



# Future technologies for sustainable energy systems

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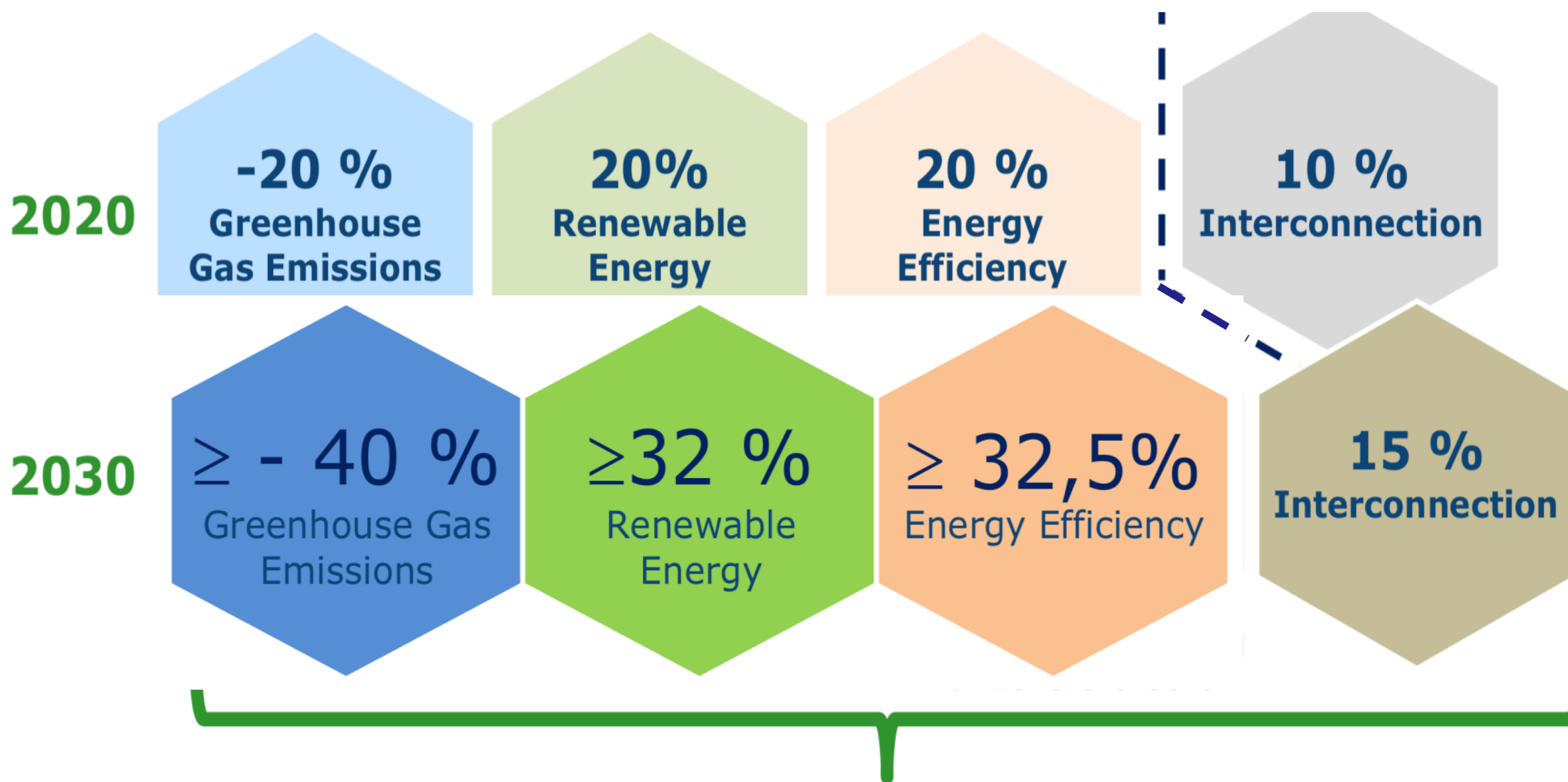
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# **Future sustainable energy systems**

