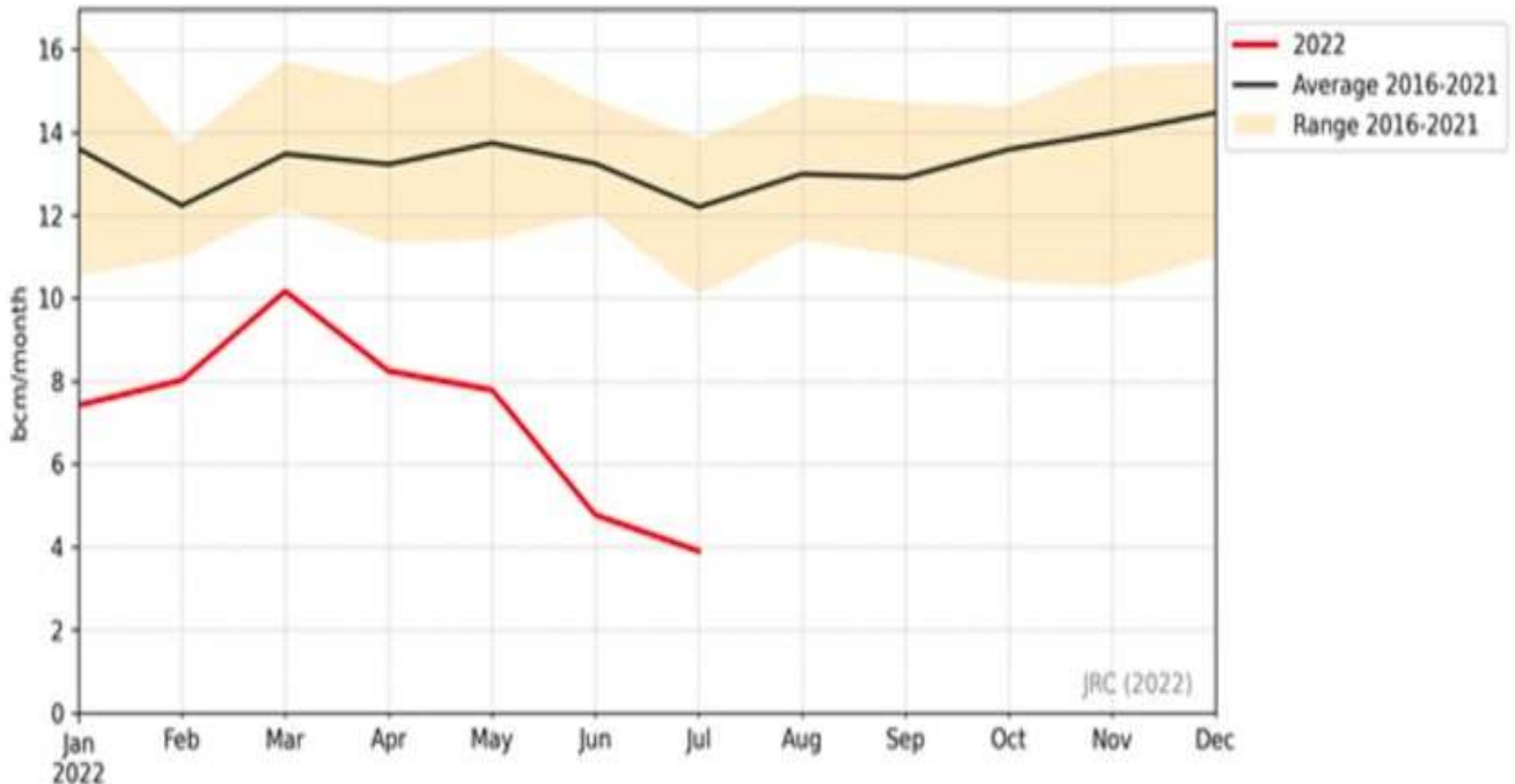
## Oil



## Natural gas (pipe and LNG)

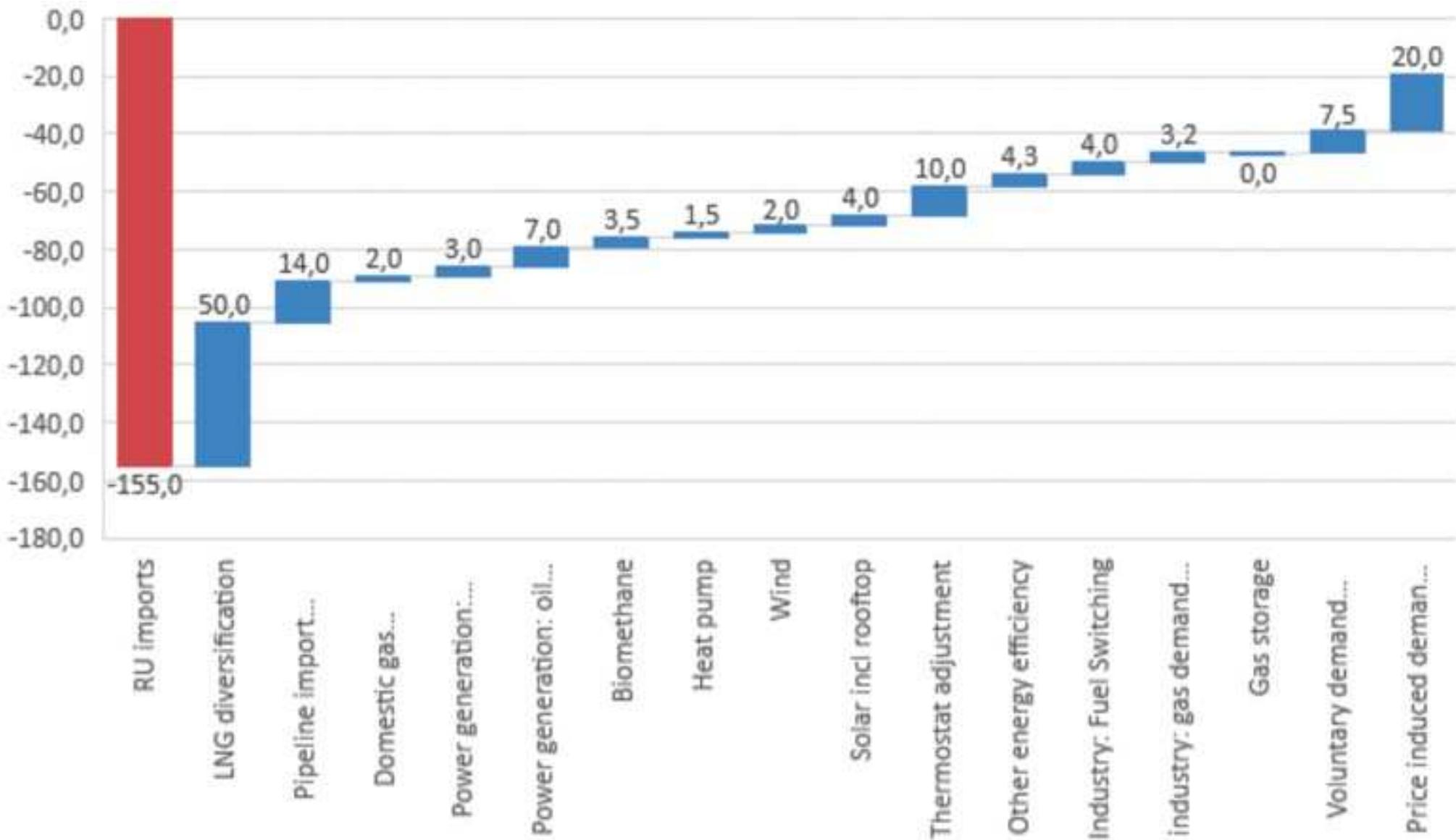


# Flows from Russian gas in 2022\*



\* Save Gas for Safe Winter, EU, 2022

# Measures to bridge the gap\*



\* Save Gas for Safe Winter, EU, 2022

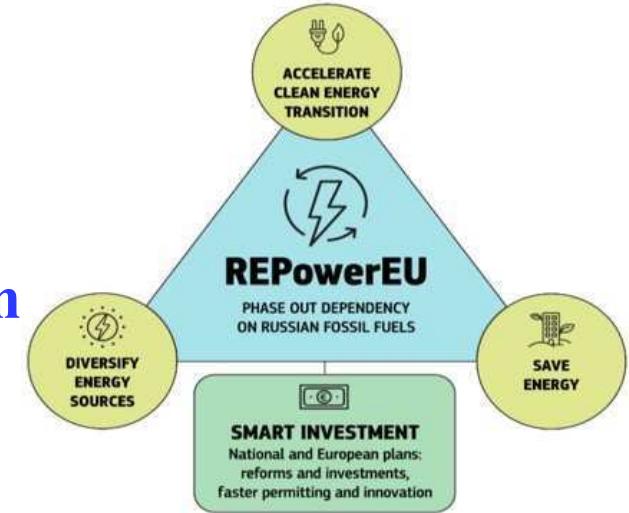
# RePowerEU plan\*

- Phase out EU dependency on Russian gas, oil and coal imports
  - accelerating the reduction of overall reliance on fossil fuels
  - diversifying supplies through the use of LNG
  - further developing a hydrogen market for Europe
  - speeding up the development of renewables
