EU Energy & Climate policy: Past, present, & future

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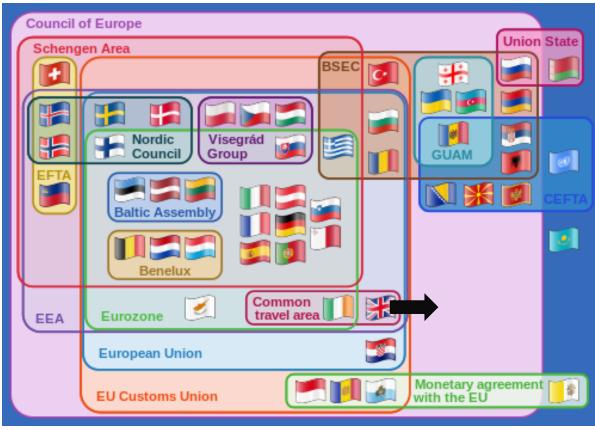
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European supranational organisations



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EU legislation process

It is not simply a huge bureaucracy....



....actually only 1 EU civil servant to every 10,000 European citizens



Meaning of different terms

Legislation:

The EU only produces two types of legislation

- Directive must be transposed into national legislation within 18 months
- Regulation applies directly, does not need national transposition

Other EU documents:

- Green paper tentative document of policy proposals in a broad area
- White paper- next step from green paper, more definitive document on planned policies, generally including timelines
- Communication policy document with no mandatory authority, setting out EC thinking on a particular issue – most common type of EC policy document (but can also be found on directive proposals)
- Staff working document Background document e.g. to a Communication often quite useful



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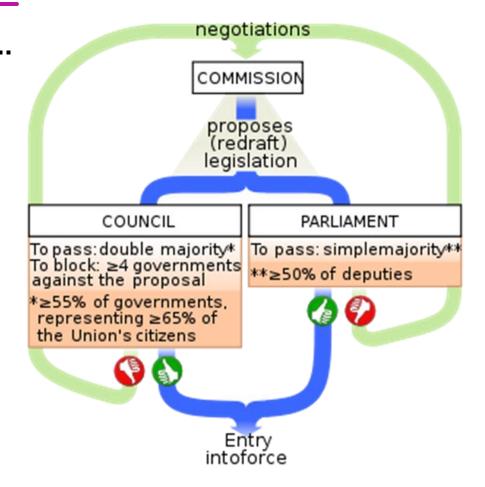
Not necessarily like this....





EU Legislative process

More like this.....



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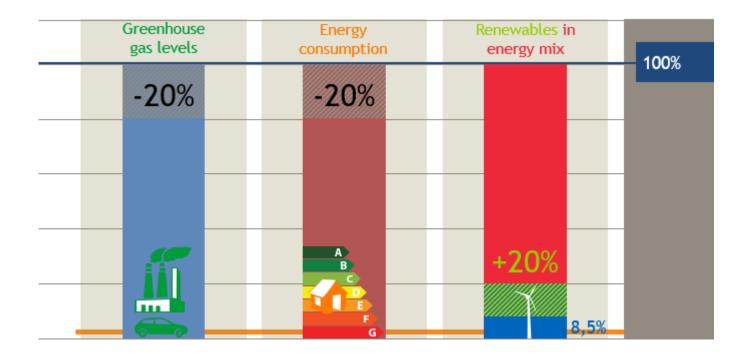
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2009 Package: 20-20-20 by 2020



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Source: European Commission

We'll go quite fast on rest of this section "Background"....(you can look at the slides later ©)



Regulation on 3rd phase of emissions trading

- 1.74% decline in emissions allowances annually from 2013 (by 2020, 21% lower than 2005)
- 100% auctioning for power sector from 1.1.2013
- Other sectors: phased-in auctioning (100% by 2027)
- Power sector auctioning: derogation for new member states
- **300m free emission allowances kept in reserve as aid for CCS & RES projects** (allowances effectively given as a grant, the total value of which depends on the market trading price of the allowance)

Also other CO₂ legislation:

• Burden sharing agreement for carbon reduction in non-ETS sectors (e.g. transport, heating, agriculture)

CO₂ emissions from cars - 120g CO₂ / km by 2015 Aalto University School of Engineering

Energy efficiency directive (2012/27)

To deliver 20% lower energy consumption by 2020 compared to business as usual scenario. Example aspects (many delivered by additional regulations):

