



# NUCLEAR DAYS 2019

## NUCLEAR FOR CLIMATE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

### **Role of Nuclear Power Today: The Answer to Challenge of Decarbonisation**

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doc. dr. Tomaž Žagar

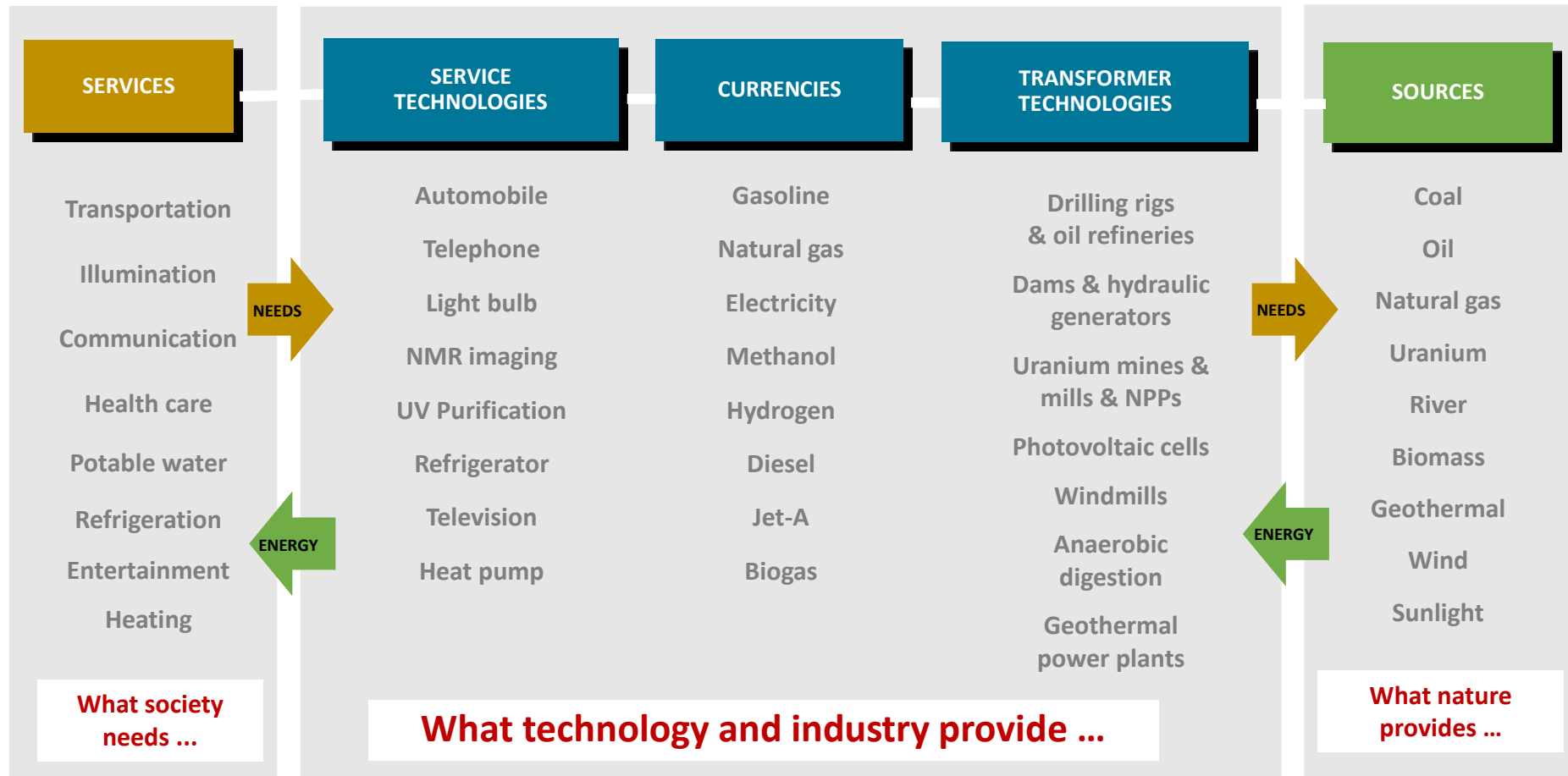
Nuclear Society of Slovenia, President  
GEN energija d.o.o., Krško, Slovenia



# Architecture of the Energy System



# Energy System – Fulfilling Society's Needs



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# GEN Group Decarbonised Generation

One of the biggest Slovenian energy groups

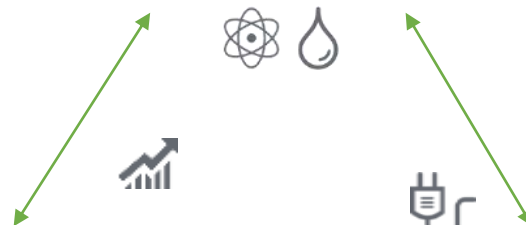
ENERGY SECURITY



ENERGY  
EQUITY

ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY

## Electricity Generation



## Investment and Development



## Trade and Retail

(electricity and gas)



Žagar, Challenge of Energy Decarbonisation

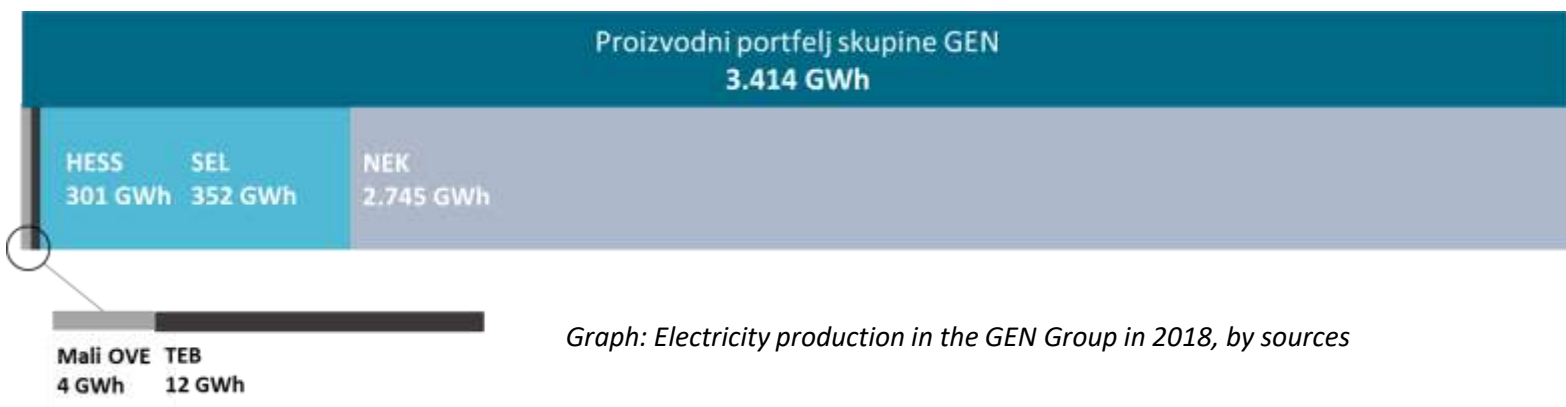


# Low-carbon Energy Generation

GEN Group = Reliability + Safety + Sustainability

Nuclear + Hydro

GEN supplying **99,7 %** decarbonised electricity in 2018



*„Nuclear energy and renewable resources are key for Slovenia transition to low-carbon society.“*

