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Il ruolo dell'idrogeno nella transizione ecologica

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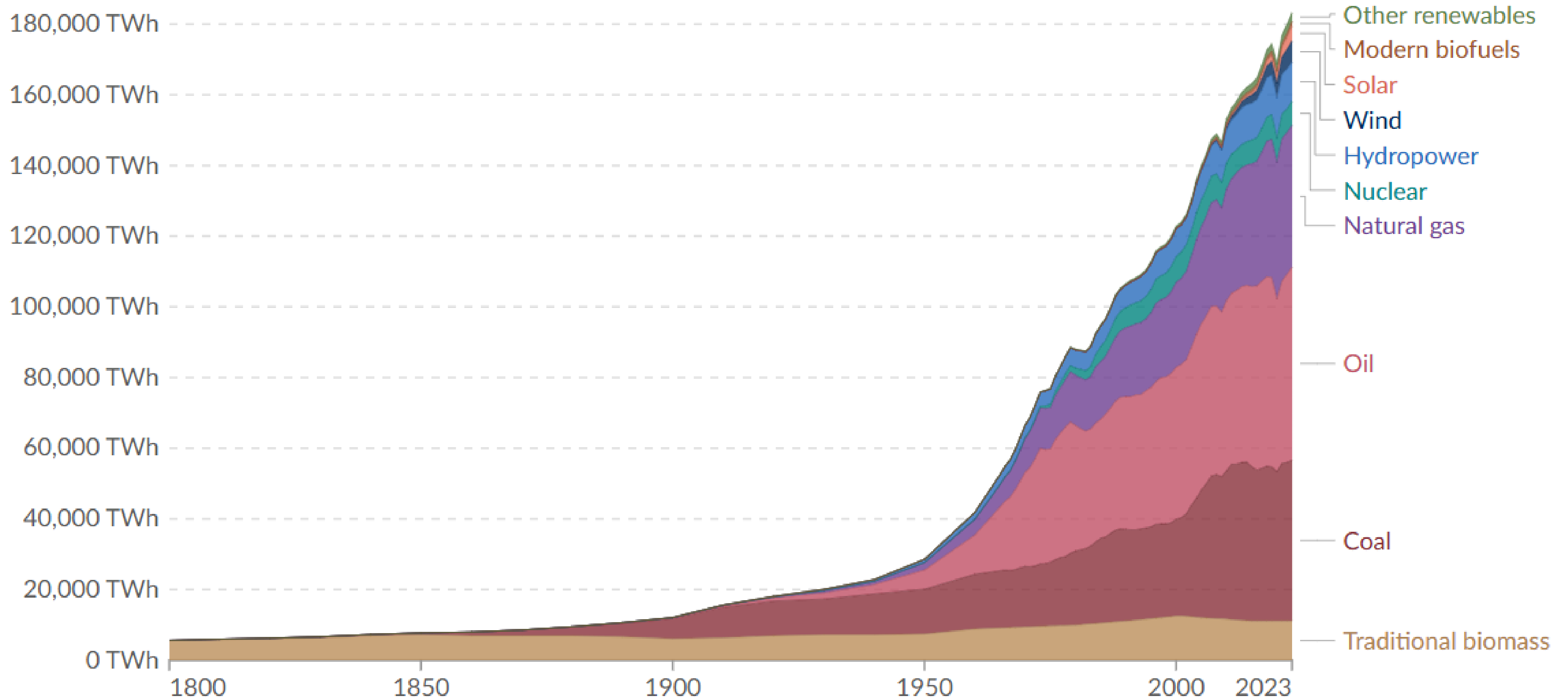
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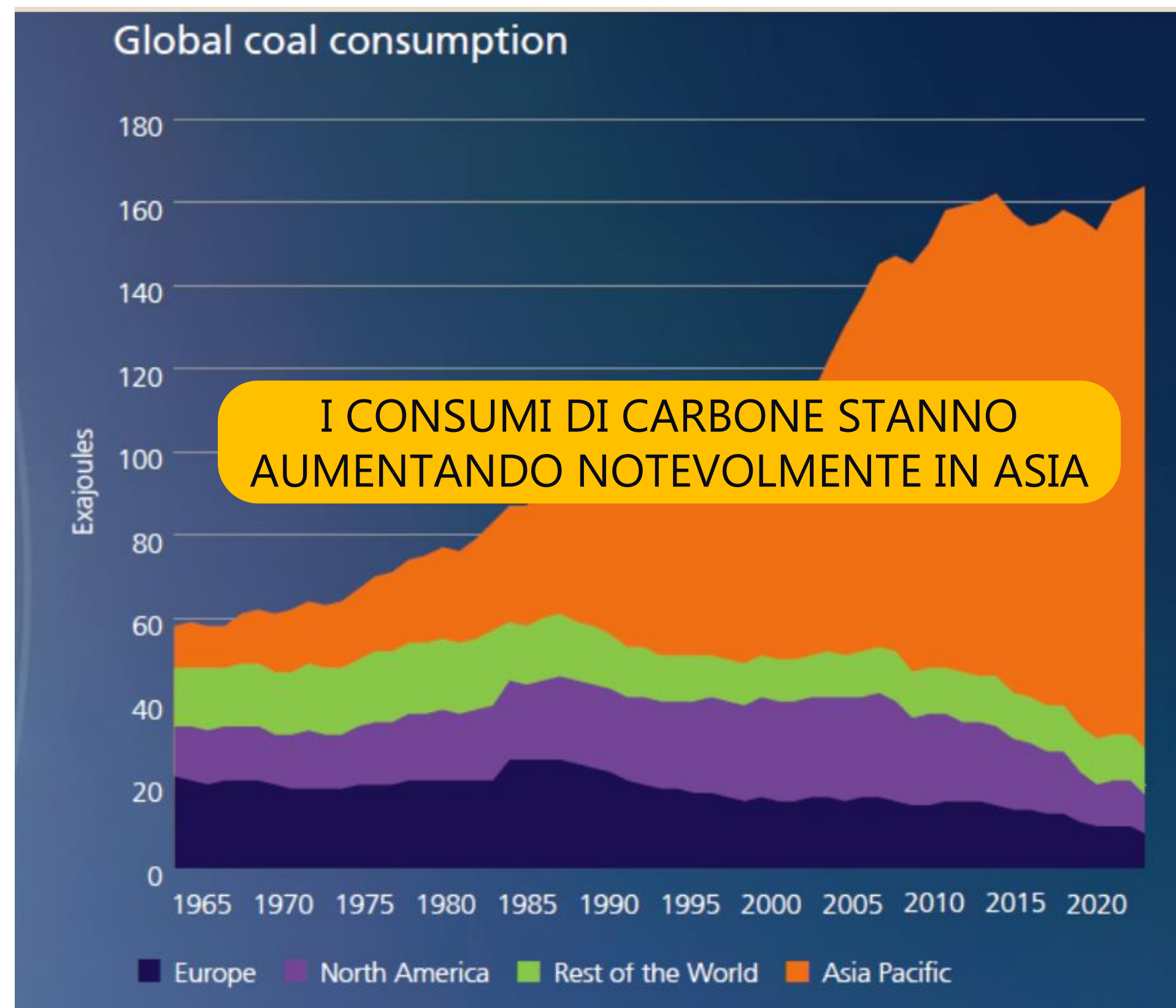
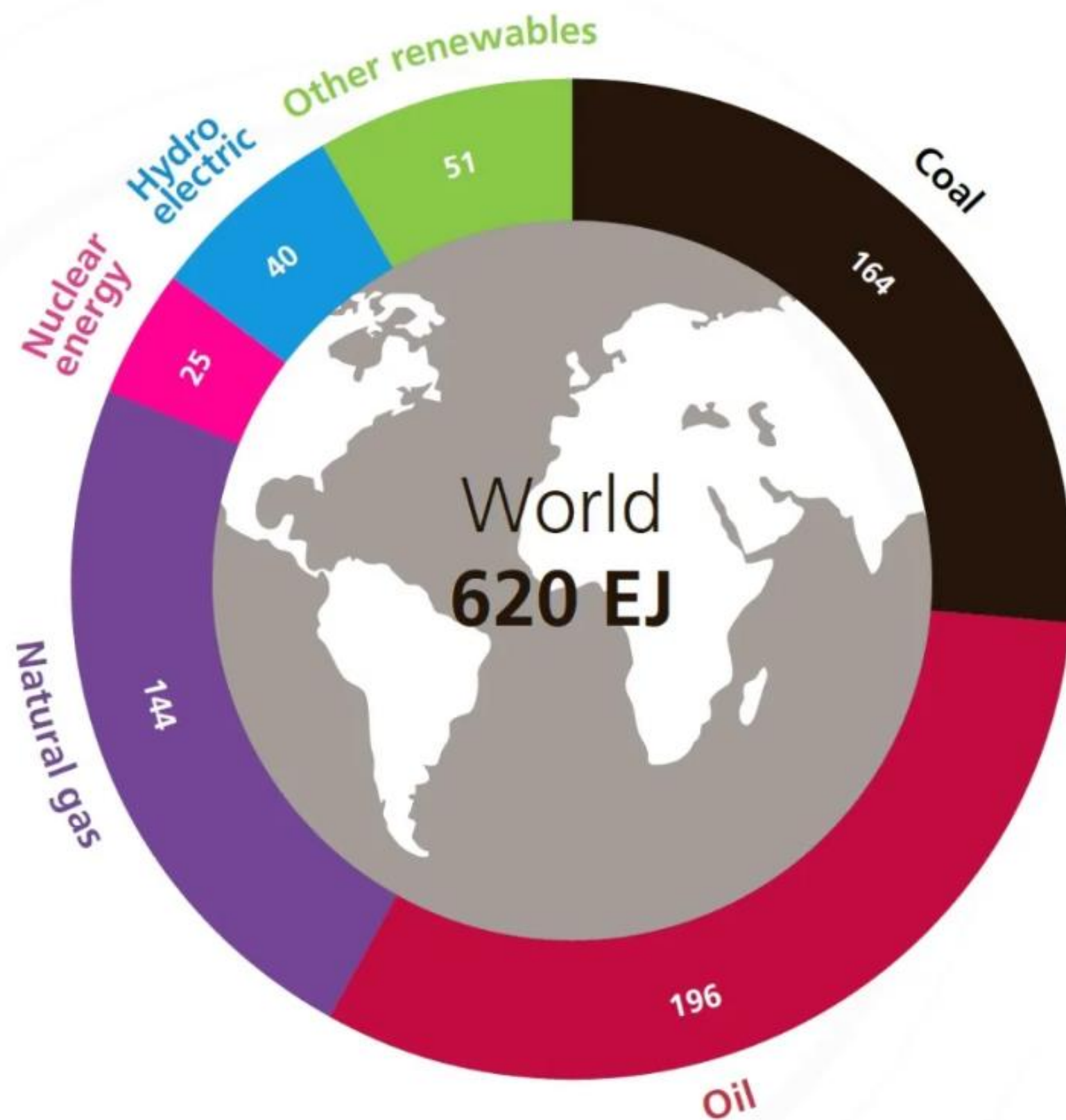
Transizione energetica

Consumo globale di energia primaria per fonte

Source: Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2024)



Il consumo energetico è dominato dai combustibili fossili per oltre l'80%



HEADWINDS AGAINST CLIMATE POLICIES

BlackRock Quits Major Net Zero Alliance Ahead of Trump Inauguration As Number of Wall Street Lenders Shying Away From Sustainability Efforts Grows

BY MARTINA IGINI | AMERICAS | JAN 13TH 2025 | 3 MINS

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Morgan Stanley to leave sector climate coalition

By Reuters

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FINANCE

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Japan's Biggest Bank to Exit Climate Alliance

► Green Finance Under Trump 2.0: West Retreats, East Rises?



► The Australian Macquarie (ASX: MQG) quits Net Zero B...

