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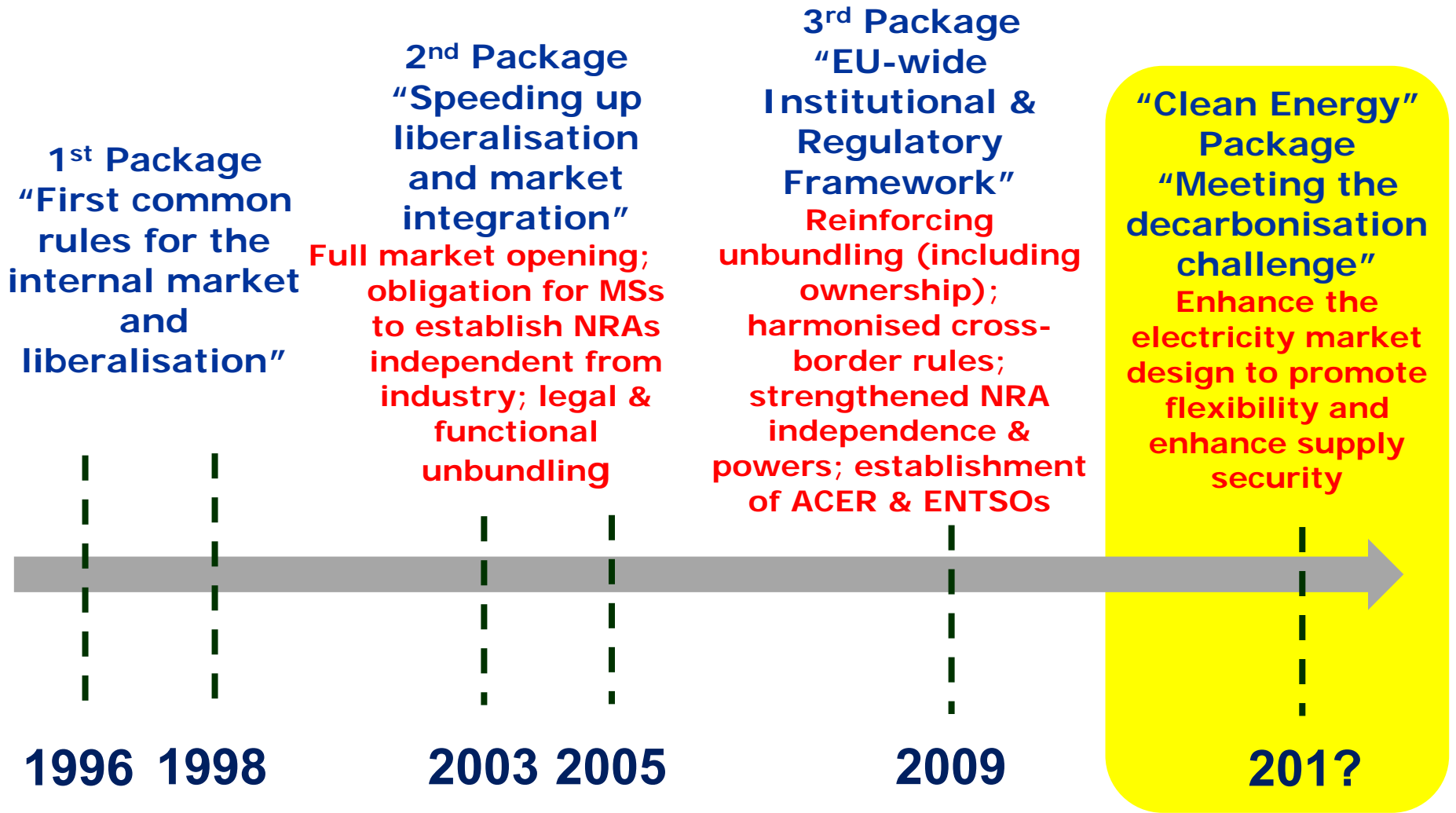
# The “Clean Energy for All Europeans” Package and the Future Challenges and Opportunities for the Energy Sector

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# The Clean Energy Package Beyond the Single Energy Market



- Aims at:
  - **providing the stable legislative framework** needed to facilitate the **clean energy transition**, thus contributing to the **Energy Union**
  - enabling the EU to deliver on its **Paris Agreement commitments**
- Three main goals:
  - Putting **energy efficiency first**
  - Achieving **global leadership** in **renewable energies**
  - Providing a **fair deal to consumers**

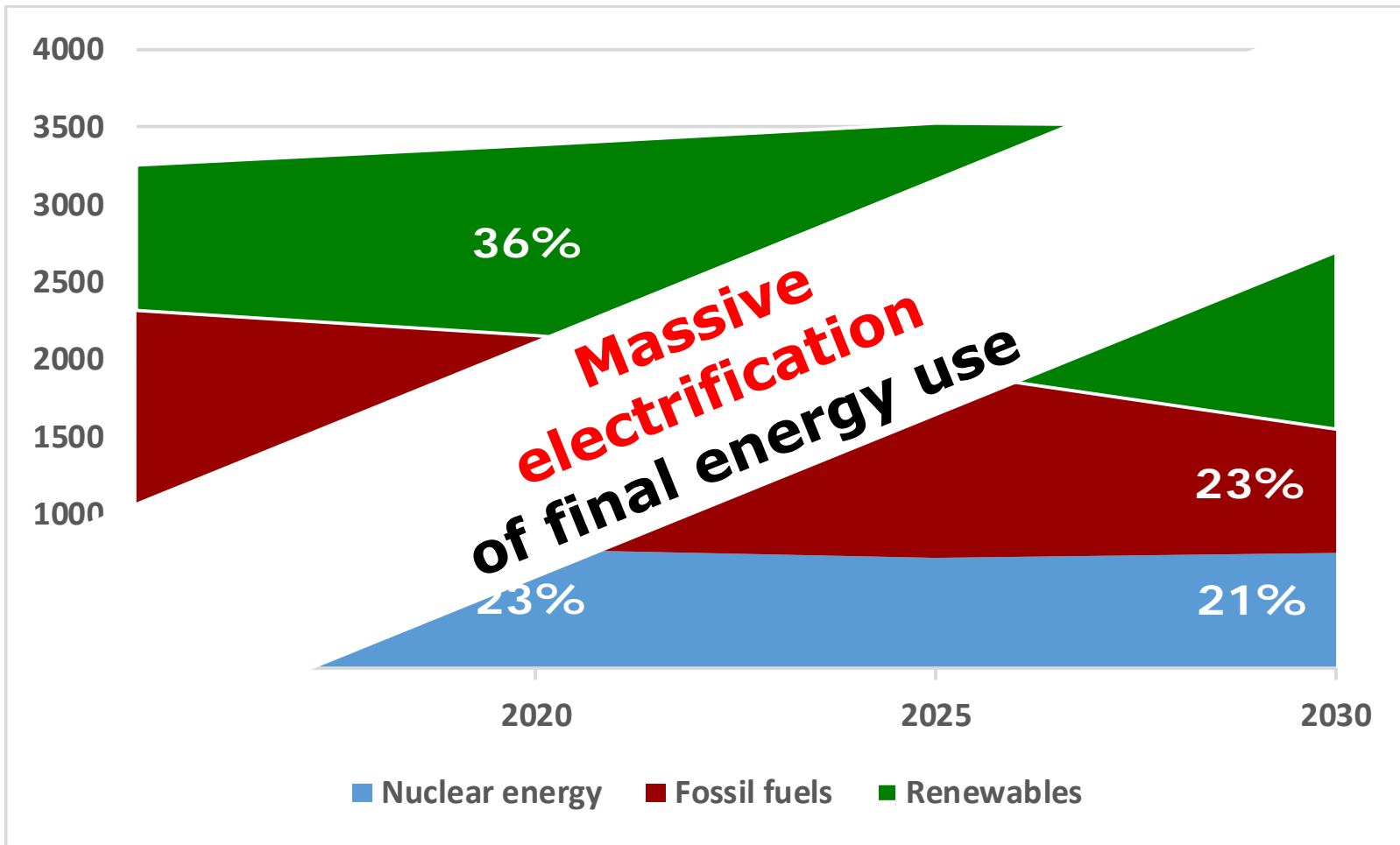
# EU Climate and Energy Targets

	2020	2030
<b>Greenhouse Gas Emissions w.r.t. 1990</b>	-20%	-40%
<b>Renewable energy in final energy consumption</b>	20%	32%*
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	20%	32.5%

\* Possible upward revision in 2023

# Renewable Energy in the Electricity Sector

*Gross electricity generation by source in the EU: EUCO3232.5 modelling (TWh)*



# The Clean Energy Package (CEP)

## Electricity Regulation (RECAST)

- Contains the majority of new wholesale market rules

## Electricity Directive (RECAST)

- Contains the majority of new retail market provisions

## ACER Regulation (RECAST)

- ACER tasks and procedure

## Regulation on Risk preparedness (NEW)

- Member States put in place appropriate tools to prevent, prepare for and manage electricity crisis situations

