

EURELECTRIC Innovation Action Plan

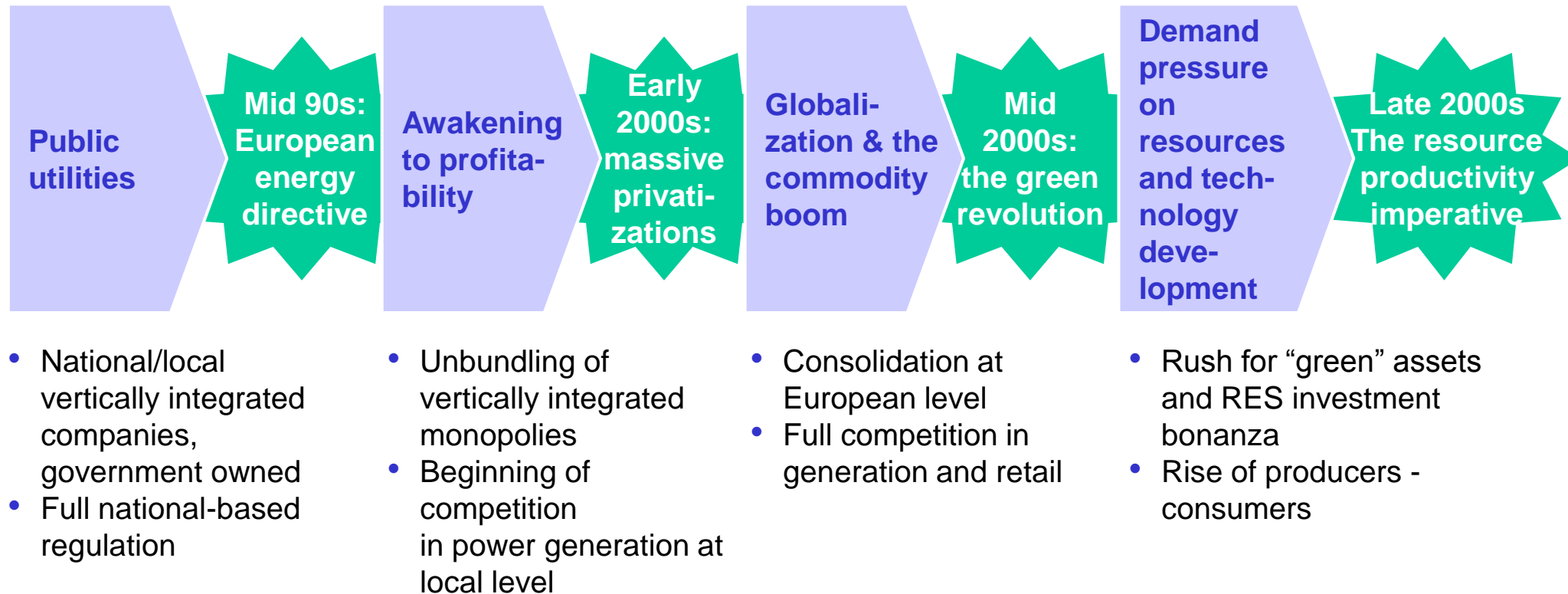
Utilities: Powerhouses of innovation

*'An Innovation Action Plan for the
European Electricity Sector'*

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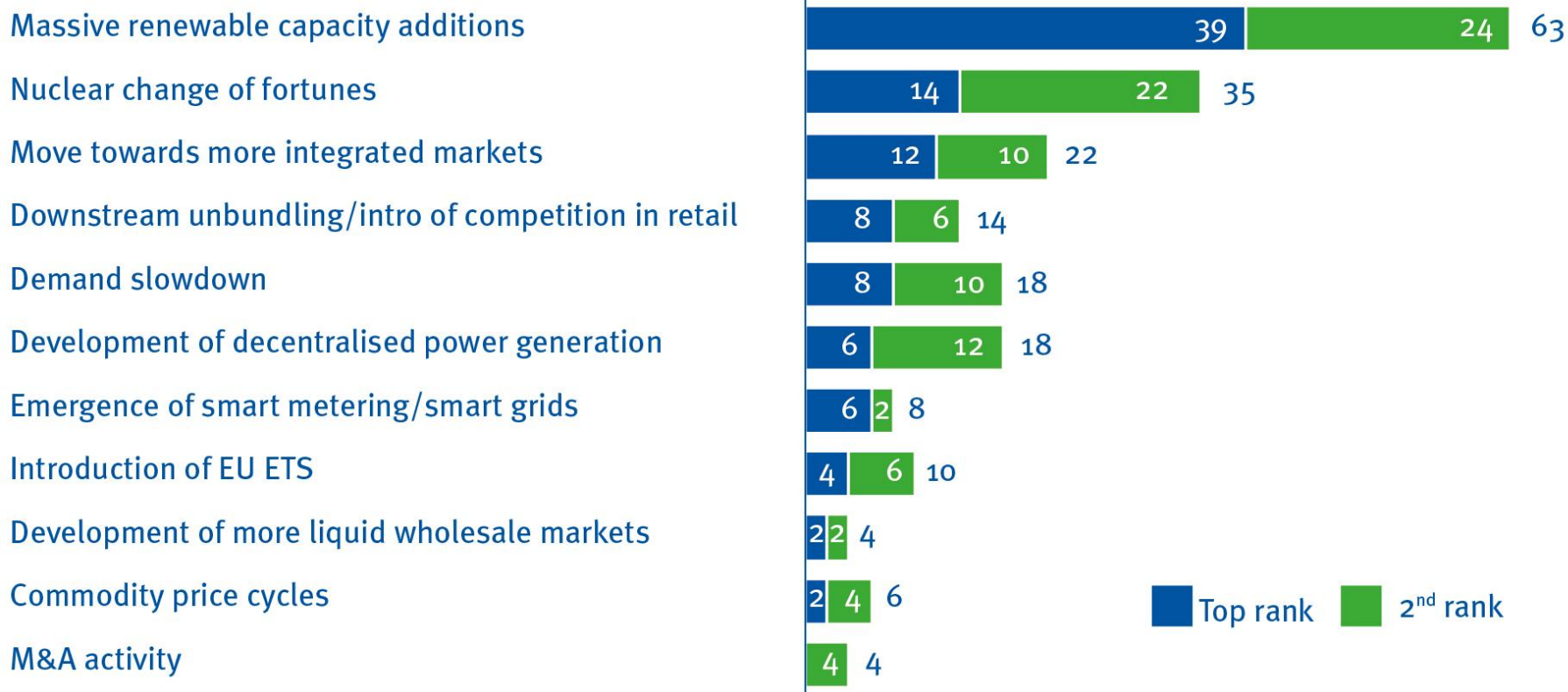
The European energy sector has experienced profound change in the last decades



This change has given rise to some spectacular developments...

Utility executives saw a range of powerful trends acting on the sector in the last decade, with new renewables the single most powerful influence

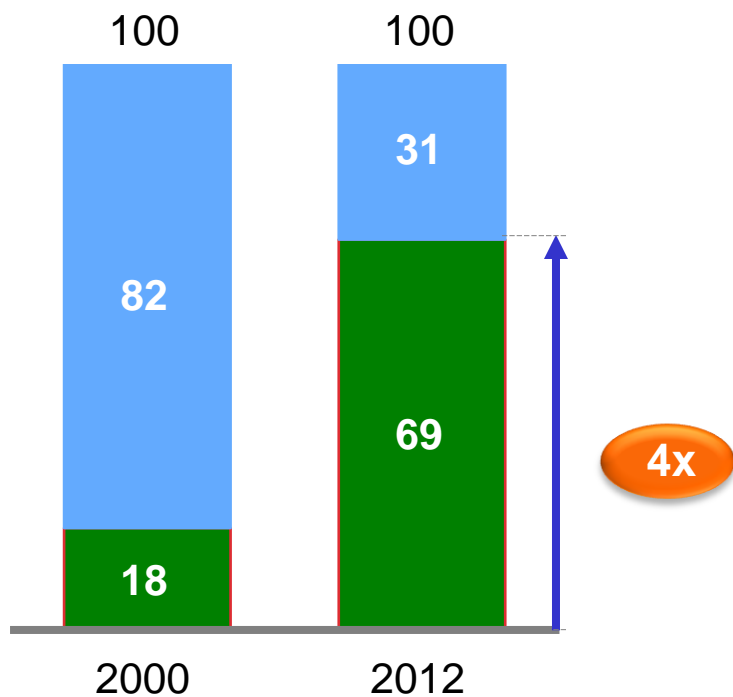
Utility executives ranking of trends impacting the power sector in the last decade
% of respondents



