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## **Decarbonisation at Least Cost**

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Fostering energy markets,  
empowering **consumers**.



# European Union Energy Strategy and Energy Union

## THE FUTURE OF THE ENERGY SYSTEM WILL BE DIFFERENT

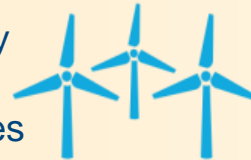
2015

Paris Agreement



2030

50% of electricity  
generated by  
renewable sources



2050

Fully  
decarbonised  
electricity and  
cleaner  
transports



## UNIQUE CHANCE TO MODERNIZE OUR ECONOMY

Stimulate  
Investment

Create  
Employment and  
Growth

Ensure  
Energy Supply

Accelerate  
decarbonisation

Give  
More power to  
consumers

# Clean Energy Package

Innovative



Inter-connected



Enabling Framework

Energy Union Governance

Energy Efficiency



32.5%

Renewables



32  
%

Electricity Market  
Design



Regulation and  
Directive on  
internal electricity  
market; Regulation  
on risk-  
preparedness,  
ACER Regulation



Inclusive



Safe for all



Socially fair



Digital



Investment-friendly



## CEER's 3D Strategy (2019- 2021)

# 3D

**D**IGITALISATION  
**D**ECARBONISATION  
**D**YNAMIC REGULATION

- Digitalisation  
(in consumer interest)
  - ▶ Protect and empower consumers
  - ▶ Cost-saving opportunities
  - ▶ New business models
- Decarbonisation  
(at least cost)
  - ▶ Promote flexibility, integration of renewables fully into the grid and market
  - ▶ Whole system approach
  - ▶ Market-based solutions
- Dynamic regulation
  - ▶ Coherent and adaptive regulatory framework with European solutions oversight to ensure trust in the market
  - ▶ Future-proofed regulatory framework that enables the energy transition and digitalisation
  - ▶ Cross-sectoral cooperation



## Decarbonisation at least cost

The climate agenda and “Clean Energy” objectives are major policy drivers for change in the energy sector through:

- 1) Development of renewable energies and green mobility;
- 2) Improvement of energy efficiency; and
- 3) CO<sub>2</sub> prices via a reform of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and various other schemes (carbon taxes, carbon floors, etc.) which give a signal to the market in relation to the internalisation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions costs.



## Decarbonisation at least cost



### CEER's Strategic Objectives:

- Integrate (fully) renewables in all segments (retail, wholesale and networks).
- Effectively and fairly manage the transition towards a low carbon energy system.
- Facilitate decarbonisation at least cost by two means:
  - ▶ Develop an energy market design with a minimal level of subsidy mechanisms (including cross subsidies and indirect schemes); and
  - ▶ Optimise the whole energy system cost to achieve decarbonisation at least cost, taking account of both gas and electricity, while maintaining a high level of security of supply.
- Build consumer confidence in the market by ensuring all consumers benefit in a fair way, notably through the efficiency of the network tariff, and promote the participation of consumers without discrimination between consumers/prosumers.





# Decarbonisation at least cost

## Challenges:

Manage **penetration** of renewables, their impact on **network designs** and their **technical functioning** (variability, reverse flows, etc.)

Provide **effective regulatory oversight** and new **regulatory approaches** for a fast-growing **diversity of new market models, business models and market actors**.

Steer **efficient investment** in a context of price volatility on wholesale energy markets with a market-based approach, in order to best **manage risk**.

Adopt a **whole system approach** to **minimise consumers' bills**.

**Take decisions in a context of major uncertainty** and adapt to different market circumstances, notably the role of gas, the share of green gas, electricity storage advances, the electrification of transport and future trends of green mobility and other technological developments, as yet unforeseen.

## Opportunities:

Significant **environmental benefits**.

Ensure adequate **system resilience and security of supply** by reducing consumption and diversification of energy sources.

Facilitate **innovation and industry development**, new business opportunities.

Improve **energy efficiency**.

Increase in **people's involvement** in the energy system through local energy production.