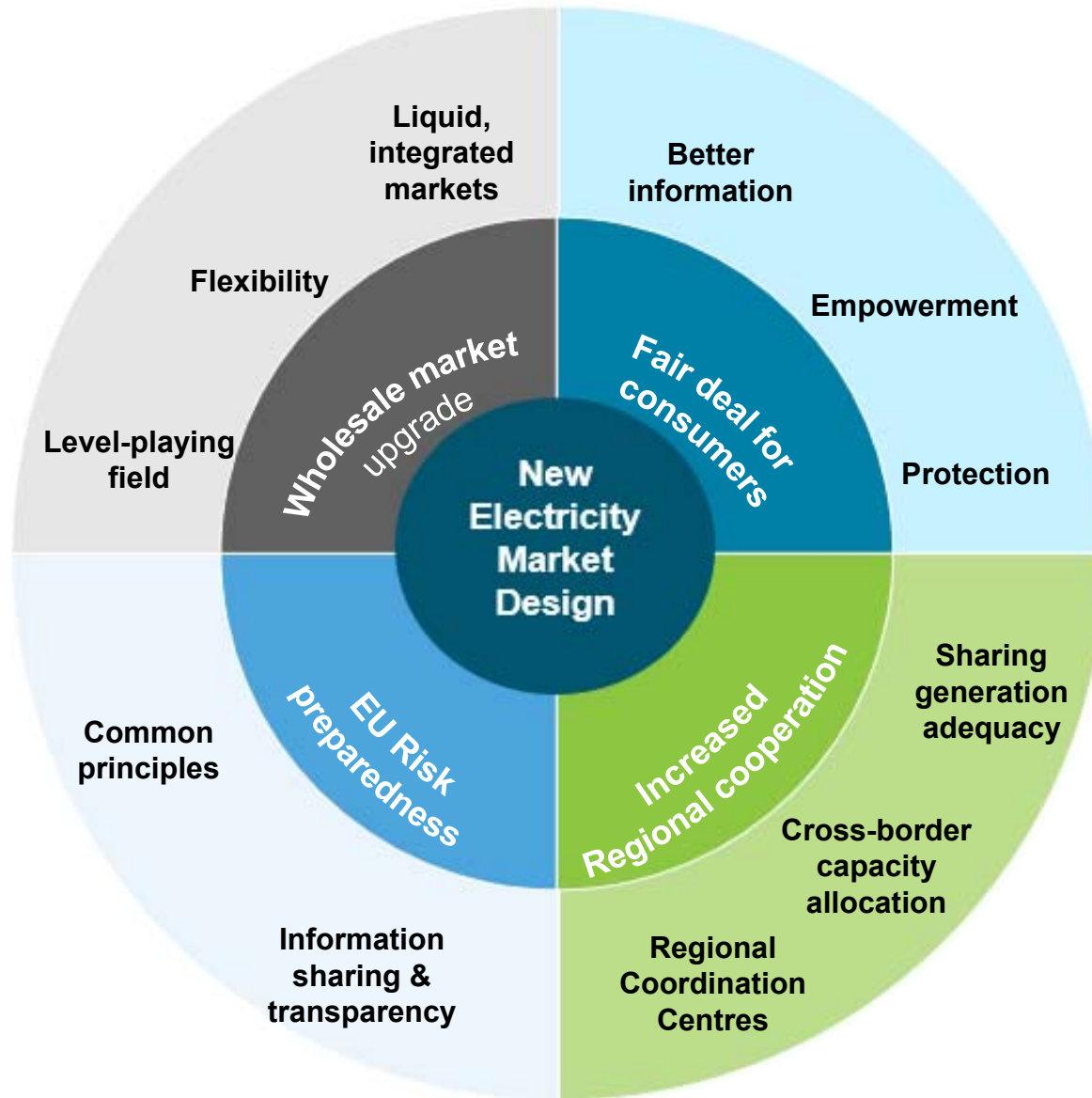
## Energy performance in buildings Directive (AMENDED)

## Energy efficiency Directive (AMENDED)

## Energy Union Governance Regulation (NEW)

## Renewable energy Directive (NEW)

# CEP: Electricity Market Design

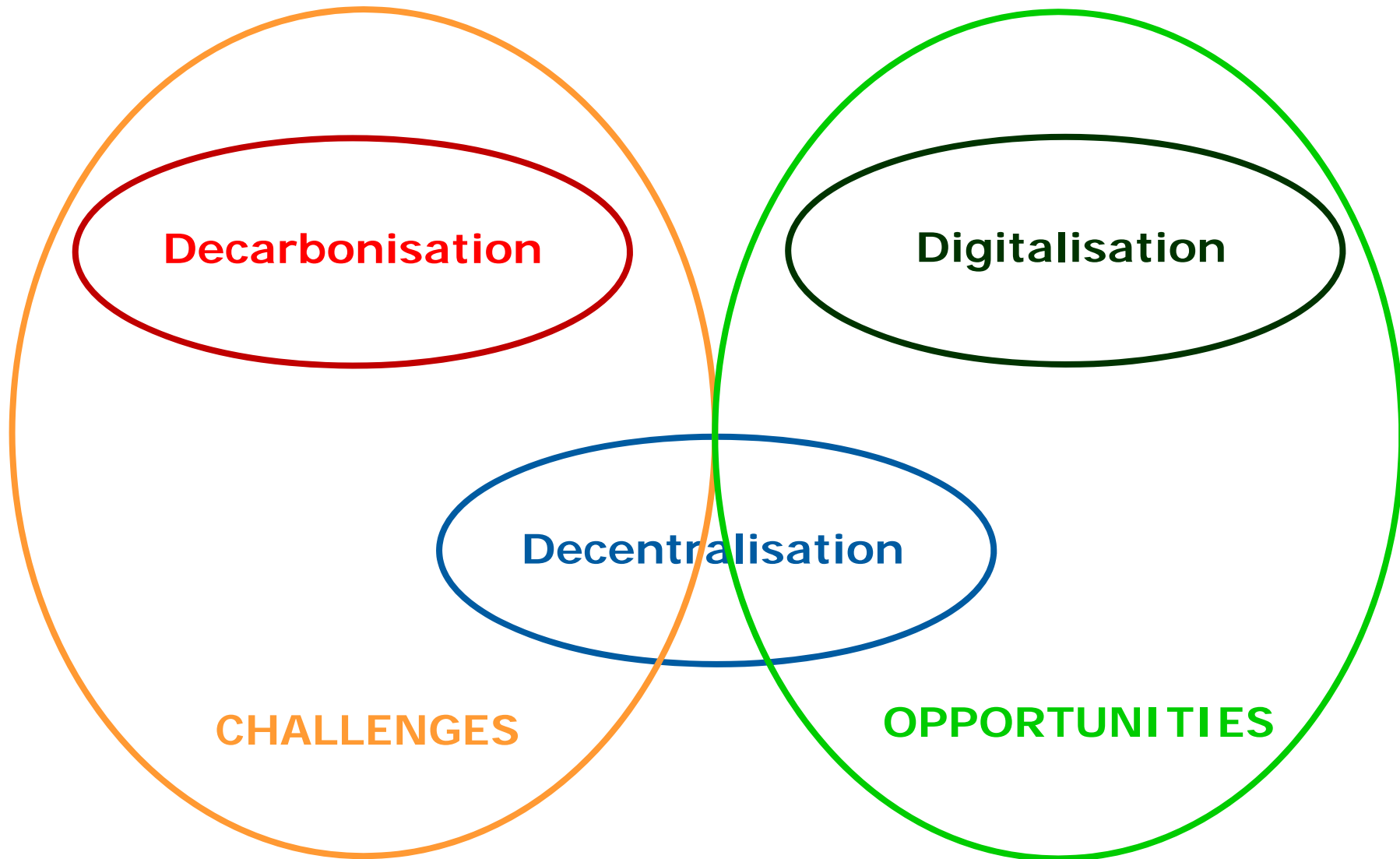


## CEP: Electricity Market Design at a glance

- Speedier and more agile consumer **switching** of suppliers
- Enabling consumers to access **dynamic pricing**
- Allowing **scarcity pricing**
- Rewarding **flexibility** for generation, **Demand Response and storage**
- Coordinated **resource adequacy assessments** to identify adequacy concerns and avoid overcapacity
- Explicit **cross-border participation** in Capacity Remuneration Mechanisms
- Common rules on **crisis prevention**
- Enhanced **Bidding Zone review** process
- **Maximisation of cross-border capacity** and **non discrimination** between internal and cross-border exchanges
- Focus on and reinforcement of **regional TSO cooperation** through **Regional Coordination Centres (RCCs)**
- Stronger **TSO-DSO cooperation**
- Creation of the **EU DSO Entity**



