Decarbonisation and energy security

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Breakdown of cumulative emissions reductions in the European Union versus the baseline projection since 2010



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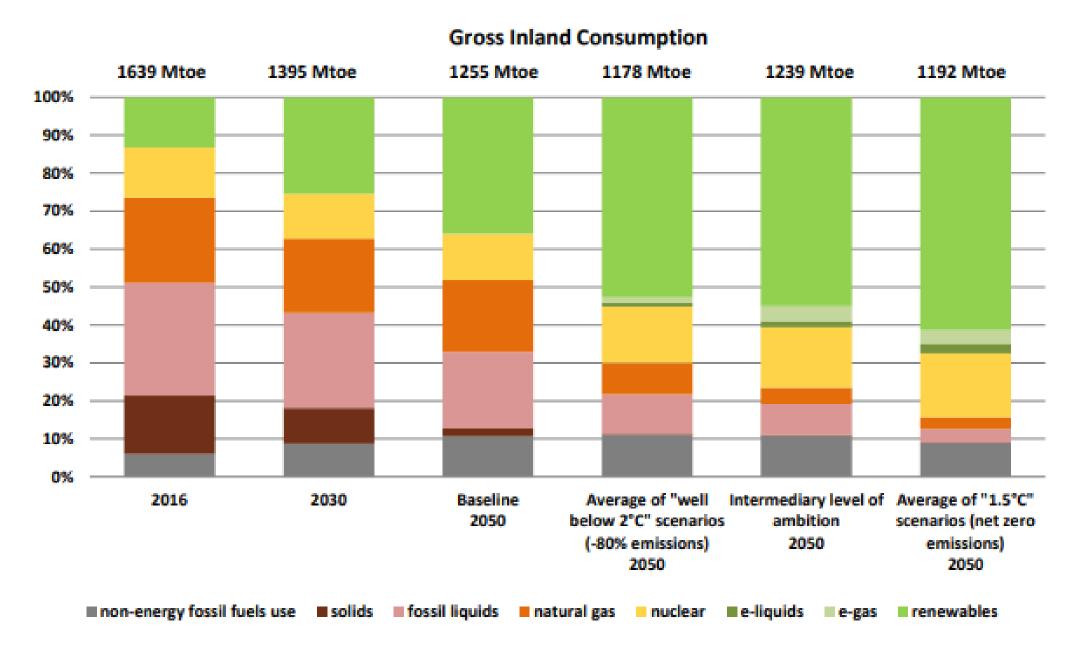
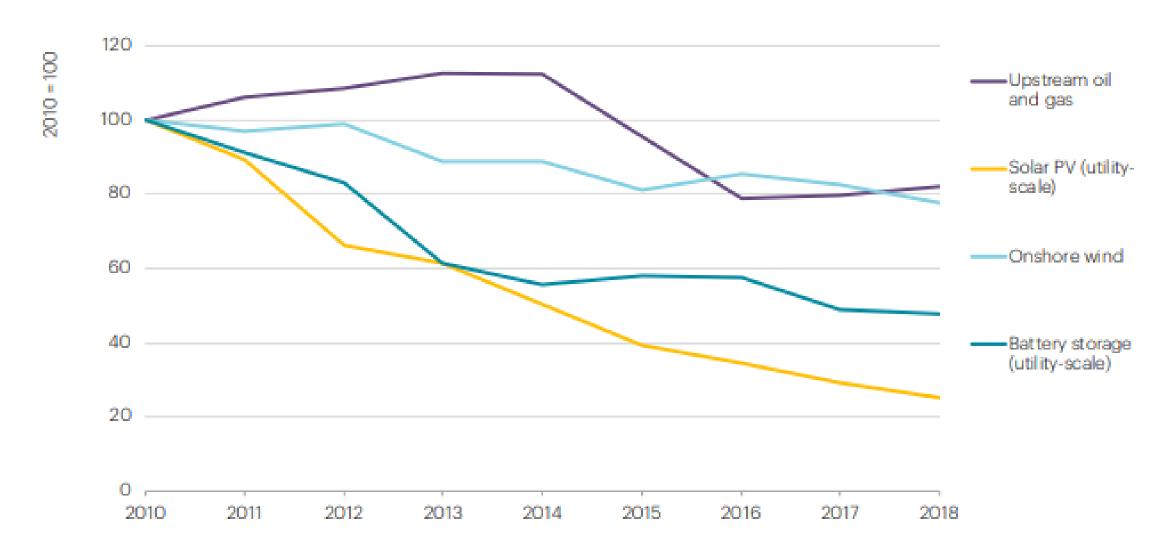
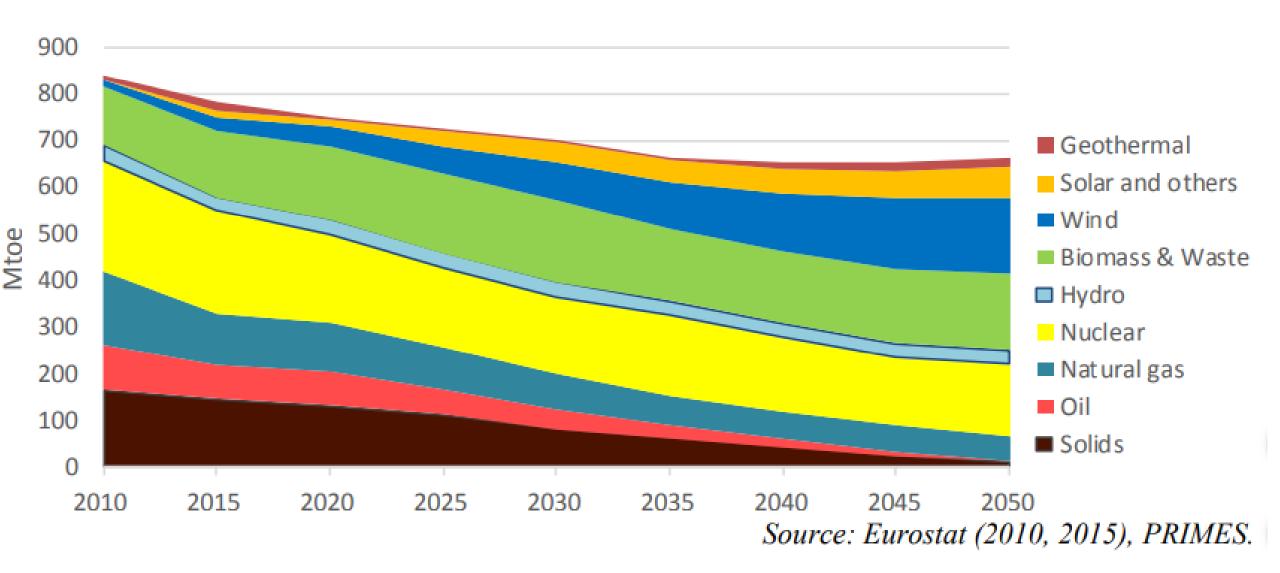


