Role of the DSO in a changing environment

Welcome



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Agenda

Electricity distribution

- Distribution System Operators
- Regulation

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- Appendix 2 Gas Distribution



Electricity Distribution System Operators

- Current organisation of the electricity market
 - Changing environment 3 step evolution
 - Future role(s) of the DSO



Living Tomorrow – Introduction





Distribution System Operator tasks

- Ensure long-term system ability to Meet
 reasonable demands for electricity
- Operate, maintain and develop a secure, reliable and efficient distribution system
- Network planning considering energy efficiency, demand side management and distributed generation
- Facilitate market functioning through nondiscriminatory grid access and information

Source: From Think Topic 12 and according to Article 25 of the Electricity Directive



Differences between DSOs and TSOs

Distribution System Operator

Transmission System Operator

DSO	TSO
Long-term distribution grid planning and grid develop- ment	Long-term transmission grid planning and grid devel- opment
(including the connection of load and DG and guaranteeing efficient access and use of the grid)	(including the connection of bulk generation (and load) and guaranteeing efficient access and use of the grid)
Grid operation, in particular:	Grid operation, in particular
Voltage control	Frequency containment
Load/DG curtailment in case of emergencies	Frequency restoration
	Replacement of generation

Source: Think Topic 12, table 3



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DSO differences – market concentration

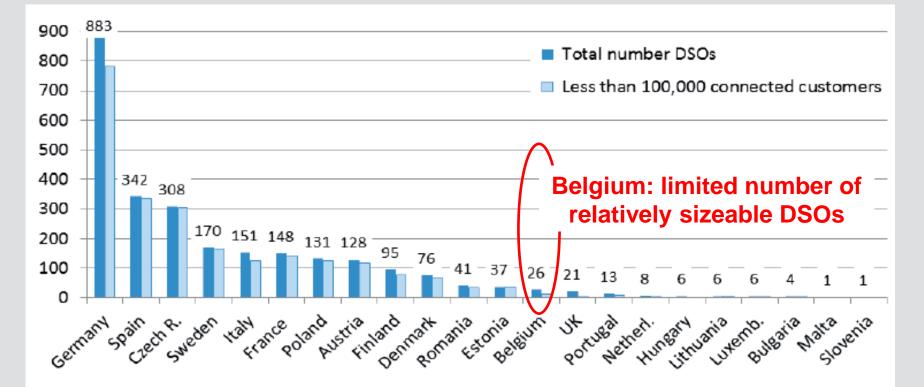


Figure 5: Number of DSOs in selected Member States (2012 data)

Source: Think Topic 12



DSO differences – voltage levels

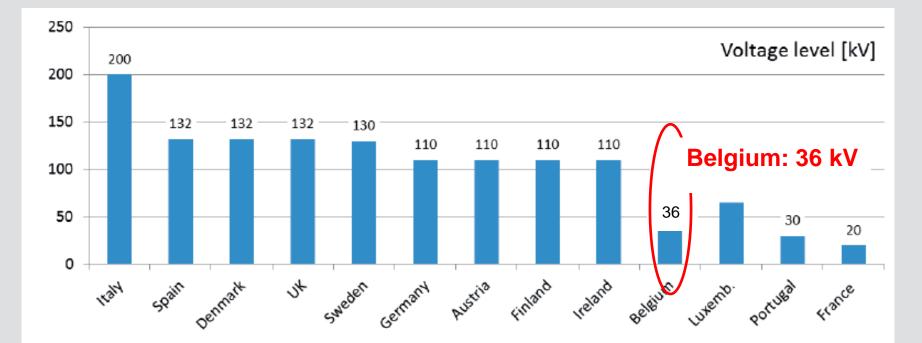


Figure 3: Voltage level operated by DSOs in selected Member States

Source: Think Topic 12



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DSO differences – scope

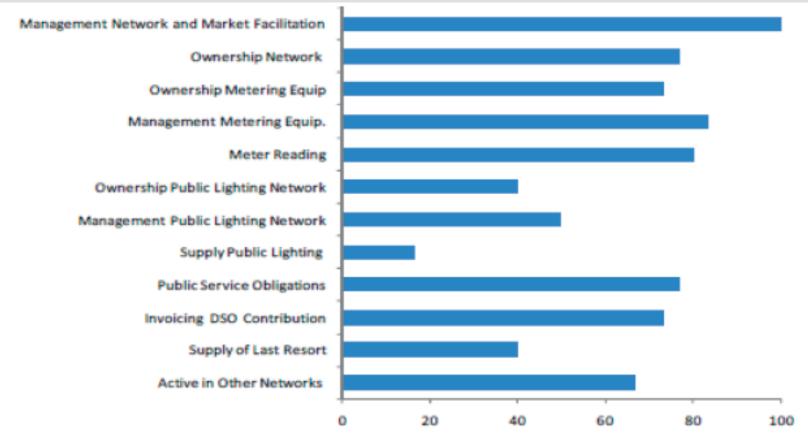


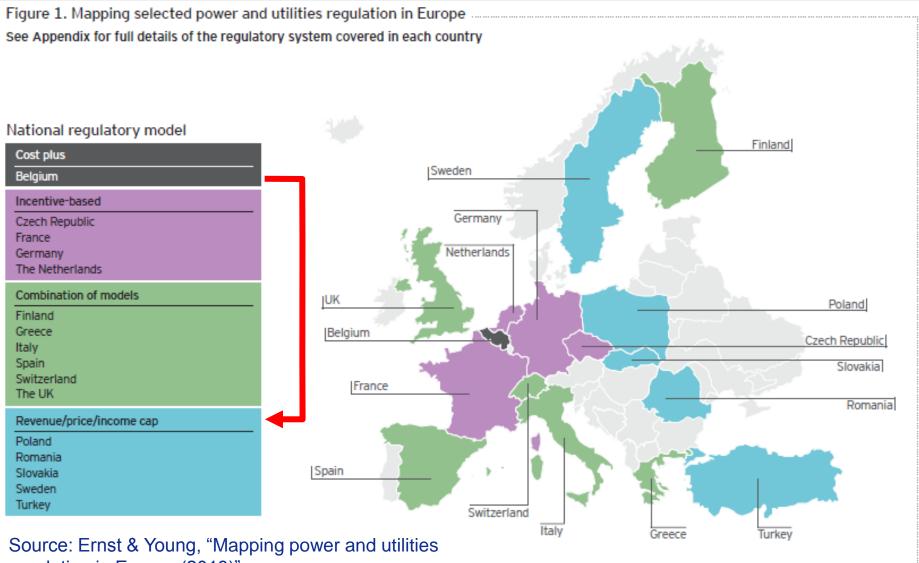
Figure 4: Scope of DSOs (survey data)

Source: Think Topic 12



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DSO differences – regulatory model



regulation in Europe (2013)"



Who's who in the Flemish energy market ?

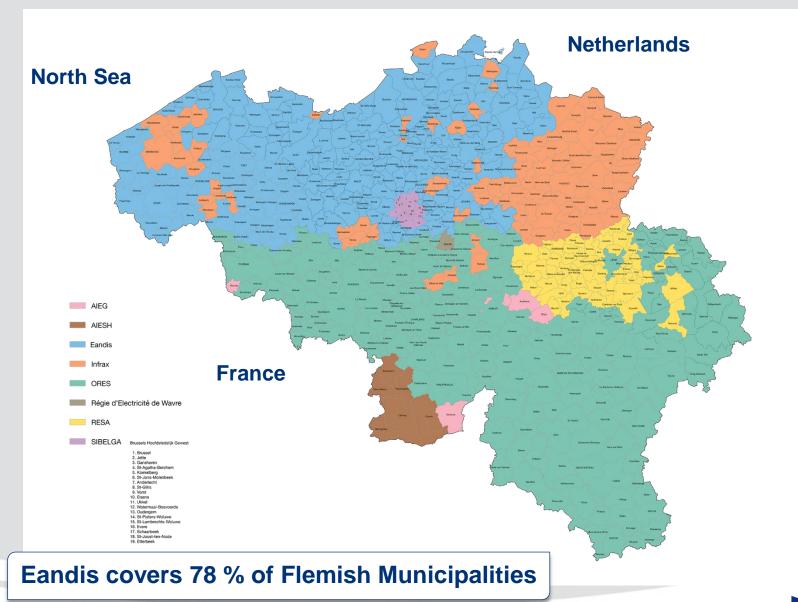


Distribution network maquette





Eandis Operational area electricity distribution

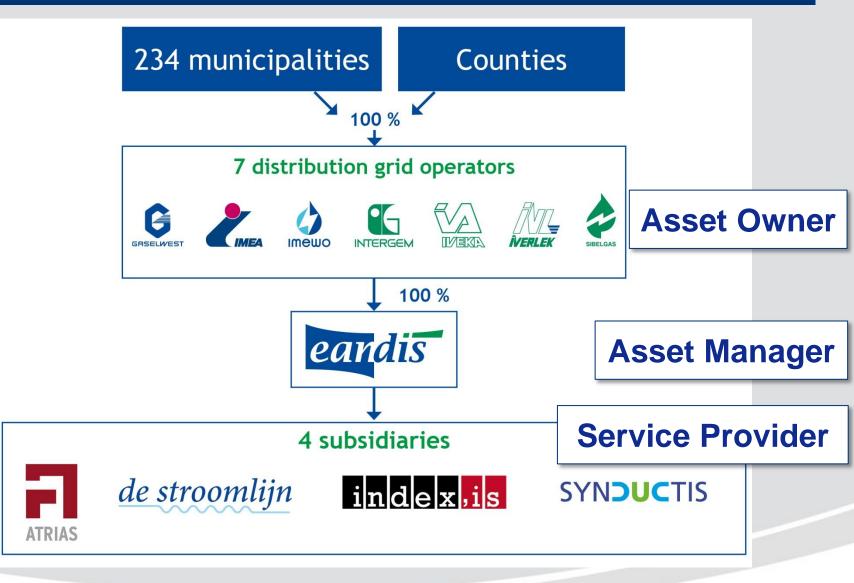




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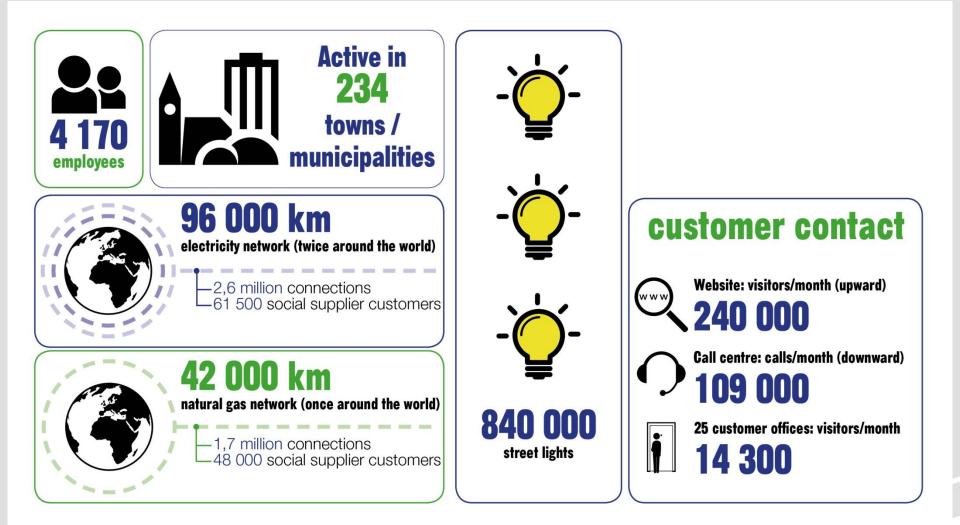


Structure Eandis group



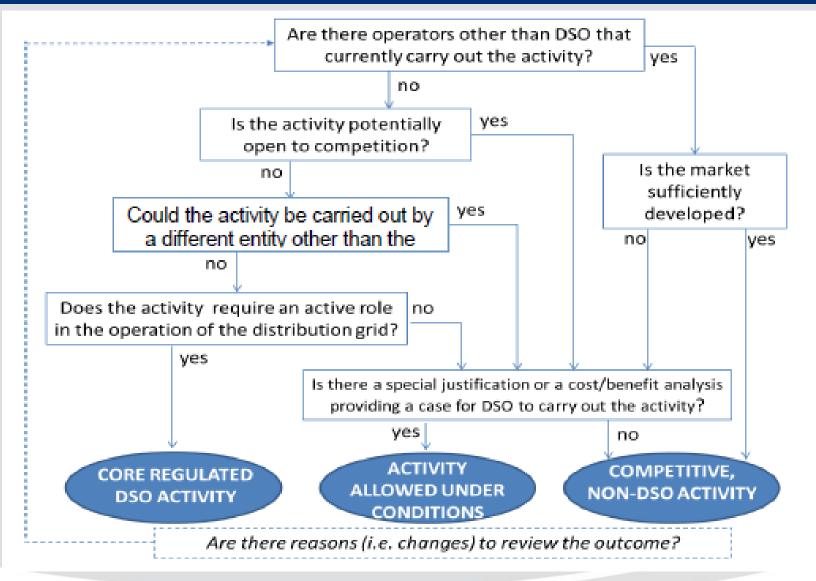


Eandis Key Figures (12/2014)