# Energy Transition 3Ds



# The EU Energy Sector: trends and challenges

**Moving towards a  
Low-Carbon Society**

**Uncertainty over  
Future Gas Demand**

**Increased penetration of  
non-programmable  
Renewable Sources**

**New uses  
of Gas**

**Adequacy Concerns and  
greater need for Flexibility  
of the Electricity System**

**Gas used for Flexible  
Power Generation**

**SECTOR  
COUPLING**

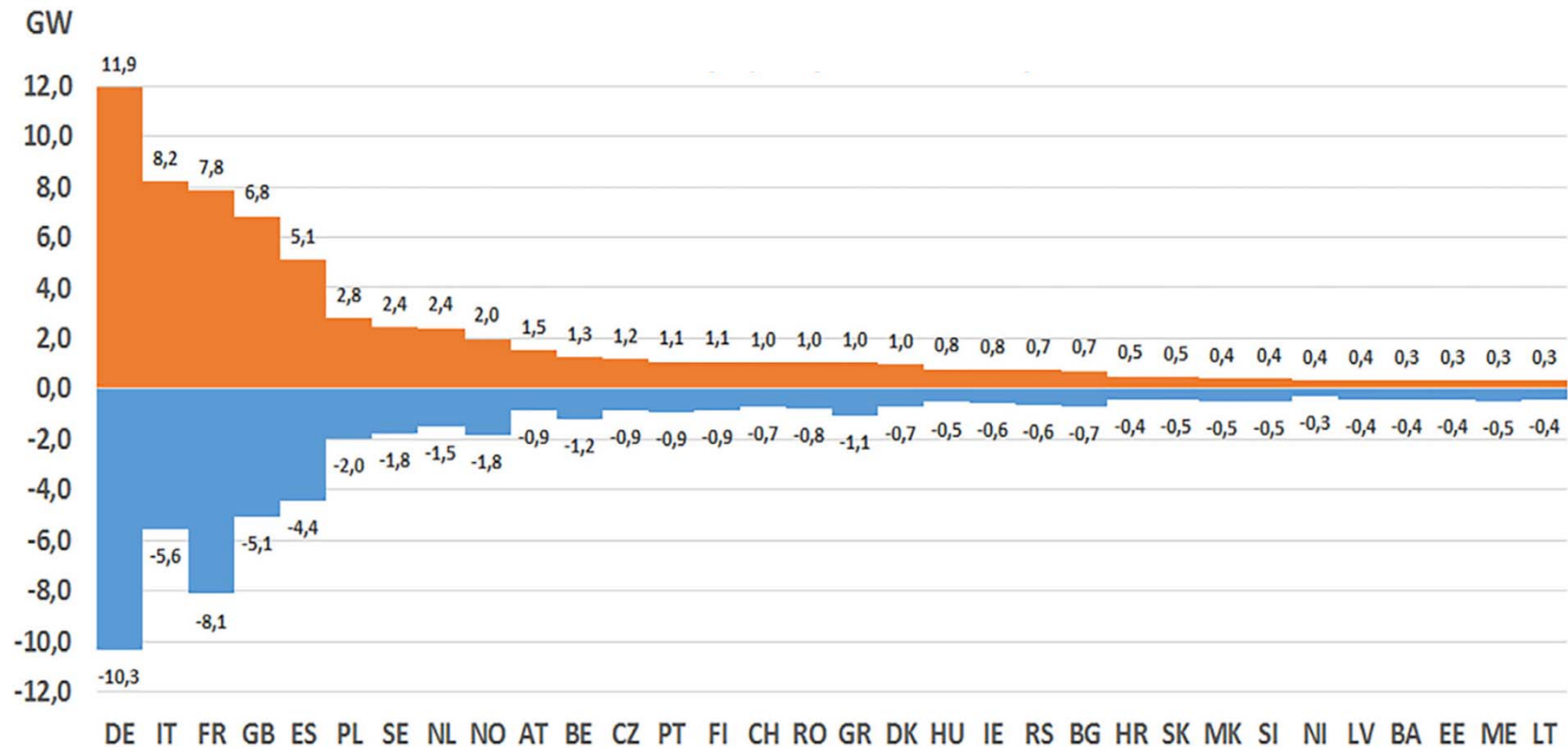
**More flexible  
electricity markets and  
consistent adequacy  
assessments**

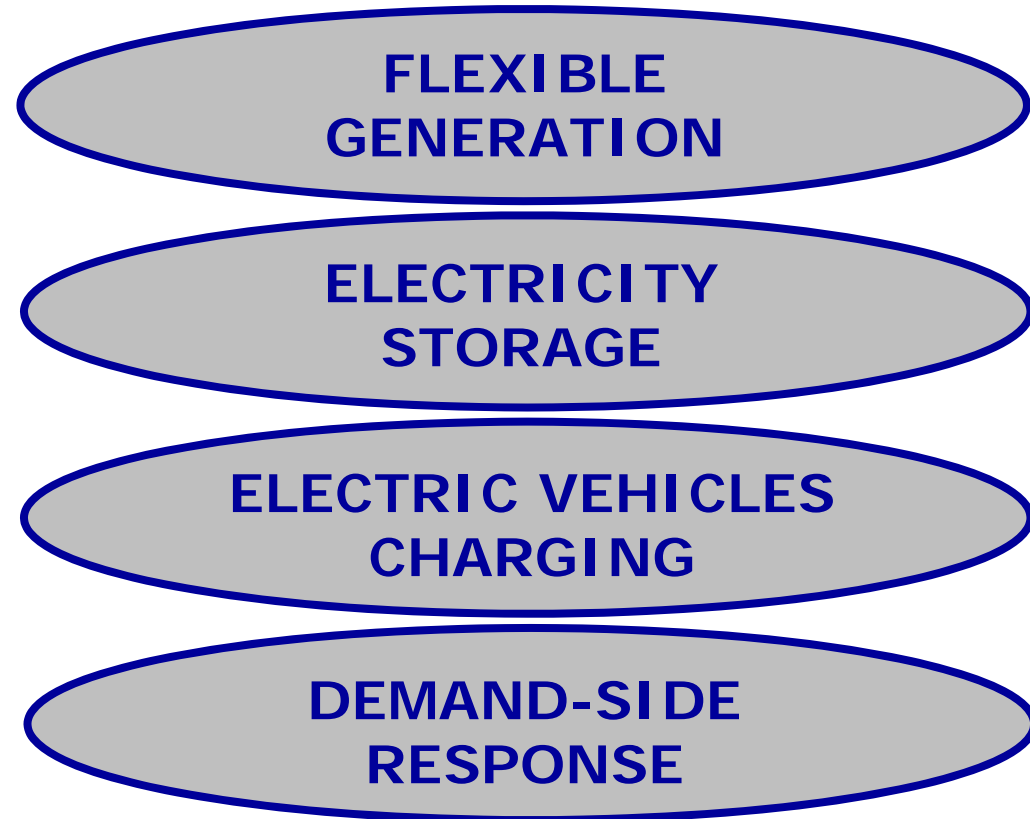
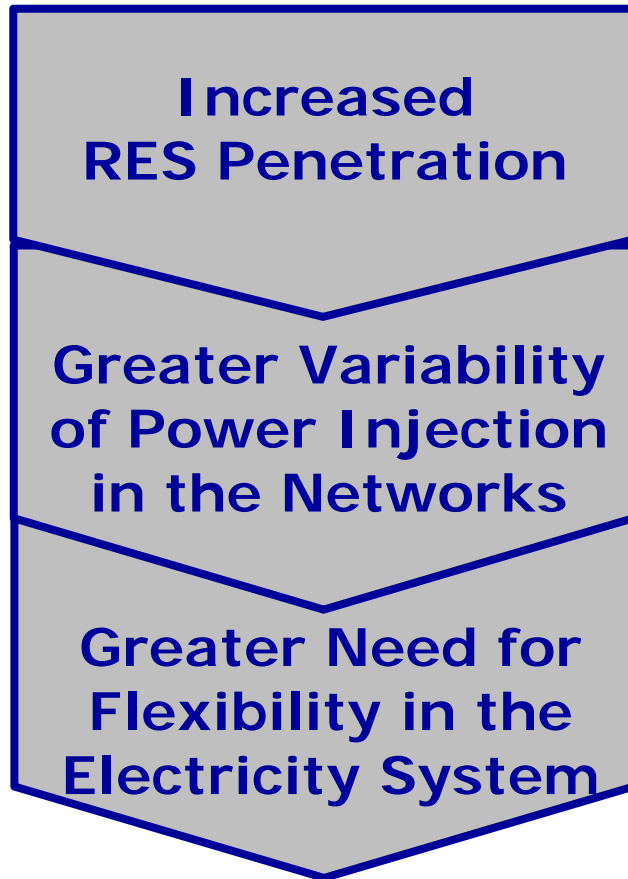
**More liquid, flexible  
and integrated Gas  
Markets**

**Greater engagement  
of consumers**

# The Flexibility Challenge (1)

*Absolute values of the residual load hourly ramps by country  
(99.9 percentile =  $3\sigma$ )*

