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SMRs, a technological brick to leverage?

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General Introduction



What is at stake?



Global changing context



Global pandemic

Exposed the fragility of over-optimized globalized supply chains



Energy crisis

Reestablished the preeminence of Energy as the lifeblood of our modern economies



War in Europe

Re-shaped and deepened former alliances

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An echo of the past? The XXth drivers for current operating fleet of nuclear reactor

Past Driver #1: Need for abundant energy

Global direct primary energy consumption Our World in Data Direct primary energy consumption does not take account of inefficiencies in fossil fuel production. Modern biofuels Other renewables 140,000 TWh Wind Nuclear 120,000 TWh Gas 100,000 TWh Oil 80,000 TWh 60,000 TWh 40,000 TWh Coal 20,000 TWh Traditional biomass 0 TWh 1950 2000 2019 1800 1850 1900 Source: Vaclav Smil (2017) and BP Statistical Review of World Energy OurWorldInData.org/energy • CC BY

Past Driver #2: Price stability & security of supply



Archive image from 1973 oil crisis



Why was nuclear the answer then? Amount of fuel needed to produce 1.000kWh







250I gasoline







4g of enriched uranium



How is that energy channeled into useful energy?







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What concrete impact it had delivered so far?

Key figures





Low carbon generation in Advanced Economies



Historical annual addition of decarbonized energy in kWh per capita





What are SMRs?



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Why are SMRs emerging today?



XXIth century context [1/2] New drivers for new nuclear technologies

Today Driver #1: recreate trust in nuclear safety



Today Driver #2: Alleviate the fear of nuclear waste being a burden for future generations





XXIth century context [2/2] New drivers for new nuclear technologies

Today Driver #3: too big to finance...

Today Driver #4: Zero carbon energy transition with Renewable at the centre

The New York Times

Westinghouse Files for Bankruptcy, in Blow to Nuclear Power

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A Westinghouse project in Waynesboro, Ga., remains unfinished, its future in doubt after the bankruptcy filing. Reuters



Why this time it's different?

A new paradigm to safety



How to recreate public trust in nuclear safety? Toward inherent safety





Practical elimination of risk by the physical suppression its root cause

"TRISO Particles: The Most Robust Nuclear Fuel on Earth" –US Department of Energy





Outer Pyrolytic Carbon Silicon Carbide Inner Pyrolytic Carbon

Porous Carbon Buffer

Fuel Kernel (UCO, UO₂)



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Opening the option to turn Waste into Watts

How do Nuclear Wastes evolve over time?



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A fundamental property of Nuclear Wastes is that they spontaneously disintegrate over time. Speed of disintegration depends on the nature of the isotope.





Economic performance: walking before running



Recent industrial failures in Western countries



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Current	12,4 B€	2024	

	Cost	Timing
Initial	3,4 B€	2009
Current	8,5 B€	2024

	Cost	Timing
nitial	14 B\$	2016
Current	>30 B\$	2022

	Cost	Timing
Initial	9,8 B\$	2019
Current	>25 B€	Cancelle





Cost drivers: size, complexity and regulation





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Historical performance for projects with budgets >US\$1 billion

McKinsey | The art of project leadership: Delivering the world's largest projects

Historical performance for projects with budgets >US\$1 billion N=274



1 Cost overrun = (actual cost - budgeted costs) / budgeted cost

2 Schedule overrun = delivery delay / budget duration

3 Excludes consideration of broader economic impact of late projects

SOURCE: IHS Herold Global Projects Database (2017), Basic Materials Database (2012), Megaprojects Database (2015)

Are cost overrun unavoidable?



Sound optimized designs built by capable experienced teams working within strong a political momentum deliver unparallel results

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Barakah 1 construction formally complete

26 March 2018

President Moon Jae-in of South Korea and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan today attended a ceremony to celebrate the completion of construction at the United Arab Emirates' first nuclear power reactor.