Framework for DSO activities



Source: CEER conclusions paper – Future Role of DSOs



What Eandis does and what it doesn't do

✓ Belgian DSO scope

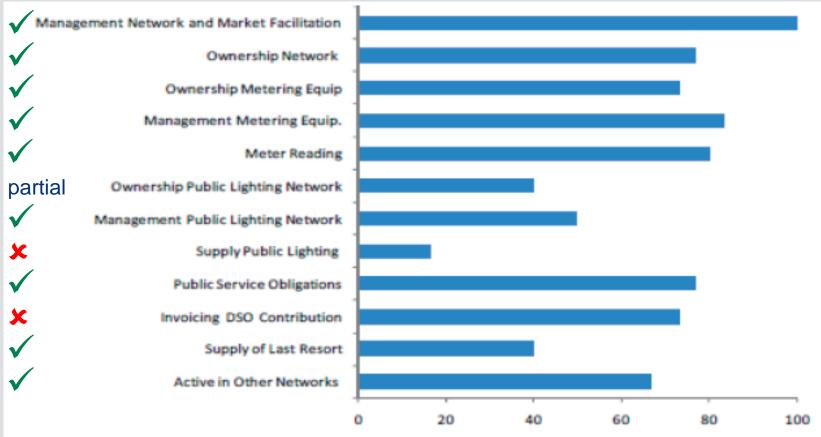


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Public Service Obligations

Ecological

- rational use of energy
- green power certificates
- cogeneration

Social

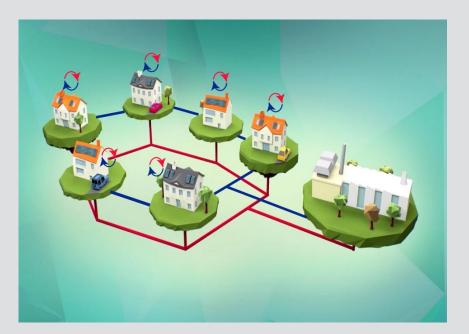
- energy supply to dropped customers by commercial market
- Installation / activation / deactivation of budget meters
- minimum supply of 10 A
- procedure in case of non-payment of bills
- application of social tariffs
- grant of free kWh electricity



Non-regulated activities

District heating networks





Energy Services for Local Authorities



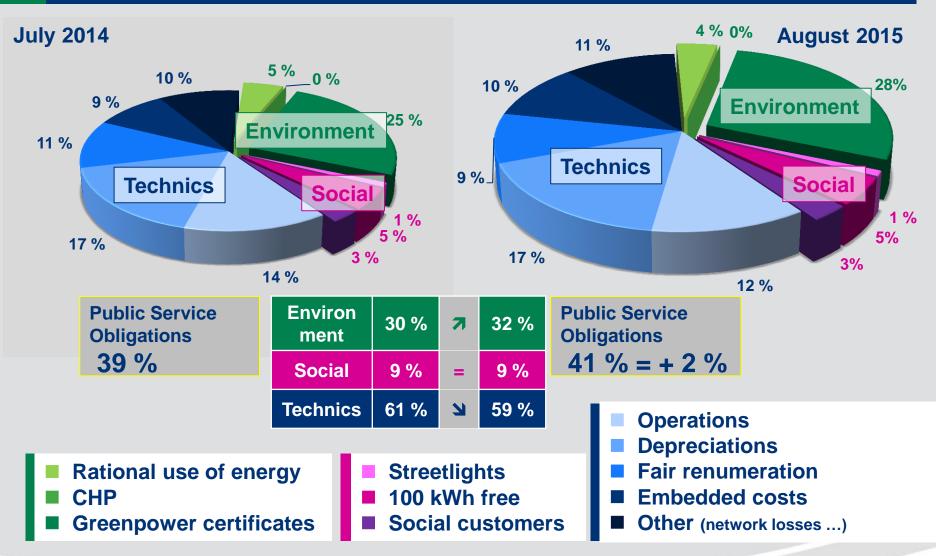
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Revenues: regulated in grid tariff

- VREG approved tariffs E & G for 2015
 - Transitory tariff period of 2 years
 - 4-year tariff periods to start in 2017-2020
- Basic tarification principles
 - Regulated revenue from 'cost+' to 'revenue cap'
 - RAB x WACC for 2015
 - Cost of equity at 5,7 % $(R_f = yield Belgian government + \beta \cdot R_p)$
 - Cost of debt at 4,1 %
 - RAB-based WACC at 4,8 %
 - Recovery of regulatory balances 2008-2009 over 2015-2016



Components Electricity grid tariff - type: 3 500 kWh



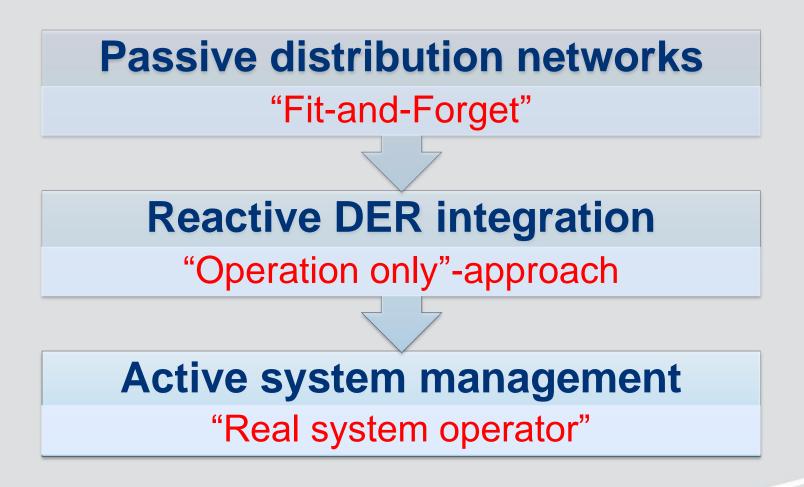


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Changing environment – 3 step evolution?



Source: Think Topic 12, p. 5



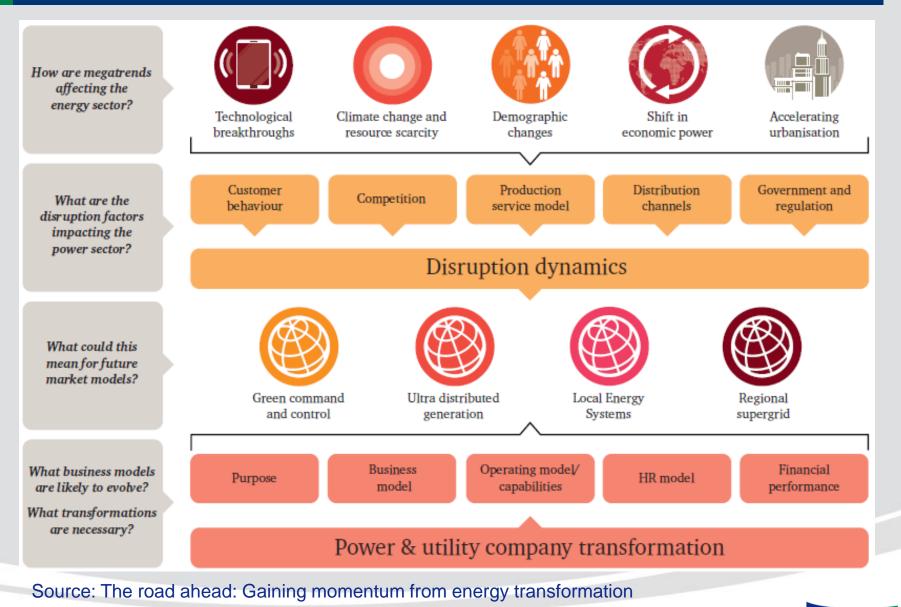
Changing environment – World

- Energy is of major societal and strategic importance
 - USA: large scale shale gas export
 - Rusland: oil and gas as strategic weapon
 - Europe:
 - How to defend common interest at an international level?
 - Focus on renewable energy
- Sharp decline of oil price on international markets
- Unsure future of nuclear after Fukushima
- Energiewende in Germany





Five global megatrends



Future market designs



and control



Ultra distributed generation



Local energy systems



Regional supergrid

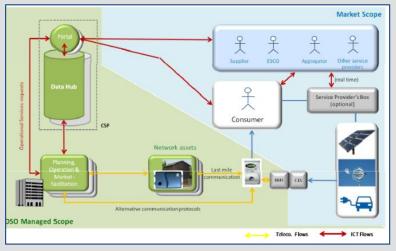
Source: The road ahead: Gaining momentum from energy transformation

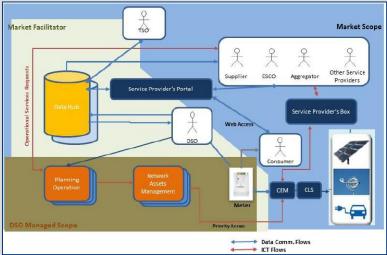


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Future market models for data

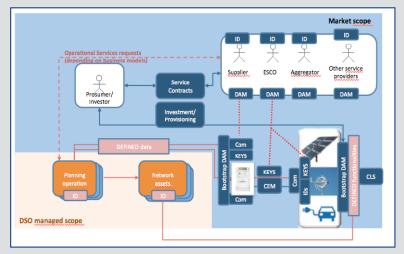
DSO AS MARKET FACILITATOR





INDEPENDENT CENTRAL DATA HUB

DATA ACCESS-POINT MANAGER



Source: EG3 report - january 2013



Changing environment – Europe

- Towards a European Energy Union with integrated infrastructure
- 20-20-20 becomes 40-27-27-10
- Objective: sustainable, safe and affordable energy for all EU citizens
- Key terms: energy diplomacy, energy efficiency, reduced carbon emission

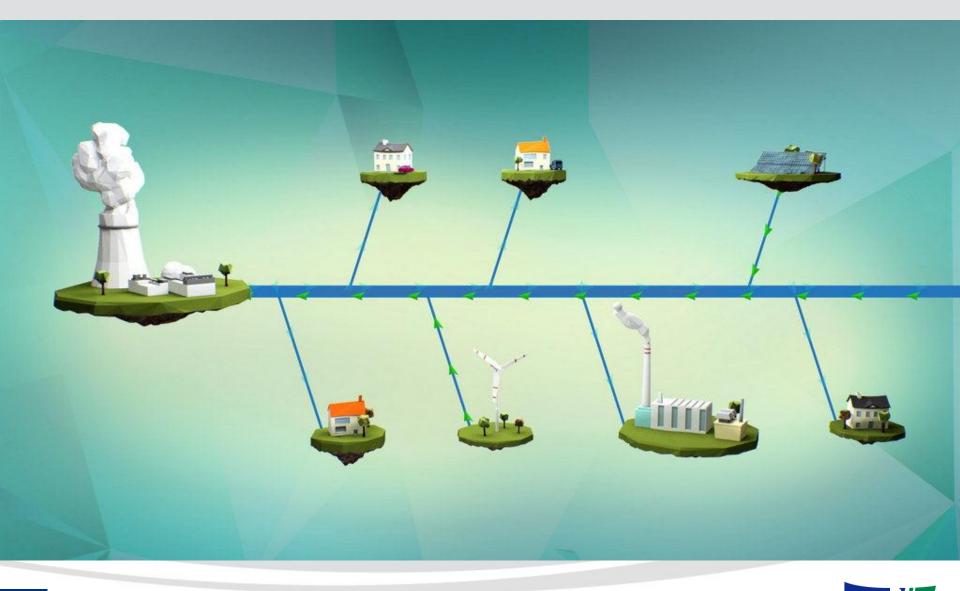


Changing environment – Belgium

- Risk of electricity shortage and disconnection plan
- Investment in additional transmission capacity (towards UK and Germany)
- Production
 - Closure of unprofitable (gas) plants
 - Continued growth of Distributed Energy Resources
 - Increased offshore capacity
- Net-electricity import in Belgium increases
 - Changes in energy subsidy policy?