1 Renewables are now taking a large majority of investment

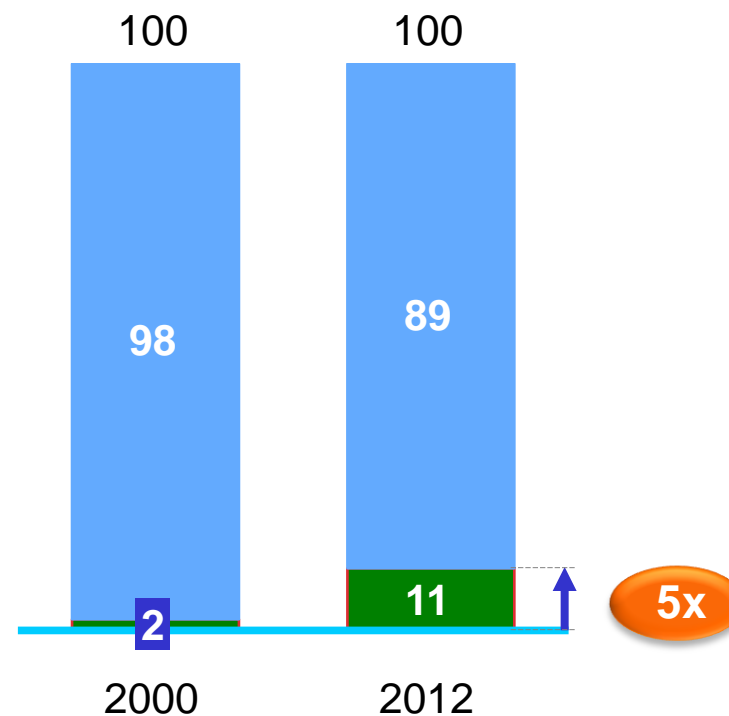
Share of new capacity additions in EU

Percent



Share of generation mix in EU

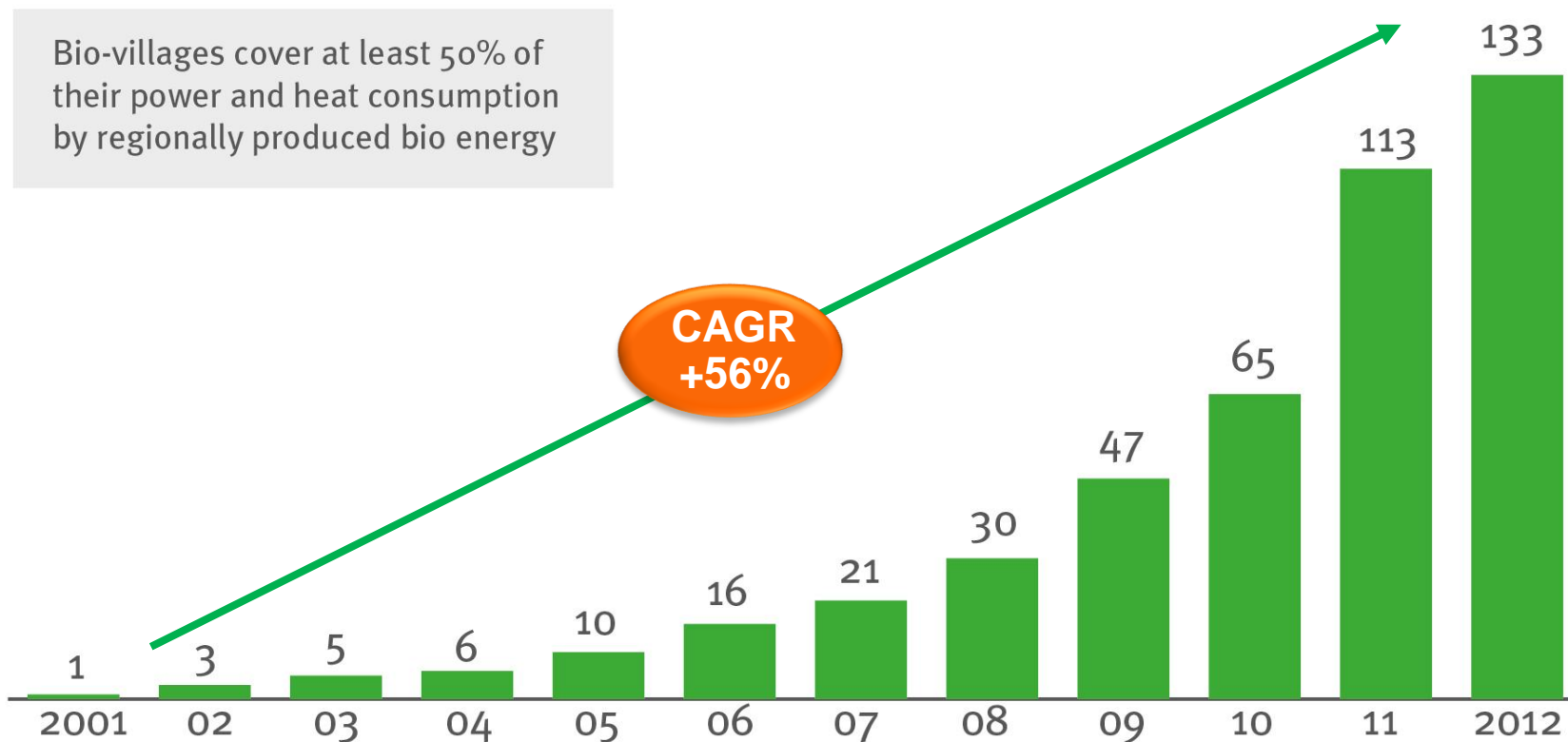
Percent





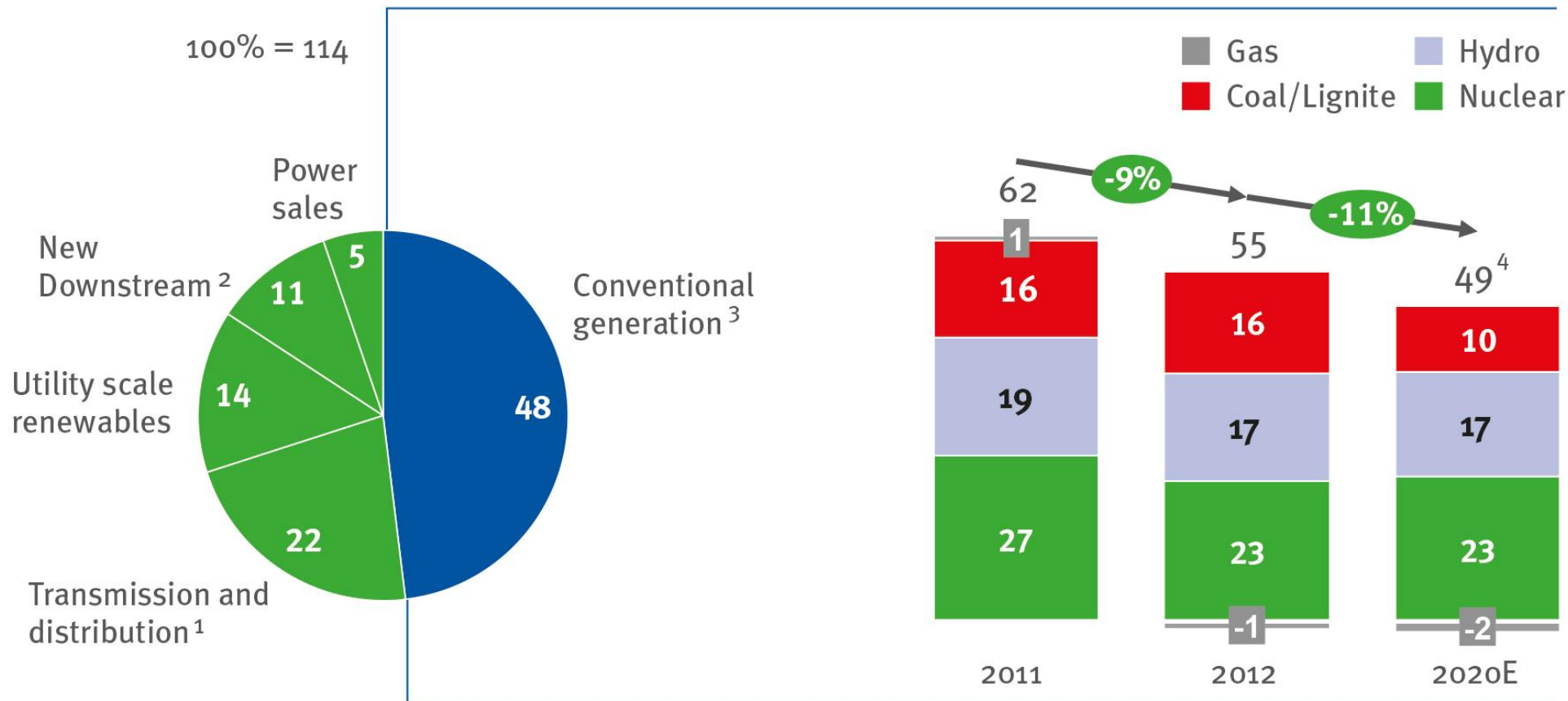
2. Decentralised generation emerged and is on the rise

Number of bio-villages in Germany



The value creation of conventional generation, the core profit pool of the industry, is declining

