

**LA GEOLOGIA NEL MONDO DEL LAVORO  
SEMINARI DI ORIENTAMENTO**

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*Sostenibilità e transizione energetica:*

*il ruolo del geologo*

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Oxford Learner's Dictionaries

**Sustainability** /sə,steɪnə'biləti/ /sə,steɪnə'biləti/ *noun*

- the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment
- the ability to continue or be continued for a long time

**Sustainable** /sə'steɪnəbl/ /sə'steɪnəbl/ *adjective*

- involving the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment
- *a company well-known for its commitment to environmental sustainability*
- *an environmentally sustainable society*

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**Sostenibilità** /so·ste·ni·bi·li·tà/ *sostantivo femminile*

- possibilità di essere mantenuto o protratto con sollecitudine e impegno o di esser difeso e convalidato con argomenti probanti e persuasivi.
- possibilità di essere sopportato, spec. dal punto di vista ecologico e sociale.

**Sostenibile** /so·ste·ni·bi·le/ *aggettivo*

- che si può sostenere: *una tesi difficilmente sostenibile.*
- che può essere affrontato: *una spesa s.; questa situazione non è più s.*
- compatibile con le esigenze di salvaguardia delle risorse ambientali: *energia s.; sviluppo s.*

## *What Sustainability is?*

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**No universally agreed definition** of sustainability: many different viewpoints on this concept and on how it can be achieved.

**Sustainability = (sustain + able) + ity.** To sustain = “to give support to”, “to hold up”, “to bear” or “to keep up”.

Sustainable = an adjective for something that is able to be sustained, i.e, something that is “bearable” and “capable of being continued at a certain level”.

**Sustainability** can perhaps be seen as **the process(es) by which something is kept at a certain level.**

Nonetheless, nowadays, because of the environmental and social problems societies around the world are facing, sustainability has been increasingly used in a specific way.

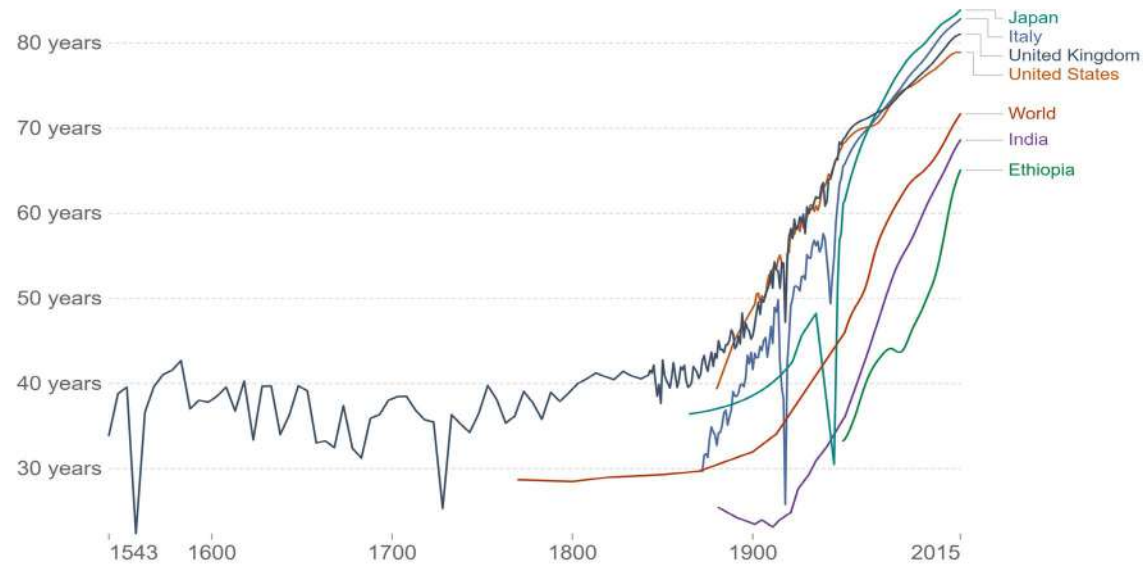
Sustainability is usually defined as the **processes and actions through which humankind avoids the depletion of natural resources, in order to keep an ecological balance that doesn't allow the quality of life of modern societies to decrease.**

*Sustainability/ Sustainable*

*Sostenibilità/ Sostenibile*



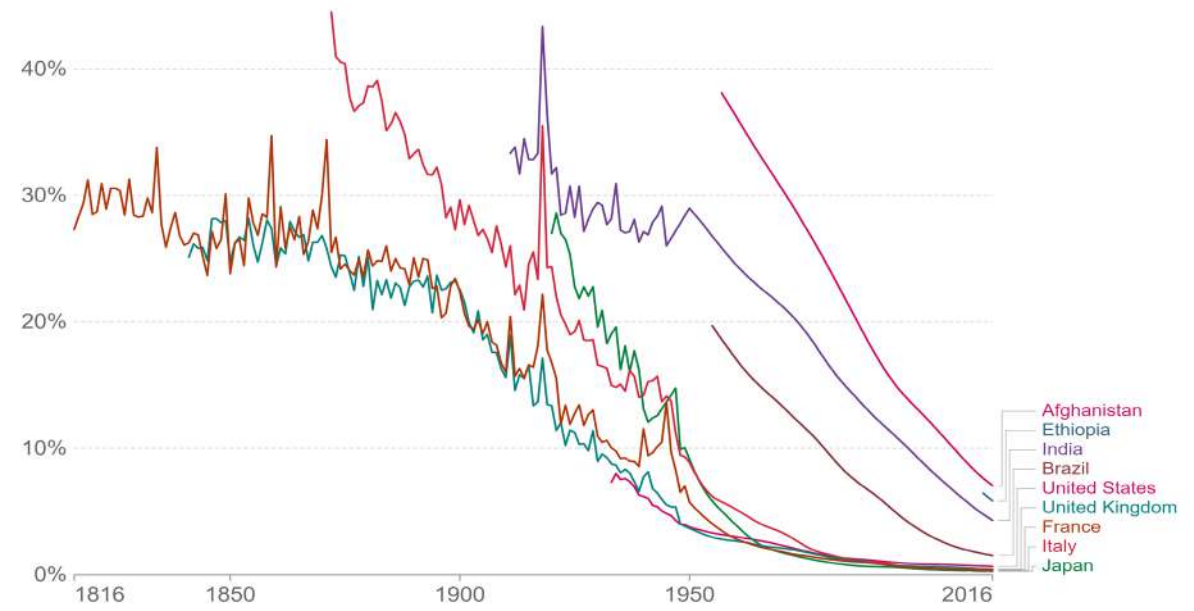
## Life expectancy, 1543 to 2015



Source: Riley (2005), Clio Infra (2015), and UN Population Division (2019)  
Note: Shown is period life expectancy at birth, the average number of years a newborn would live if the pattern of mortality in the given year were to stay the same throughout its life.

## Child mortality, 1816 to 2016

Shown is the share of children (born alive) who die before they are five years old.



Source: Gapminder (2017) & UN IGME (2018)



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## Agenda 2030 & the SDGs

- **1992, Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro:** >178 countries adopt **Agenda 21**, a global action plan to build a global partnership for sustainable development, to improve human life and protect the environment.
- **2000: New York.** Adoption of the *Millennium Declaration* with 8 **Millennium Development Goals** (MDGs) developed to reduce extreme poverty by 2015.
- **2002: UN World Summit, Johannesburg:** the **Declaration on Sustainable Development** reaffirms the commitment of the global community to eradicate poverty and protect the environment.
- **2012: United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio + 20):** adoption of the document "**The Future We Want**" with the establishment of the United Nations high-level political forum on sustainable development.
- **2013:** the General Assembly establishes an open working group of 30 members to develop GDS proposal
- **2015:** the General Assembly (Paris) adopts the **2030 Agenda for sustainable development**, with **17 SDGs**.



“The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** provides a shared model for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future”.

**17 Sustainable Development Goals:** an urgent **call to action** recognizing that *ending poverty* must go hand in hand with strategies that *improve health and education, reduce inequality and stimulate economic growth, tackling climate change and preserving oceans and forests.*



# Agenda 2030: 17 Goals + 169 Targets + 242 Indicators



**NO POVERTY:** End poverty in all its forms



**ZERO HUNGER:** End hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



**GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



**QUALITY EDUCATION.** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



**GENDER EQUALITY.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



**CLEAR WATER AND SANITATION.** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



**AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY.** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



**DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work conditions for all

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INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**INDUSTRY INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.** Build resilient infrastructures, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

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REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



**REDUCE INEQUALITIES.** Reduce inequalities within and among countries

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



**SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES.** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

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RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



**RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION.** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

13

CLIMATE  
ACTION



**CLIMATE ACTION.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

14

LIFE  
BELOW WATER



**LIFE BELOW WATER.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

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LIFE  
ON LAND



**LIFE ON LAND.** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss

16

PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



**PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

17

PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



**PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOAL.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

## Goals – Targets - Indicators

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

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Goals and targets (from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development)

Indicators

### Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

7.1.1 Proportion of population with access to electricity

7.1.2 Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology

7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

7.2.1 Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption

7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency

7.3.1 Energy intensity measured in terms of primary energy and GDP

7.a By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology

7.a.1 International financial flows to developing countries in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production, including in hybrid systems

7.b By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support

7.b.1 Investments in energy efficiency as a proportion of GDP and the amount of foreign direct investment in financial transfer for infrastructure and technology to sustainable development services

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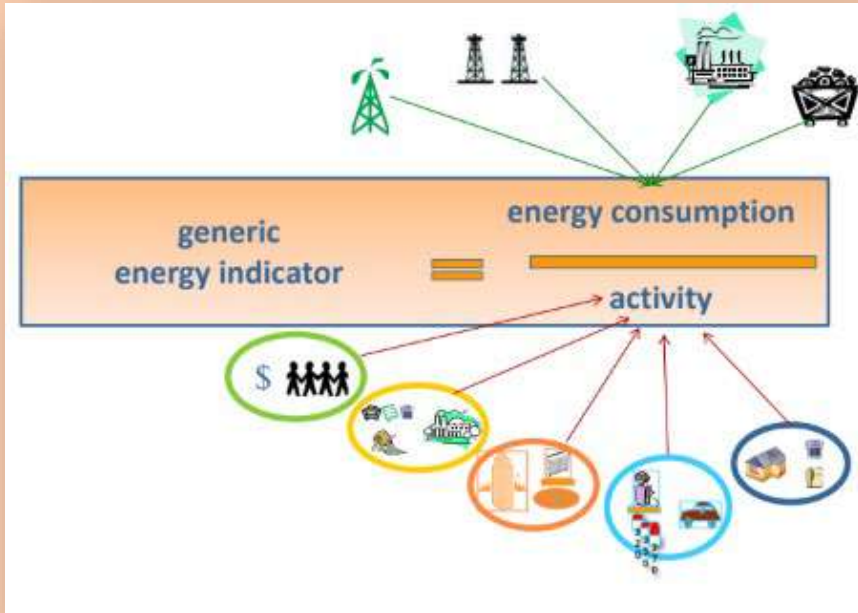
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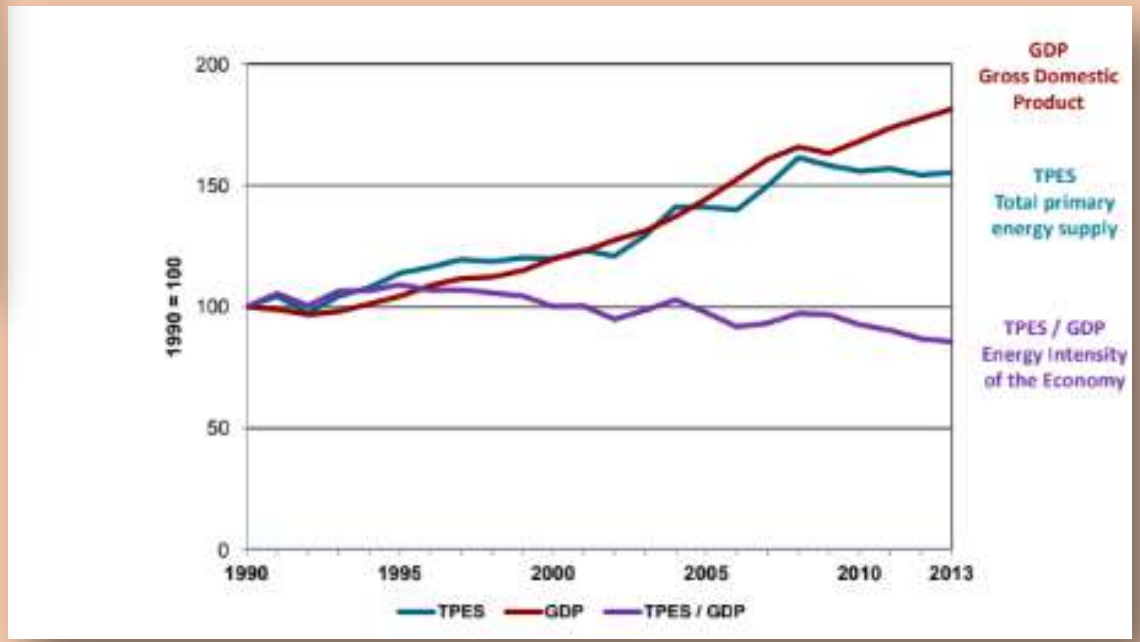
## 1. Access to electricity

## 2. Access to clean energy



**Energy Intensity:** energy (TPES) per unit activity (GDP).

Variable due to several reasons: e.g. changes in economic structure, climate, ...



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## What other goals/targets may be involved in Goal7?

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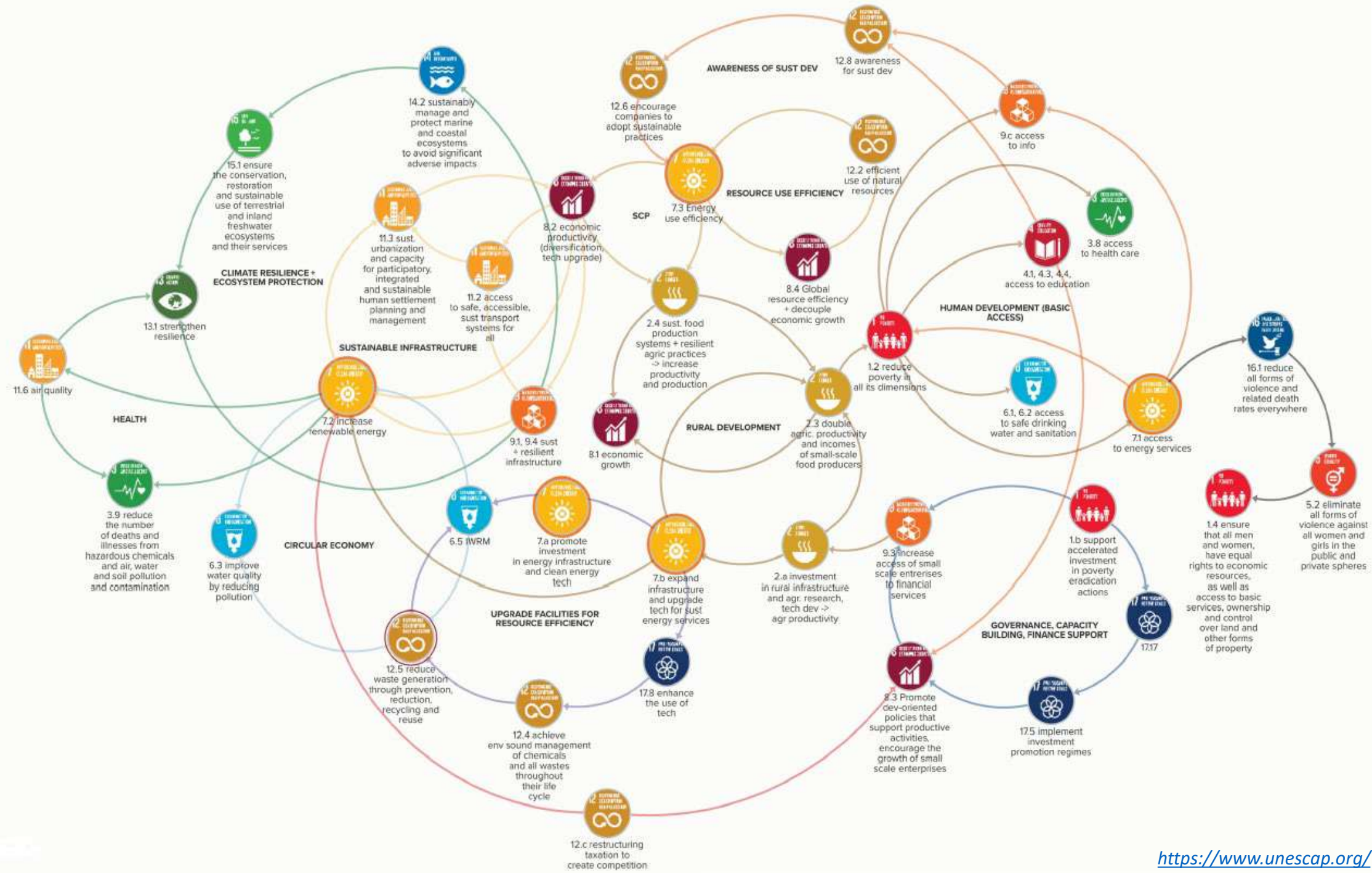


Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services

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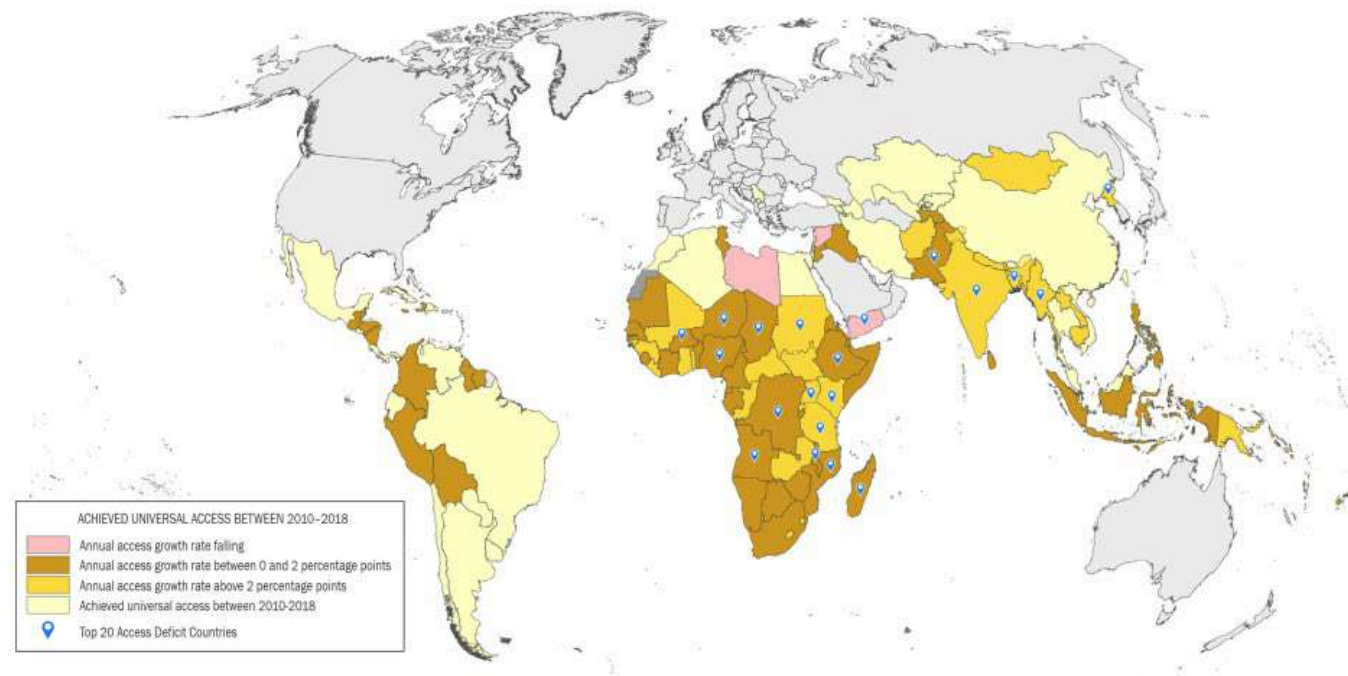


## Access to electricity-1

**860 million people without access**

In 2018, the number of people without electricity access dropped to 860 million, a record in recent years.