Celebrations mark Barakah unit 1 completion (Image: Cheong Wa Dae)



Cost performance evolution on the multi-unit site of Barakah (UAE)

How can we strive for successful project



Empirical evidence indicates that maintaining industrial capabilities through continuity is key

Vendor	s	1995-2000	2000-2004	2005-2009	2010-2017	
*1	Chinese nuclear program		5	4	20	Russia and China did not stop their nuclear industrial program and now
	Rosatom	2	4	4	5	represent >80% of the global new build market with consistent learning rates
	Korean nuclear program	6	3	1	5	SK successfully exported its own technology after domestic demonstration
*	AECL	1	4	1	2	
	Areva		4			France did not build any reactors in two decades when starting Olkiluoto project
	Hitachi		1	3		
	Westinghouse	2				The USA did not build any reactors in three decades when starting VC Summer

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Can we recreate appetite for a fleet deployment?



News / Sustainability

Amazon signs agreements for innovative nuclear energy projects to address growing energy demands

New Small Modular Reactor agreements are part of Amazon's plan to transition to carbon-free energy.





Expanding the reach of nuclear energy


Industrial giant Dow and X-Energy Reactor Company have submitted a construction license application to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the proposed advanced nuclear project at Dow's Seadrift site in Texas. [Construction License Submitted]



A much-needed integrated view of the complex energy market



Plant-level	
Production cost at market prices (LCOE)	
Grid-level	
System cost of the whole electricity value chain	

Societal-level

Full cost including external & social costs

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Unlocking the storage performance of solar salt





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In practice, how does this fit into the energy system? Quick zoom on Tractebel's 2019 study



https://tractebel-engie.com/files/attachments/.3456/Tractebel-The-rise-of-nuclear-technology-2-0.pdf





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Key insights

- Higher penetration of NUC projected despite WIND lower LCOE
- Grid-level generation cost is lower with NUC than 100% RES
 - Lower amount of storage required
 - Lower yearly electricity price
- Lower grid infrastructural transformation (storage, T&D) with flexible nuclear





When will SMRs/ARs become a reality?

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Chinese HTR-PM: Very High Temperature Reactor (VHTR) First Of A Kind delivery process

Image source: Tsinghua University's Institute of Nuclear and New Energy Technology



Demonstration HTR-PM connected to grid

21 December 2021

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Serial production of Russian RITM-200



Images source: RITM Reactor Plants for Nuclear-Powered Icebreakers and Optimized Floating Power Units, JSC "Afrikantov OKBM"



Russia commissions floating NPP

22 May 2020



Ontario Power Generation (OPG, Canada) Darlington Construction Site for the 4x BWR-300 (General Electric Hitachi, GEH) Project

Digital Rendering of Natrium

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Image source: TerraPower

Pacificorp (Berkshire Hathaway) Kemmerer, WY, Construction Site for the 1x Natrium reactor (General Electric Hitachi and TerraPower)



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What will it mean for Belgium?

Belgium's power capacity lags behind rising TRACTEBEL electrification. Structural limitations on renewables increase reliance on energy imports.





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Standing on the shoulders of Giants



Belgium's world-renowned expertise

More than half of century of nuclear excellence



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New Build Nuclear is possible in Belgium within 10 to 12 years



CREDIBLE TIMELINE FOR NEW BUILD NUCLEAR IN BELGIUM



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Engineering a carbon-neutral future





Home charging of company EV fleets simplified EVLIA → EV.fleet at scale

Elia Think Tank – 6/Jun/2025



EV.fleet at scale - Summary



Context - The bigger picture of flex unlocking, and scaling ambitions (EVLIA \rightarrow "EV.fleet at scale")

Solving a relevant problem - The EV fleet ecosystem has little attention for smart charging benefits, priority towards operational issues, like reimbursement of home charging.

Home charging reimbursements in 2025 – Employee gets a monthly reimbursement: the exact energy (kWh) at a flat market-average price ("the CREG price"). Fiscally approved, by lack of a better mechanism.