Source: *Jedrsko energija – nizkoogljična energija prihodnosti:*

[https://www.gen-energija.si/files/materials/36/pdf/GEN\\_Pozicijski\\_dokument\\_web.pdf](https://www.gen-energija.si/files/materials/36/pdf/GEN_Pozicijski_dokument_web.pdf)



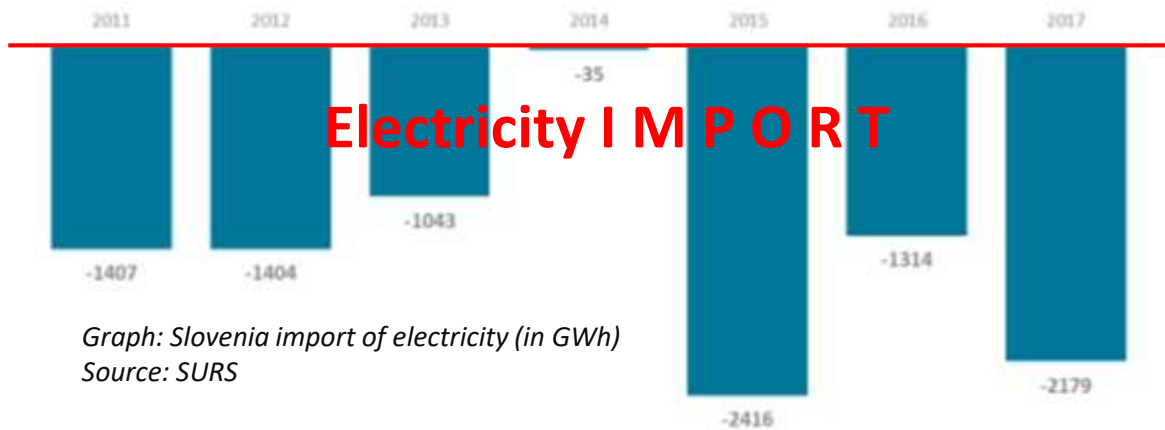
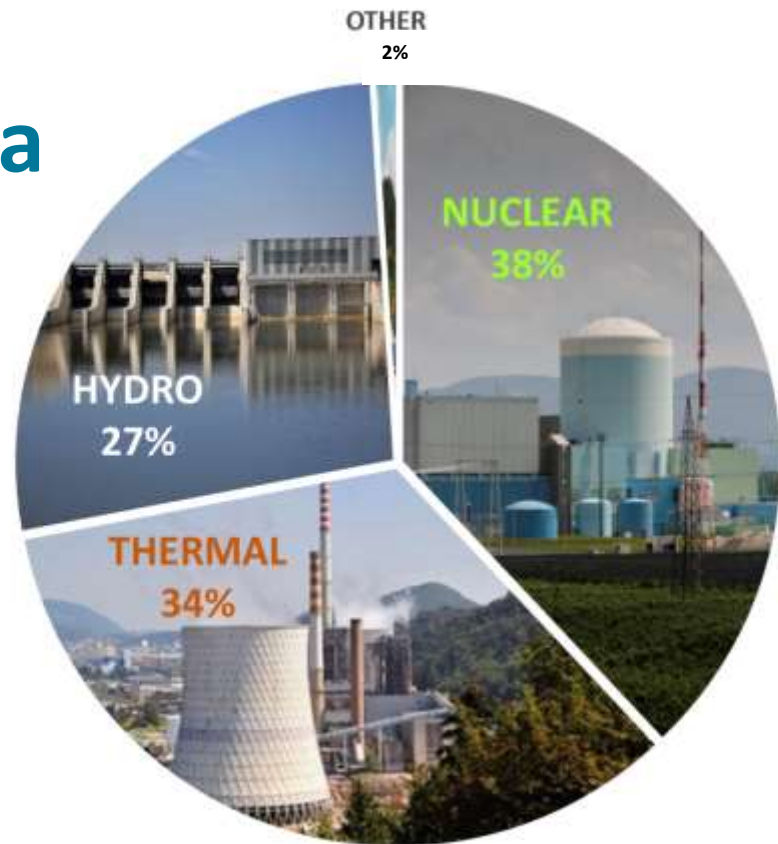