**FIGURE 1.2** • Annual increase in access to electricity rate in access-deficit countries, 2010-18 (percentage points)



Source: World Bank.

Source: IEA, *World Energy Outlook -2019*

### Electricity Access, Summary by Region

#### Proportion of the population with access to electricity

	National					Urban	Rural
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2018	2018	2018
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Developing Countries</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>35%</b>
North Africa	91%	96%	>99%	>99%	>99%	>99%	>99%
Sub-Saharan Africa	24%	28%	33%	40%	45%	74%	26%
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>91%</b>
China	99%	>99%	>99%	>99%	>99%	>99%	>99%
India	43%	58%	68%	79%	95%	>99%	92%
Indonesia	53%	56%	67%	88%	98%	>99%	96%
Other Southeast Asia	65%	76%	79%	85%	90%	97%	83%
Other Developing Asia	38%	46%	57%	74%	79%	89%	73%
<b>Central and South Ameri</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>Middle East</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>78%</b>

Progress is irregular, with 80% of the 800 million people who gained access since 2010 concentrated in Asia.

Efforts should step up in Africa if we are to reach universal access to electricity by 2030.



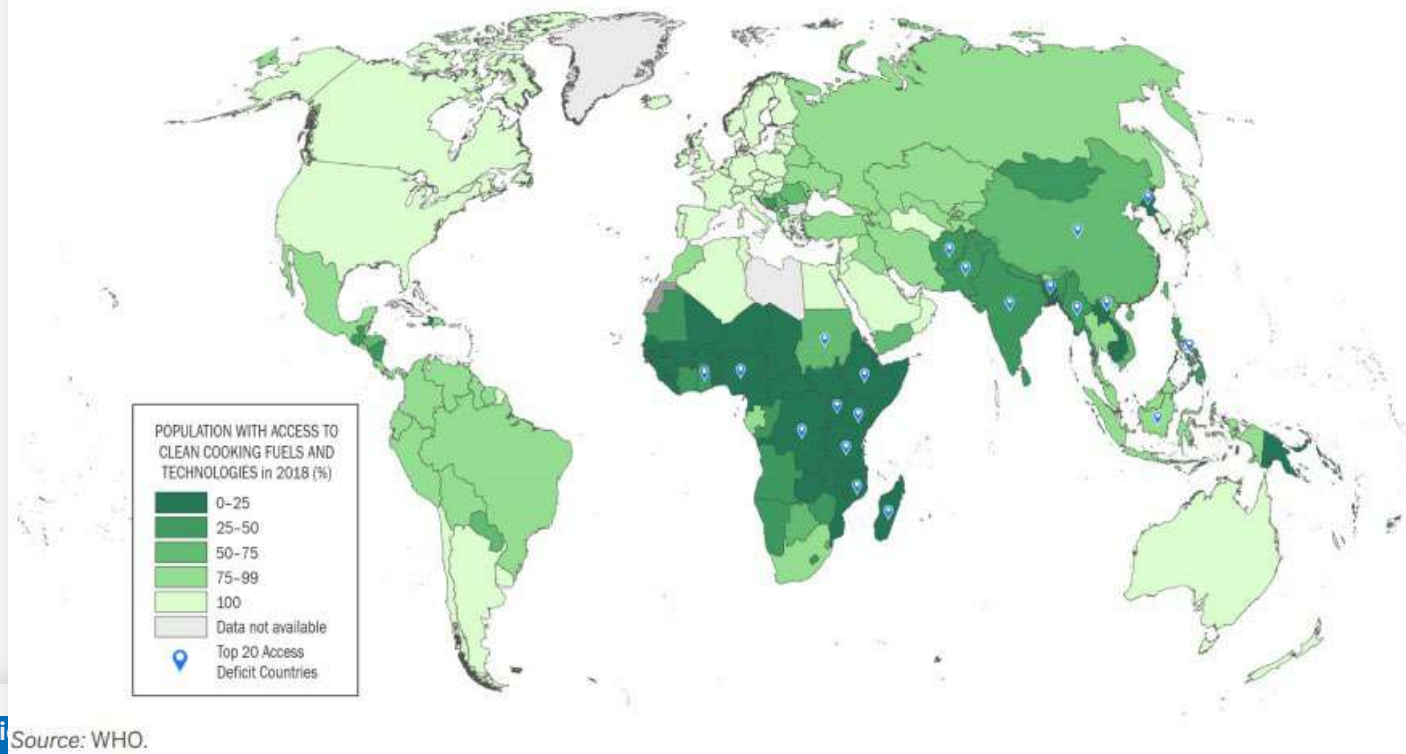
## Access to clean cooking-1

**2.6 billion people without access**

Over **2.6 billion people in 2018** do not have access to clean cooking facilities, relying instead on solid biomass, kerosene or coal as their primary cooking fuel.

This figure has been gradually decreasing from **2.9 billion in 2010**, but efforts need to dramatically accelerate to put the world on track for universal access by 2030.

**FIGURE 2.2** • Regional populations, by rate of access to clean cooking fuels and technologies, 2018



Source: WHO.

Access to Clean Cooking, Summary by Region

	Proportion of the population with access to clean cooking					Population without access	Population relying on
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2018	2018 (million)	2018
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>2651</b>	<b>2374</b>
<b>Developing Countries</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>2651</b>	<b>2374</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>853</b>
North Africa	87%	93%	96%	98%	98%	4	4
Sub-Saharan Africa	10%	11%	13%	15%	17%	905	848
<b>Developing Asia</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>1674</b>	<b>1460</b>
China	47%	51%	55%	67%	72%	399	242
India	22%	28%	34%	44%	49%	688	681
Indonesia	12%	18%	40%	68%	68%	85	55
Other Southeast Asia	36%	42%	48%	54%	58%	164	163
Other Developing Asia	22%	26%	27%	33%	35%	337	318
<b>Central and South America</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>
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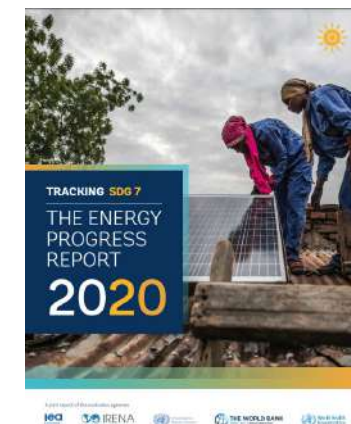
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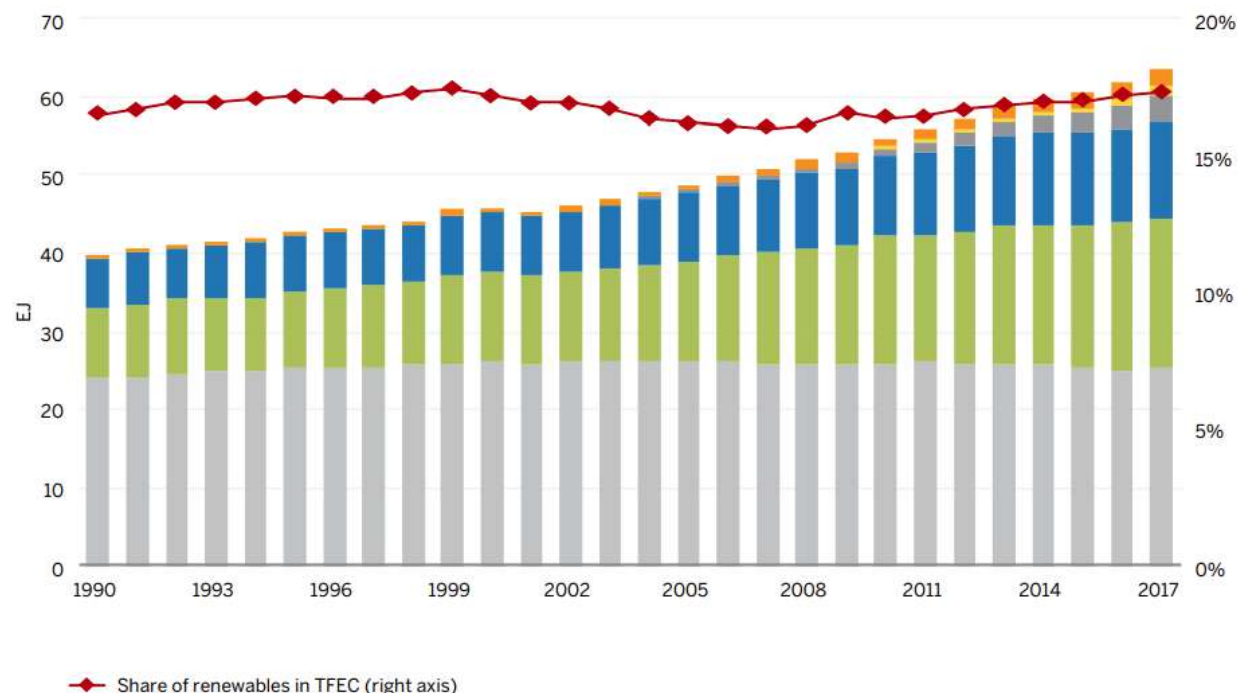
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**FIGURE 3.1 • Renewable energy consumption by technology, and share in total energy consumption, 1990–2017**



**2018**: 17.3%  
**2017**: 17.5%

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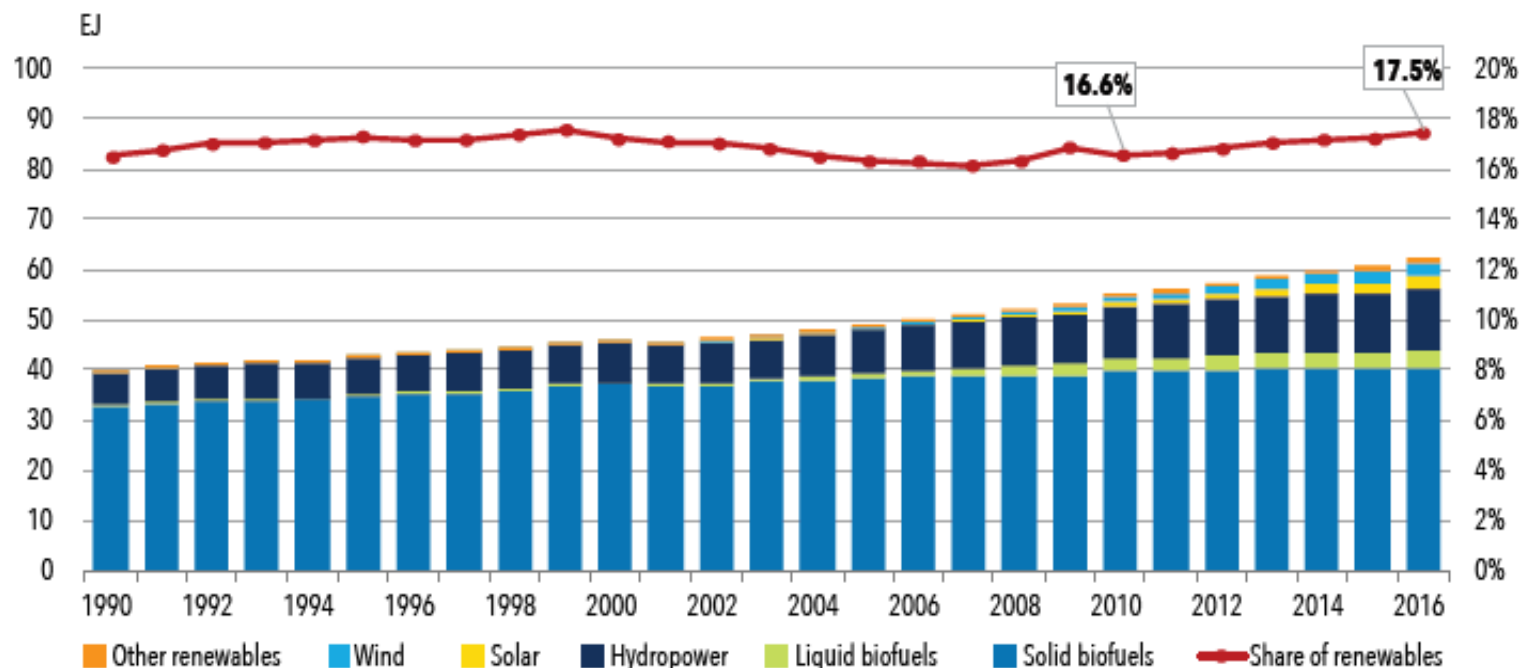
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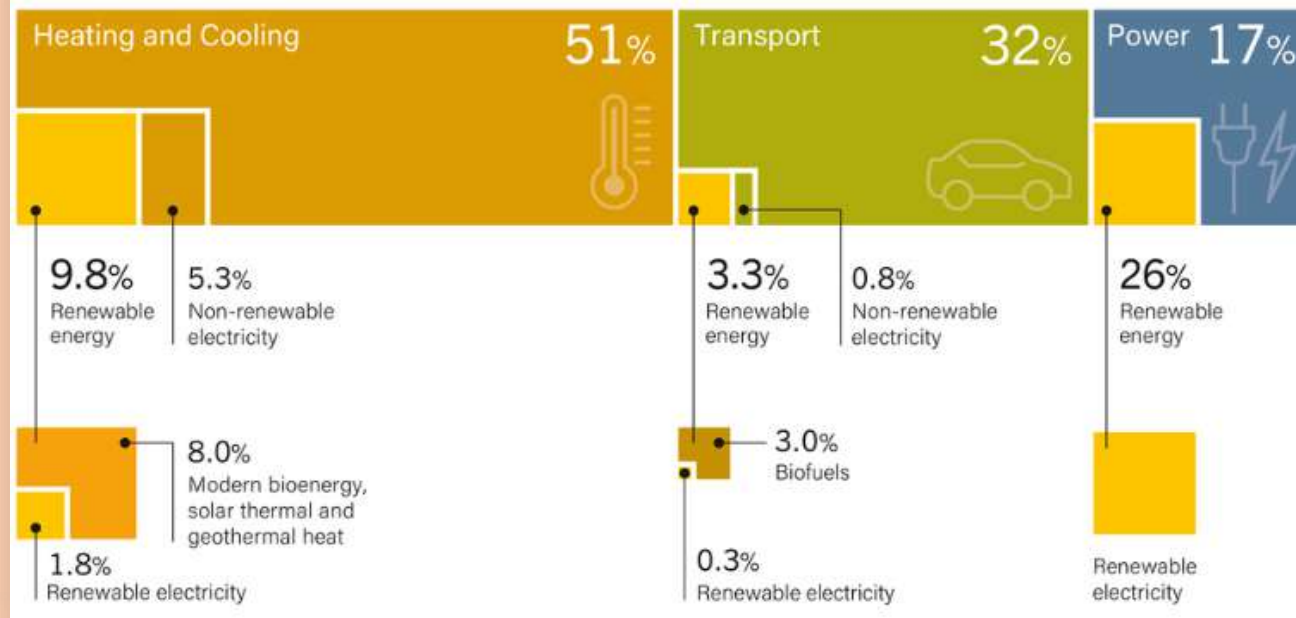


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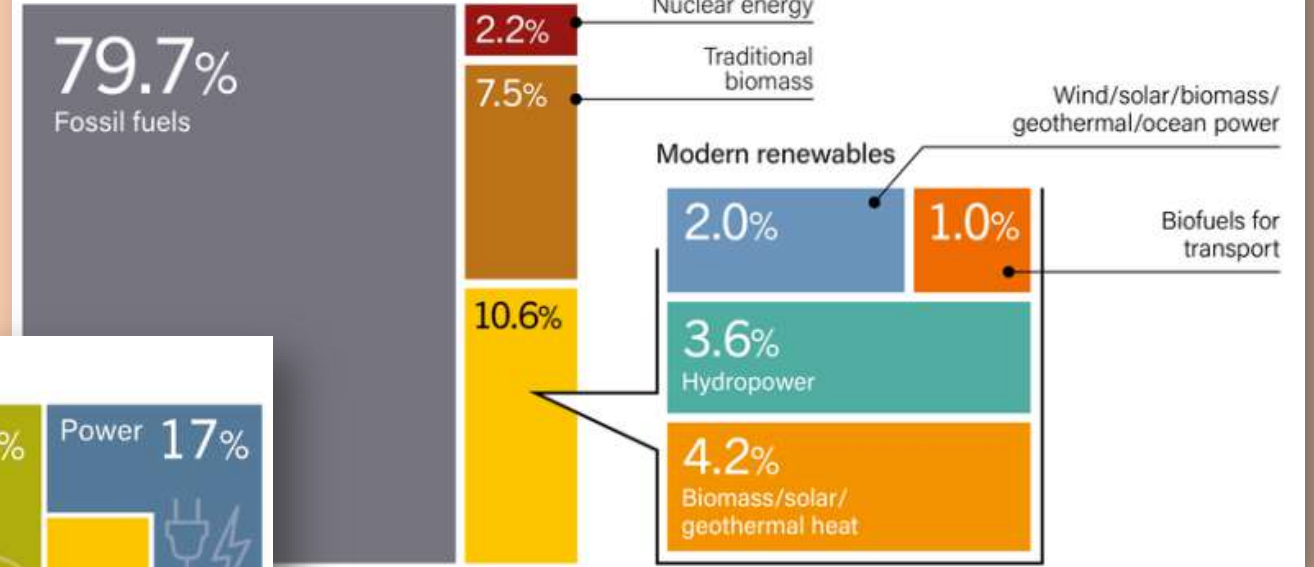


**Modern renewables:** renewable technologies with exception to traditional biomass. These include **hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal** and **modern biofuel** production (including modern forms of waste-to-biomass conversion).