Volume split unlocks new solutions – Splitting the energy flows behind the meter, allows the energy supplier to split the bill. This unlocks 3rd party payment of the energy bill + easy, low-risk entry into smart charging.

So what? - Considering each stakeholder's perspective: end-consumer, fleet owner and energy supplier.

Many-to-many challenge – Connecting multiple fleets to multiple energy suppliers.

What's happening now? – Coalition-building to formalize the scale of the demand and willingness to provide solutions. Pilots to demonstrate feasibility & viability of the end-to-end solution.

Context

Elia launched the initiative "EVLIA" (Nov 2024), as a strategic initiative to showcase the **unlocking of flexibility from EV's in Belgium at scale**.

This also supports the joint Synergrid action plan, with a focus in 2025 on creating awareness for implicit flexibility on LV.

Focus is on **implicit flexibility**, and the largest segment of EV's in Belgium: **company cars**.

To kickstart the initiative, Elia opened their EV fleet, but the aim has always been to **extend to other company fleets, to demonstrate the scalability throughout Belgian fleets**.

Along the route, we changed the initiative's name to better reflect the scaling ambition to not stop at Elia's fleet:

EV.fleet at scale



Mapping and first prioritisation – Consolidated action plan 2025



Working towards **supply split** on the longer term

Company fleets are driving the electrification of mobility



... bringing a lot of potential value from

smart charging/flexibility

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Solving a relevant problem

"I'm missing the opportunity of cost savings from flexibility in my EV fleet."

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"Home charging reimbursements are a headache. Many questions, unhappy employees, even people avoiding to charge at home."

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Home charging cost reimbursements





The story of home charging reimbursements

With its circulaire 2024/C/77, the Federal financial administration brought **clarification and certainty about the reimbursements** of home charging sessions by employer, **until end of 2025**.

The Administration recognizes that an **exact calculation of the real electricity costs related to home charging is not obvious**, due to the many parameters to be considered: type of home supply contract, location-based grid fees, capacity tariff, self-consumption of solar energy, supplier switches throughout the year, ...

Employer is allowed to apply a fixed tariff for the reimbursements. This fixed tariff shall not exceed the quarterly CREG price, that is a 3-month average of the published monthly CREG prices:

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 0,2822 (VL) | 0,3294 (BXL)
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FISCALITEIT / Inkomstenbelastingen / Administratieve richtlijnen en commentaren / Circulaires / Circulaires - Personenbelasting

Circulaire 2024/C/77 over de terugbetaling van elektriciteitskosten door de werkgever voor het thuis opladen van een bedrijfswagen

Employee: "This amount doesn't match my home energy bill. I'm not reimbursed correctly" or het thuis opladen van een bedrijfswagen.

; oplaadstation voor elektrische voertuigen ; kosteloze verstrekking van elektriciteit

Background

Employee: "Even though I have a home charger, I'd rather charge at work or publicly, because of uncertainty of reimbursed amount"

> V. Inwerkingtreding – buitenwerkingtreding VI. Terugbetalingen vóór 01.01.2025







No more inaccurate reimbursements and

Access to the benefits from smart charging?

Bringing the ease of home Internet employer payments...

Telecom To: To: home owner home owner Provider Lindestraat 2. Lindestraat 2. Mechelen Mechelen HOME INTERNET BILL HOME ENERGY BILL ELECTRICITY – EAN 541448820012345678 **INTERNET – TELEVISION - TELEPHONE** Energy offtake (529 kWh) Internet package € xxx €xxx Energy injection (63 kWh) -€xxx Subscriptions € xxx Television & telephone € xxx Grid costs € xxx SUBTOTAL €xxx Taxes & levies € xxx SUBTOTAL €xxx - HOME CHARGING SESSIONS 3rd party payment Employer payment of Employer 3rd party payment of -€xxx -€xxx home internet (forfait) home charging sessions (350 kWh) TOTAL (incl VAT) € xxx TOTAL (incl VAT) € xxx

By applying the same "3rd party payment" logic of home internet to the home energy bill, EV charging sessions at home can be **invoiced directly from energy supplier to employer**. No more reimbursements.