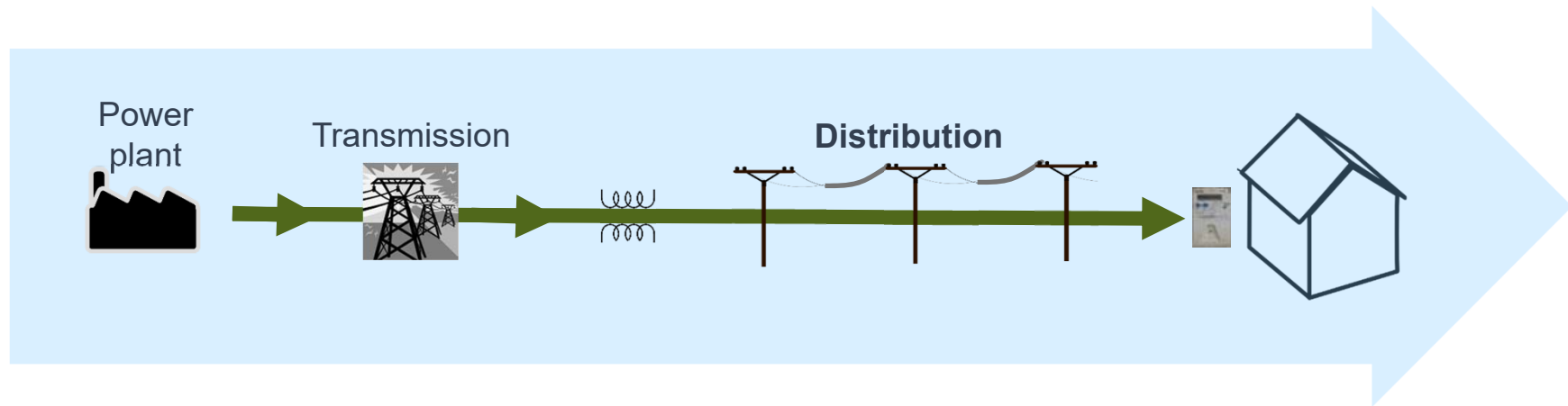




- Most of these resources are/will be connected to **distribution grids**

# A Changing Paradigm (1)

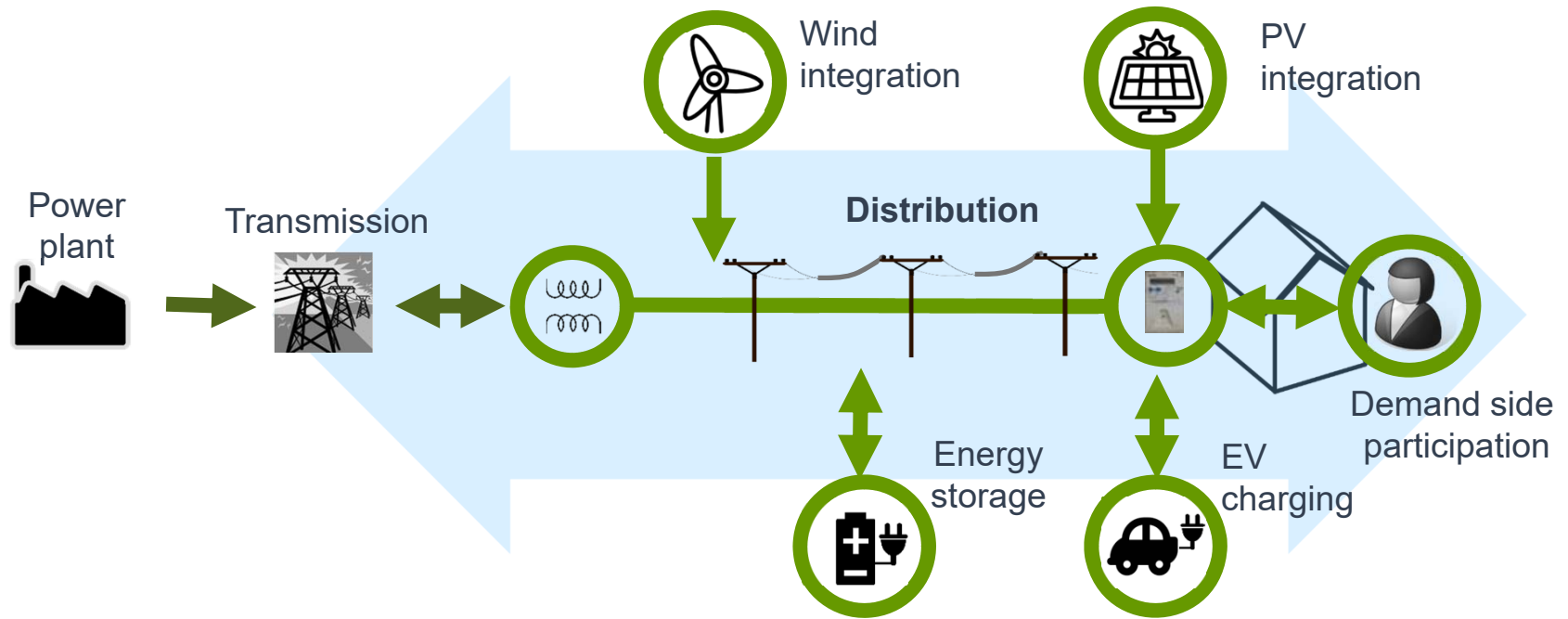
**From a centralised power system...**



# A Changing Paradigm (2)

... to a decentralised one.