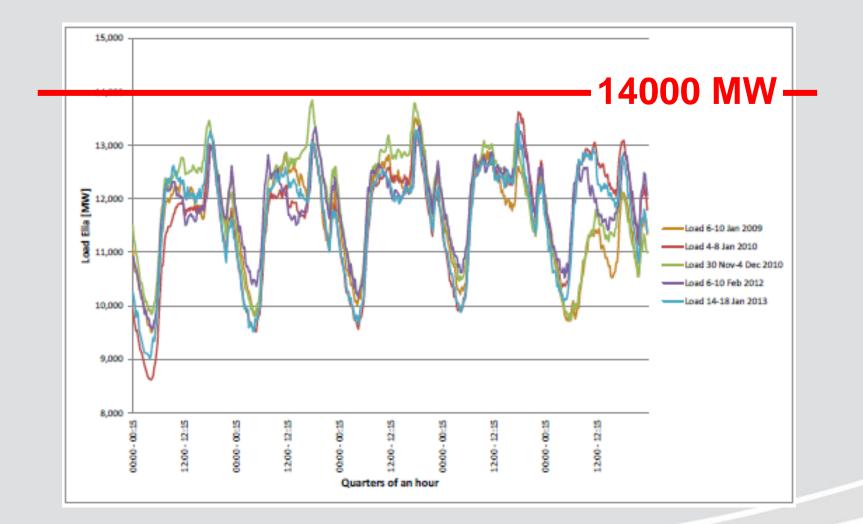


Living Tomorrow – Balancing supply and demand





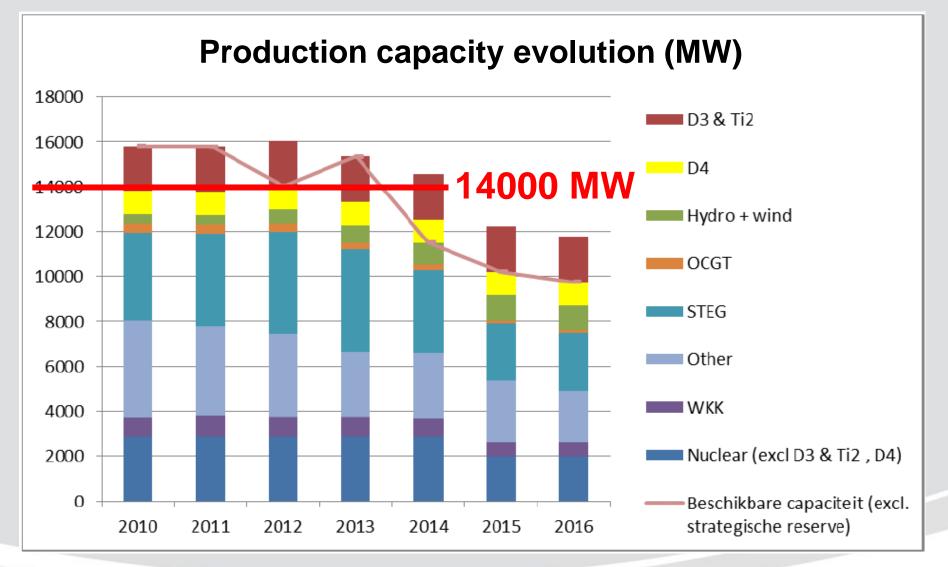
Peak demand – Belgium



Source: "De Belgische groothandelsmarkt bij stroomschaarste en stroomtekort" (CREG, 140908-CDC-1352)



Installed production capacity – Belgium

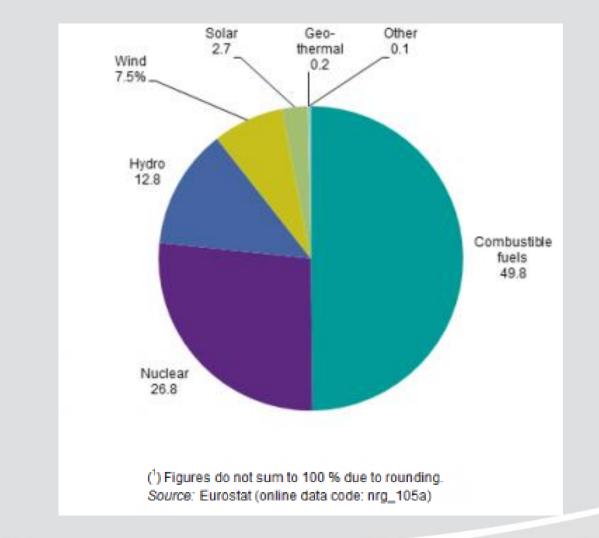


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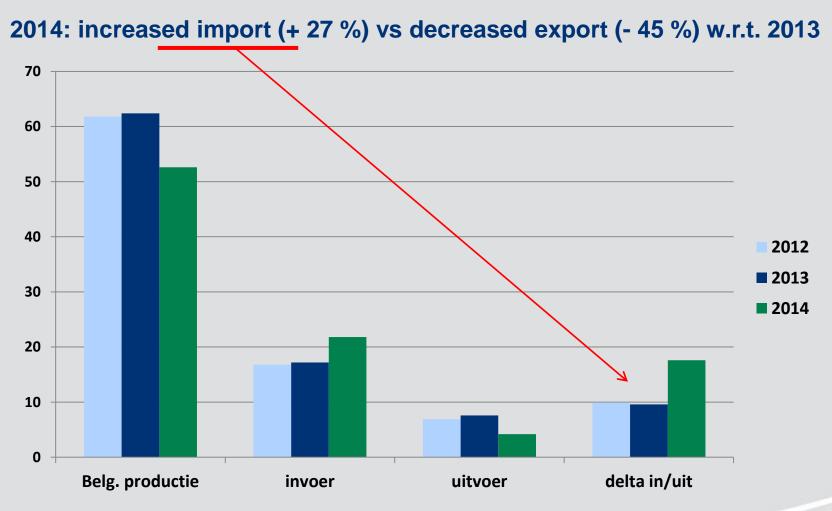
Installed production capacity – Europe



Source: Eurostat - Net electricity generation, EU-28, 2013



Net electricity import increases (2012-2014)



<u>source</u>: Synergrid – all amounts in TWh – Production in Belgium directly connected to the Elia-network



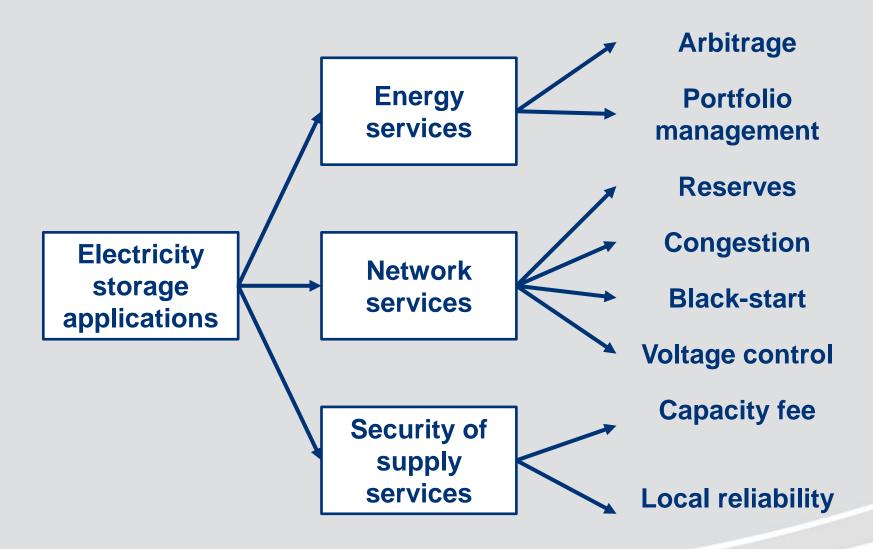
Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

- Electric Vehicles
- Demand Response
- Local storage
- Smart Metering
- Smart Grids
- Storage





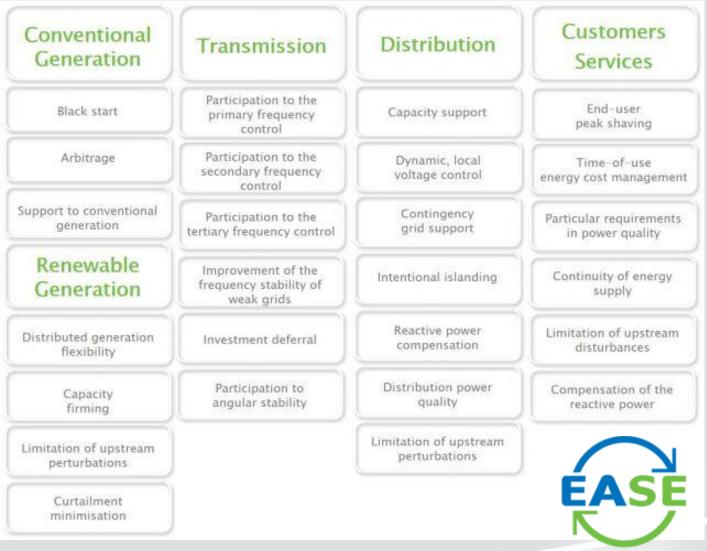
Storage applications



Translated from "Studie inzake de mogelijkheden tot opslag van elektriciteit"



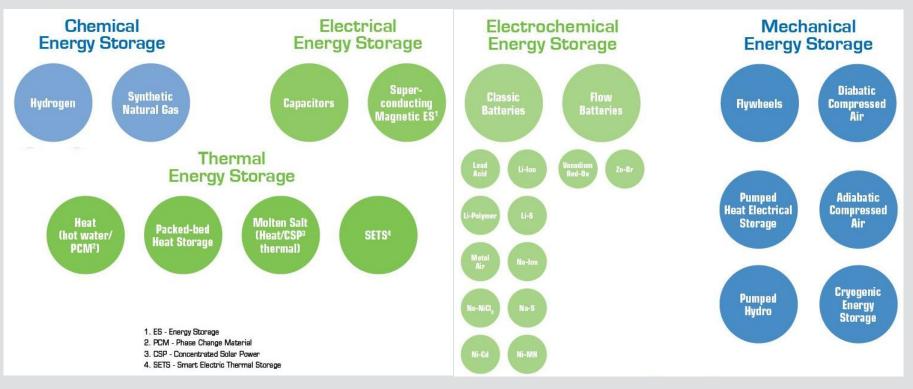
Storage applications (alternatief voor vorige)



European Association for Storage of Energy



Storage technologies







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Characteristics of storage technologies

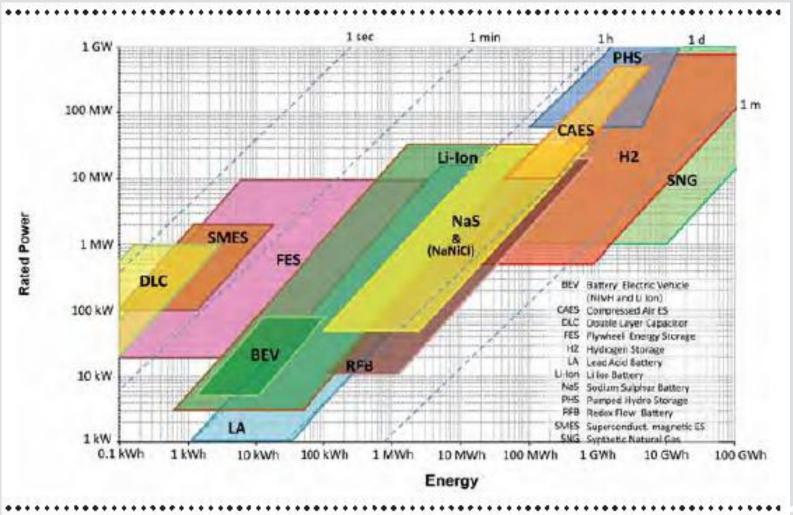
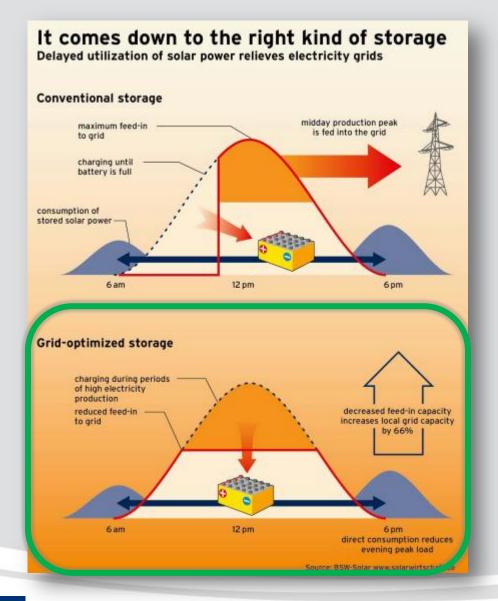