How can energy supplier know which **exact amount** to invoice to the employer? →

... to EV charging and the home energy bill

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Home EV charging 3rd party payment by employer



"Volume split" technically enables the energy supplier to split energy flows behind the meter. Supplier can then calculate the exact cost of EV home charging.

Volume split also unlocks a second advantage for company fleets and EV drivers →

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"Volume split" enables hybrid supply contracts...



... which creates value from smart charging without impacting the home

<u>To:</u> home owner Lindestraat 2, Mechelen

Energy Supplier

HOME ENERGY BILL Fixed or Variable price contract

A ELECTRICITY - EAN 541448820012345678

SUBTOTAL	€ххх
Taxes & levies	€xxx
Grid costs	€xxx
Energy injection (63 kWh)	- € xxx
Energy offtake (529 kWh)	€xxx

I HOME CHARGING SESSIONS

Employer payment of home charging sessions (350 kWh)	-€xxx
Smart charging incentive	-€xxx

TOTAL TO BE PAID (incl VAT)

€xxx



Participates in smart charging, by using a mobile application, and gets a **smart charging discount**



What does this mean for end-consumer, fleet owner, energy supplier



What does this mean for the employee, the end-consumer?

No more reimbursements for home charging, meaning:

Smart charging is unlocked by means of a

mobile companion app



no more worries about not being reimbursed correctly. Energy To: home owner Supplier Lindestraat 2, · Opportunities created: Mechelen EV driver keeps existing home · Lower capacity tariff for the home HOME ENERGY BILL supply contract (Flanders) as the connection is shared with Fixed or Variable price contract employer chargepoint. A ELECTRICITY - EAN 541448820012345678 Energy offtake (529 kWh) € xxx Own solar PV production that went into the ٠ 0 Energy injection (63 kWh) -€xxx car can still be reimbursed at interesting price Grid costs € ххх (offtake price?), incentivizing self-€ xxx consumption. Taxes & levies SUBTOTAL €ххх • Receiving a part of the generated value Participates in smart HOME CHARGING SESSIONS from smart charging. charging, by using a No more mobile application, Employer payment of (uncertainty about) -€xxx home charging sessions (350 kWh) and gets a smart reimbursements • Low entry barrier: Smart charging incentive -€xxx charging discount No change of supply contract needed. TOTAL TO BE PAID (incl VAT) €xxx · Everything is handled through the known supplier energy invoice. • No extra hardware/installations required.





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(to be confirmed)

What's in it for the energy suppliers?



Visibility behind the meter enables **new product offerings** to customers

> *More demand-side flexibility in my portfolio, better forecasts & more value captured*

> > Less credit risk, as part of the home energy bill is paid by corporates

Scalable solution, no extra hardware needed. Data connection also suitable for steering, no more dependency on car APIs Scalable access to new demand-side flexibility & & Competitive advantage


Bringing this at scale requires a many-to-many model





A first version of many-to-many approach will be set up in the EV.fleet at scale initiative, with participating actors.



Where are we today?





EV.fleet at scale: route to impact



End June '25:

- First coalition of fleet managers, energy suppliers & CPO willing to implement an EV.fleet at scale solution.
- First results of proof-of-concepts with frontrunner suppliers & a subset of fleets

30/Sep/2025:

EV.fleet at scale gets public visibility at the Elia **Flex at scale event**.

- Successful pilots in the picture
- Announcement of the coalition at demand (fleet) and supply (suppliers & CPO) side to underline the scale.

End of 2025: First commercial implementations of EV.fleet at scale concept with volume split visible in fleets.



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Join the coalition?

This coalition gathers employers, energy suppliers, mobility providers & representative associations interested in the "EV.fleet at scale" solution.

