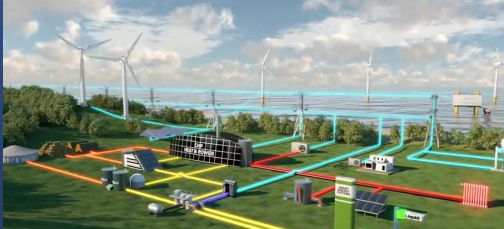


Transitions to renewable energy systems – the case of Denmark and EU

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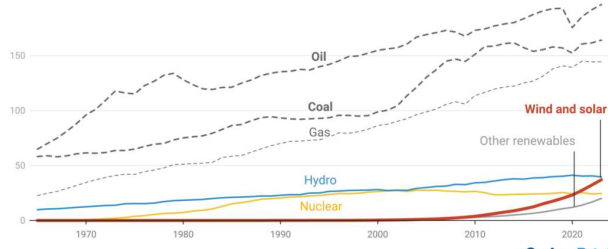


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Global primary energy supply

Global coal and oil demand reached new highs in 2023, despite record wind and solar growth

Global primary energy demand by fuel, exajoules

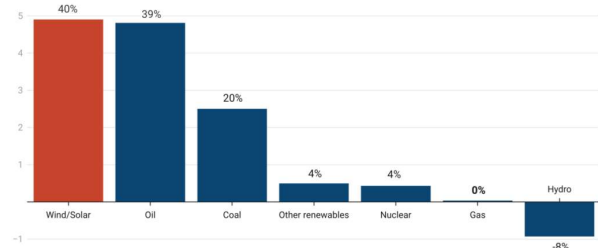


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Wind and solar added more to global energy than any other source in 2023 for the first time ever

Annual change in global energy supply in 2023, by fuel, exajoules



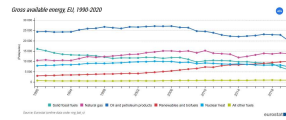
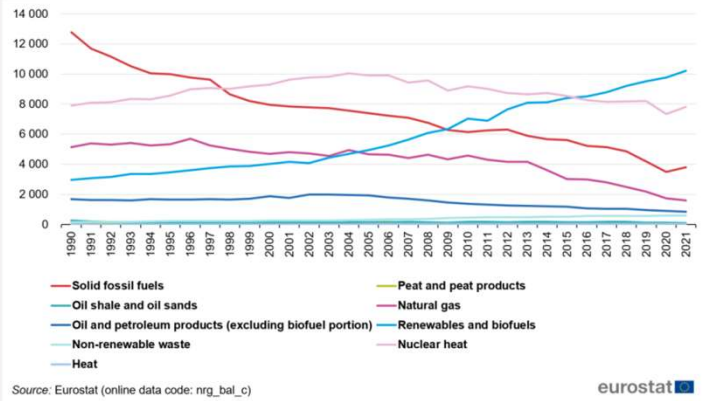
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Increased dependency of Natural gas 2000-2022

- EU successes before the war:
 - Increased renewable energy
 - Higher energy efficiency (Slightly)
- EU Failures :
 - Diversification of the gas markets – instead of a natural gas exit plan
 - No improvements in security of supply.



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Risk: Ministries, citizens and (politicians) thinks the natural gas price will be permanently low

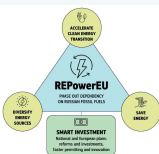
How Europe Reduced Its Natural Gas Consumption

Change in natural gas consumption of EU countries, Aug - Nov 2022 vs. 2017-2021 average (same months)

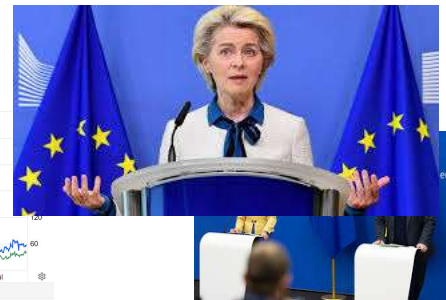
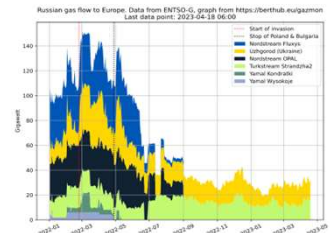
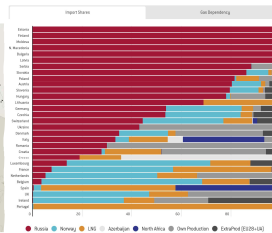
- -40 to -52%
- -30 to -39%
- -20 to -29%
- -10 to -19%
- -1 to -9%
- Consumption increase

EU 27: -20.1%

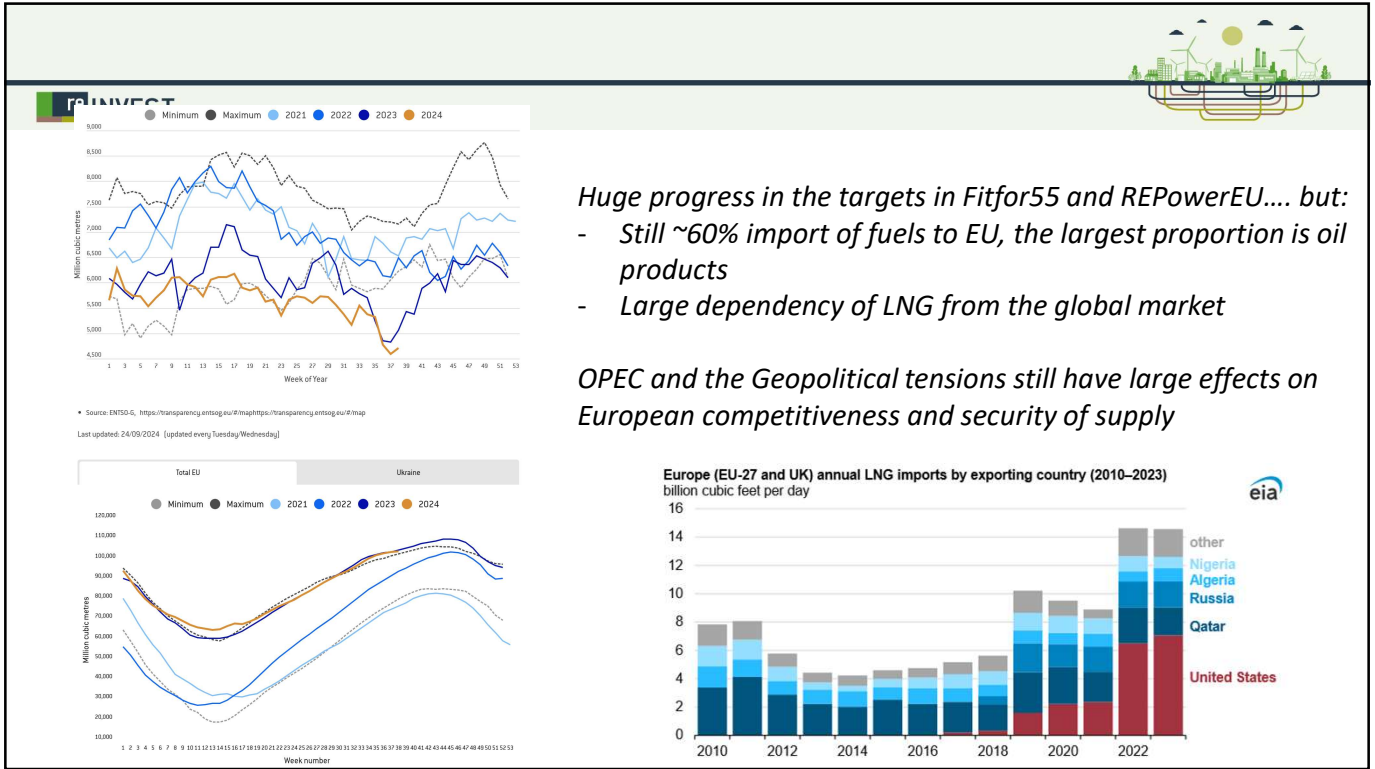
Rounded figures. Cyprus does not consume natural gas. Source: Eurostat



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Huge progress in the targets in Fitfor55 and REPowerEU.... but:

- Still ~60% import of fuels to EU, the largest proportion is oil products
- Large dependency of LNG from the global market

OPEC and the Geopolitical tensions still have large effects on European competitiveness and security of supply

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The energy crisis is NOT over