# Electricity in Slovenia

Consumption  $\approx$  16 TWh

Generation  $\approx$  14 TWh

**67 % non-fossile generation**  
**19 % import**



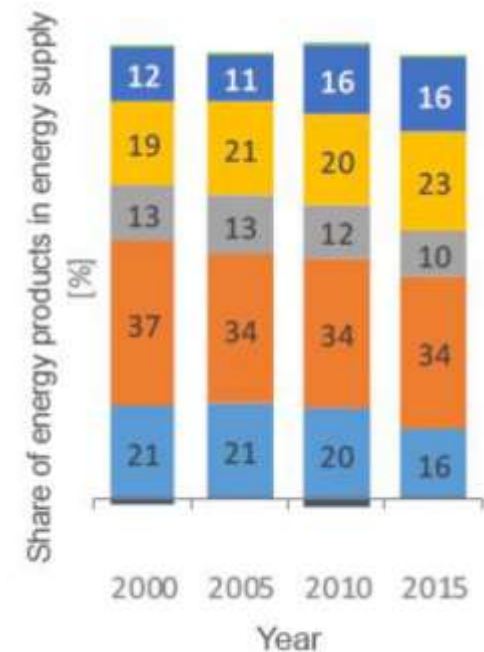
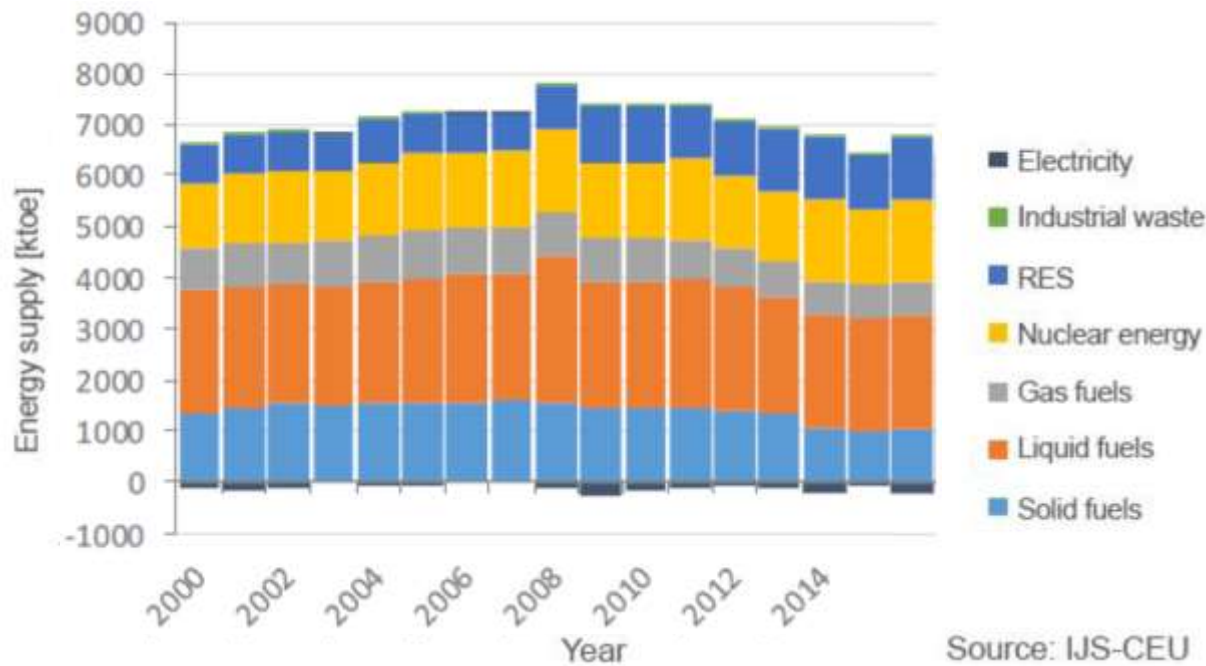
Graph: Slovenia import of electricity (in GWh)

Source: SURS

# Total Energy Use in Slovenia

Energy supply by energy products  
from 2000 to 2015

Share of energy products in  
2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015



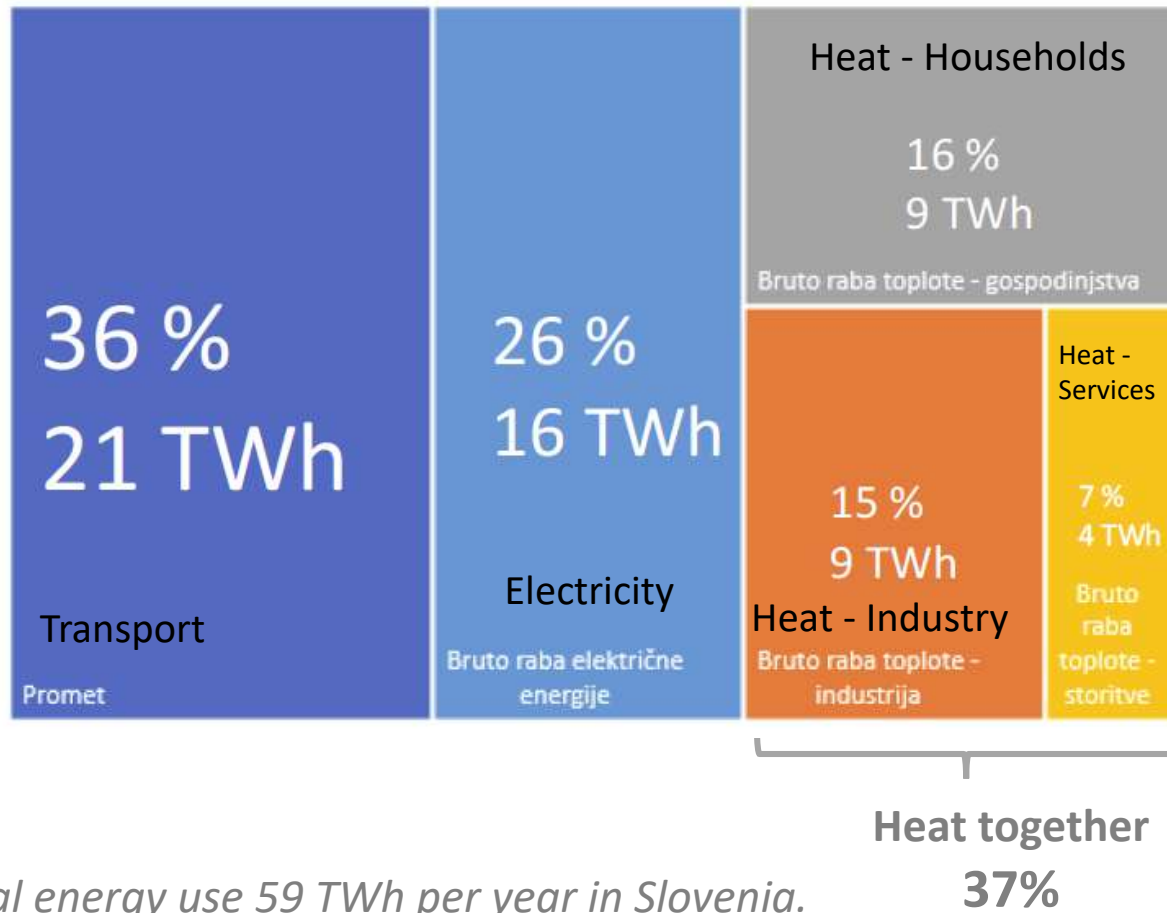
Units: ktoe – cca 5000 ktoe is 214 PJ is 60 TWh is 60 billion kWh (16 TWh electricity or 26% of total)

Source: **National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) Slovenia**, March 2019