Coalition members support the initiative, and show **commitment to investigate & try out the EV.fleet at scale solution**.







EV.fleet at scale

Home charging for company EV fleets simplified

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The Power of Perspective





THE PATHS2050 COALITION



- Exchange and challenge insights on how the future Belgian energy system could look like
- Created data-driven pathways for Belgium towards 2050, as guiding compass for policy makers and industry





"Climate change is still on top of the global agenda."

Special Address by President von der Leyen at the World Economic Forum, January 21 2025

"At the heart of the collaborative plan for decarbonisation and competitiveness is the Clean Industrial Deal, which will pave the way towards a proposed 90% emission-reduction target for 2040."

> The 2025 Commission work programme: a bolder, simpler, faster Union, press release February 12, 2025

We want to cut the ties that hold you [companies] back so that Europe can not only be a continent of industrial innovation, but a continent of industrial production.





MAIN ASSUMPTIONS & SELECTED SCENARIOS







- Most detailed, **full system optimization** model of the Belgian energy system, to date
 - <u>Cross-vector</u>: covering energy use (fossil fuels, renewables, clean molecules and electricity), feedstock
 - <u>Cross-sector</u>: covering all supply (refineries, power sector) and end-use demand sectors (industry, residential, commercial, transport, agriculture)
 - <u>Cross-border</u>: projected and timesliced import/export cost curves for electricity from other EU countries, possible import of clean molecules
- Societal cost optimization from now to 2050: gives insights into pathways to 2050 with intermediate 2030-2040 milestones @ 3% social discount rate
- Reporting on combustion and process scope 1 CO₂ emissions = 85% of Belgian GHG emissions today













- All costs are updated or discounted towards EUR2024 values
- Energy use, technology stock has been calibrated to 2024 as baseyear
- The residential buildings sector has been updated, with a new, more detailed structure, renovation measures and costs
- Industry updates to steel sector, chemical, refineries, CCS
- Transport sector Vehicle-to-grid included
- Data centers are added with an increasing electricity demand towards 2050
- High voltage interconnections, H₂ and CO₂ pipelines costs added
- Biomass, biogas and biomethane potential (locally available + imported) for Belgium has been updated to increase from 22 TWh in 2022 to 43 TWh by 2050.
- The International maritime and aviation sectors are added to the net-zero target by 2050, accordingly to EU policy ambitions.





SECTORAL BELGIAN CO₂ SHARES IN 2022



- International transport relates to bunkering/fueling in Belgium, but emissions are released outside Belgian borders.
- Not included in the model: Non-CO₂ GHG emissions amounted to 14,6 Mt in 2022





KEY ASSUMPTIONS



OFFSHORE NORTH SEA 2040: ~320 GW

(Source ENTSO-E TYNDP 2020) EU countries ambitions 2030, 2050 ... Max 16 GW Direct access for Belgium, AF ≈60%



INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

Costs included for Transmission – distribution & Pipelines



CARBON CAPTURE UTILIZATION & STORAGE

Updated technology options, transport and storage costs

IMPORT OF CLEAN MOLECULES

Carrier: H₂, CH₄, CH₃OH, NH₃ Shipping + pipeline import Updated costs (Source: International literature)

NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

D4-T3 operation extension up to 20y New EPR (2040) & Small/Advanced Modular Reactors by 2045, compliant with EU taxonomy



Source: Fed Gov.)