National and International Security policy

- Geopolitics/foreign policy
- Economic
- Industrial policy

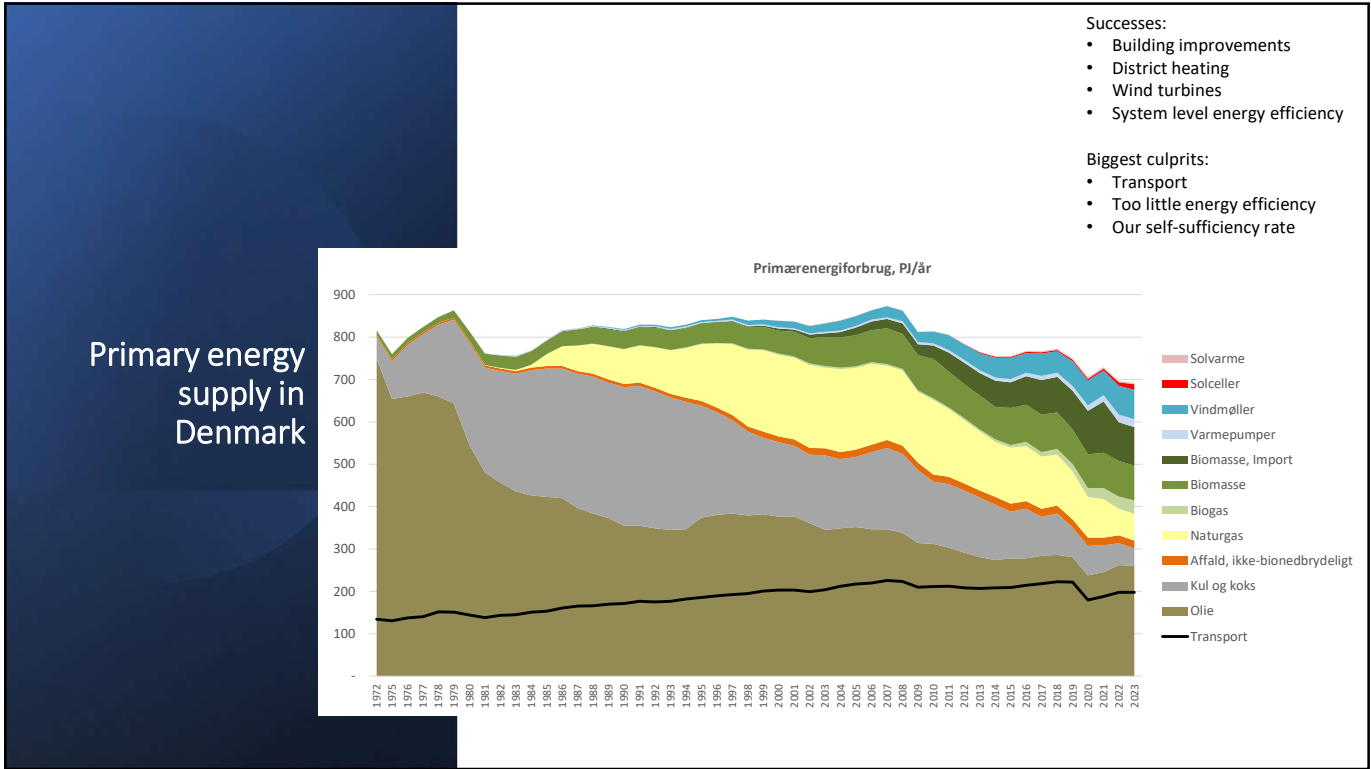
Security of supply

- Cybersecurity
- Materials, resource access, and supply chains

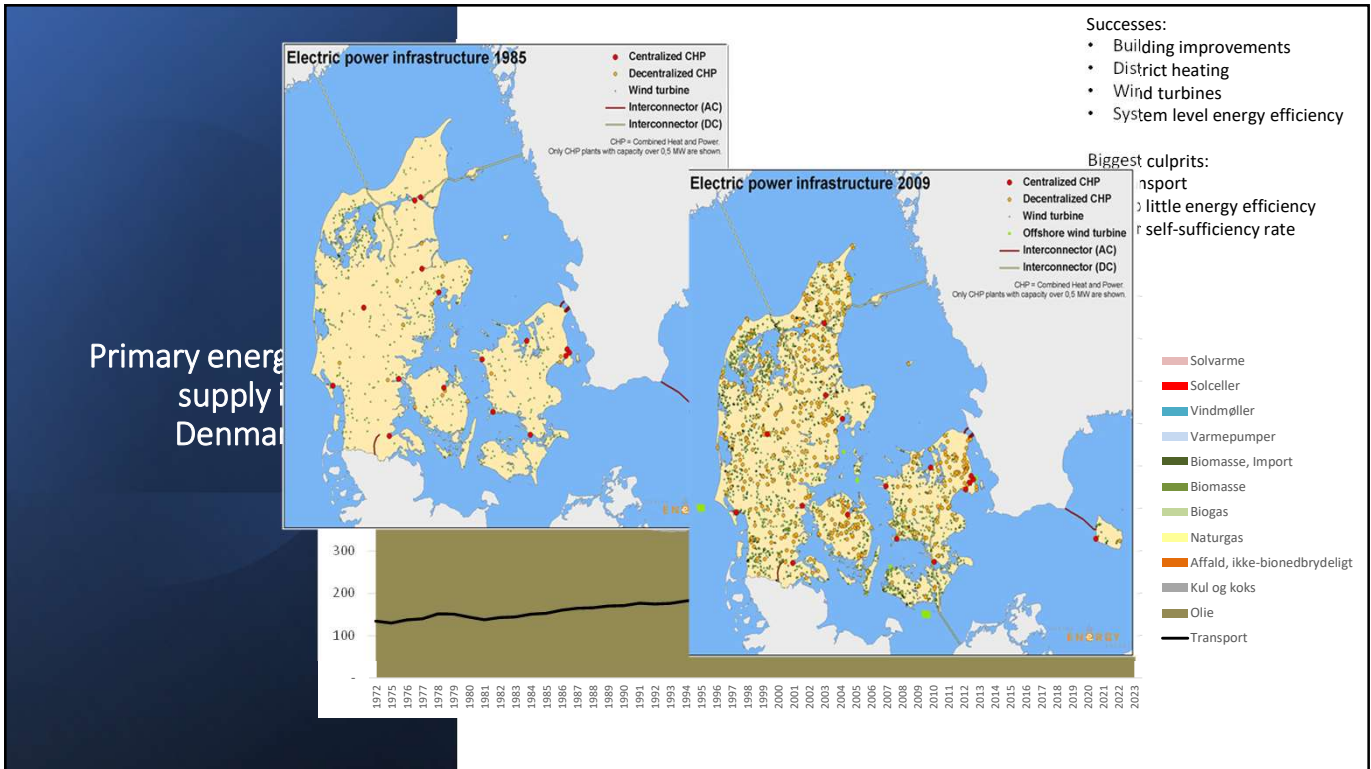
Everything else...