Renewable Energy in Total Final Energy Consumption, by Sector, 2016



Estimated Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption, 2017

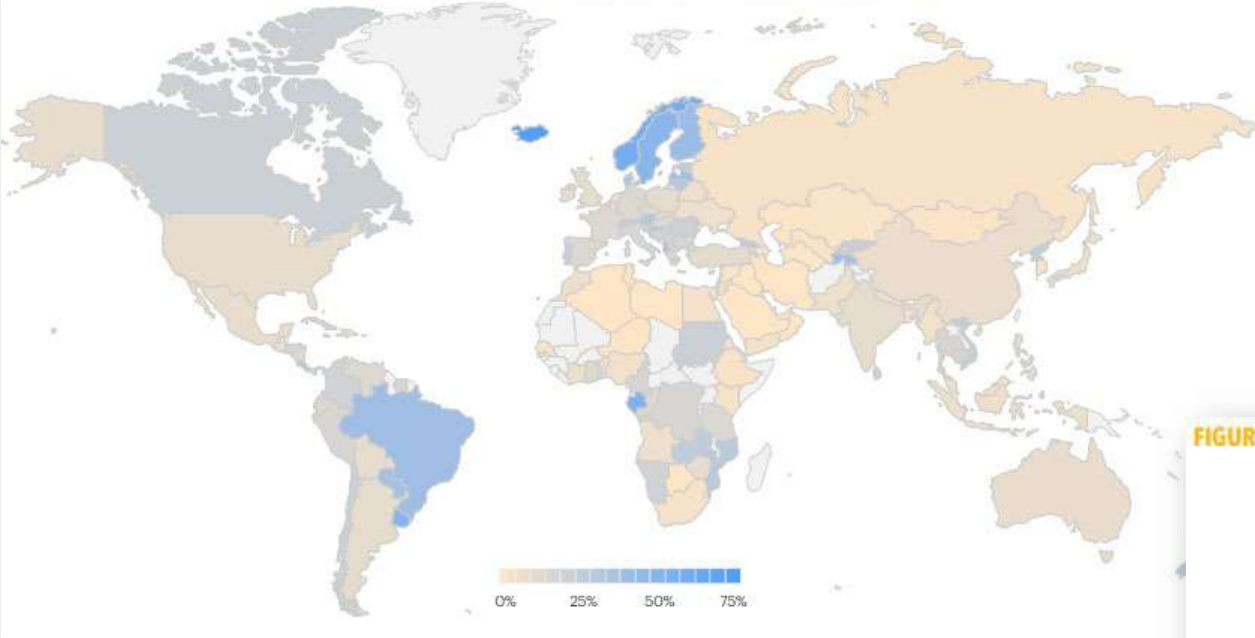


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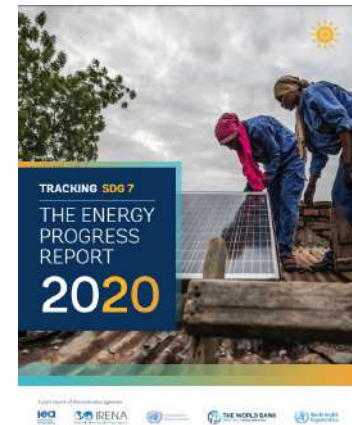
products from agricultural processes.

## Renewables-2

Modern renewable share in total final energy consumption, 2017



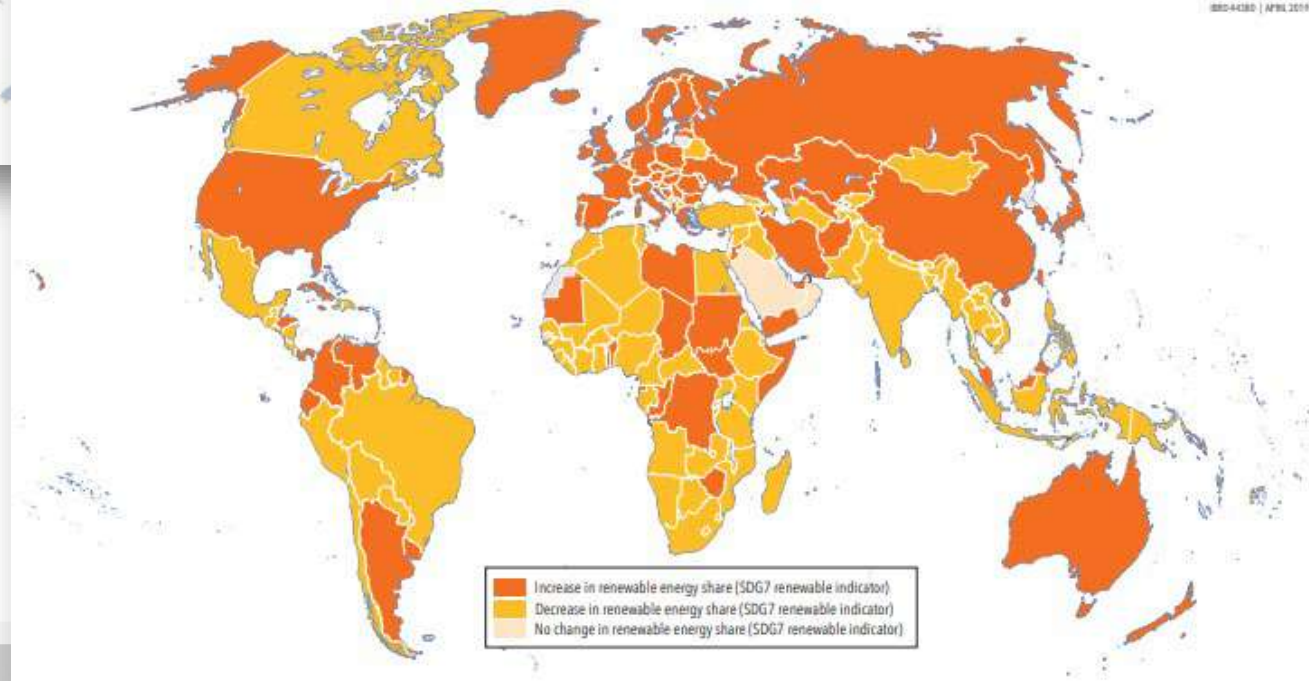
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In **2018**, the share of modern renewables rose to almost 11% of total final energy consumption, having steadily increased since the 2000s.

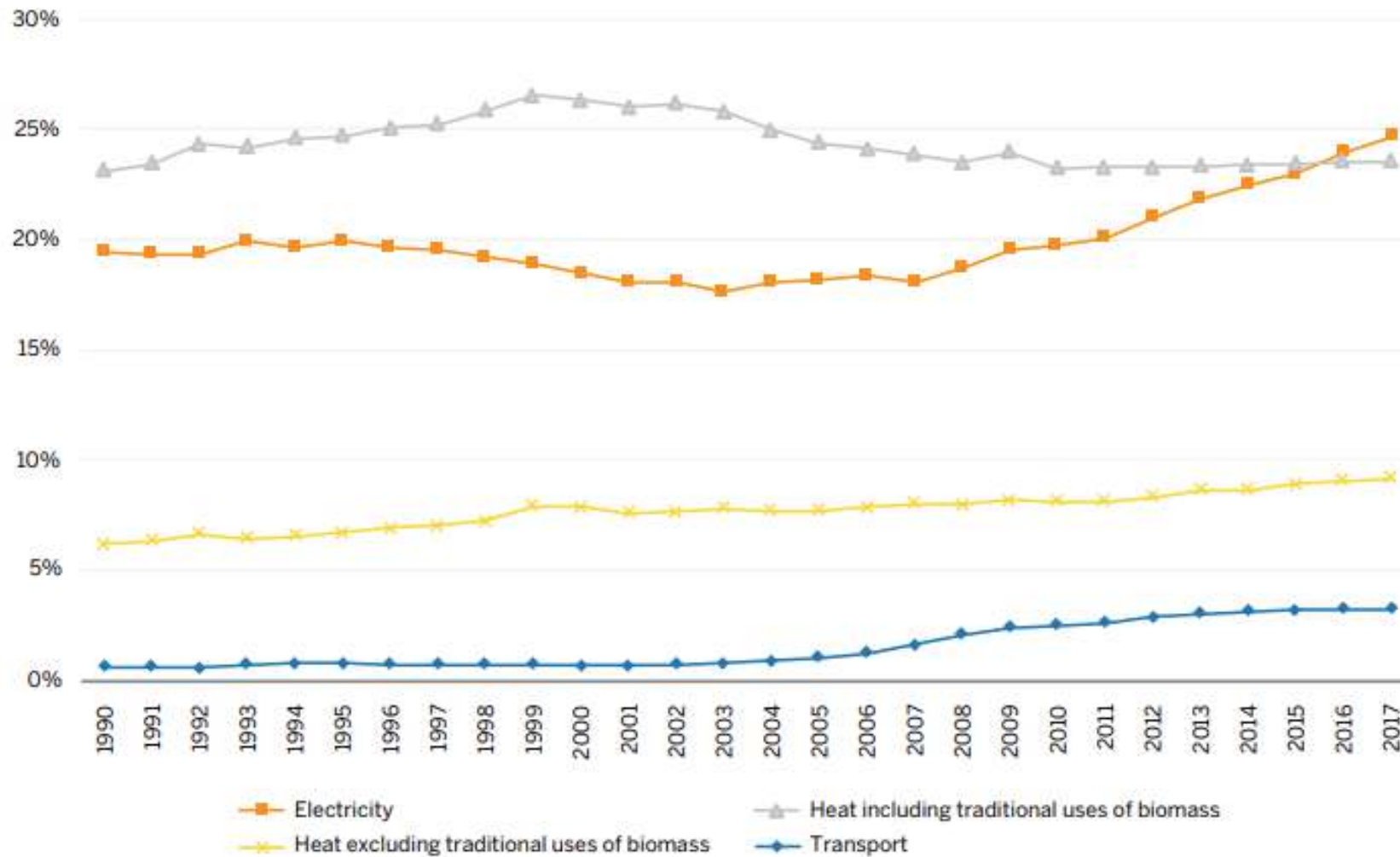
Nonetheless, an acceleration is needed to realise a substantial increase, as set out in SDG target 7.2.

FIGURE ES6 • CHANGE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY'S SHARE OF TOTAL FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BETWEEN 2010 AND 2016

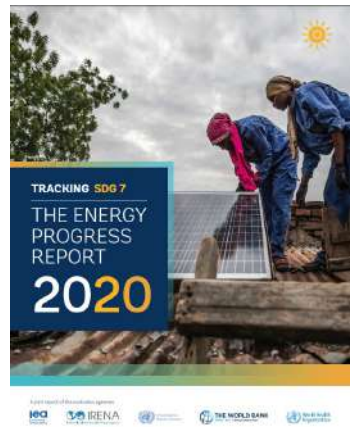


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FIGURE 3.3 • Renewable energy share by end use, 1990–2017



Source: IEA and UNSD.





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## Main messages, outlook for overall progress by 2030

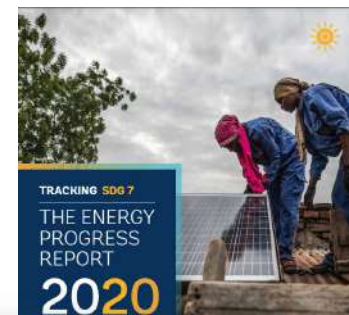


FIGURE 5.1 • PROGRESS TOWARD SDG 7 SINCE 2010, RELATIVE TO 2030 TARGETS, HISTORICALLY AND BY SCENARIO



Two scenarios developed by IEA as benchmarks:

- ✓ The **New Policies Scenario**, which accounts for current and planned policies, shows that none of the SDG 7 targets will be achieved by 2030.
- ✓ The **Sustainable Development Scenario** indicates a possible pathway by which the world's energy system could be on track to achieve the SDG targets most closely related to energy.

**The world is not on track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 at the current rate of progress**

2010		Latest year
1.2 billion people without access to electricity		789 million people without access to electricity (2018)
3 billion people without access to clean cooking		2.8 billion people without access to clean cooking (2018)
16.3% share of total final energy consumption from renewables		17.3% share of total final energy consumption from renewables (2017)
5.9 MJ/USD primary energy intensity		5.0 MJ/USD primary energy intensity (2017)
10.1 USD billion international financial flows to developing countries in support of clean energy		21.4 USD billion international financial flows to developing countries in support of clean energy (2017)

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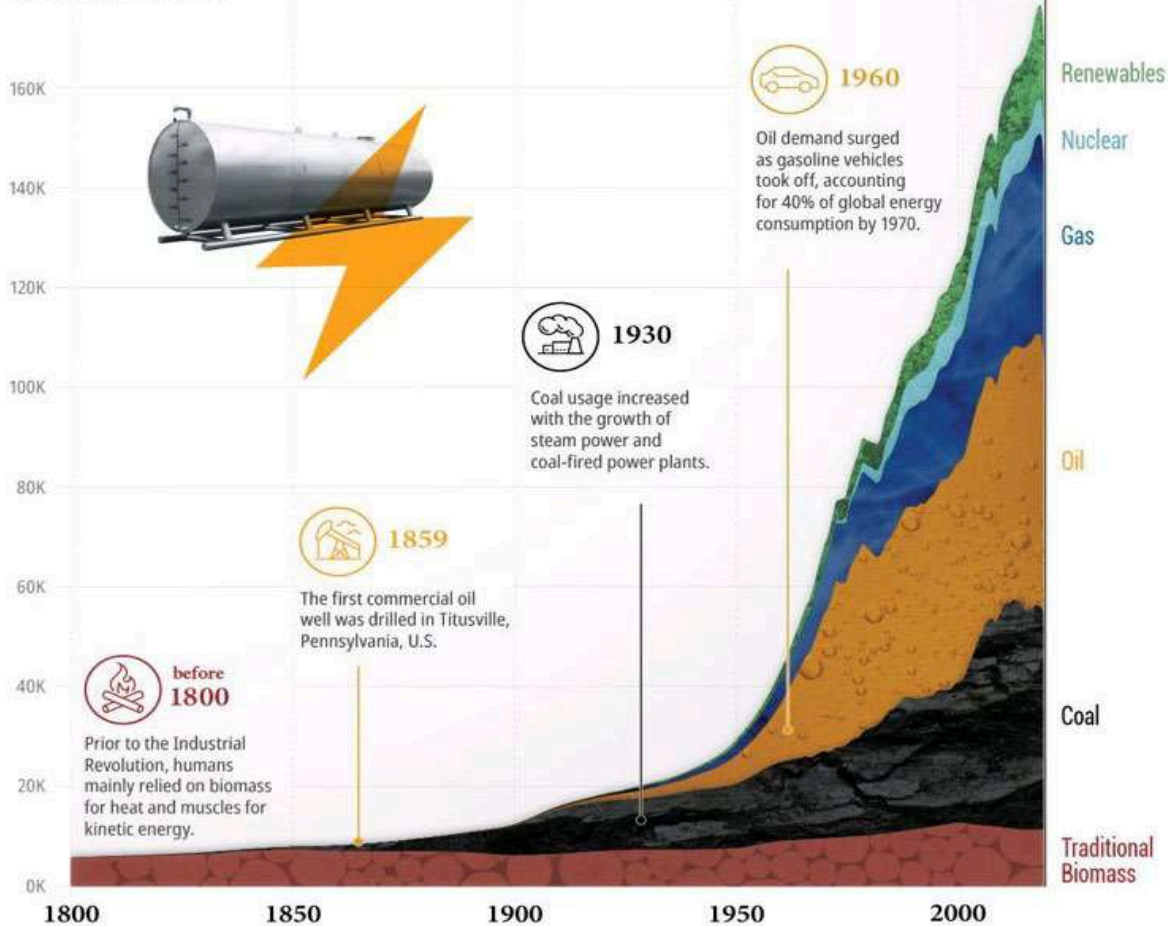
# Energy Transitions

The economic and technological advances over the last 200 years have transformed how we produce and consume energy.

Here's how the global energy mix has evolved since 1800.