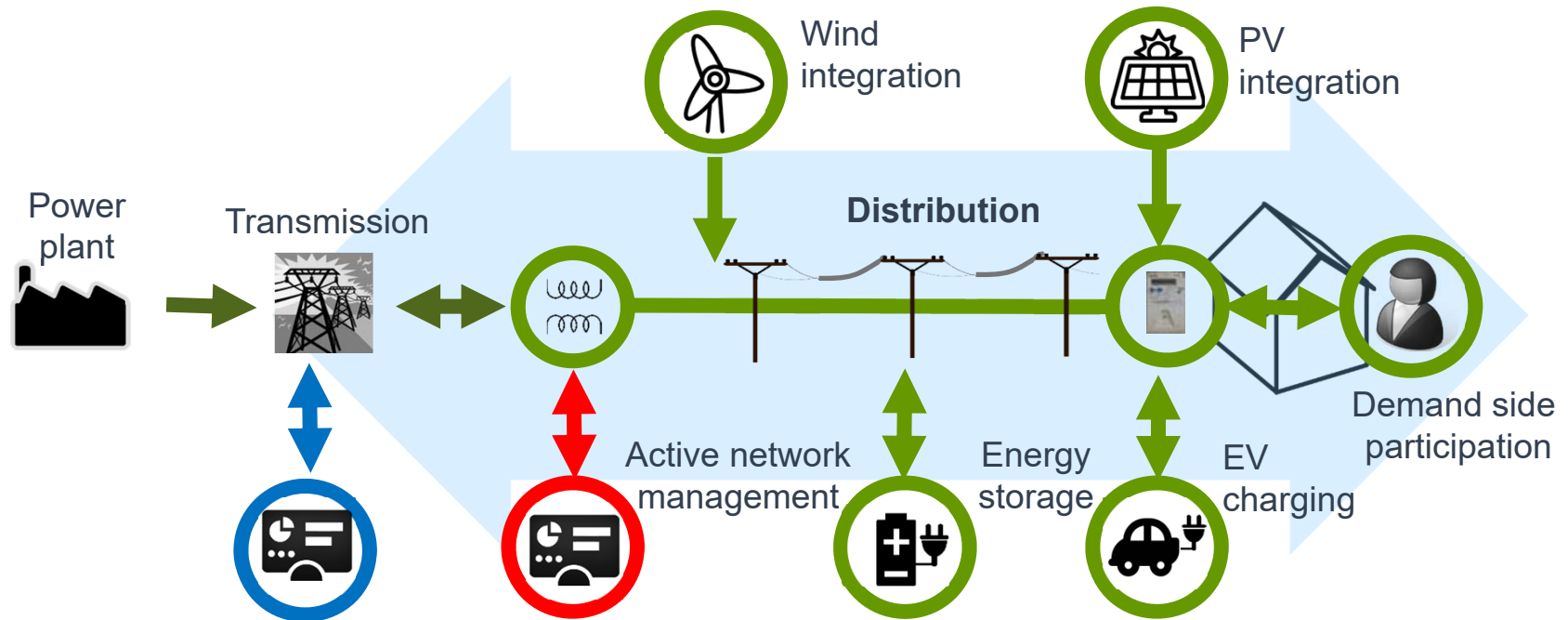
## THE CHALLENGE



## THE OPPORTUNITIES

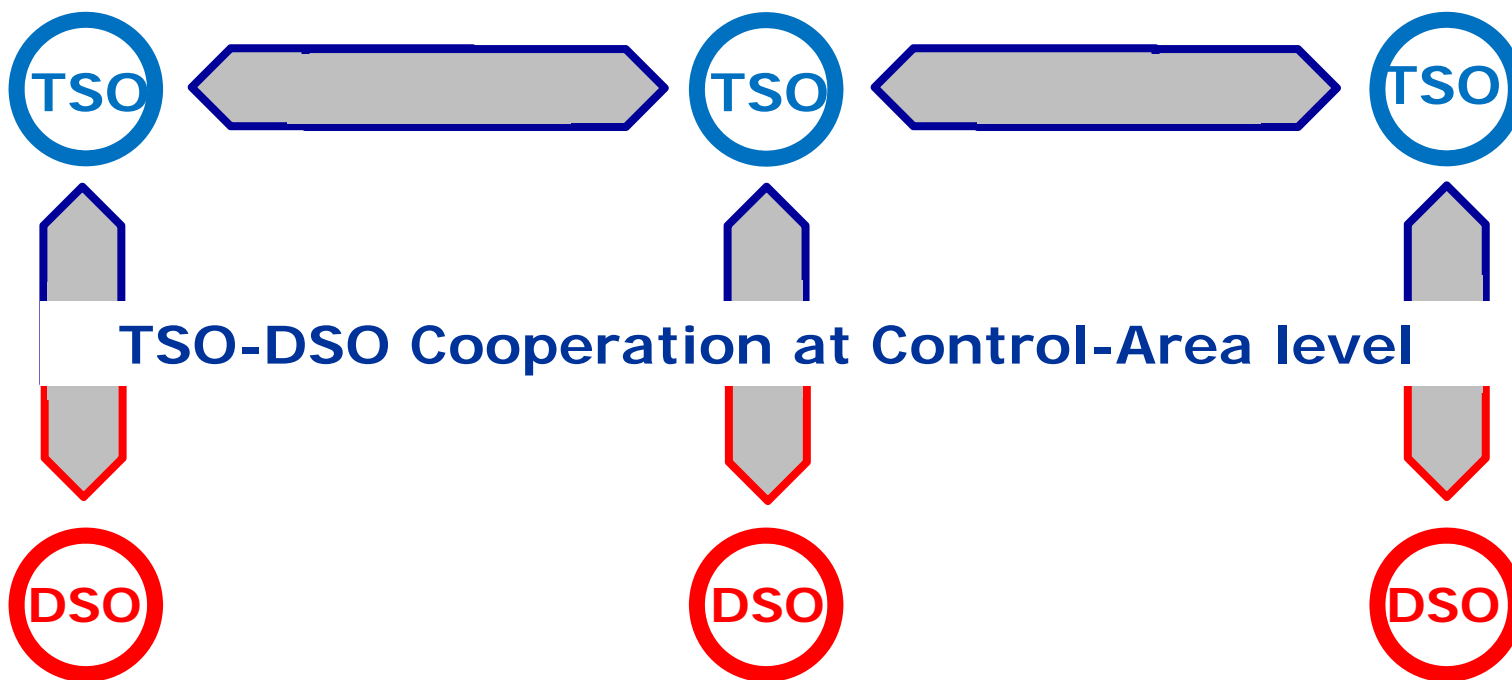
# A new Role for DSOs

- Greater need to operate the distribution grid in an active way to balance more variable injections with flexibility resources



Which model of cooperation?

## Regional and Cross-Regional TSO Cooperation (Regional Security Cooperation)





- Closer ***electricity and gas*** market and system integration
- ***Power-to-gas technologies*** allow the use of the gas infrastructure economically to:
  - Store
  - Transport over longer distancespower (produced from renewable energy sources)
- This may lead to ***competition*** between ***electricity and gas infrastructure*** and their operators

- More generally, grid and non-grid solutions may compete in supporting system development and operation
  - e.g. demand response vs grid development to manage local congestion

Moreover:

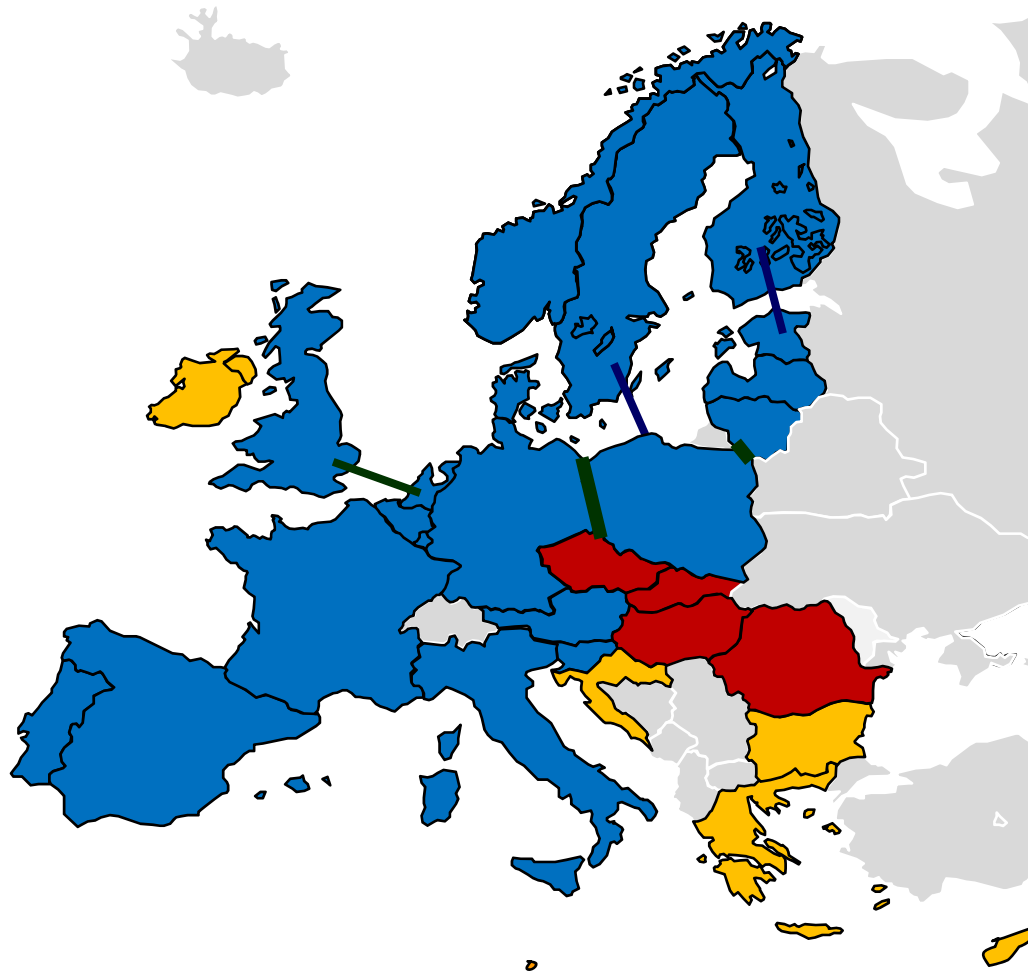
- What is the ***future role of gas?***
- What is the ***role of hydrogen*** in the decarbonisation path?

- Can TSOs and DSOs still act as *neutral* market facilitators?
- Regulatory enabling of Smart Technologies
- Demand aggregation:
  - Regulatory framework (compensation)
  - Business model (independent aggregators)
- Reserve and balancing markets:
  - Technological neutrality
  - Market Design (upward/downward reserve, duration of commitment, etc.) to enable wider participation, subject to minimum performance requirements
  - Framework of TSO-DSO cooperation

## RES and the IEM: it is so obvious!

- A well-integrated and well-functioning Internal Electricity Market is essential for accommodating a greater share of RES
- A well-integrated and well-functioning Internal Electricity Market:
  - Does NOT require full price convergence at all times across the whole EU
  - BUT must be based on:
    - Optimal geographical structure (bidding-zone configuration)
    - Optimal network development (optimal sizing of intra-zonal and cross-zonal capacities)
    - Optimal use of the available capacities:
      - How much is made available to the market
      - How capacity is allocated

## The EU internal electricity day-ahead market



### Today:

- 80% of borders coupled
- 46 borders coupled in a single coupling
- 3 borders coupled separately
- 12 borders still waiting to be coupled

