

The Road to Green Energy: Unlocking the Potential of Renewable Energy

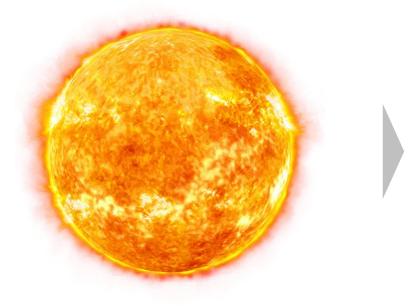
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### There is no question on the availability of renewable energy – but on its utilization

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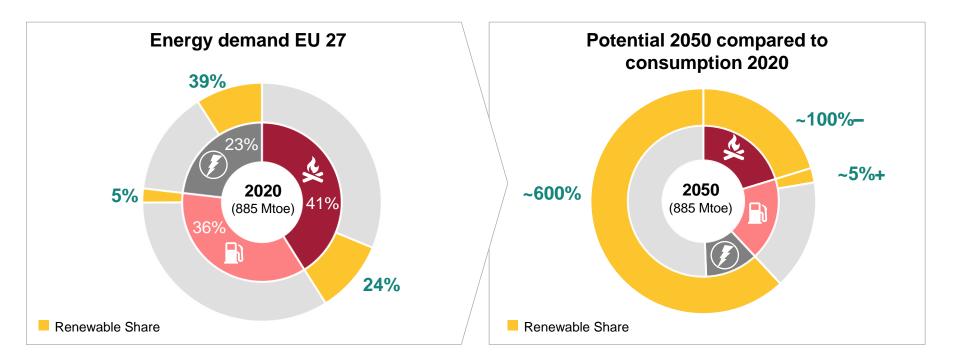






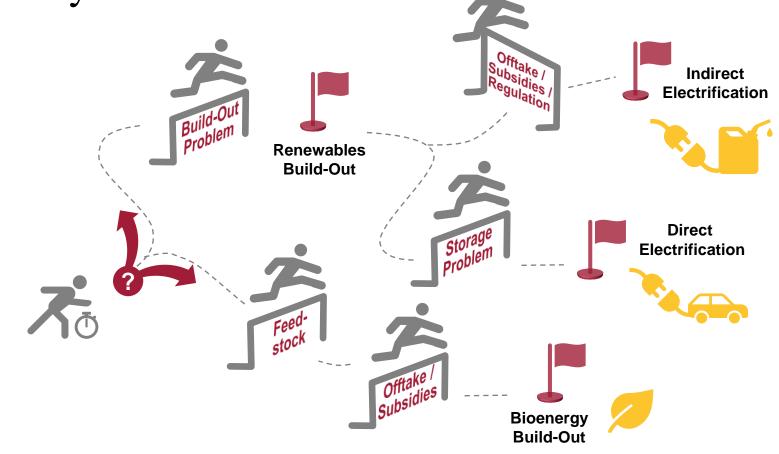


### The key to unlock the potential of renewables is largely electrification





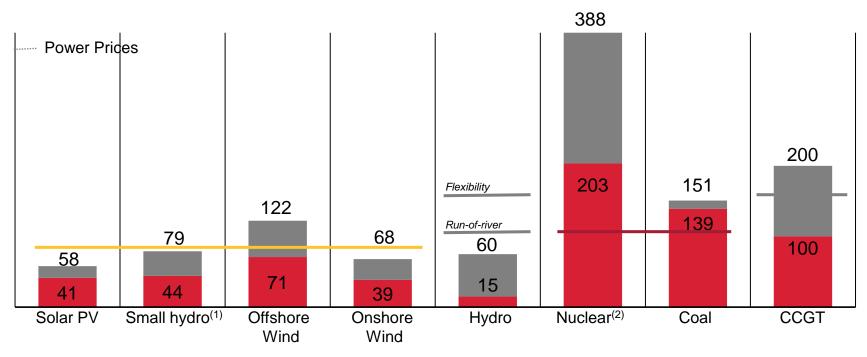
### The hurdles of the energy transition are not an easy race





# Renewable electricity is competitive to electricity produced from fossil fuels

Levelized Cost of Electricity by technology in EUR/MWh (2022 real)



Source: Bloomberg, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft; (1) LCOE range has been calculated using the forecasted values by BloombergNEF and applying an FX rate of 0.92 USD/EUR. (1) Values in US, comparable to values in European countries like Switzerland (2) Nuclear costs in France