Global Primary Energy Consumption by Source 1800-2020

180K Terrawatt-hours (TWh)



Source: Vaclav Smil (2017), BP Statistical Review of World Energy via Our World in Data

Year	Coal % of Energy Mix	Oil % of Energy Mix	Natural Gas % of Energy Mix
1950	44.2%	19.1%	7.3%
1960	37.0%	26.6%	10.7%
1970	25.7%	40.2%	14.5%
1980	23.8%	40.6%	16.3%
1990	24.4%	35.5%	18.4%
2000	22.5%	35.1%	19.7%

Year	Traditional Biomass	Renewables	Fossil Fuels	Nuclear Power
2000	10.2%	6.6%	77.3%	5.9%
2005	8.7%	6.5%	79.4%	5.4%
2010	7.7%	7.7%	79.9%	4.7%
2015	6.9%	9.2%	79.9%	4.0%
2020	6.7%	11.2%	78.0%	4.0%



**Table 2.6 | Global primary energy supply of 1.5°C pathways from the scenario database (Supplementary Material 2.SM.1.3).**

Values given for the median (maximum, minimum) across the full range of 85 available 1.5°C pathways. Growth Factor = [(primary energy supply in 2050)/(primary energy supply in 2020) – 1]

	Median (max, min)	Count	Primary Energy Supply (EJ)			Share in Primary Energy (%)			Growth (factor) 2020-2050
			2020	2030	2050	2020	2030	2050	
Below-1.5°C and 1.5°C-low-OS pathways	total primary	50	565.33 (619.70, 483.22)	464.50 (619.87, 237.37)	553.23 (725.40, 289.02)	NA	NA	NA	-0.05 (0.48, -0.51)
	renewables	50	87.14 (101.60, 60.16)	146.96 (203.90, 87.75)	291.33 (584.78, 176.77)	14.90 (20.39, 10.60)	29.08 (62.15, 18.24)	60.24 (87.89, 38.03)	2.37 (6.71, 0.91)
	biomass	50	60.41 (70.03, 40.54)	77.07 (113.02, 44.42)	152.30 (311.72, 40.36)	10.17 (13.66, 7.14)	17.22 (35.61, 9.08)	27.29 (54.10, 10.29)	1.71 (5.56, -0.42)
	non-biomass	50	26.35 (36.57, 17.78)	62.58 (114.41, 25.79)	146.23 (409.94, 53.79)	4.37 (7.19, 3.01)	13.67 (26.54, 5.78)	27.98 (61.61, 12.04)	4.28 (13.46, 1.45)
	wind & solar	44	10.93 (20.16, 2.61)	40.14 (82.66, 7.05)	121.82 (342.77, 27.95)	1.81 (3.66, 0.45)	9.73 (19.56, 1.54)	21.13 (51.52, 4.48)	10.00 (53.70, 3.71)
	nuclear	50	10.91 (18.55, 8.52)	16.26 (36.80, 6.80)	24.51 (66.30, 3.09)	2.10 (3.37, 1.45)	3.52 (9.61, 1.32)	4.49 (12.84, 0.44)	1.24 (5.01, -0.64)
	fossil	50	462.95 (520.41, 376.30)	310.36 (479.13, 70.14)	183.79 (394.71, 54.86)	82.53 (86.65, 77.73)	66.58 (77.30, 29.55)	32.79 (60.84, 8.58)	-0.59 (-0.21, -0.89)
	coal	50	136.89 (191.02, 83.23)	44.03 (127.98, 5.97)	24.15 (71.12, 0.92)	25.63 (30.82, 17.19)	9.62 (20.65, 1.31)	5.08 (11.43, 0.15)	-0.83 (-0.57, -0.99)
	gas	50	132.95 (152.80, 105.01)	112.51 (173.56, 17.30)	76.03 (199.18, 14.92)	23.10 (28.39, 18.09)	22.52 (35.05, 7.08)	13.23 (34.83, 3.68)	-0.40 (0.85, -0.88)
	oil	50	197.26 (245.15, 151.02)	156.16 (202.57, 38.94)	69.94 (167.52, 15.07)	34.81 (42.24, 29.00)	31.24 (39.84, 16.41)	12.89 (27.04, 2.89)	-0.66 (-0.09, -0.93)

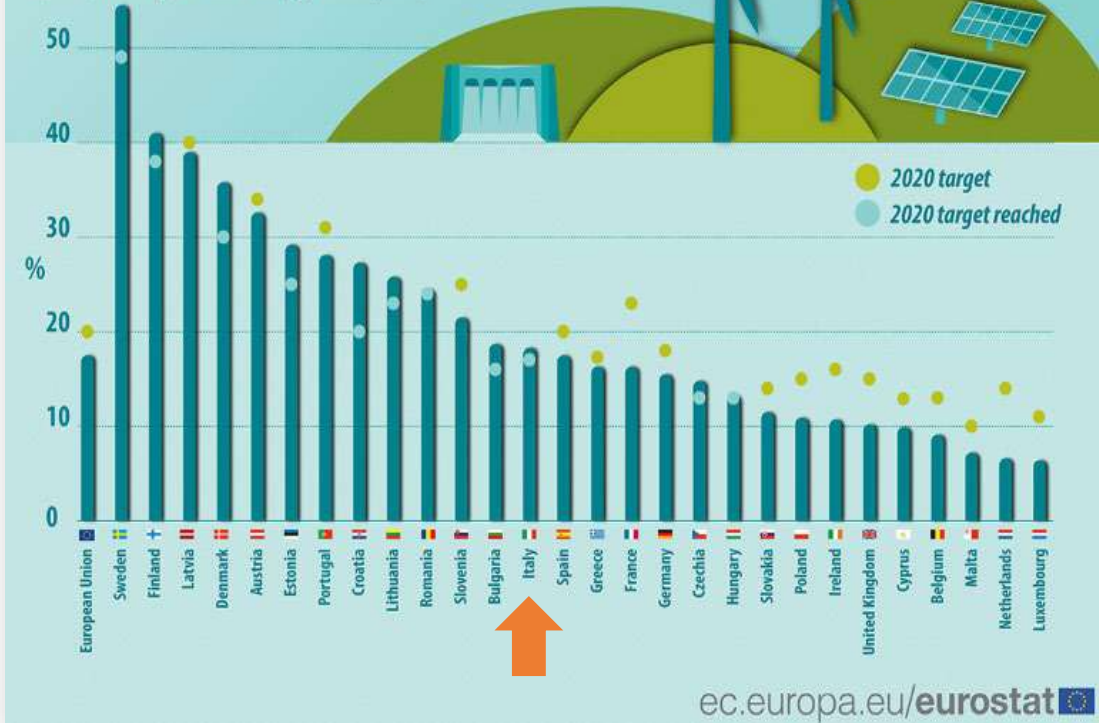
## 2.4.2 Energy Supply

Several energy supply characteristics are evident in 1.5°C pathways assessed in this section:

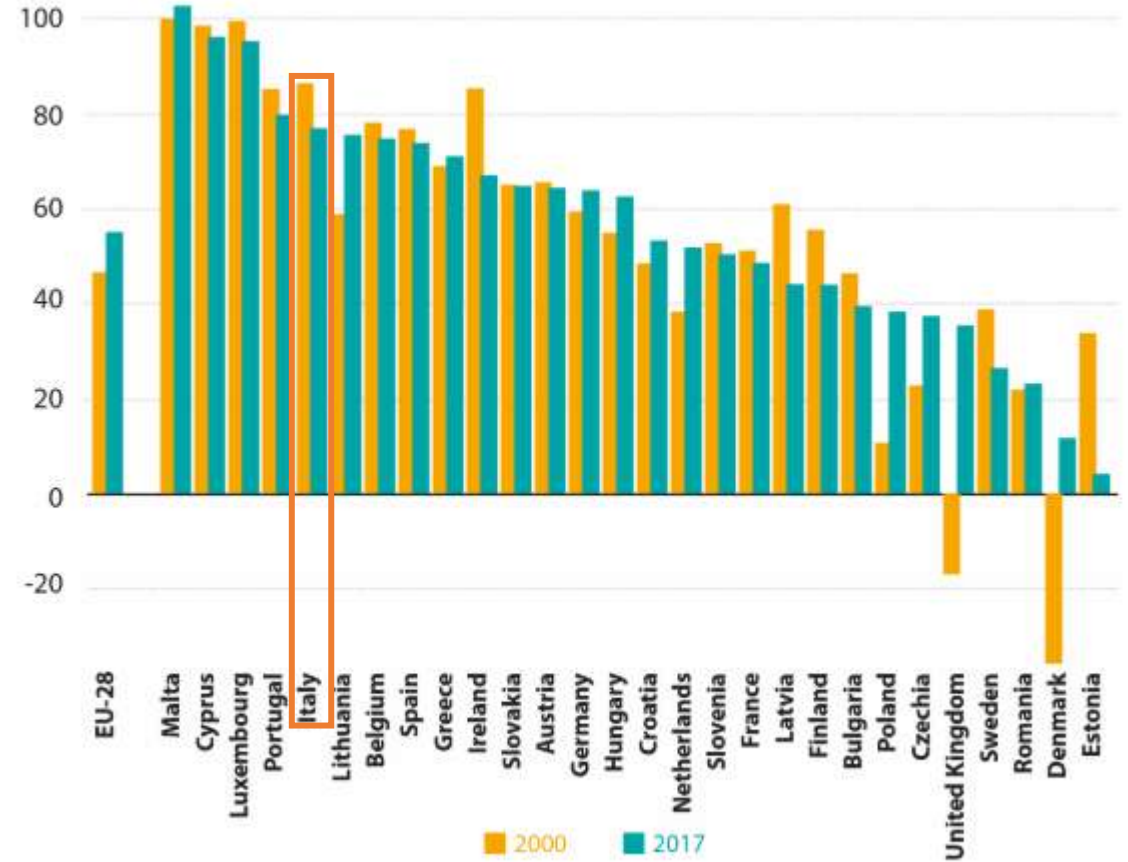
- i. growth in the share of energy derived from low-carbon-emitting sources (incl. **REN, nuclear and fossil fuel with CCS**) (Section 2.4.2.1),
- ii. rapid decline in the carbon intensity of electricity generation simultaneous with further electrification of energy end-use (Section 2.4.2.2),
- iii. growth in the use of **CCS applied to fossil and biomass** carbon in most 1.5°C pathways (Section 2.4.2.3)

## Share of energy from renewable sources in the EU Member States

(2017, in % of gross final energy consumption)



## Energy dependency rate (%)





**National Energy Balance -2020** «La situazione energetica Nazionale» (MiSE) <https://dgsaie.mise.gov.it/situazione-energetica>

Tabella 2: Il bilancio dell'energia in Italia – La disponibilità energetica lorda (Ktep)

	2019	2020*								
	Totale	Combustibili solidi	Petrolio e prodotti petroliferi	Gas naturale	Rinnovabili e bioliquidi	Rifiuti non rinnovabili	Calore derivato	Energia elettrica	Totale	Var % (2020/2019)
+ Produzione	36.910	-	5.811	3.287	26.985	1.175	-	-	37.258	0,9%
+ Saldo Importazioni	151.903	4.636	65.562	54.376	2.694	-	-	3.421	130.689	-14,0%
- Saldo Esportazioni	29.411	216	23.645	258	492	-	-	652	25.264	-14,1%
+ Variazioni scorte	-1.315	327	180	881	159	-	-	-	869	-166,1%
=Disponibilità energetica lorda	<b>158.086</b>	<b>4.747</b>	<b>47.549</b>	<b>58.286</b>	<b>29.027</b>	<b>1.175</b>	-	<b>2.769</b>	<b>143.552</b>	<b>-9,2%</b>

Fonte: Ministero della Transizione Ecologica - Bilancio Energetico Nazionale - Metodologia Eurostat. (\*) Dati provvisori

Tabella 13: Consumi finali lordi di energia in Italia (Mtep)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
CFL FER – Settore Elettrico	9,2	9,4	9,5	9,7	9,7	9,9	10,1
CFL FER – Settore Termico	9,9	10,7	10,5	11,2	10,7	10,6	10,1
CFL FER – Settore Trasporti	1,1	1,2	1,0	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,3
<b>Consumi finali lordi di energia da FER</b>	<b>20,2</b>	<b>21,3</b>	<b>21,1</b>	<b>22,0</b>	<b>21,6</b>	<b>21,877</b>	<b>21,549</b>
Consumi finali lordi di energia (CFL)	118,5	121,5	121,1	120,4	121,4	120,3	107,5
<b>Quota dei CFL coperta da FER</b>	<b>17,1%</b>	<b>17,5%</b>	<b>17,4%</b>	<b>18,3%</b>	<b>17,8%</b>	<b>18,2%</b>	<b>20,0%</b>

(\*) Stime preliminari

Fonte: GSE

**Gross Final Consumption (CFL) of energy from renewables in 2018 = 21.55 Mtoe**, slightly declining with respect to the previous years.

**Renewable resources (FER/RES) = 20% of gross final consumption**, above the 2020 targets set by Europe for Italy (17%). An excellent result when compared with other EU countries, but which denotes how long the road towards total removal from fossil sources is still.

# Energy statistics - Italy



National Energy Balance 2020 «La situazione energetica»

MINISTERO DELLO SVILUPPO ECONOMICO

DELL'ENERGIA E  
DEI TRASPORTI

NAZIONALE NEL 2018

	Italy	ktoe								
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	<b>Gross available energy</b>	166 908	160 570	151 759	157 630	156 490	161 815	159 711	158 086	144 035
	Solid fossil fuels	15 715	13 536	13 059	12 300	10 983	9 342	8 538	6 480	5 095
	Peat & peat products	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Produzione	Oil shale & oil sands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Crude oil & other hydrocarbons	73 625	62 673	58 970	66 995	64 586	70 108	66 992	67 272	55 650
+ Saldo Importazioni	Petroleum products	61 115	58 516	56 565	58 623	57 043	57 722	57 470	56 683	47 351
- Saldo Esportazioni	Natural gas	61 356	57 387	50 706	55 302	58 080	61 549	59 513	60 949	58 286
	Nuclear heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Variazioni scorte	Renewable energies	23 885	26 371	26 512	26 269	26 018	28 821	29 282	29 512	29 345
=Disponibilità energetica lorda	Non-renewable wastes	1 132	1 138	1 158	1 149	1 183	1 134	1 133	1 182	1 190
	<b>Primary production</b>	34 964	36 767	36 694	36 098	33 519	36 667	37 342	36 910	37 673
	Solid fossil fuels	51	46	55	51	0	0	0	0	0
	Peat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oil shale and oil sands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Crude oil & other hydrocarbons	5 396	5 501	5 764	5 470	3 746	4 138	4 684	4 279	5 384
	Natural gas	7 048	6 335	5 855	5 545	4 738	4 536	4 462	3 931	3 287
	Nuclear heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CFL FER - S	Renewable energies	21 104	23 500	23 644	23 564	23 569	26 540	26 657	27 088	27 339
CFL FER - S	Non-renewable wastes	1 132	1 138	1 158	1 149	1 183	1 134	1 133	1 182	1 190
	<b>Net imports</b>	132 039	123 216	115 050	121 422	121 520	124 564	121 920	122 492	105 799
CFL FER - S	Solid fossil fuels	15 187	13 023	12 889	12 318	10 711	9 360	8 622	6 387	4 739
	Crude oil	67 932	57 824	53 475	61 748	60 254	65 652	61 551	63 140	50 186
Consumi fir	Gas/Diesel Oil (w/o bio)	-8 795	-5 541	-2 371	-6 016	-4 998	-5 241	-3 698	-4 500	-3 177
	Motor Gasoline (w/o bio)	-9 653	-7 924	-6 976	-8 439	-8 175	-8 728	-8 544	-8 487	-6 203
Consumi fir	Naphtha	-73	572	235	266	602	108	846	-298	270
	LPG	1 916	2 086	2 185	2 226	2 282	2 259	2 238	2 394	1 971
Quota del C	All other oil & petroleum products	55 043	53 082	50 080	52 428	51 879	52 824	51 634	52 437	42 008
(*) Stime pre	Natural gas	55 353	50 564	45 471	49 996	53 294	56 820	55 268	57 936	54 117

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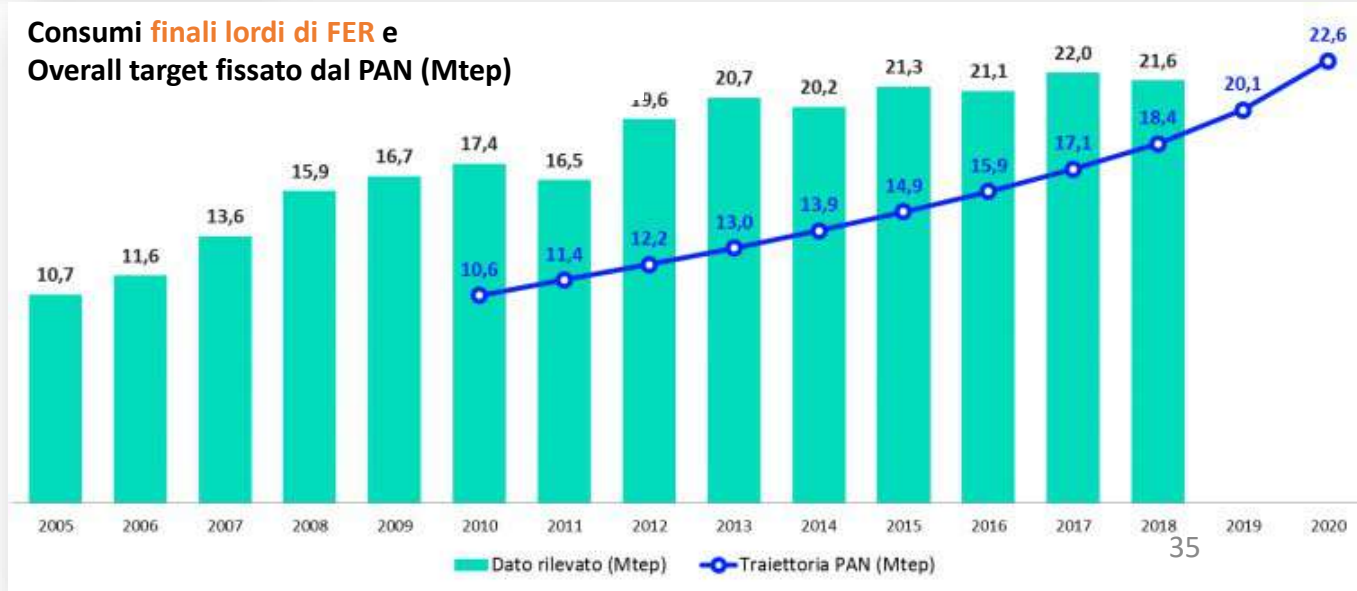
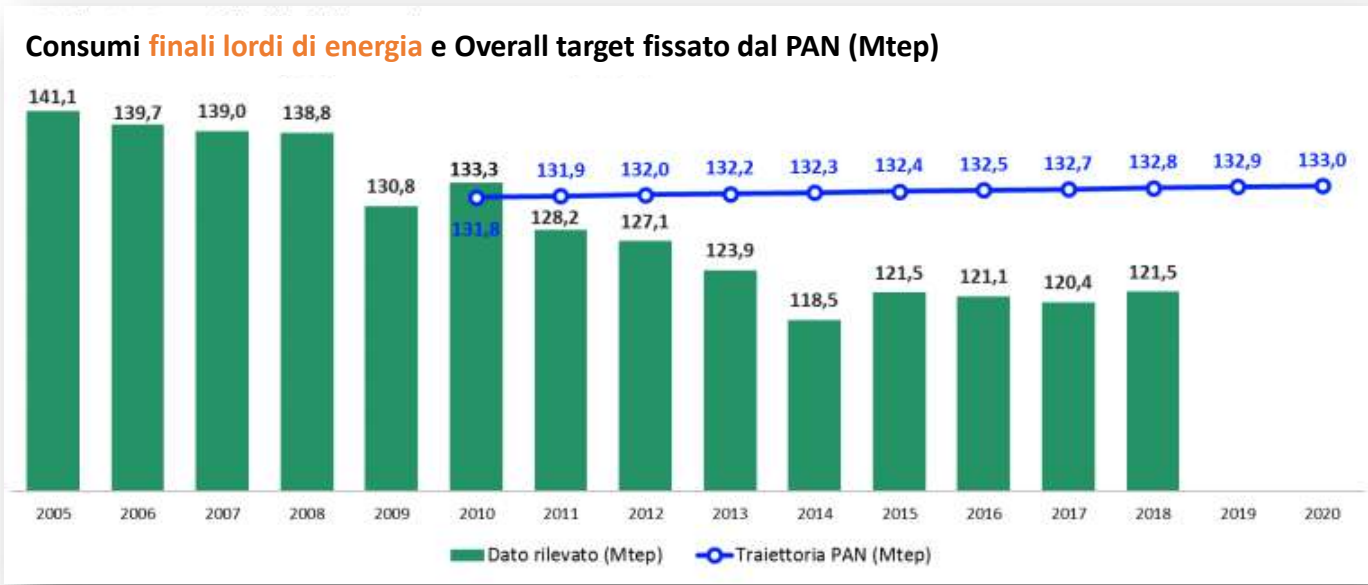
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*\* Piano d’Azione Nazionale per le energie rinnovabili (PAN), (Directive 2009/28/EC: “Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources”. It implements the 2020 objectives defined for each EU Member State, the trajectories foreseen for achieving them and the main policies to be implemented.*

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***what future for a geologist in this changing world?***



## *Energy transition and Geology*

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**Traditional energy sources:** the resource availability is homogeneous; the delivery of power/energy from their production plants can be modulated according to the demand

**Renewable energy sources:** the delivery of power/energy from their production plants is highly dependant on the resource availability/storage. **Intermittent energy sources**