- Building renovation: e.g. 3% per year of government owned buildings
- National long-term renovation strategies for the building stock
- Energy efficiency certificates accompanying the sale and rental of buildings



Energy efficiency directive (2012/27) (2)

- Minimum energy efficiency standards and labelling for a variety of products
- Planned rollout of close to 200 million smart meters for electricity and 45 million for gas by 2020
- Obligation schemes for energy companies to achieve yearly energy savings of 1.5% of annual sales to final consumers

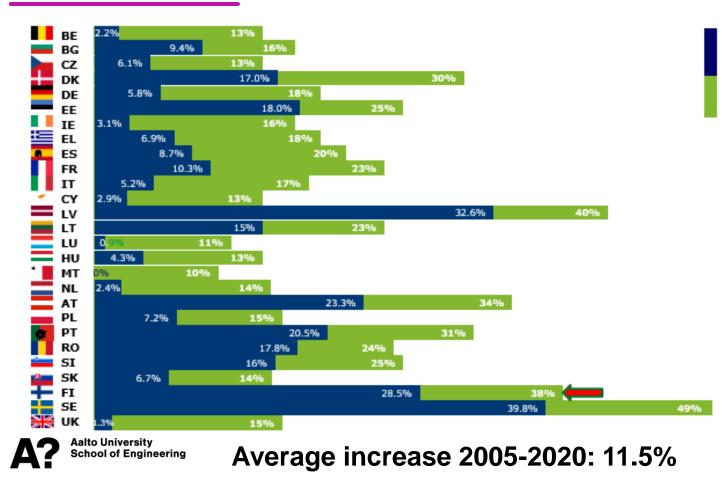


Renewables directive (2009/28/EC)

- 20% target for RES energy by 2020 (as a percentage of final energy consumption – electricity, heating, transport)
- 10% target for RES in transport
- <u>Mandatory</u> national targets
- Indicative national pathways
- Cooperation mechanisms
- Rules for grid access/priority dispatch for RES
- Biofuel sustainability

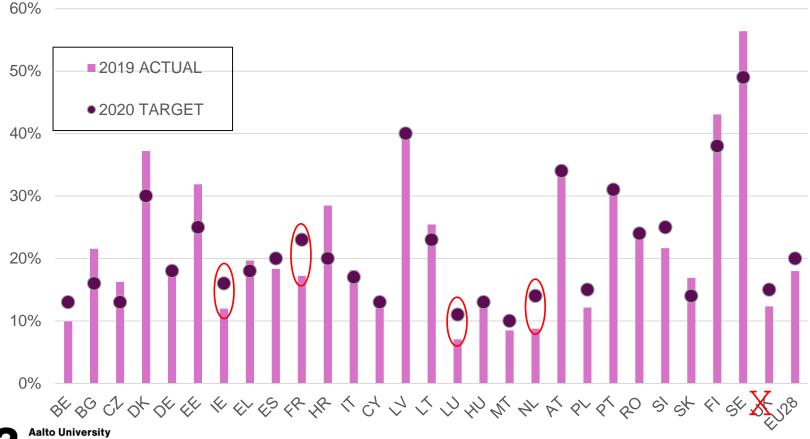


National RES targets to 2020



RES share in 2005 RES share in 2020

Are member states reaching their RES targets? Not IE, FR, LU, NL....



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...might it be time for those four countries to panic? The dreaded phone call from the Commission is coming....



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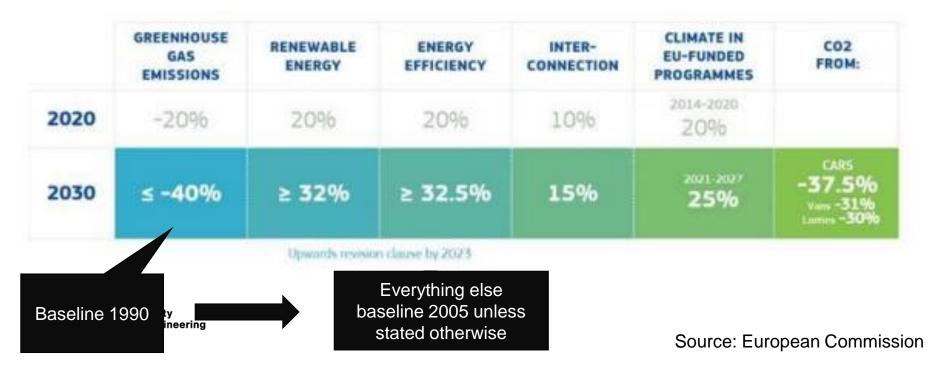
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Clean Energy for all Europeans package