Figure 2-9 | Comparison of rated power, energy content and discharge time of different EES technologies (Fraunhofer ISE)



Grid-optimized storage – German example



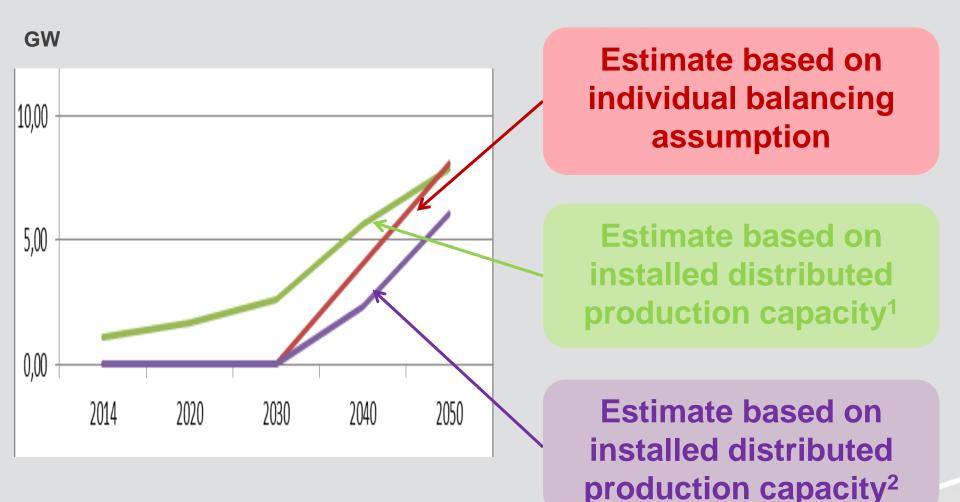


Practice: Subsidy too low

Installation of basic Building Management System



Storage capacity forecast Eandis

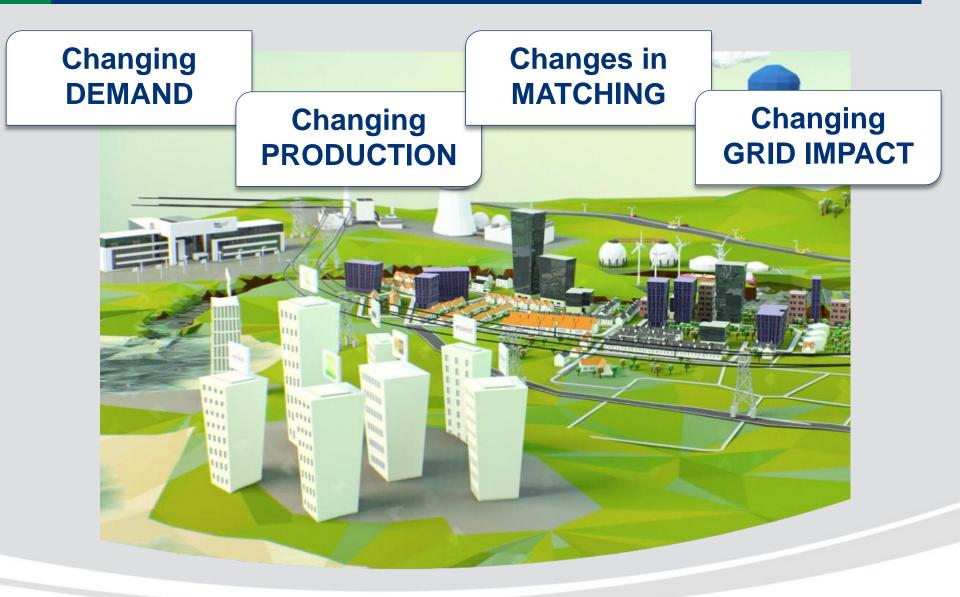


¹with algorithm from D³O project

²with algorithm from "Sizing and grid integration of residential PV battery systems"

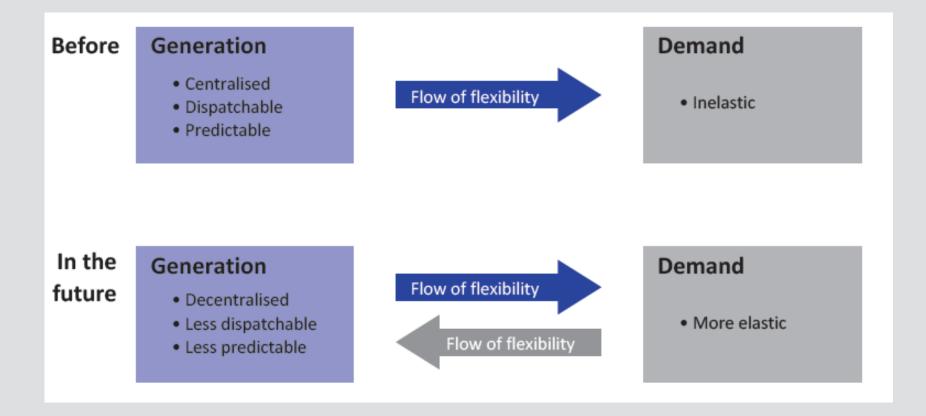


Consequences of changing environment



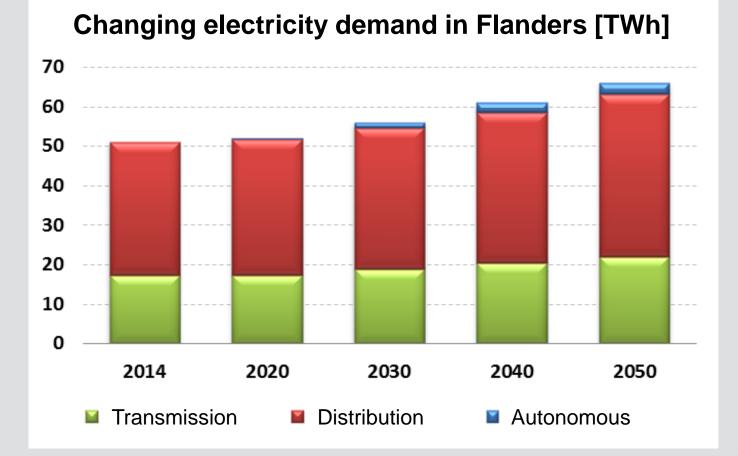


Paradigm shift



Source: Think topic 11

Increased demand, especially at DSO level





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Electrification

Electric Vehicles breakthrough after 2020

Peakshaving, storage and home automation



Decreasing gas consumption for heating

Breakthrough electric heat pumps after 2030

Renovation pact and stricter energy efficiency obligations



Desire for autonomy

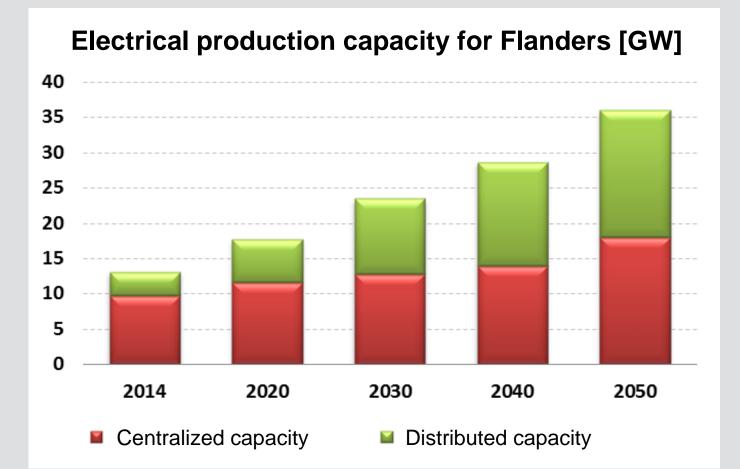


Rise of small scale heat distribution projects

Increased number (156) of local energy companies in The Netherlands



Uncontrollable production increases





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Distributed, intermittent production

Electricity and Heat



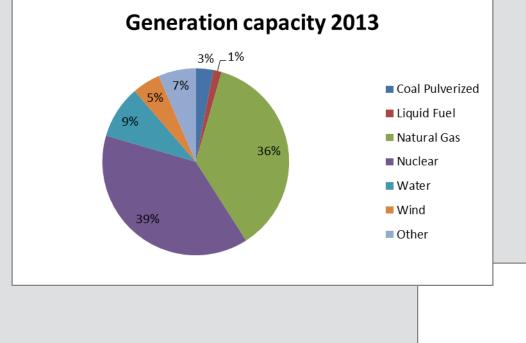
PV stagnates but only temporarily

2014: record year for on-shore wind

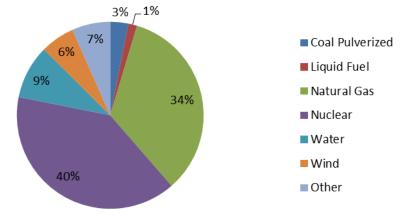
More CHP



Composition production park



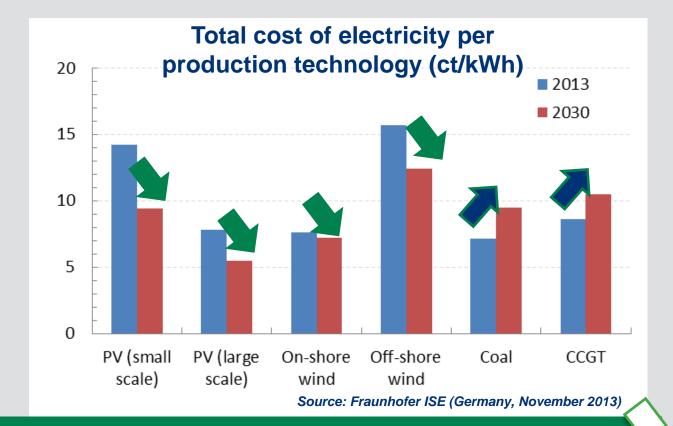
Generation capacity 2015





Source: Elia – installed power historical data

Production cost evolution

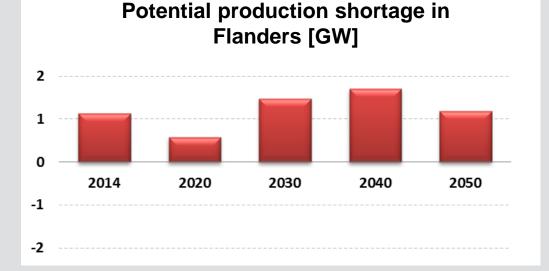


Distributed production gets cheaper

Central production gets more expensive



Potential electricity shortage and surplus

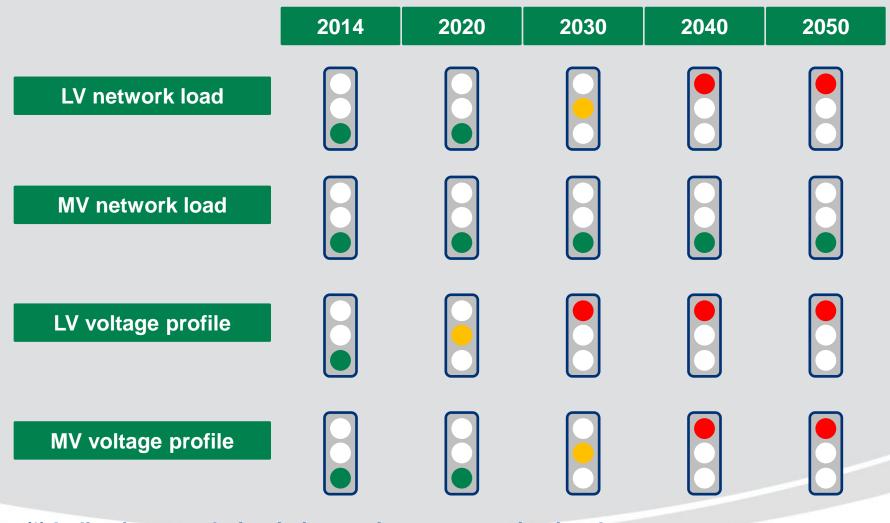


Potential production surplus in Flanders [GW] Potential shortage expected to remain fairly stable

Potential surplus is not an issue today but is expected to increase signifcantly



Evolution in grid impact (*)



(*) Indicative – evolution in impact in case no action is taken



Grid impact

- Network load: current must not exceed nominal current carrying capacity of grid elements (for long)
- Voltage profile: distributed generation can locally push voltage beyond allowed boundaries