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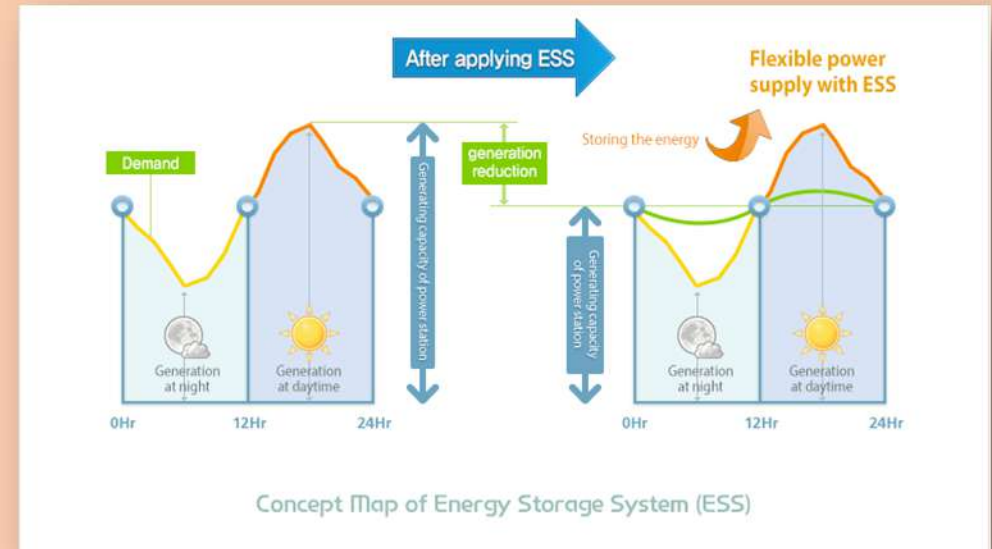


## Difficulties with renewables integration in the grid

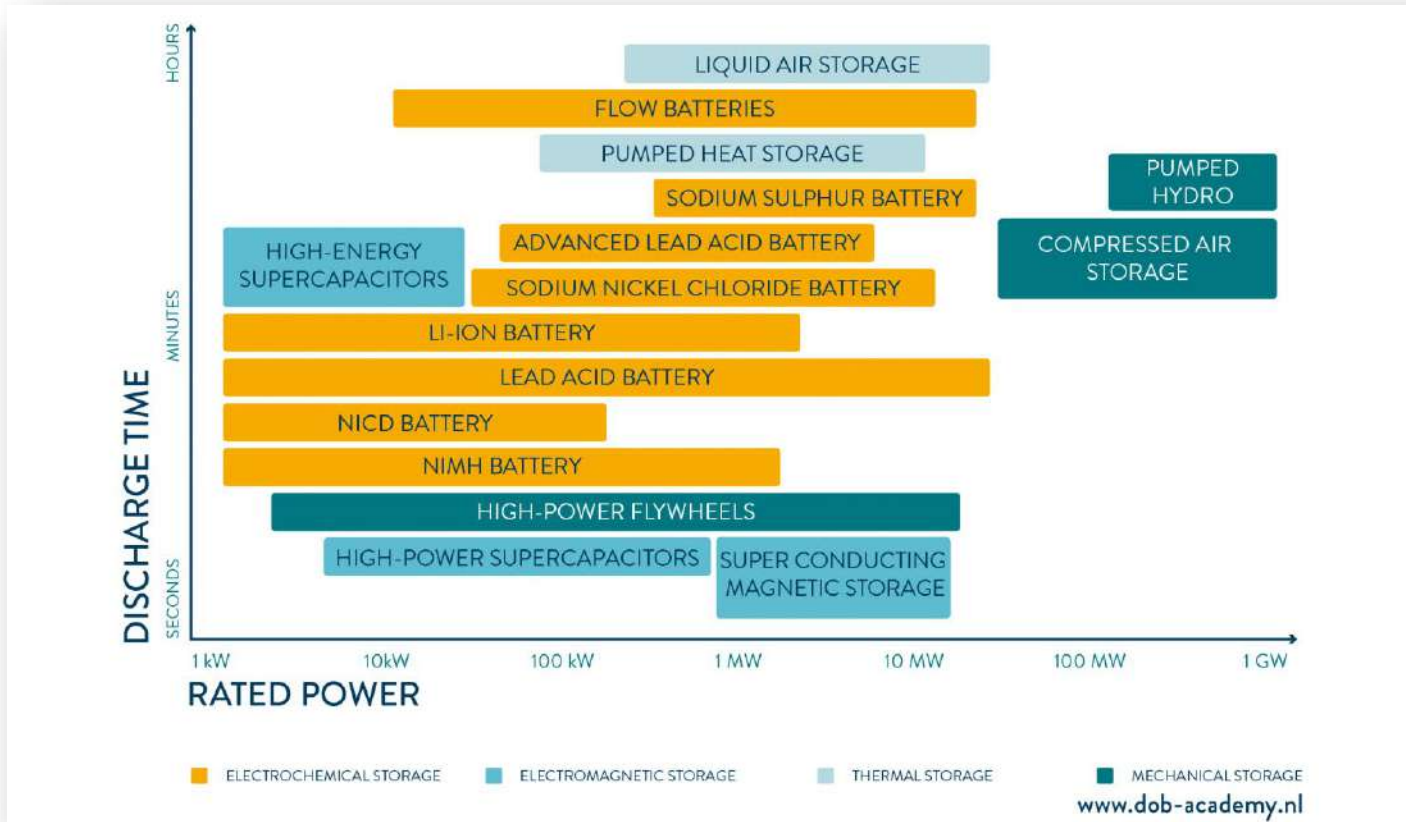
- Fluctuating sources and decentralized energy production increase the difficulty of stabilizing the power network, mainly due to supply/demand imbalance
- Unpredictable character of renewables requires that network provisioning and usage regulations be established for optimal system operations
- Peak supply of renewables (solar, wind) and demand of energy do not match and hence create a gap

## Energy Storage Systems - ESS

- Conversion of excess energy into a different form of energy, to be converted in electricity with minimum losses
- Increases the dispatch ability, makes power available on demand; by reducing the supply/demand gap reduces the need for newer power plants



## Energy storage



**Intermittency of energy supply:** increase of energy storage capabilities. This could include:

- advancement in **battery technologies**
- **subsurface air & thermal energy and pumped hydro**

**Decarbonisation/transition** of power generation, industry, transport and heating needs expansion in renewables and nuclear, many of which require **critical raw materials and metals** to manufacture (which rely on sources of minerals and metals e.g. lithium, cobalt, cadmium).

A **sustainable and secure supply of mined materials** is required

**Decarbonisation/transition** of power generation, industry, transport and heating to meet climate change targets: a major challenge that intrinsically involves the subsurface and geoscience.

<b>Renewables</b>	increase in grid-scale energy storage to cover intermittency: greater efforts on more efficient batteries, pumped storage and compressed air energy storage
<b>Civil nuclear</b>	understanding of risks associated with natural hazards (seismicity); challenge of geological disposal of radioactive waste
<b>Geothermal power, heating and cooling</b>	assessment of resources and impacts
<b>Hydrogen (<i>it is a vector, not a source!!!</i>)</b>	development of technology; environmental and geological assessment for underground storage and transport
<b>Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)</b>	definition of the reservoirs and volumes of potential storage; risks assessment associated with natural and induced hazards (seismicity, ...)
<b>Natural gas</b>	the <b>energy resource for the transition</b> needs environmental and resources assessment

All require **geological studies**: investigating the geological origin and prospectivity of transition metals and rare earth elements for batteries; for siting of power station, dams and tunnels in pumped water storage; geological studies for CCS; detailed characterisation of the subsurface for radio- waste disposal.

### Scientific and technological challenges for Geosciences in the Energy Transition

- ✓ **Characterise** the physical properties, chemistry and structure of the subsurface to determine feasibility of various subsurface storage and infrastructure projects.
- ✓ **Improve** understanding of how the properties of the subsurface respond to changing physical and chemical conditions, e.g. during cyclical pressurisation and depressurisation of hydrogen or thermal fluids.
- ✓ **Assess** the origin, distribution and extractability of subsurface critical raw materials needed for decarbonisation.
- ✓ **Develop** and design effective and cost-efficient monitoring techniques for various uses of the subsurface.
- ✓ **Improve** scientific understanding on how fluids flow in the subsurface (HC, thermal energy storage, geothermal resources).

Critical to the success of the decarbonisation initiative is **knowledge and data sharing** across geographical borders, between industries, and by all “subsurface stakeholders”.

**There are key geoscientific lessons to be learned across planning, exploration, exploitation, decommissioning and remediation**

### The opportunity for Geosciences in the Energy Transition

Europe is well placed to develop subsurface decarbonisation technologies. It has an excellent base of worldclass universities, research institutes, and **the experience of Oil&Gas companies**.

A combination of state-of-the-art technology, improvements to efficiency and low-carbon fuel switching will be needed to achieve the ambitious decarbonisation targets.

However, for some industrial processes, such as steel manufacturing, cement production, and refining, subsurface carbon-capture technologies are the only viable decarbonising solution.

According to IPCC, **negative emissions** can only realistically be achieved adding **nuclear and carbon capture and storage (CCS)**



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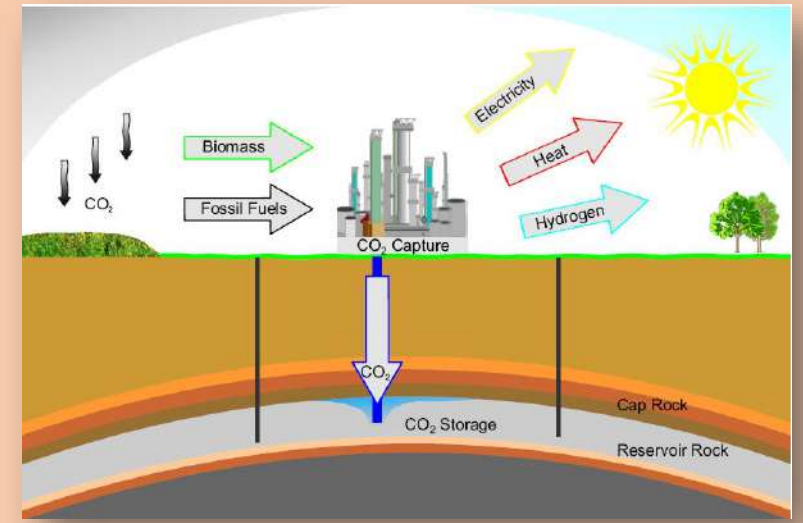
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### CCS - Carbon Capture & Storage

The quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> to be stored via CCS over this century in 1.5°C pathways ranges, depending by different scenarios, from zero to >1,200 GtCO<sub>2</sub>.

The **2005 IPCC Special Report on Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage** found that, worldwide, it is likely that there was a technical potential of at least about 2,000 GtCO<sub>2</sub> of storage capacity in geological formations, with possible additional potential for geological storage in saline formations.



The **cumulative demand for CO<sub>2</sub> storage was small compared to a practical storage capacity estimate worldwide.**

The global potential storage capacity is estimated today from 8,000 to 55,000 GtCO<sub>2</sub>, which is sufficient at a global level for this century.

**The storage capacity of all of these global estimates is likely to be larger than the cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> stored via CCS in 1.5°C pathways over this century**











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Most elements in the periodic table are essential to the innovative technologies required to address mankind's energy problems

**RAW MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ENERGY SECTOR APPLICATIONS (MOST ARE FROM MINING ACTIVITIES)**

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	Ac	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Uub	Uut	Uuq	Uup	Uuh	Uuo	

Lanthanides	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Hm	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
(Rare Earth)														
Actinides	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

	Energy storage		Electricity generation and storage		Lighting
	Connectivity		Elements specific to nuclear electricity generation		Supraconductors
	Energy saving		Photovoltaics		
	Catalysis (fuel cells)		Permanent magnets for windmills and electrical/ hybrid cars		

The **energy sector** contributes to the rapid demand growth for a **wide range of minerals and metals**.

- **requires energy** (currently about 10.5% of the global production),
- **generates emissions** (CO<sub>2</sub>, sulfur and nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, mercury from coal production, radionuclides from coal combustion and rare earth production...).



## Mining



## Geosciences drivers underpinning the transition:

The **hydrocarbon era** is not over soon: fossil fuel use might flatten from 2035, with oil and coal in decline but gas use continuing to expand.

- **Coal demand:** peak expected in next 10y, with a rapid shift toward gas. Gas is a viable and profitable alternative to coal.
- **Oil demand:** expected to peak in the next 15-20y. Decline won't be for lack of supply: technological and economic competition for oil is coming, with a shift from oil-based transport to electricity-based transport. The question is "when" rather than "if".
- **Gas demand:** will continue to grow to 2040, due to its affordability relative to other fuels, technologies and policies.
- **Electrification**, particularly in buildings and road transport, underlies an acceleration of electricity demand. Energy intensity is improving across regions and end-use sectors with the switches to more efficient fuels and technologies. Strong improvements in economics of electric vehicles trigger rapid uptake. In a disrupted case, electricity demand growth could be boosted to 2.9%/y.
- **Renewables'** cost decline accelerates, out-competing new-built fossil capacity today and existing capacity in 5-10 years causing electricity demand to grow four times faster than all other fuels.
- **CCS & Nuclear** can play a prominent role in the Energy Transition, but face much resistance from communities. Technological, political and social constraints are the challenge.



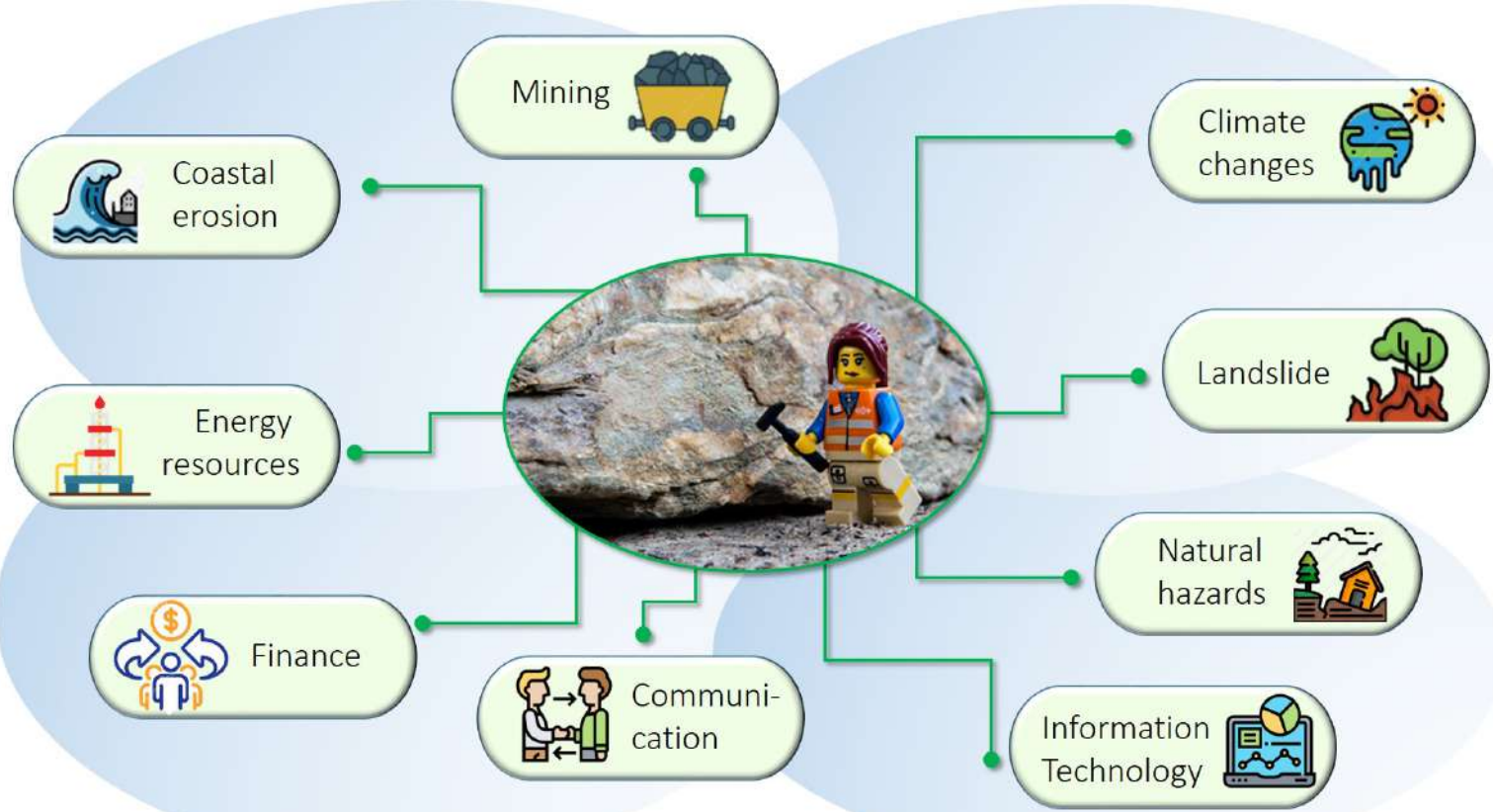
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- **Natural energy resources:** a primary role for **oil** and mainly **gas** E&P— certainly until 2050 - 2060. Crucial in **CCS**, **geothermal** and new energy solutions (technologies and concepts to be developed);
- The **2050 2°C economy** will generate a huge demand for **new metals and minerals**: + 200% for aluminum, iron, lead and nickel; +1000% for cobalt, lithium, manganese. Challenge? Very little understanding of geology means huge demand for skill sets;
- The **mix of skills** of a geoscientists is unique, particularly in **managing data** and **solving complex problems**. There will be a need for **multiskilled people**, able to integrate geological knowledge with IT, economy and social sciences. Geoscientists have much to contribute because of way they think, used to dealing with complex environments, good at systems thinking and without full data sets;
- **Universities** need to proactively reinforce the message that petroleum/underground geologists are still needed in the future; they need to **adapt the curriculum** and how the profession is promoted;
- The **next generation** is already hugely **environmentally aware**: important that senior professionals/politicians inject optimism and empowerment into the next generation of decision makers;
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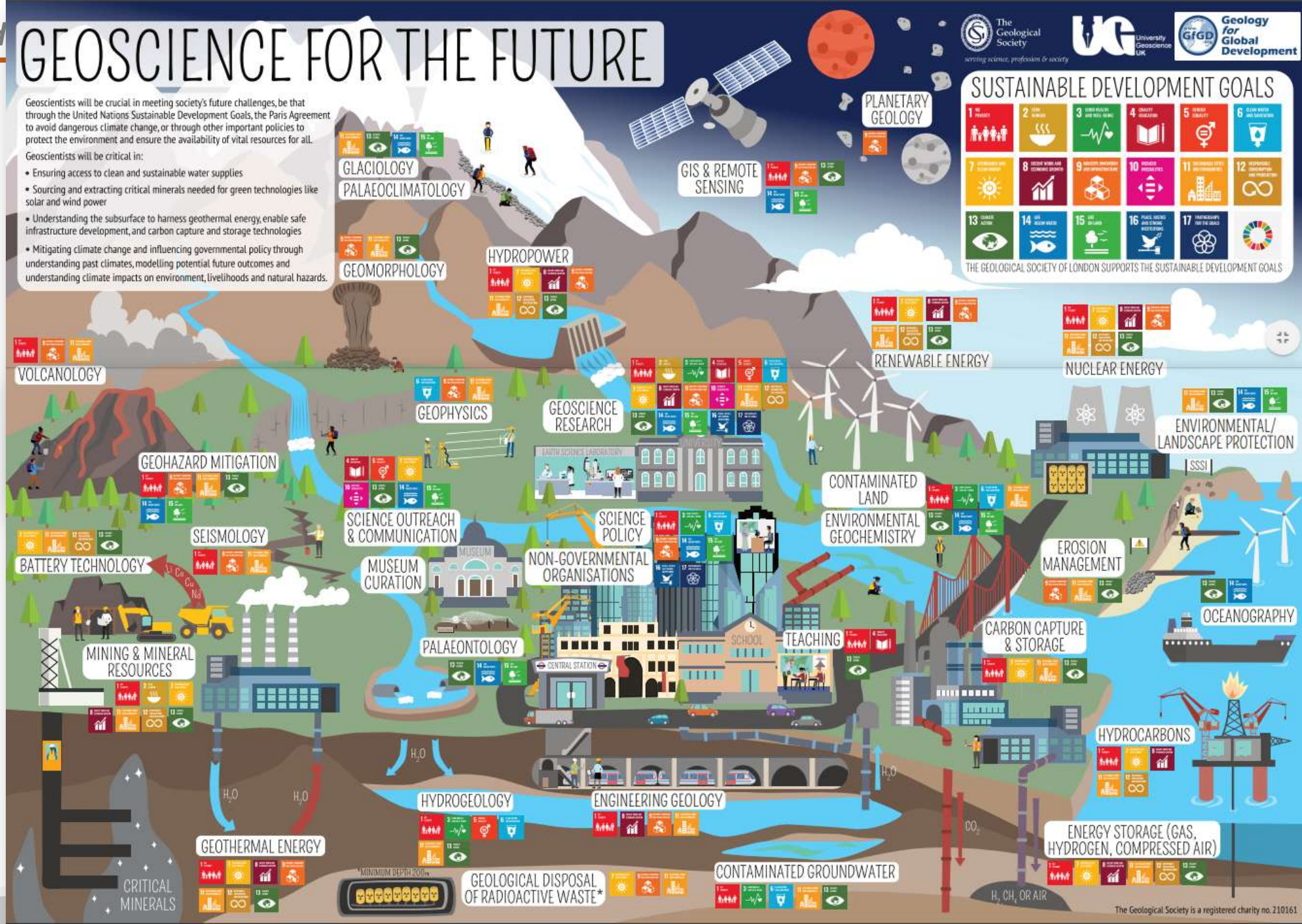
## Geosciences in the changing world