European Commission presented proposal in November 2016, implanted into legislation by May 2019. Establishes objective to 2030 as follows:



CEP: Legislative elements

Focus on these today

2020	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS	RENEWABLE ENERGY	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	INTER- CONNECTION	CLIMATE IN EU-FUNDED PROGRAMMES	CO2 FROM:
2030	≤ -40%	≥ 32%	≥ 32.5%	15%	20% 2021-2027 25%	CAR5 - 37.5% Vary - 31% Lamos - 30%
	Various	2018/2001	2018/2002	(Not specific)	(Various)	2019/631
	ETS, effort sharing regulation, see further slides	(recast) Renewable Energy Directive	Directive on Energy Efficiency	e.g Electricity Market Design Package		Regulation or CO ₂ emission performance standards





EC committed to 40% cut* in Paris Agreement (2015) > this is delivered by:

- Revised EU ETS Directive (2018/410) > Cut in allowances of -2.2% per year from 2021-2030 (up from 1.74% from 2013-2020)
 - Delivers total cut in ETS sector on 43%* by 2030
- Effort sharing Regulation (EU) 2018/842 30%* in Non-ETS sector



2030: Renewables



- (Recast) Renewable Energy Directive 2018/2001 puts in place 32% RES target for 2030
- Unlike the 2020 target this does not involve mandatory national targets, but a binding target at EU level
- Directive also put in sustainability rules on use of biomass for heating and electricity (previously these rules were only in place)



2030 Energy Efficiency



- Amending directive on Energy Efficiency (2018/2002) updates 2012 energy efficiency directive (2012/27), in order to reach 32.5% energy efficiency target for 2030
- This implies that energy consumption in the 2030 should be 32.5% lower than "business as usual" modelling for energy consumption in 2030 (this modelling was done in 2007, also the base for the 2012 directive)
- Otherwise, many of the measures for delivering the reductions are similar to the 2012 directive



Mid-lecture exercise – EU ETS



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Answer questions at: https://presemo.aalto.fi/eu2030

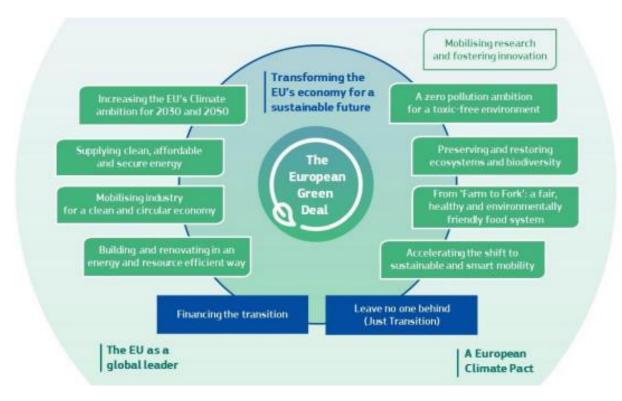
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EU Green Deal



Publication of December 2019 communication marked the start of a process of delivering proposals to deliver on the objectives set out. Thus far we have seen:

January 2020: The European Green Deal Investment Plan & Just Transition Mechanism ("Just transition" –ensuring those affected by withdrawal from carbon intensive industries are not left behind)

March 2020: European Climate law proposal





March 2020: The European Industrial Strategy adopted

March 2020: Proposal for a Circular Economy Action Plan

May 2020: The 'Farm to fork strategy'

May 2020: The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 was presented which focuses on the protection of fragile natural resources



EU Climate Law (adopted June 2021)

- Carbon neutrality by 2050 Pathway:
- <u>New 2030 EU target for GHG emission reductions of 55%</u> (up from 40%)
- By June 2021, the Commission will review, and where necessary propose to revise, all relevant policy instruments to achieve the additional emission reductions for 2030 >> this is "<u>FIT for 55</u>" > Coming next
- Setting of a 2030-2050 EU-wide trajectory for GHG emission reductions.
- From 2023, and every 5 years, EC will assess the consistency of EU and national measures with the climate law objectives
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Implementing the Green Deal:



This is not an EU health & wellbeing policy for the late middle aged!!

Released 14th July 2021



Fit for 55 (2021) as compared to 2018 CEP package > could have better called it "The Great Leap forward!"



