



The Future Role of Gas: Green and Sector Coupled?

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The Future Role of Gaseous Energy in the EU

- The role of gas in meeting **2030 climate and energy targets**
- The role of gas in a **carbon neutral economy by 2050**
- What is needed to **unlock the potential** of gas

Gas can play a key role in achieving EU climate objectives by 2030

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions **by 40%**

Switching from **coal to gas** can help exceed greenhouse gas reduction targets

Increasing the share of renewable energy **to 32%**

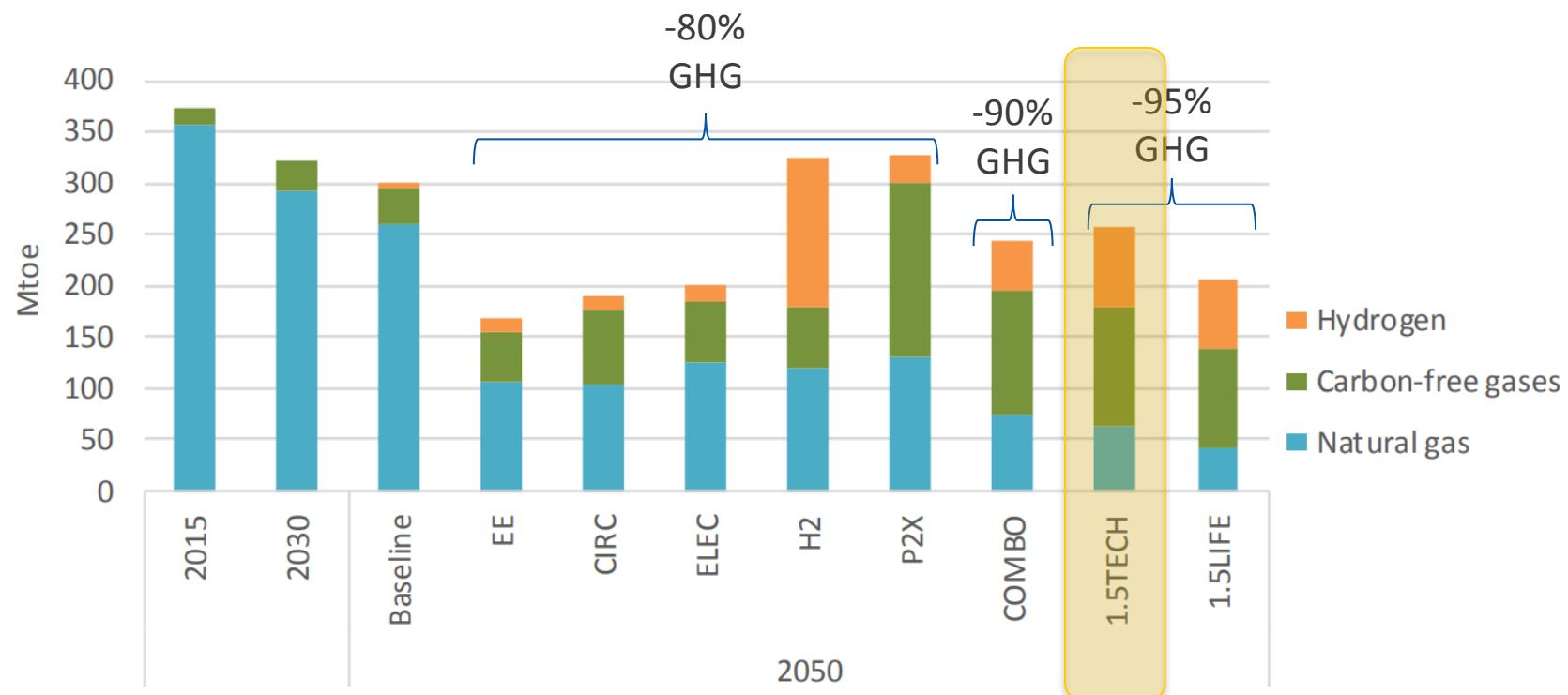
Renewable gas already **contributes** to the renewable energy target

Improving energy efficiency **by 32.5%**

Retrofitting and **hybrid system** can deliver quick wins without disruption to consumers

The role of gas in carbon neutral EU economy in 2050

European Commission Long Term Strategy Scenarios on the consumption of gaseous fuels by 2050



Note: "carbon-free" gases refer to e-gas, biogas and waste-gas

Source: *In-depth analysis in support of the Commission Communication COM(2018) 773*

Eurogas recommendations for a Gas Package

- Introduce a **binding EU target** for renewable and decarbonised gases
- Develop an EU blueprint for **Guarantees of Origin**
- A pragmatic and technology neutral approach to **sustainable investment rules**

A question of affordability and acceptability

Using the Gas Infrastructure will result in significant system cost saving to 2050

“Renewable methane and hydrogen used optimally in the energy system can **save society €217 billion annually** compared to an energy system with a minimal amount of gas”

Source: NAVIGANT (2019) Gas for climate

“The EU can **save EUR 76 billion to 125 billion per year** in 2050 through the continued use of gas networks”

Source: frontier economics (2019) The value of gas infrastructure in a climate-neutral Europe

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