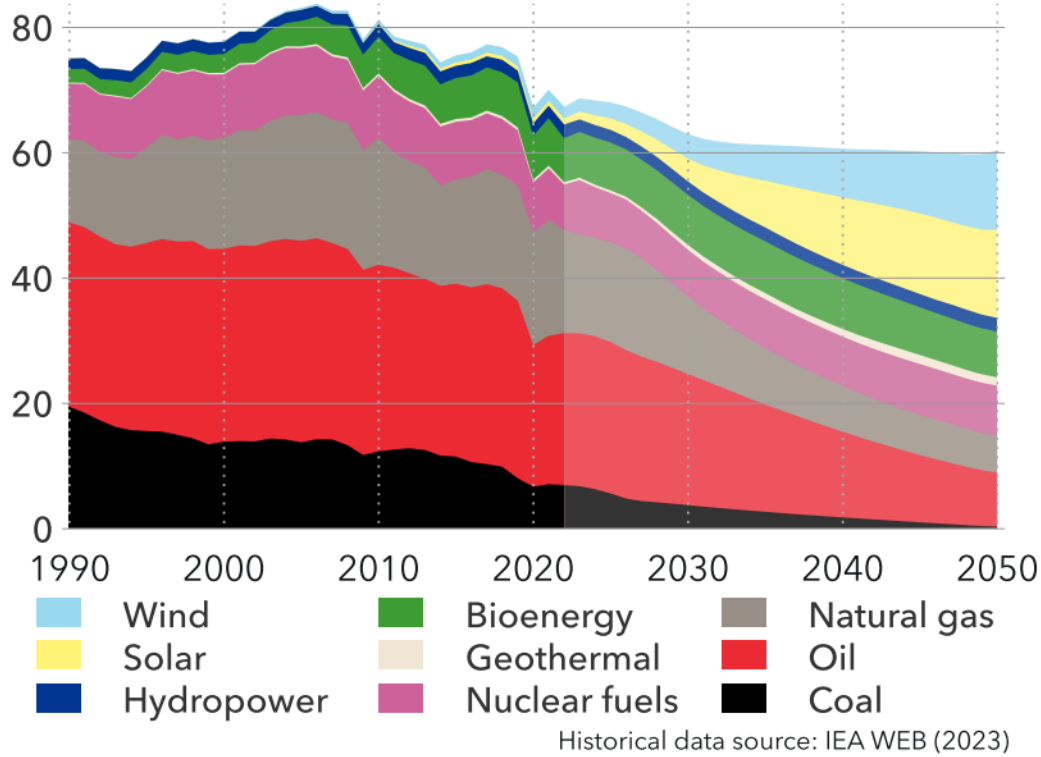
The risk is that the current US administration will induce Global financial institutions to shy away from fighting the climate change, but for how long? And at what cost for citizens?



Unione Europea – Proiezioni sui bisogni energetici

Consumo energetico primario europeo per fonte

Units: EJ/yr



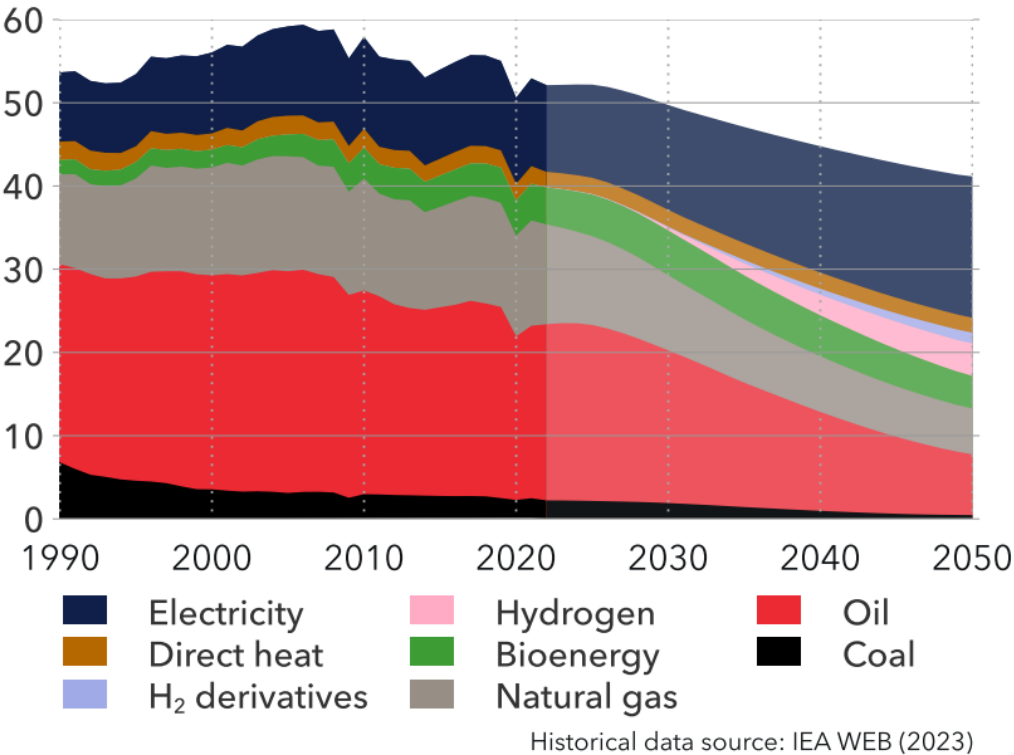
Source: Energy Transitions Outlook 2023, DNV GL

Energy Source (2023)	TWh/year
Wind	516.8
Solar PV	258.4
Hydropower	581.4
Bioenergy	2067.2
Geothermal	64.6
Nuclear	2002.6
Natural Gas	4586.6
Oil	6718.4
Coal	1938.0

La dipendenza dell'UE dai combustibili fossili è ancora alta >70%

Domanda energetica finale europea per vettore energetico

Units: EJ/yr



Energy Source (2023)	TWh/year
Electric power	2890
Heating	530
Bioenergy	1252
Natural Gas	3324
Oil	5877
Coal	601

Unione Europea – Potenziale delle rinnovabili

Consumo finale di energia elettrica rinnovabile 2022

Technology	TWh/year	% on total renewable energy
Tidal energy	0.51	0.04%
Bioliquids	3.31	0.29%
Concentrated Solar Thermal	4.54	0.39%
Geothermal	6.43	0.56%
Offshore wind	52.67	4.58%
Biogas	52.89	4.60%
Solar PV	205.11	17.82%
Solid Biomass	105.90	9.20%
Onshore wind	373.64	32.47%
Hydropower (not pumped)	345.77	30.05%
Total	1150.78	

Source: Dashboard – Renewable energy in Europe 2023, European Environment Agency



2022	Energy	Installed capacity
Tecnology	TWh/year	GW
Solar PV	205.3	236 ¹
Wind (onshore + offshore)	575.8 (488.3+87.4) ²	255 (225+30) ²

¹Source: Global Market Outlook For Solar Power 2023-2027, Solar Power Europe

²Source: Wind energy in Europe, Wind Europe

2027	Energy	Installed capacity (+increase from 2022)
Tecnology	TWh/year	GW
Solar PV	513.3	546 (+337*)
Wind (onshore + offshore)	900.9	399 (+144*)

*Source: Renewables 2022, IEA



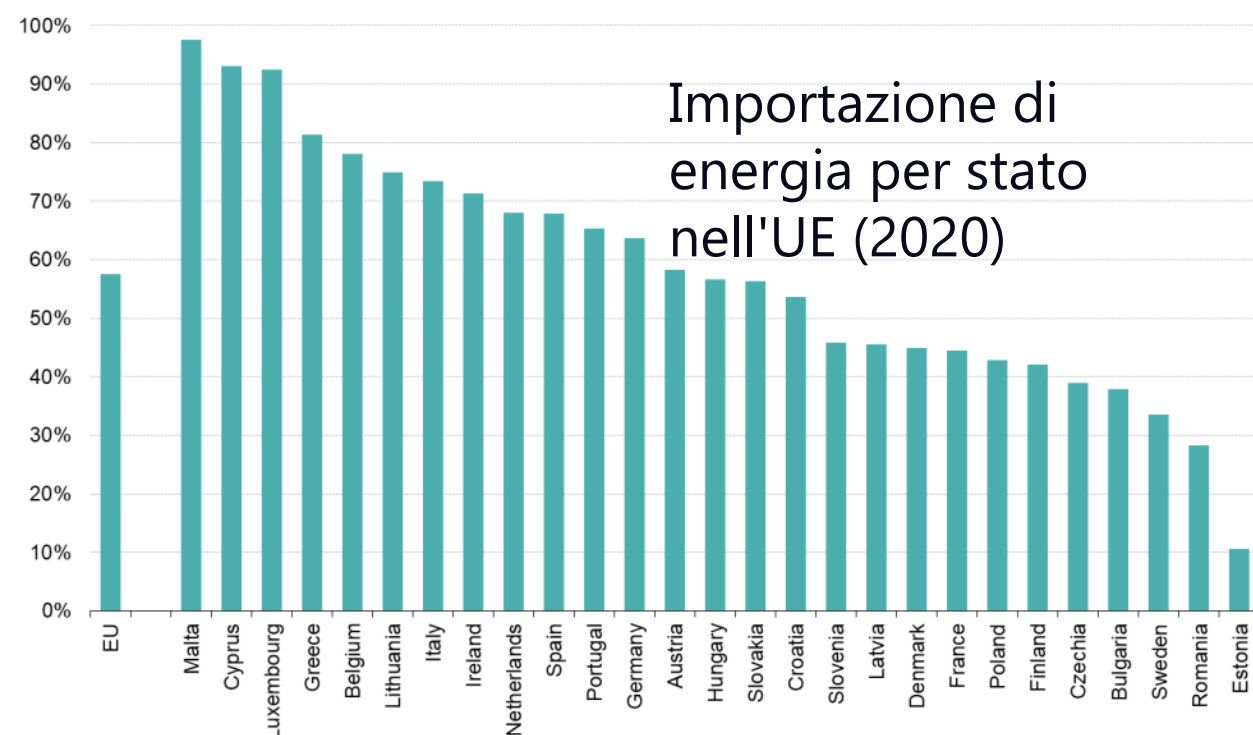
Average utilization factor	%
Solar PV	10
Wind (onshore + offshore)	26



MAX EU capacity	GW
Solar PV	~14 000
Onshore	~12 000

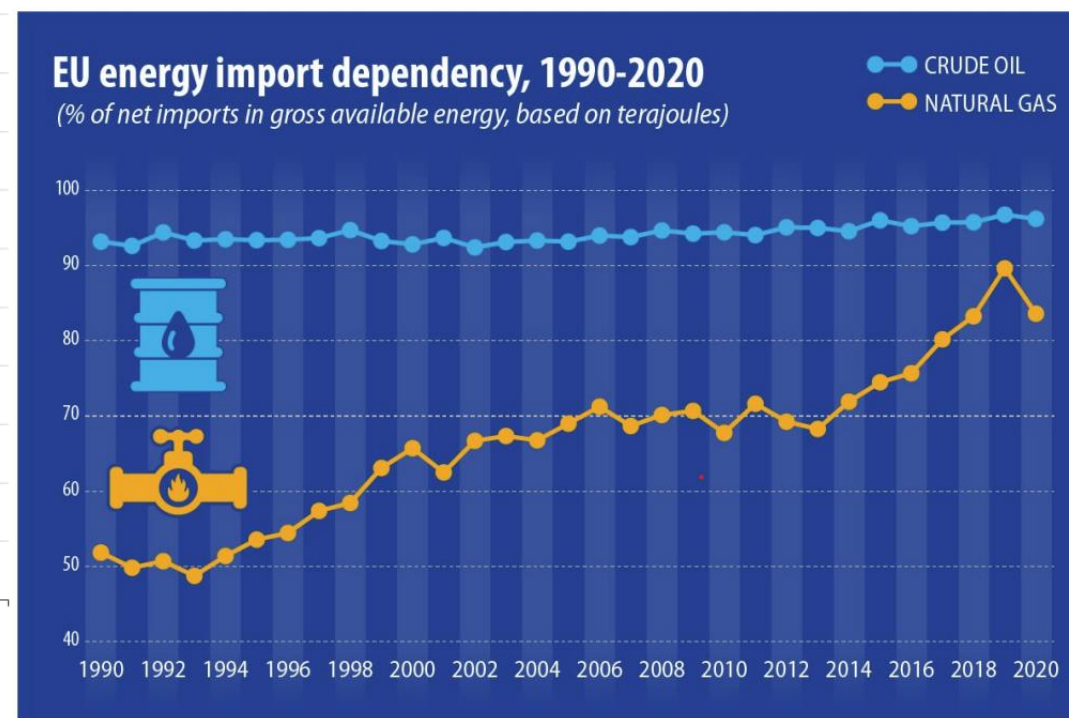
Source: Generation Lulls from the Future Potential of Wind and Solar Energy in Europe, Ryberg (2019)