- Climate policy
- Health effects, health, and biodiversity

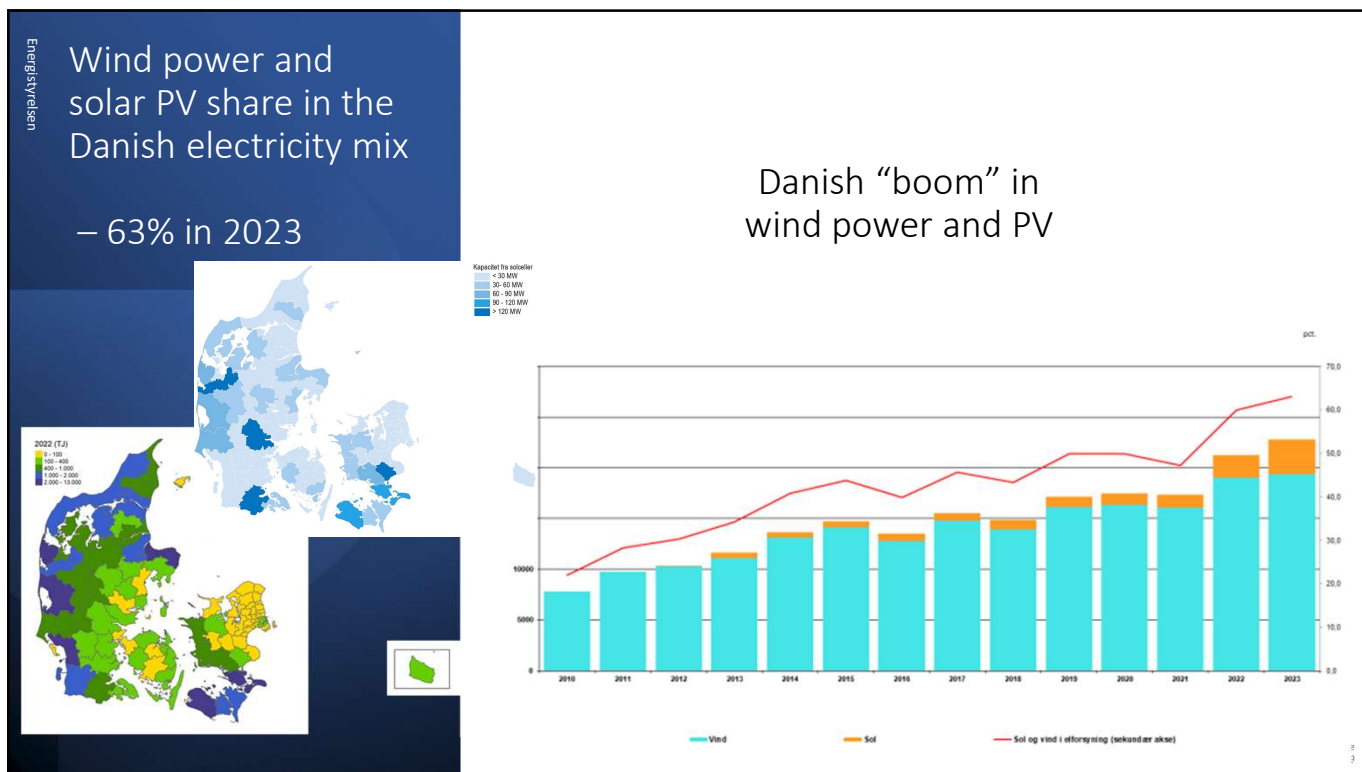
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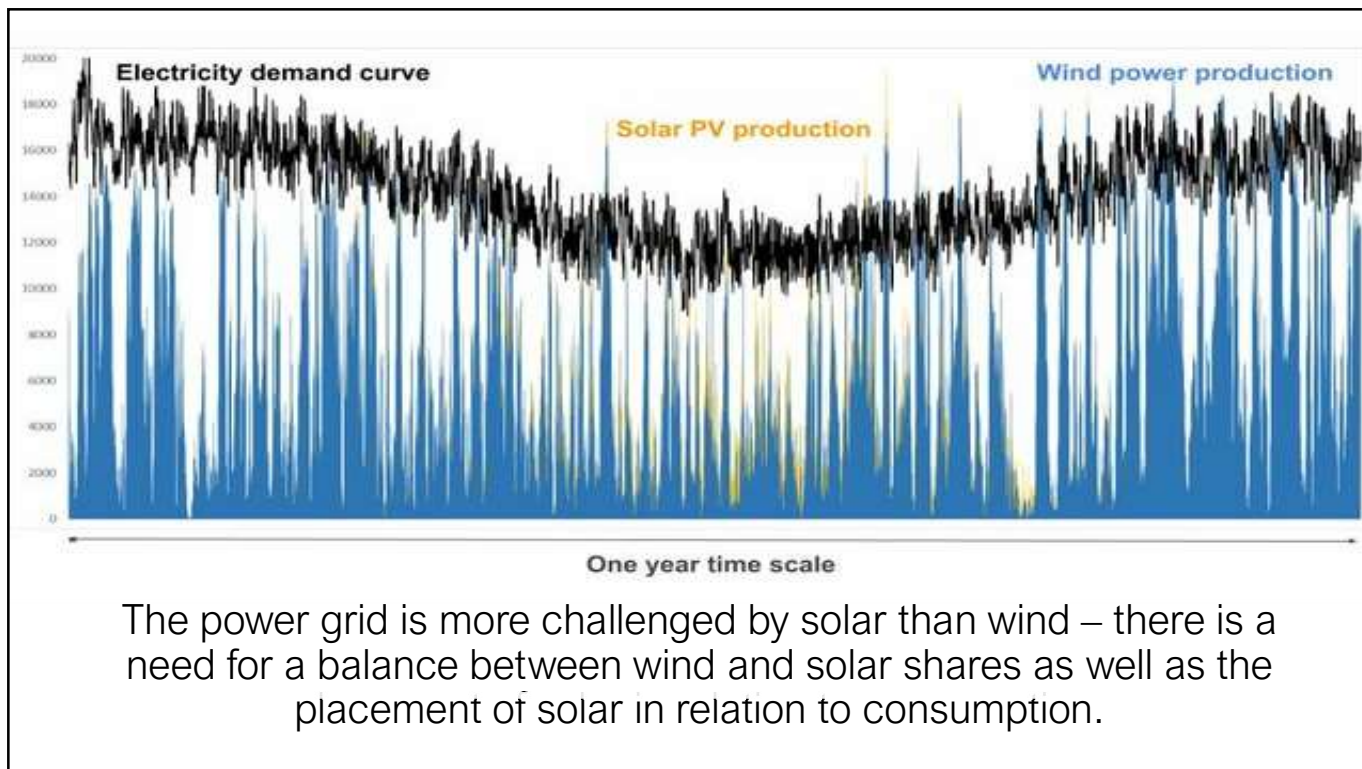
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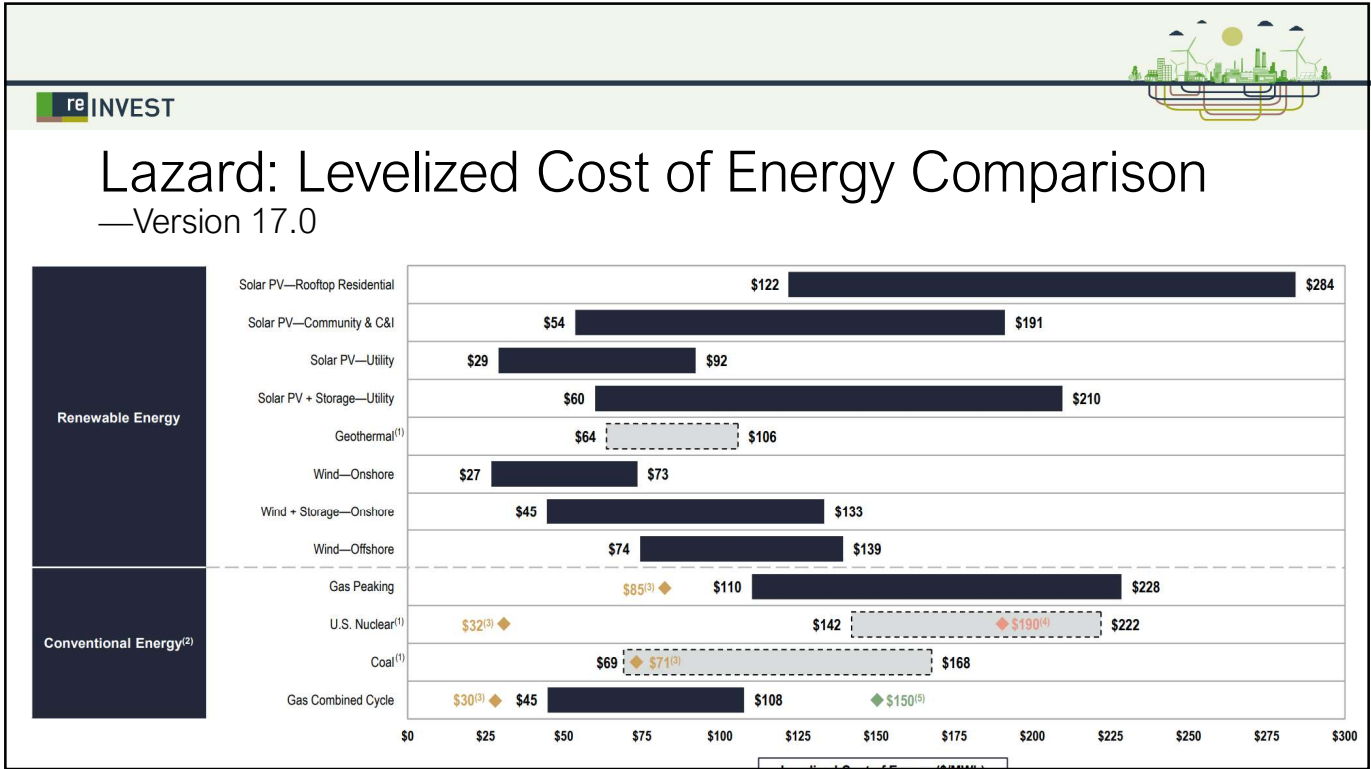
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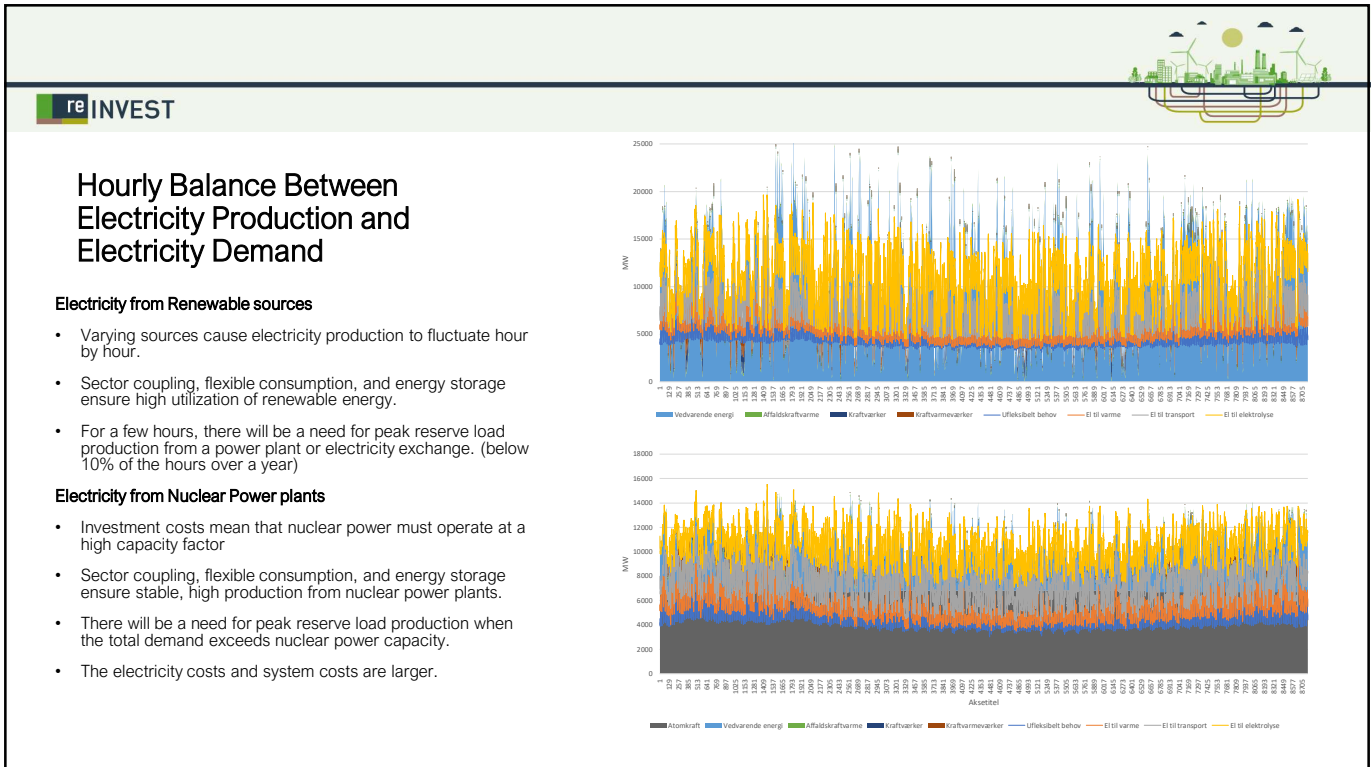
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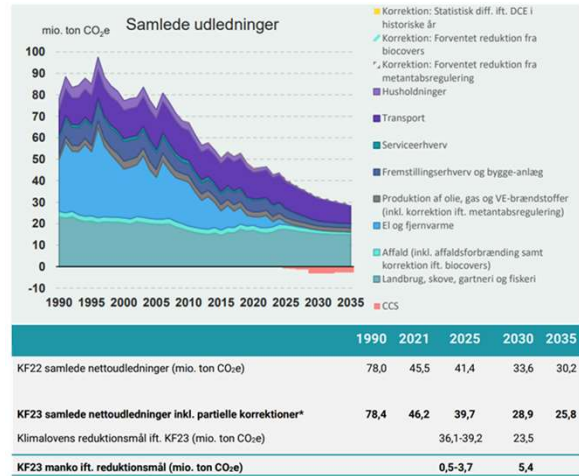
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The Danish Climate Goals for Energy, Transport, Industry, Agriculture, and Energy Goals