INDUSTRY

- Output levels constant to 2050, with possible adjustments in energy intensive industry
- Refineries cf. EU decrease with 43% in 2050 to 2014

RES TECHN. POTENTIAL Roof Solar ~104 GW Onshore ~20 GW (Source: Bregilab)









3 NEW, MAIN SCENARIOS TO NET-ZERO 2050



ROTORS

Access to:

- 20 GW of onshore wind
- 8 GW Belgian offshore + direct access to +16 GW far offshore
- 20y operation extension D4T3
- Max 4 GW new nuclear SMR from 2045
- Max 10 Mton/a CO₂ storage
- Average clean molecule import prices



REACTORS

Access to:

- 10 GW of onshore wind
- 8 GW Belgian offshore + direct access to +6 GW far offshore
- 20y operation extension D4T3
- Max 8 GW new nuclear: large scale EPR gen III+ from 2040 + SMR from 2045
- Unlimited CO₂ storage
- Average clean molecule import prices



IMPORTS

Access to:

- 10 GW of onshore
- 8 GW Belgian offshore + direct access to +6 GW far offshore
- No 20y operation extension of D4T3 & no new nuclear
- Unlimited CO₂ storage
- Very low clean molecule import prices





MAIN MESSAGES







FINAL ENERGY DEMAND IN BELGIUM



Clean molecules: Hydrogen and its derivatives: such as ammonia, synthetic methane, methanol, and kerosene





RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL – FINAL ENERGY DEMAND









RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL – FINAL ENERGY DEMAND



By 2030, we should aim for

36%

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Of buildings heated by electrical heat pumps, up from less than 10% today.

And 7% connected to district heating

Electricity demand strongly increases with an additional

12 TWh

By 2050 due to projected increase in data centers

Biomethane, if available in larger quantities, could

SUPPORT THE TRANSITION

Reaching net-zero in large cities where individual heat pumps or district heating is hard to realize in the short term Residential and Commercial: Final Energy Consumption (TWh)







DOMESTIC TRANSPORT – FINAL ENERGY DEMAND









INDUSTRY – FINAL ENERGY DEMAND











INDUSTRY – FEEDSTOCK



By 2050, fossil feedstock remains at

90 TWh

Ammonia will be fully imported

>2040

In Rotors and Imports



In Rotors, e-methanol feedstock reaches

> Reducing fossil feedstock use by 14 TWh







INDUSTRY – CHEMICAL SECTOR DEEP DIVE



Final energy use

INCREASES

Mainly due to energy intensity of CCS

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By 2050, local hydrogen production in Reactors

8 TWh

Could be used for ammonia production and some high temperature heat processes

Electrification of the naphtha crackers leads to

9 TWh

Additional electricity demand in Rotors







INDUSTRY – STEEL SECTOR DEEP DIVE





±2050



2050

CO₂ EMISSIONS





By 2030, Belgian CO₂ emissions are reduced by

45%

Compared to 1990 levels

By 2040, a CO₂ reduction of

-75/83% 75-83%

co,

Should be reached to be on track for net-zero by 2050







CARBON CAPTURE UTILISATION & STORAGE





By 2030, Carbon Capture and Storage could reduce CO₂ emissions by

2-4 Mton/a

In the chemical & cement sector



In the steel, chemical, cement, lime and glass sectors





#2050

In Rotors, access to affordable electricity and a cap on CO₂ storage leads to

9 TWh

Of e-methanol production for a methanol-to-olefins and -aromatics production



POWER SECTOR – CAPACITY (incl. STORAGE)



Power - Capacity (GW_e)





POWER SECTOR – RENEWABLE CAPACITY



By 2030, offshore wind capacity should increase to

7-9,3 GW

In Belgian territorial waters and with direct access to far offshore



Up to 2030, new PV installment rate should be at least

1 GW/a

To reach a capacity of 17-19 GW

By 2050, PV and wind growth leads to 65-80 GW Of renewable capacity







POWER SECTOR – THERMAL CAPACITY & STORAGE



By 2030, gas based capacity (CHP and CCGT) amounts to

9-10 GW

Requiring new investments



2003

From 2040 earliest, new nuclear can become part of the energy system

4-8 GW

As large-scale EPR or more flexible SMR reactors.