  - completing and improving the interconnection of European gas and electricity networks and fully synchronising power grids throughout the EU
  - monitoring and optimising the functioning of the electricity market
  - Energy savings

\* RePowerEU Plan, EU, 2022

# REPowerEU: from goals to actions

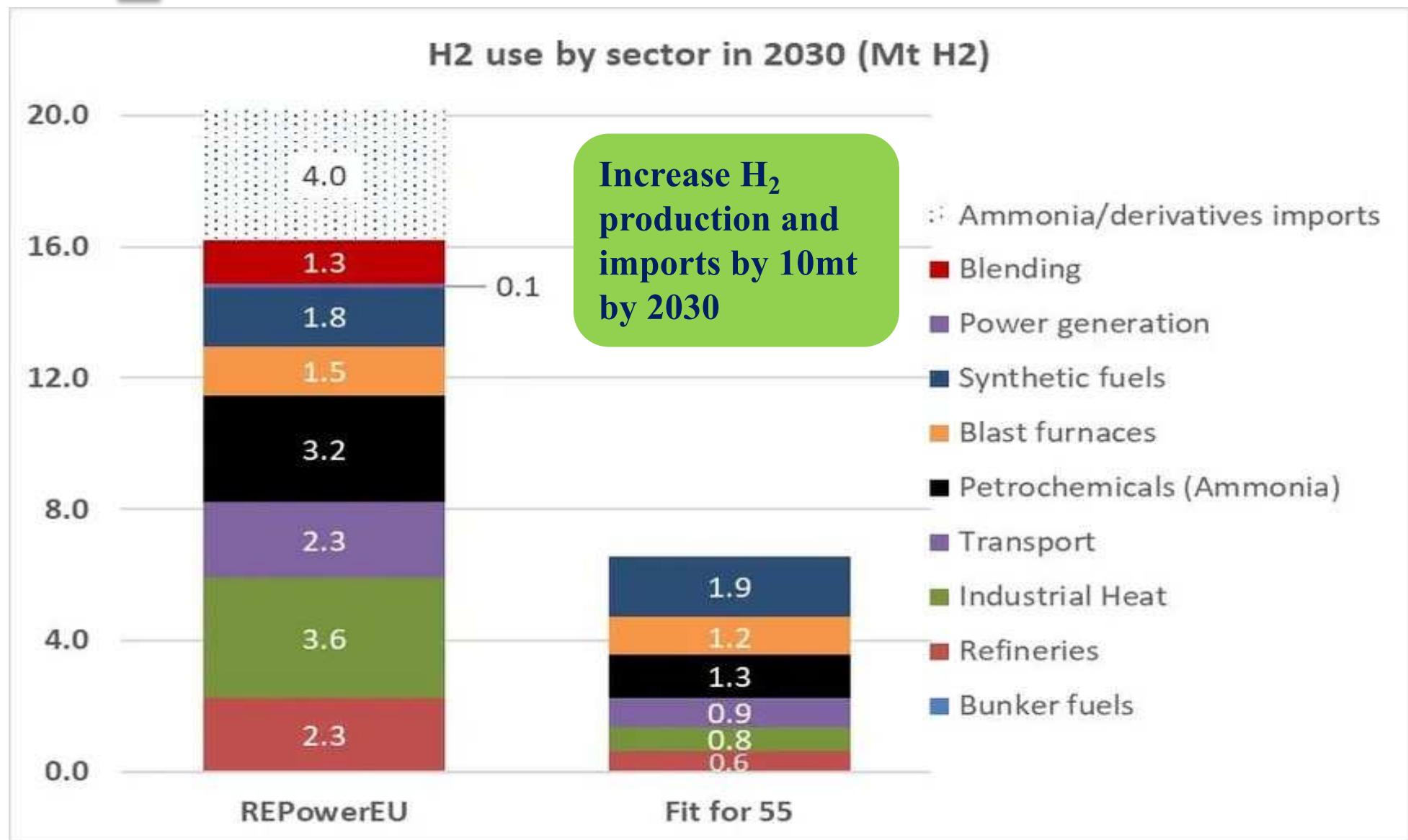
- Independence from Russian fossil fuels by 2027
- Increase imports of LNG by 50 bcm
- Increase pipeline natural gas imports by 10 bcm
- Increase biomethane production by 3.5 bcm
- EU-wide energy saving to cut gas demand by 14 bcm
- Rooftop solar to reduce gas demand by 2.5 bcm
- Heat pumps to reduce gas demand by 1.5 bcm
- Reduce gas demand in the power sector by 20 bcm by deployment of wind and solar