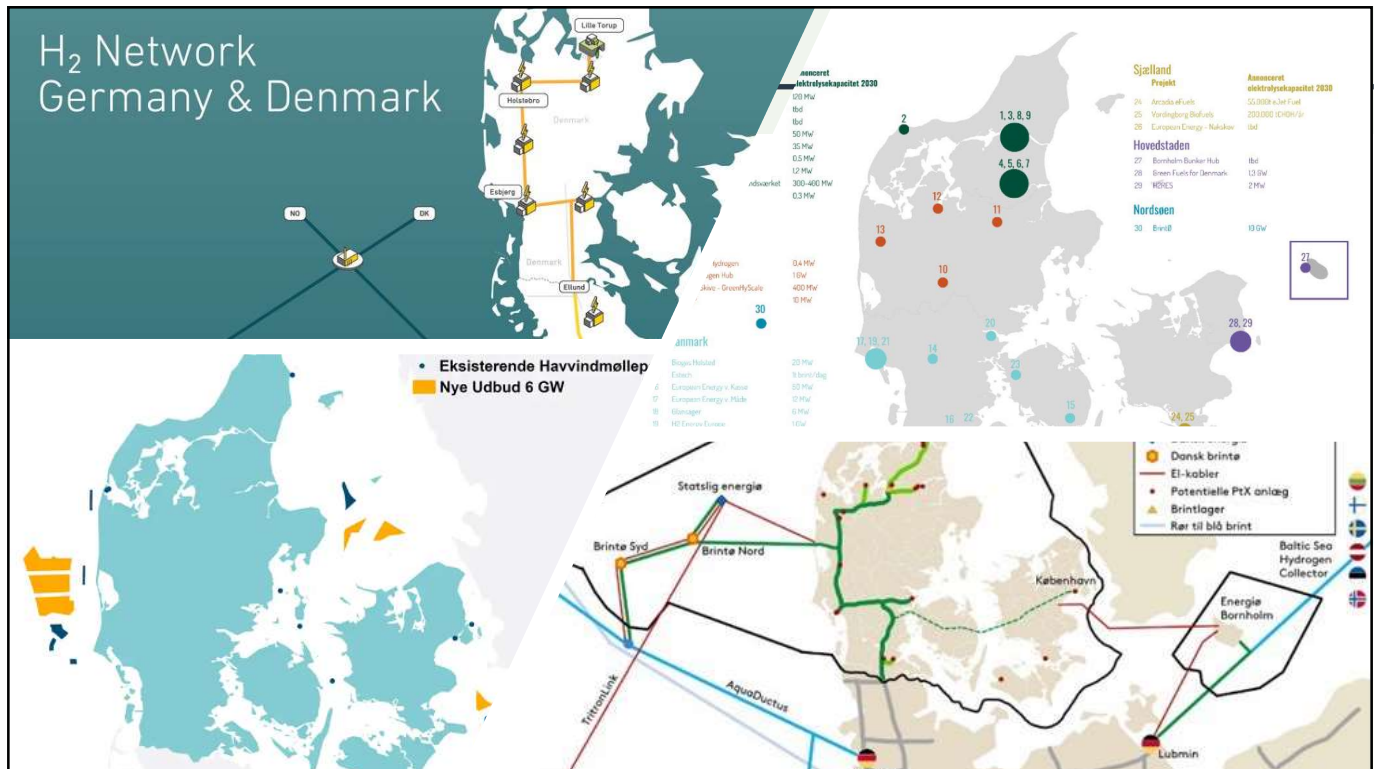


Political Goals in Denmark

- 2021: Energy crisis starts
- 2025: Aim for a 50-54% reduction - In one year
- 2030: Aim for a 70% reduction - In almost 6 year
- 2045: Aim for climate neutrality - In 21 years
- 2050: Aim for "climate positivity" - In 26 years