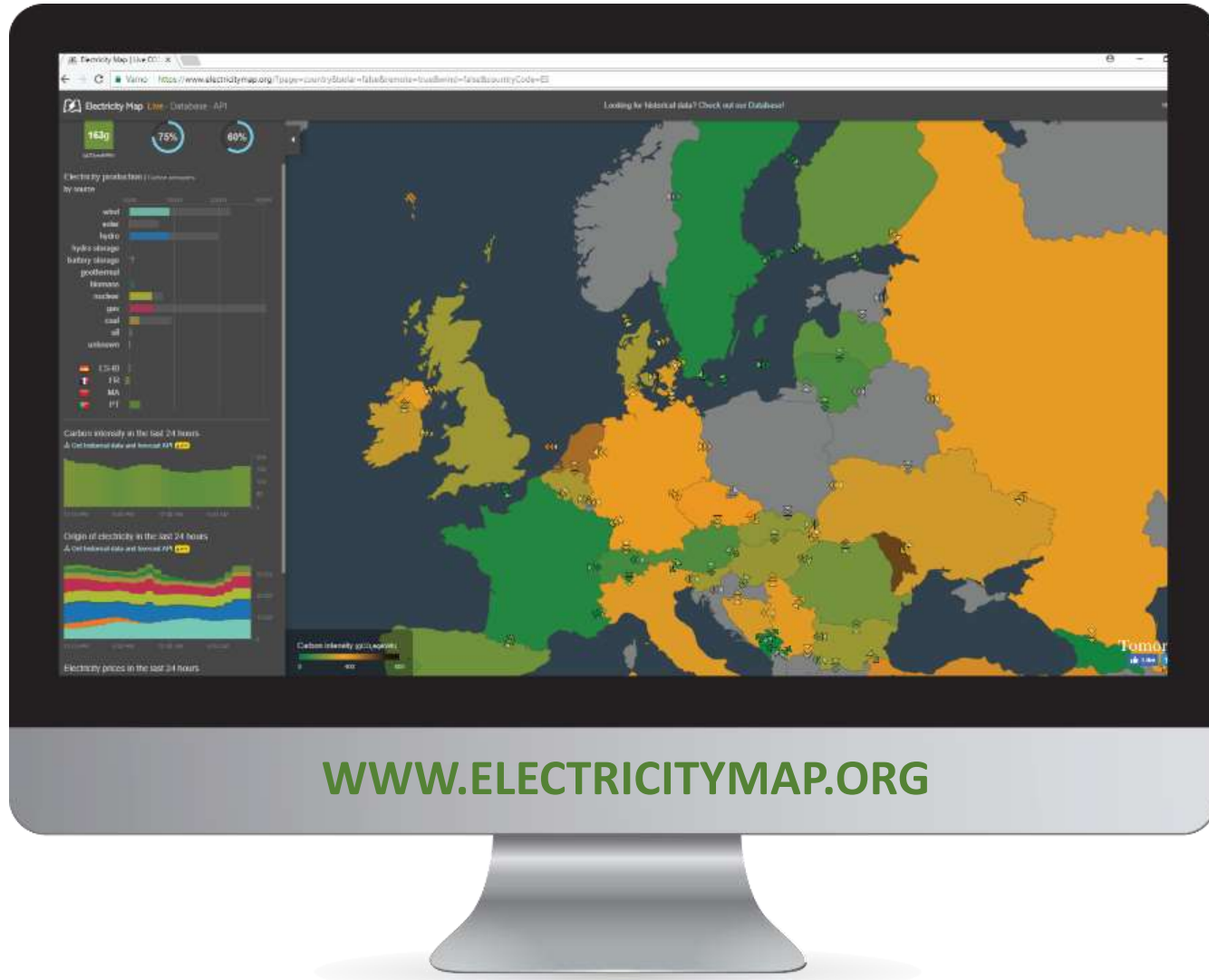
# Share of Electricity is Increasing in Slovenia

Total energy use in Slovenia in 2017 by sector shares



Total energy use 59 TWh per year in Slovenia.

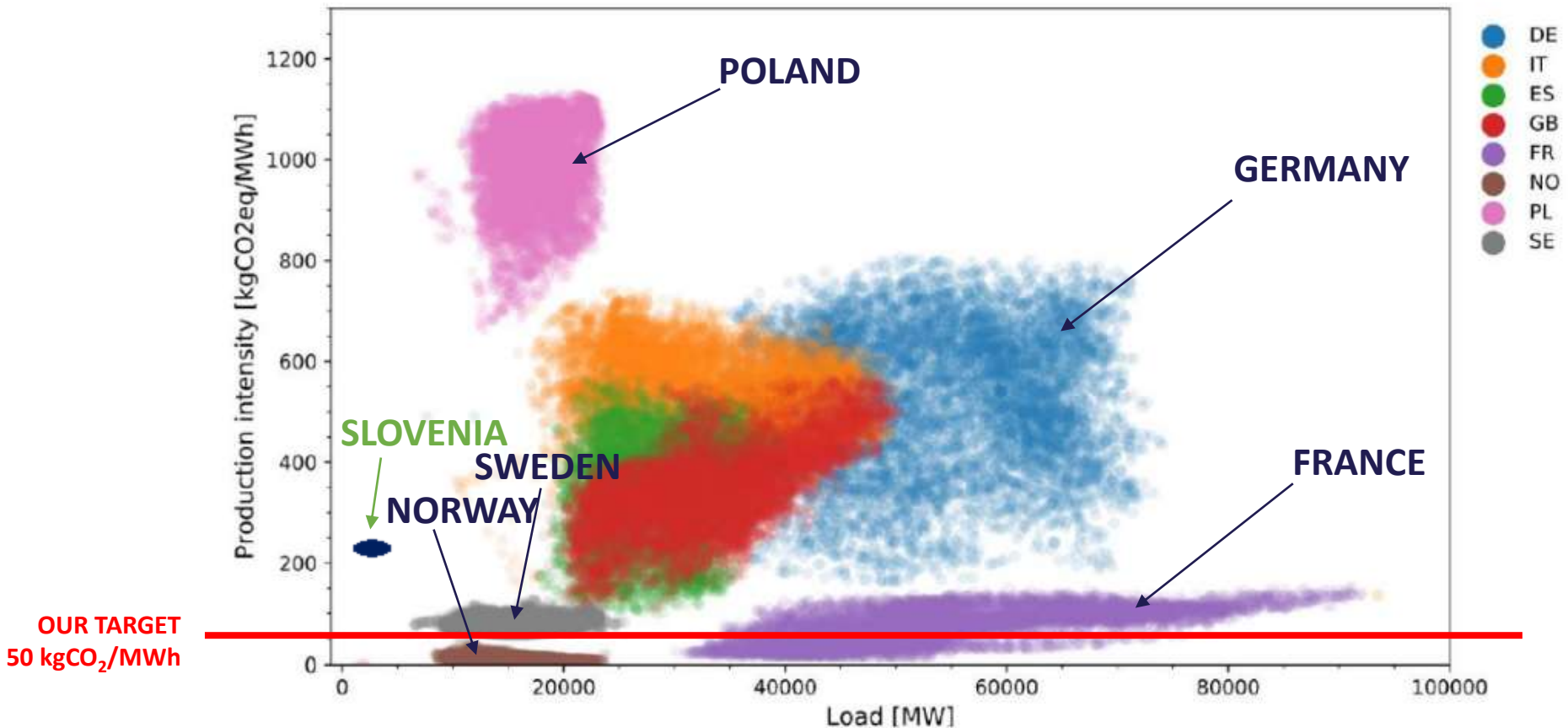
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# How Electricity Systems Performed in 2017?