### To sum up:

Geoscientists will be crucial in meeting society's future challenges, be that through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement to avoid dangerous climate change, or through other important policies to protect the environment and ensure the availability of vital resources for all.

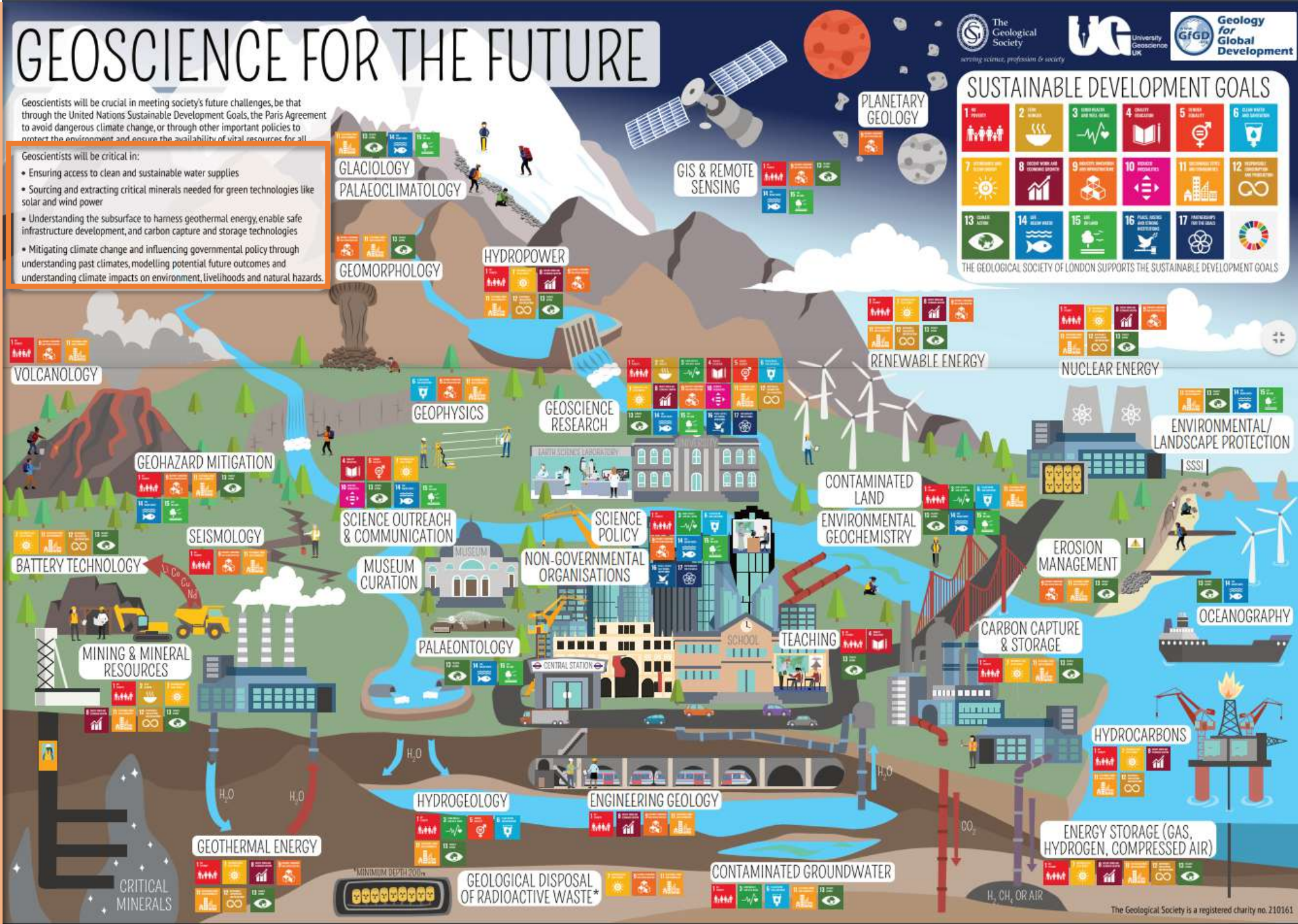
Geoscientists will be critical in:

- Ensuring access to clean and sustainable water supplies
- Sourcing and extracting critical minerals needed for green technologies like solar and wind power
- Understanding the subsurface to harness geothermal energy, enable safe infrastructure development, and carbon capture and storage technologies
- Mitigating climate change and influencing governmental policy through understanding past climates, modelling potential future outcomes and understanding climate impacts on environment, livelihoods and natural hazards.



# Le geoscienze saranno fondamentali per:

- **Garantire** l'accesso a forniture idriche pulite e sostenibili
- **Esplorare e produrre** i minerali critici necessari per tecnologie pulite come l'energia solare ed eolica
- **Comprendere** il sottosuolo per sfruttare O&G e l'energia geotermica; **consentire** lo sviluppo di infrastrutture sicure e di tecnologie CCS
- **Mitigare** i cambiamenti climatici influenzando le politiche governative attraverso la comprensione del passato, la modellazione di scenari futuri e degli impatti climatici sull'ambiente, sulla vita e sugli eventi naturali





## Global Carbon Budget 2019

The GCP is a Global Research Project of **futureearth** and a Research Partner of **WCRP**

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**Global emissions of carbon dioxide** from fossil fuels and industry are expected to grow slowly in 2019 due to a decline in global coal use.

The growth rate in 2019 is set to fall to 0.6%, down from 2.1% in 2018.

This is due to **declines in coal** use in the European Union and the United States, as well as **slower growth in coal use** in China and India, and overall **weaker global economic growth**.

The decline in coal use has been offset by sustained growth in oil and natural gas.

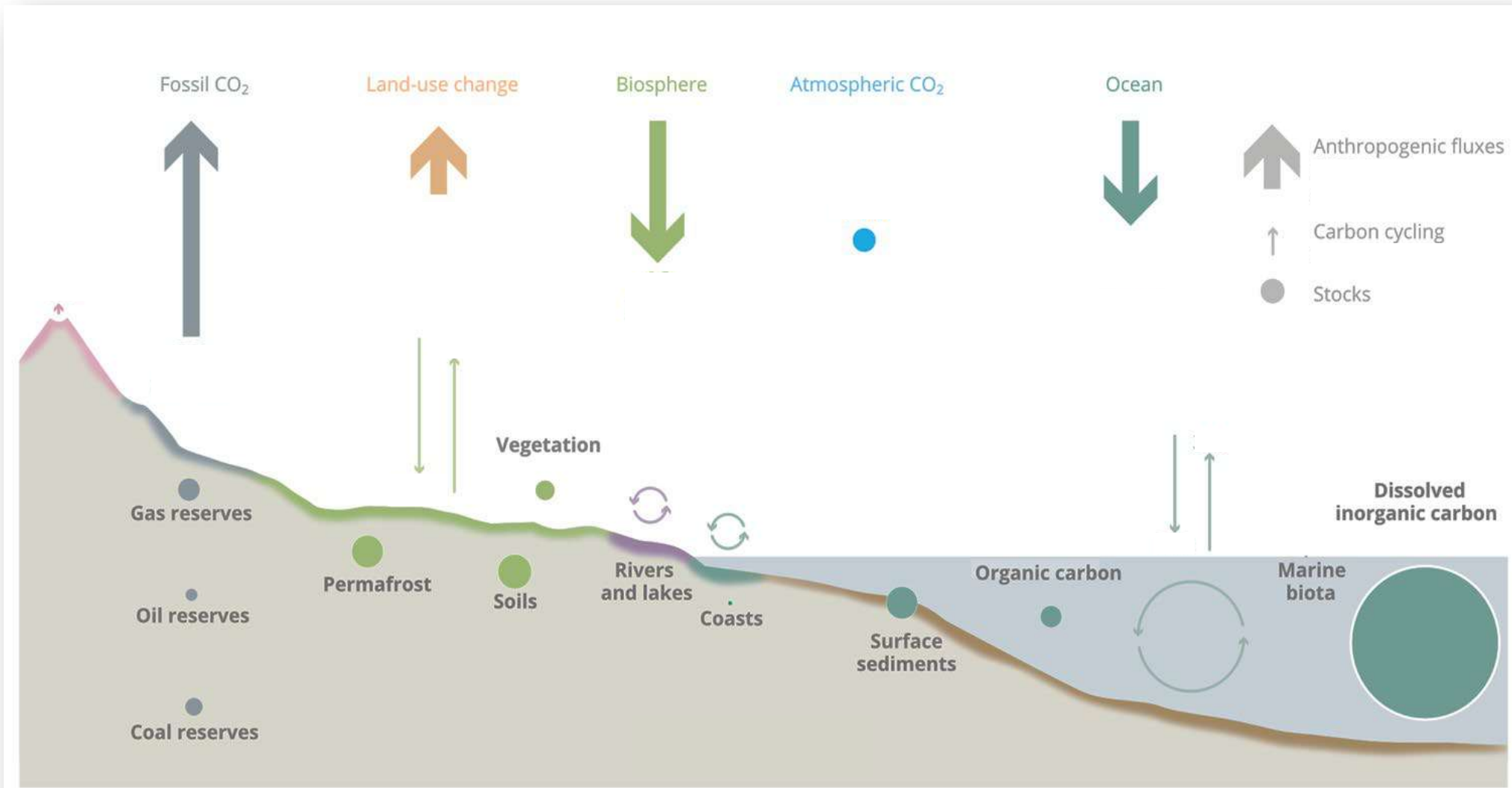
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## The global carbon cycle

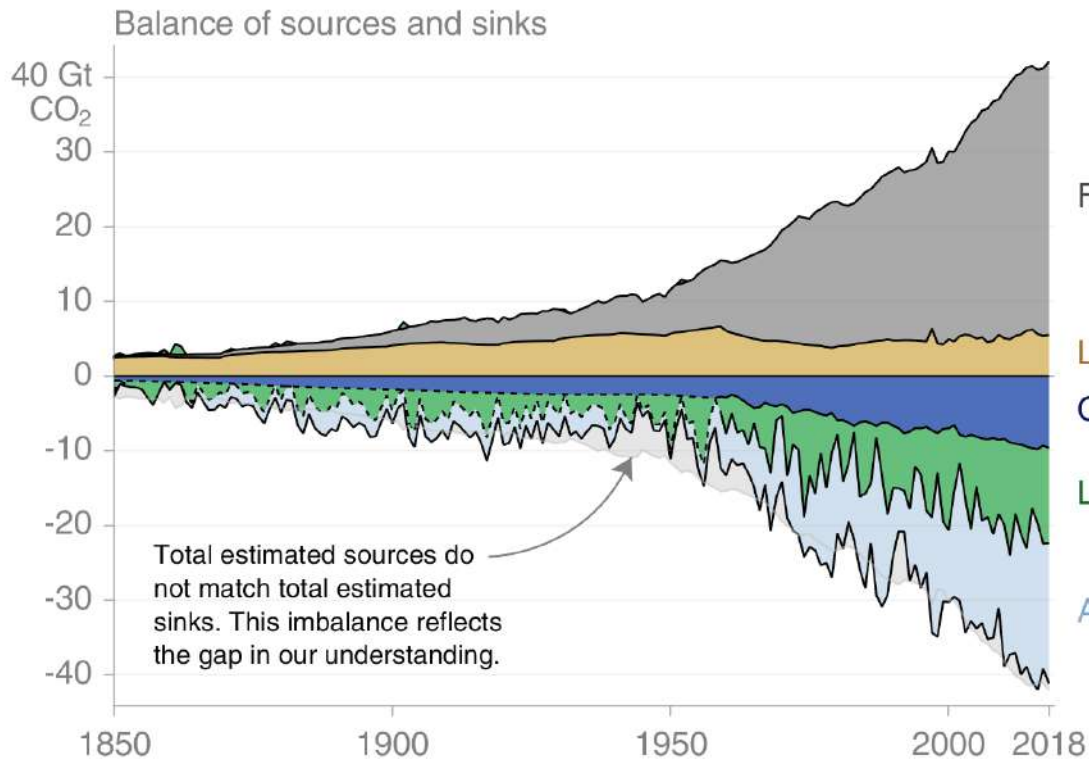




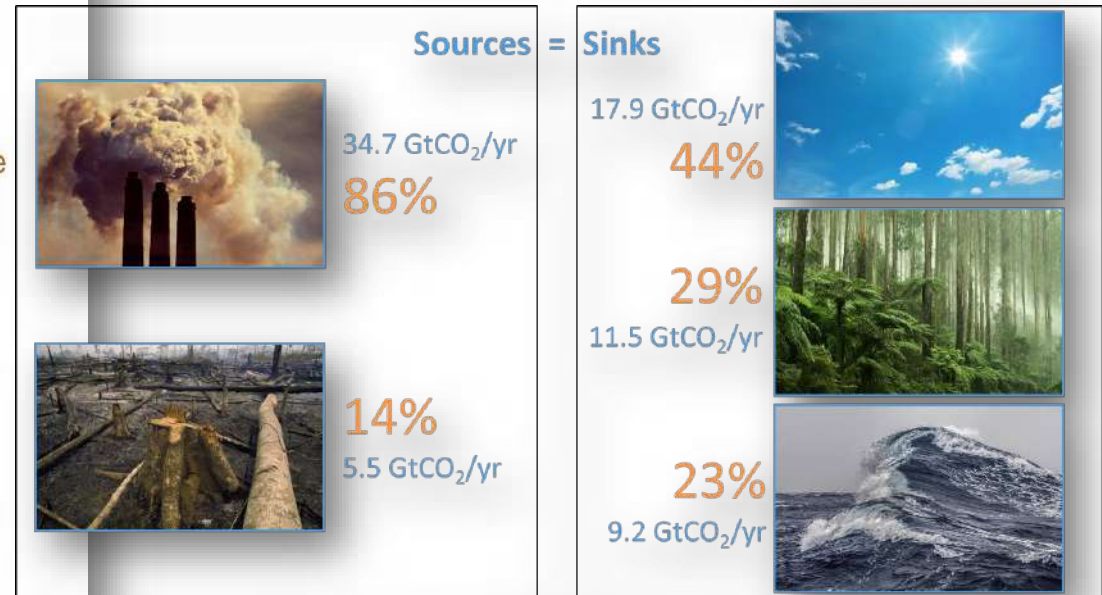


Carbon emissions are partitioned among the atmosphere and carbon sinks on land and in the ocean

The “imbalance” between total emissions and total sinks reflects the gap in the understanding of the whole phenomenon