## The role of regulation



Boost wholesale market **flexibility** and provide **clear price signals** to facilitate the continuing penetration of renewable energies and ensure investments

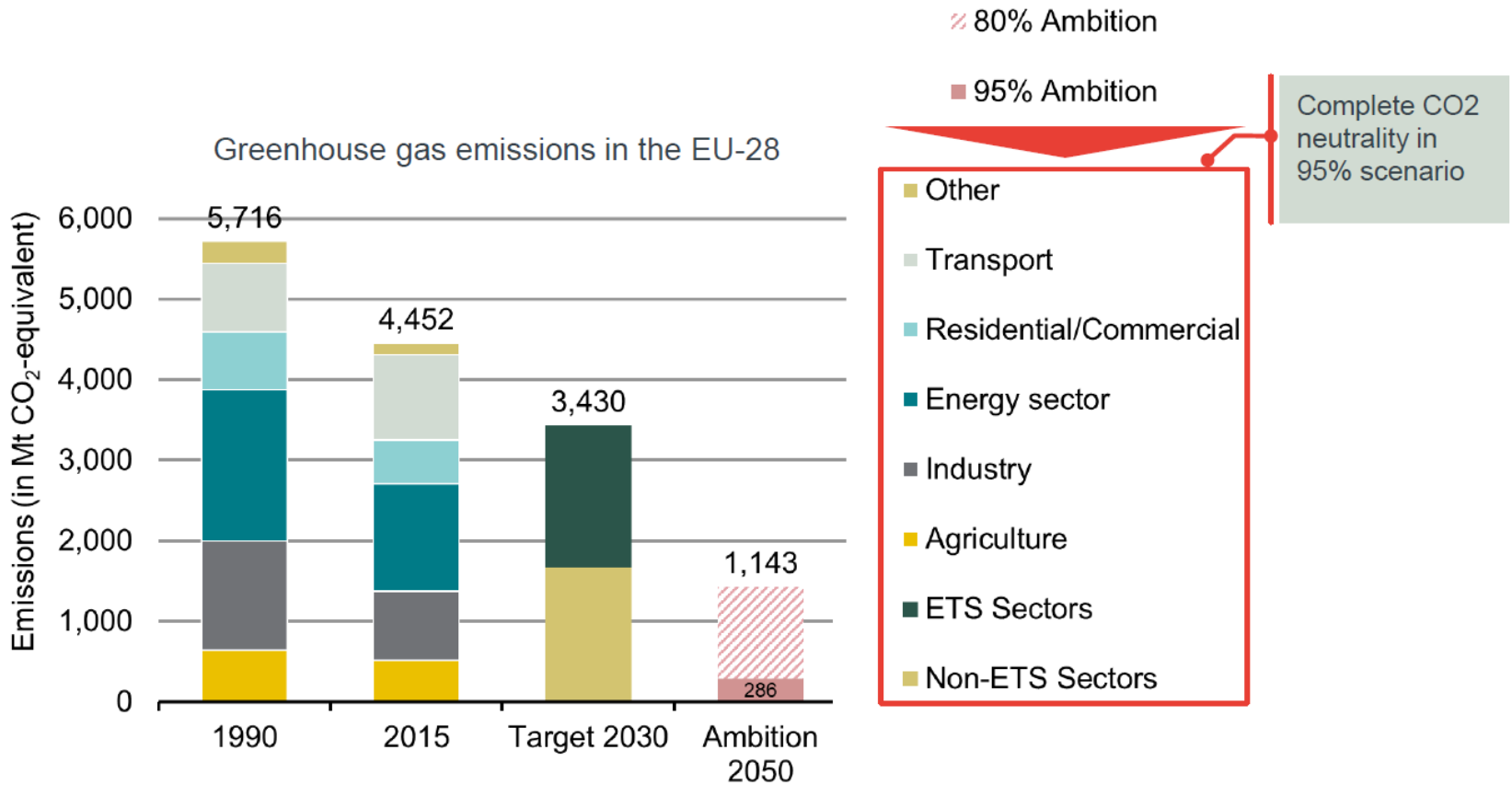


Enable **active consumer participation** and ensure that **consumers are protected and benefit** from progress in energy technologies



Promote **regional cooperation** and provide a truly **European dimension to security of supply**

# Where we stand



Source: Frontier Economics based on European Environment Agency data.