Unione Europea – Bisogni di deficit, importazione e stoccaggio



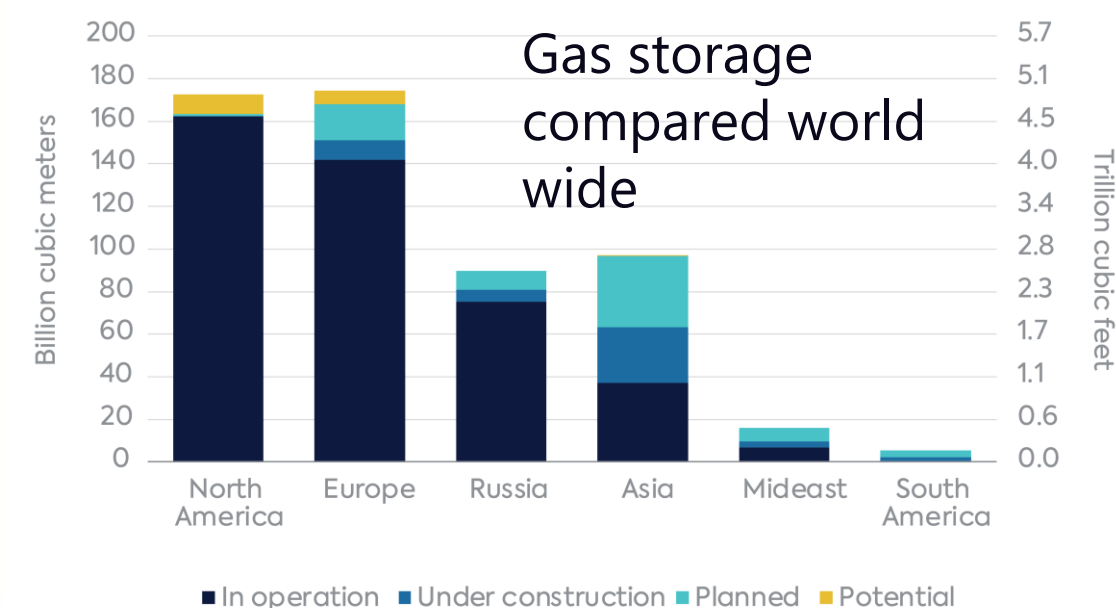
Source: Eurostat, calculation based on energy balances

eurostat

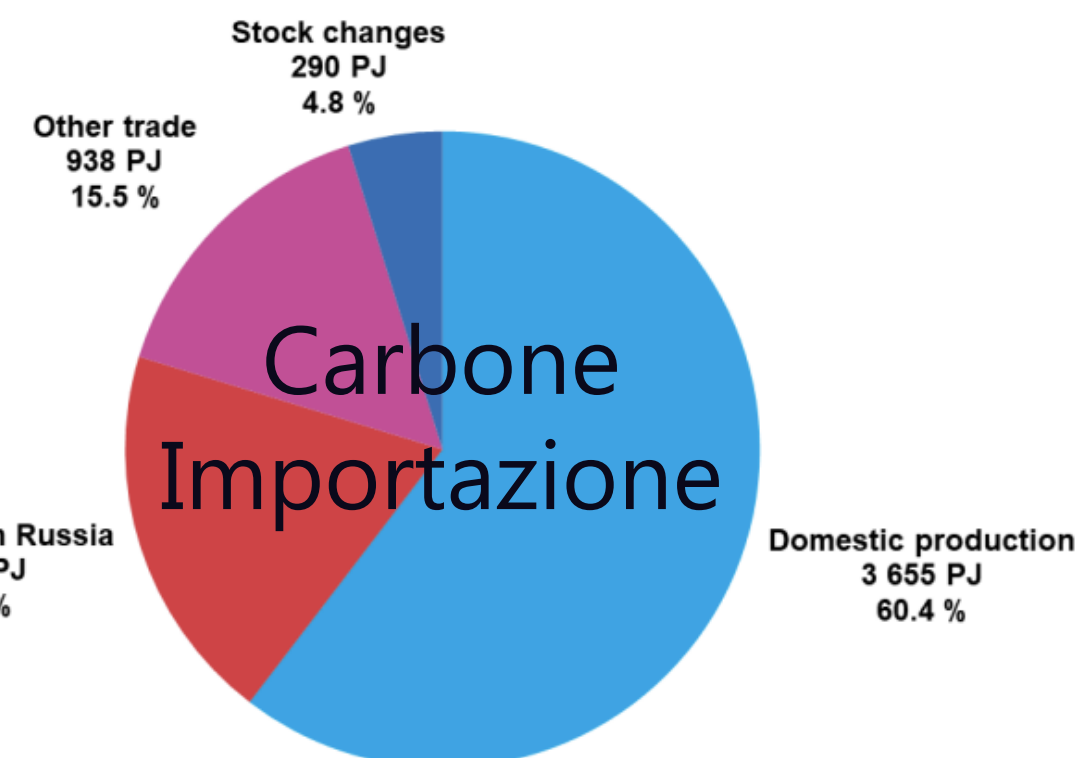
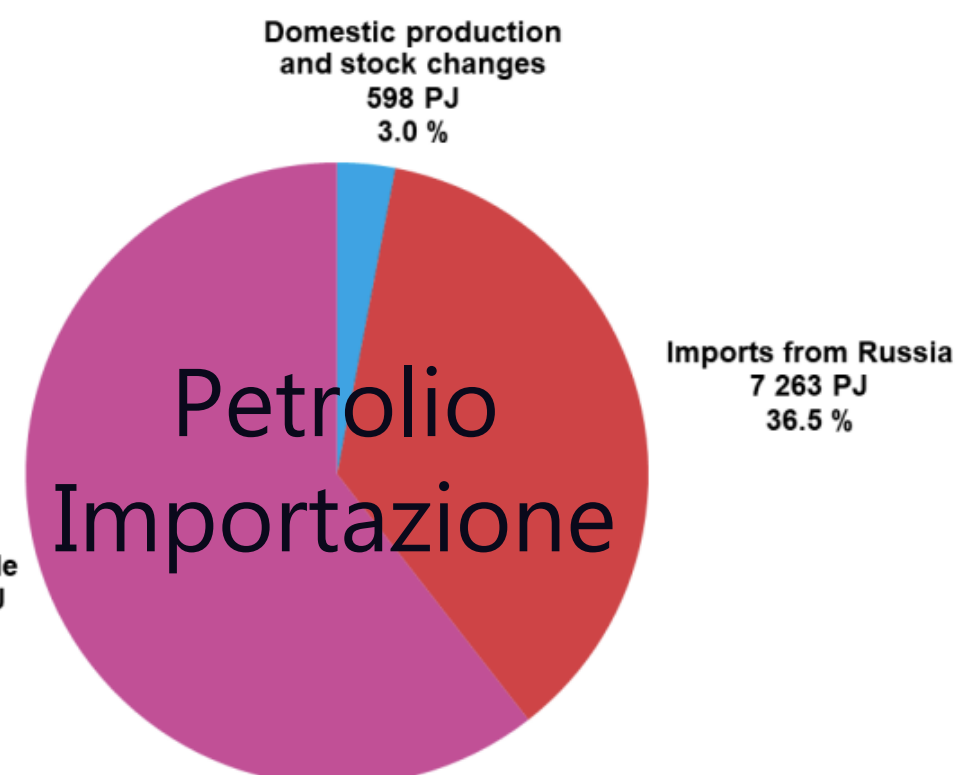
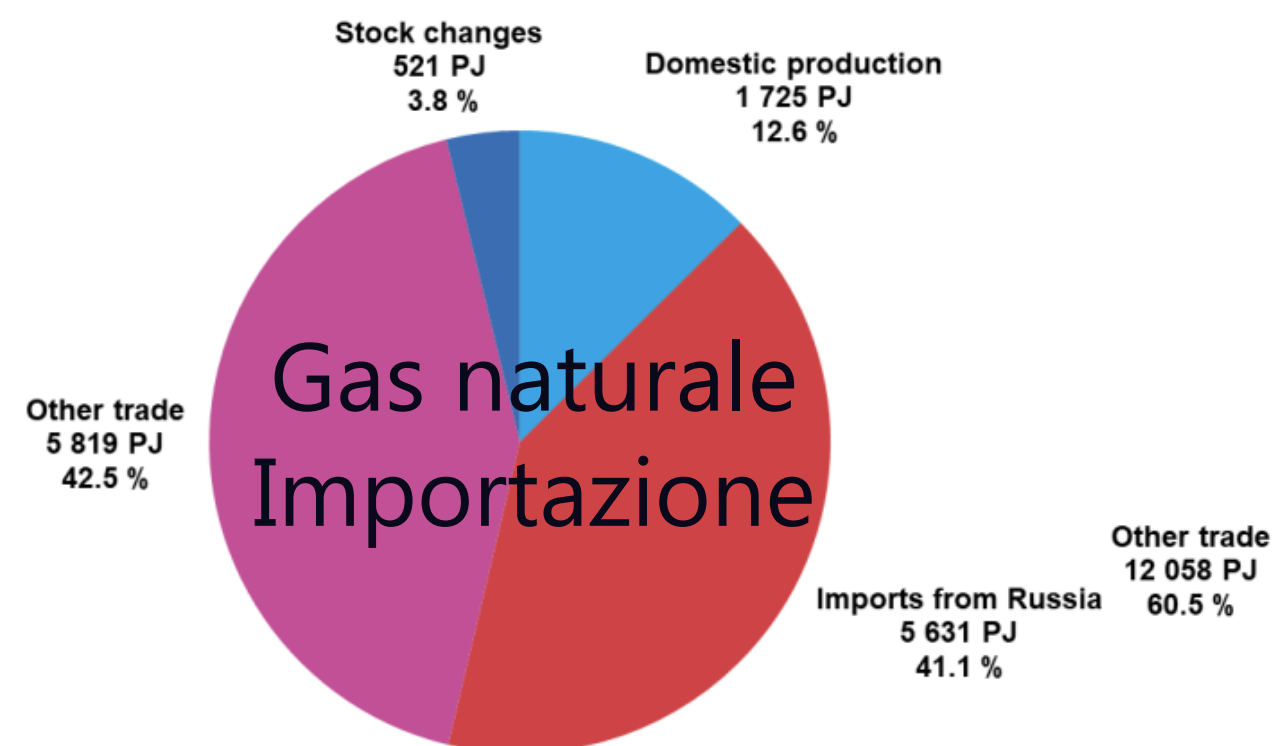


ec.europa.eu/eurostat

Capacità globale di stoccaggio del gas per regione



Source: Cedigaz, as of January 2022.



RINNOVABILI e PREZZI NEGATIVI DELL'ENERGIA

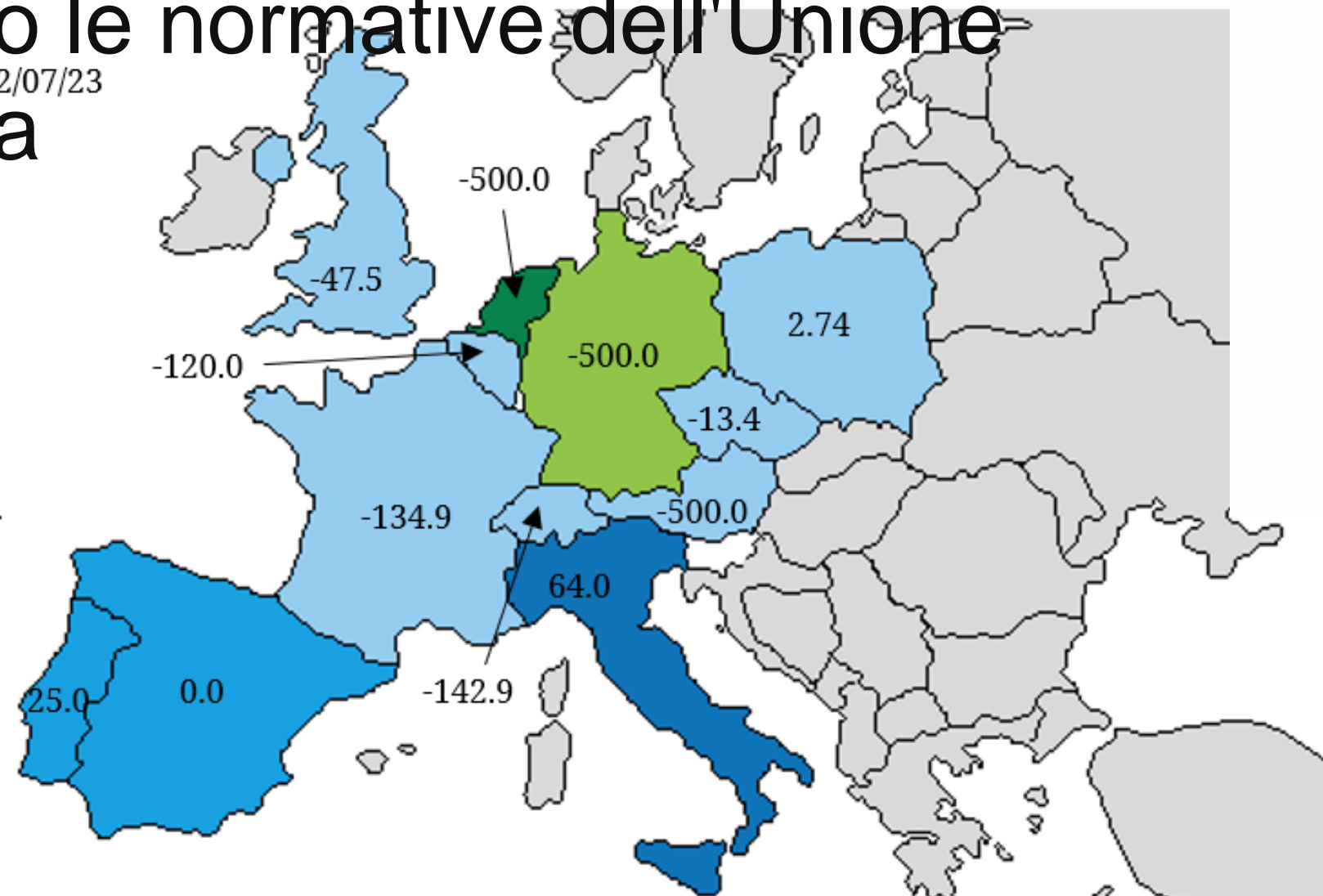
I prezzi negativi nei Paesi Bassi, Germania e Austria hanno raggiunto

-500€/MWh, il prezzo minimo secondo le normative dell'Unione Europea

Average DA prices on 02/07/23



Minimum DA prices on 02/07/23 stated on map.