## **Towards sustainability**

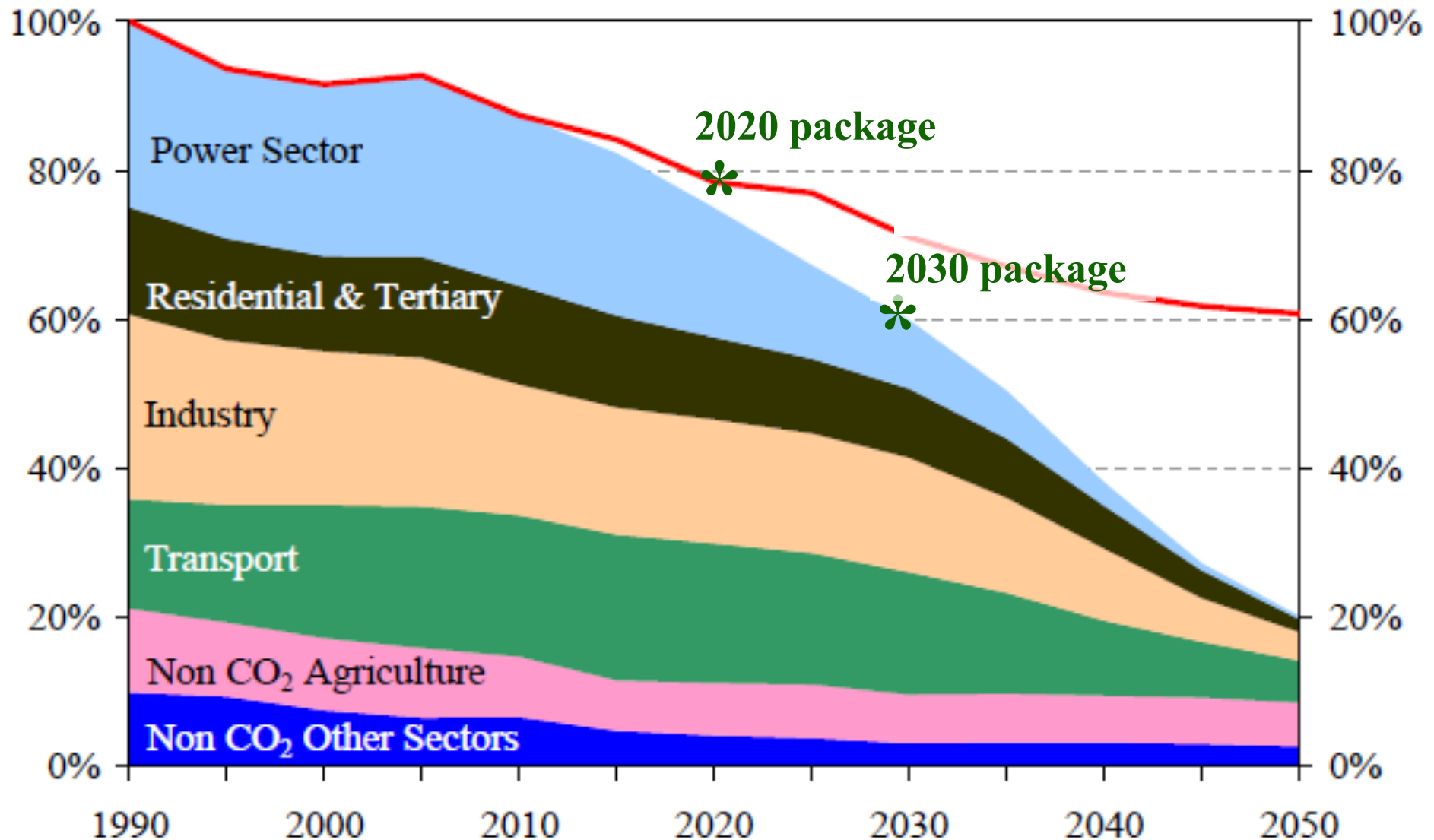
# EU medium and long term targets



**New governance system + indicators**

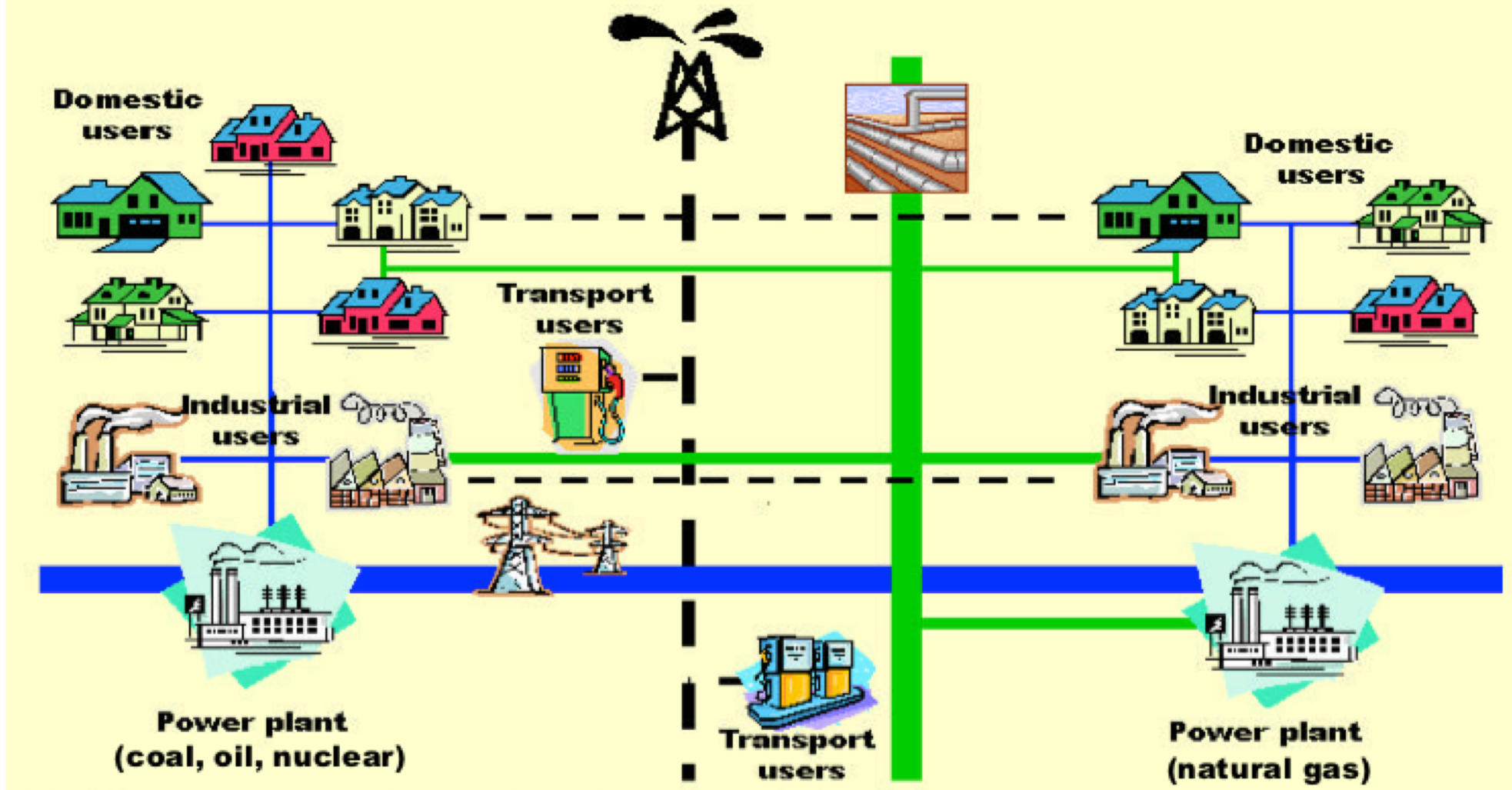
**2050 -80% Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