European EBIT pool, EUR billions, Percentage, 2012 real



1 Includes transmission, conventional distribution, and smart grids

2 Includes distributed generation, EV infrastructure, new downstream products and services

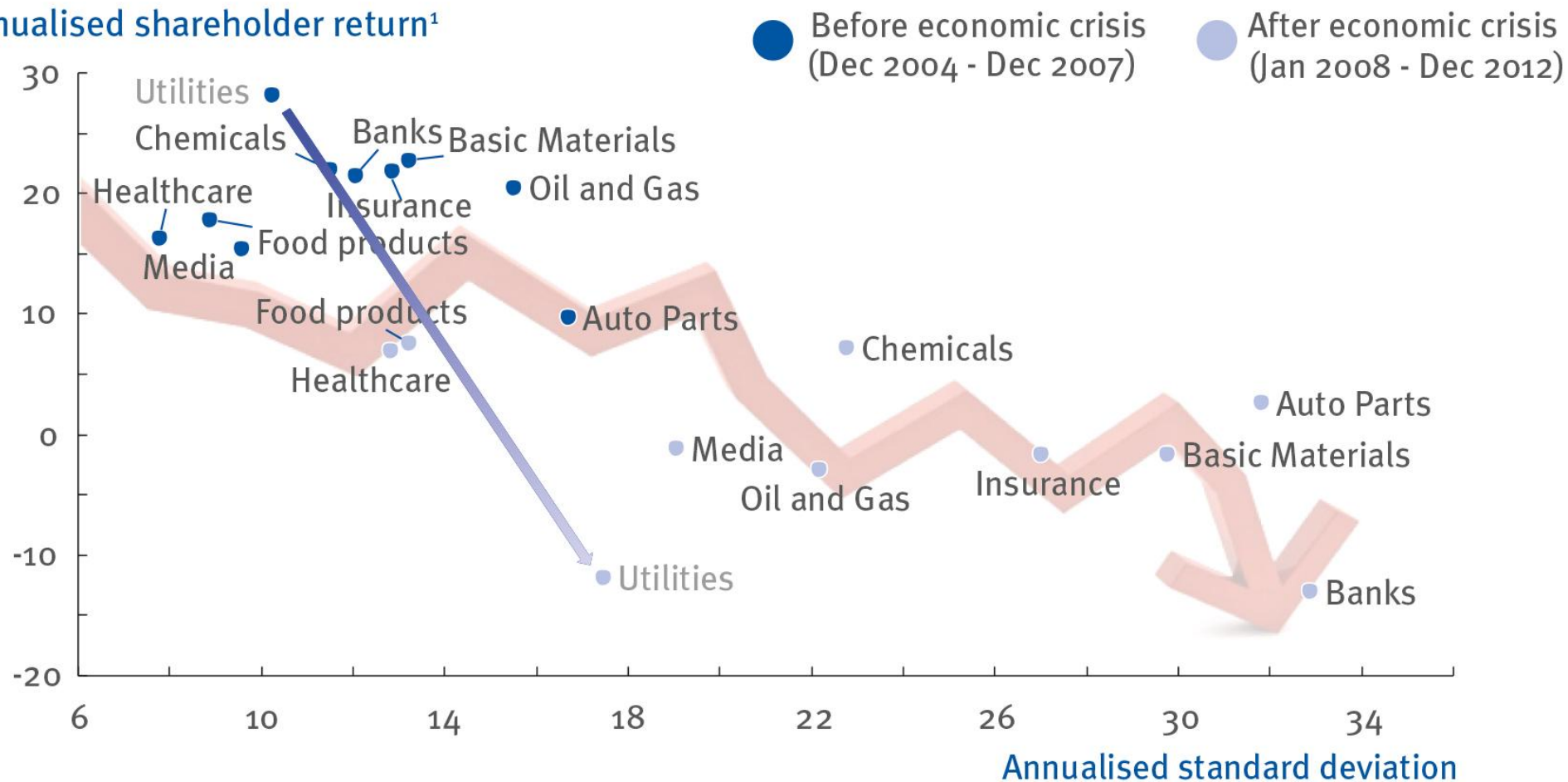
3 Excludes earnings from ancillary services

4 Assuming no change in commodity prices vs. today

European utilities' stock market performance has recently deteriorated...

Percent per year

Annualised shareholder return¹



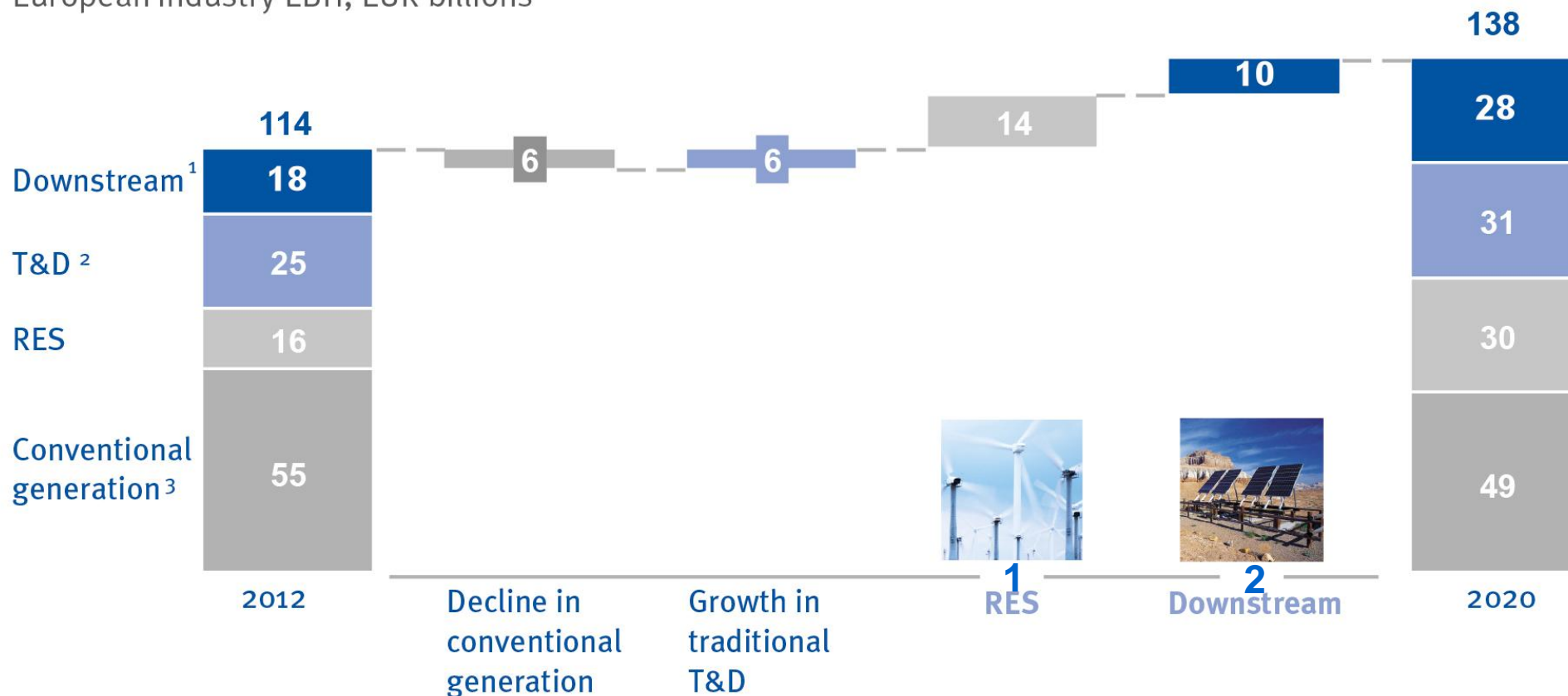
¹ Utilities includes grid companies. Shareholder return shown is total shareholder return, calculated as the change in the share price plus the dividends paid, divided by the initial share price, and calculated on an annual basis

However, growth is nonetheless possible



The good news – growth areas can offset the decline in traditional areas

European industry EBIT, EUR billions



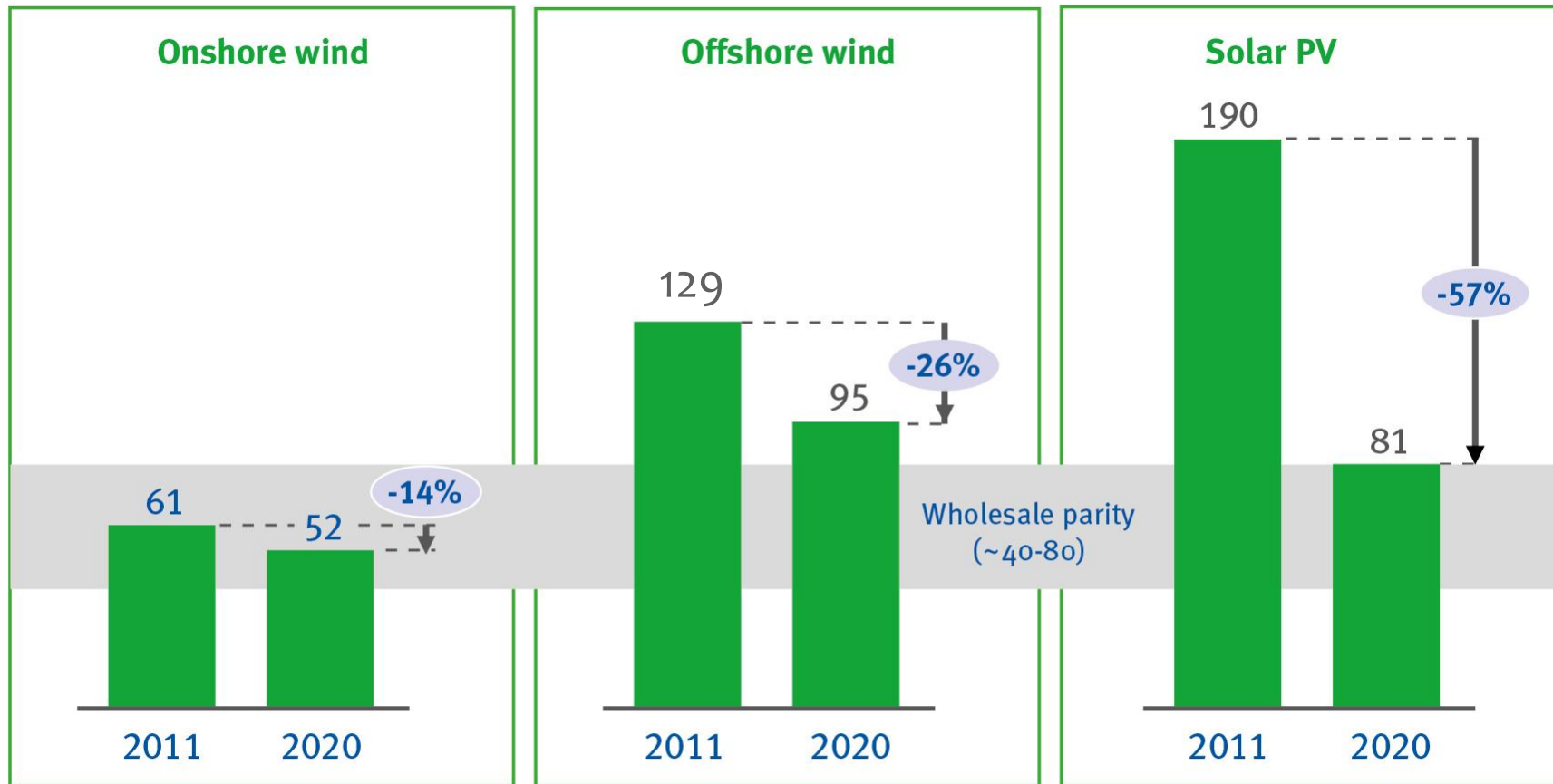
1 Includes power sales and new downstream (distributed generation and storage, electric vehicle infrastructure, new downstream products and services, power flow optimization)