Source: ENTSO-E

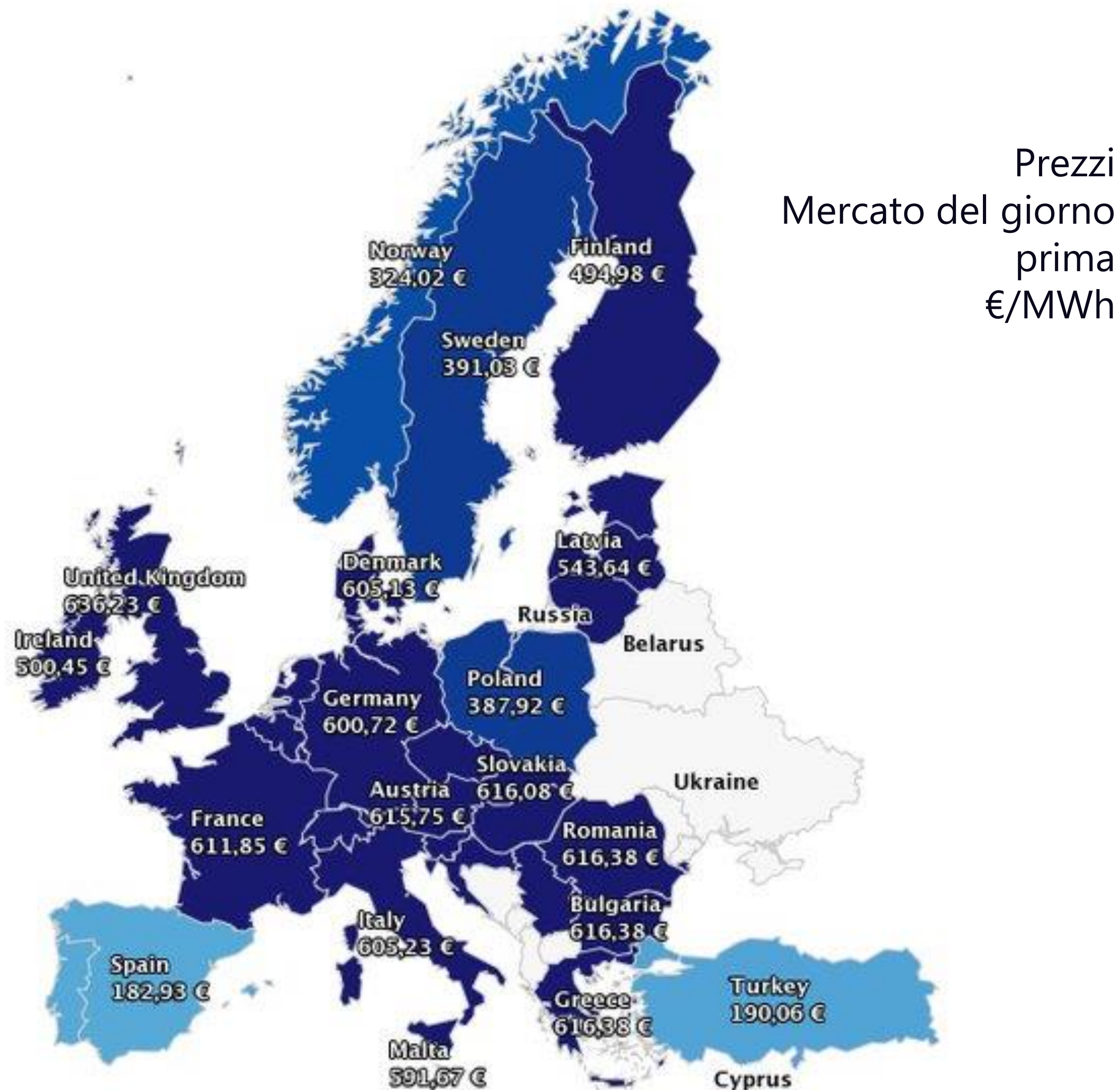


Queste sono condizioni molto negative per le multiutility

RINNOVABILI E SOTTOPRODUZIONE

Dall'altra parte, quando le rinnovabili non sono disponibili, i prezzi di mercato possono diventare insostenibili!!

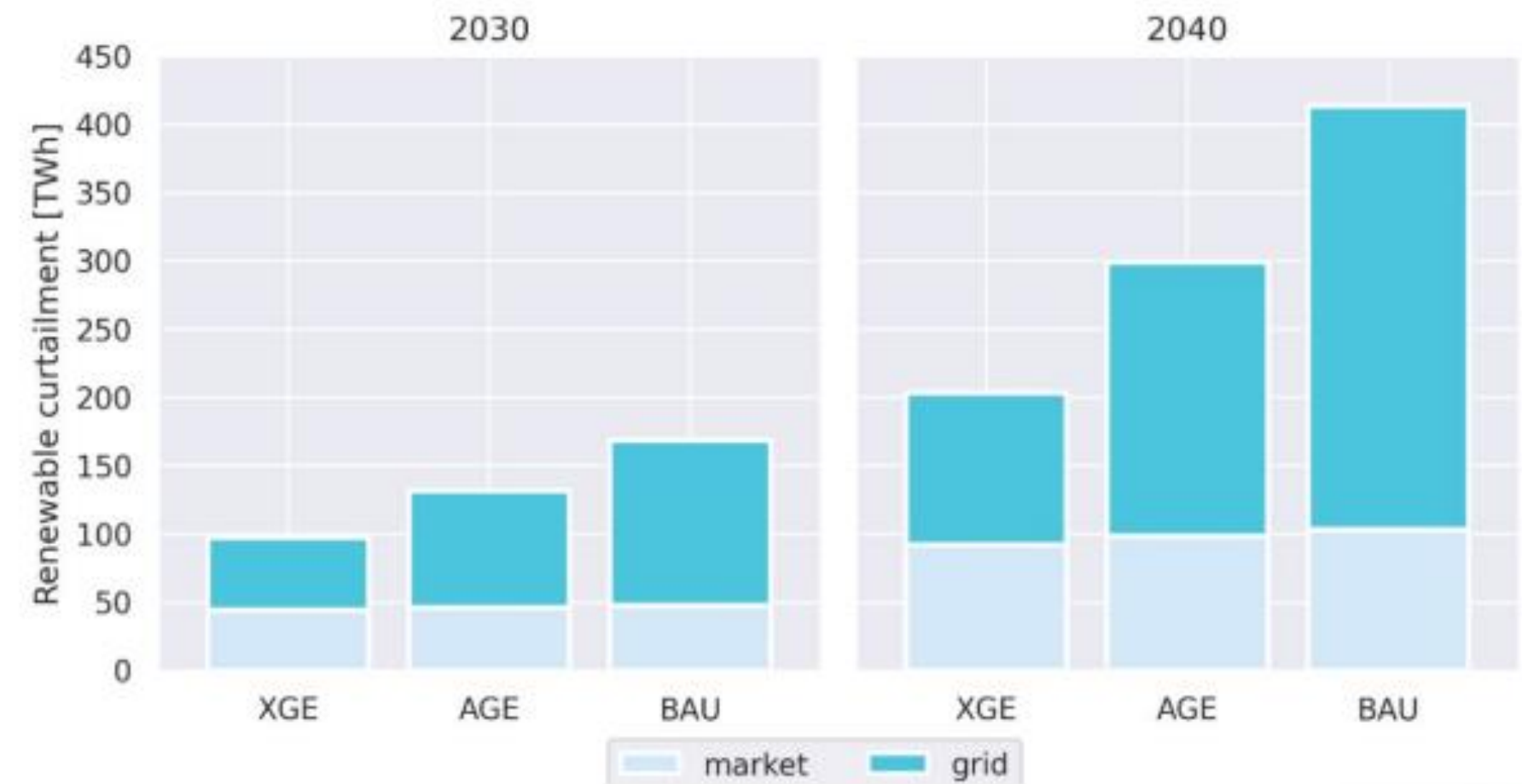
L'imprevedibilità dell'approvvigionamento energetico è un problema importante!!



Energy Curtailment

Source: JRC – European Commission

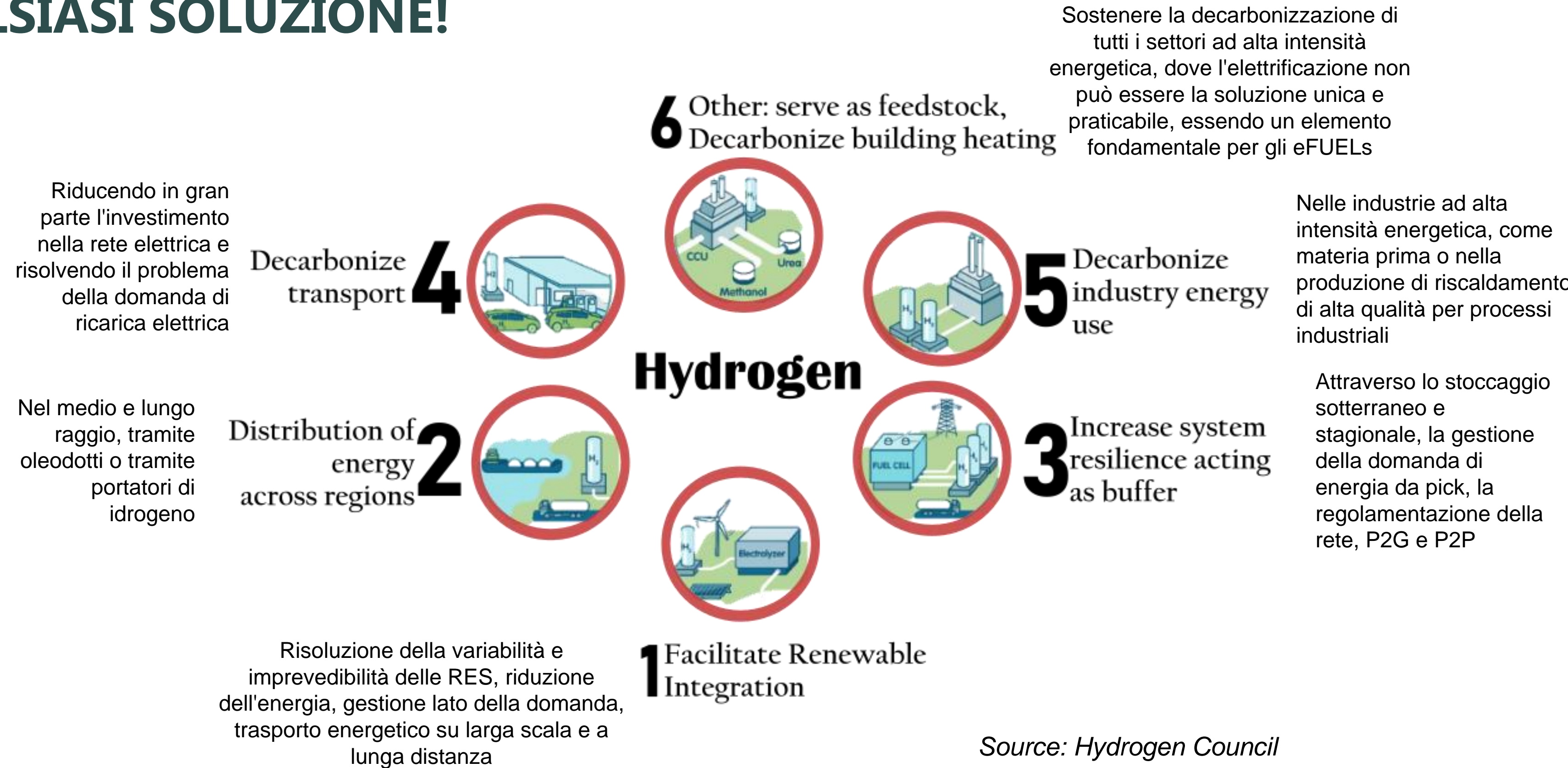
- In 2040 between 100 and 310 TWh of renewable generation are estimated to be at risk of being curtailed due to bottlenecks in the grid.
- Warnings were echoed by Draghi's report on European competitiveness.



Oggi l'UE ha un consumo energetico finale di circa 9000 TWh

Perché l'idrogeno?

COME AFFRONTARE LE RINNOVABILI E L'INTERMITTENZA? L'IDROGENO È IL MATTONI DI QUALSIASI SOLUZIONE!