Electricity Energy Systems in EU: Load [ $\text{MW}_e$ ] vs.  $\text{CO}_2$  Intensity [ $\text{kgCO}_2/\text{MWh}$ ]

Data points on hourly basis (each data point is one hour in one country)



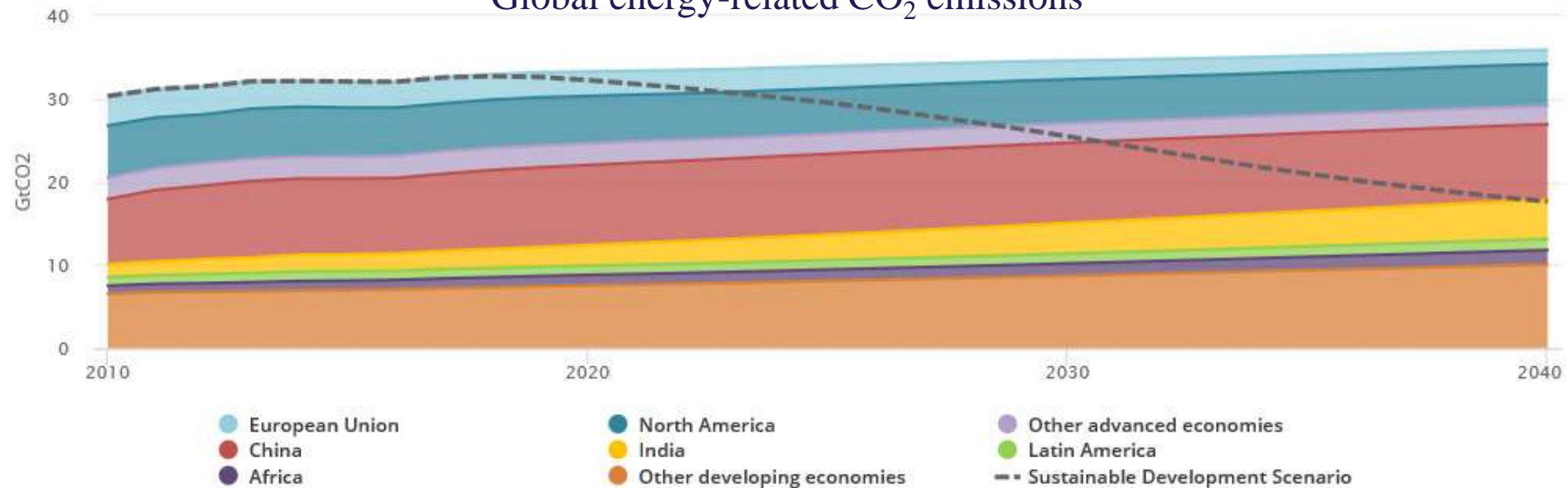
Source: **National Grid Operators** (data publically available): [www.electricitymap.org](http://www.electricitymap.org)

# Global Emissions Increased in 2017 & 2018

Despite need for early emission reduction, the world is not moving towards the Paris goals but rather away from them. According to International Energy Agency global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased in 2017 and 2018.



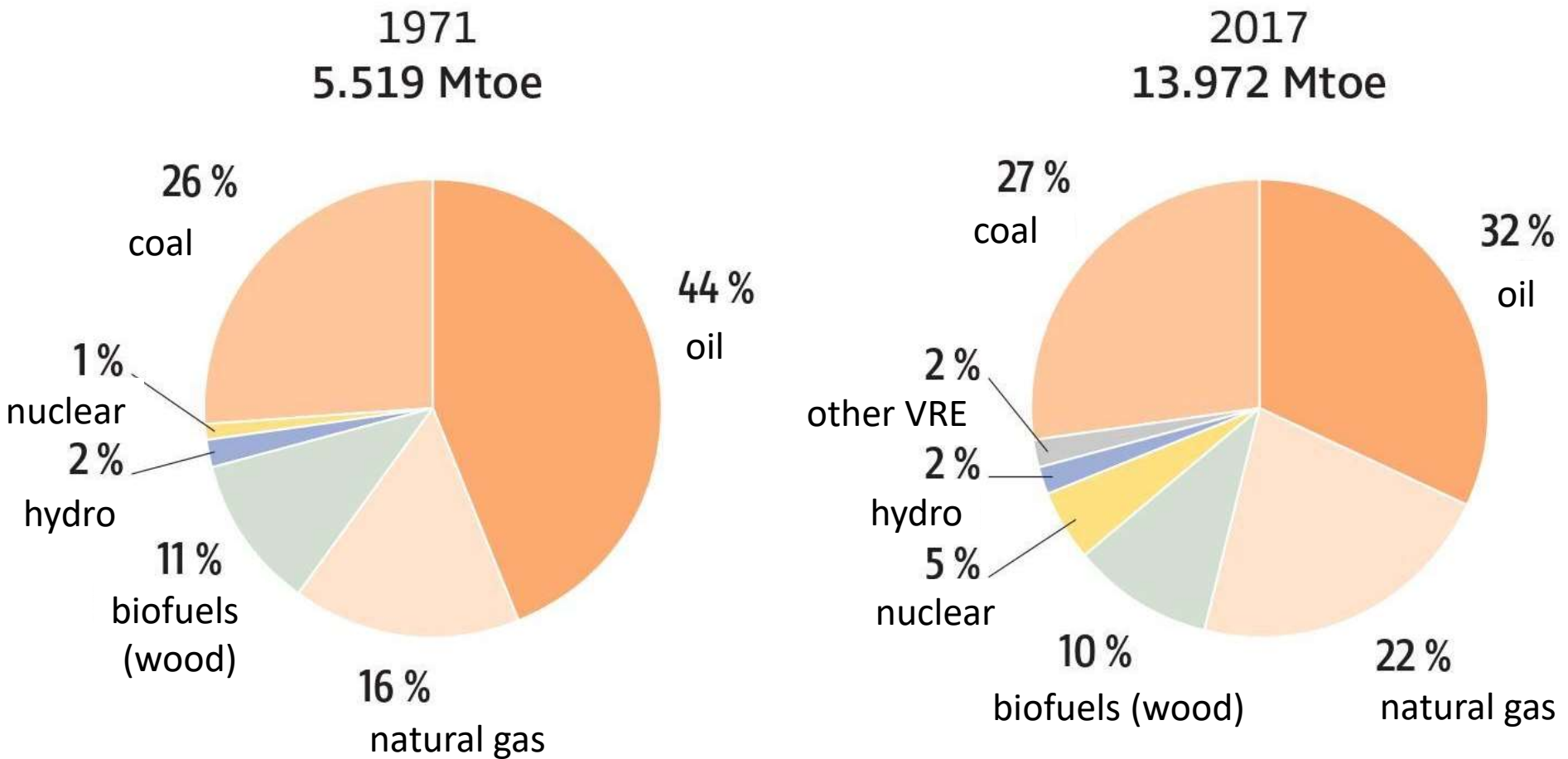
Global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