Figure 2. Fuel mix in Gross Inland Consumption

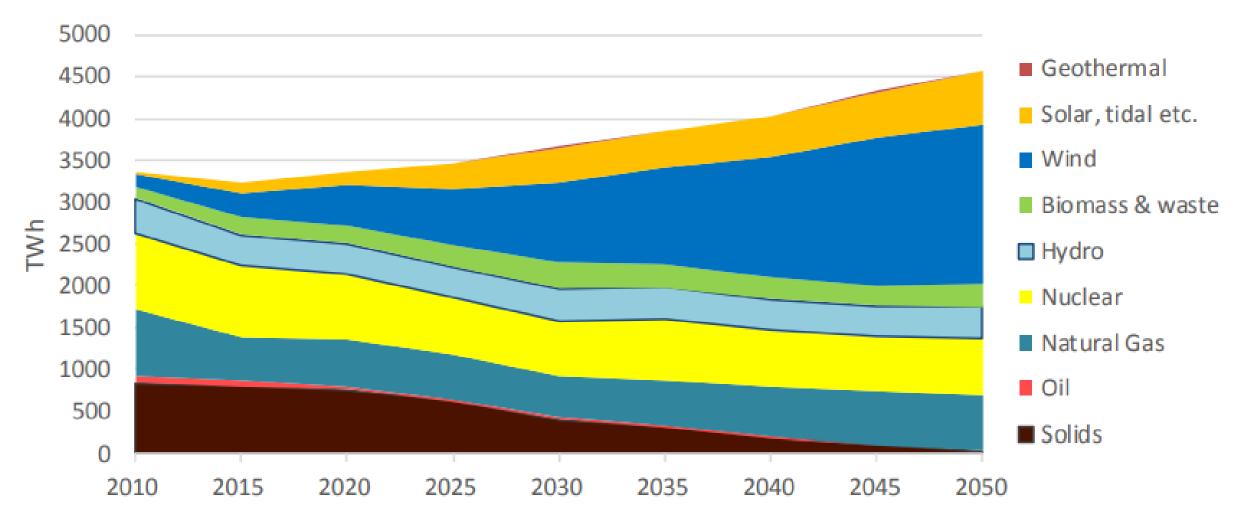
Change in capital costs of selected fuels and energy technologies