Source: Hydrogen Council

Hydrogen Strategy

#EUGreenDeal

ONE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEM

Nella nuova era politica del cambiamento energetico, l'idrogeno è al servizio dell'ambiente e dell'economia



Una soluzione economicamente sostenibile per la migliore efficienza dei costi del sistema energetico @



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L'idrogeno è incluso in una lunga lista di documenti di posizione sulla politica energetica per la transizione energetica verso NET ZERO, come risorsa chiave per raggiungere l'obiettivo

Article
Solving the
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OECD Environment Working Papers No. 245

Bridging the clean energy investment gap: Cost of capital in the transition to net-zero emissions

Cian Montague,
Kilian Raiser,
Moongyung Lee

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1787/1ae47659-en>

03 Apr 2025, 11:30 Benjamin Wehrmann | Germany

Lower renewables, hydrogen buildout could

y's energy transition

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The net-zero transition: What it could cost, what it could bring



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Il ruolo dell'idrogeno: analisi della modellizzazione integrata dei sistemi energetici

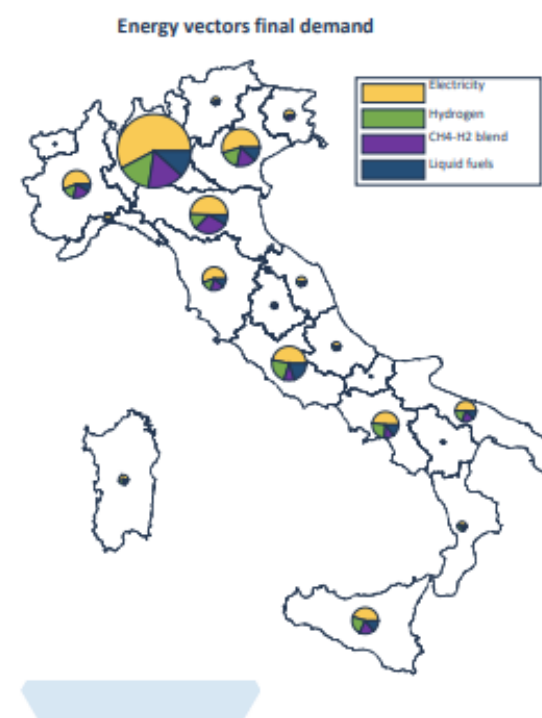
Studio del POLIMI sul sistema energetico nazionale:

- Raggiungimento di NET ZERO @ 2050
- Sicurezza di approvvigionamento
- Sviluppo rinnovabili secondo potenziali nazionali
- Analisi sulle reti e i nodi reali nazionali
- Raggiungimento di obiettivi legati al **minor investimento** con analisi multi obiettivo

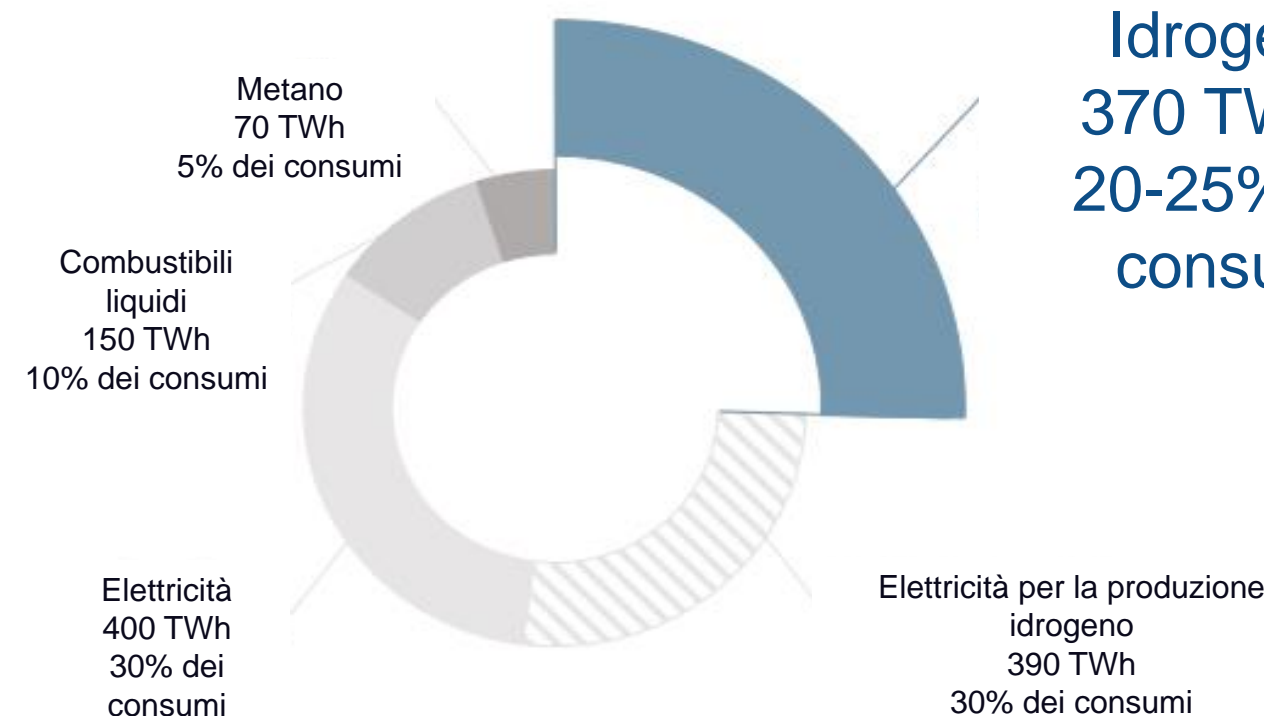


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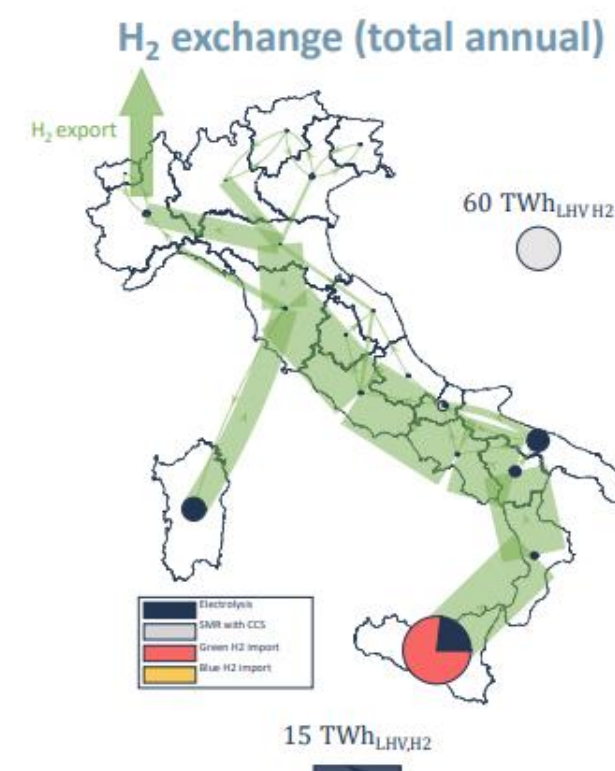
Consumi finali attesi @2050 NET ZERO



Energy vector	Annual consumption (final uses + conversion)	Uses	Variation from 2020
Electricity (production RES + thermoelectric + import)	~ 900 TWh _e /y	Direct final demand (~450 TWh _e /y) + electrolysis + CO ₂ capture units	3x
H₂ (domestic electrolysis or SMR + import)	~ 300 TWh _{LHV} /y (~ 10 Mt _{H2} /y)	Direct final demand for mobility (~170 TWh _{LHV} /y) + industrial feedstock demand (~15 TWh _{LHV} /y) + thermoelectric power generation, civil heating, industry	New vector
CH₄⁽¹⁾ (domestic biomethane + domestic NG + import NG)	~ 73 TWh _{LHV} /y (~ 8 mld Sm ³ /y)	Civil heating, industry, thermoelectric power generation, H ₂ production via SMR+CCS	-90%
Liquid fuels ⁽²⁾	~ 180 TWh _{LHV} /y	Mobility and industrial feedstock	-80%



Idrogeno
370 TWh/y
20-25% dei consumi



Idrogeno: non un prodotto per un mercato esistente!!

WHOLE VALUE CHAIN

SEVERAL TECHNOLOGIES

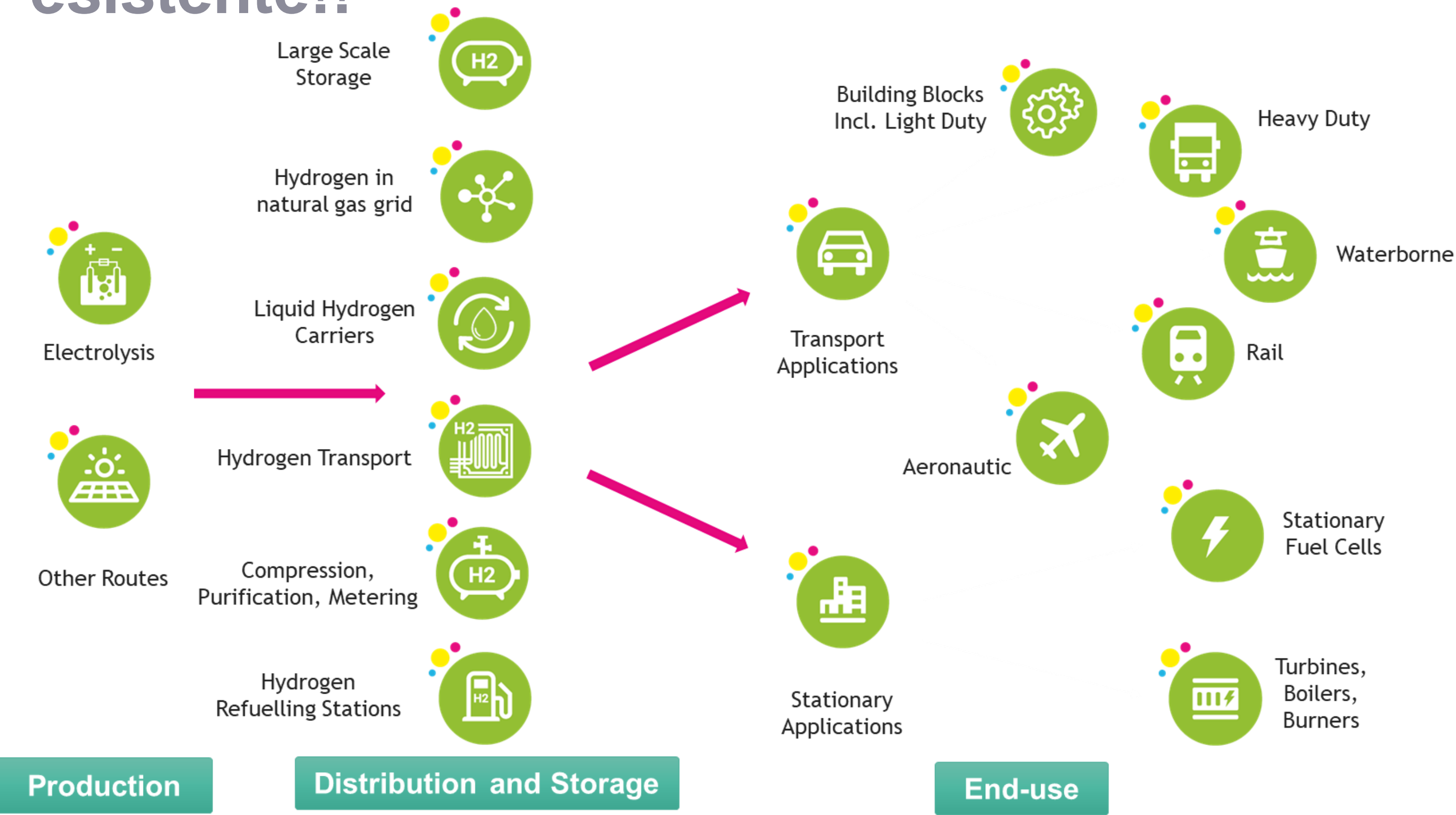
REGULATIONS,
CODES and
STANDARDS

MARKET FRAMEWORK

INCENTIVES
AND
ECONOMICS

INFRASTRUCTURES

SCALING UP,
INDUSTRIALIZATION and EARLY
MARKETS



Sfide per lo sviluppo del settore dell'idrogeno

COSA MANCA / COSA E' RICHIESTO

- Ricerca
- Innovazione
- Start-up
- Primo sviluppo industriale

Competitività tecnologica

Crescita industriale

- Piena prontezza tecnologica
- Incentivi
- Bancabilità
- Infrastrutture (ad esempio, HRS)

- Investimenti
- Sostegno pubblico per il deficit di finanziamento
- Politiche industriali
- Sviluppo iniziale dei mercati