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Source: OECD, IEA, **World Energy Outlook 2018**: [www.iea.org/weo/](http://www.iea.org/weo/)

# Total Energy Use - World



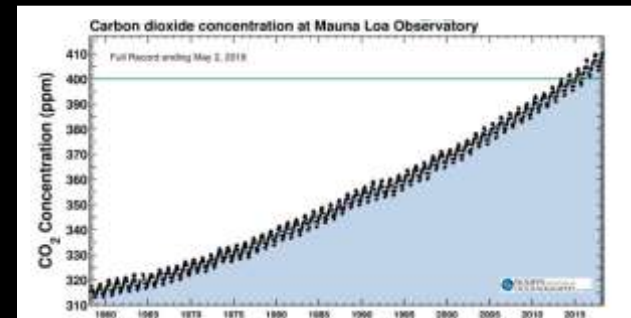
# Too Many People Live Without Clean Energy



2.7 billion people  
do not have clean  
cooking facilities



7 million people  
die each year due  
to air pollution



The world is not on  
track with the  
energy transition

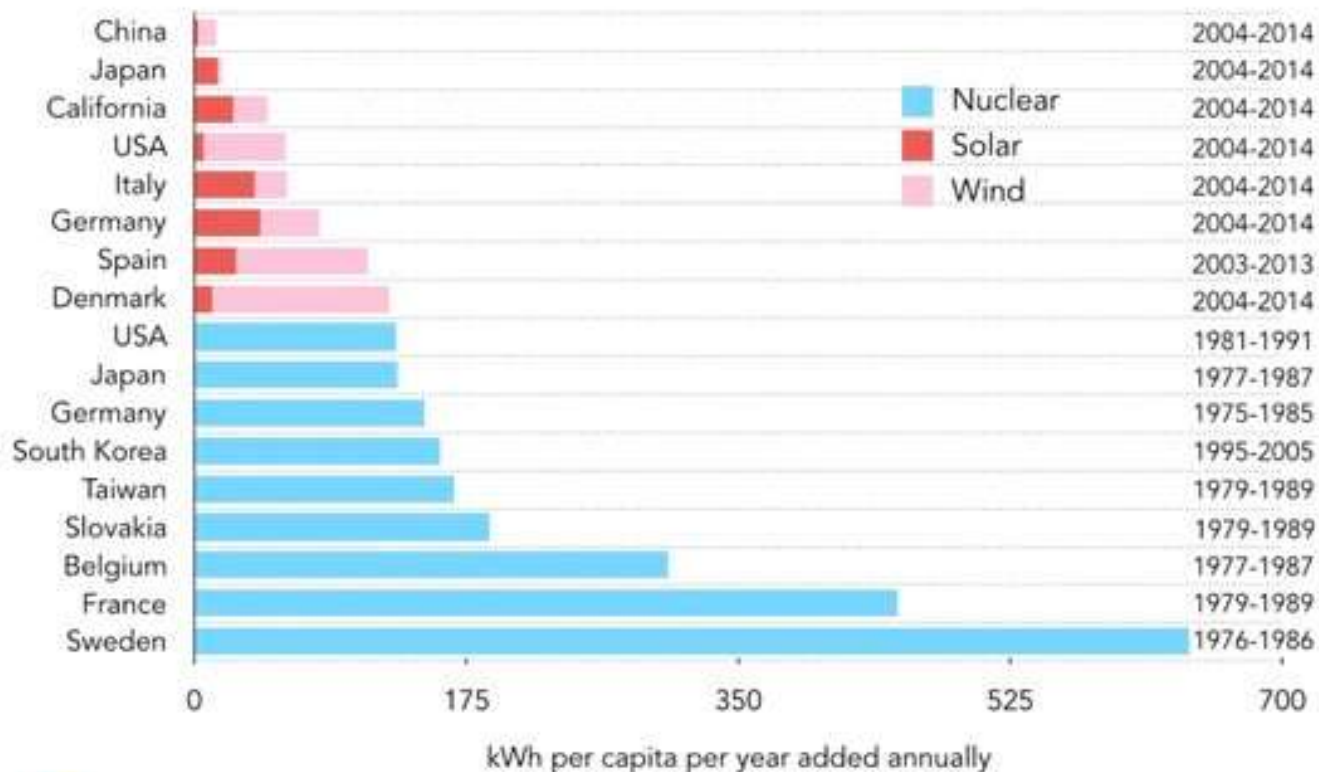


# People Live Exposed to Polluted Air



# Decarbonisation of Energy Systems

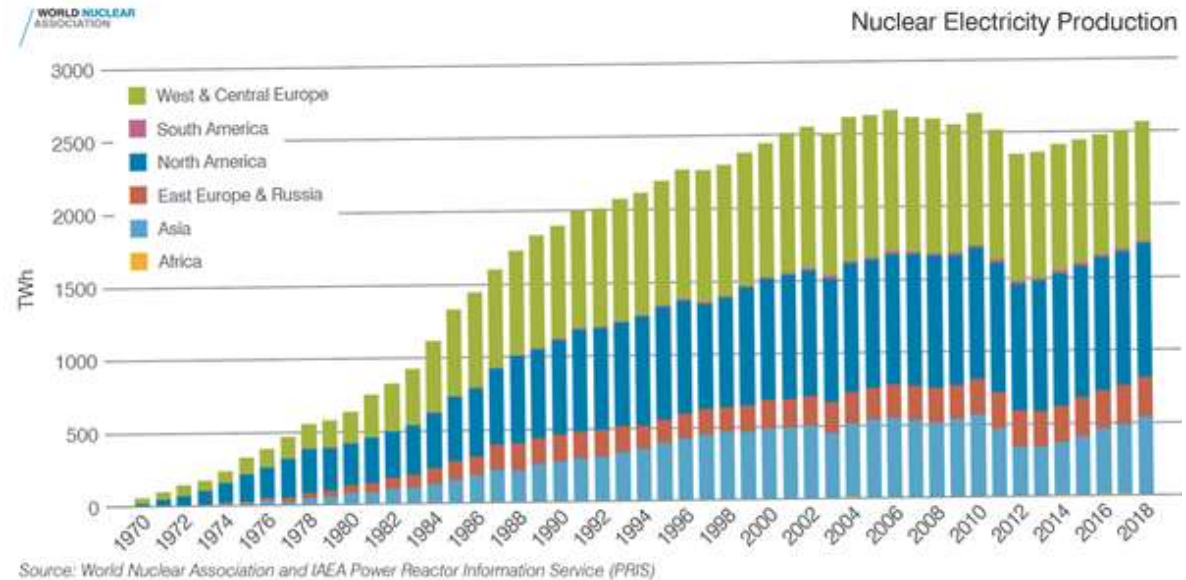
Average annual increase of carbon-free electricity per capita during decade of peak scale-up