2 Includes smart grids

3 Assuming no change in commodity prices vs. today

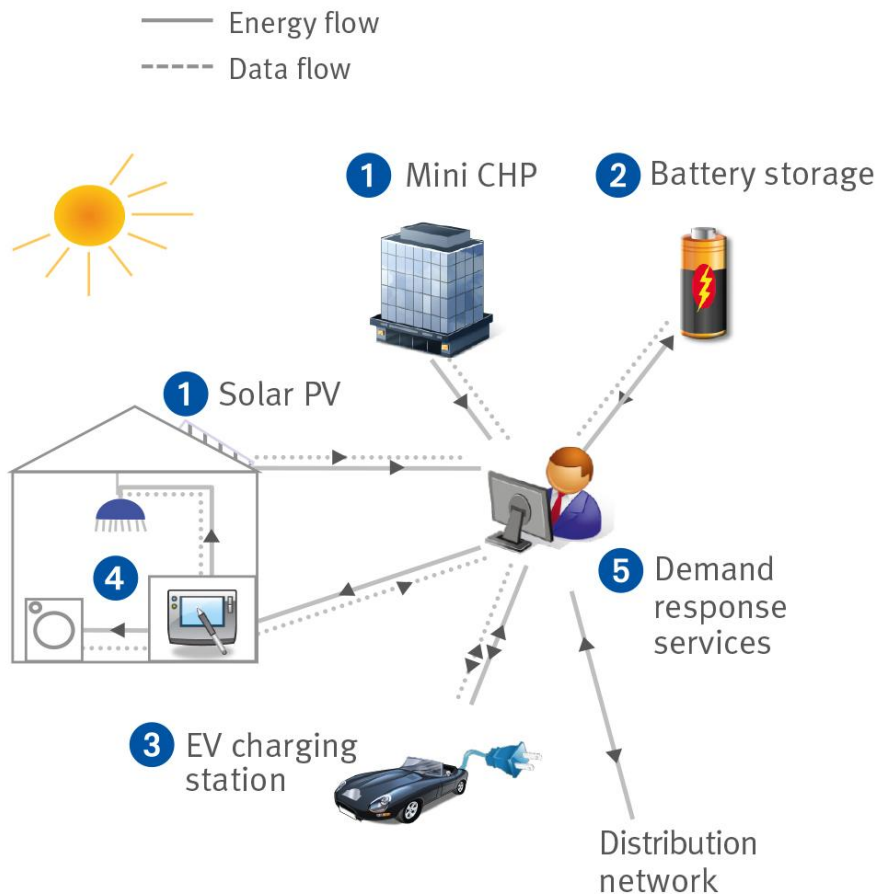
1 The cost of key renewable technologies is expected to decrease by as much as 60% to 2020

EUR/MWh¹



¹ Cost refers to the levelised cost of energy attainable using leading technology in favourable conditions. Assumptions include (2011, 2020): Onshore wind capex in EUR/kW (1188, 1108), load factor (36%, 39%), WACC 9%; Offshore wind capex in EUR/kW (3772, 2830), load factor (51%, 54%), WACC 10%; Solar PV capex in EUR/kW (2162, 927), load factor (16%, 16%), WACC 7%

2 New downstream value pools may emerge from the green agenda and new technologies



New downstream value pools

1 Distributed generation

Installation, maintenance, and possibly ownership of:

- Solar PV systems
- Mini/micro CHPs

2 Battery storage

- Ownership, installation, and maintenance of battery storage at local distribution level

3 Public infrastructure for electric vehicles

- Grid connection works
- Ownership, installation, and maintenance of public charging points

4 New products and services at customer premises

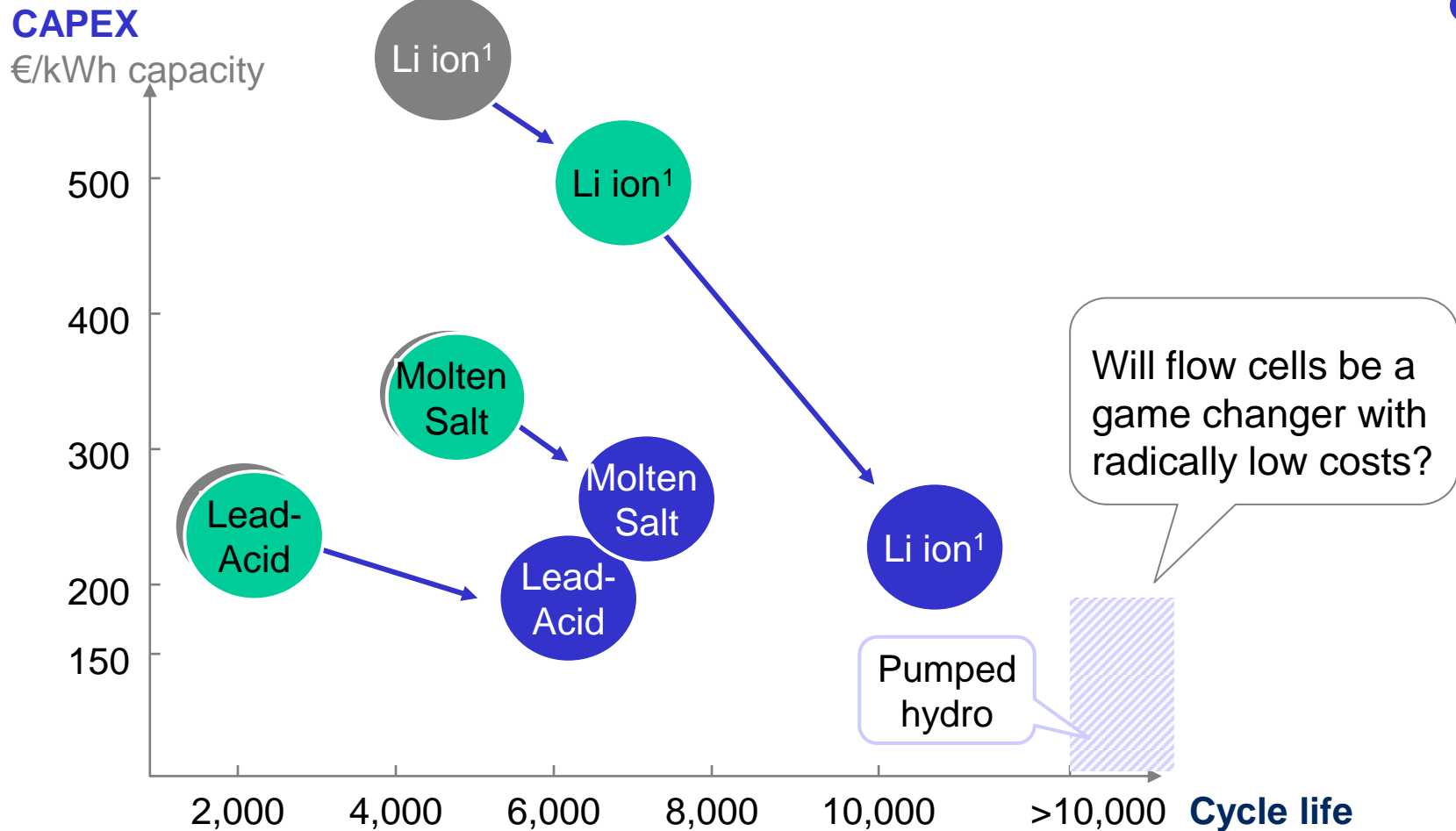
- Installation, maintenance, and possibly ownership of products that:
 - Increase customer comfort and enable new services
 - Make home and other buildings more efficient

5 Power flow optimisation

- Leverage local sources of net load flexibility (distributed storage, EV batteries, DSM, DG) to:
 - Optimise power flow at local and system level to manage congestions and stabilise grid
 - Shift net system load to capture price arbitrage opportunities