# We consider 3 scenarios with varying degrees of use of gas infrastructure. 95% emissions reduction target for 2050 will be achieved in all of them

## Electricity only

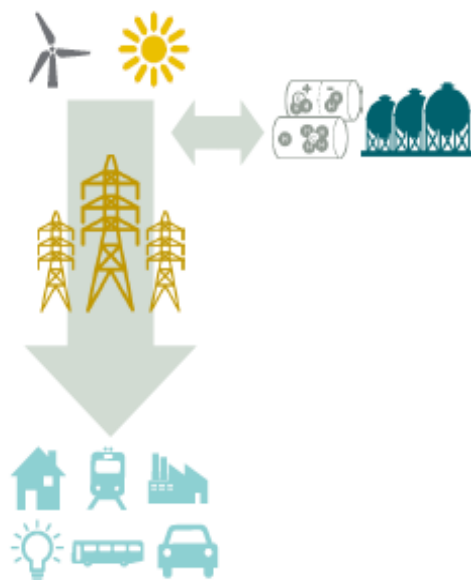


- End applications primarily directly electrified (e.g. electric vehicles, HP, direct heating)
- No gas-based end applications

▪ No Power-to-Gas

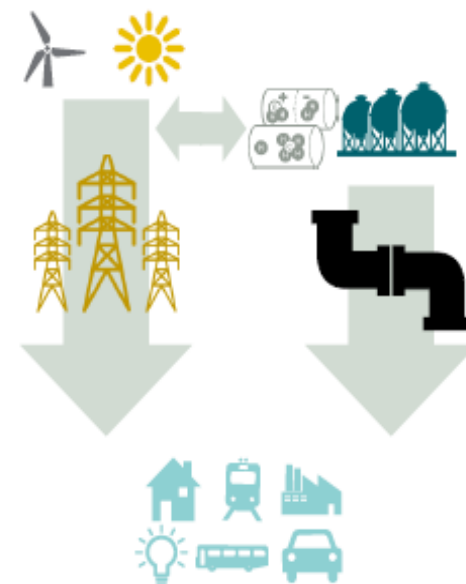
▪ Electricity networks alone combine power generation and end energy use