100% reduction by 2035



Fit for 55 – Whole package – note categories

Pricing

- Stronger Emissions Trading System including in aviation
- Extending Emissions Trading to maritime, road transport, and buildings
- Updated Energy taxation Directive
- New Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

Targets

- •Updated Effort Sharing Regulation
- •Updated Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry Regulation
- •Updated Renewable Energy Directive
- Updated Energy Efficiency Directive

Rules

- •Stricter CO₂ performance for cars & vans
- New infrastructure for alternative fuels
- •ReFuelEU: More sustainable aviation fuels
- •FuelEU: Cleaner maritime fuels

NB: These are ALL proposals, not in legislation!!

Support measures

- A!
- Using revenues and regulations to promote innovation, build solidarity and mitigate impacts for the vulnerable, notably through the new Social Climate Fund and enhanced Modernisation and Innovation Funds.

I will skip these next slides on details, you can have a look later...



Pricing – Revised Emissions trading system COM(2021) 551

- Initial one-off reduction of the overall cap by 117 million allowances,
- Then annual cap reductions of <u>4.2%</u> (current rate is 2.2% per year).
- Result: Reduce the emission is ETS sectors emissions by <u>61%</u> by 2030 compared to 2005 levels (current target of 43%).
- Stronger Emissions Trading System including in aviation
- Extending Emissions Trading to maritime sector (from 2023), fuels for road transport and buildings (from 2025)



Pricing - Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism COM/2021/564

- Entirely new! Imports to be subject to carbon pricing
- To prevent carbon leakage (when production transferred from EU to countries with lower emissions reduction targets)
- Mechanism to set a price on imports of certain products based on their carbon content (unless importers can evidence that a carbon price has already been paid during production).



Targets - Amended Renewable Energy Directive COM/2021/557

- Increase current 32% binding target to 40% of renewables in the EU energy
- Fostering renewables based electrification
- Promoting the uptake of renewable fuels, such as clean hydrogen where electrification challenging (certain industrial and transport sectors)



<u>Targets</u> - Updated Effort Sharing Regulation COM/2021/555

- Reduce emissions in non-ETS sectors
- Moving from previous 32.5% target to 40% target for 2030 vs 2005
- Binding emissions reduction targets on Member States in several sectors (buildings, road and domestic maritime transport, agriculture, waste and small industry sectors).



<u>Targets</u> – Updated energy efficiency directive COM/2021/558

- 2030 target to increase from 32.5% (for both primary and final energy consumption)
 - to 39% (for primary energy consumption)
 - to 36% (for final energy consumption)
- Each Member State will determine its indicative national contribution (based on a formula of criteria and benchmarks)



<u>Rules:</u> strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles COM/2021/556

- Reduce the average emissions of new cars
- by 55% from 2030
- by 100% from 2035
- (compared to 2021 levels)

However....does not address vehicle size...





Implementation of Fit for 55 package

Commission presents Fit for 55% (1) proposals

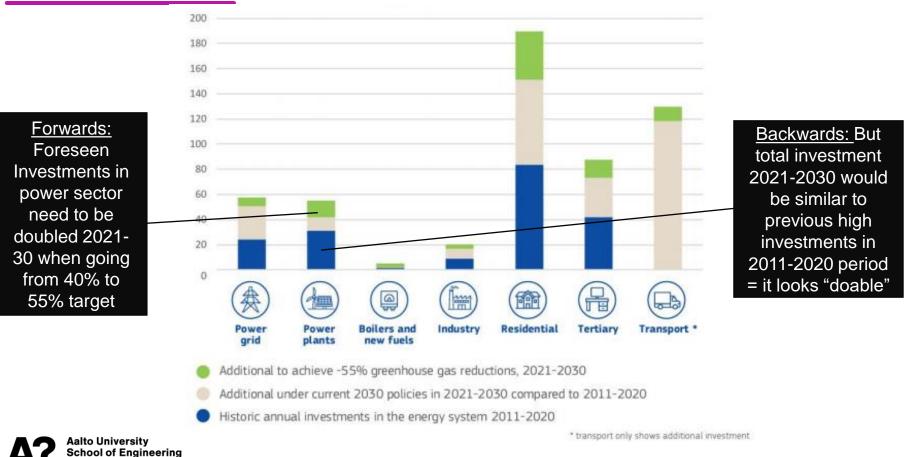


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Source: E3G

The 55% question: Investment requirements > Looking forward and backwards



In €bn(2015)