2 While storage costs are currently high, they are expected to drop – especially for Li-Ion technologies

● 2008
● 2012
● 2020



¹ LFP/C Chemistry; based on costs for automotive applications

SOURCE: ESA; McKinsey

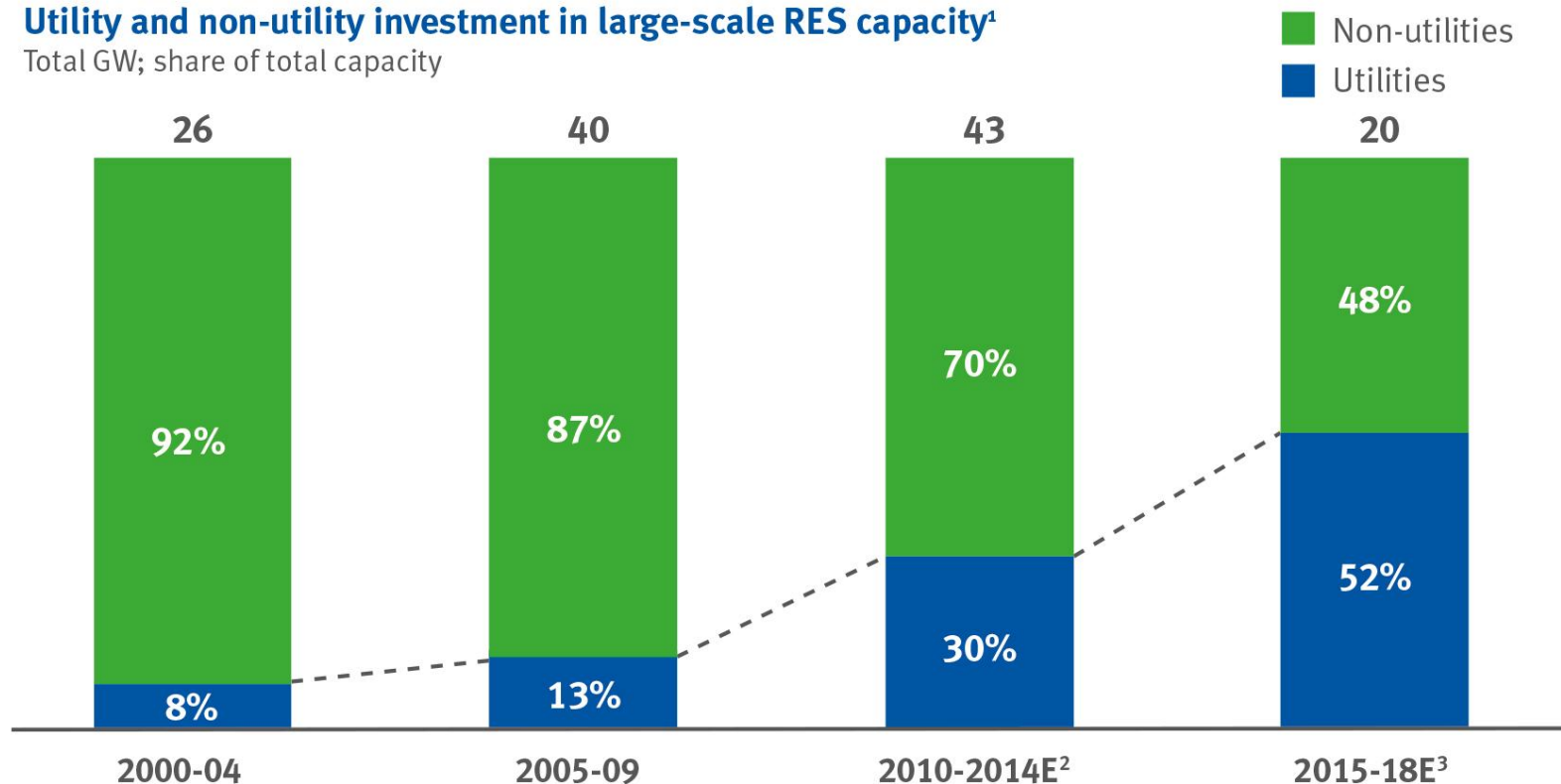
Utilities know their future depends on

Innovation

After a slow start, utilities now account for a majority of the pipeline of large-scale RES investment

Utility and non-utility investment in large-scale RES capacity¹

Total GW; share of total capacity



¹ Includes installations of 10 MW or more across solar, biomass, and wind power

² Based on completed projects and pipeline

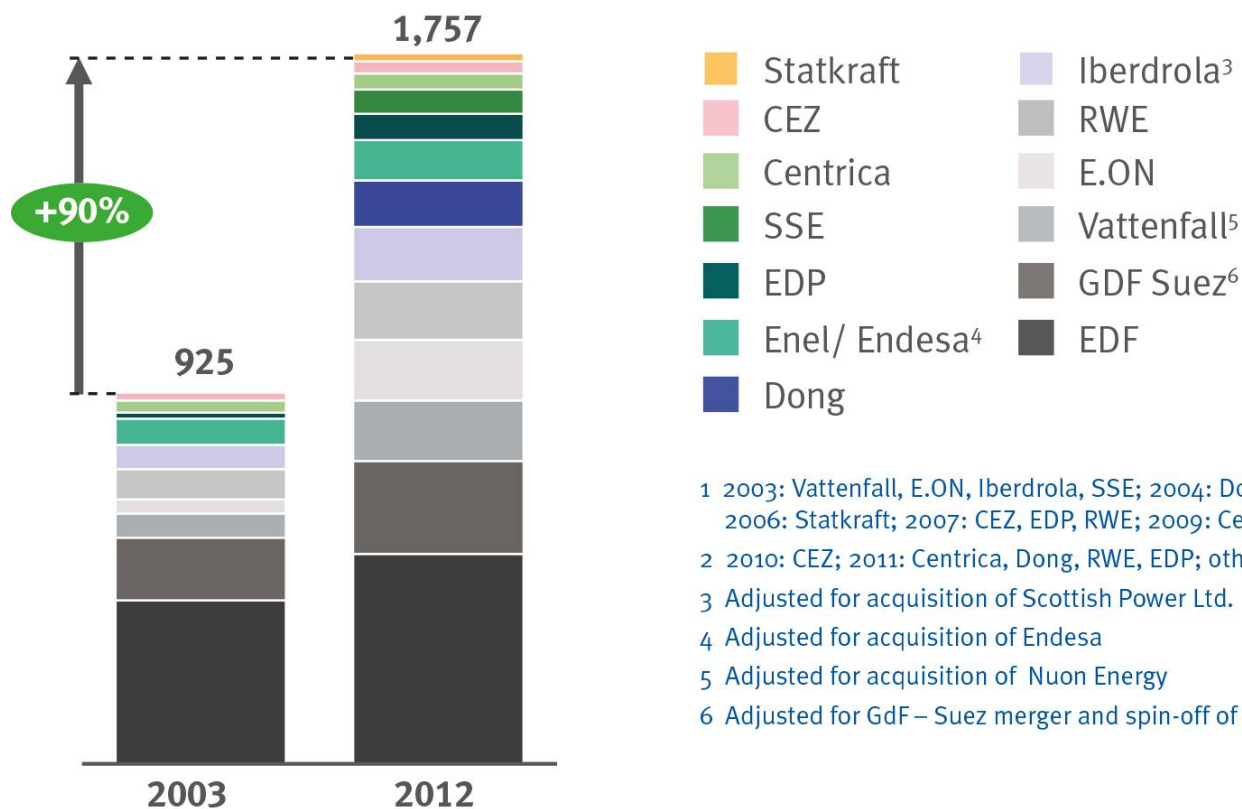
³ Based on project pipeline



R&D expenditure by large European utilities has nearly doubled over the last decade to over €1.7 billion

R&D expenditure by 13 major European utilities in early 2000s¹ and early 2010s²

EUR millions



- 1 2003: Vattenfall, E.ON, Iberdrola, SSE; 2004: Dong; 2005: EDF, GDF Suez, Enel; 2006: Statkraft; 2007: CEZ, EDP, RWE; 2009: Centrica
- 2 2010: CEZ; 2011: Centrica, Dong, RWE, EDP; others 2012
- 3 Adjusted for acquisition of Scottish Power Ltd.
- 4 Adjusted for acquisition of Endesa
- 5 Adjusted for acquisition of Nuon Energy
- 6 Adjusted for GdF – Suez merger and spin-off of Suez Environnement Company.