Primary energy production in the Baseline

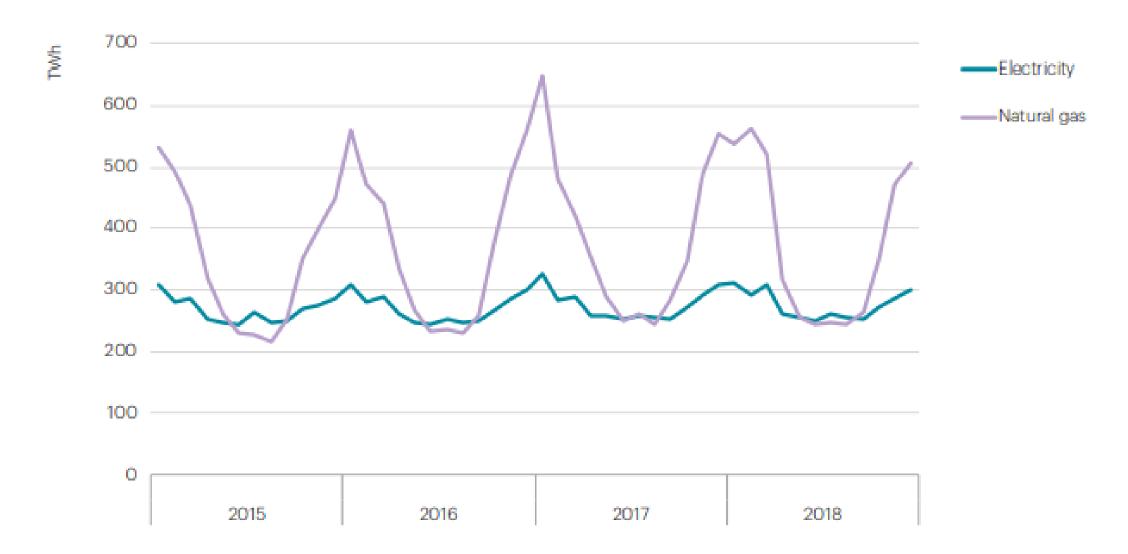


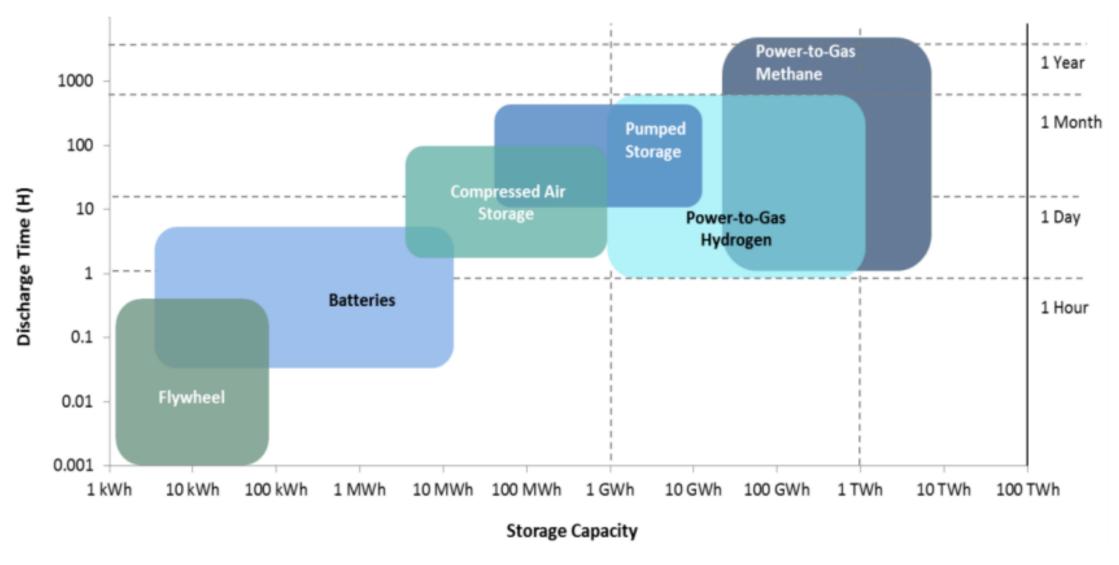
Gross electricity generation in the Baseline



Source: Eurostat (2010, 2015), PRIMES.

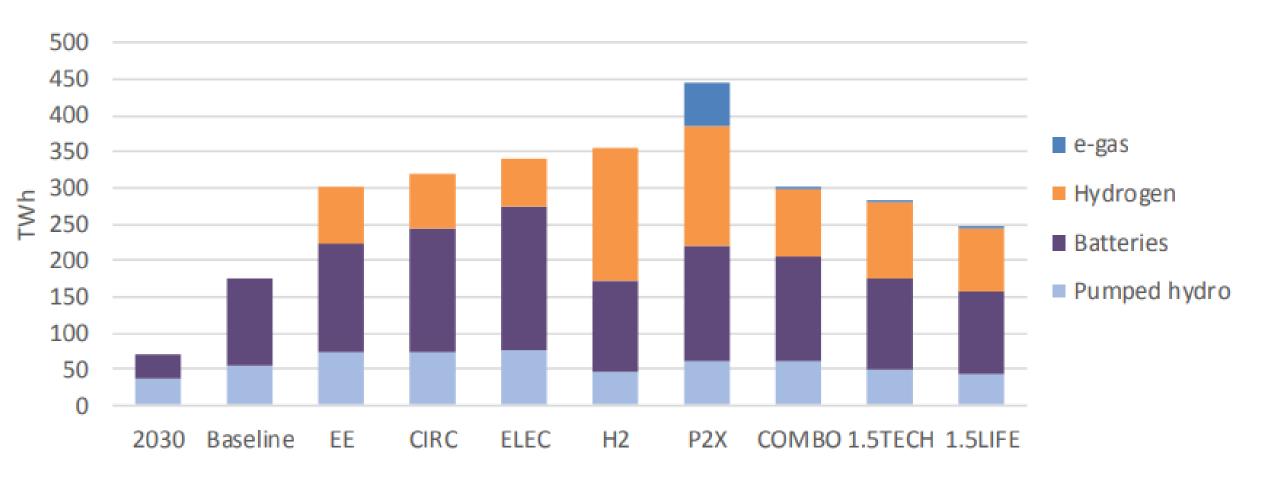
Comparing the monthly consumption of electricity and gas in the European Union





Source: European Commission (2017), Energy storage – the role of electricity 178.

Storage in 2050



Source: PRIMES.