Source: COM (2020) 564 17.9.2020

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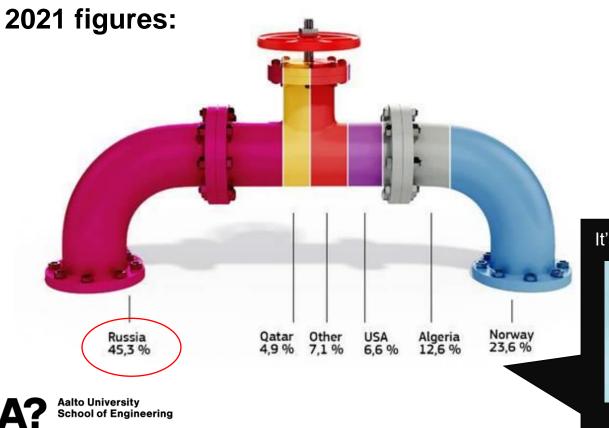


Saving (Russian) gas in a hurry – Group exercise

Introduction first...



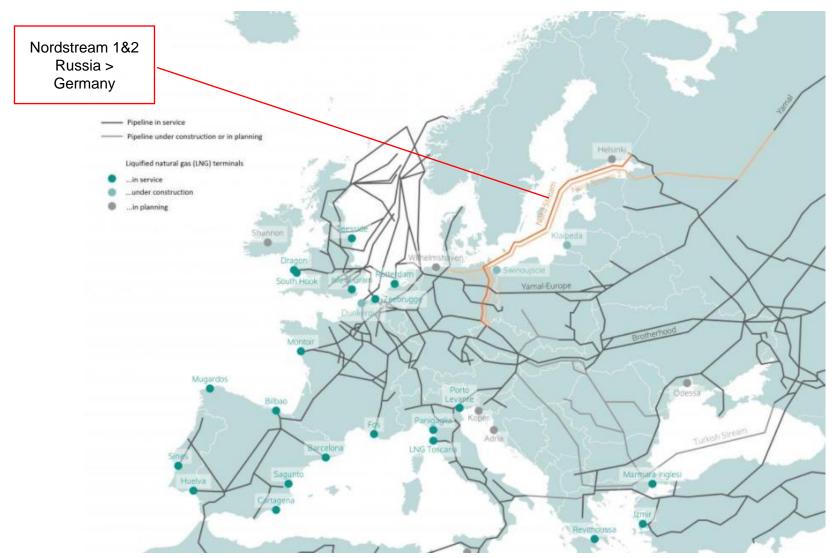
Where do we source our gas in EU?



It's been getting worse, data for 2017:



European gas network



Gas and politics; Nordstream

Nordstream was built as a way to transfer gas Russia to Germany bypassing countries with which Russia has "difficult" relations, such as Ukraine

It was built after a bilateral agreement between former German chancellor Gerhard Schröder and Vladimir Putin

In some ways surprising it was done given variable relations EU vs Russia.

And what was Schröder's job after leaving office?



Soon after stepping down as chancellor, **Schröder accepted** Gazprom's nomination for the post of the head of the shareholders' committee of Nord **Stream AG**

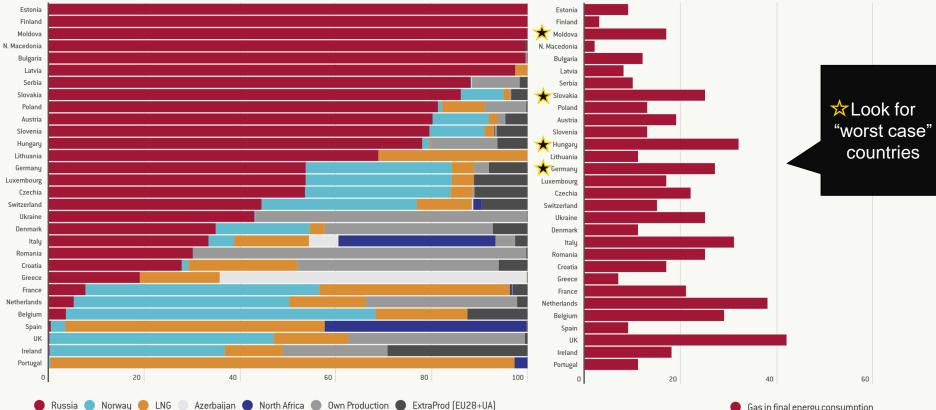




Today: How is the situation of different European countries? (2020/2021 data)