By 2050, batteries and vehicle-to-grid offer

8,5-10 GW

Of storage and flexibility to the electricity system







POWER SECTOR – GENERATION & NET IMPORT



By 2050 in Rotors/Reactors vs Imports scenario







FLEXIBILITY NEEDS - SUPPLY







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FLEXIBILITY NEEDS - DEMAND



By 2050, smart charging of cars can bring

7 GW

Of flexibility to the electricity system







CLEAN MOLECULES SUPPLY - DEMAND





69 – 100 TWh

Including e-methane, ammonia, and ekerosene, mainly driven by international navigation and aviation

CO₂+ H₂ Limited access to carbon storage could lead to

9 TWh

Of e-methanol production, if affordable electricity is available as in Rotors









COST COMPARISON OF THE MAIN SCENARIOS

The Rotors and Reactors scenario are more

CAPITAL INTENSIVE

Increasing large-scale domestic low-carbon electricity generation

The Imports scenario leads to higher

OPERATING EXPENSES

And a higher dependency on imports of molecules and electricity

Between 2040 and 2050, Rotors and Reactors require annually

12,5 b€

Investments in the electricity sector.

2040



2050



Yearly capacity related expenses

Yearly operating expenses - net imports

Yearly operating expenses - other





ELECTRICITY GENERATION COST

Early investments in the power sector lead to

lower

Delivered electricity costs in the short and longer term

By 2050, Rotors could lead to the lowest delivered electricity cost

77 €/MWh

Due to the combination of more offshore wind and nuclear SMR






SUMMARY







SUMMARY EVOLUTION MAIN ENERGY VECTORS & CCS





bio- and e-methane

CCS





SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS BY 2030





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MEDIUM TERM RECOMMENDATIONS - FROM 2030 TO 2040





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REACHING NET-ZERO BY 2050 – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2040 TO 2050





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The Power of Perspective













Electricity Market Design: Are we reforming the reform?

Prof Leonardo Meeus Director Florence School of Regulation Loyola de Palacio Chair

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Flexibility support schemes - developing fast



State Aid SA.64736 – RRF - Greece - Financial support in favour of electricity storage facilities

State Aid SA.102428 (2022/N) – Hungary TCTF – RRF: Aid for energy storage facilities for the integration of weather variable renewable energy sources

State Aid SA.106554 (2023/N) – Slovakia TCTF - RRF - Slovakia: Investment support for electricity storage

State Aid SA.104106 (2023/N) – Italy Support for the development of a centralised electricity storage system in Italy

Aide d'État SA.107352 (2023/N) – France : mesure de soutien aux flexibilités décarbonées de court terme en France par appels d'offres.

State Aid SA.112460 (2024/N) – Poland TCTF – RRF: Support for electricity storage and related infrastructure

State Aid SA.114306 (2024/N) – Bulgaria RRF and TCTF: State aid scheme to support the construction of stand-alone electricity storage facilities

State Aid SA.103068 – RRF – Spain: Support for innovative electricity storage projects

State Aid SA.115362 – Lithuania TCTF: State aid scheme for investment support for electricity storage

State Aid SA.117215 (2025/N) – Czechia TCTF: Support for energy storage





Flexibility and system needs - support schemes' perimeter



Taxonomy based on ENTSOE, EU-DSOentity draft FNA methodology



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Open issue Coordination across products/instruments



Limitations?

- Implies selecting "priorities" (what is procured first?)
- Limited cost efficiency
- Market complexity for technologies offering various services

Integrated procurement



Co-optimized multiproduct auction

Examples?

- Not yet explicitly implemented in this context
- Well-known in other contexts (e.g. day-ahead and balancing capacity)

How?