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Smart Energy Systems

Executive Summary
IDA's Energy Vision 2050
A smart energy system strategy for 100% renewable Denmark

IDAs Klimasvar 2045
Sådan bliver et klimaneutralt

Renewable Energy Systems

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Unit Investment Costs for Energy Storage

1. Thermal Cheaper at All Scales

Electricity → Thermal

Energy Storage Type	Unit Investment Cost (€/kWh)
Large-scale Electricity Storage (Pumped Hydro)	€125/kWh
Large-scale Thermal Storage (Molten Salt)	€1/kWh
Small-scale Electricity Storage (Tesla Powerwall)	€300/kWh
Small-scale Thermal Storage (Water Tank)	€90/kWh


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Unit Investment Costs for Energy Storage

1. Thermal Cheaper at All Scales

Electricity




€125/kWh




€300/kWh

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Thermal



€1/kWh




€90/kWh

2. Bigger is Better i.e. Cheaper

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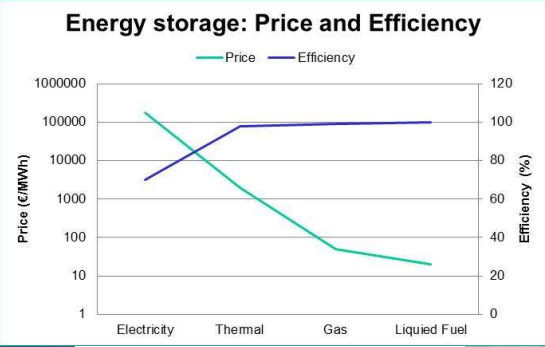
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ENERGY STORAGE




PUMP HYDRO STORAGE
175 €/KWH


Energy storage: Price and Efficiency




Storage Type	Price (€/MWh)	Efficiency (%)
Electricity	~100,000	~70
Thermal	~10,000	~100
Gas	~100	~100
Liquefied Fuel	~20	~100



THERMAL STORAGE
1-4 €/KWH

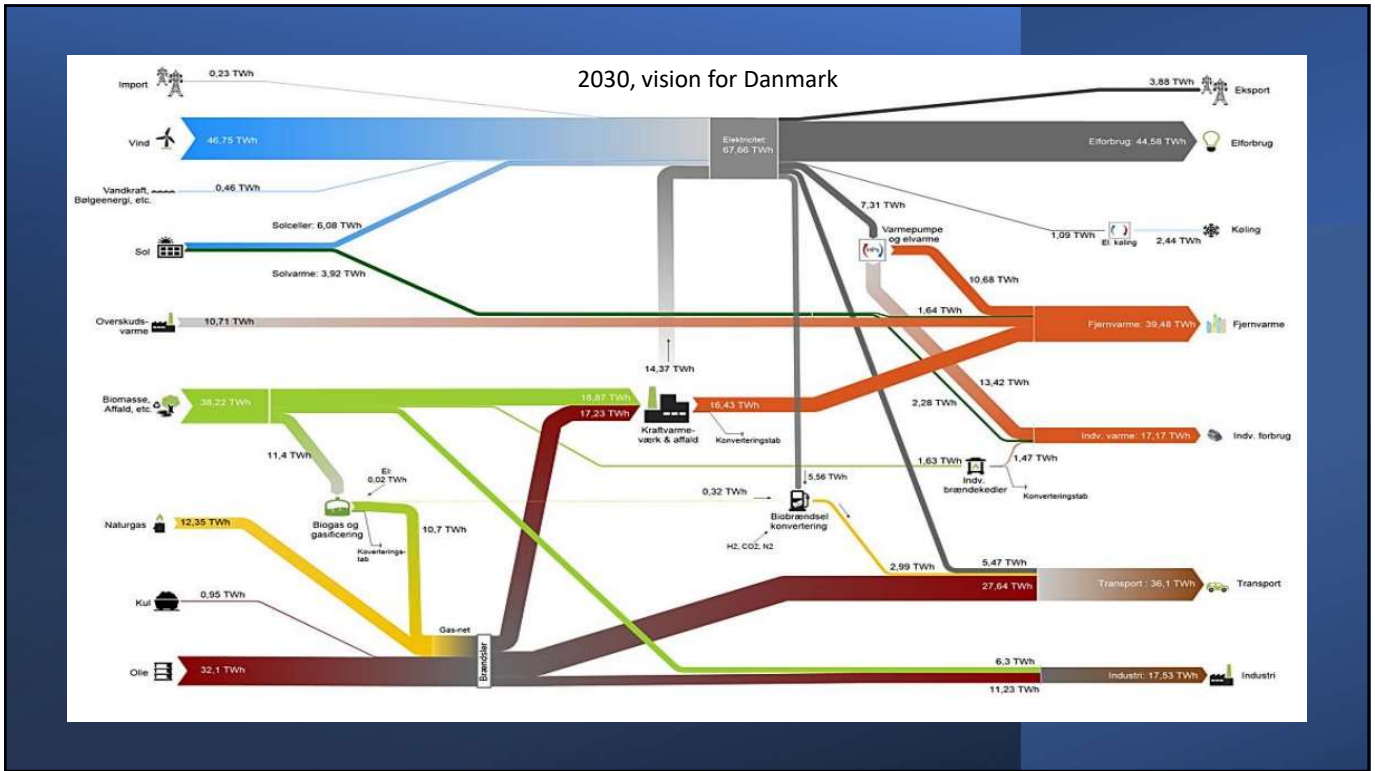


NATURAL GAS UNDERGROUND STORAGE
0.05 €/KWH





OIL TANK
0.02 €/KWH

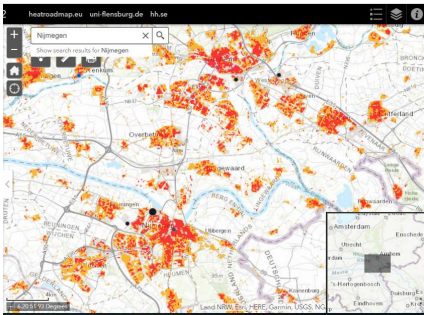
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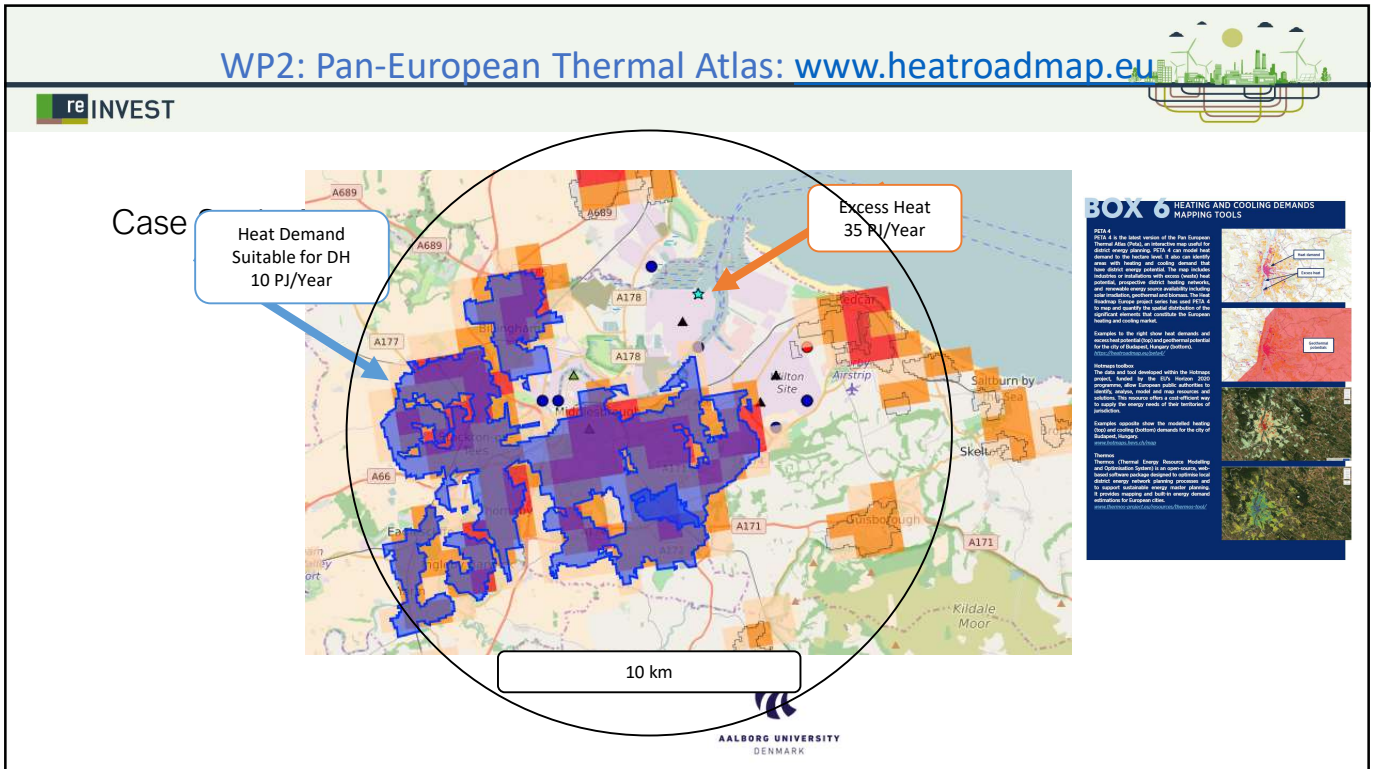
Heat synergies map - Netherlands