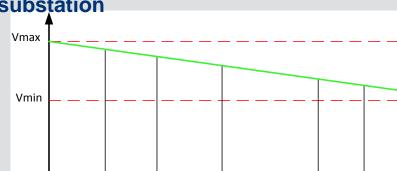
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Traditional profile:

- No distributed generation •
- Linear voltage drop \rightarrow maximum voltage in substation

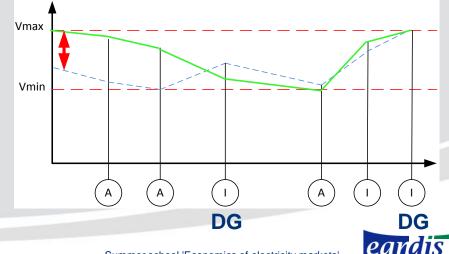
New profile:

- Voltage rise @ distributed generation (DG)
- Voltage drop depends on DG location \rightarrow how to set voltage in substation?



substation

substation

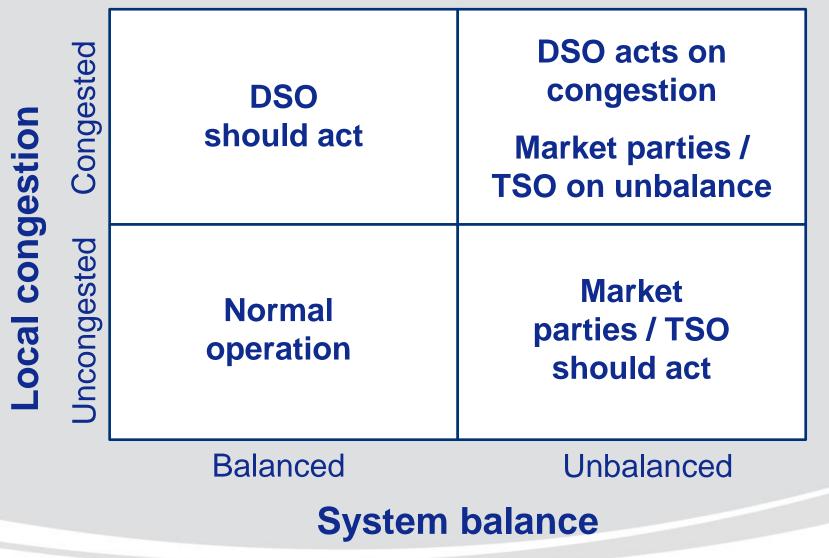


DSO functions become more similar to TSO

Source: Think Topic 12, table 3

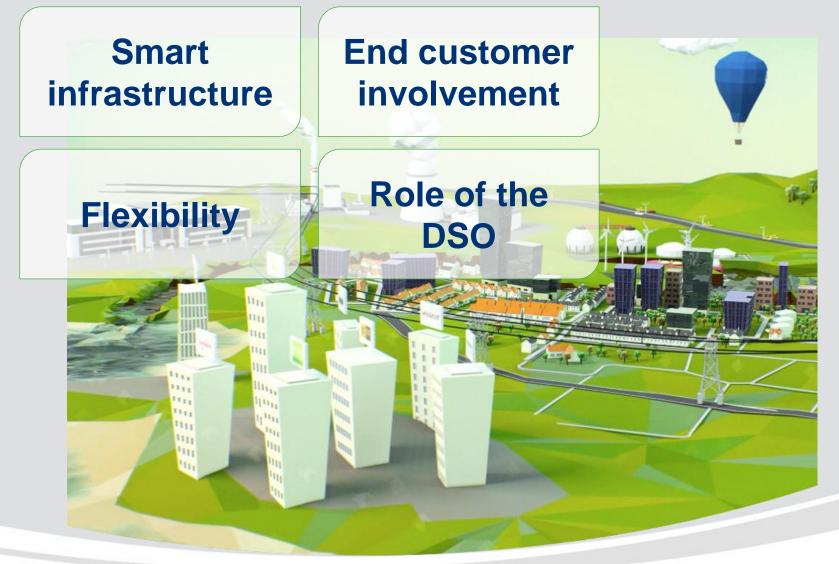
Long-term transmission grid planning and grid devel- opment
(including the connection of bulk generation (and load) and guaranteeing efficient access and use of the grid)
Grid operation, in particular
Frequency containment
Frequency restoration
Replacement of generation

Responsible for Responsible for local congestion overall system balance





Solutions – the Energy Transition





European infrastructure integration

Integrated Energy Market and increased interconnection at transmission level

Several interconnection projects in Europe



Public network infrastructure

Smart grids: monitoring and smart control of wind mills (Left bank Antwerp harbour)

Smart cities: complete integration

Smart technology: DCnetworks, open access 'fiber to the home', 'near real time data' ...



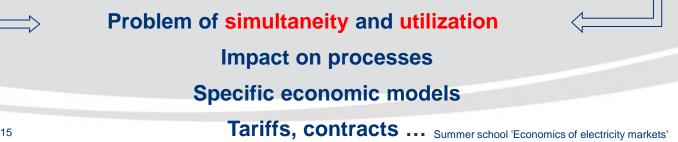
Challenge for the electricity sector



More local production

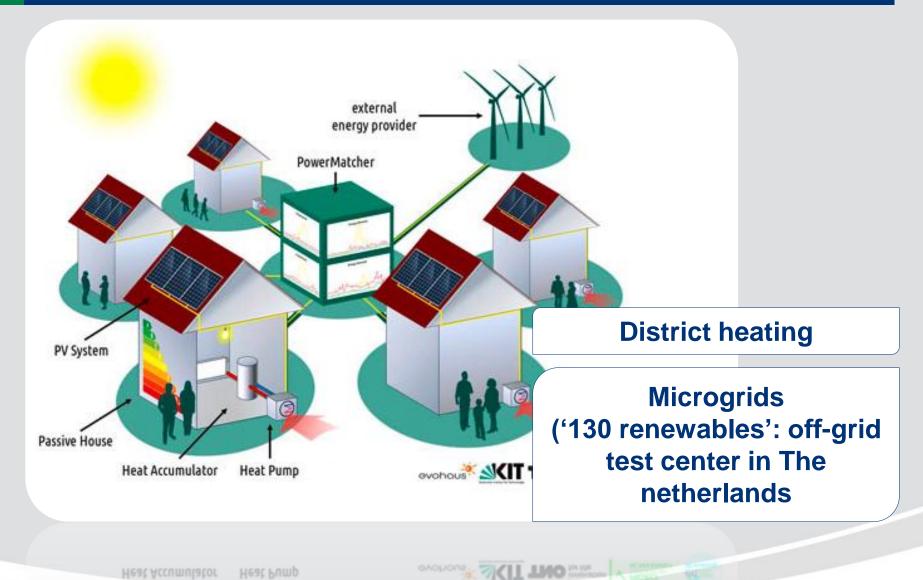
- Local injection creates upstream energy flow
- Local production is intermittent and inflexible
- Distribution grid becomes bidirectional
- Possible injectiion into the transmission grid

- Shift from fossil fuels to electricity:
 - Larger share of electrical consumption
 - Electric vehicles
 - Electric heat pumps



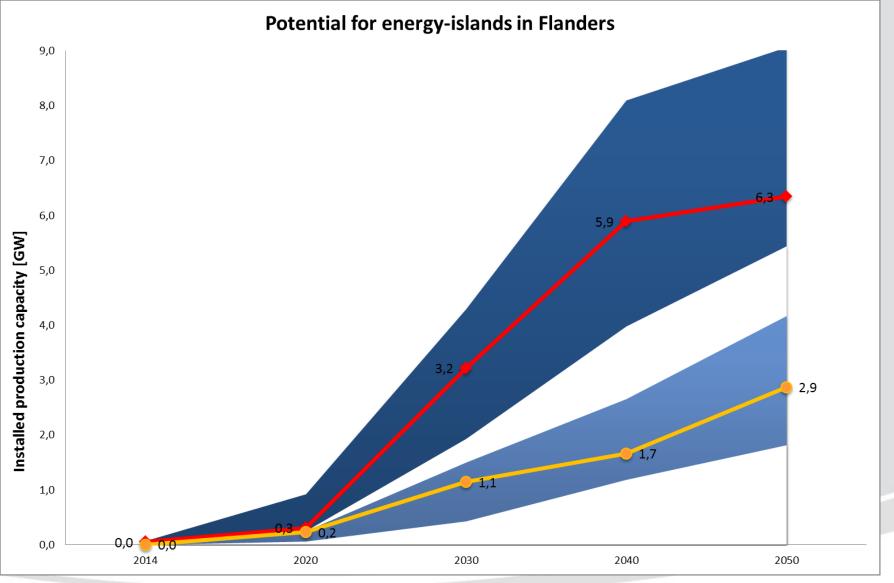


Network infrastructure at district level





Off-grid – potential in Flanders





More systems for local control

Home automation enables 'soft 6A' connection (6 amps)

Remotely controllable thermostats

Remotely controllable plugs (Smappee)

Breakthrough of residential battery storage (Tesla, SMA connected to PV)



End customer as investor

Local cooperations (Wase Wind, Campina Energie, Ecopower ...)

Ghent 'crowdfunding and participation platform'

Solar PV park Breda (7 000 panels) financed by individual net users



End customer as market player



OFF / ON campaign



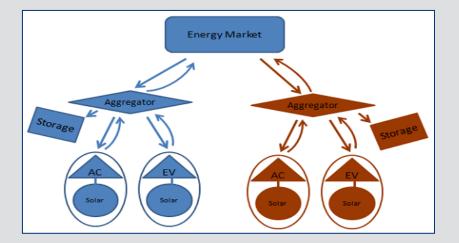
Districts with peakshaving for allelectric operation (Hoog Dalem district)



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New market models for flexibility





Market flexibility (USA: Ohmconnect.com)

Aggregators / Storage providers

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Universal Smart Energy Framework (USEF)

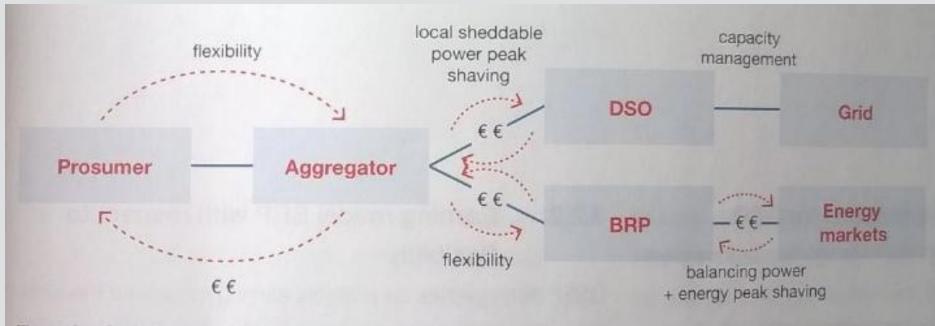


Figure 3.1 Flexibility value chain

Source: USEF review session (April 2015)



USEF operations scheme

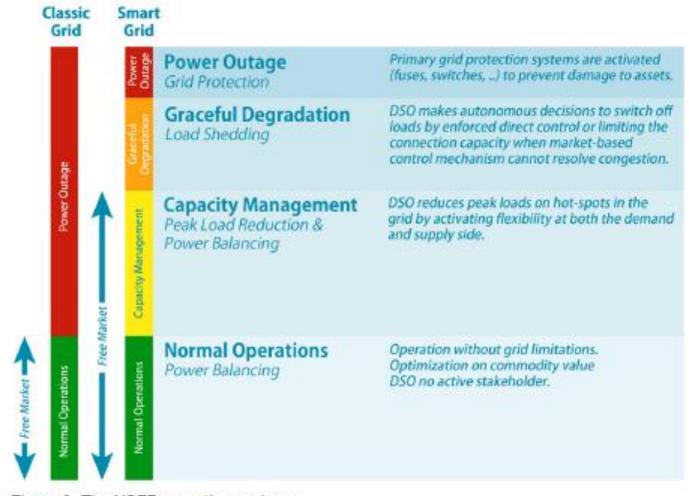


Figure 3: The USEF operating regimes.