# EU reduction in greenhouse gas emissions



# Current energy system

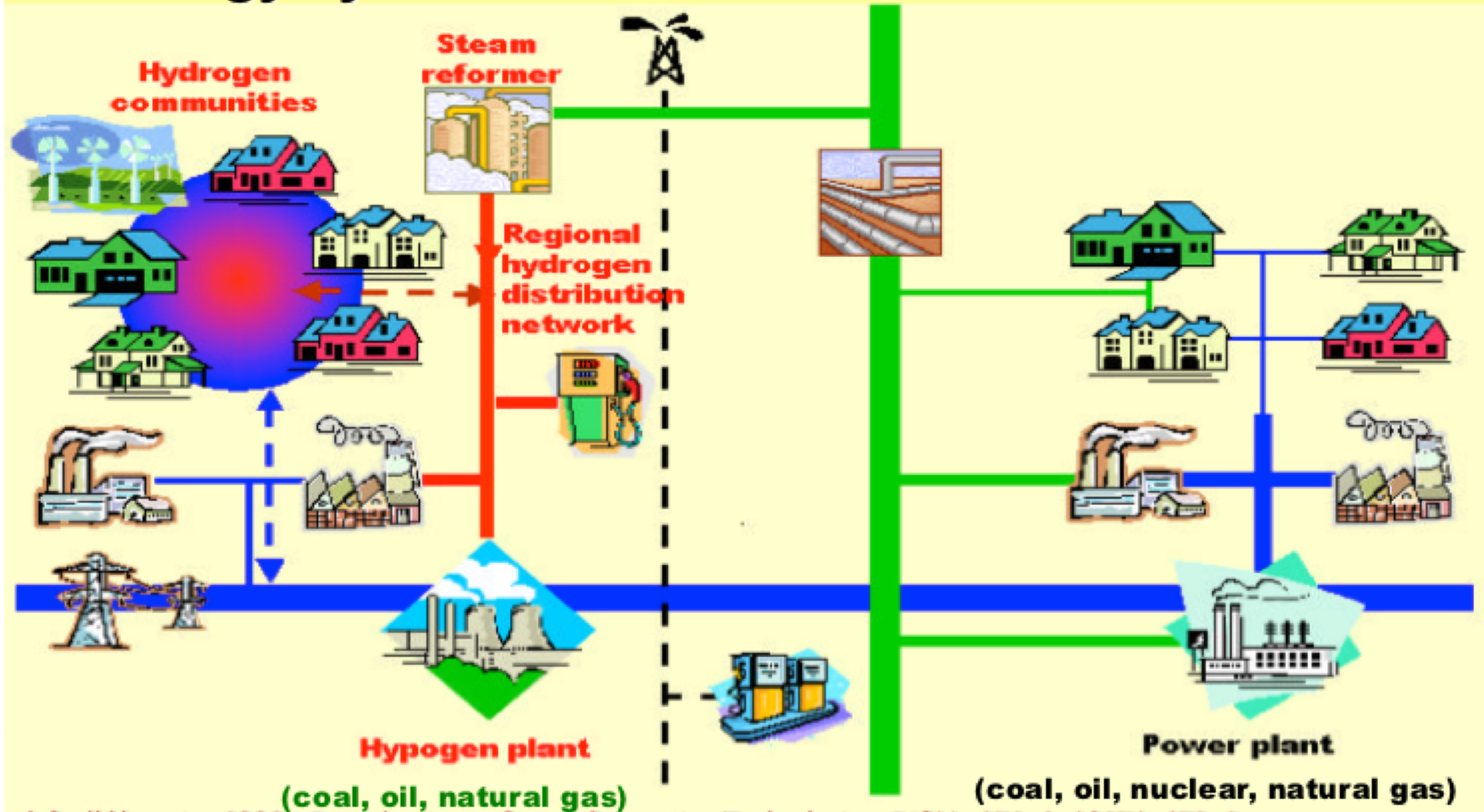
## EU energy system today\*



\* Poulikkas A., 2009, *Introduction to Power Generation Technologies*, ISBN: 978-1-60876-472-3