- A technology can offer one or several products (linked bids)
- Clearing minimizes total procurement costs considering each resources' contribution to the different services





Carbon contract for difference



How CCfDs work in practice

So what does this actually mean? Here's a highly simplified example of two energy-intensive industrial companies: Company A uses conventional technology, has production costs of ≤ 10 for a product, and must additionally spend ≤ 5 on emission allowances for the carbon emissions generated in the production process. So the total production costs for the product are ≤ 15 . As long as the carbon price is relatively low, the production using conventional technology in Company A is cheaper than in Company B, which uses a more expensive, greenhouse-gas-neutral technology and has production costs of ≤ 16 . The carbon avoidance costs for Company B amount to ≤ 6 . The state and Company B can now conclude a CCfD which offsets the difference between the market price for emission allowances and the carbon avoidance costs. In our example, this difference is one euro (six euros carbon avoidance costs minus five euros for the emission allowances). If the market price for emission allowances is lower than the carbon avoidance costs, the state pays the difference to Company B. If it is higher, Company B must pay the difference. In the case of energy-intensive industry, however, the avoidance costs are often far higher than the costs of emission allowances. In this case, CCfDs ensure that climate-friendly technologies can compete with conventional technologies. The advantage of a CCfD is that it takes account of a company's actual avoidance costs and its possibilities to pass them on on the market. If, over time, changes arise in the price of emission allowances, for example, or in the field of EU measures to prevent carbon leakage, the difference payments can be adjusted flexibly.

- CAPEX vs OPEX?
- Reference price, adjustment of the strike prices?
- Geography and technology scope?
- Length of contract?





EC simplification proposals in 2025

CBAM (Targeted Amendements)

- Headline: "90% of importers, only 1% of emissions under CBAM", i.e. importers with less than 50 tonnes per year of iron and steel, aluminium, fertilizers, and cement
- Other: simplified compliance for larger importers, recognition of carbon pricing in third countries, adjusted certificate purchase requirements

Sustainability reporting (Omnibus)

- Headline: "savings of €40 billion compliance costs by exempting 80% of companies previously under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), i.e. companies with <1k employees
- Other: Reporting timelines for both the CSRD and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) have been extended; Under the CSDDD, companies are now required to conduct environmental and human rights checks only on their direct suppliers, rather than across their entire supply chains.

Under assessment (REFIT)

- Renewable Energy Directive
- Energy Efficiency Directive





Simplification toolbox with different levels of ambition?

Plain Language

- Before (legalese):"The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the provisions set out herein."
- After (plain language):"Member States must take the necessary steps to ensure this law is followed."

Cutting red-tape (standard cost model)

- Reducing the costs of complying with regulation
- Filing forms, keeping records, reporting data, applying for permits or licenses

Cleaning up regulation

- Omnibus to amend, simplify, or repeal multiple legal acts at once (normally technical nonsubstantive changes or policy shifts)
- Codification to bring together scattered legislation or case law into consolidated legal text

Governance

- Improve implementation by making rules easier to enforce at national level
- Harmonization to reduce regulatory burden by factor 27
- Integration to avoid 27 solutions for a common problem by centralizing key powers



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Are we reforming the reform?

Clean Industrial Deal Communication (Decarbonization Bank) Q1 2025	New State Aid Framework Communication Q2 2025	EIB Pilot offering financial guarantees for PPA offtakers Q2 2025	Recommendation on Network Charges Recommendation Q2 2025
Citizens' Energy Package (supplier switching, energy poverty, energy sharing) Q3 2025	Industrial Decarbonisation Accelerator Act Proposal Q4 2025	Guidance of CfD Design Communication Q4 2025	Guidance on promoting remuneration of flexibility in retail contracts Communication Q4 2025
Legislative action to revise EU energy security regulatory framework early 2026	Electrification Action Plan and European Grids Package Q1 2026	New Rules on Demand Response Q1 2026	Simplification
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Implementation of the electricity market reform

ACER asse standarc contracts C	ess need d PPA Oct 2024	EC assess streamlining CM Jan 2025		EC proposes CM assessment April 2025		ENTSO-E EUDSO propose flexibility needs methodology April 2025	
EC assess barriers Forward markets Jan 2026 Jul		EC impler Forwarc July	nenting act I markets 2026	enting act markets 2026 ACER asses peak shaving products outside price crisis 1 June 2025		Review Implementation Directive 2019/944 31 Dec 2025	
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