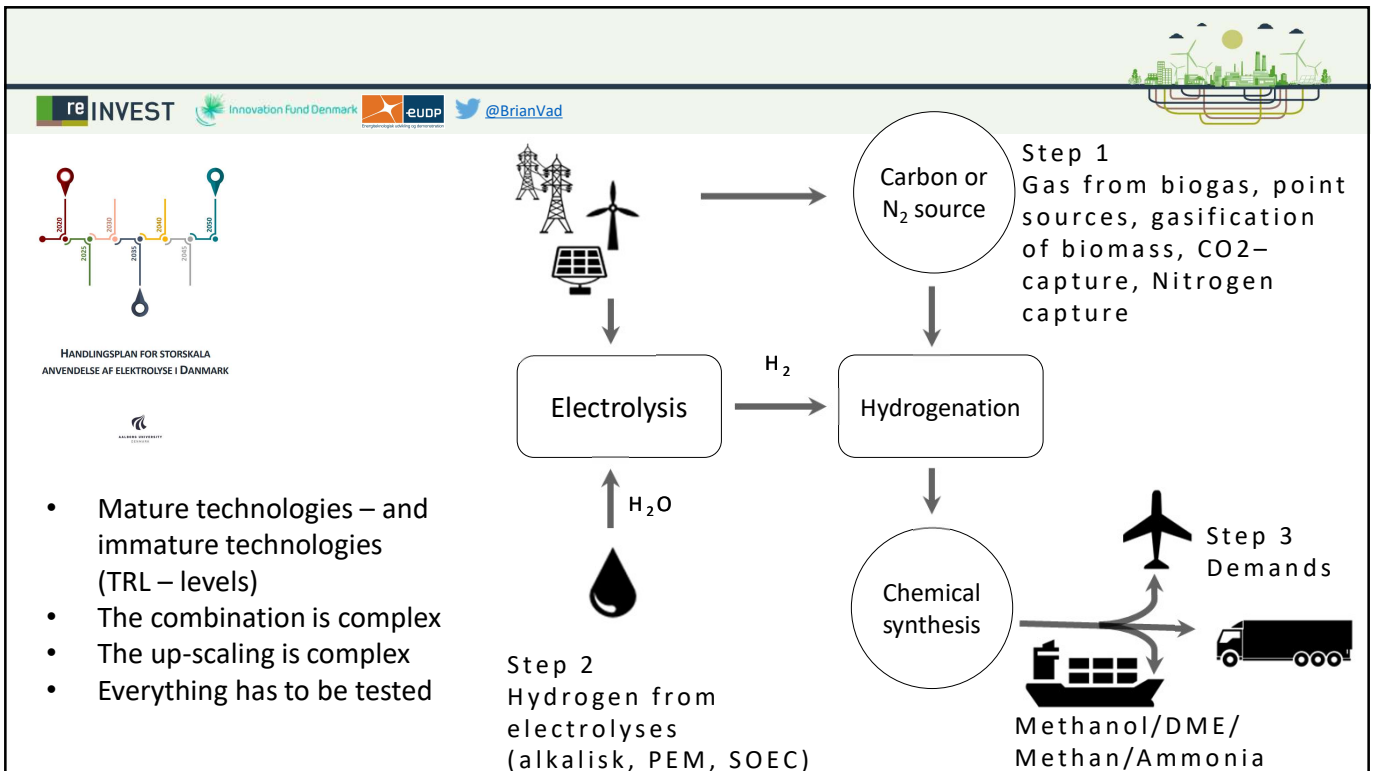
- Heat demands: 296 PJ/y
- Excess heat: 560 PJ/y
- District heating share: 6%
- Renewable energy in heating: 3%
- Not a Technical barrier to improve energy efficiency?

NUTS3 Regions	Heat demand [PJ/a]	Excess heat [PJ/a]	Excess heat ratio [-]
NL111	3.83	0.20	0.05
NL112	1.22	11.32	9.28
NL113	9.90	17.30	1.75
NL121			25
NL131			92
NL132			55
NL213			48
NL224			08
NL225			09
NL226			40
NL230			99
NL310			12
NL322			16
NL323			.27
NL325			05
NL326			05
NL332			05
NL337			09
NL339			06
NL33A			39
NL341			.41
NL342			78
NL411	15.57	73.27	4.71
NL422	5.96	8.10	1.36
NL423	15.28	39.67	2.60
Grand Total	295.84	559.23	1.89


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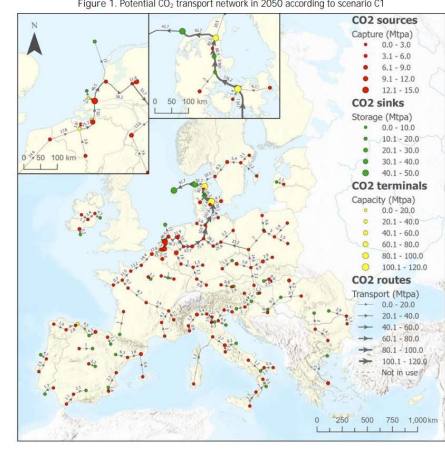
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New (useless) JRC report on CO2 capture (JRC = EU's knowledge center for energy)