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### Administrative Burden

Appeals

Site Availabilities

**Grid Expansion** 

Innovation







## All storage options have advantages, but come with significant shortcomings



#### Pumped Storage



- Efficiency 70-80%
  - Spread of EUR 40-60/MWh needed<sup>1</sup>
  - Scalable
  - Seasonable Storage
- Geographic inflexibility
  - Limited potential

#### Battery Storage



- Efficiency 80-90%
  - Spread of EUR ~80/MWh needed<sup>1</sup>
  - Example EV: ~2.5-10 times cheaper than fuel
- Short duration storage (ca. 1-4h)
  - Energy density is low and storage **15 times heavier**

#### Hydrogen Storage



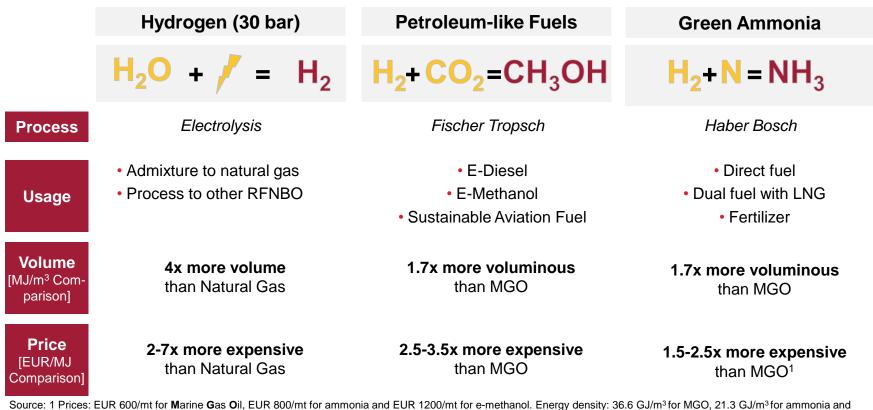
- Compressible to 350-700bar or piping option
  - Usage in steam turbine (ST) or in fuel cells (FC) for reelectrification
- Efficiency of 25-50% (FC)
  - Spread of EUR ~160-200/MWh needed<sup>1</sup> (FC)
  - Voluminous: 31 kg/m<sup>3</sup>



Source: Swiss Life Asset Managers. Pictures from Shutterstock; 1 Power price of EUR 60/MWh underlying, based on experience of SL AM investments.

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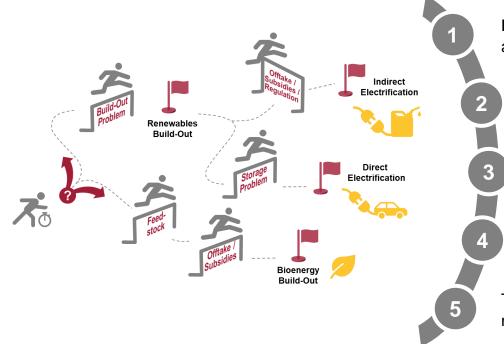
## Alternative fuels are still expensive, but depend on electricity price



Source: 1 Prices: EUR 600/mt for Marine Gas Oil, EUR 800/mt for ammonia and EUR 1200/mt for e-methanol. Energy density: 36.6 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> for MGO, 21.3 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> for ammonia and e-methanol, Weight: 820 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for MGO, 683 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for ammonia and 792 kg/m<sup>3</sup> for e-methanol, Hydrogen in 350 bar: 2.5 GJ/m<sup>3</sup> and 31.25 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Hydrogen in 30 bar pipeline: 324 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> and 2.7 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, 120 MJ/kg, EUR 6/kg, Natural Gas in 30 bar pipeline: 1'200 MJ/m<sup>3</sup> and 24.0 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, EUR 7.2/MMBTU or EUR 25/MWh 8 | Public | The Road to Green Energy: Unlocking the Potential of Renewable Energy | 29.02.2024



### We can unlock the potential of renewables only via $CO_2$ price increase or regulation



**Direct Electrification** has highest efficiency and lowest costs

**Bioenergy** ~3x more expensive than fossil. However, cheaper than indir. electrification.

Weight of Batteries and Feedstock in Bioenergy are limiting potential

Acheving Net Zero in 2050 can only be achieved with indirect electrification

The **race within the various RFNBO**<sup>1</sup> is still very much open and **requires political interventions** 



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