# Future energy systems (optimistic scenario)

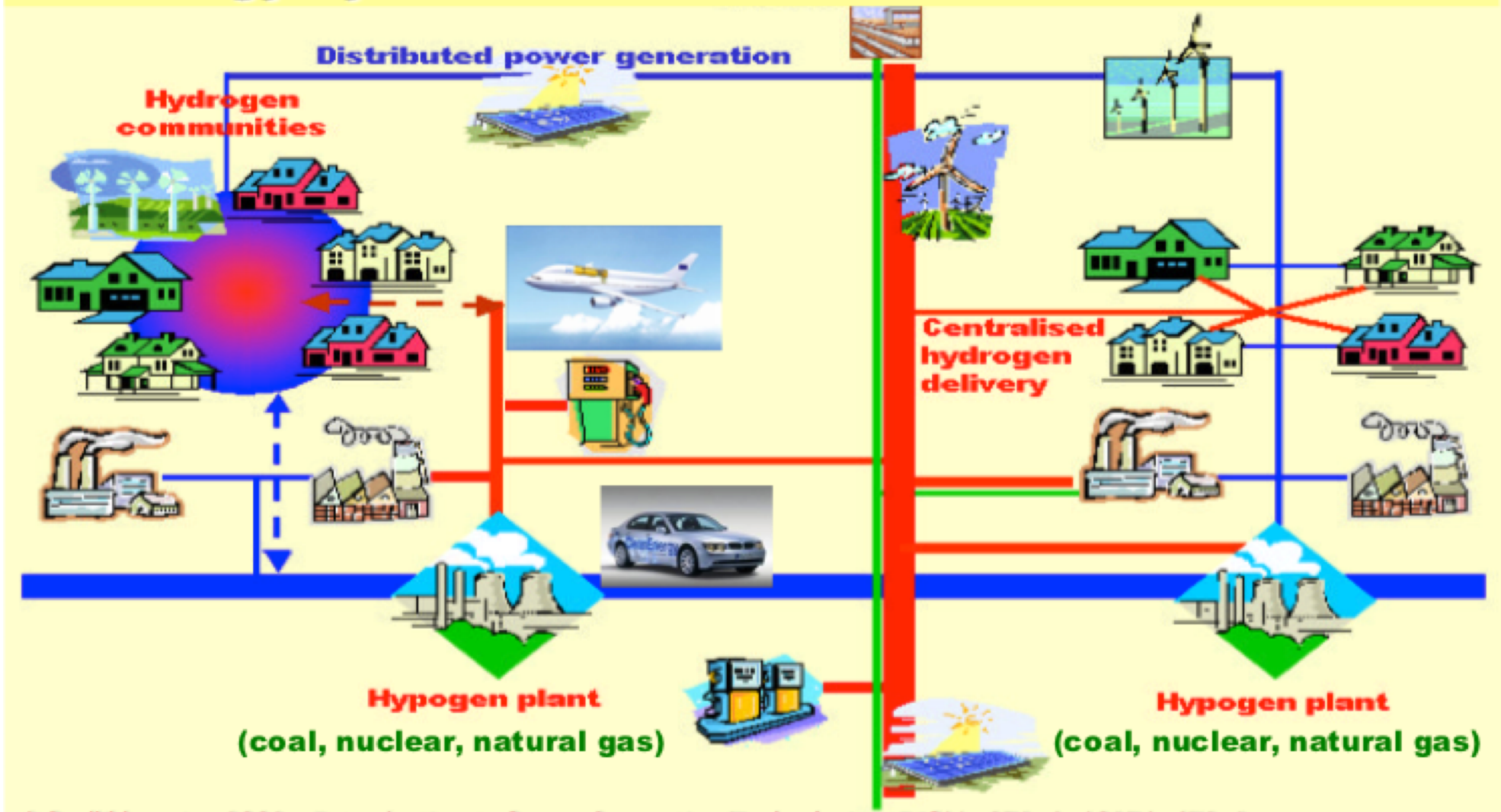
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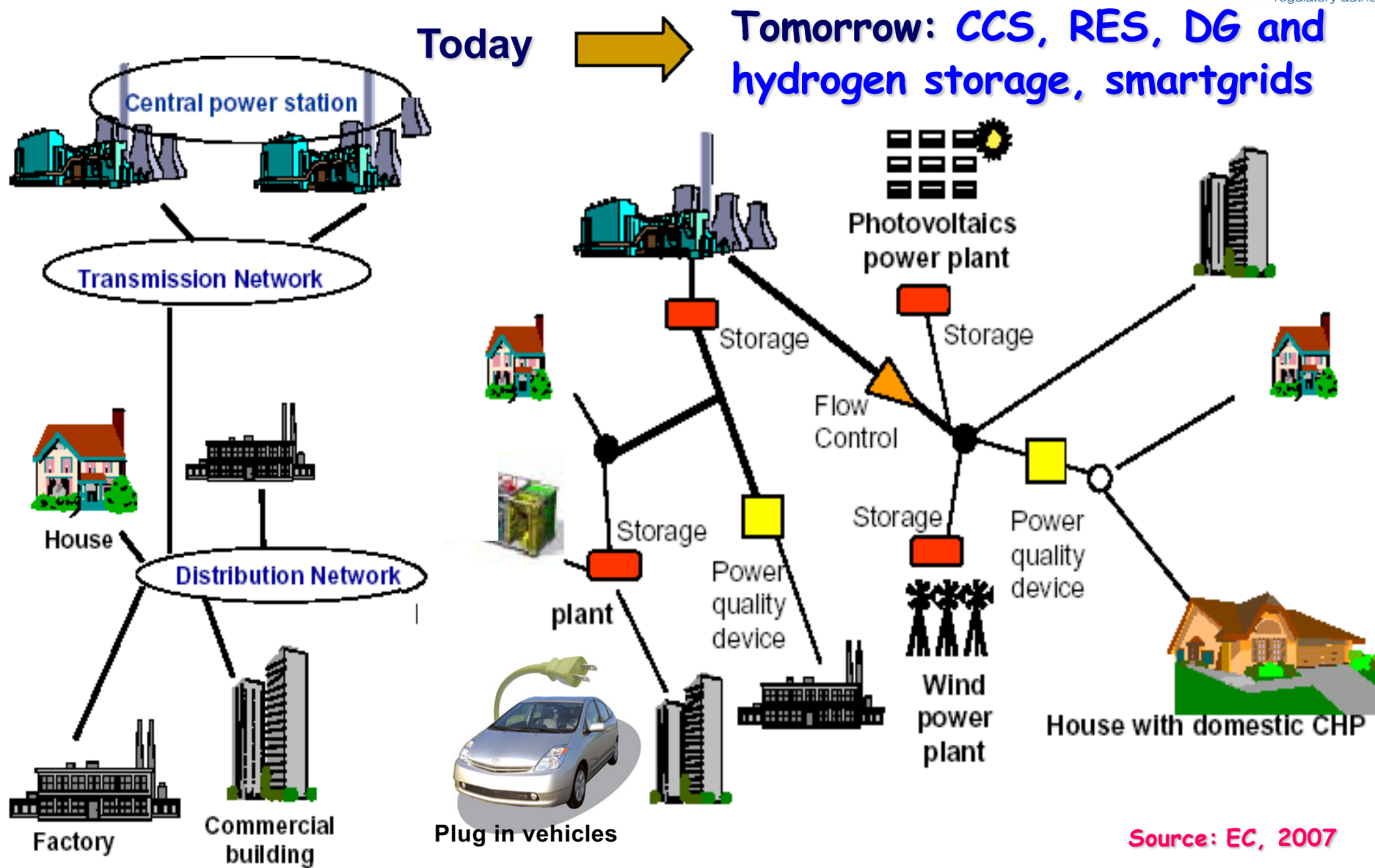
## EU energy system in 2040-50\*