### Final goal:

EU-wide day-ahead market coupling with implicit auctions

4M MC =  
4M Market  
Coupling

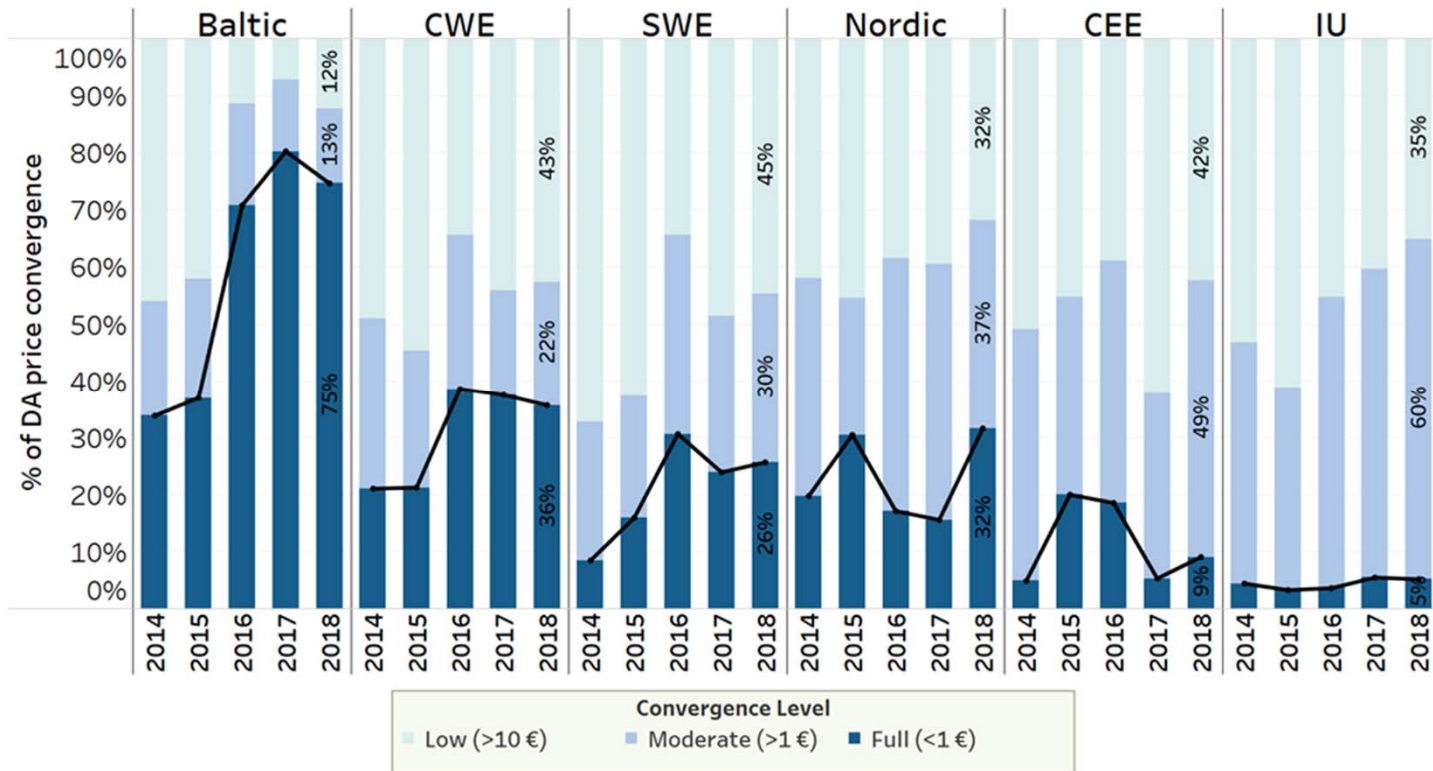
PCR = Price  
Coupling of  
Regions

Not coupled  
yet

# Price convergence in the IEM

**A well-integrated and well-functioning Internal Electricity Market does NOT require full price convergence at all times across the whole EU ...**

*Day-ahead price convergence in Europe, 2014–2018 (% of hours)*



... but average price differentials > 10€/MWh beg the question of whether capacities are optimally sized, used and allocated!

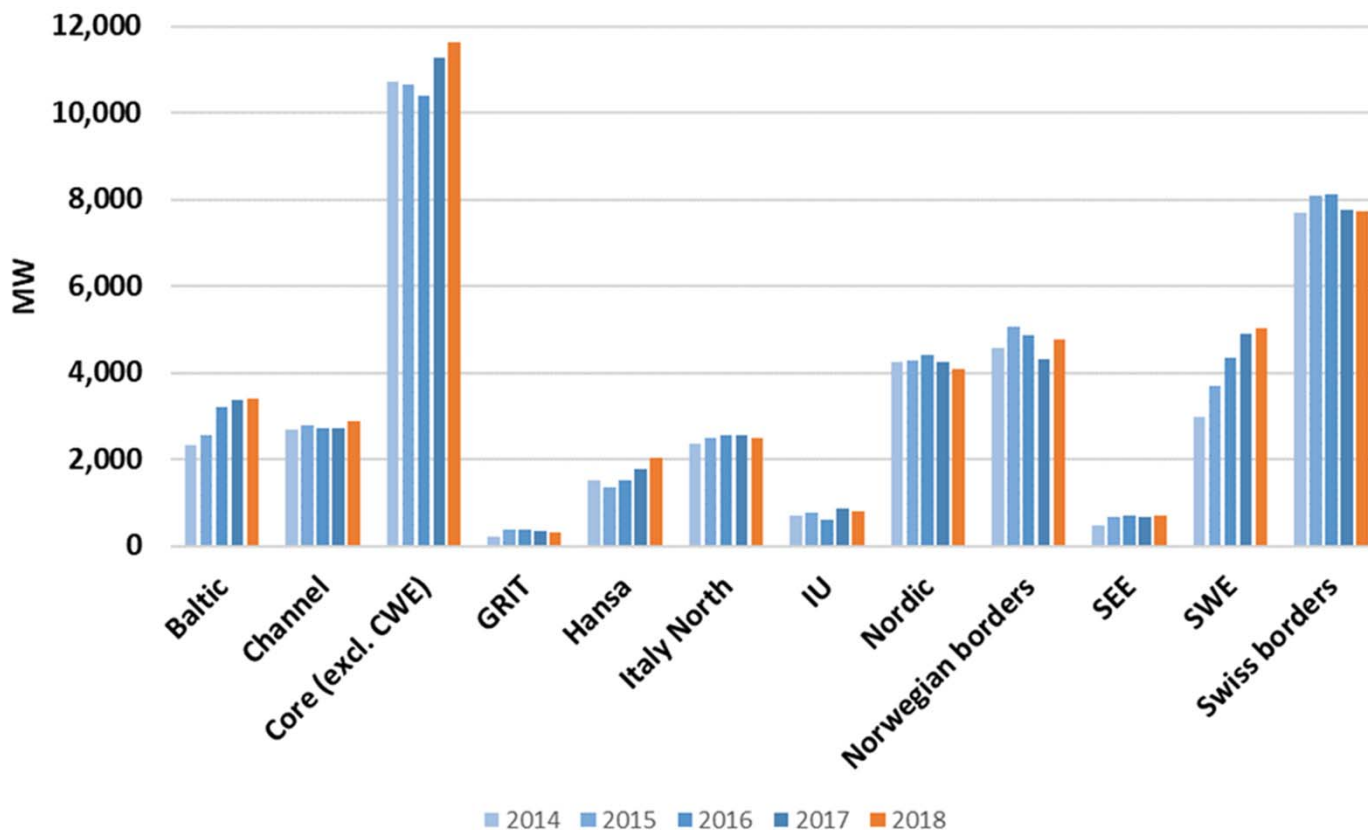
*Average and absolute average price differentials on some borders in the EU  
2016 – 2018 (€/MWh)*

Border	2016	2017	2018	2016-2018	2016	2017	2018 <sup>2</sup>	2016-2018
BG-GR	-6.0	14.6	-19.7	-3.7	14.6	19.8	24.8	19.8
FR-GB	-12.4	-6.8	-14.7	-11.3	15.4	12.5	15.6	14.5
AT-IT	-13.7	-20.2	-14.4	-16.1	13.7	20.2	14.5	16.2
BG-RO	-0.3	-8.3	-5.7	-4.8	11.4	14.8	13.6	13.3
GB-NL	16.9	12.4	12.4	13.9	17.0	13.1	12.7	14.3
FR-IT	-5.9	-9.4	-10.5	-8.6	7.3	9.8	11.0	9.4
ES-FR	2.9	7.3	7.1	5.8	8.0	10.2	10.8	9.7
NL-NO2	7.1	10.4	9.3	8.9	7.5	10.6	10.6	9.6
GB-IE	4.0	5.9	2.9	4.3	13.8	10.5	10.4	11.6
DE-PL	-7.5	-2.8	-7.7	-6.0	10.0	8.7	9.9	9.5

# Increasing cross-border capacities

## Cross-border capacities made available to the market increased over the last years

*Net Transfer Capability averages of both directions on cross-zonal borders, aggregated by CCR – 2014–2018 (MW)*

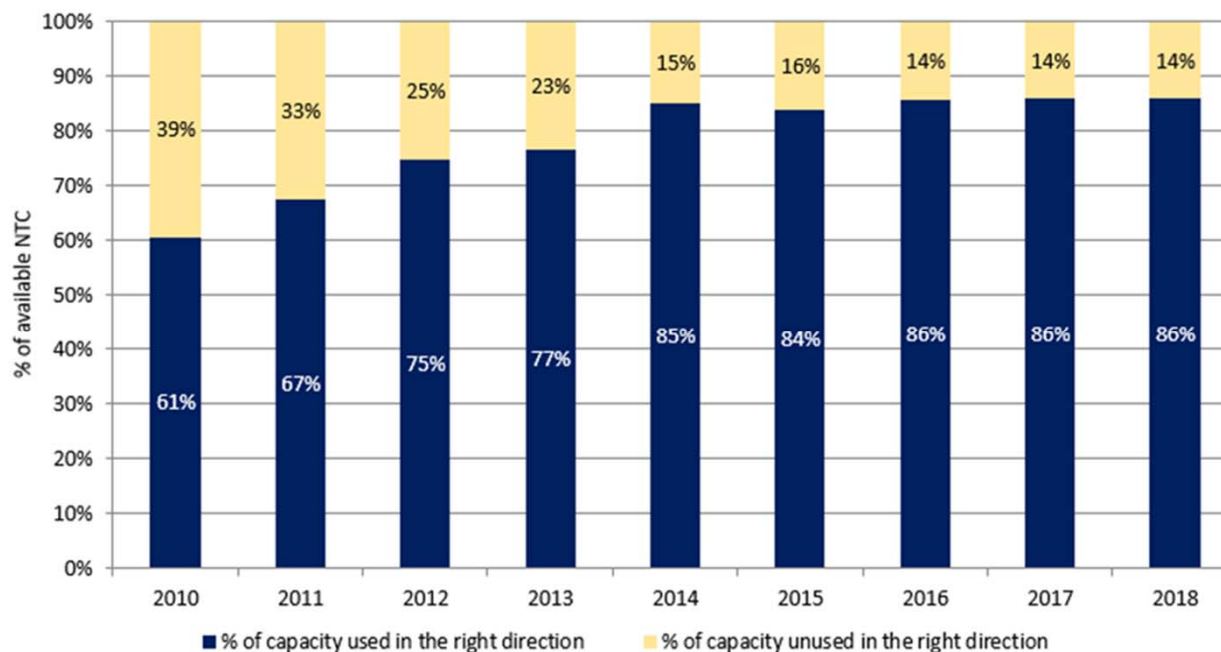




# Cross-border capacity utilisation (1)

## Significant improvements in the efficiency of the use of cross-border capacity in the day-ahead timeframe

Share of the available capacity (NTC) used in the ‘right direction’ in the presence of a significant price differential (>1 €/MWh) on 37 European electricity borders (%)