Innovation's calling: three imperatives stand out

Innovation

Mastering technology



Getting closer to customers



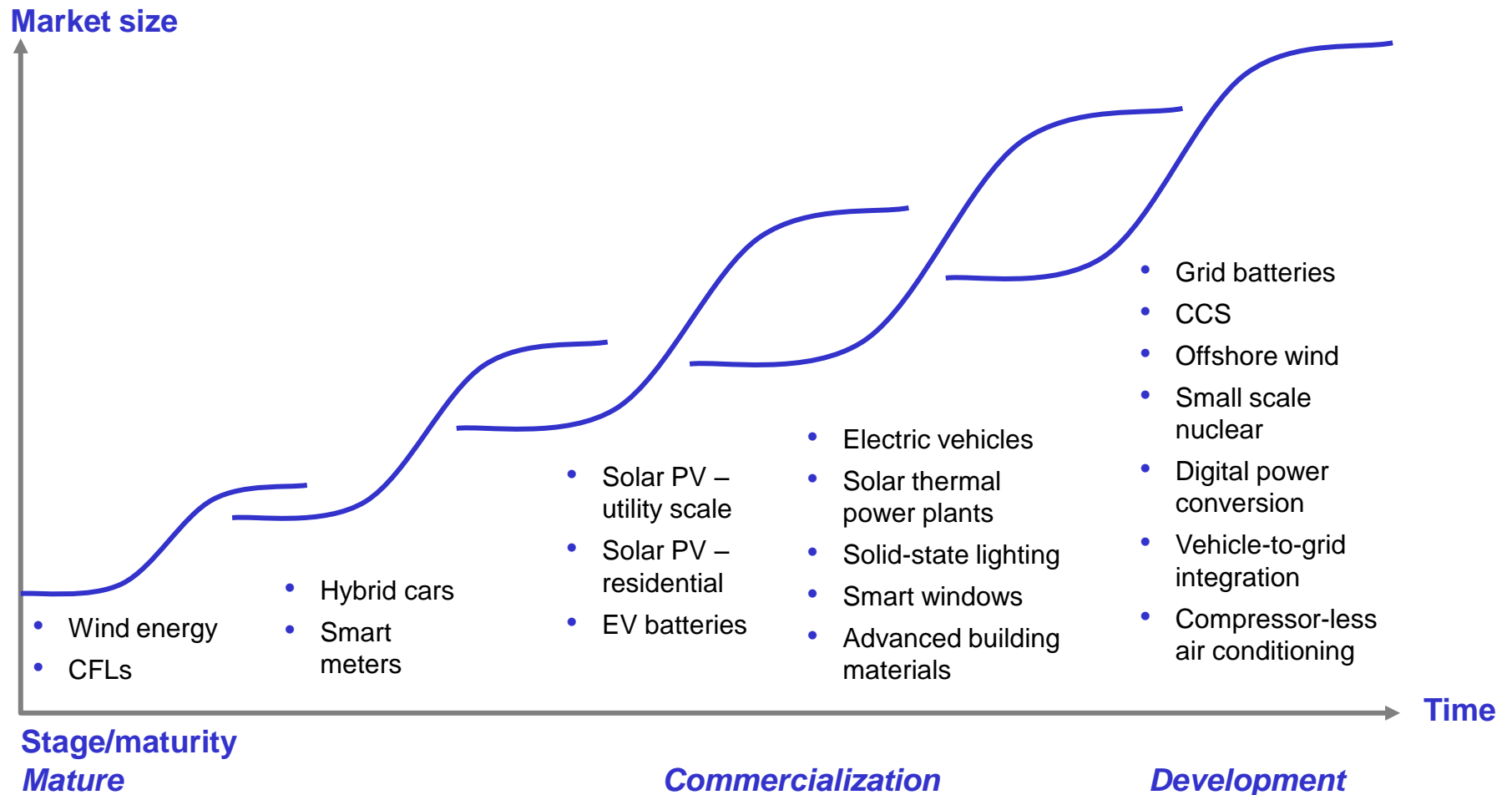
Developing new business models and services



1. MASTERING TECHNOLOGY

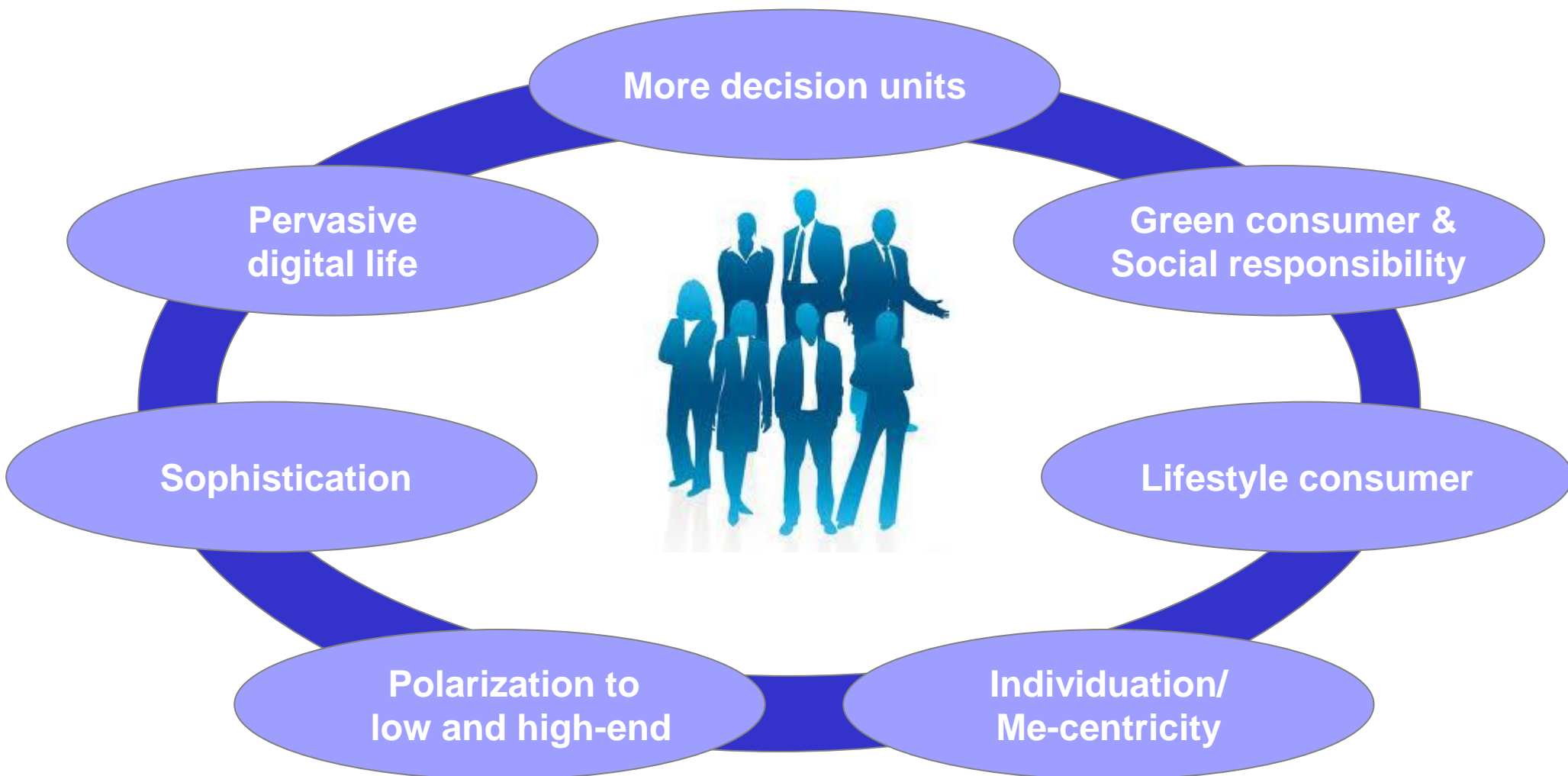
Continued development of a large range of technologies could have disruptive impact on the power sector

Selected examples



2. GETTING CLOSER TO CUSTOMERS

Getting closer to the customers

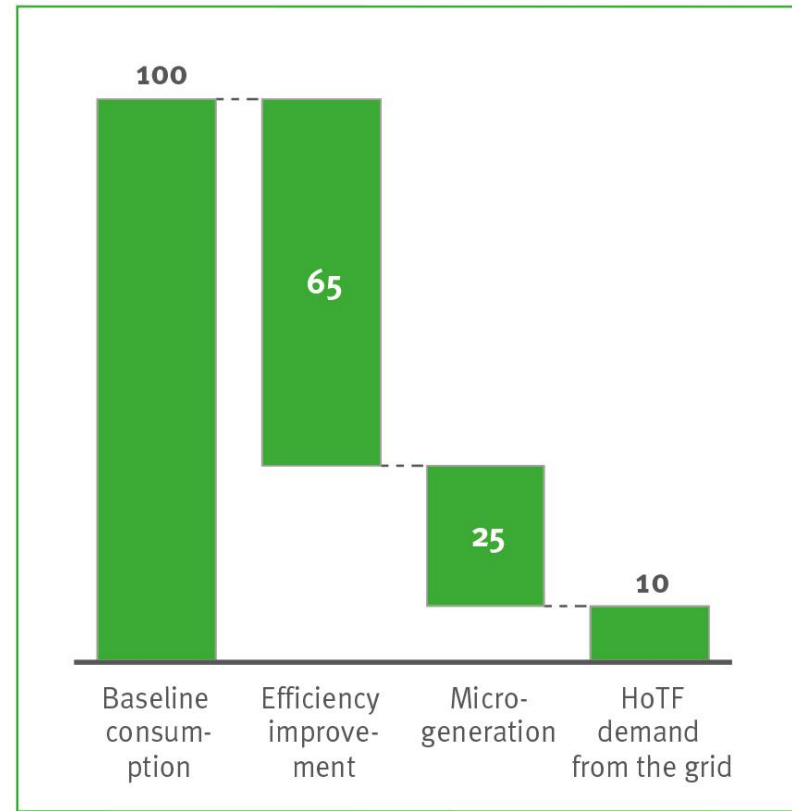
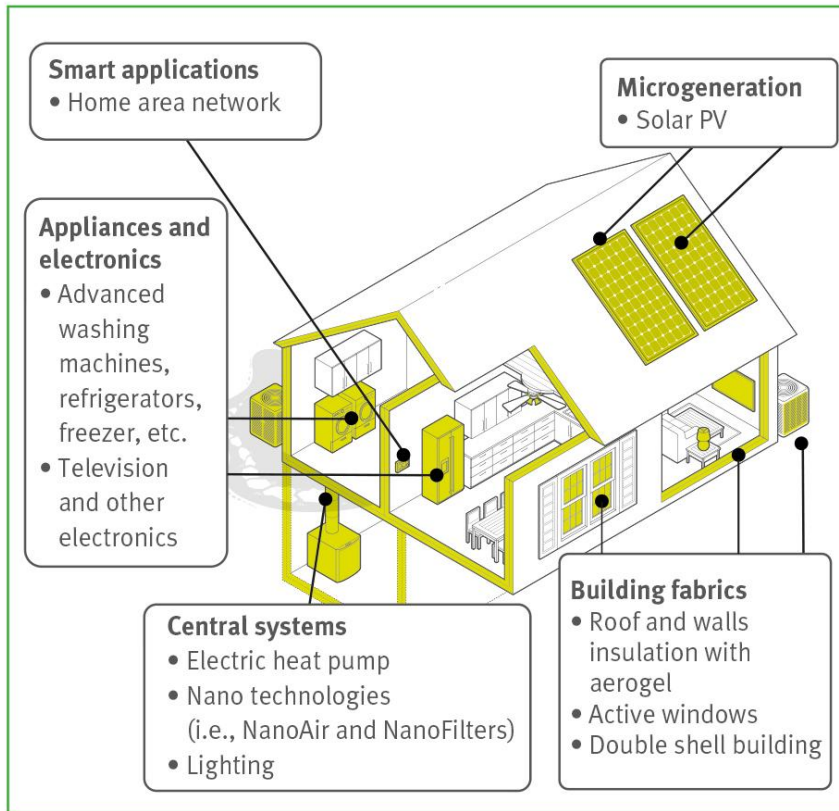


3. DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESS MODELS AND SERVICES

How to take advantage of the “home of the future” with smart meters, micro-generation, and a host of new services and appliances

The home of the future: example of a new single house

Decrease in energy needed from the grid by the HoTF 2020, indexed, 100 = kWh of household consumption



SOURCE: McKinsey Home of the Future Initiative

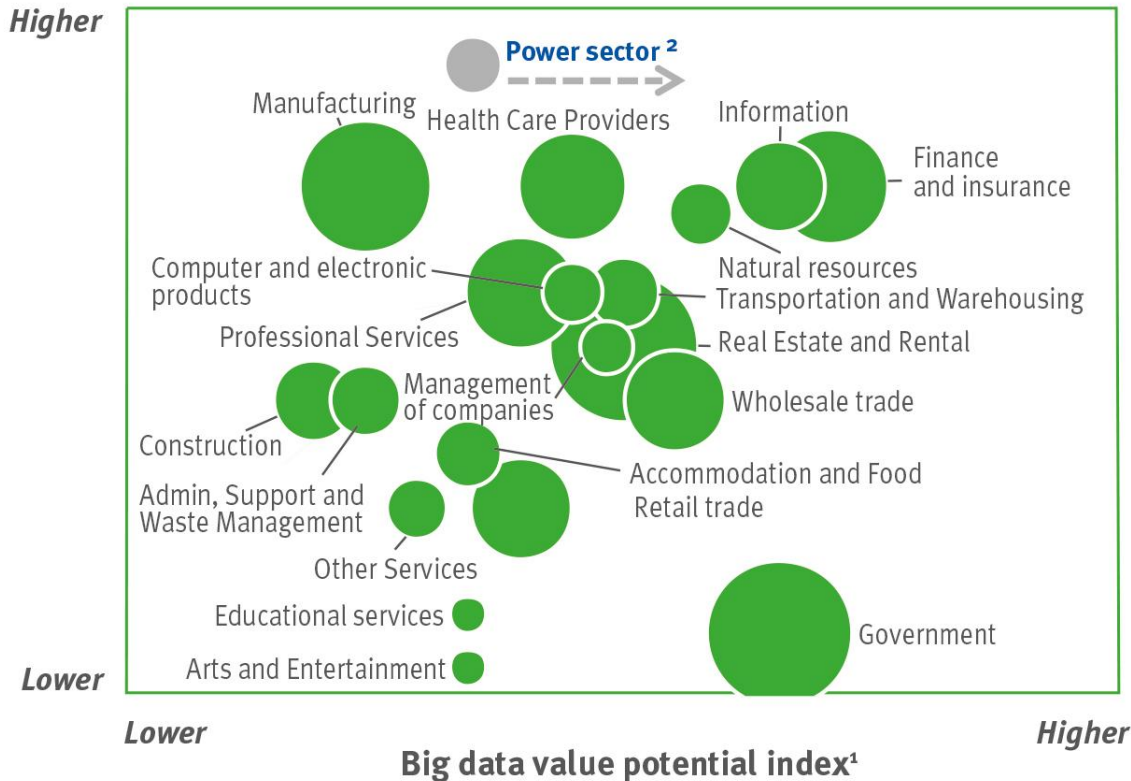
How to capture value?

Moving from sales of commodity to services, i.e., from €/MWh to €/customer?

3. DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESS MODELS AND SERVICES

Big data is easier to capture in the power sector than in many other industries, and its potential value is rising

Big data ease of capture index



● Bubble sizes denote relative sizes of GDP³

- Power sector players are well positioned to capture large amount of data
- Sources of value from big data for power sector players
 - Tailored/new products & services
 - Enhanced customer targeting
 - Enabling of demand side management
 - Optimized operations

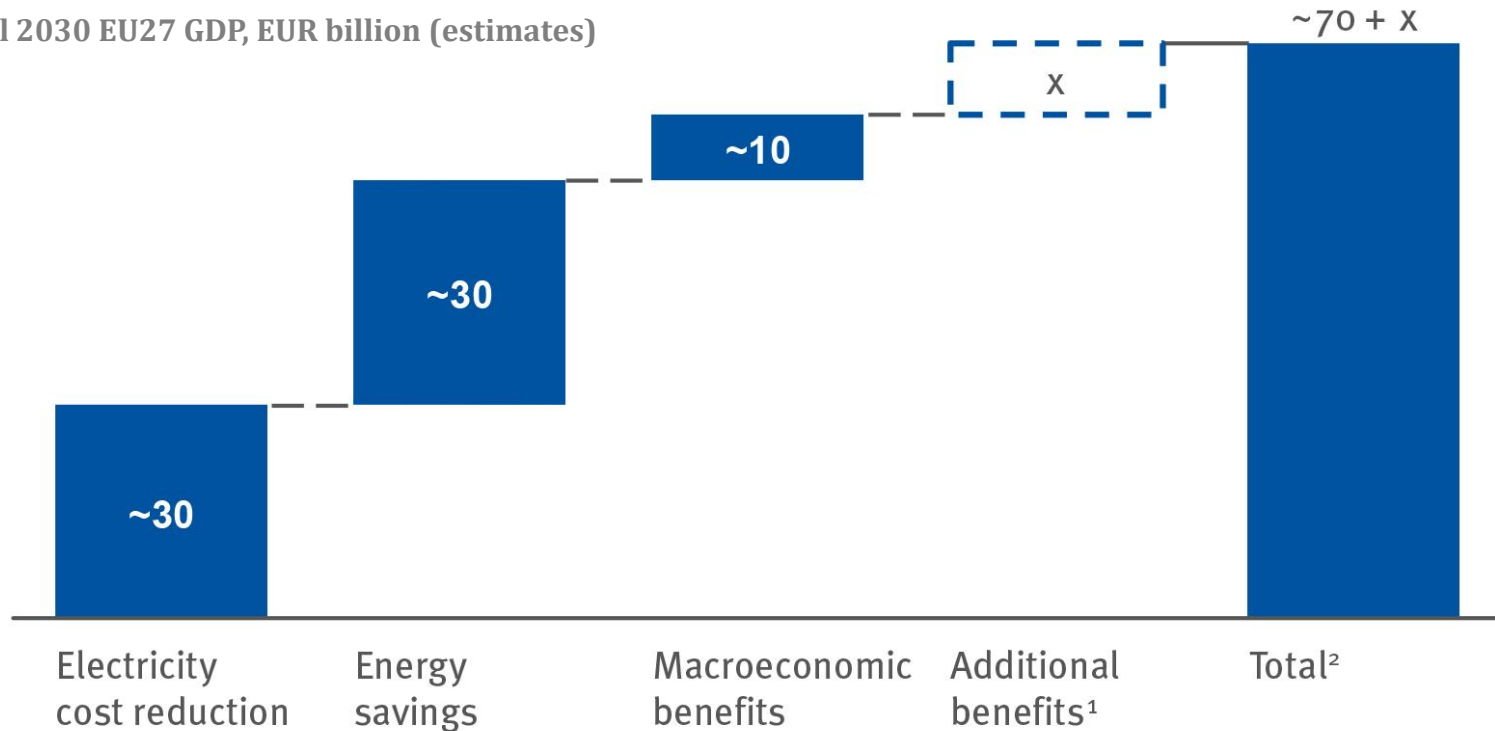
¹ Potential to create value. Some portion of the value created can be captured as profits

² Electricity and gas utilities

³ based on US GDP data

All in all, an innovation breakthrough in the EU power sector could be worth €70 billion to the EU economy in 2030, increasing thereafter

Additional 2030 EU27 GDP, EUR billion (estimates)



¹ Additional innovation benefits not included in this calculation could include reduced costs of balancing the power system, improved consumer convenience and value, additional economic benefits or contributions to EU objectives through accelerated electrification of transport and heat, and clean technology and other business opportunities that could be captured by European industry in the context of an expanded global market.

² The estimate is of additional gross domestic product, and in total corresponds to 135 EUR per capita in 2030. The benefits would be shared between households and companies consuming energy, electric utilities and other companies in the electricity supply chain, and various other actors throughout the wider economy.