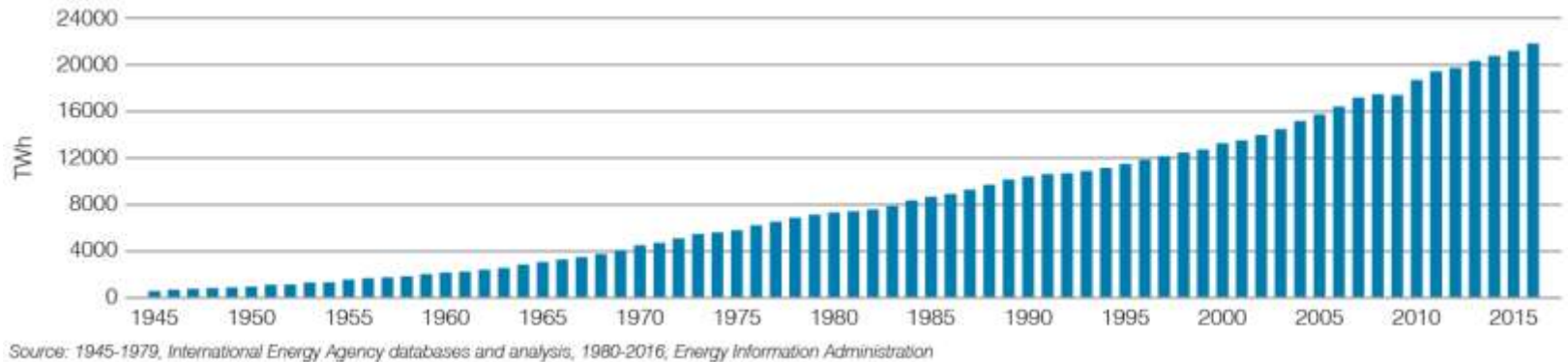
Source: China-U.S. cooperation to advance nuclear power. Junji Cao, Armond Cohen, James Hansen, Richard Lester, Per Peterson and Hongjie Xu. (August 4, 2016). Science, 353 (6299), 547-548. [doi: 10.1126/science.aaf7131]

# Nuclear Is Growing Since 2012

Nuclear growth is the  
**fastest in 25 years**  
but the industry  
has not kept pace  
with electricity  
demand globally