More efficient use of cross-border capacity through “market coupling”

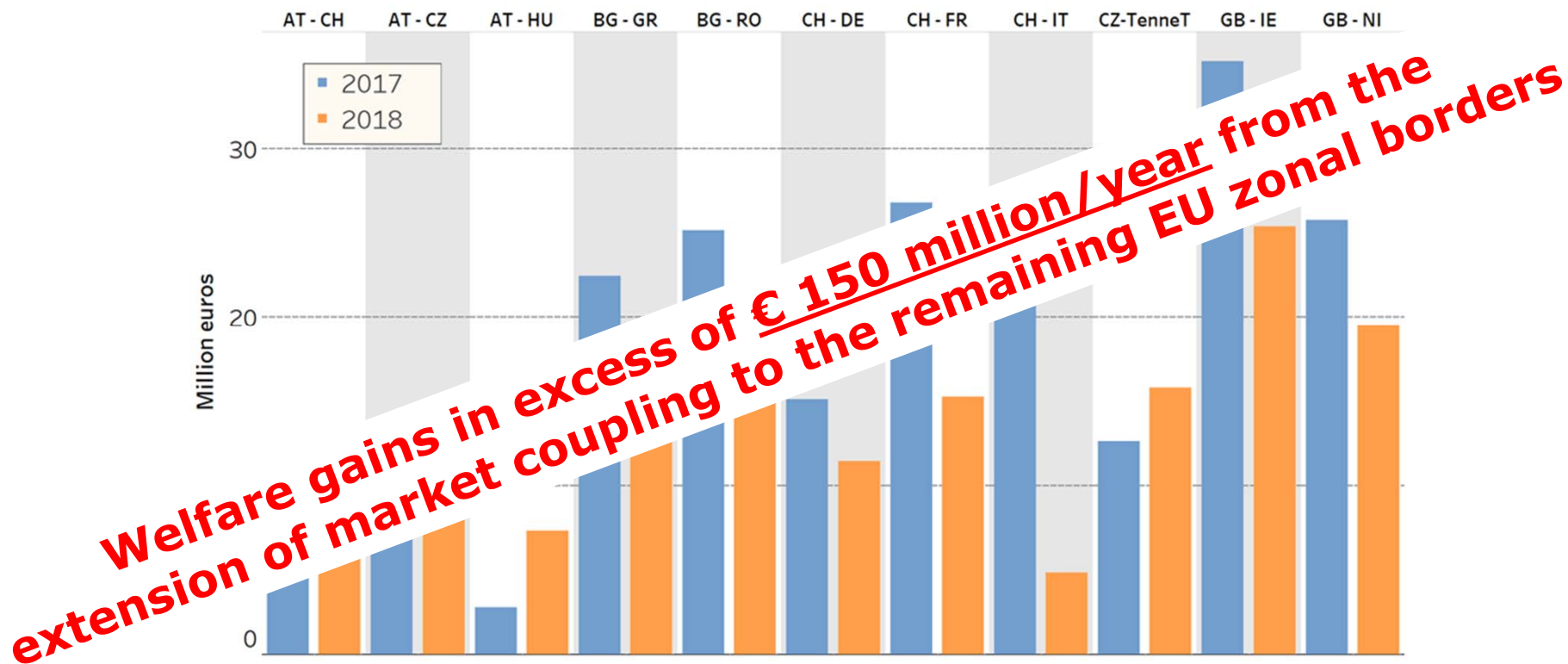


Estimated Annual Benefits  
**€ 1 billion**

# Cross-border capacity utilisation (2)

... but there is still scope for improvement

Estimated social welfare gains still to be obtained from further extending DA market coupling per border – 2017-2018 (million euros)

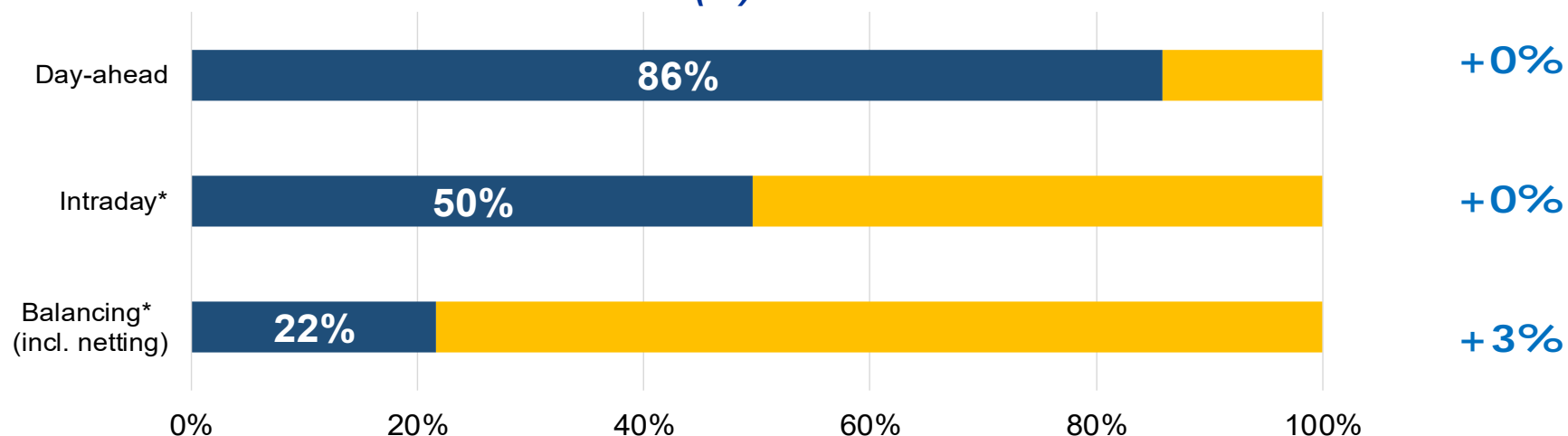


## ... also in the intraday and balancing timeframes

*Share of the available capacity (NTC) used in the 'right direction' in the presence of a significant price differential (>1 €/MWh) on 37 European electricity borders in different timeframes*

**2017 (%)**

**Yearly change  
(2017/2016)**

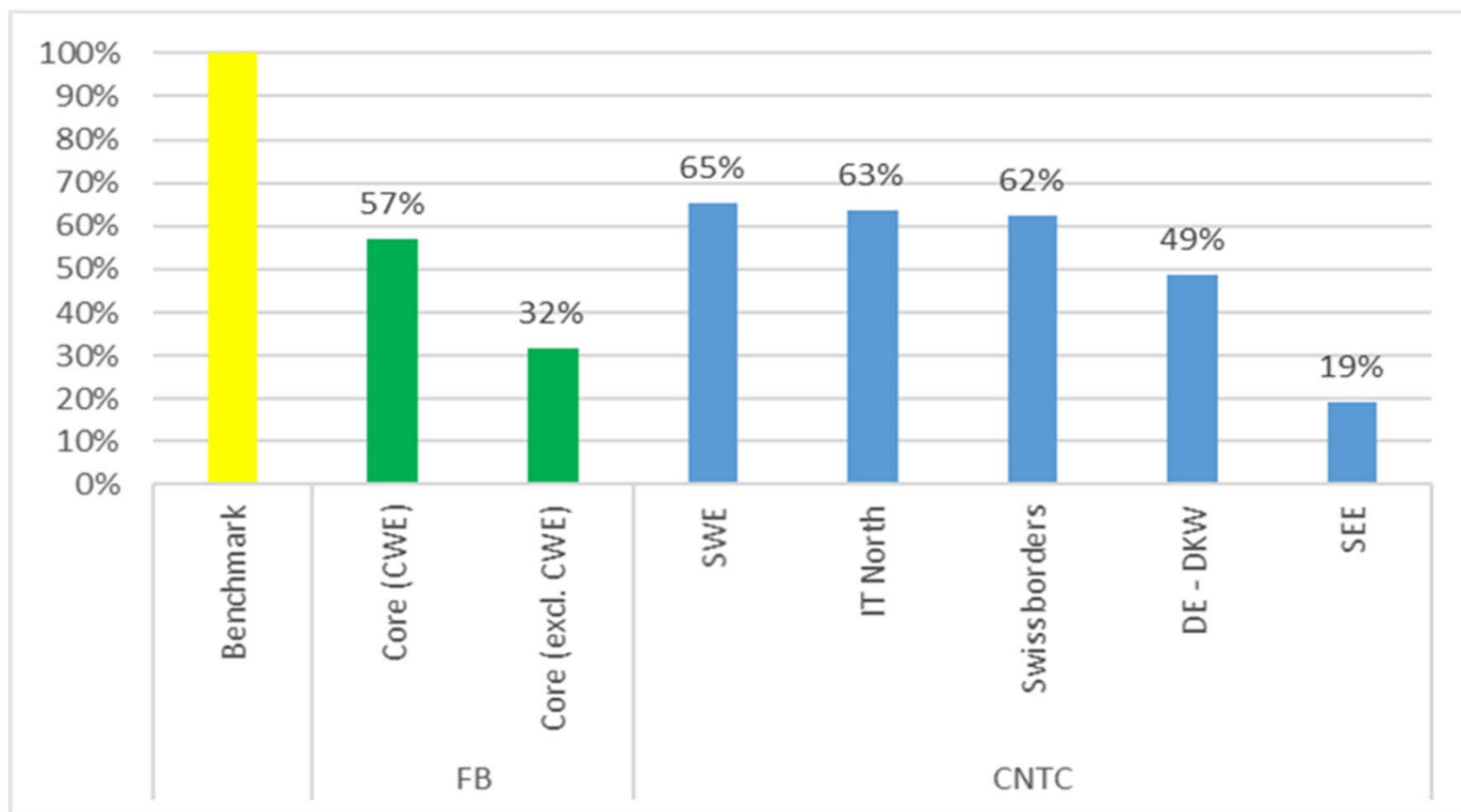


Note: \* ID and balancing values are based on a selection of EU borders.