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# Future power systems

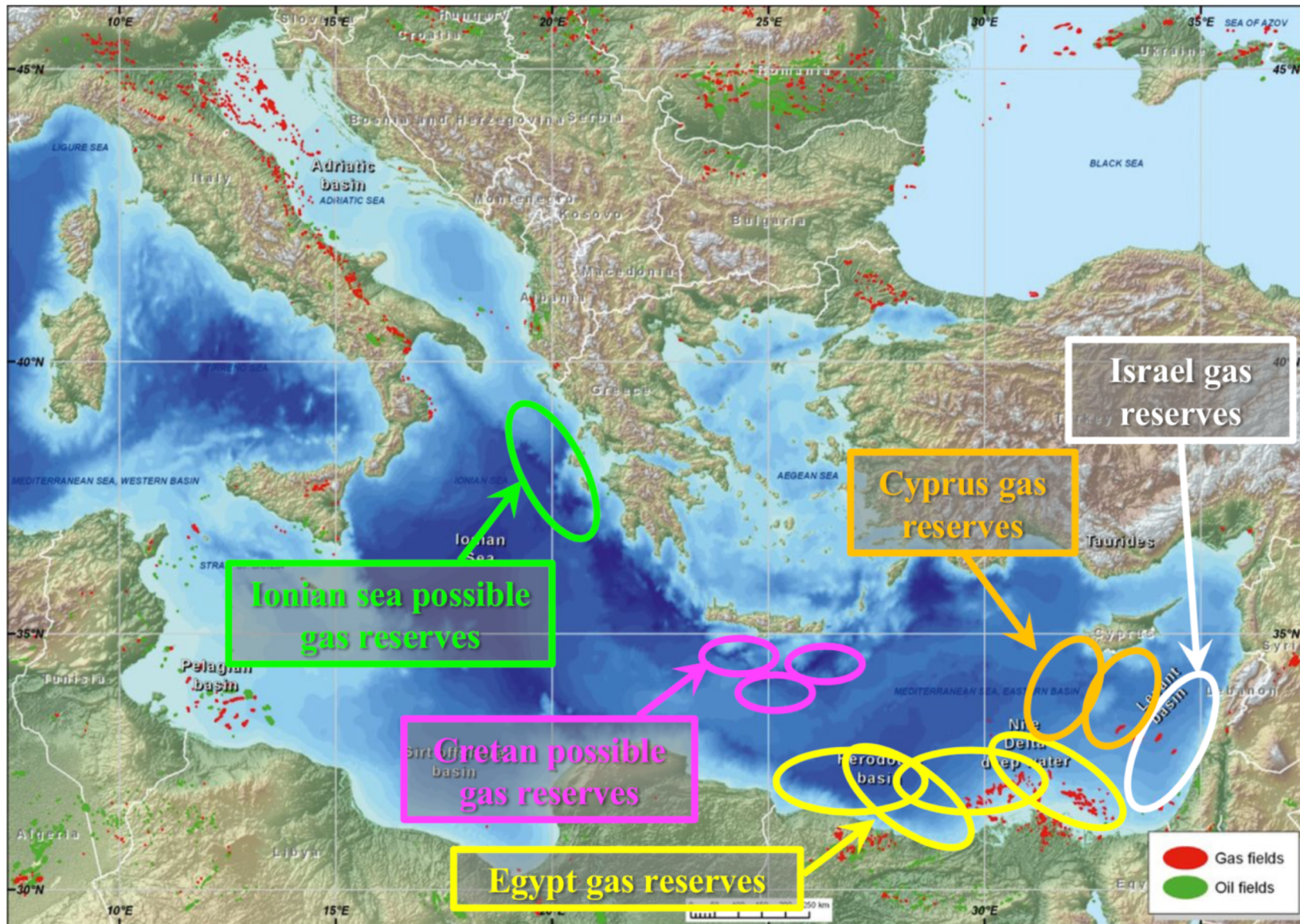


Source: EC, 2007

# **Indigenous energy sources**

## **In SE Mediterranean region**

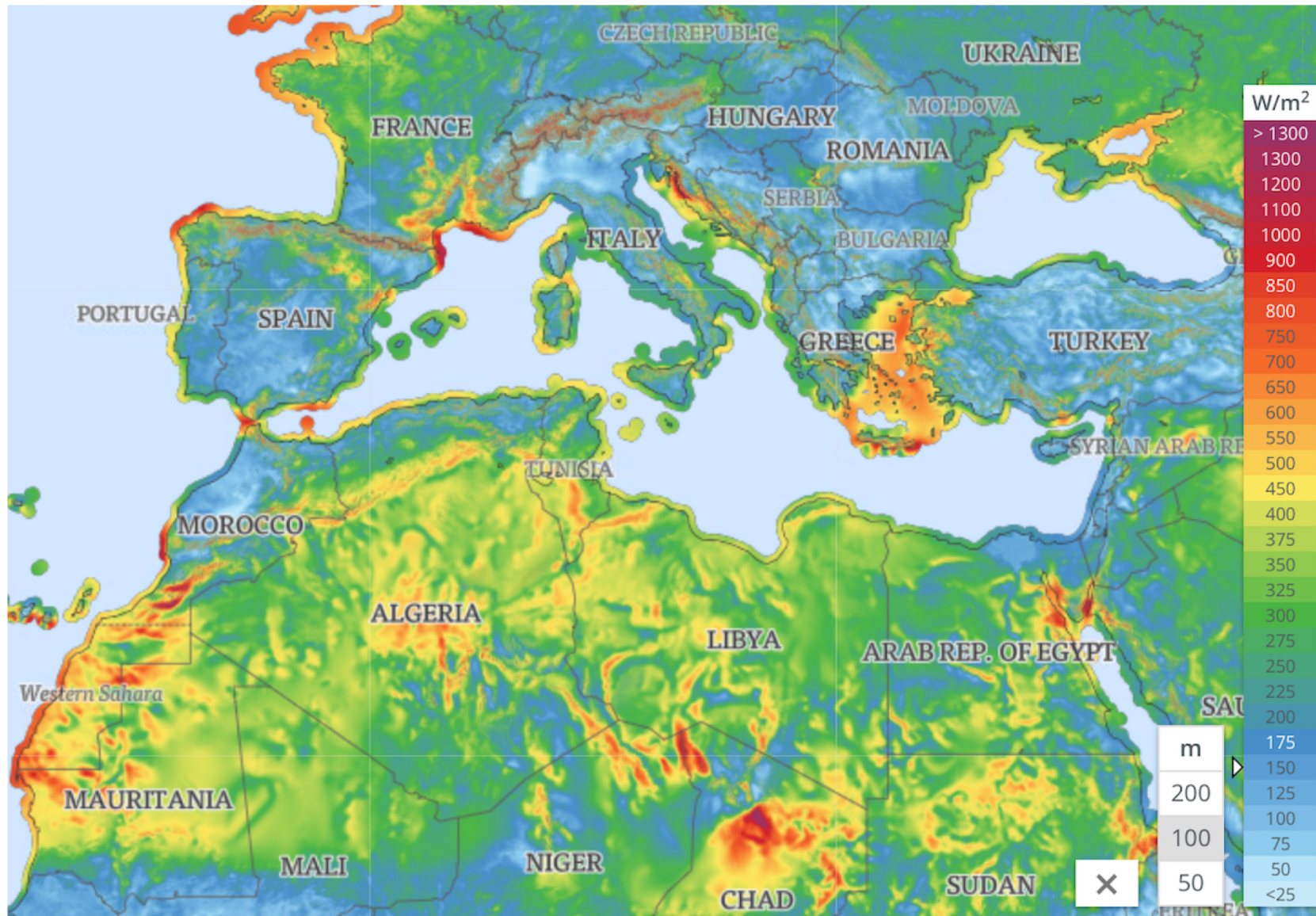
# Gas reserves in SE Mediterranean region\*