Three Pillar Strategy

- Strong electrification on the basis of RES
- Greening of molecules and low carbon molecules
- Sector coupling/integration (P2X, grids, demand side)

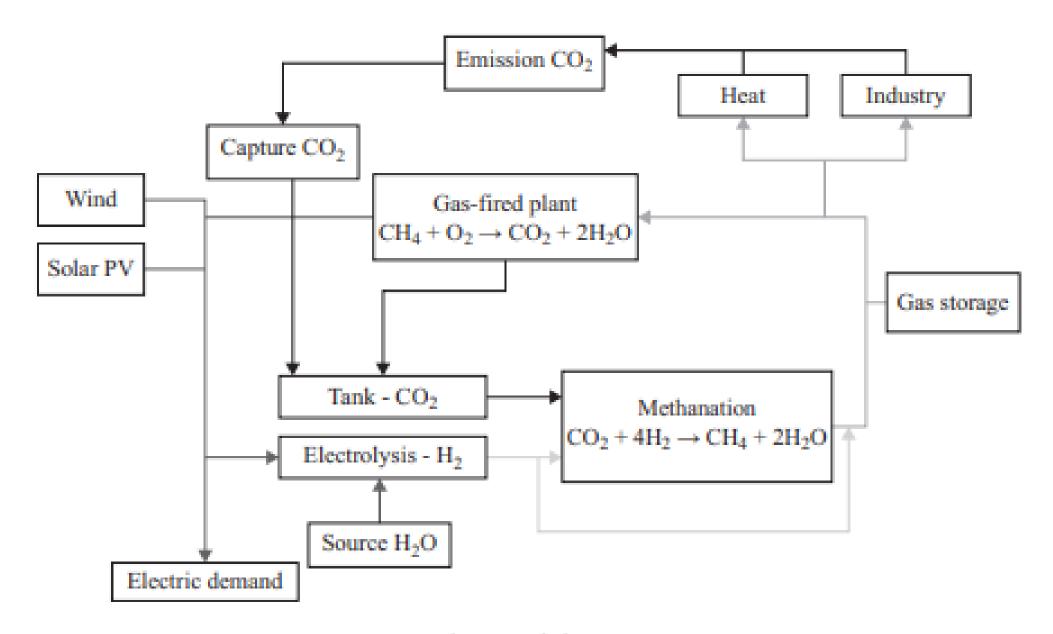
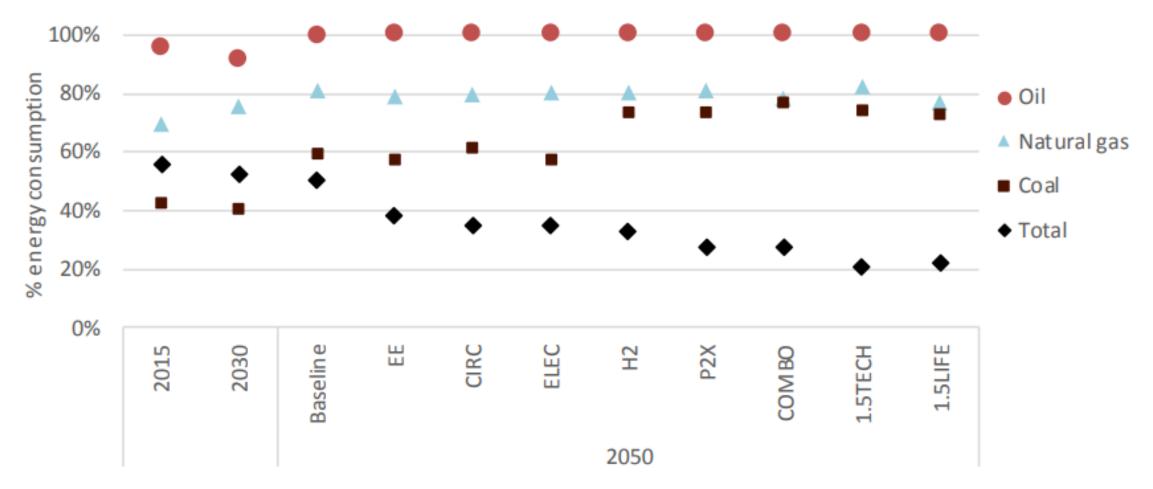