Increase the target of renewable energy from 40% to 45% by 2030

Increase the target of energy savings from 9% to 13% by 2030

# H<sub>2</sub> accelerator\*



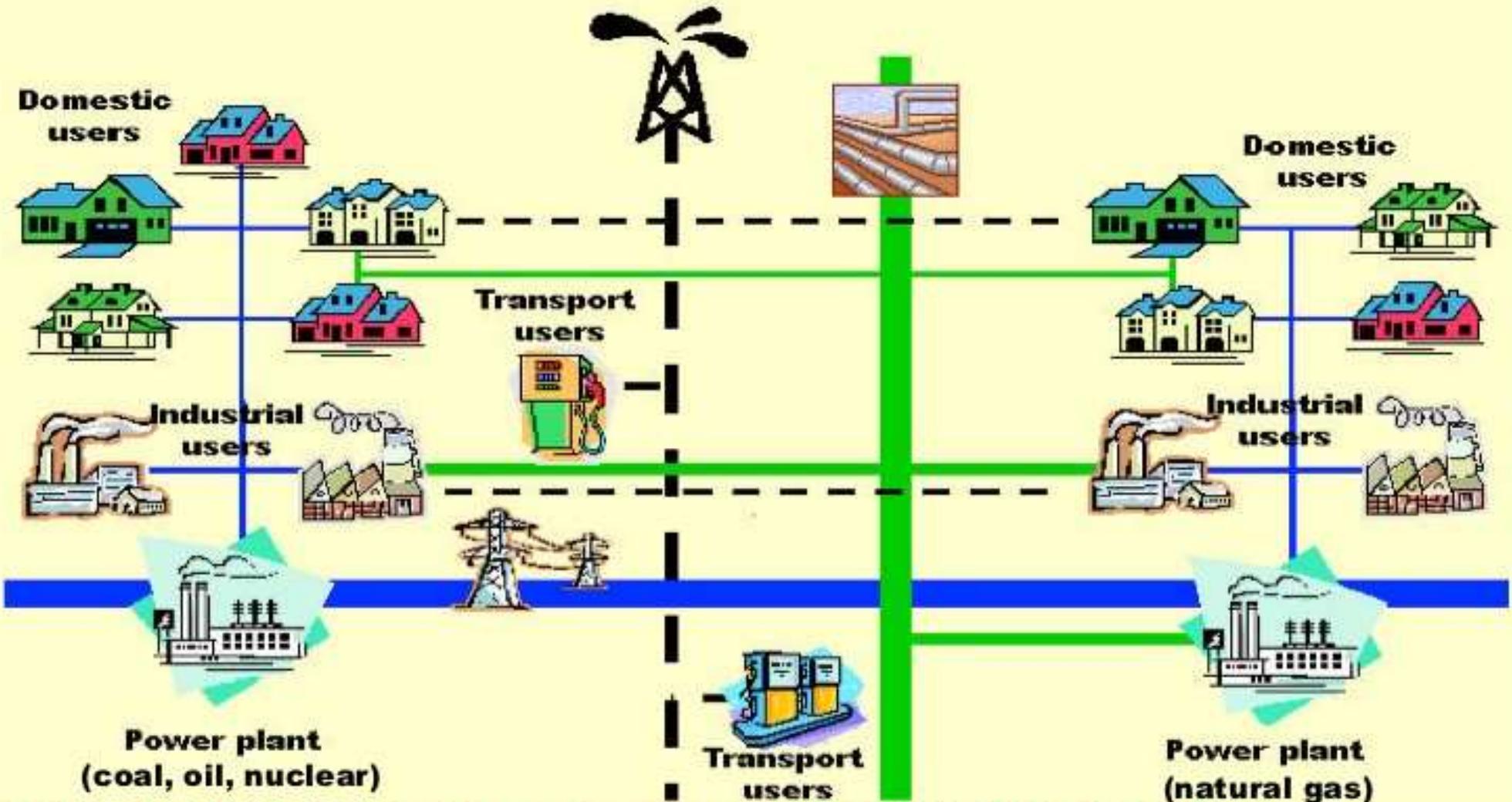
\* RePowerEU Plan, EU, 2022