# Cross-border capacity availability

... and in the amount of cross-border capacity made available to the market

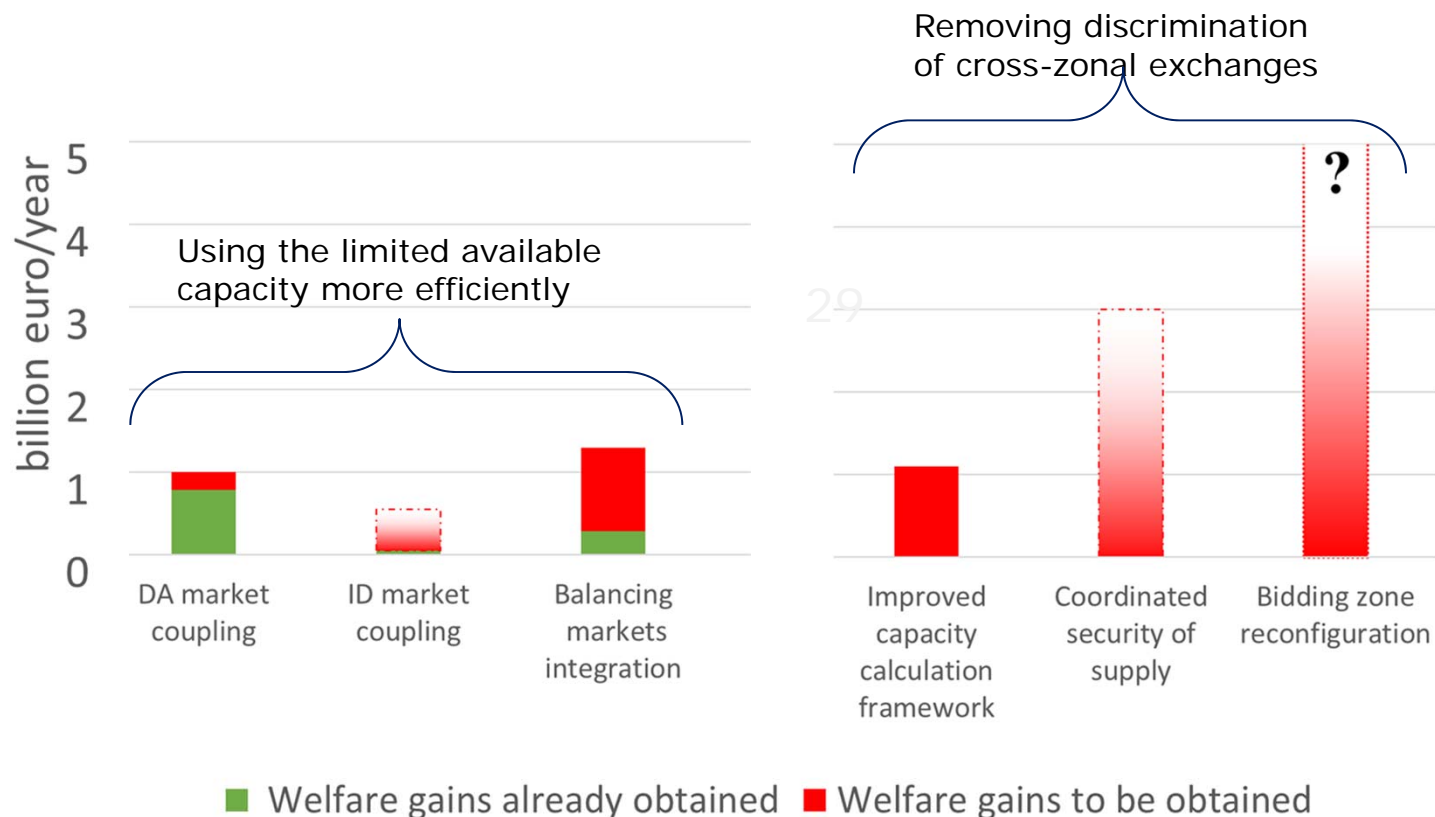
*Ratio of available tradable capacity to benchmark capacity on HVAC borders per CCR 2017 (%)*



# Benefitting consumers

**EU energy consumers have gained a lot from the integration of the internal electricity market, but could gain even more!**

*Social welfare\* benefits already obtained and to be obtained from various actions intended to increase EU markets integration*



Note: \*Gross benefits. The fading colour for some categories indicates that the welfare gains are based on third-party estimations and/or subject to considerable uncertainty.

# The EU Internal Gas Market

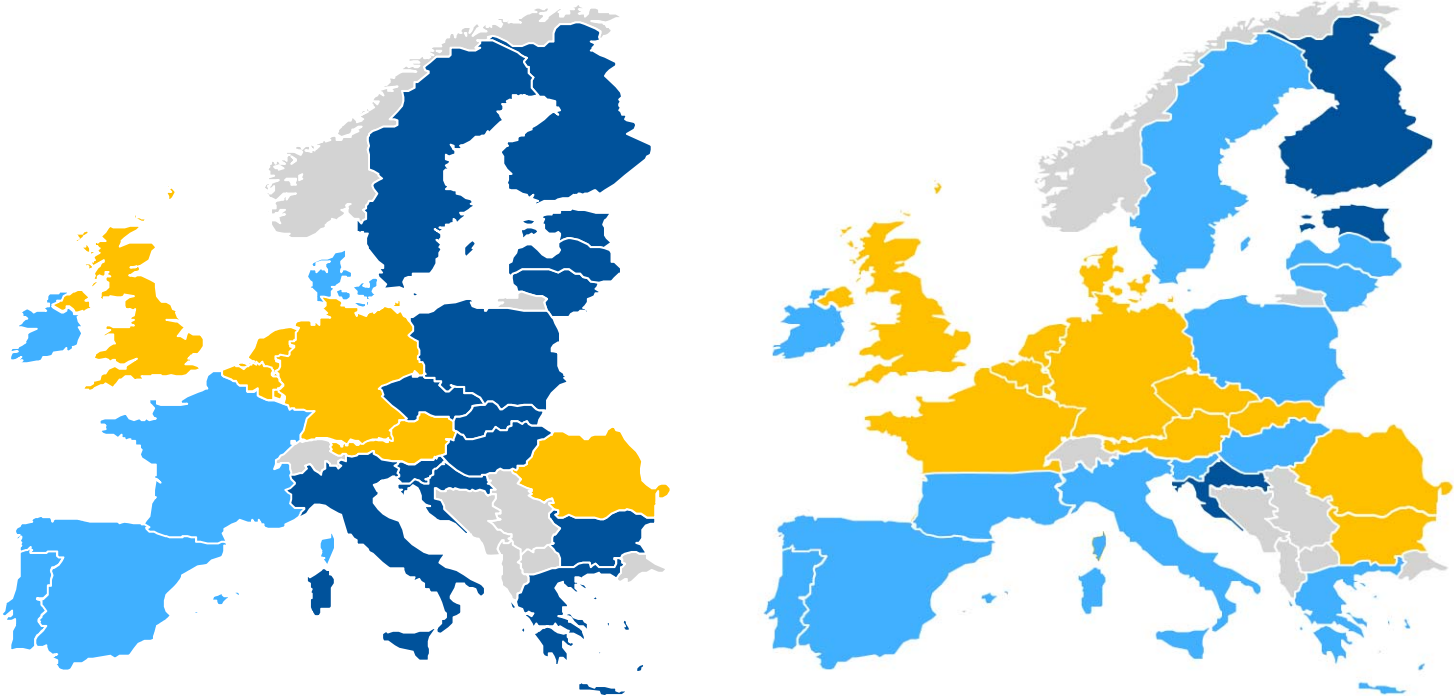
**High levels of supply price convergence have been reached across most parts of the EU**

**Estimated gas supply sourcing cost\* compared to the TTF hub**

2012: TTF = 25.7 € /MWh

2017: TTF = 17.0 € /MWh

- ≤ 1 euro/MWh
- 1-3 euro/MWh
- >3 euro/MWh



Note: \*Suppliers' sourcing cost assessment based on a weighted basket of border import and hub product prices

**Full and efficient use of the cross-border transport capacity**



**Estimated Annual Benefits  
€ 400 million**



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