Figure 1. Potential CO₂ transport network in 2050 according to scenario C1




Source: JRC, 2024

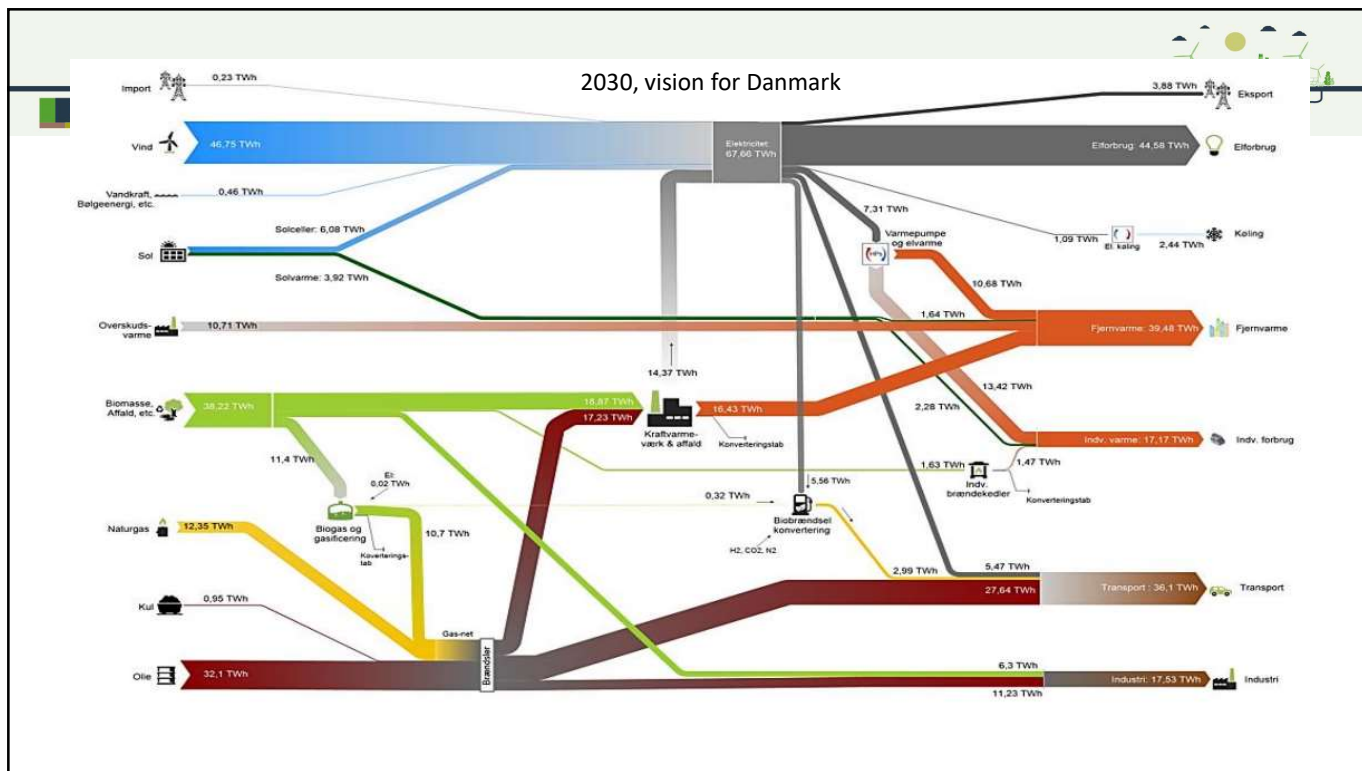


Shaping the future CO₂ transport network for Europe

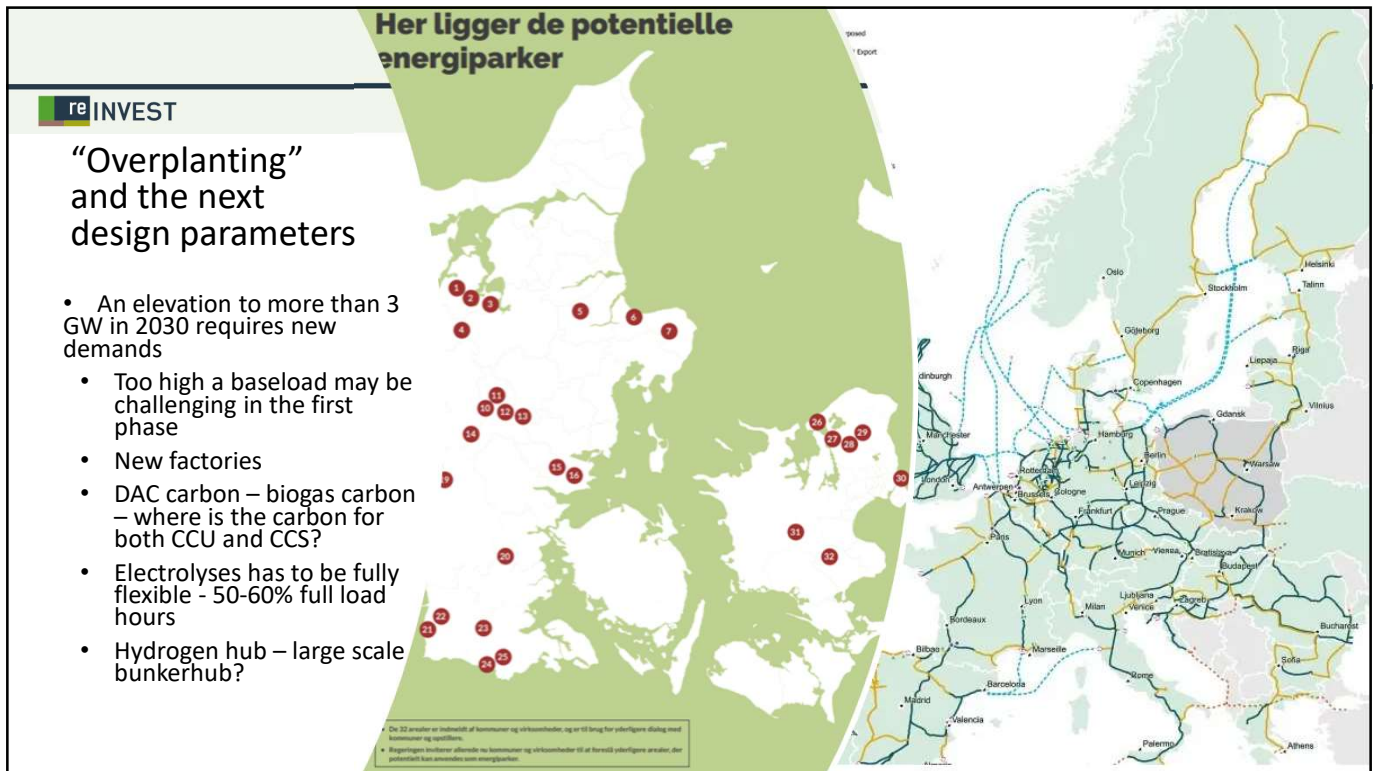
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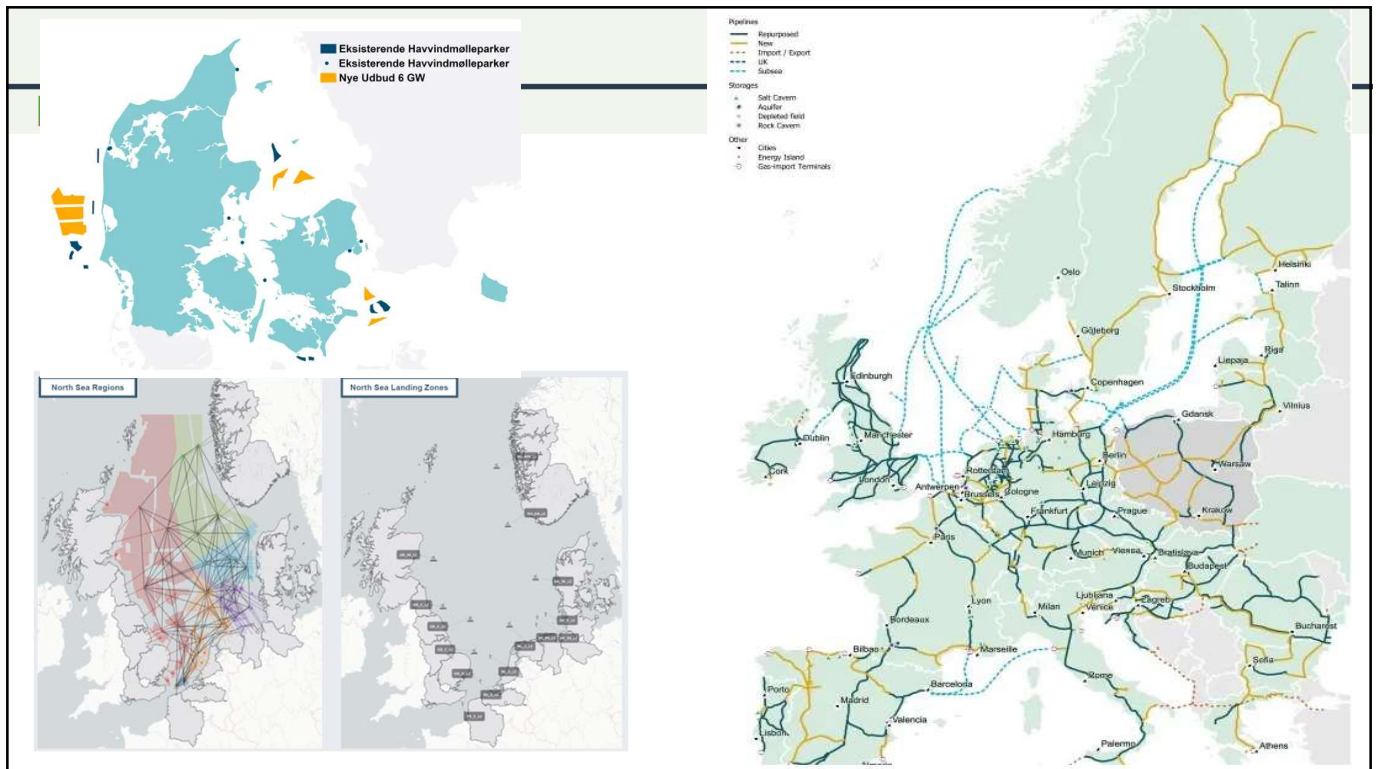
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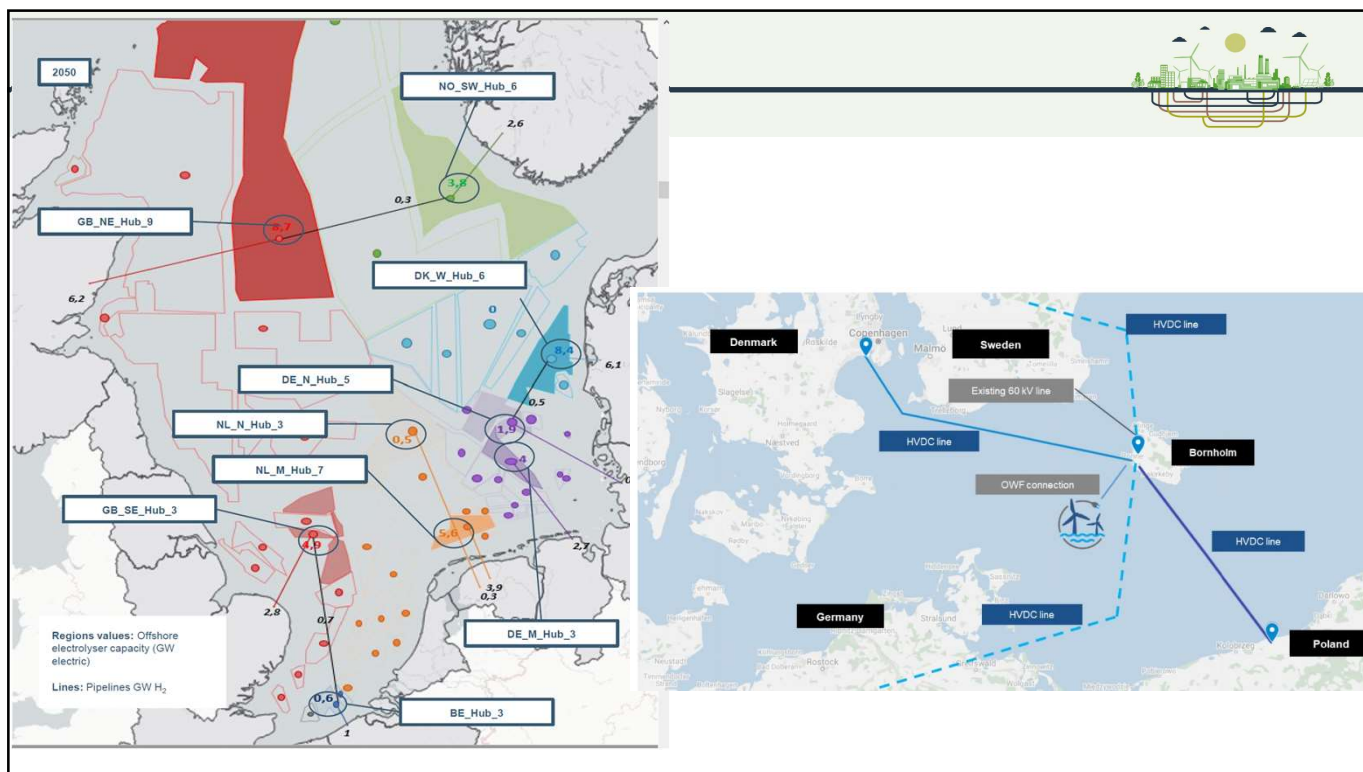