# The role of H<sub>2</sub> in Energy Transition

## Long-term scenarios from carbon economy to hydrogen economy

# Energy system in 2010

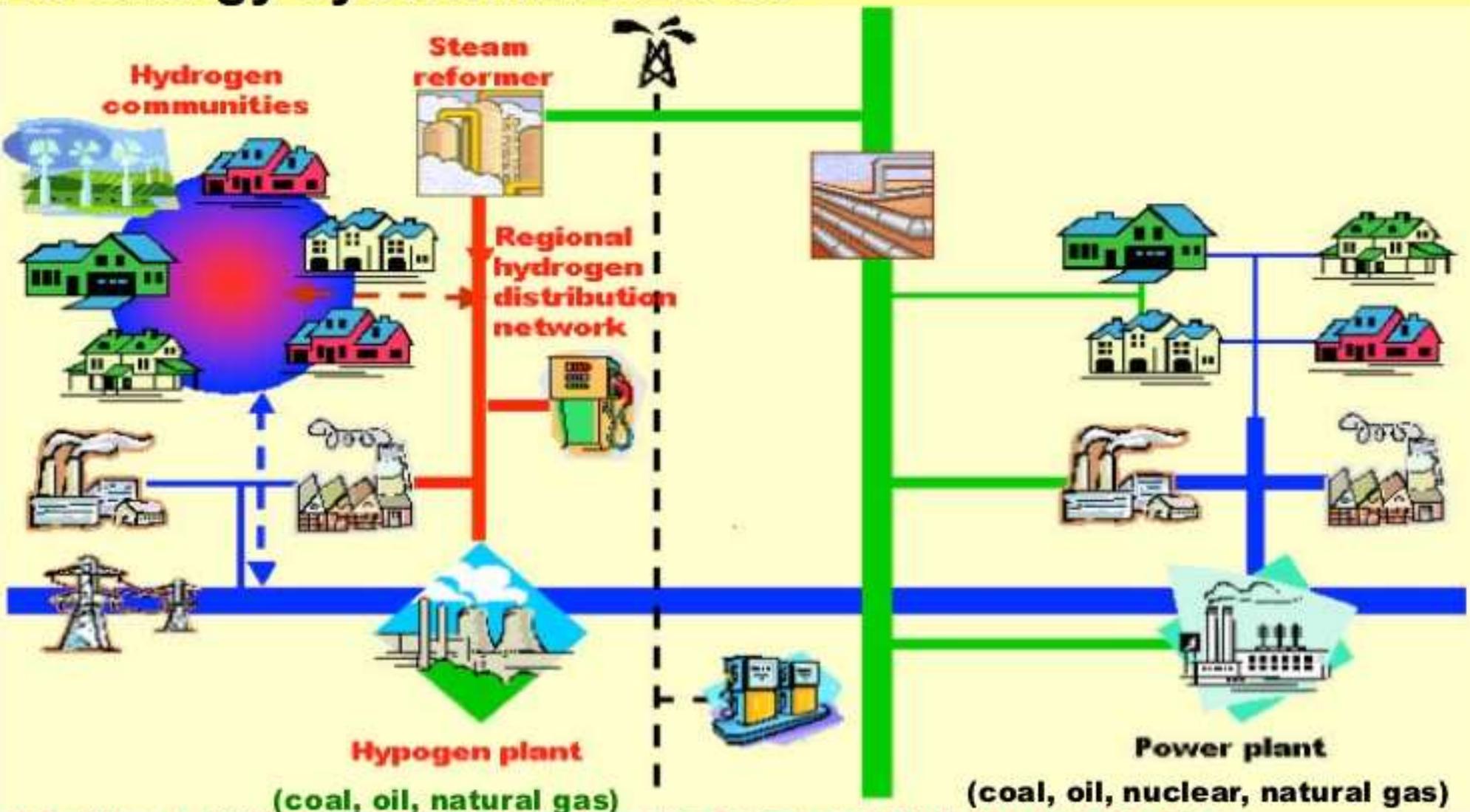
## EU energy system in 2010\*



\* Poullikkas A., 2009, *Introduction to Power Generation Technologies*, ISBN: 978-1-60876-472-3