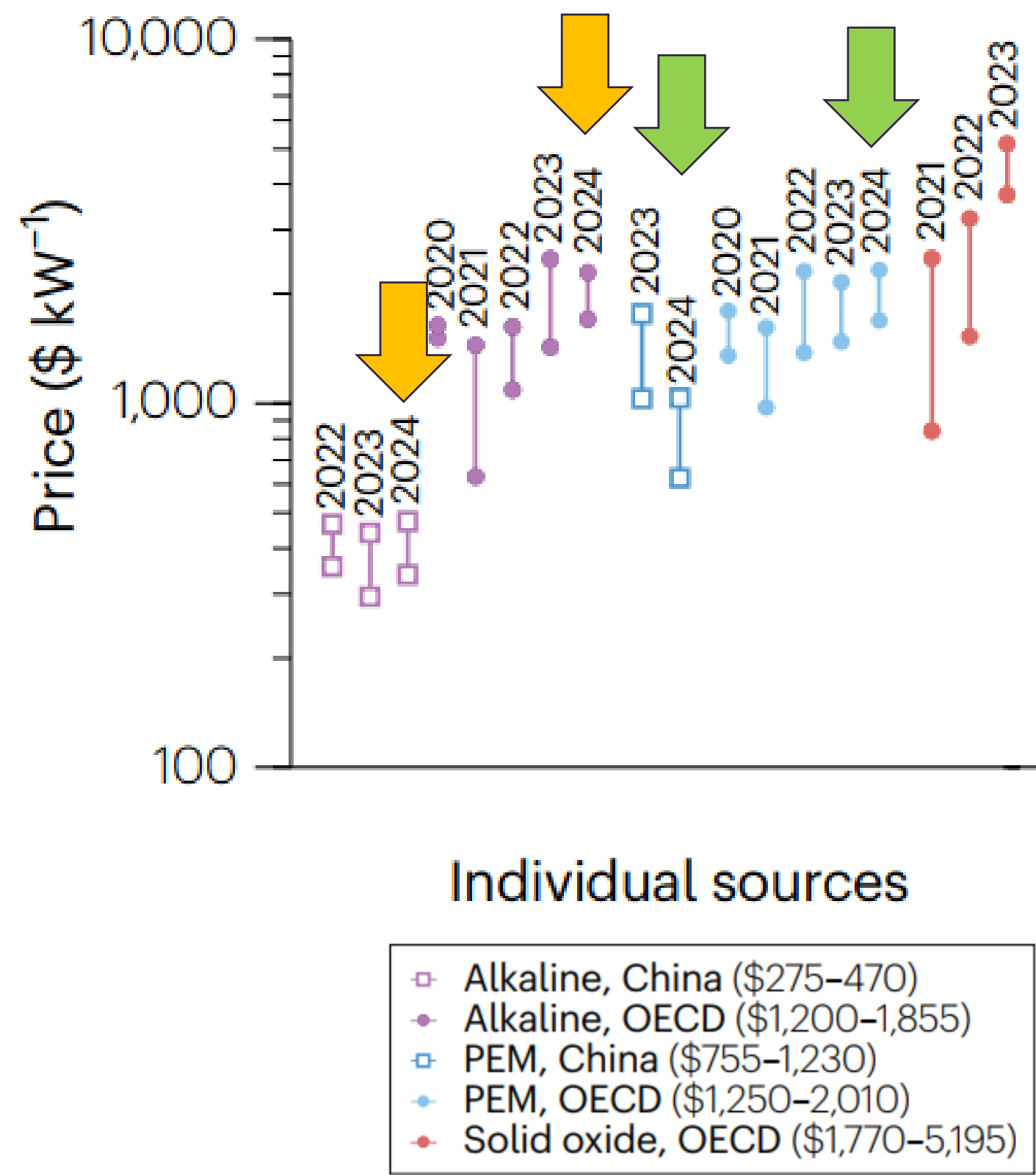
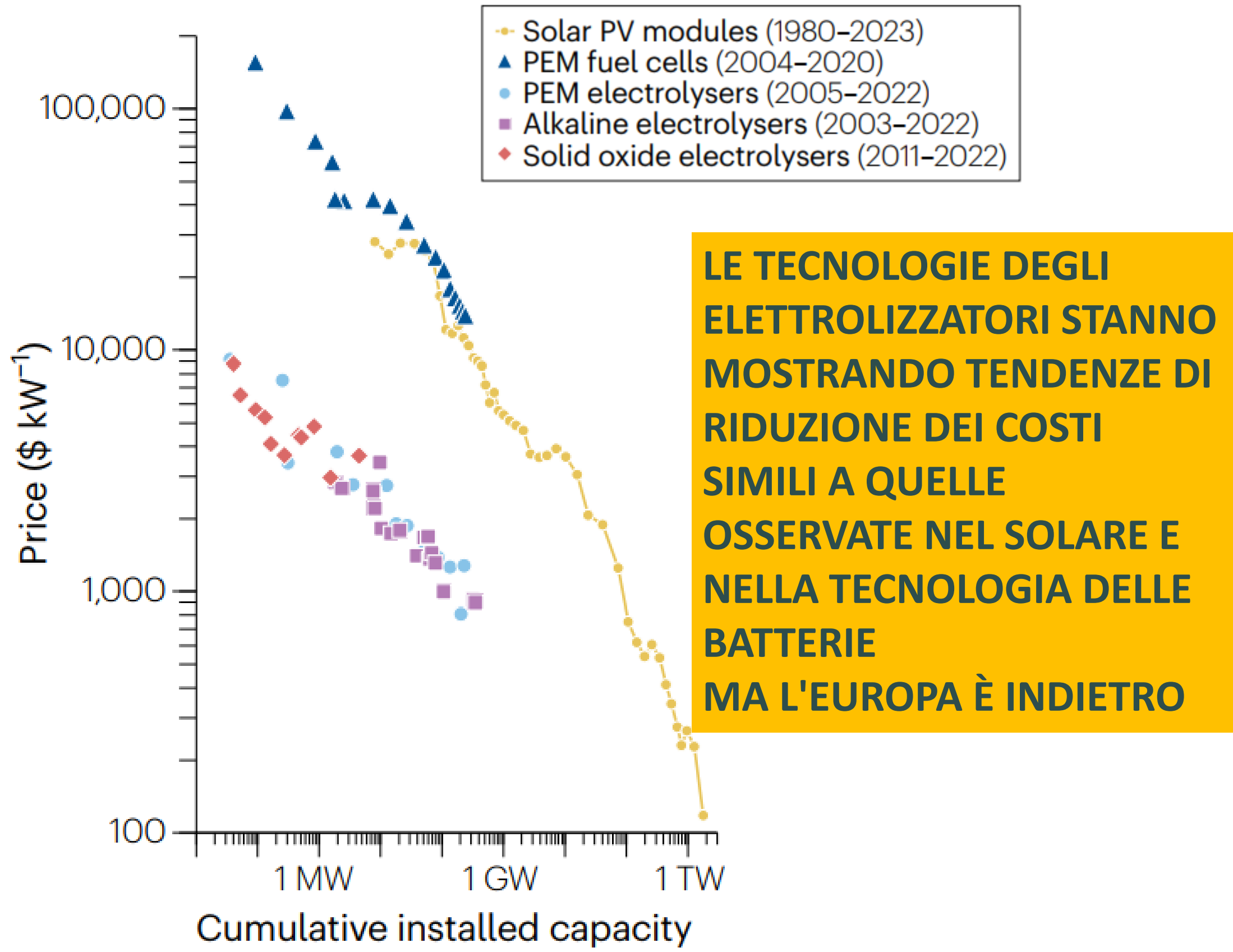
Sostenibilità economica

Attivazione di mercato

- Standardizzazione
- Politiche e quadro normativo
- Valli dell'idrogeno ed ecosistemi regionali
- Stimolare la domanda e contratti a lungo termine



SCALABILITÀ INDUSTRIALE E CURVE DI APPRENDIMENTO



LCOH è vincolato da 3 elementi principali

Exhibit 14 | Renewable hydrogen from electrolysis production cost scenarios⁵, USD/kg hydrogen

Cost of renewable hydrogen with varying LCOE and load factors USD/kg H₂

		< USD 2/kg					USD 2-3/kg					USD 3-4/kg					> USD 4/kg					Viable medium-term (<2030)				
LCOE	Capex electrolyser	USD 750/kW					USD 500/kW					USD 250/kW														
		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
USD 0/MWh		5.7	2.8	1.9	1.4	1.1	4.2	2.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	2.8	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.6										
USD 10/MWh		6.1	3.3	2.4	1.9	1.6	4.7	2.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	3.2	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.0										
USD 20/MWh		6.6	3.8	2.8	2.4	2.1	5.2	3.0	2.3	2.0	1.8	3.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.5										
USD 30/MWh		7.1	4.2	3.3	2.8	2.5	5.6	3.5	2.8	2.5	2.2	4.2	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.0										
USD 40/MWh		7.5	4.7	3.8	3.3	3.0	6.1	4.0	3.3	2.9	2.7	4.6	3.2	2.8	2.6	2.4										
USD 50/MWh		8.0	5.2	4.2	3.7	3.5	6.5	4.4	3.7	3.4	3.2	5.1	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9										
USD 100/MWh		10.3	7.5	6.5	6.1	5.8	8.9	6.7	6.0	5.7	5.5	7.4	6.0	5.6	5.3	5.2										
Load factor		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%										

SOURCE: McKinsey

È NECESSARIA UNA RIDUZIONE DEI COSTI

- Capex: gli elettrolizzatori PEM attuali costano circa k€ 1,5/kW, mentre quelli alcalini costano circa 1,2
- Entrambi costano molto meno in Cina (25-30%)
- Si prevede che la riduzione dei costi segua un percorso simile a quello dei pannelli solari fotovoltaici
- Il percorso verso 2-3\$/kg è ragionevolmente realizzabile

Come intende l'UE sviluppare il settore dell'idrogeno

Repower EU e ulteriori politiche/iniziative richiedono un cambiamento di paradigma nel modo in cui affrontiamo la situazione attuale, in termini di tempismo, entità e azioni

LIVELLO EUROPEO



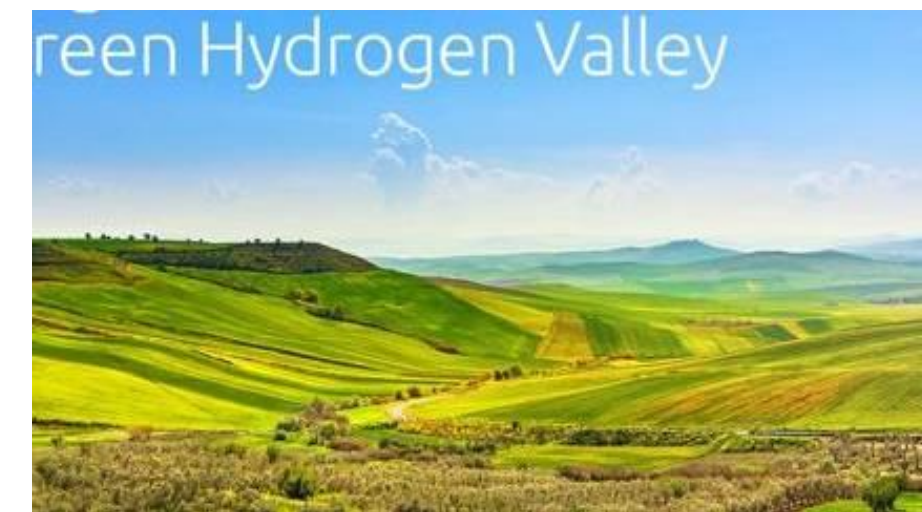
- Approccio strategico per un piano continentale;
- Obiettivi comuni in termini di impatto;
- Supporto ai fattori chiave che abilitano.

LIVELLO NAZIONALE



- Azioni politiche coordinate;
- Sviluppo della catena del valore dell'idrogeno;
- Risorse industriali e territoriali.

LIVELLO REGIONALE



- Attuazione delle politiche;
- Avviare le valli dell'idrogeno;
- Supporto alle infrastrutture chiave e alle iniziative locali.