Source: An introduction to the Universal Smart Energy Framework



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Increased awareness about growing DSO role

DSO supports TSO to maintain system stability (Linear: demand response project)

Targetted investment in flexibility and market facilitation (Atrias, MIG6, common data platform)



New DSO positioning



allego

E.On separates in 2 businesses

- Integrated energy system operation
- Customer solutions

Alliander goes beyond traditional DSO activities (Allego (Alliander) focuses on mobility)



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Think Topic 12 – Rethinking DSO regulation

Basic DSO tasks

- Planning, operating and maintaining the distribution grid
- Natural monopoly
- Regulated activities

Commercial activities

- Ownership and management of metering equipment
- Data handling
- EV charging infrastructure

Other activities

 Public service obligations, supply of last resort, public lighting, billing, compensation for losses



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Ownership and management of metering

Commercial ownership (retailer) risks

- Barrier for supplier switching
- High investment risk if lack in standardization
- Arguments for a regulated monopoly
 - Potential economies of scale (lower cost)
 - Economies of scope with other DSO activities
 - Uncertainty about best suited technological solutions
 - Most appropriate to achieve a fast mass rollout

Also dependent on number and size of DSOs per country



Data supports 3 categories of activities

- Commercial operations
- System stability and quality of supply
- Efficient grid planning
- Three data handling models (SGTF EG3)
 - DSO as a neutral market facilitator
 - Central data hub
 - Data access-point manager

Key question: cooperation and synergy between DSOs and ICT companies while maintaining level-playing field in the market?



Electric vehicle charging infrastructure

Possible ownership structures

- DSOs or similarly regulated entities
- Commercial actors and private investors (including retailers or aggregators)
- Public entities
- Possible market models
 - Integrated infrastructure market model
 - Separated infrastructure market model
 - Independent e-mobility market model
 - Spot operator owned charging stations market model



DSO procurement of DER services

DSO's ensure system reliability through

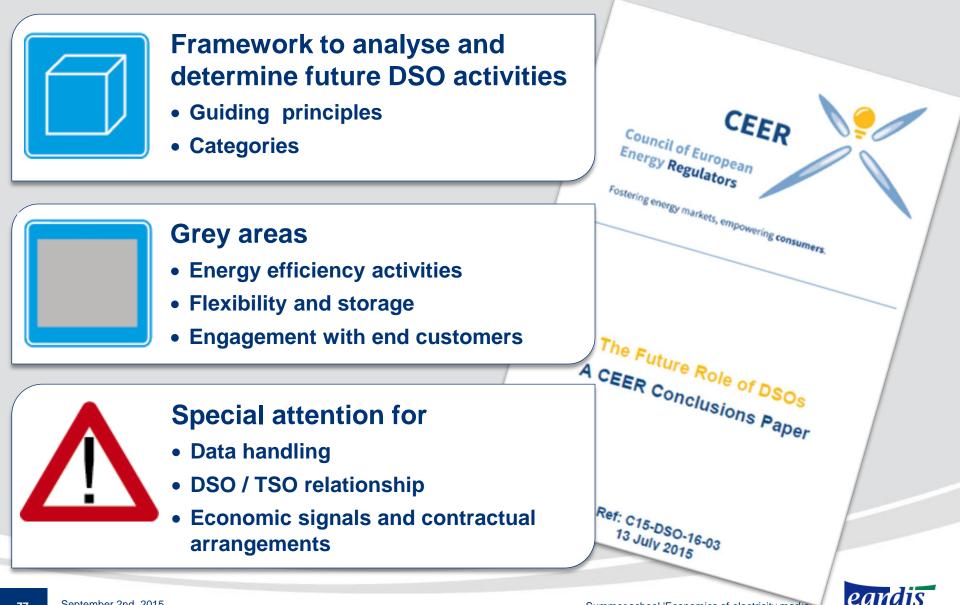
- Network investments, maintenance and reinforcement
- Voltage control
- Load/generation curtailment

DER offer additional instruments to

- Manage short-term problems in the grid
- Optimize the cost of maintaining quality of service
- Reduce grid losses
- Reduce or postpone future investments



CEER conclusions – Future role of DSO's



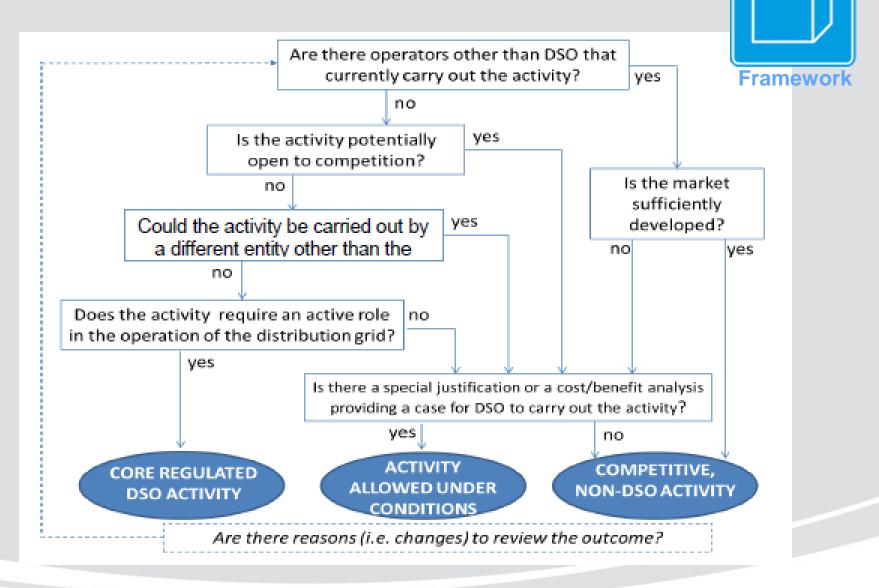
Core activities



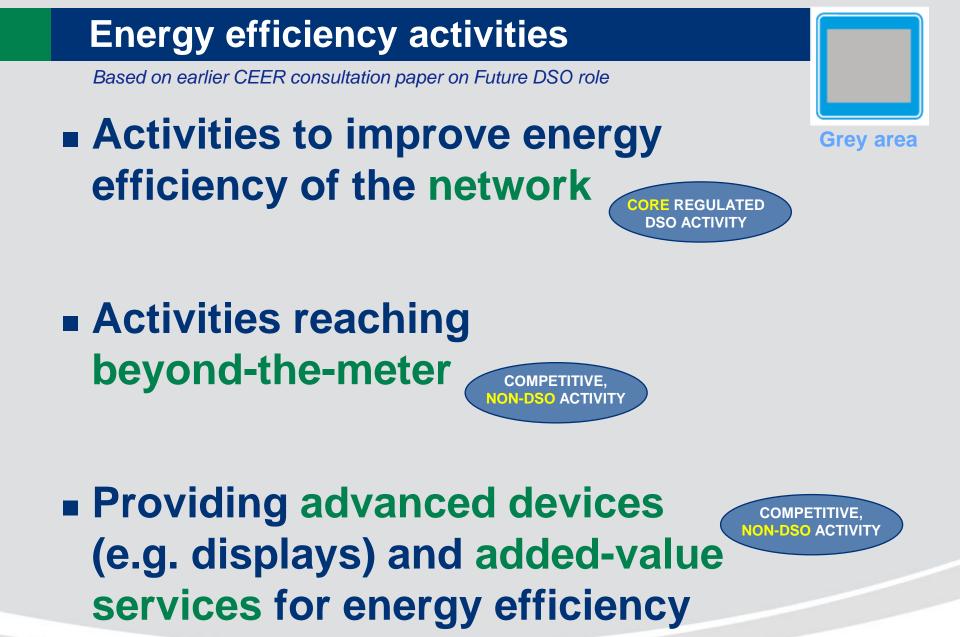
- Safe and secure operation and management of the distribution system
- Network planning, development and investment
- Data management
- Guiding principles for DSO regulation
 - Meet reasonable expectations of network users
 - Act as neutral market facilitators in core functions
 - Act in the public interest
 - Safeguard consumer ownership of data



Categories of DSO activities









Flexibility and storage (1)

Based on earlier CEER consultation paper on Future DSO role

 CEER focus on (only) procurement by DSO (not all DSO's agree)

5 types

- Portfolio optimization: arbitrage between generation and demand response
- Preventive congestion management: before closure of wholesale market
- Curative congestion management: after closure of wholesale market
- System balancing: guarantee system frequency (TSO task)
- Ancillary services: guarantee system security (voltage control ...)





Flexibility and storage (2)

Based on earlier CEER consultation paper on Future DSO role

Risks & barriers



Grey area

Separate procurement by DSO's and market actors

- Freeriding issues
- Inefficient allocation of scarce flexibility
- Conflicting signals to consumers

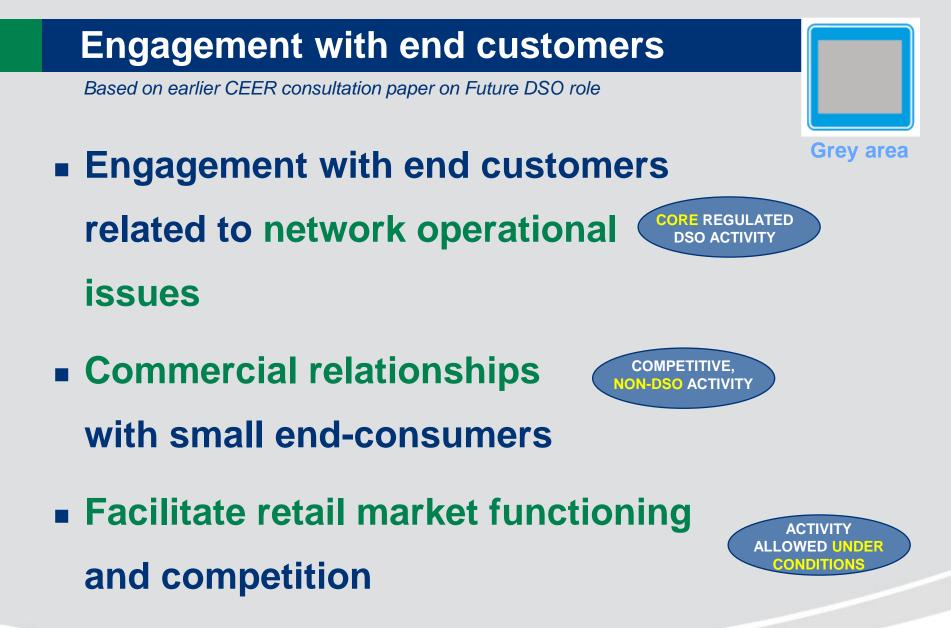
Coordinated procurement by DSO's and market actors

- Reduced gaming possibilities
- Higher system efficiency
- More complex market structure and potential liquidity issue (DSO price)

Policy implications

- Measures to secure transparency, non-discriminatory & efficient procurement by DSO's & market actors
- Provide incentives for DSO's to choose the best option in network planning







CEER conclusion on data handling



- Need for greater standardization of data, and strong data protection measures
- Distinction between commercial and technical data
- Need for a neutral data coordinator or data hub to manage and provide access to data
- CEER will develop a set of guiding principles with NRAs and DSOs at a European level



CEER conclusion on DSO/TSO relation



Current conclusions

- System perspective
- High level principles at EU level and detailed regulations at a national level
- DSO requirement to develop and publish long term plans for their networks
- Under analysis (2016)
 - Responsibilities for flexibility
 - Need for clear cost separation
 - DSO role in balancing, ancillary services and information provisions mandated by TSOs
 - Exchange and cooperation platform needed?



Regulation

- 4 areas to be reviewed
 - Eandis



Four regulatory areas to be reviewed

- Allowed DSO remuneration
- Distribution grid tarification
- Potential new infrastructure tasks of DSOs vis-à-vis energy market actors
 - Advanced meter data
 - EV charging stations

Potential new roles and functions of DSOs in system management vis-à-vis TSOs

Source: Think Topic 12



Policy and regulation

Translate European policy to a pragmatic national approach

European climate objectives, Energy Efficiency Directive, Alternative Fuels Directive

Translate to national policy (e.g. Energieakkoord)

Support schemes (e.g. climate action plan Ghent with support for sustainable districts)

Regulatory framework for new market roles (e.g. DSO for district heating networks)



New tariff structure





Economic signals and contractual relations



Regulatory incentives and innovation

- Innovative smart grids investment mainly OPEX rather than CAPEX <> RAB-based compensation for invested capital
 - → need to adapt compensation model for innovative investment
 - » Shorter depreciation period
 - » Higher compensation for risk
 - » Specific funds or incentives
 - → preference for TOTEX-based regulatory schemes
- Second thoughts about output-based regulation (hard to find meaningful, measurable and controllable outputs)



Economic signals and contractual relations (2)



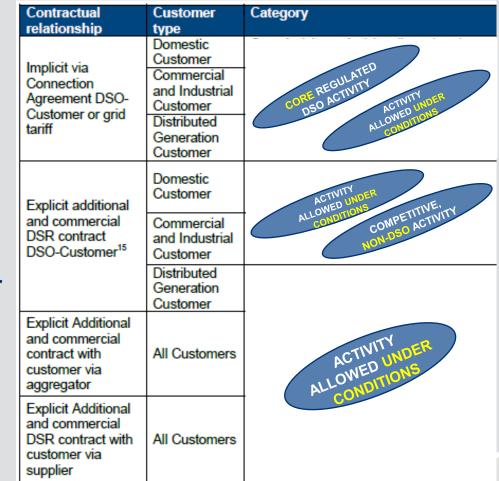
■ Network tariffs - no consensus → further analysis

- Should distribution network tariffs include a time of use element? How to coordinate this with other parts of the final price?
- Should charges be based more on consumption or capacity? Should they reflect different services offered by DSOs?
- Allow financial signals to incentivize behaviour of (some) users?