# Future energy systems (optimistic scenario)

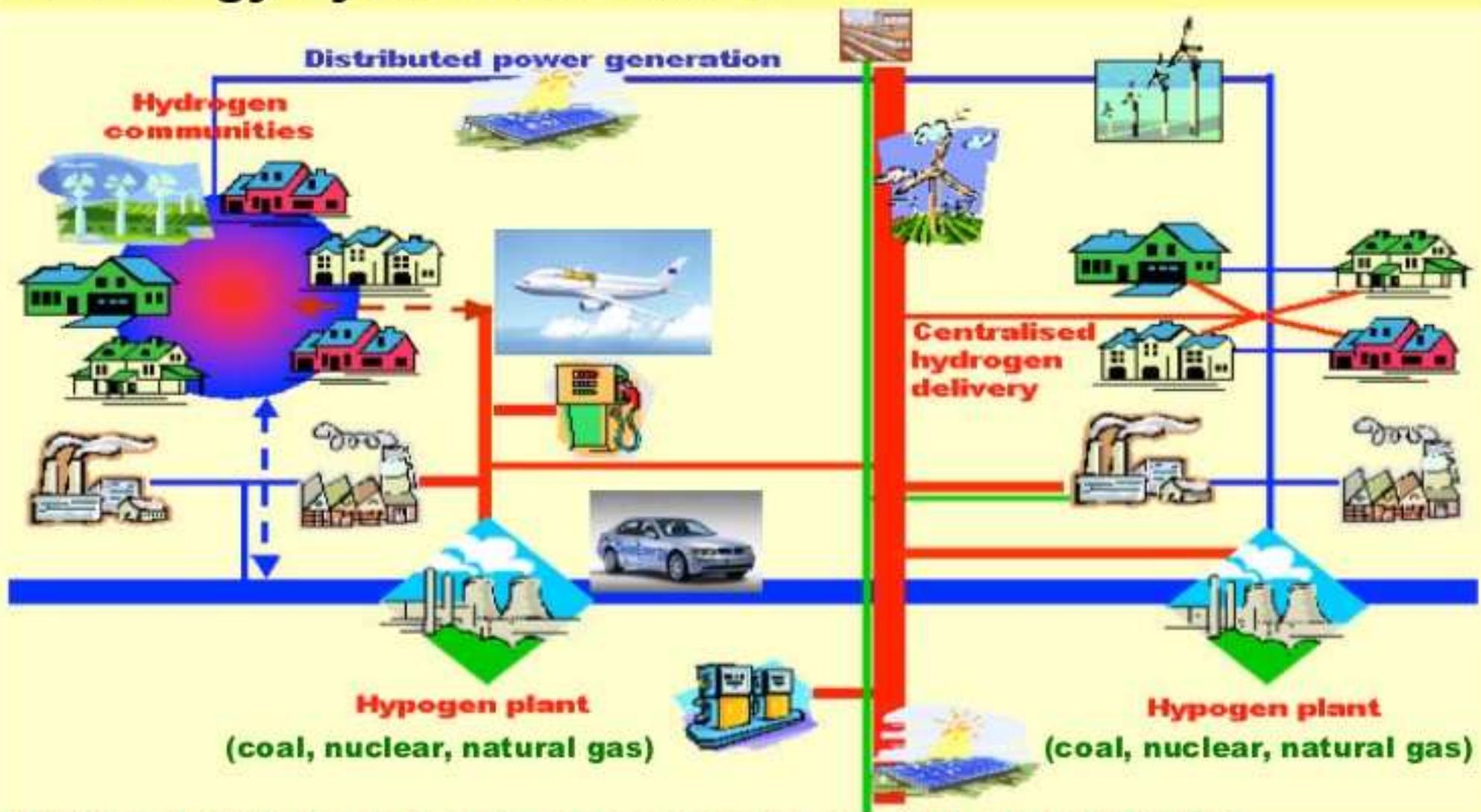
## EU energy system in 2020-30\*



\* Poullikkas A., 2009, *Introduction to Power Generation Technologies*, ISBN: 978-1-60876-472-3

# Future energy systems (optimistic scenario)

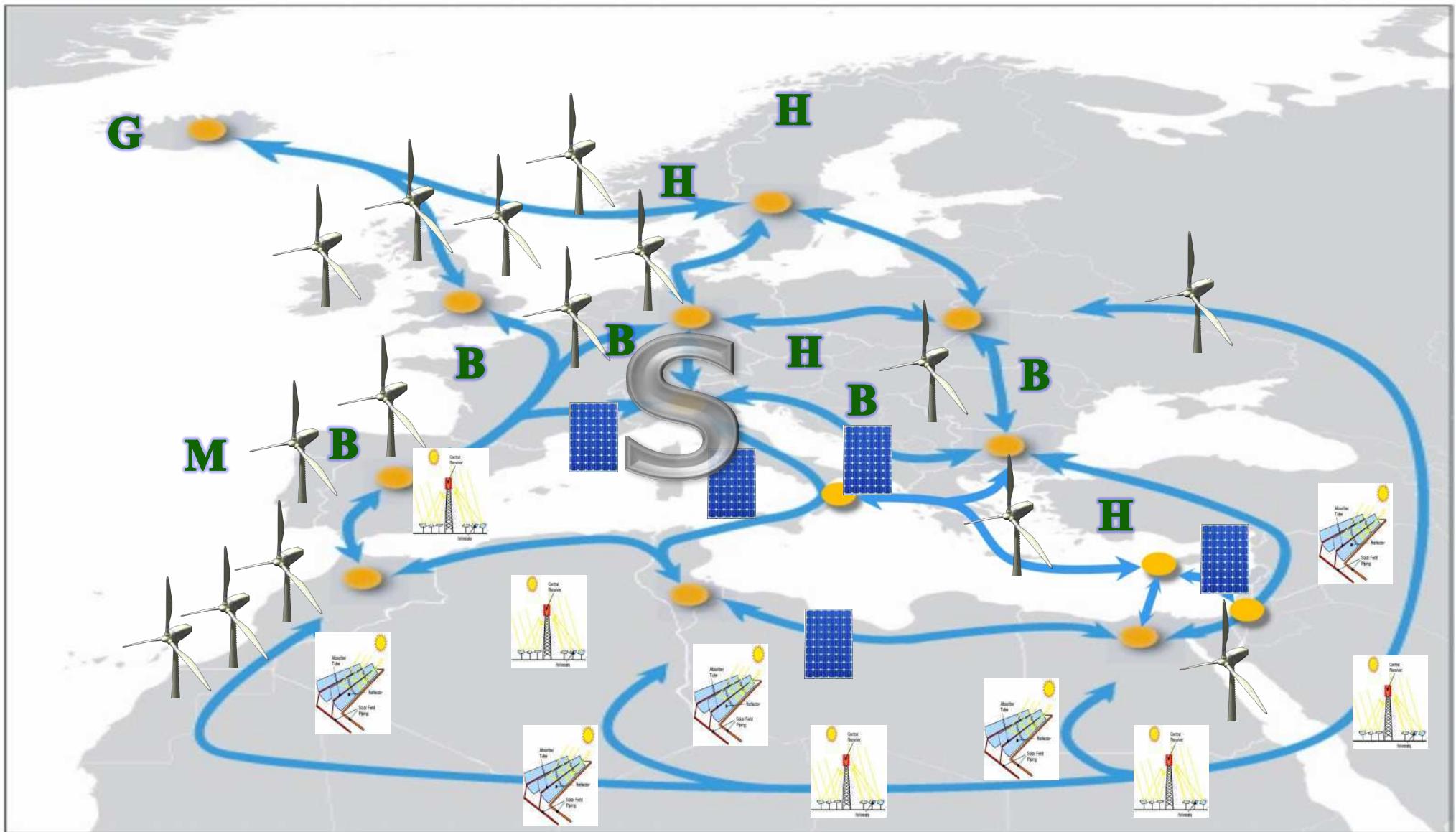
## EU energy system in 2040-50\*



\* Poullikkas A., 2009, *Introduction to Power Generation Technologies*, ISBN: 978-1-60876-472-3