The European Hydrogen Backbone

Ruolo strategico per l'Europa

L'UE Hydrogen Backbone ha l'obiettivo di collegare i settori di uso finale con impianti di produzione di idrogeno a basso costo, sia nell'UE che nell'altra UE

EHB - EU Hydrogen Backbone identifica 5 corridoi principali per lo sviluppo della rete europea di trasporto idrogeno

Lunghezza: 53.000 km

Paesi attraversati: 21

2/3 da gasdotti ritrasportati

Investimento: 83 – 143 B€ @2040

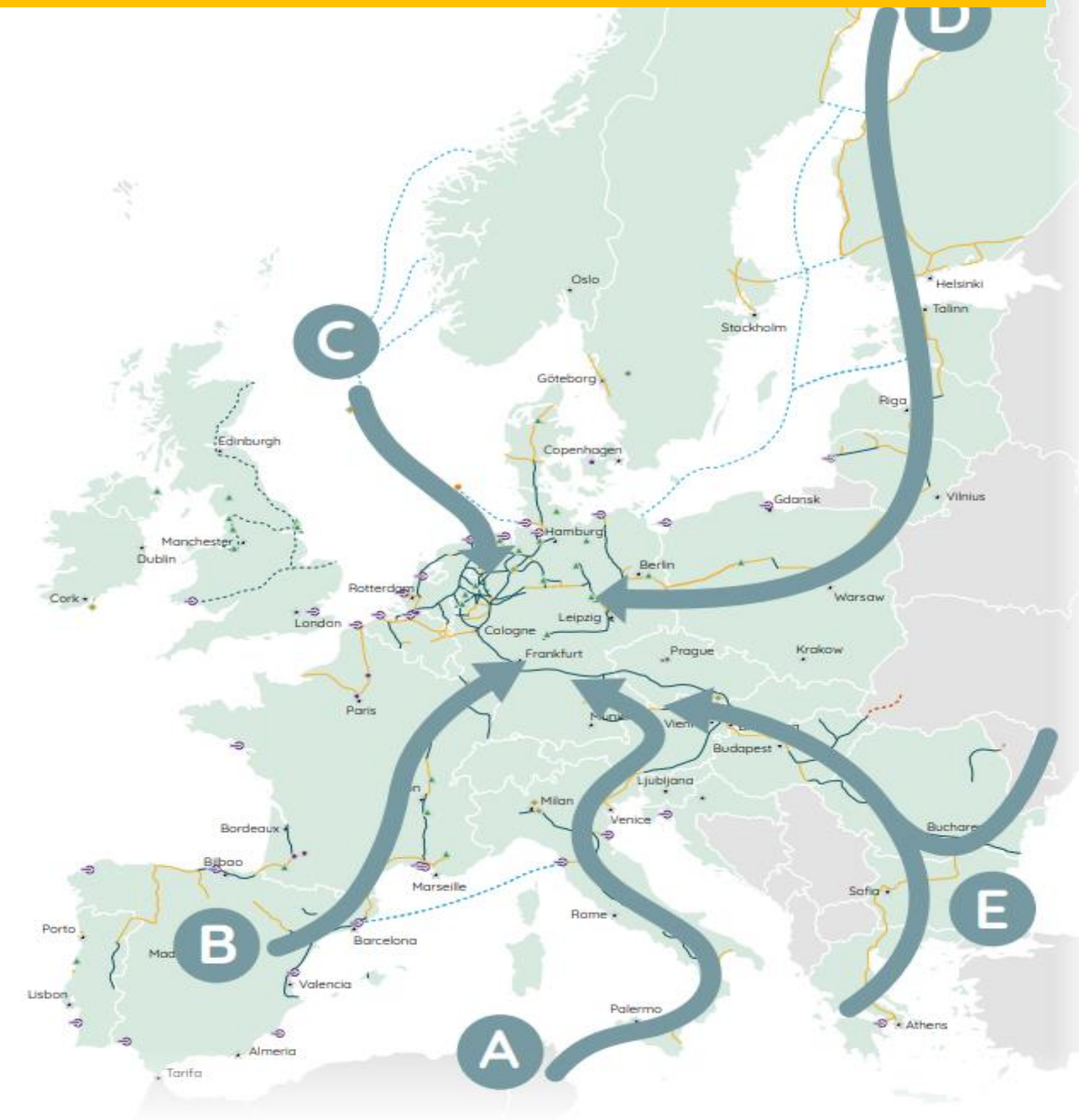
Costi di trasporto per 1 kg di idrogeno: 0,3 € / 1000 km

Domanda annua di H₂ nell'UE: 1.640 TWh

4 Mt H₂ dal corridoio sud @ 2040

Infrastrutture realizzate per H₂ (Italia): >60%

MUOVERE ENERGIA CON
MOLECOLE COSTA 10 VOLTE
MENO RISPETTO AGLI
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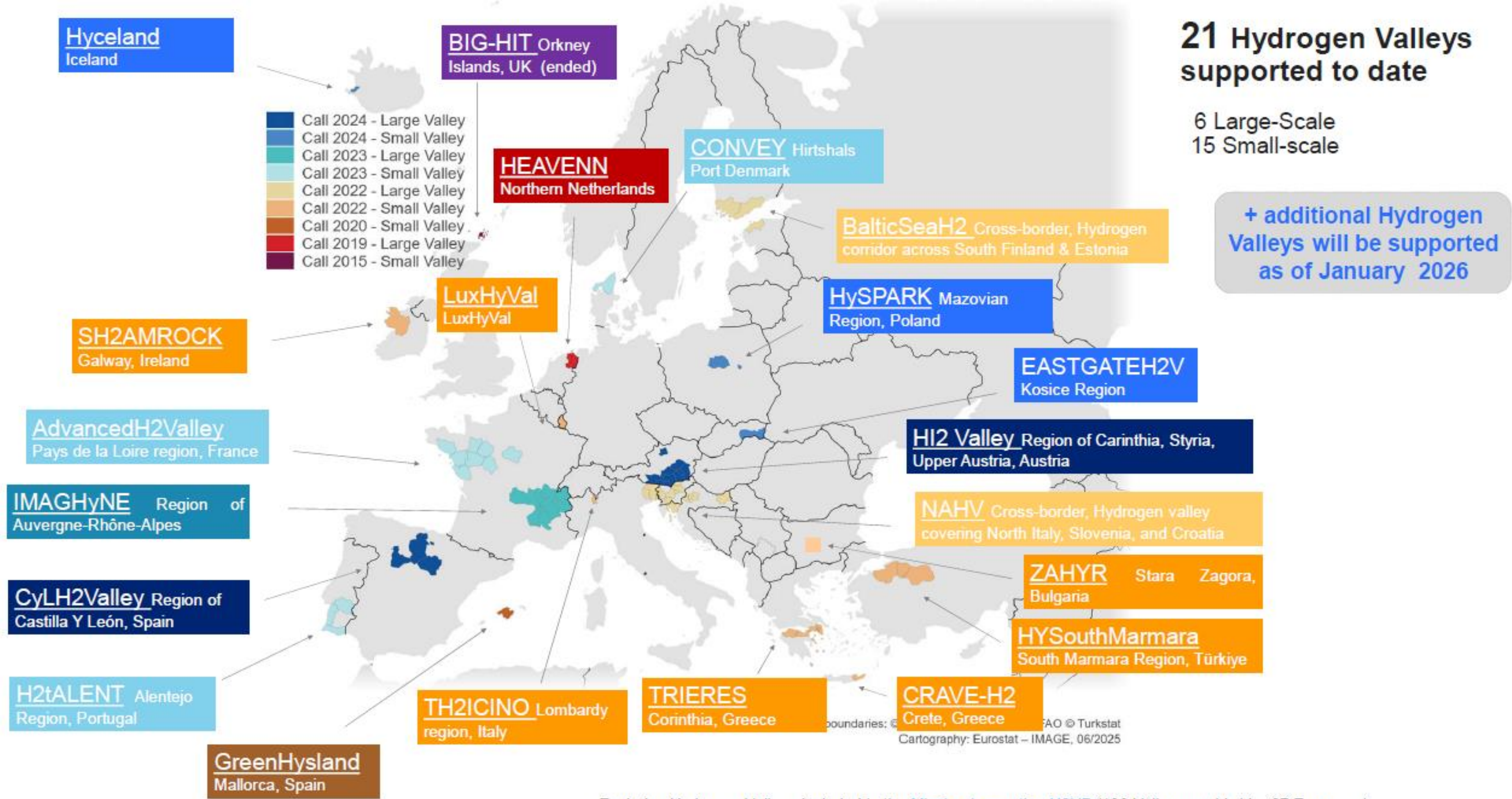


Incentivi UE – La Banca dell'Idrogeno dell'UE



- Terza asta EHB aperta per circa 1 miliardo di euro
- Aste precedenti da 0,2 €/kg 0,6 €/kg
- PROGETTI GENERALI:
Spagna (8), Germania (2), Paesi Bassi (1), Finlandia (1)
- PROGETTI MARITTIMI:
Norvegia (3)
- 2,2 Mton H₂ in 10 anni
- Capacità di gara tra 7,5 e 560 MW

Hydrogen Valleys | Sviluppare ecosistemi locali



Excludes Hydrogen Valleys included in the [Mission Innovation H2VP](#) (100 Valleys worldwide, 67 European)

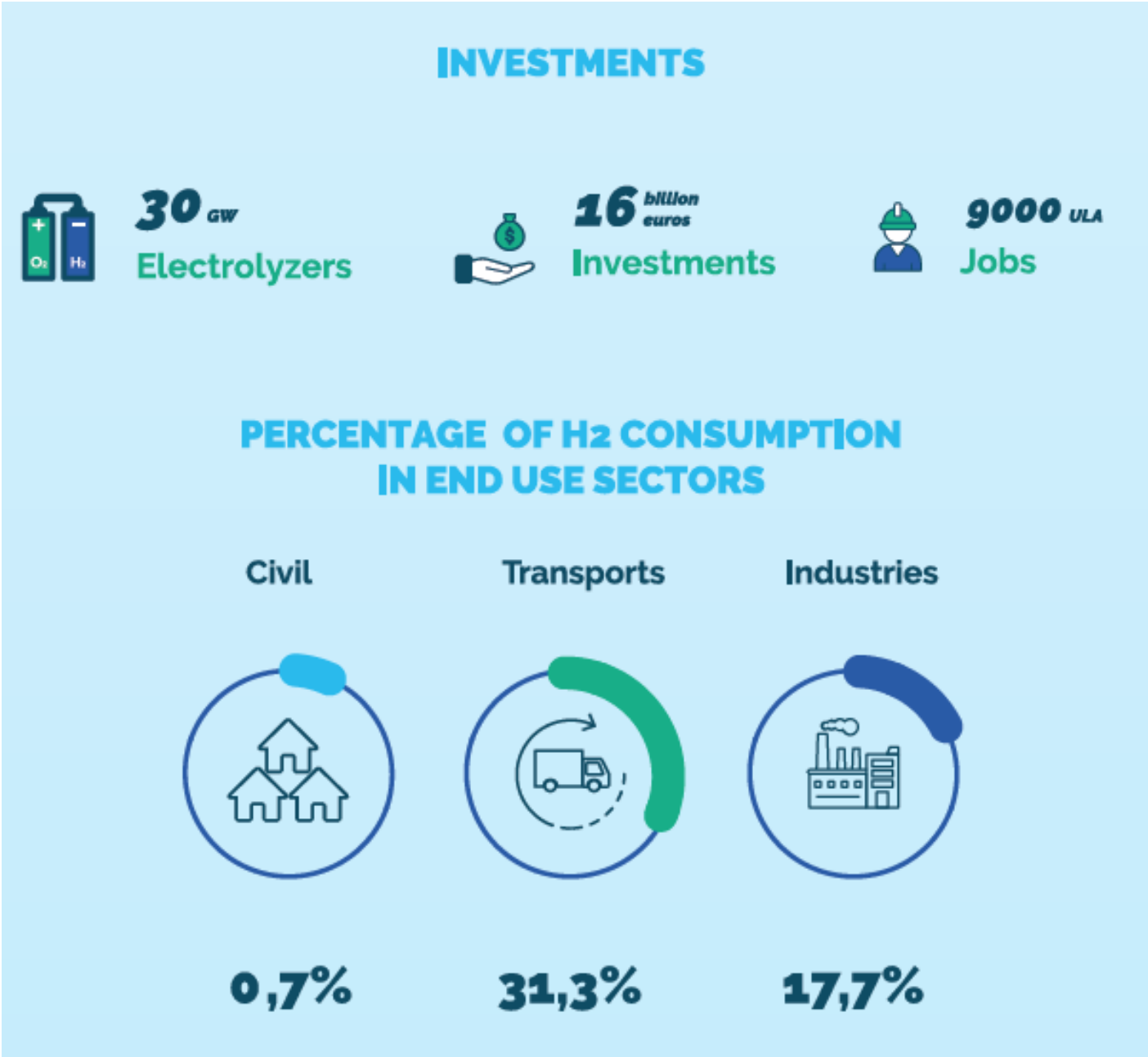
Quadri politici in Italia

Strategia Italiana sull'Idrogeno | Novembre 2024

1. DECARBONIZZAZIONE DEGLI USI FINALI
2. INTEGRAZIONE DEL SISTEMA ENERGETICO
3. CREAZIONE DI UNA CATENA DI APPROVVIGIONAMENTO FORTE E
COMPETITIVA
4. AUMENTO DELLA SICUREZZA ENERGETICA
5. HUB ENERGETICO
6. SISTEMA DI CERTIFICAZIONE
7. RICERCA E INNOVAZIONE



Scenario ad alta diffusione
(30% importazioni) entro il
2050:



Resilient and Recovery Facility Plan
Funded Projects







The EU Hydrogen backbone & SouthH2Corridor

The corridor that connects North Africa to Central Europe



The SouthH2 Corridor is a 3,300km network entirely dedicated to the transport of hydrogen that connects North Africa, Italy, Austria and Germany

Project based on the collaboration between 4 TSOs

-  **Snam** - Italian H2 Backbone
-  **TAG** - H2 readiness of the TAG pipeline system
-  **GCA** - H2 backbone WAG + Penta-West
-  **bayernets** - HyPipe Bavaria - The Hydrogen Hub