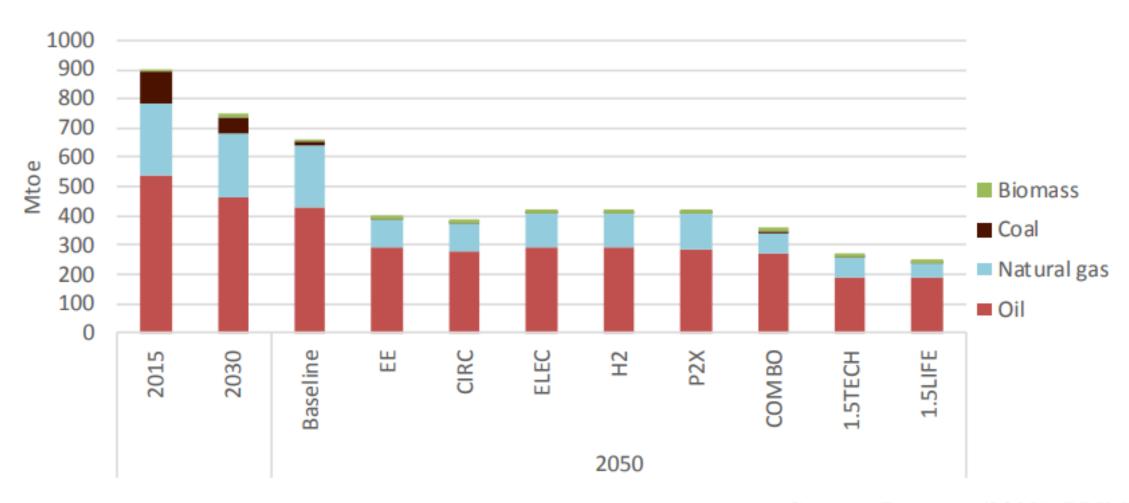
Figure 4.1 Basic scheme of the Power-to-Gas concept



Note: the rate is calculated by dividing the net imports per fuel by the sum of the gross inland consumption and of the energy use in international bunkers for that fuel. The Total data series corresponds to the ratio of imports to gross inland consumption.

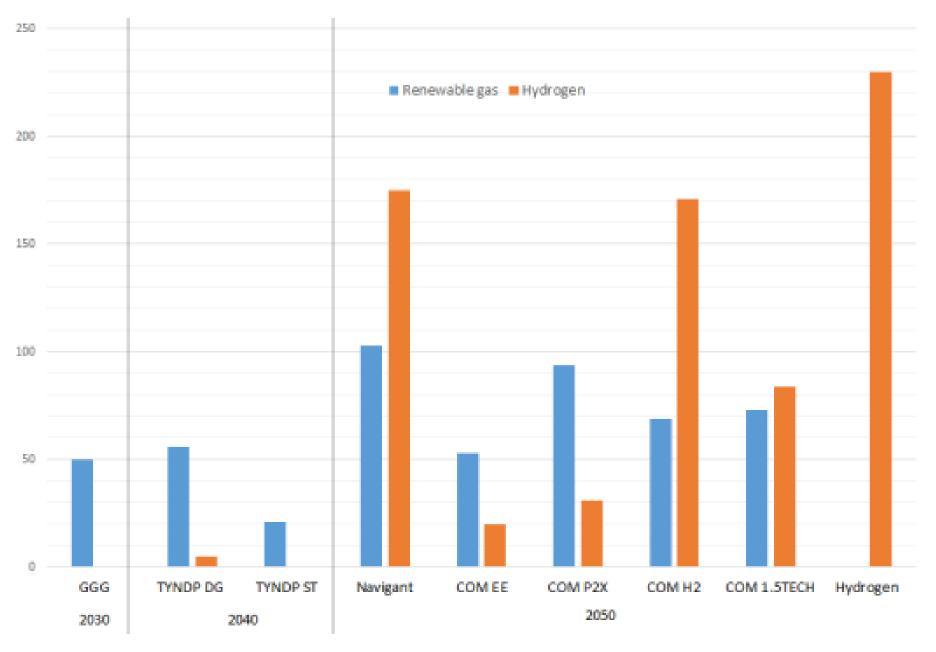
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Energy imports