# The Super Smart Grid after 2050\*

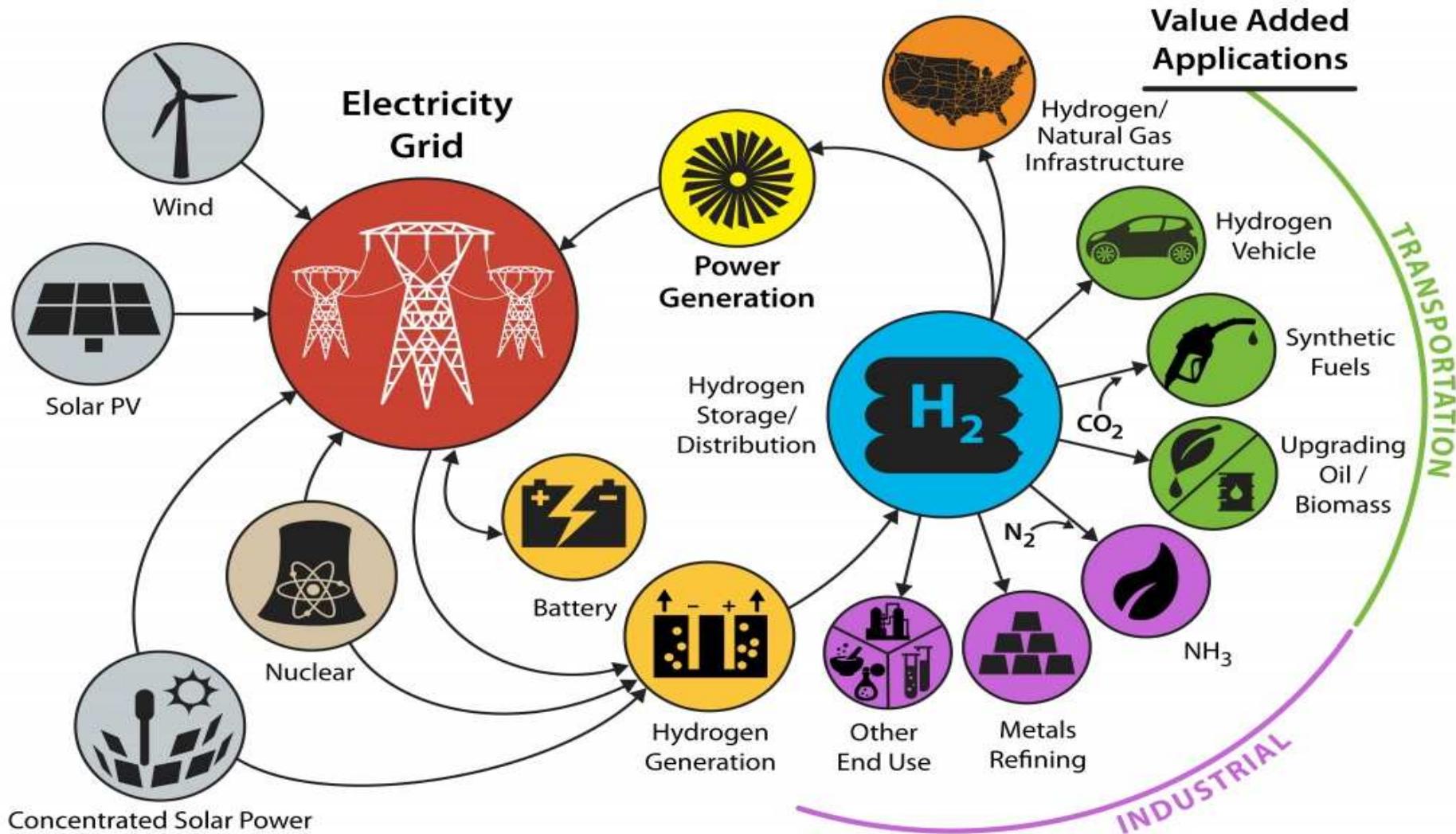
(may allow for 100% RES)



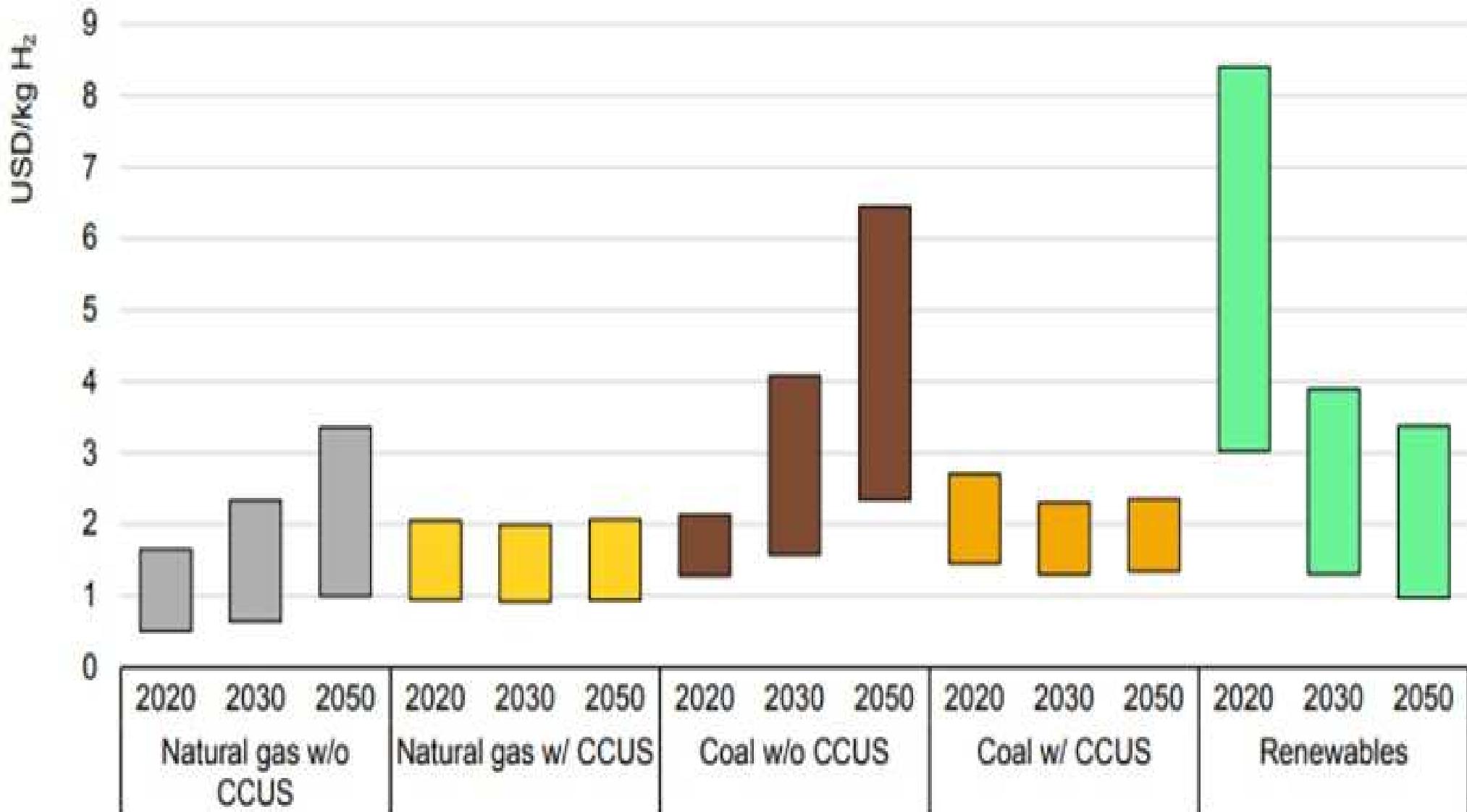
\* Poullikkas A., 2013, *Sustainable Energy Development for Cyprus*, ISBN: 978-9963-7355-3-2