Economic signals and contractual relations (3)

- Contractual arrangements and relationships between DSOs and consumers
 - Implicit connection agreement
 - Commercial contract
 - Directly with customer
 - Via aggregator
 - Via supplier





Economic signals and contractual relations (4)

Innovation and ICT

• Cyber security

• Telecom innovation and services for third parties?



Eandis – 4 value propositions

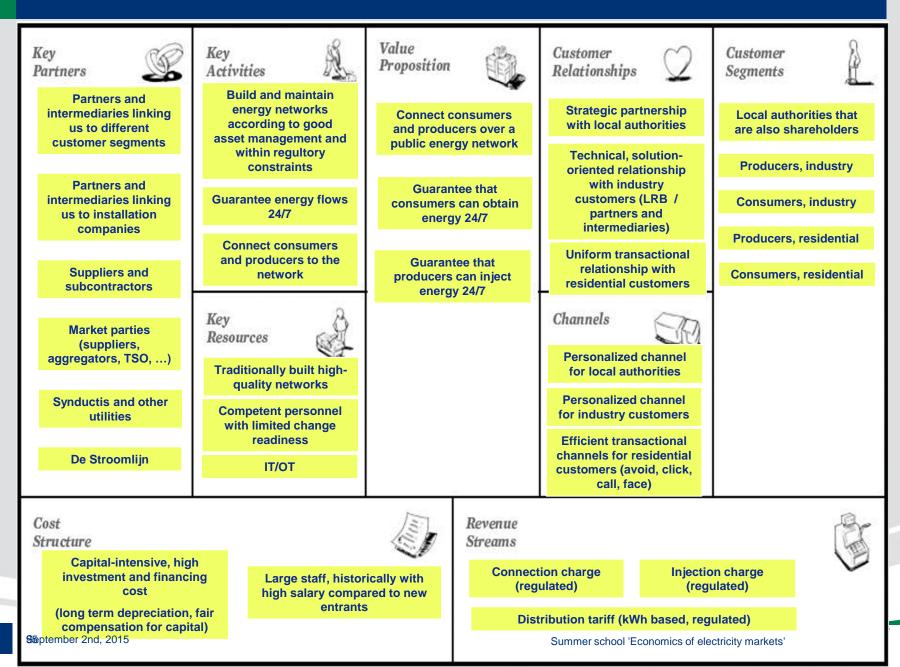
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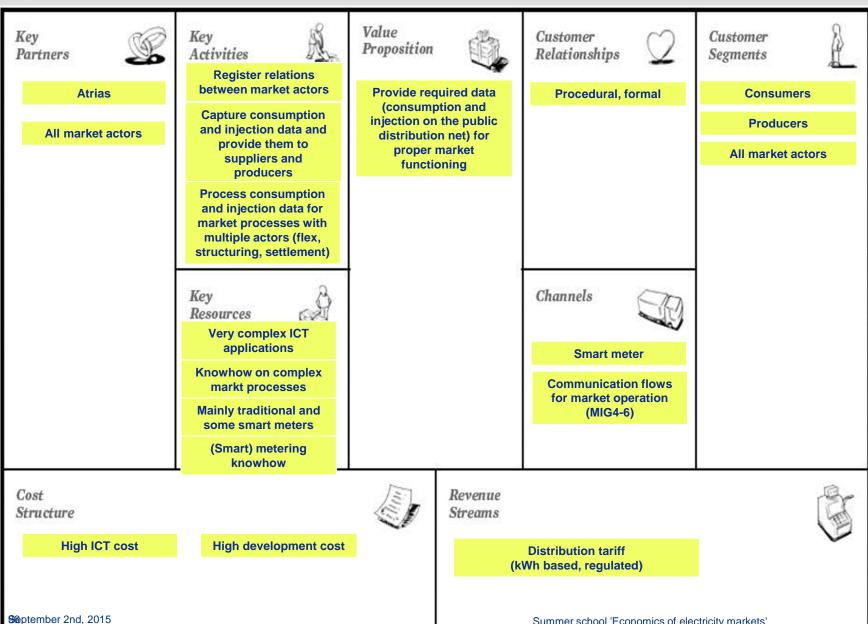
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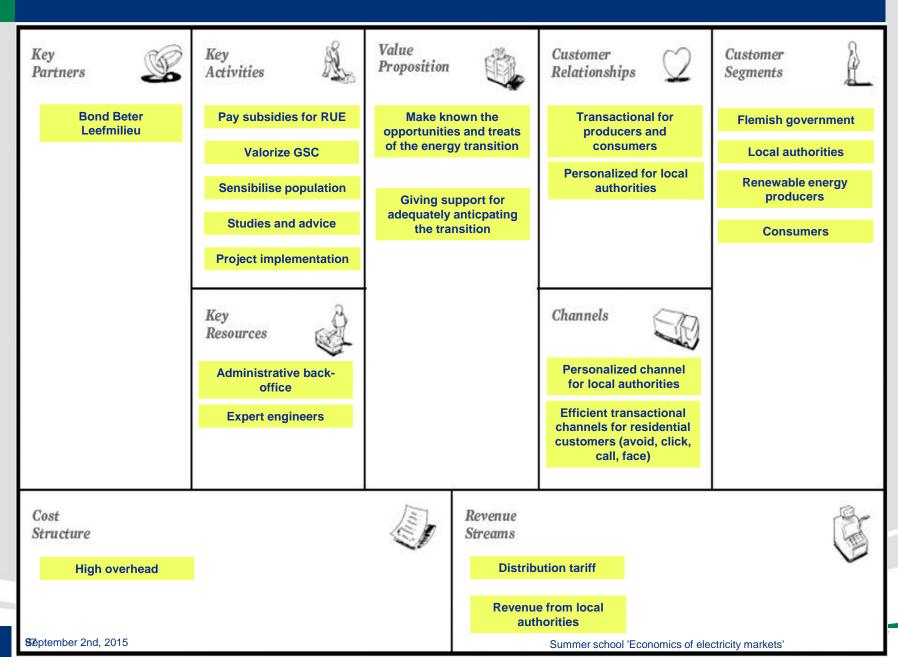
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Eandis Corporate Social Responsibility report



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Corporate Social Responsibility Report

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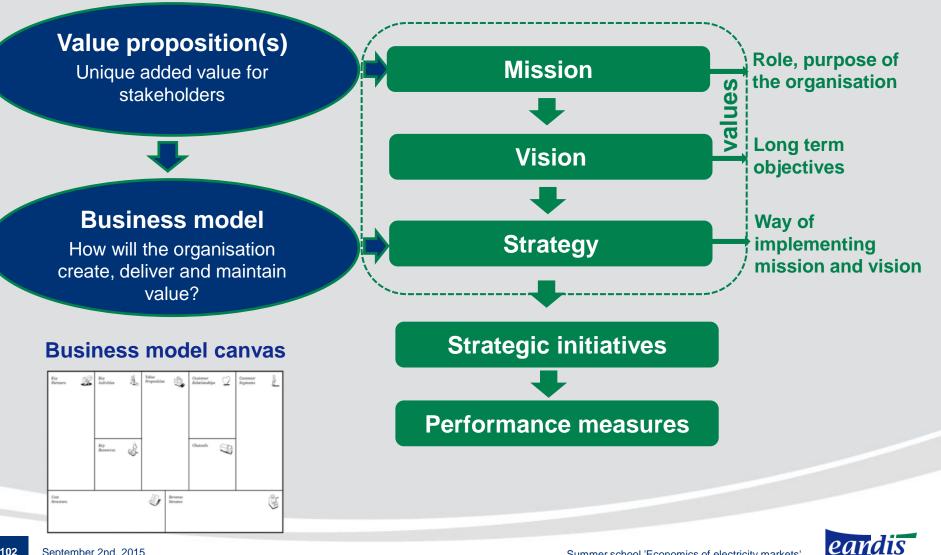


Appendix 1 – Value proposition and business model canvas

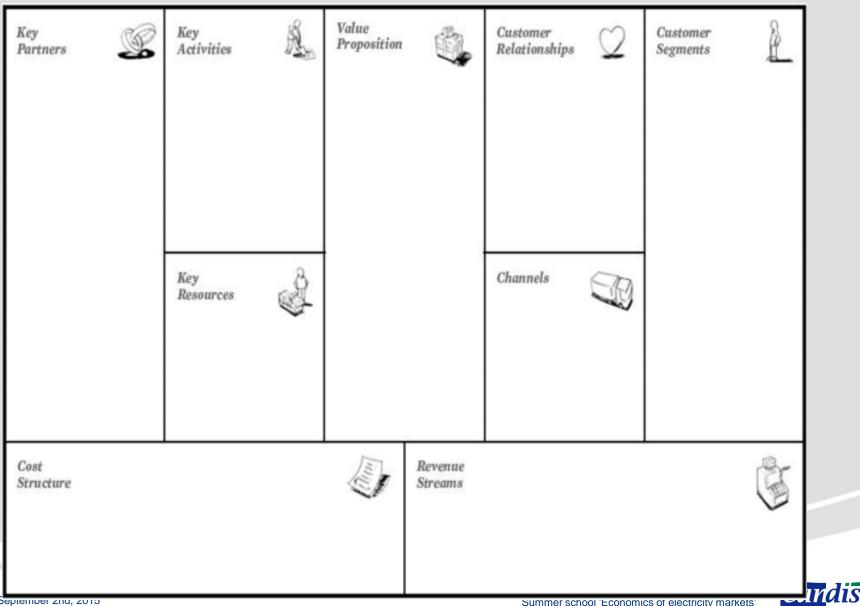




Background – Value proposition



Business model canvas



Business model canvas (2)



(Underlying) value proposition(s)



- Which products and services do we offer to each customer segment?
- Which customer problem(s) do we help solve by doing this?
- What is the associated added value?





Business model canvas (3)





- What are the best / most efficient channels to reach them?
- How do we reach the customers?



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Customer relationships



- What kind of relation do we have / want with each customer segment?
- How do we maintain these relations?



Business model canvas (4)

Core activities

• What are the most important activities to deliver our value proposition(s)?

Resources



 Which resources (people and infrastructure) do we need for this (level of education, FTE, buildings, ICT, assets ...)?



Partners



- Which partners are required?
- What do these partners add to our value proposition(s)?





Business model canvas (5)

Cost structure

- Which costs do we incur when realising our value proposition(s)?
- Are they fixed or variable?
- Which cost benefits do we enjoy (scale, scope)?

Revenues



- What do our customers pay for?
- How are we paid (provision, fee, subscription ...)?
- How would our customers like to pay?