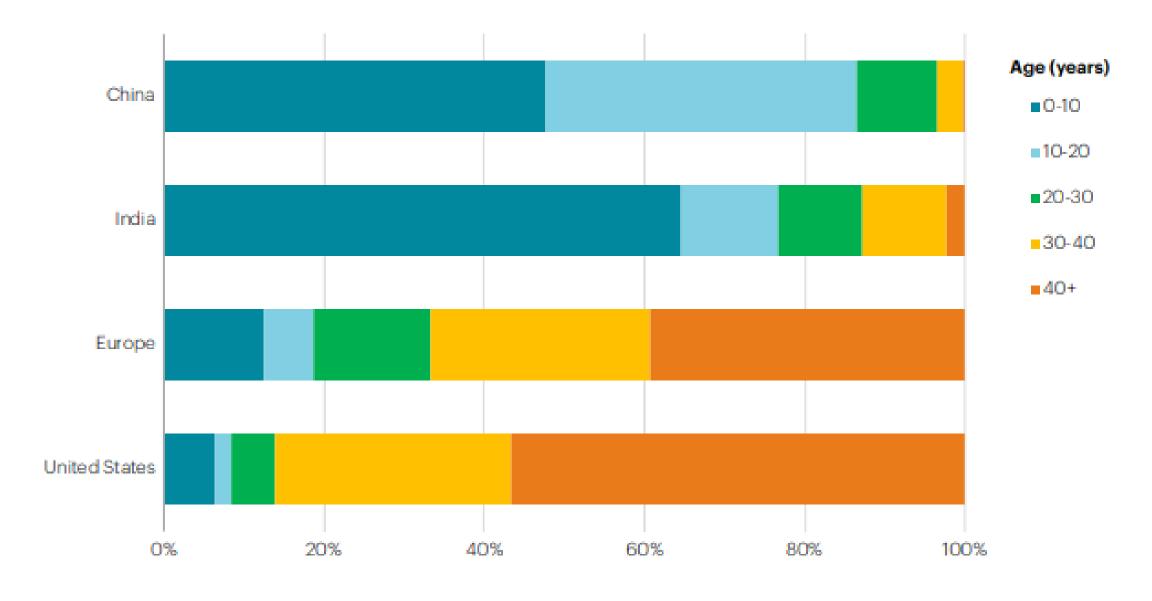
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Figure 4. Production projections for renewable gas and hydrogen (bcm)



Source: GGG (2014); TYNDP (2018); Navigant (2019); European Commission (2018); Hydrogen (2019).

Share of coal-fired plants in selected countries/regions by age



European Energy Security Strategy

Resilience to sudden disruptions in energy supplies

Support to the most vulnerable Member States

Protection of strategic infrastructure

Legislative basis

- Oil stocks directive
- Security of gas supply regulation
- Regulation on risk preparedness in the electricity sector
- Network code on electricity emergency and information system
- Directive on security of network and information system

Coordination

- Oil Coordination Group
- Gas Coordination Group
- Electricity Coordination Group

New Challenges for Energy Security

- Strong growth in electricity consumption
- More variability more need for storage
- More hydrogen more need for electricity
- More decentralisation in supply
- Digitalisation
- Need for new infrastructure and stranded assets
- Critical role of energy efficiency in reaching targets
- How to keep consistency in efforts towards long term goal
- What degree of differentiation between MS is possible in the long term

Need for more integrated energy security