*Innovation depends on a
broad set of policy factors*



The broad range of innovation means R&D is only a beginning – a wide range of policy factors act on and enable innovation

1 RD&D funding

- **Pre-market instruments** focused on **knowledge production** – including **demonstration**
 - Funding (grants, tax credits, PPPs), risk reduction

2 Support for commercialisation and deployment

- **Market interventions** to promote step from RD&D towards **commercial application** and also to **indirectly reward RD&D**
 - E.g., patents, subsidies, procurement, venture support

3 Enabling setting

- **Regulation and infrastructure that provide incentives and prerequisites for the innovation process**
 - Market competition and regulation, infrastructure

4 Collaboration and networks

- **Networks** to promote and **disseminate innovation** and **improve talent-pool**:
 - Networks, education, publication, standardisation



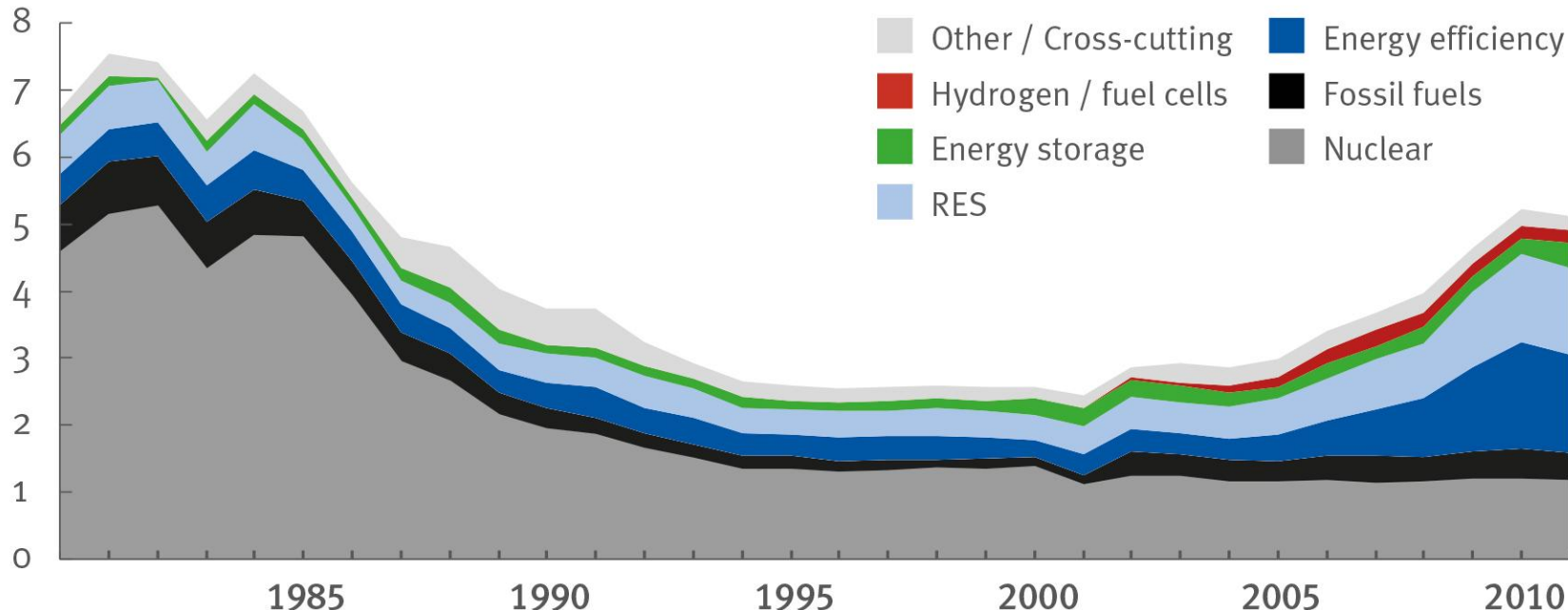
*Effective R&D and
demonstration is the
seedbed of innovation*

Public EU investment in R&D is growing, largely through increases in renewables and energy efficiency



IEA Europe public RD&D funding for energy technologies, 1980-2011¹

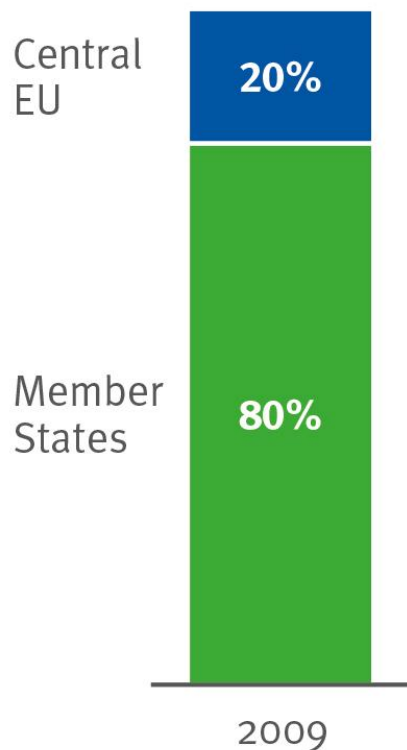
USD billions (PPP); 2011 prices



¹ Data covers EU IEA member countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom, as well as EU-level funding

Also, industry executives find that EU funding of power sector R&D suffers from fragmentation and lack of direction

The majority of public funding is disbursed by Member States...



...but lack of coordination leads to fragmentation and duplication

'R&D efforts are often duplicated across countries without coordination'
– EU policymaker

'Policies on European level are required – boundaries between countries need to be broken'
– EU utility executive

'We need one integrated European energy market with one European energy & environmental policy'
– EU utility executive



Demonstration is central to power sector innovation but risks being deprioritised

Demonstration is needed...

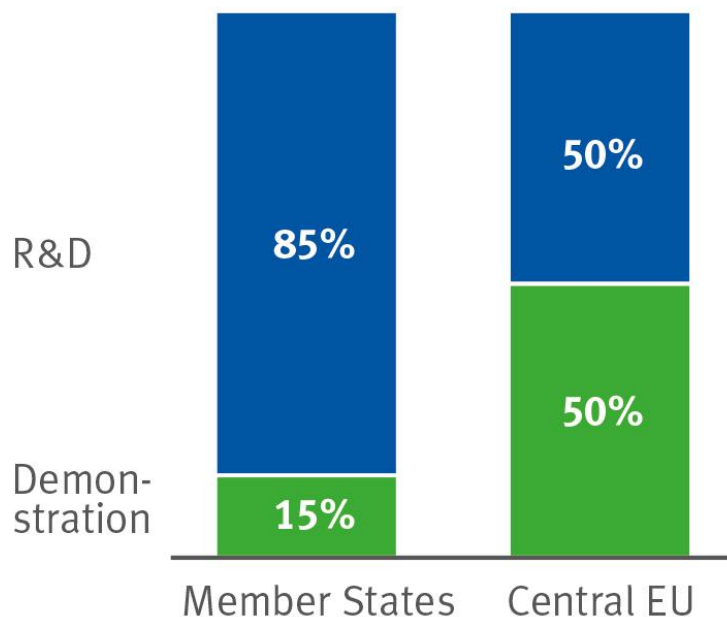
*‘The EU should **sponsor development** rather than research – a lot of research is not aligned with needs’*
– EU utility executive

*‘Policy needs to take into account that innovation in the electricity sector implies a **demonstration phase** after research and before roll out’*
– EU utility executive

...but funding is concentrated on R&D

EU and Member State RD&D funding

% of total RD&D funds



*Innovation needs
an enabling business
environment*



The need to go beyond R&D came out strongly from the survey of utility executives and innovation experts

“The important role of policy is to help innovations get a hold in the market”

“We need support to bring solutions from the R&D stage into the market”

“Policies should focus on innovation to quickly incentivize market solutions”

“Develop policies that drive market adaptation rather than supporting basic research”

“We need to support the whole learning curve, not just the R&D stage”

EU policy has heavy focus on deployment to encourage innovation

“R&D”

- A Role in innovation:** Feeds long-term pipeline of ideas, crucial role in key innovation of past decades

- B Limitations:** Touches only part of innovation chain

- C EU track record:** Now growing, but fall from 11% to 4% of public R&D, 1980-2011

EU energy R&D funding, 2011
EUR billion



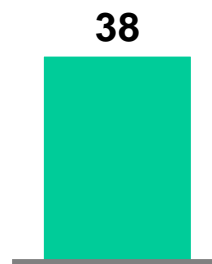
“Deployment”

- A Role in innovation:** Incentives for private R&D; enables industrialisation, learning by doing

- B Limitations:** Risk of “picking winners” and going down dead ends

- C EU track record:** Strong commitment, but focus on near-mature technologies?

EU RES subsidies, 2011
EUR billion



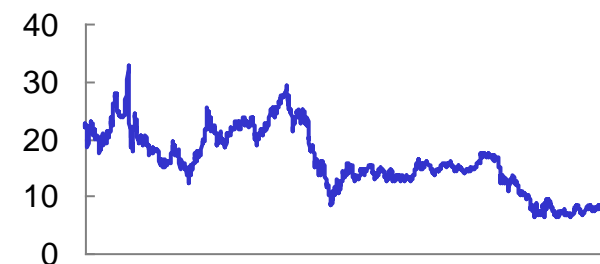
“Pricing”

- A Role in innovation:** Technology-neutral deployment, competition between rival solutions

- B Limitations:** Unfeasibly high prices required for immature technologies

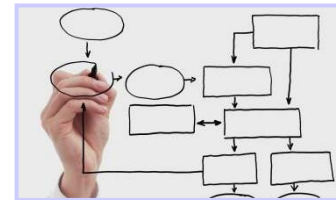
- C EU track record:** ETS in the doldrums

EU ETS CO₂ prices
EUR / tCO₂



Five actions to improve EU enabling of power sector innovation

1 Adopt a systems approach – make innovation policy a tool of energy policy through an integrated perspective on the overall power system



2 Nurture public-private dynamics – harvest the low-hanging fruit: innovation through a competitive, business-friendly, and risk-rewarding market framework



3 Prioritise demonstration and commercialisation – strengthen support mechanisms that take innovation beyond R&D



4 Unlock downstream innovation – put in place the enablers of a ‘new downstream’ set of services and offerings: competitive markets, smart regulation, and enabling infrastructure



5 Create supportive governance for the innovation union – improve coordination and governance of both EU-level and Member State support mechanisms



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