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Appendix 2

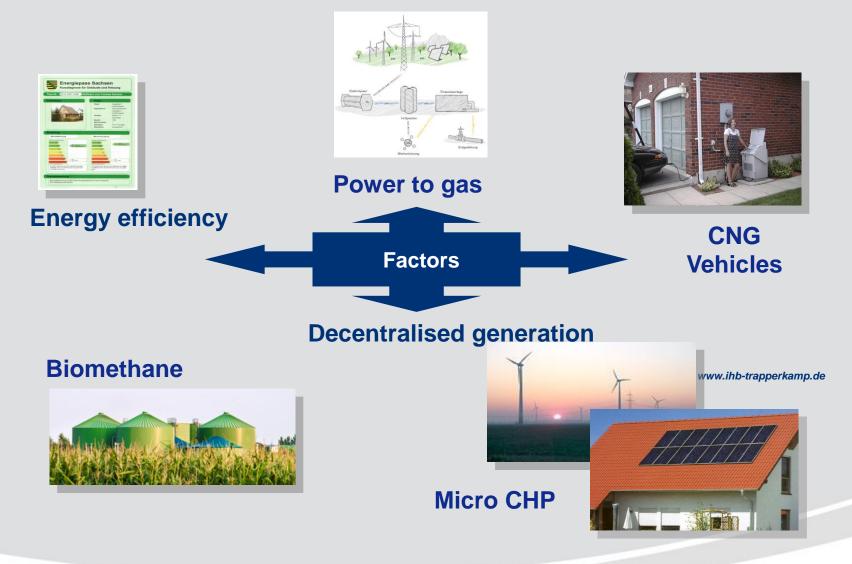
Gas

Gas-specific evolutions



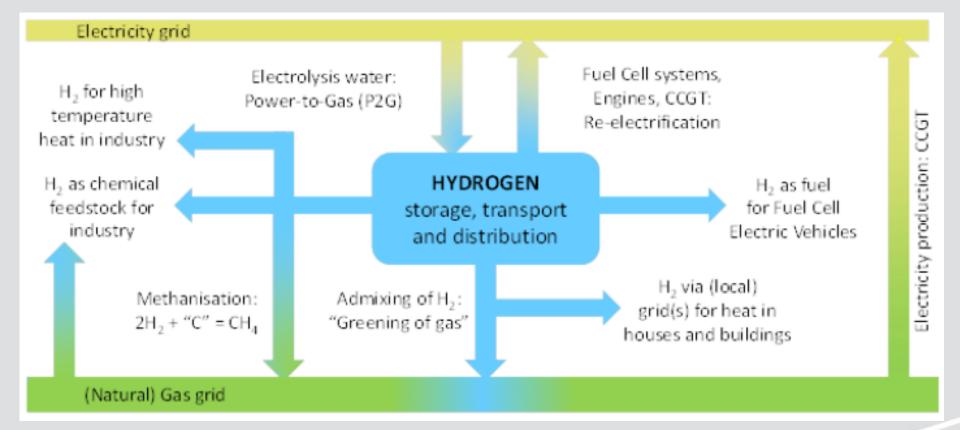


Developments affecting gas DSOs



Source: Gas grid opportunities (DBI Gut, GERG PCD september 2013)

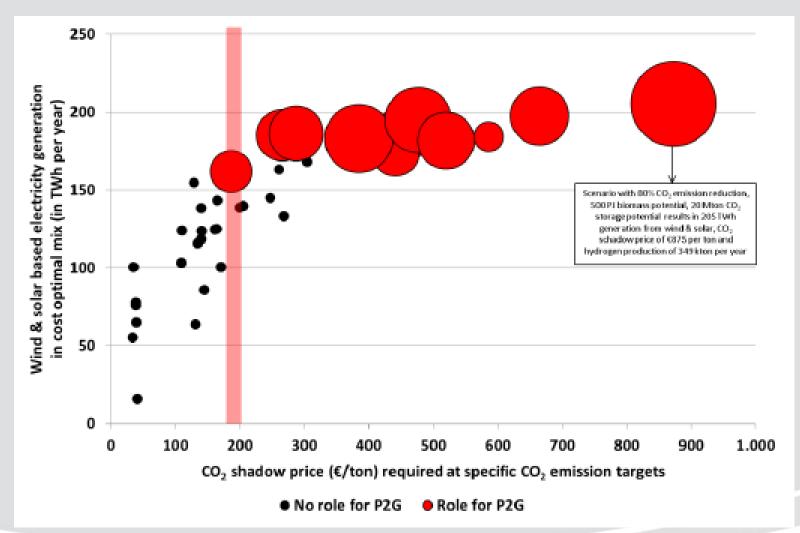




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P2G relevant for high decarbonisation targets



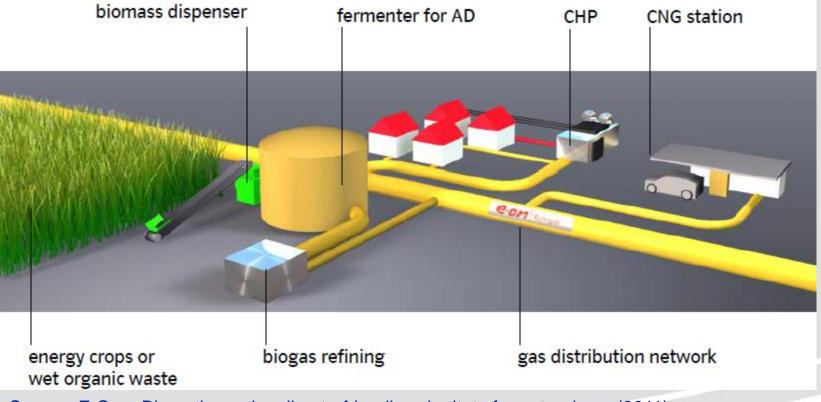
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Biomethane

Production of biomethane

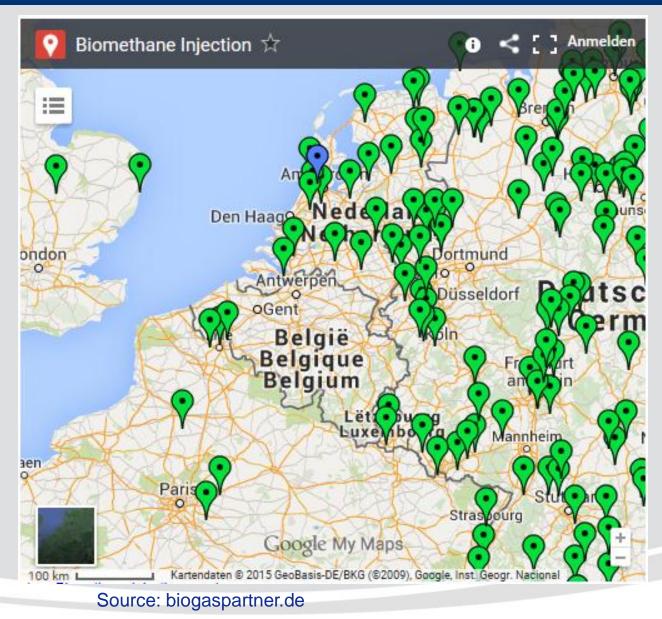
- Biomethane injection uncouples the production and usage of bioenergy
- Biomethane injection enables usage of bioenergy even in metropolitan areas



Source: E.On – Biomethane the climate-friendly substitute for natural gas (2011)

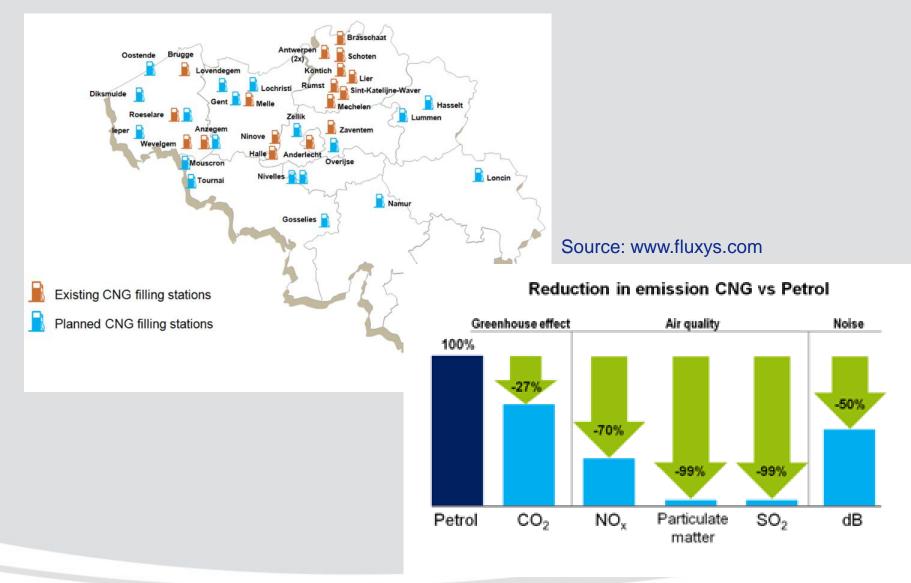


Biomethane – current projects





CNG vehicles





Belgium		Micro		Small & Medium		Large		
		up to 50kWe		up to 10 MWe		more than 10 MWe		
		NG	RES	NG	RES	NG	Coal	RES
Industry								
District heating								
Services								
Households								
Table 5: CHP economics matrix ⁶								
Legend:								
normal	ormal Cogeneration Investment has good economic benefits, return on investment acceptable for the investors, interest for new investment exists; there are no significant economic barriers for the implementation.							
modest	Cogeneration Investment has modest/limited economic benefits and return on investment, limited interest for new investments.							
Poor	Cogeneration Investment has poor or negative return on investment or is not possible due to other limitations, no interest/possibilities for new investments.							

Source: Code2 - CHP roadmap Belgium (September 2014)



µCHP potential

Household systems	(±1 kWe)						
Boiler replacement technology							

Present market (2013) Boiler stock: 2 200 000 units Boiler sales: 174 000 units/year

Potential estimation

Indicator	Score		
Market alternatives	1		
Global CBA	4		
Legislation/support	2		
Awareness	0		
Purchasing power	2		
Total	8 out of 12		

Expected final market share: 42% of boiler sales in Household sector

SME & Collective systems (±40 kWe) Boiler add-on technology

Present market (2013) Boiler stock: 450 000 units Boiler sales: 35 000 units/year

Potential estimation

Indicator	Score
Market alternatives	1
Global CBA	4
Legislation/support	2
Awareness	1
Total	7 out of 9

Expected final market share: 27% of boiler sales in SME & Coll. sector



Source: Code2 - CHP roadmap Belgium (September 2014)



Energy-efficiency

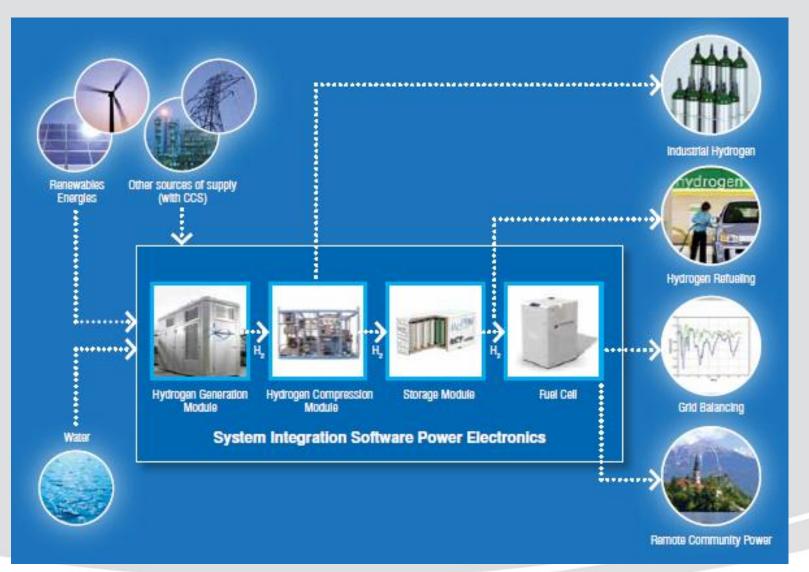
FIGURE 1: EU-27 GAS DEMAND, 2010-2035



Source: Eurogas – Long-term outlook for gas to 2035 (2013)



CCS and hydrogen

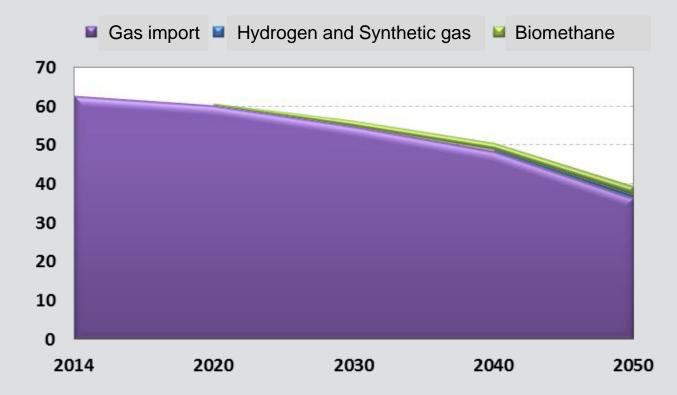


Source: New-IG - Fuel Cell and Hydrogen technologies in Europe (2011)



Consequences – expected gas volume* (TWh)

*Via gas distribution grid



Gas import and production is expected to decrease

Biomethane and hydrogen injection remains marginal



CEER – role of DSO in smart gas grid

- No clear vision on roll out of smart G-meters but clear synergy when co-installing with E-meters
- Stakeholder views: Limited potential for smart gas grids
 - Smart gas meters: limited remote (re)activation, biogas will not develop rapidly
 - Filling infrastructure and development of smart appliances are not DSO tasks
 - No need for a flexible capacity tariff for gas
 - Limited potential of load shedding due to storage possibilities
 - Limited potential value of smart gas grids to avoid new grid investments