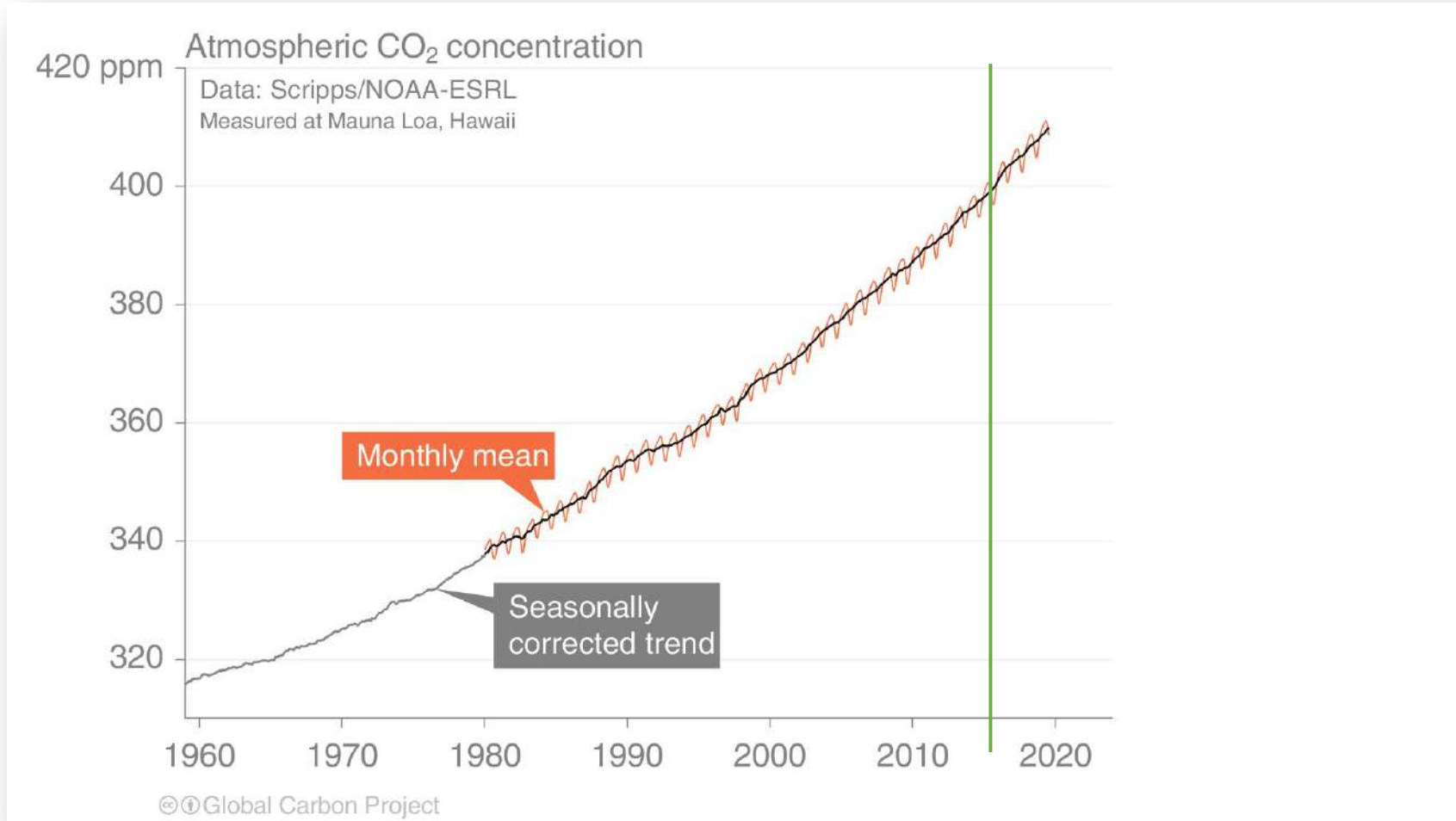


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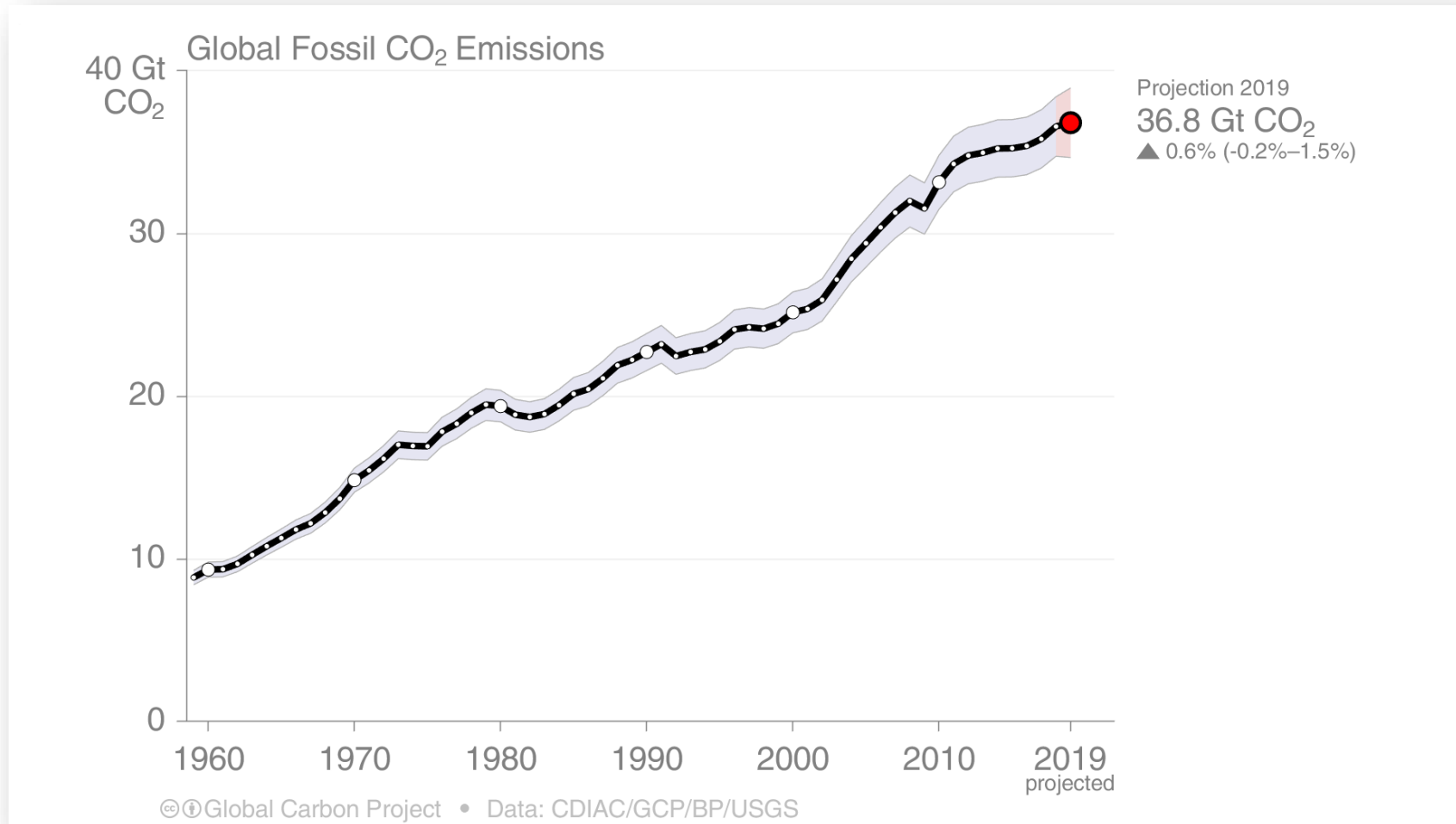
The global CO2 concentration increased from ~277ppm in 1750 to 407ppm in 2018 (up 46%)  
2016 was the first full year with concentration above 400ppm





**Global fossil CO2 emissions have risen steadily over the last decades & show no sign of peaking**

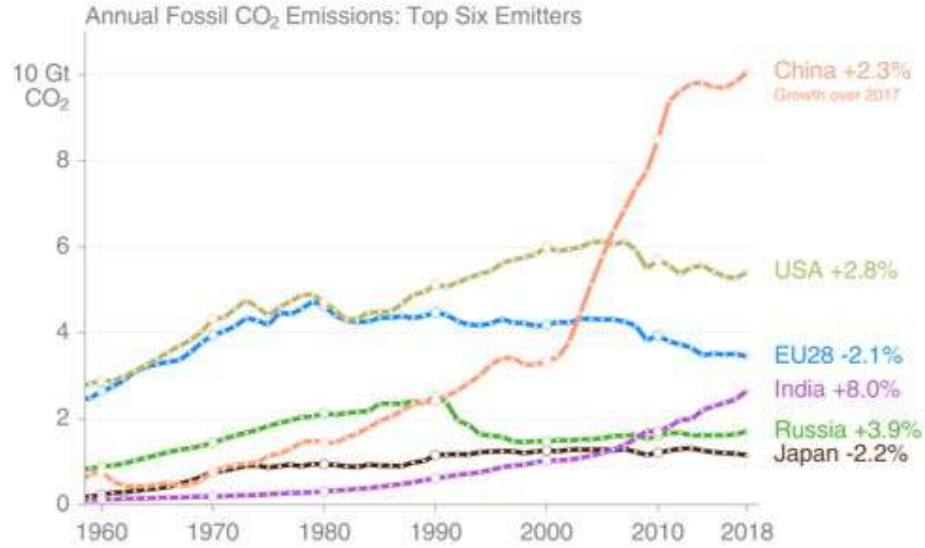
Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will likely be 62% higher in 2019 than the year of the 1<sup>st</sup> IPCC report in 1990



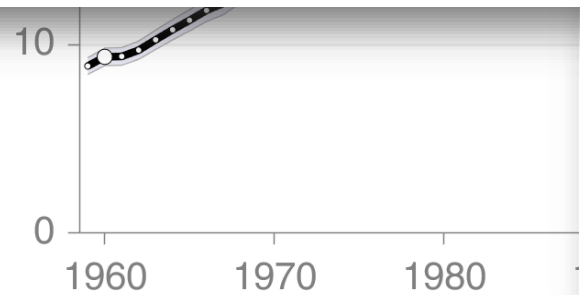


## Top emitters: Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

The top six emitters in 2018 covered 67% of global emissions  
 China 28%, United States 15%, EU28 9%, India 7%, Russia 5%, and Japan 3%

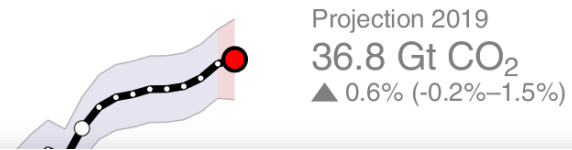


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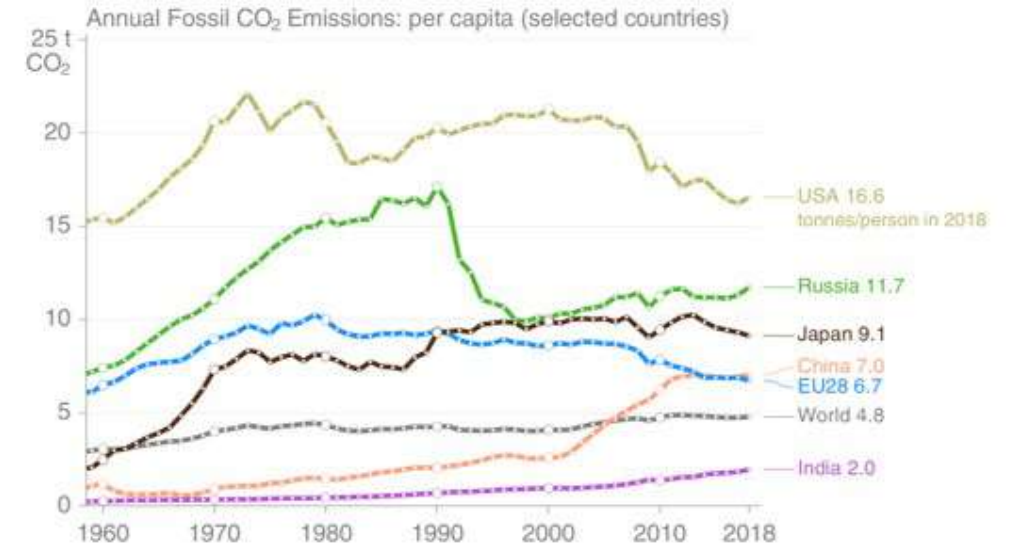
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## Top emitters: Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per capita

Countries have a broad range of per capita emissions reflecting their national circumstances

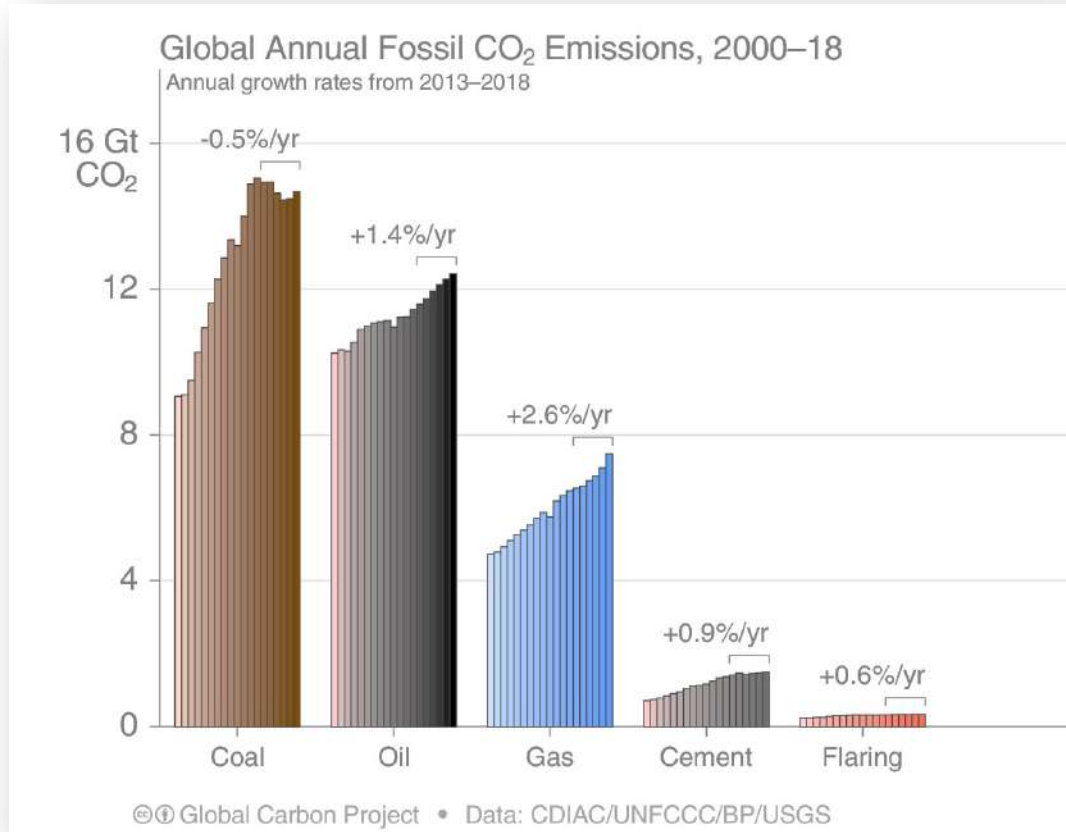


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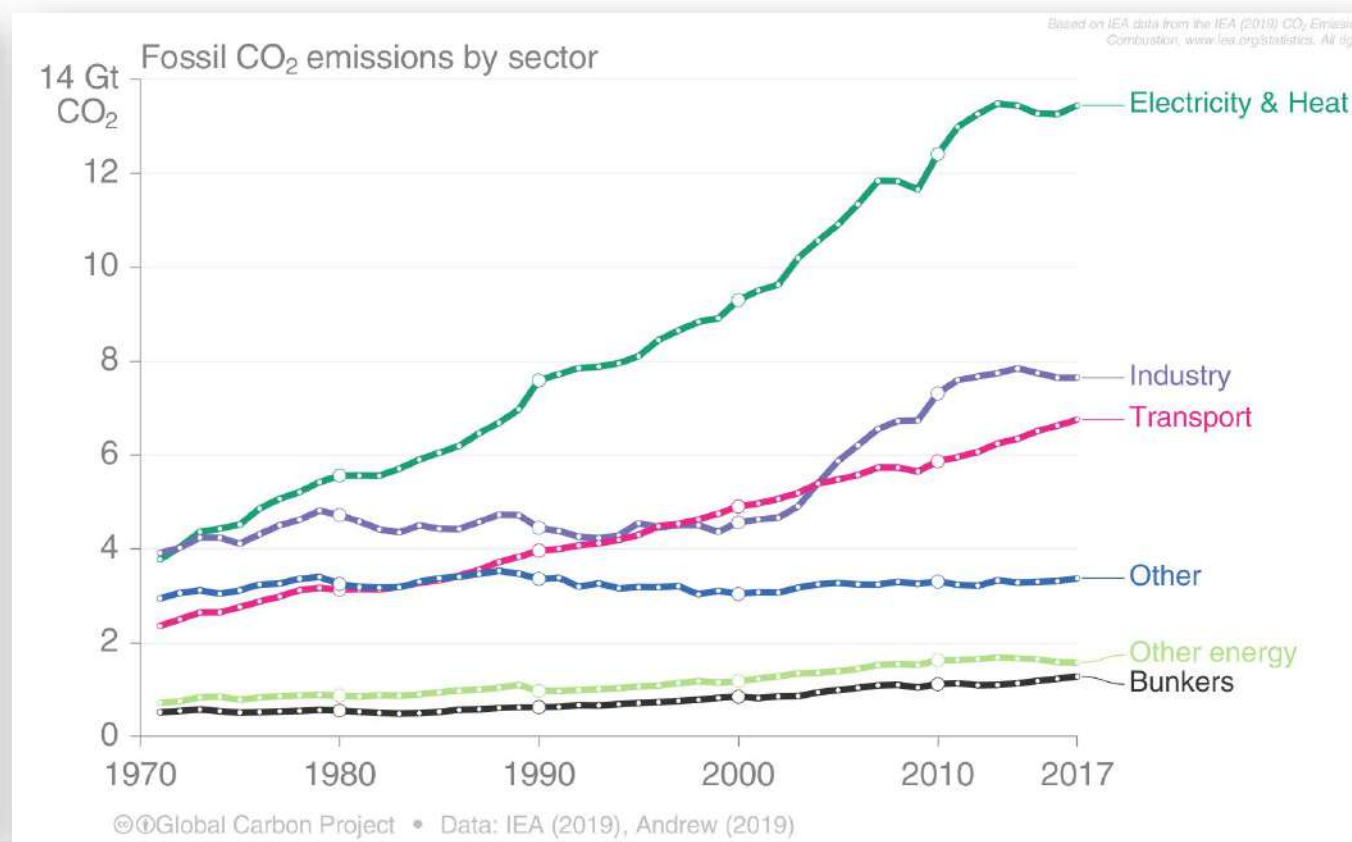
## Emissions by category from 2000 to 2018

growth rates indicated for the more recent period of 2013 to 2018



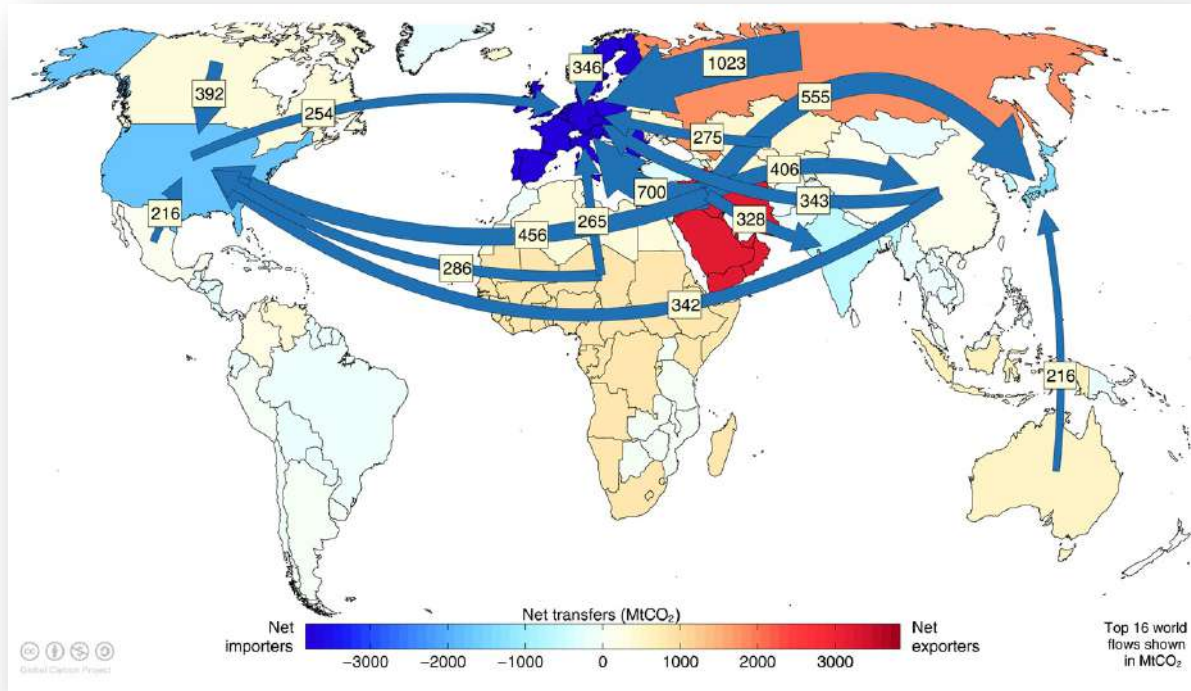
## Global fossil CO2 emissions

electricity, heat, & energy (45%), industry (23%), national transport (19%), international aviation and marine bunkers (3.5%), remaining sectors (10%)