# Long term scenarios in Europe

## Moving from Carbon economy to Hydrogen economy



# H<sub>2</sub> production cost\*



\* The Future of Hydrogen, International Energy Agency, 2019

# Saudi Arabia \$5bn Helios H<sub>2</sub> project

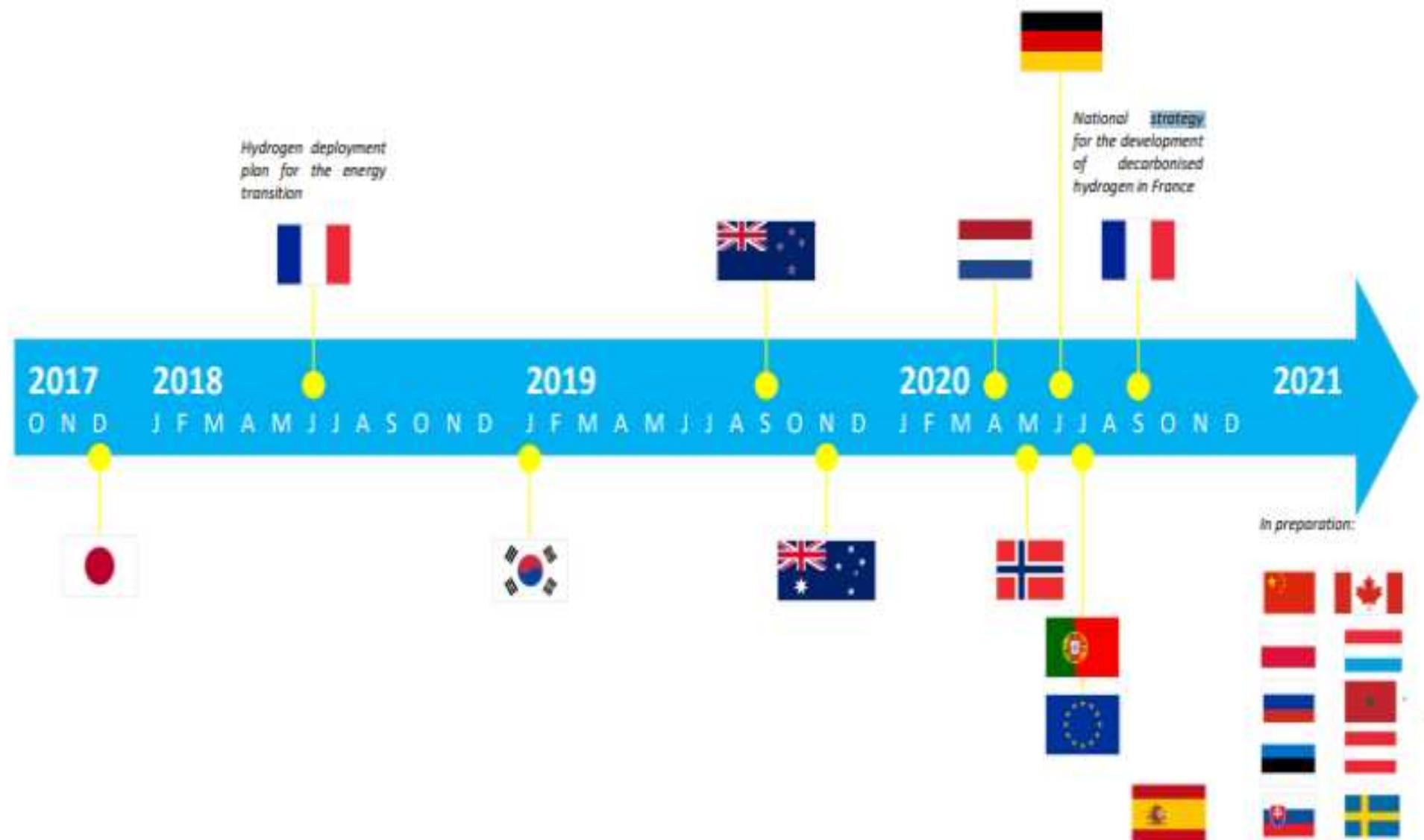


- Desert area = Belgium
- 4GW of Wind and PVs
- Production of 650t/day of H<sub>2</sub>
- Reduce of H<sub>2</sub> production from 5US\$/kg to 1.5US\$/kg
- Long-term: Saudi Arabia to become H<sub>2</sub> exporter



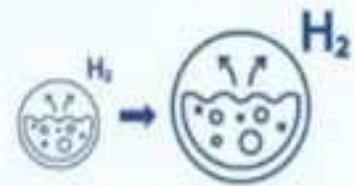
# National hydrogen strategies towards 2030-2050