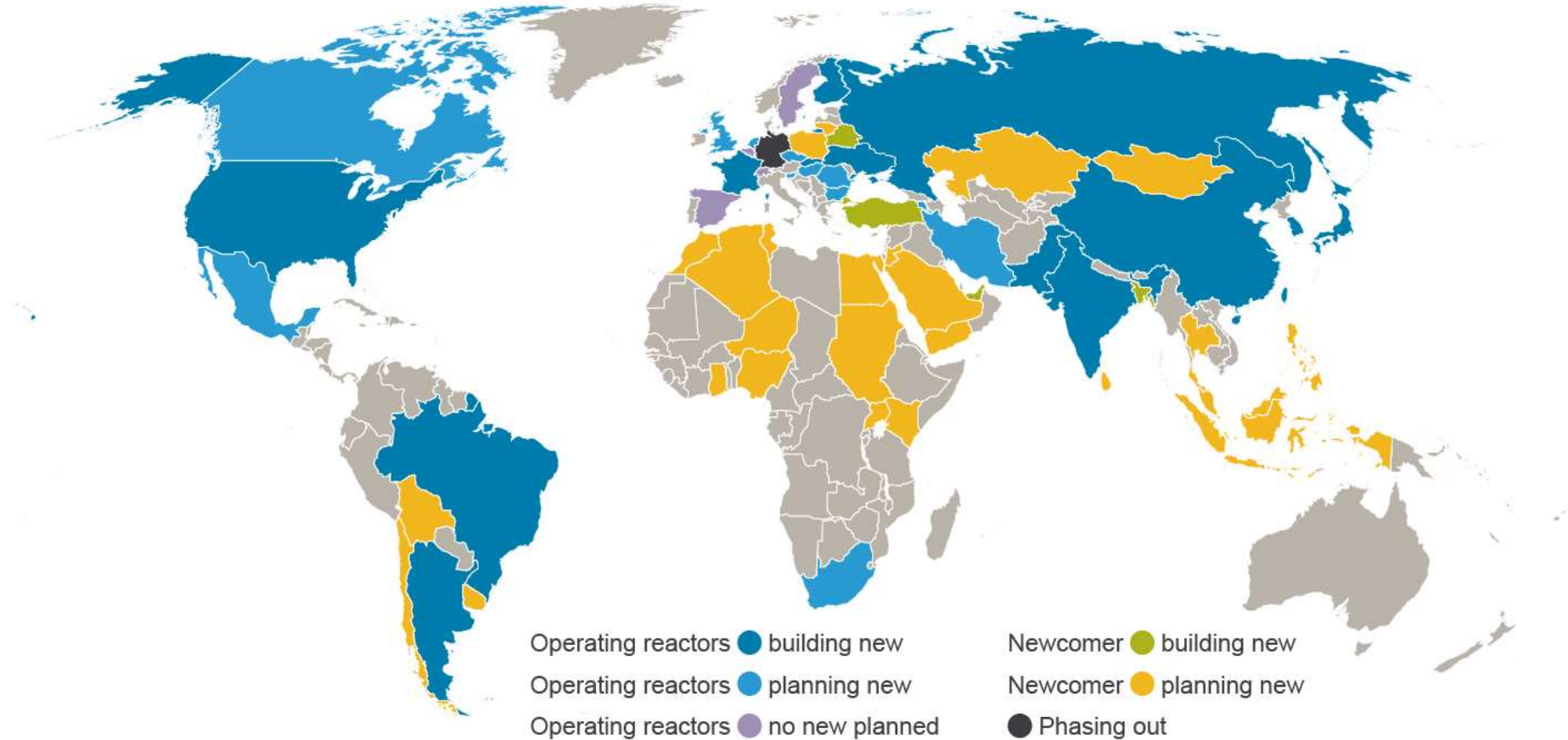


Total electricity



Source: WNA, London, 2018

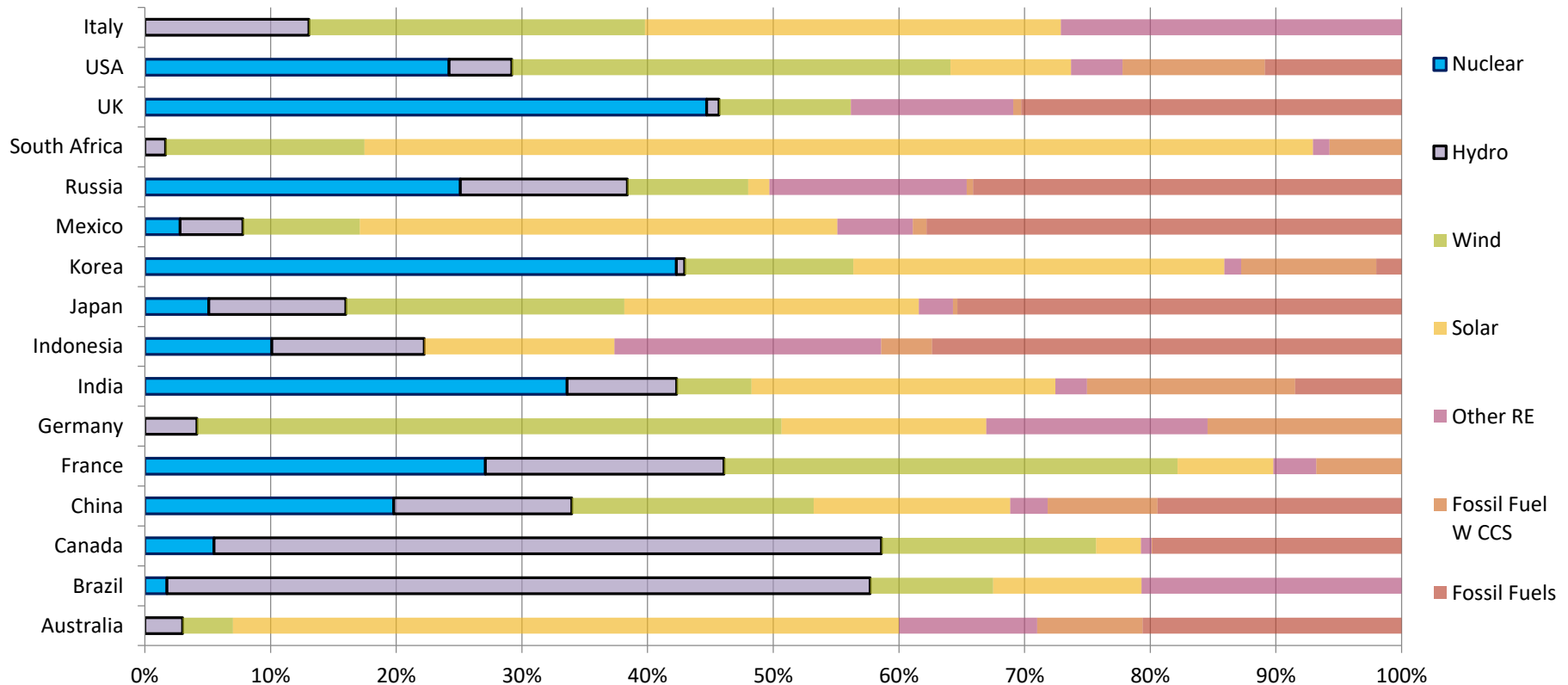
# Global Nuclear New Build 2018



Source: WNA, London, 2018

# Deep Decarbonisation Pathways to (2050)

- UN supported study, analysed several countries future energy policies
- Nuclear plays essential role in future decarbonised energy supply



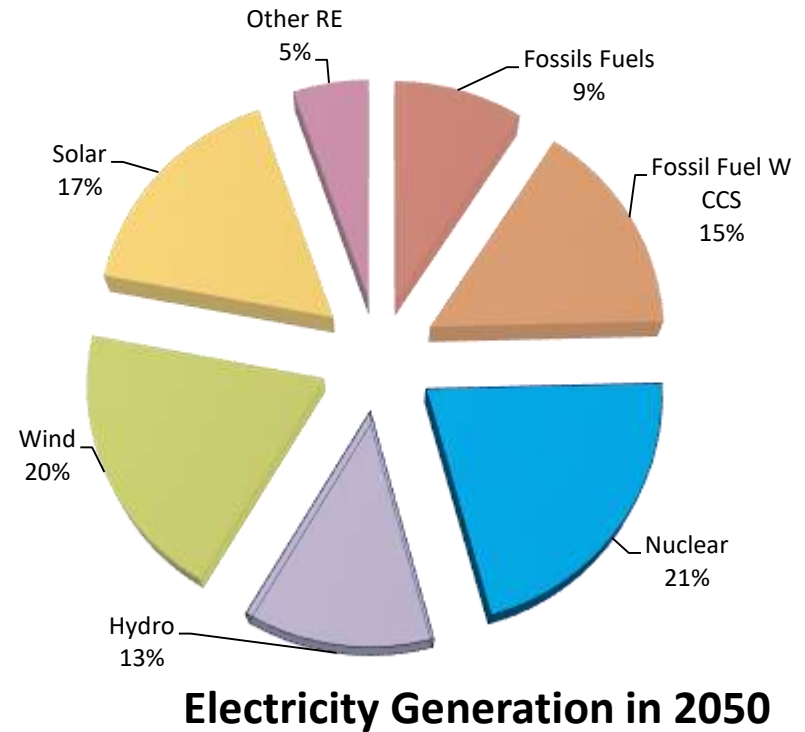
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UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations

# Deep Decarbonisation Pathways to 2050

Nuclear and hydro together are 1/3

Additional 1053 GW nuclear capacity required by 2050

Nuclear generation to increase from current 10% to 21%



Source: Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (2015) [http://deepdecarbonization.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/DDPP\\_2015\\_REPORT.pdf](http://deepdecarbonization.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/DDPP_2015_REPORT.pdf)  
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„At climate conferences Emmanuel Macron always has a little advantage over me because he has so many nuclear power plants emitting so little CO<sub>2</sub>!“

**ANGELA MERKEL, Chancellor of Germany**

Vir: la-croix.com, 22 januar 2019

"We need a secure and sustainable energy supply and I believe nuclear has an important role to play."

**FATIH BIROL, General Director, IEA**

Vir: world-nuclear.org, Katowice CC Conference, 7. december 2018



„Nuclear is ideal for dealing with climate change, because it is the only carbon-free, scalable energy source that's available 24 hours a day!“

**BILL GATES, Founder, TerraPower**

Vir: nucnet.org, 2. januar 2019

„Nuclear, together with renewables, will form the backbone of a carbon-free European power system.“

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Vir: Strategija 2050: A Clean Planet for all A European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy, 28 november 2018



**European Commission**