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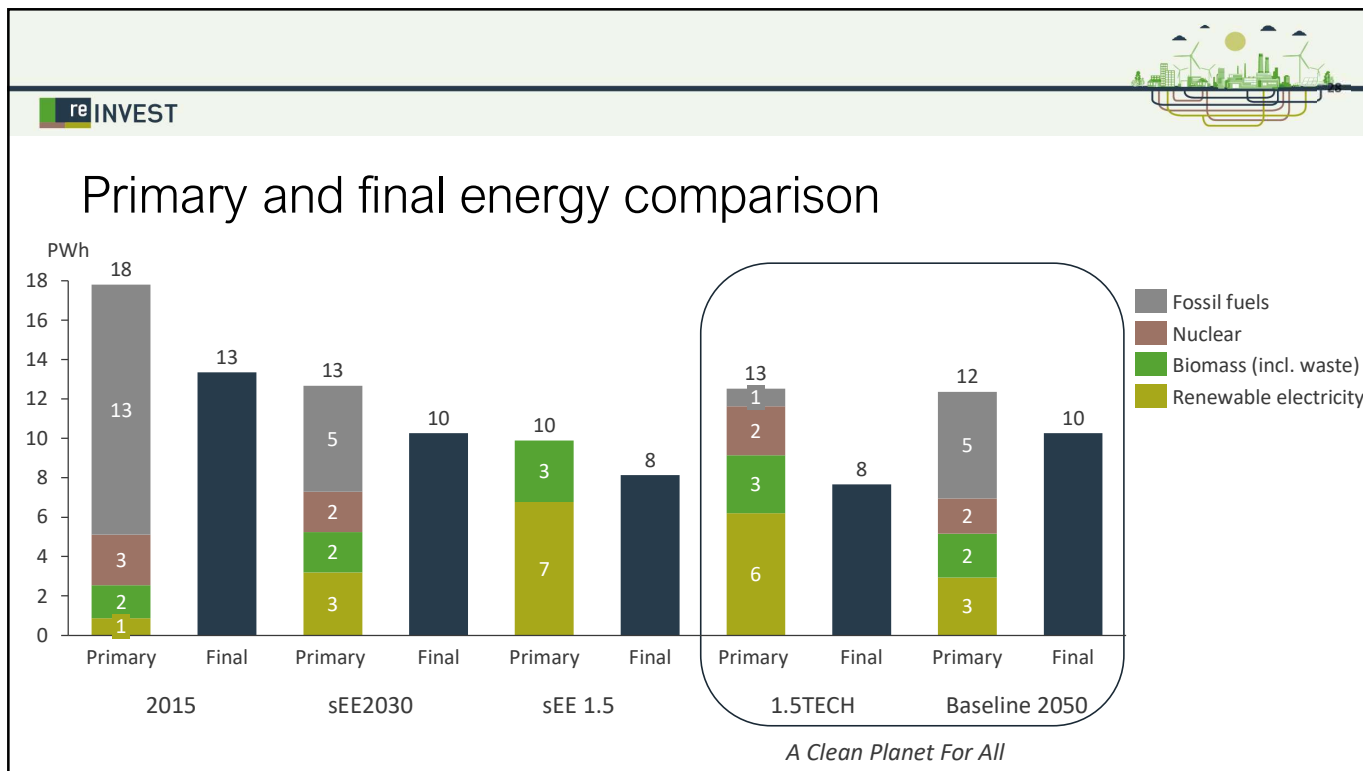
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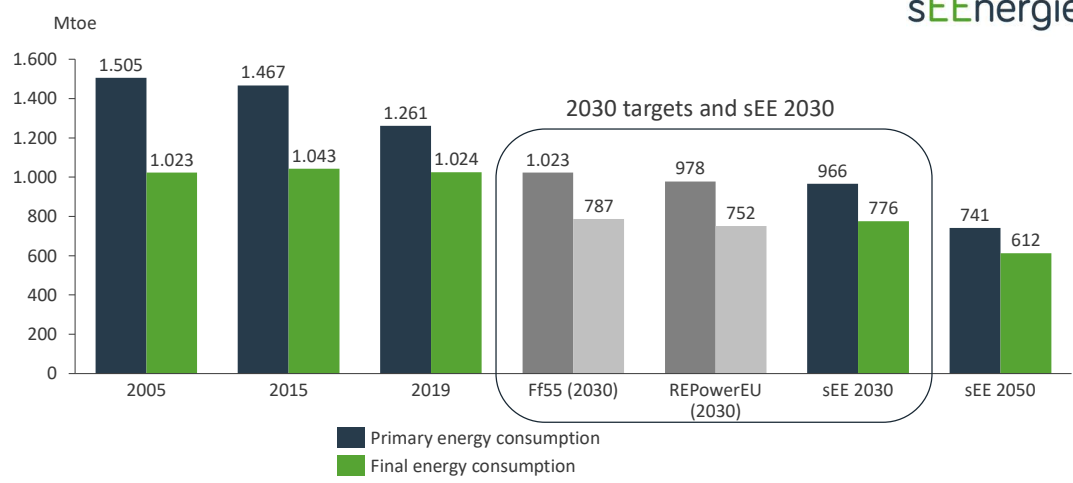


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Primary and final energy consumption EU27



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