\* A. Belopolsky, et al., 2012, "New and emerging plays in the Eastern Mediterranean", *Petroleum Geoscience*

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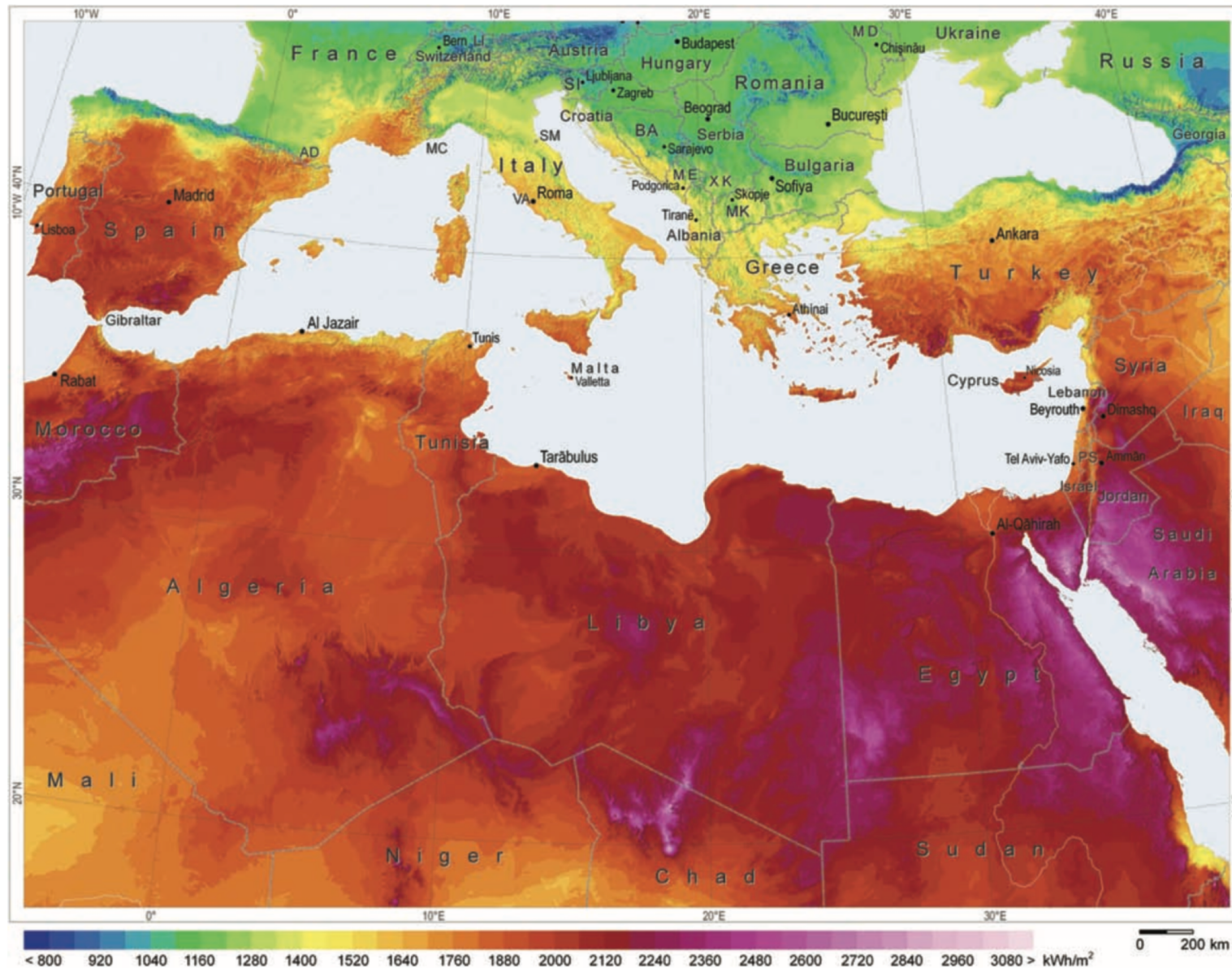
# Wind potential in SE Mediterranean region\*



\* The Global Wind Atlas (<https://globalwindatlas.com>)

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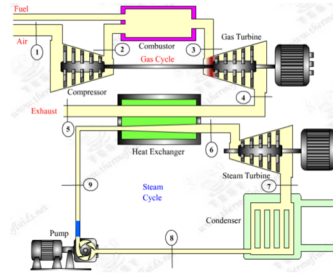
# Solar potential in SE Mediterranean region\*



\* Easac & Pihl, Erik. (2011). Concentrating Solar Power: Its potential contribution to a sustainable energy future