## Electricity and gas storage



- Possibility of "Power-to-Gas-to-Power" for seasonal storage

## Electricity and green gas

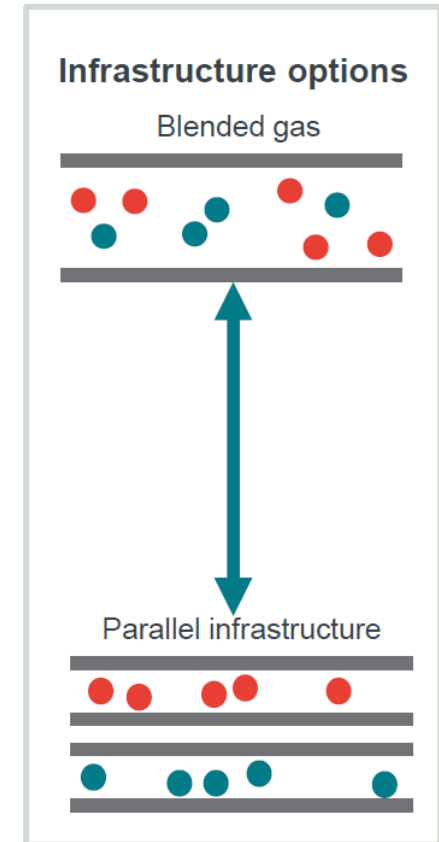
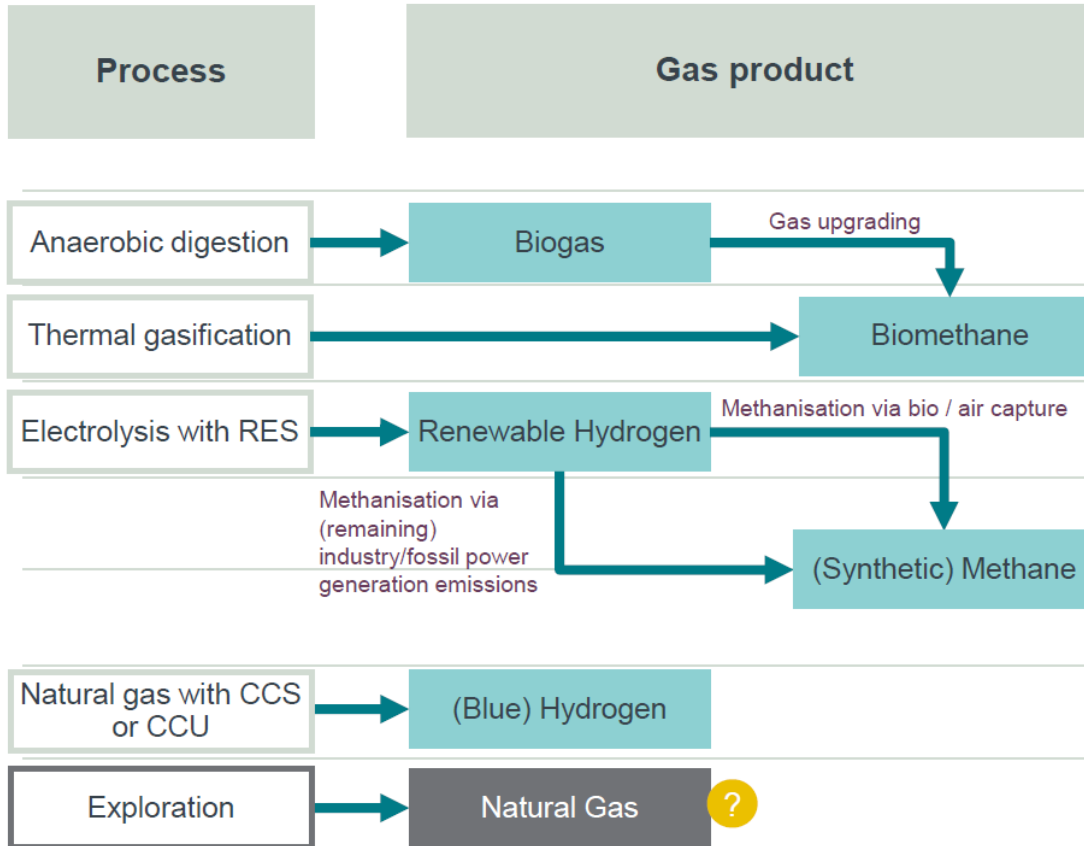


- End applications partly directly electrified, partly based on green gas

▪ "Power-to-Gas" in Germany for the production of green gas

▪ (Existing) gas infrastructure parallel to the power grid

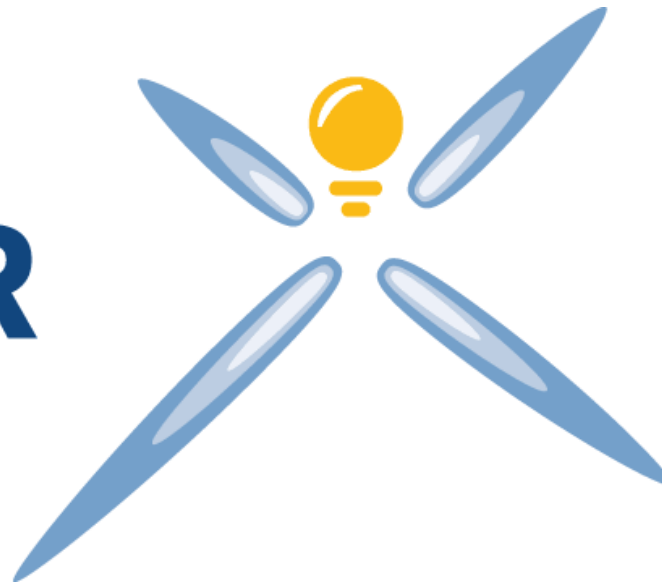
# Future role of gas



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