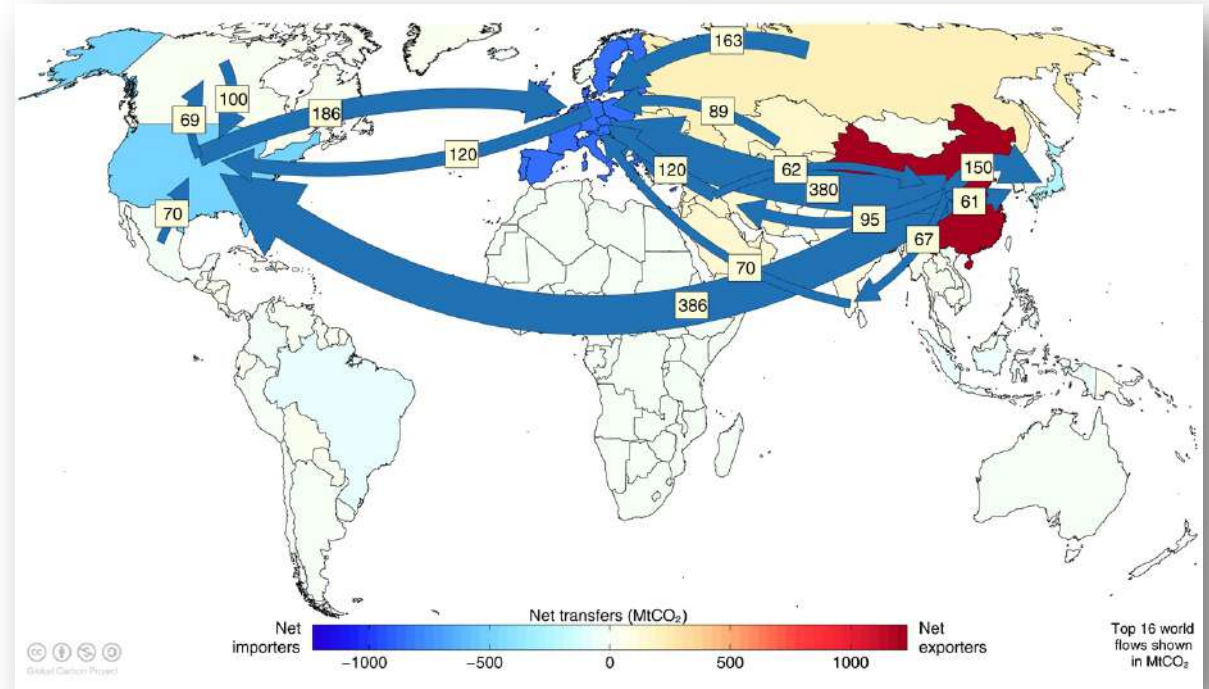




## Flows from location of fossil fuel extraction to location of consumption of goods and services

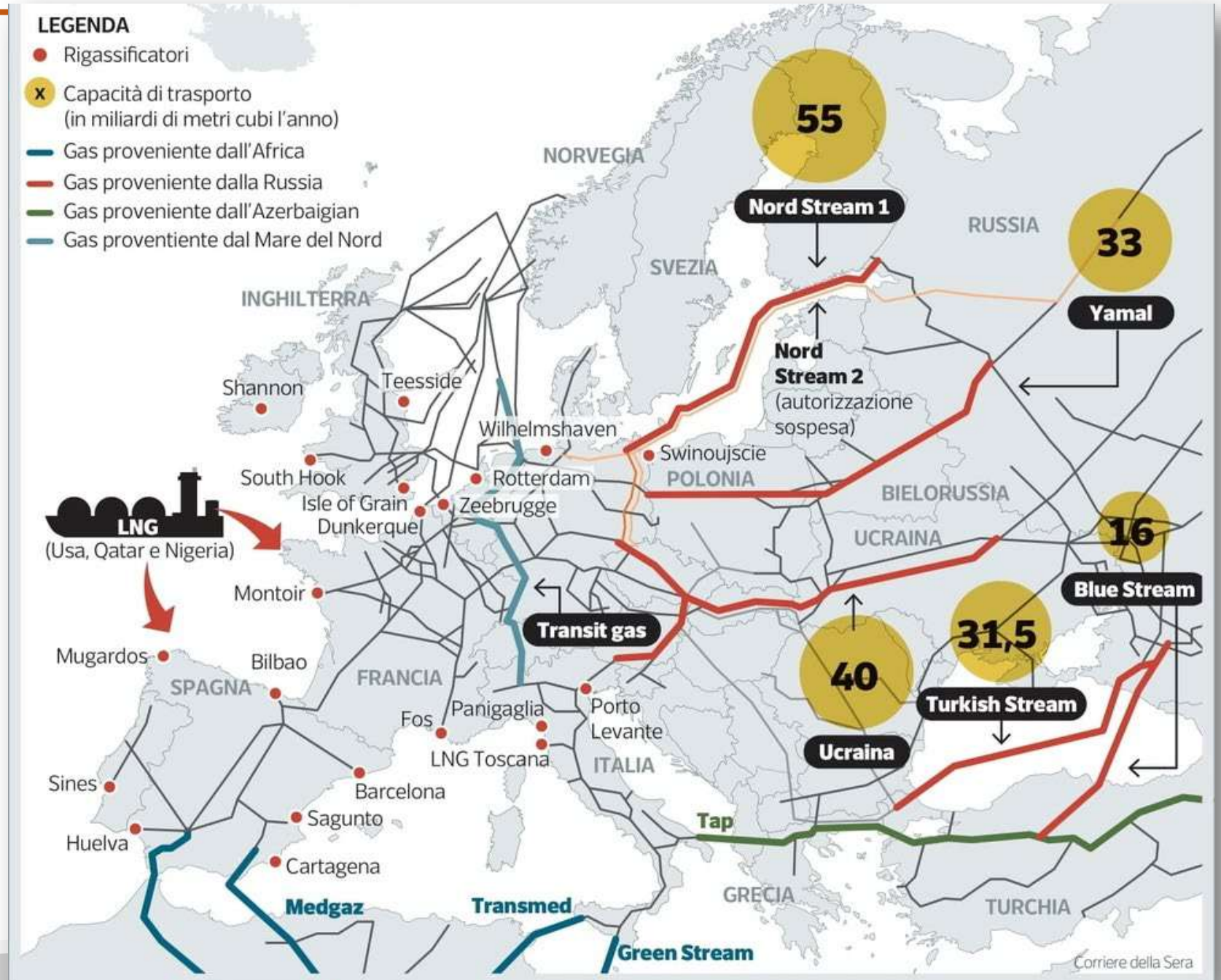


## Flows from location of generation of emissions to location of consumption of goods and services



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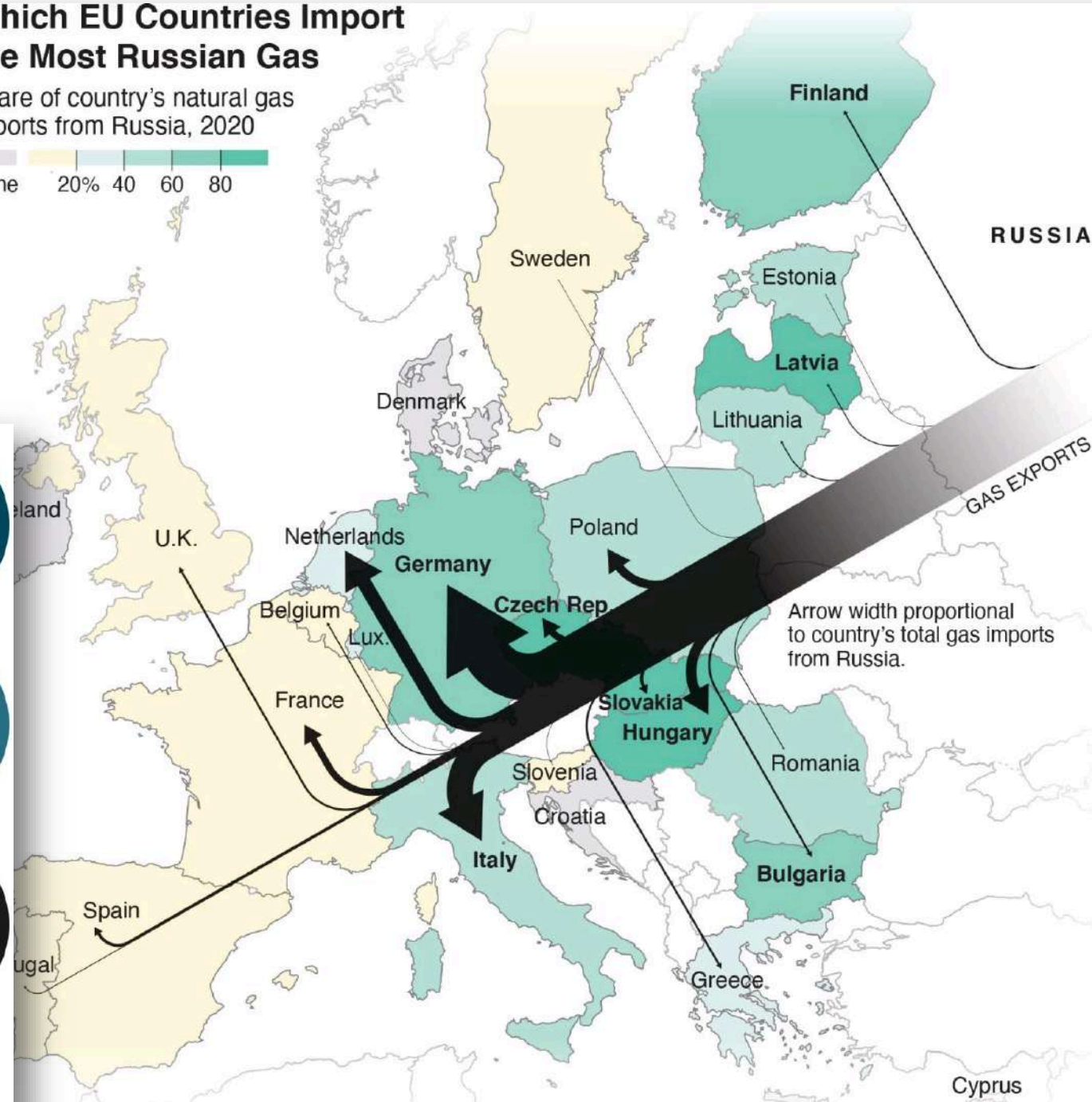
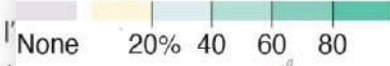
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**LEGENDA**

- Rigassificatori
- ⊗ Capacità di trasporto (in miliardi di metri cubi l'anno)
- Gas proveniente dall'Africa
- Gas proveniente dalla Russia
- Gas proveniente dall'Azerbaijan
- Gas proveniente dal Mar Caspio

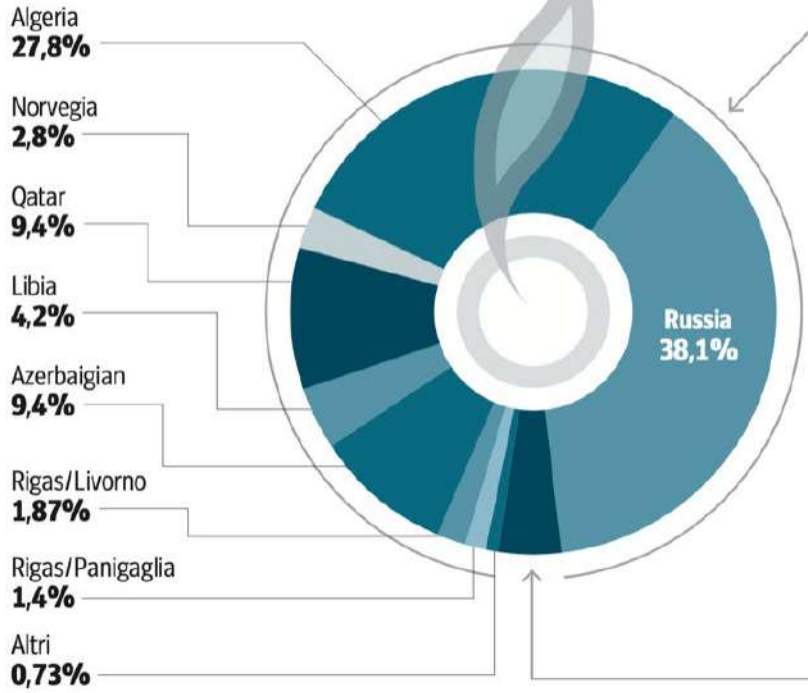
Which EU Countries Import the Most Russian Gas

Share of country's natural gas imports from Russia, 2020



Gas

I consumi di gas naturale in Italia per provenienza



Importazione  
**95,7%**

Consumo totale 2021  
**76,1**  
miliardi di metri cubi

Produzione nazionale  
**4,3%**

Fonte: Mite

Source: EuroStat and the British Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy | Note: Austria did not



## Perché le previsioni a volte sbagliano clamorosamente?

Due tipi di incertezze possono portare a grandi errori di previsione di sistemi complessi: le incognite sconosciute (**unknown unknowns**) e le incognite conosciute (**known unknowns**).

Le prime, dette **epistemiche**, riguardano il fatto che nei sistemi complessi ci sono più variabili di quante se ne possano considerare. Le seconde, dette **stocastiche**, si riferiscono alla natura intrinsecamente non lineare di molti sistemi complessi, tra cui i **sistemi energetici**.

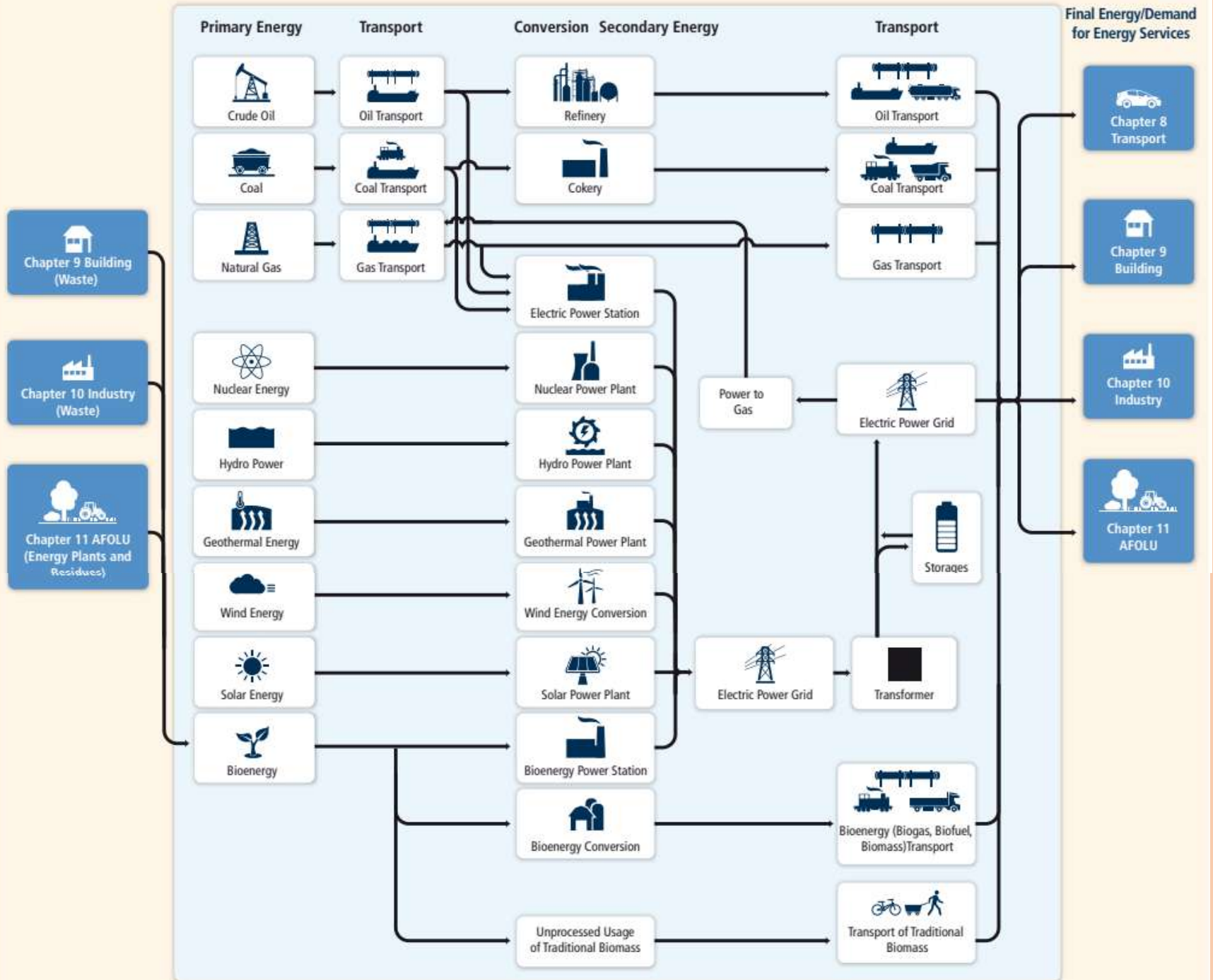
Gli eventi che portano ai primi tipi di errori sono definiti “cigni neri” (**black swan**), quelli che portano ai secondi sono invece definiti “cigni morenti” (**dying swan**).

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