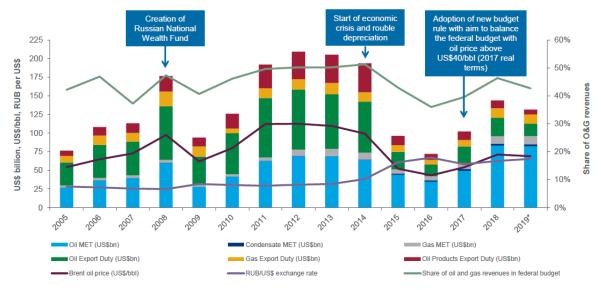
Import share

Gas dependency



Oil & Gas sales revenue is critical to the Russian economy

Evolution of federal budget oil and gas revenues





Gas revenues are easier to tackle than oil as Russia cannot simply sell the gas to elsewhere if we don't buy it, movement of gas restricted by pipeline infrastructure (and for LNG, terminal capacity, but Russia exports over 80% of gas by pipeline)

Exercise: Reducing Russian gas use in a hurry

- Divide into your groups, and figure out measures you can take to reduce Russian gas use as:
 - Energy consumer
 - Energy producer (company)
 - Industry
 - Government
- Go to presemo.aalto.fi/russiangas to fill in your ideas
- 7 minutes to complete



What is the EU planning?

REPower EU communication, 8.3.22: EU Action plan to reduce Russian gas import

Background:

Total Russian gas imports, 155bcm

Existing Fit for 55 measures will reduce gas use by 100 bcm by 2030

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	REPOWER EU TRACK	FOCUS	FF55 AMBITION BY 2030	REPOWEREU MEASURE	REPLACED BY THE END OF 2022 (BCM equivalent) estimate		ADDITIONAL TO FF55 BY 2030 (BCM equivalent) estimate
	GAS DIVERSIFICATION	NON-RU	-	LNG diversification Pipeline import	50° 10		50 10
	GAS DIVERSIFICATION	NATURAL GAS	-	diversification	10		10
		MORE RENEWABLE GAS	17 bcm of biomethane production, saving 17 bcm	Boost biomethane production to 35bcm by 2030	3.5		18
			5.6 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen, saving 9- 18.5 bcm	Boost hydrogen production and imports to 20mt by 2030	-		25-50
		HOMES	Energy efficiency measures, saving 38 bcm	EU-wide energy saving, e.g. by turning down the thermostat for buildings' heating by 1°C, saving 10bcm	14		10
	ELECTRIFY EUROPE		Counted under overall RES figures below	Solar rooftops front loading – up to 15 TWh within a year	2.5		frontloaded
			30 million newly installed heat pumps installed in 2030, saving 35 bcm in 2030	Heat pump roll out front loading by doubling deployment resulting in a cumulative 10 million units over the next 5 years	1.5		frontloaded
Poducio	a Duccion	POWER SECTOR	Deploy 480 GW of	Wind and solar	20		Gas savings
Reducing Russian			wind capacities and 420 GW of solar	front loading, increasing average			from higher ambition
gas import by 100			capacities, saving	deployment rate by			counted
bcm by end 2022			170bcm (and producing 5.6 Mt of	20%, saving 3bcm of gas, and			under green hydrogen, the
looks possible but			Green Hydrogen)	additional	\mathbb{N}		rest is
-				by 2030 to			frontloaded
ery tough practically				accommodate for			
•	nomically			higher production of renewable			
				hydrogen.		Concerning on the day of the	
	TRANSFORM INDUSTRY	ENERGY- INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES	Front load electrification and renewable hydrogen uptake	Front load Innovation Fund and extend the scope to carbon contracts for difference	Gas savings counted under the renewable hydrogen and renewables targets		

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Summary & Outlook

- Reminder: Energy & Climate policy in Europe is primarily from EU, not national level
- 2020 targets look like being met
- 2030 objective (at 40% GHG cut) were reasonably ambitious and fully in legislation by 2019.
- EU Green Deal/Fit for 55 objective of 55% GHG cut by 2030 (and carbon neutrality by 2050) has required complete revision of 2030 legislation...within 2 years of their finalisation in 2019!
- Climate and energy spending play a major role in EU COVID-19 recovery funds
- EU has possibility for cutting Russian gas import fast but it will be very tough, but hopefully both public and political will is there

Many thanks!

Remember to fill in the lecture feedback question in presemo!