# National Hydrogen Strategies\*



\* Possible regulation of hydrogen networks, ACER 2021

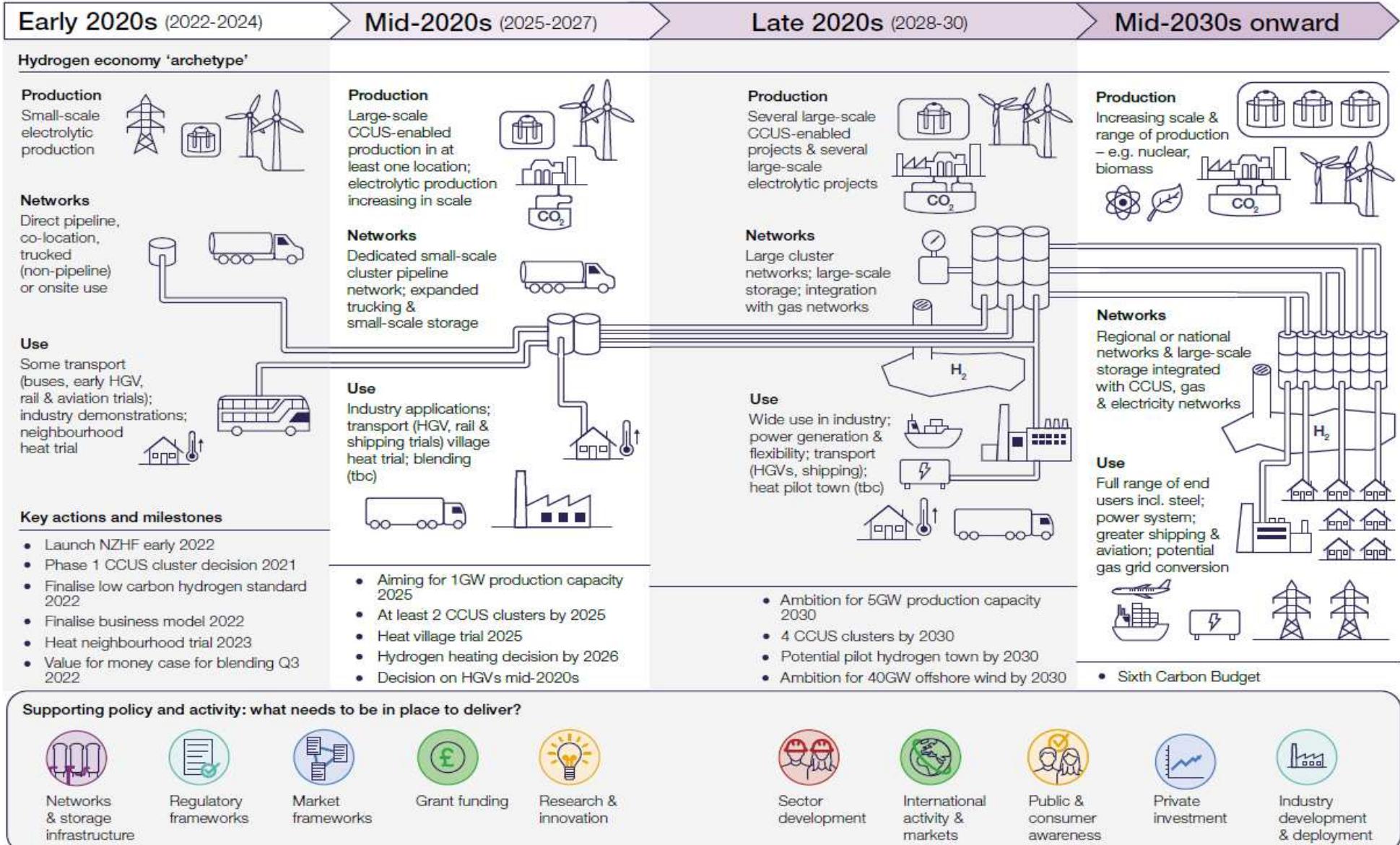
# EU H<sub>2</sub> strategy\*



Today - 2024	2025-2030	2030
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Installation of Electrolysers: at least 6GW for green H<sub>2</sub> production</li><li>• Production of green H<sub>2</sub>: up to 1mt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H<sub>2</sub> to become part of the integrated energy system</li><li>• Production of green H<sub>2</sub>: more than 10mt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large scale integration of green H<sub>2</sub></li></ul>

\* *A hydrogen strategy for a climate-neutral Europe, EU, 2020*

# UK H<sub>2</sub> roadmap



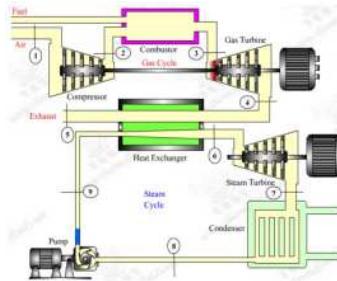
## Additional Slides

# Long-term H<sub>2</sub> strategies for SE Mediterranean region

## Regional cooperation towards hydrogen economy

# Main indigenous energy sources in SE Mediterranean region

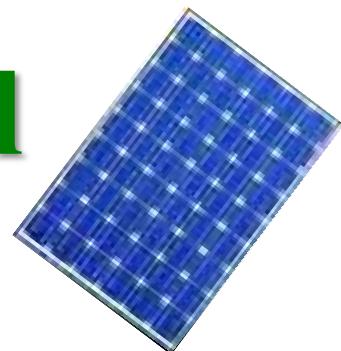
- Natural gas



- Wind potential



- Solar potential



hydrogen

# H<sub>2</sub> strategy?

- Recognition of hydrogen as a key component of the energy mix for 2030 and up to 2050
- Creation of a long-term national energy strategy considering hydrogen
- Creation of a legislative framework - allow the introduction of participants in H<sub>2</sub> market
- Harmonization of national regulatory framework with the relevant European Directives
- Targeted measures to kick-start the hydrogen value chain: production; transport and storage; use in final consumption

# Target-setting for Cyprus' transition to hydrogen economy\*

Target	Year		
	2030	2040	2050
Greenhouse gases	-30%	-75%	-100%
Renewable energy sources	30%	75%	100%
Electrical interconnections	50%	65%	80%

**Cyprus could set a long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050 !**

\* Poullikkas A., 2020, *Long-term Sustainable Energy Strategy: Cyprus' Energy Transition to Hydrogen Economy*, ISBN: 978-9925-7710-0-4

# Energy transition by 2050

## Cyprus' energy system:

- smart and digitised
- flexible
- decentralised
- electrically interconnected
- interconnected gas and/or hydrogen pipelines



## Integration:

- hydrogen in all energy sectors
- renewable energy sources
- storage energy systems
- electric mobility

**Transition of Cyprus from the current carbon economy  
to hydrogen economy by the year 2050**

# Development of regional energy strategy ?



- Horizon up to 2060
- Development of strategic plan for SE Med region:
  - ~ Electrical interconnections
  - ~ Pipeline interconnections (or virtual pipelines)
  - ~ Integration of sustainable technologies and storage
  - ~ Use of hydrogen after 2030
  - ~ Hydrogen production
    - From natural gas
    - From renewables
- Energy exporters to EU