Import/export capacity

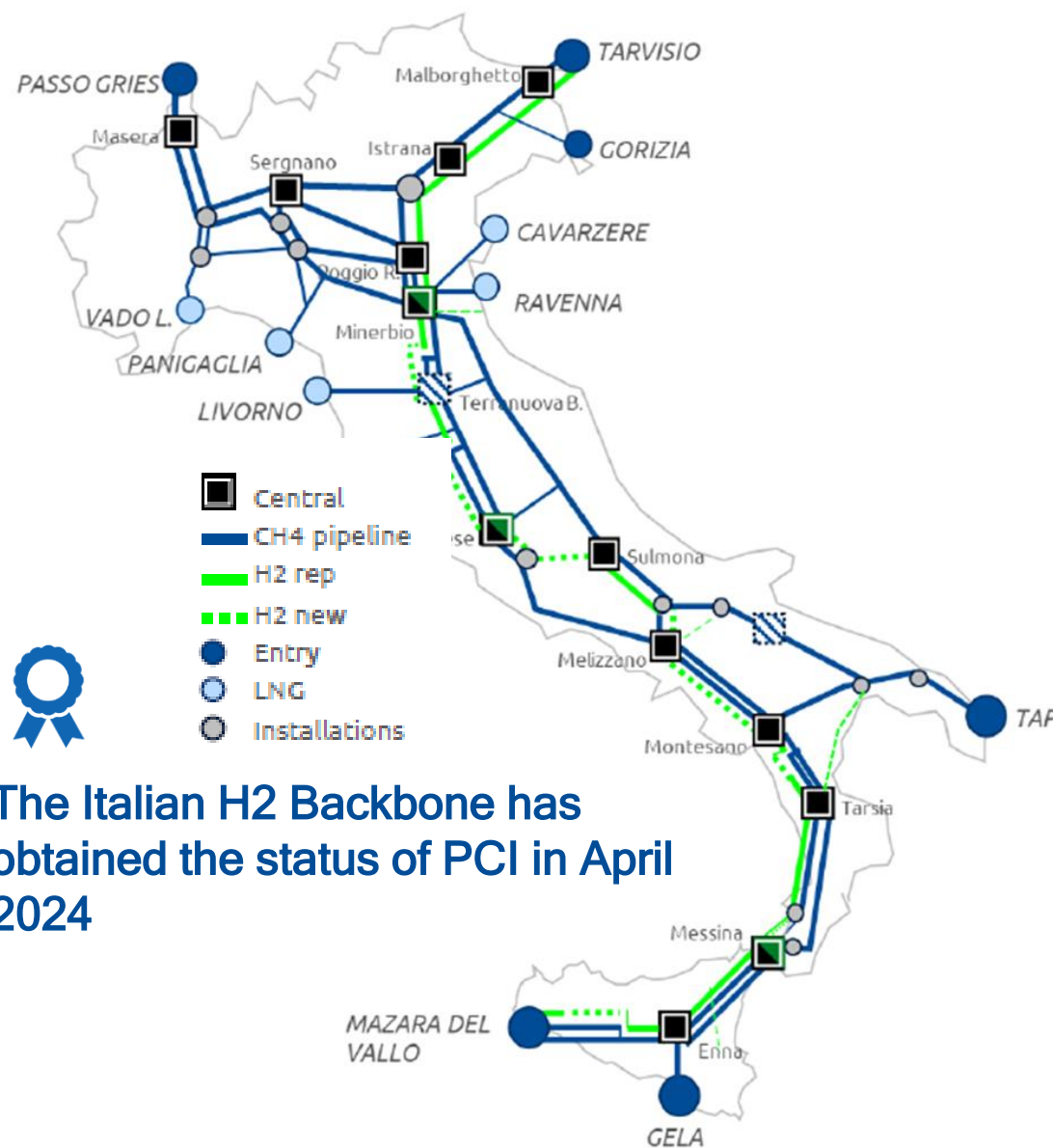
Import: 448 GWh/d from North Africa (4.4 Mtpa)
Export: 150 GWh/d to Germany (1.5 Mtpa)

3300
km

Length of network

>65%

Share repurposed infrastructure



The Italian H2 Backbone has obtained the status of PCI in April 2024

Supporting partners¹

Verbund



TotalEnergies H₂
a company owned by TotalEnergies and eren



AKER HORIZONS



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ONE STEP AHEAD



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RWE



1. Lista completa <https://www.south2corridor.net/support-us>

Il Centro Sustainable Energy in FBK

CENTER ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

BACKGROUND

Focus and Approach

Investment in 2 top tech priorities:
Hydrogen and Battery Technologies
and their relationships with the energy transition

Pull approach: problem solving, open minded towards the needs of our stakeholders

One stop shop for innovation: two integrated value chains: from advanced materials, to design, engineering and validation, to large systems and demos

Strategic Presence

Support to National and EU platforms: in the main Italian and European associations, in partnerships and platforms on Hydrogen and Battery technologies

Large projects: long-term, large-scale initiatives of high relevance for the EU and strategic collaboration with the manufacturing industry in hydrogen and battery technologies

Support for Political Institutions : on national and regional plans, on future energy scenarios and defining the necessary support policies

Drivers and Values

TEAM: competent and young team (<35Y average, 100 FTE)

COLLABORATION: Tailored tools such as co-design, co-development, shared infrastructure, strategic partnerships with LE, PMI and Newco/STARTUP (98% SELF FUNDING)

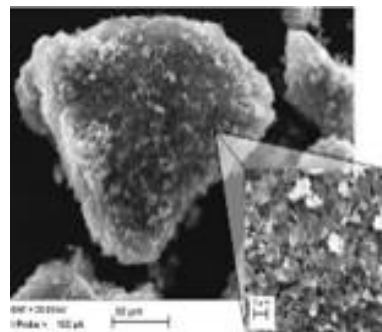
LABS & FACILITIES: In Rovereto, large scale facilities and labs for technology validation up to the relevant industrial scale (about 20.000 m2 of new facilities under construction)

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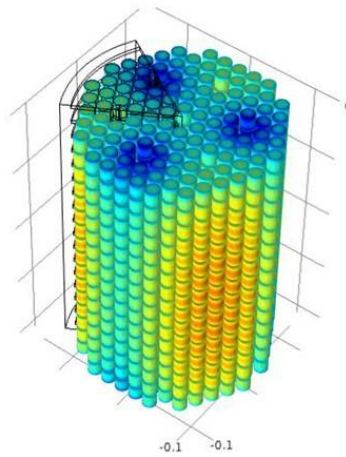
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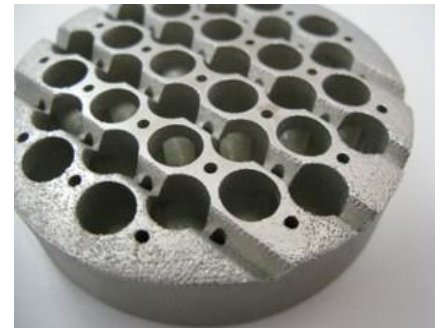
Research on
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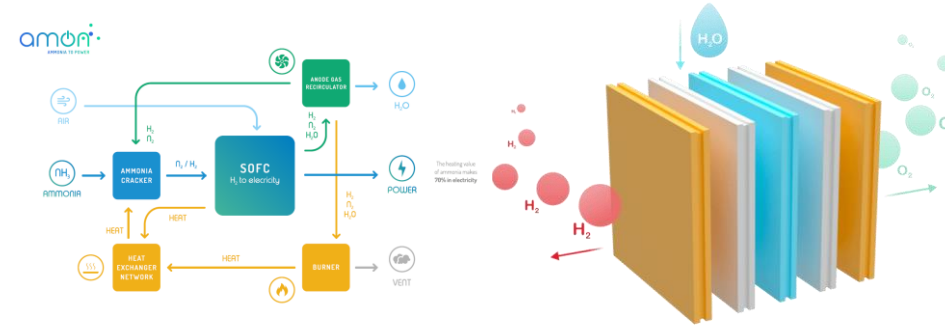
Multiscale
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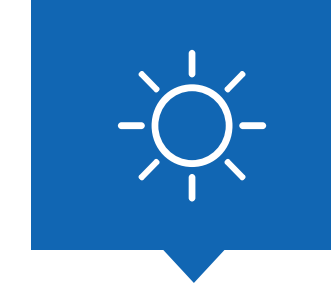
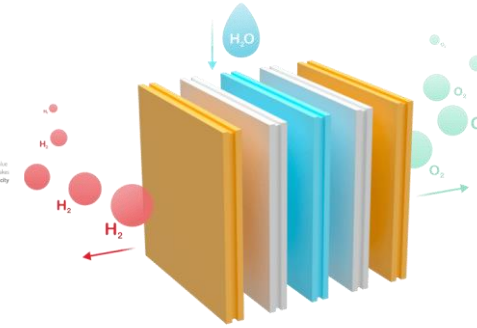
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Whole
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2 TECH PRIORITIES

HYDROGEN

H₂ PRODUCTION

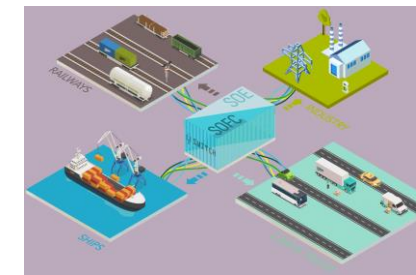
- All electrolysis technologies (PEM, Alk, AEM, SOE)
 - Innovative and advanced materials
- Component development and system design
 - Validation at the relevant industrial scale

LOGISTICS AND STORAGE

- key techniques for distribution, use of ammonia
- Hydrogen storage: from small to large scales, solid-state to underground

END USES

- Heavy duty vehicles, (e.g., trains, buses, trucks), HRS
 - Territorial ecosystems, hydrogen valleys
- Hard to abate sector, e.g., refineries, steel making, ammonia, paper, cement, ceramic, glass



BATTERIES

REDOX FLOW BATTERIES

- develop new redox electrolytes: abundant and low cost, reasonable performance, safe and non-toxic, recyclable
- design flow cells by optimizing each component, develop and test innovative solutions for RFB cells and stacks

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- Life-cycle approach from design to end of life
- Second life testing and qualification
- Validation of cells, stacks and modules

SOLID STATE BATTERIES

- develop innovative materials for SSB testing

HYBRID ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

- develop and test hybrid storage systems to comply with end use specifications using different storage solutions

NEW LABs & INFRASTRUCTURES

TESSLabs & B Factory

By PROGETTO MANIFATTURA, Green Tech Factory
Rovereto (TN)

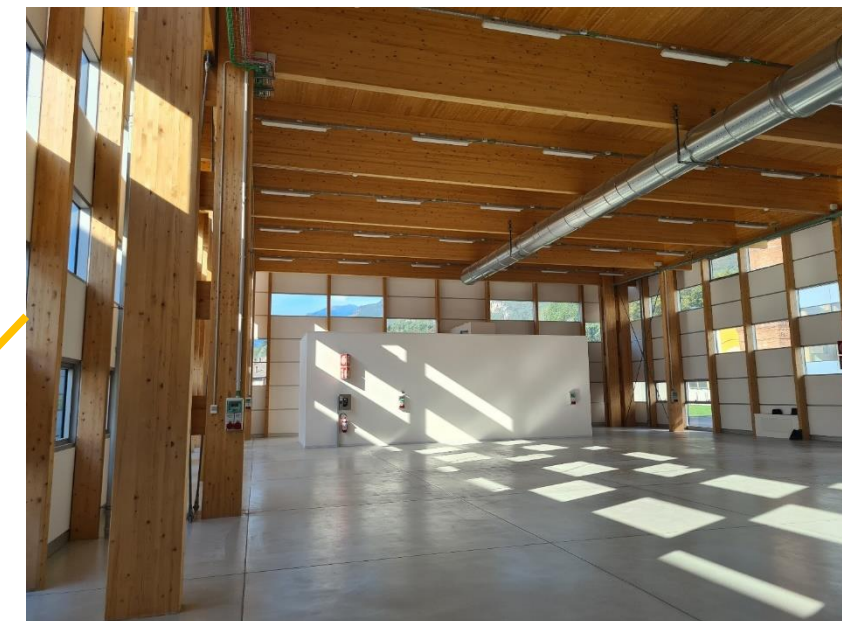
TESSLabs

- H2 Lab
- Battery Lab
- Chemistry Lab
- Small support electro-mechanical
- Buildings Lab
- Modelling Lab



MODULE B6

- Engineering and Territorial initiatives



MODULE B6/P1

- H2 and Battery Laboratories
- From cell to large stacks - test benches
- Test for Containerized systems

CENTER for SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

NEW CENTER Rovereto - Ex Arcese Articolati

Centre SE layout

In Rovereto industrial area
closeby **Rovereto South** motorway exit

- Indoor spaces: 5000 m²
- Offices and support areas: 1200 m²
- Laboratories: 3200 m²
- Technical areas: 600 m²

Outdoord facility: 13.000 m²

- Testing facility: 8000 m²
- Technical areas: 2000 m²
- Parking: 2000 m²

Offices: 100 people



- From W to MW
- Relevant industrial scale
- Customized Benches
- Advanced controls (SIL and HIL)
- Value chain techs



New Center SE in Rovereto





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