# Main indigenous energy sources in SE Mediterranean region

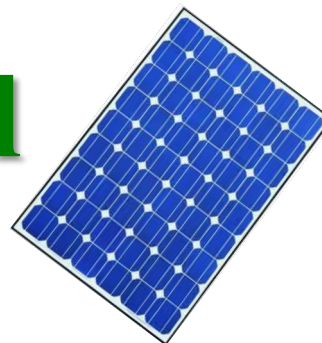
- **Natural gas**



- **Wind potential**



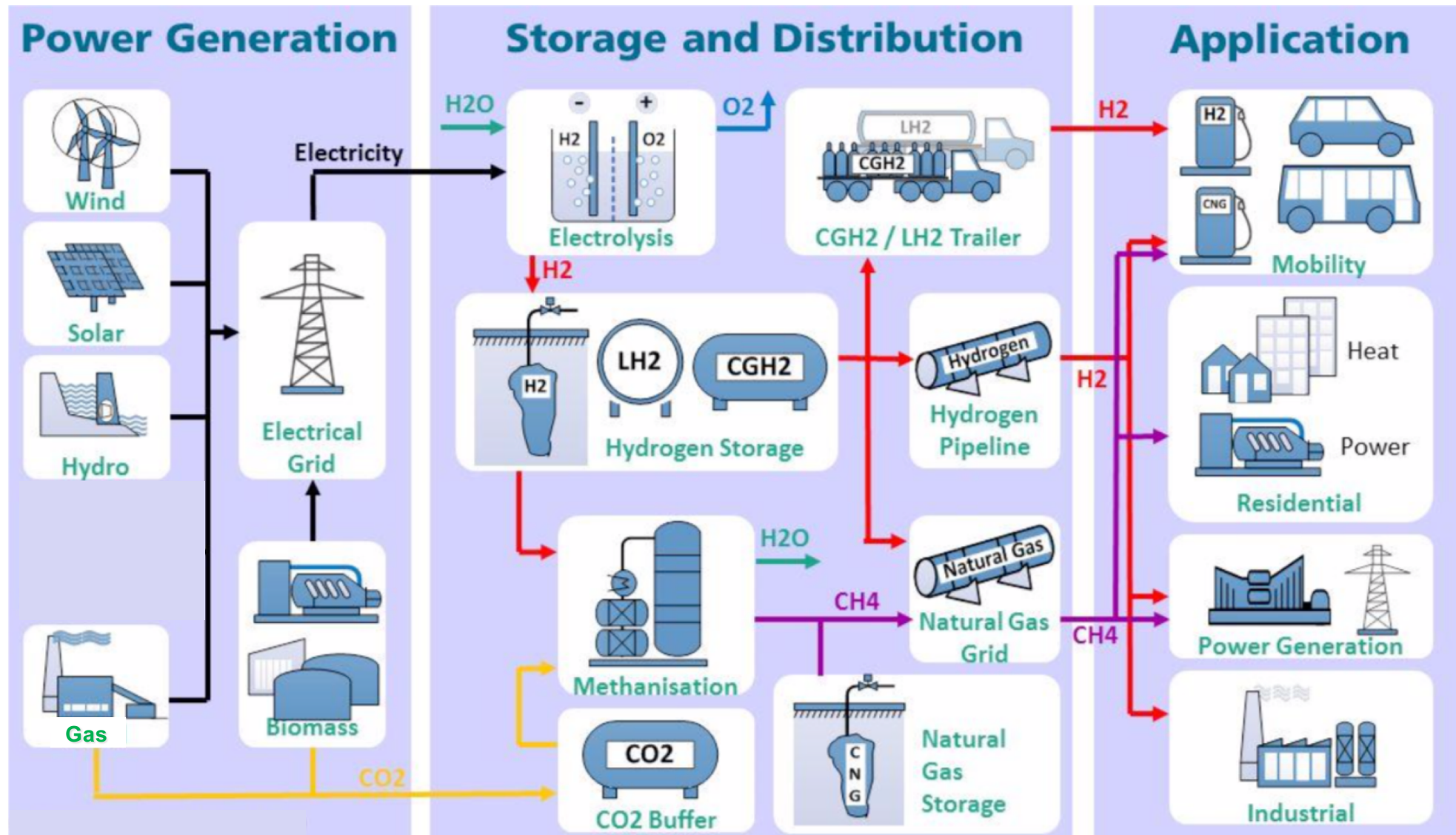
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# **The role of hydrogen**

## **Sustainable future in SE Mediterranean region**

# Potential role of hydrogen in the energy transition

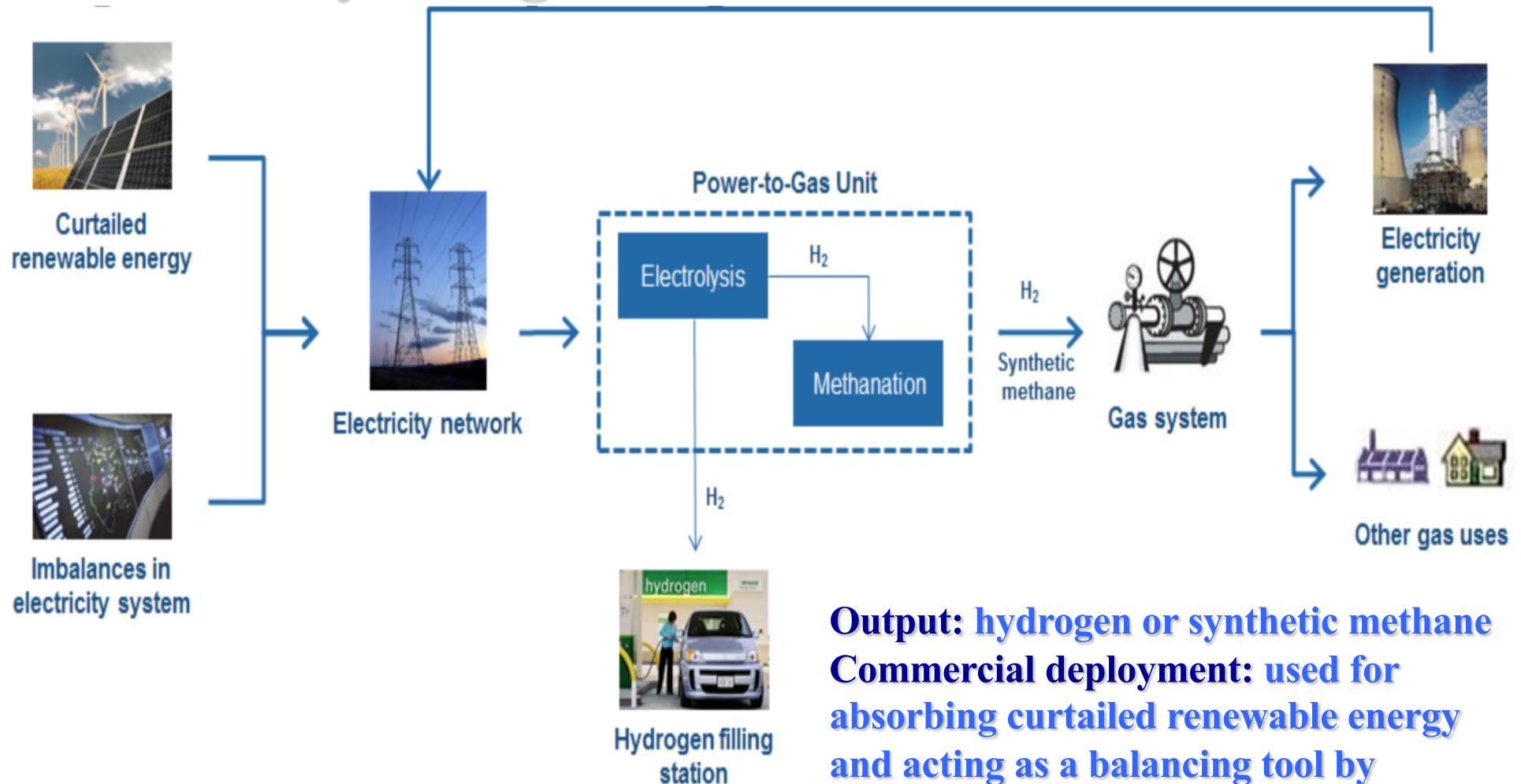


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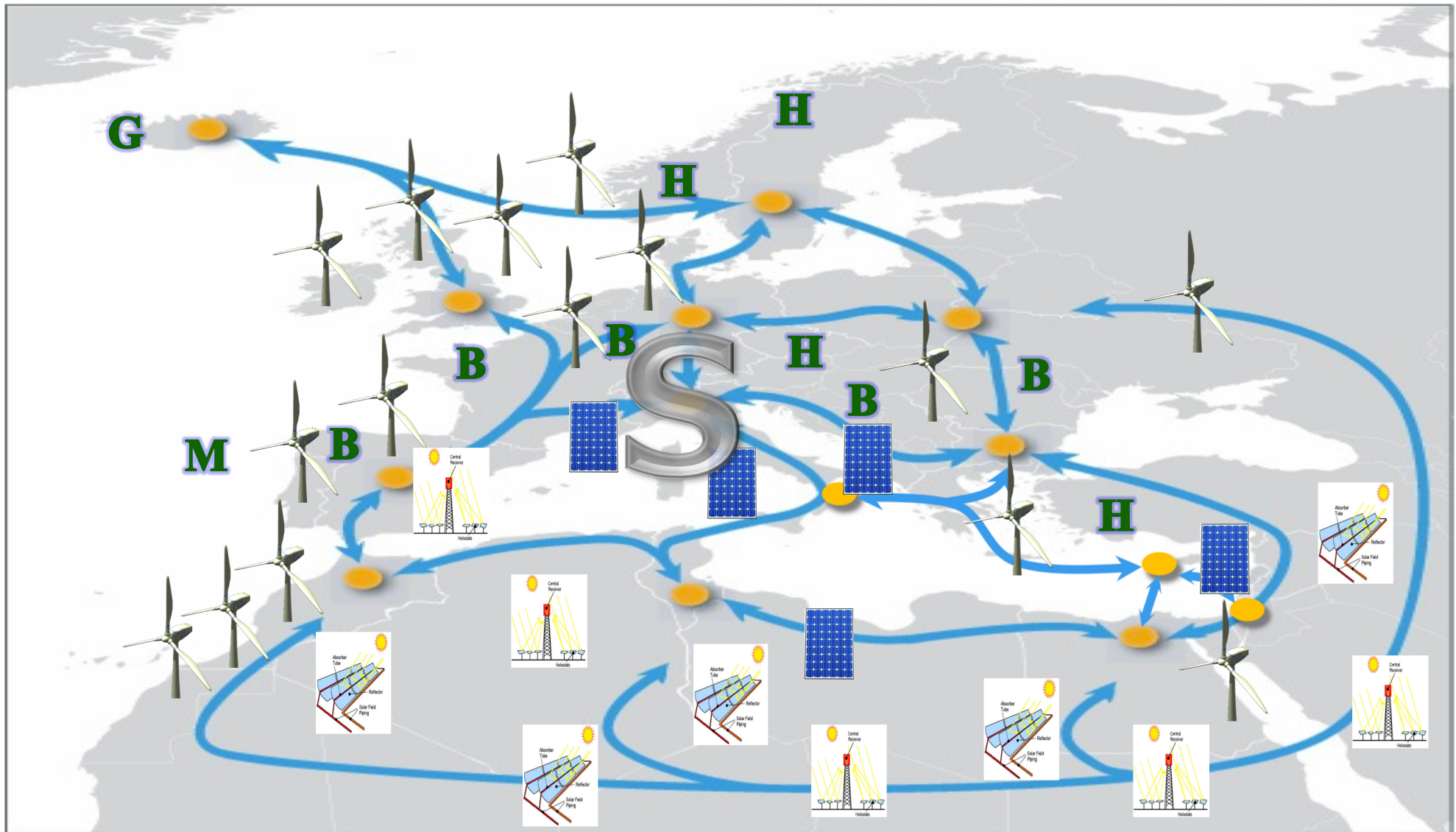
# Power-to-Gas (P2G)

- energy storage technology linking the electricity and gas infrastructure



**Output: hydrogen or synthetic methane**  
**Commercial deployment: used for absorbing curtailed renewable energy and acting as a balancing tool by electricity TSOs**

# The Super Smart Grid after 2050\* (may allow for 100% RES)



\* Poulikkas A., 2013, *Sustainable Energy Development for Cyprus*, ISBN: 978-9963-7355-3-2

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# Next steps

## Towards hydrogen economy

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## First steps towards the development of sustainable energy strategy

- **Horizon up to 2060**
- **Development of strategic plan:**
  - ~ **Electrical interconnections**
  - ~ **Integration of sustainable technologies**
  - ~ **Pipeline interconnections (or virtual pipelines)**
  - ~ **Use of hydrogen after 2030**
  - ~ **Hydrogen production**
    - From renewables
    - From natural gas
- **Energy exporters to EU**

