



# Transitioning to a Sustainable Future: Unpacking AFRY's Fossil Detox Report

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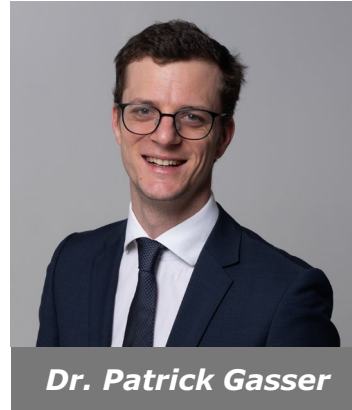


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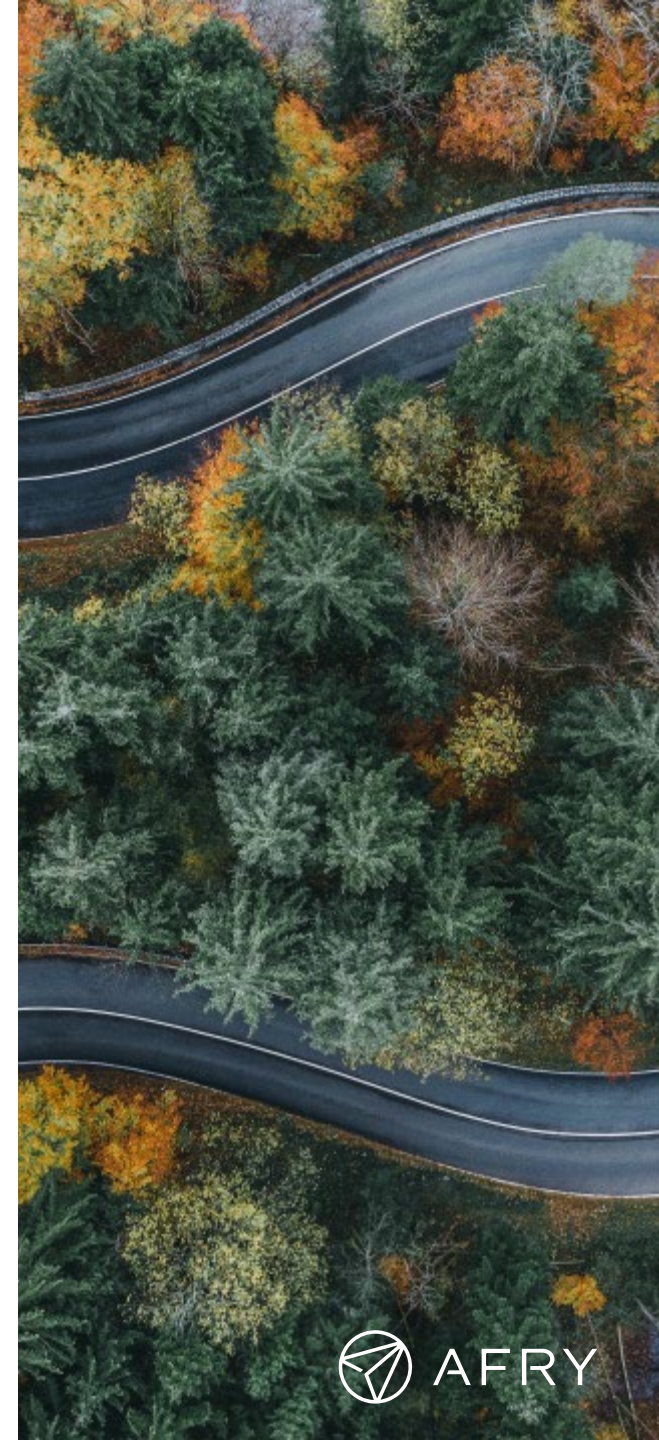
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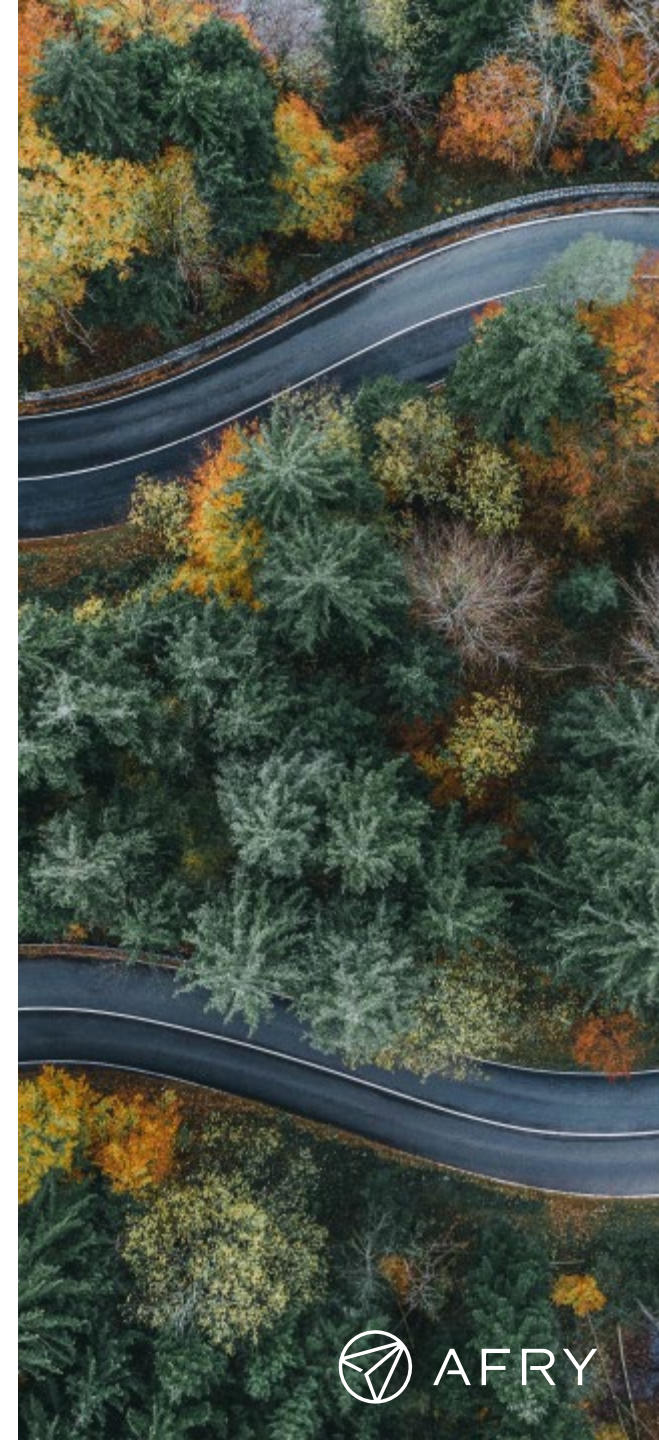
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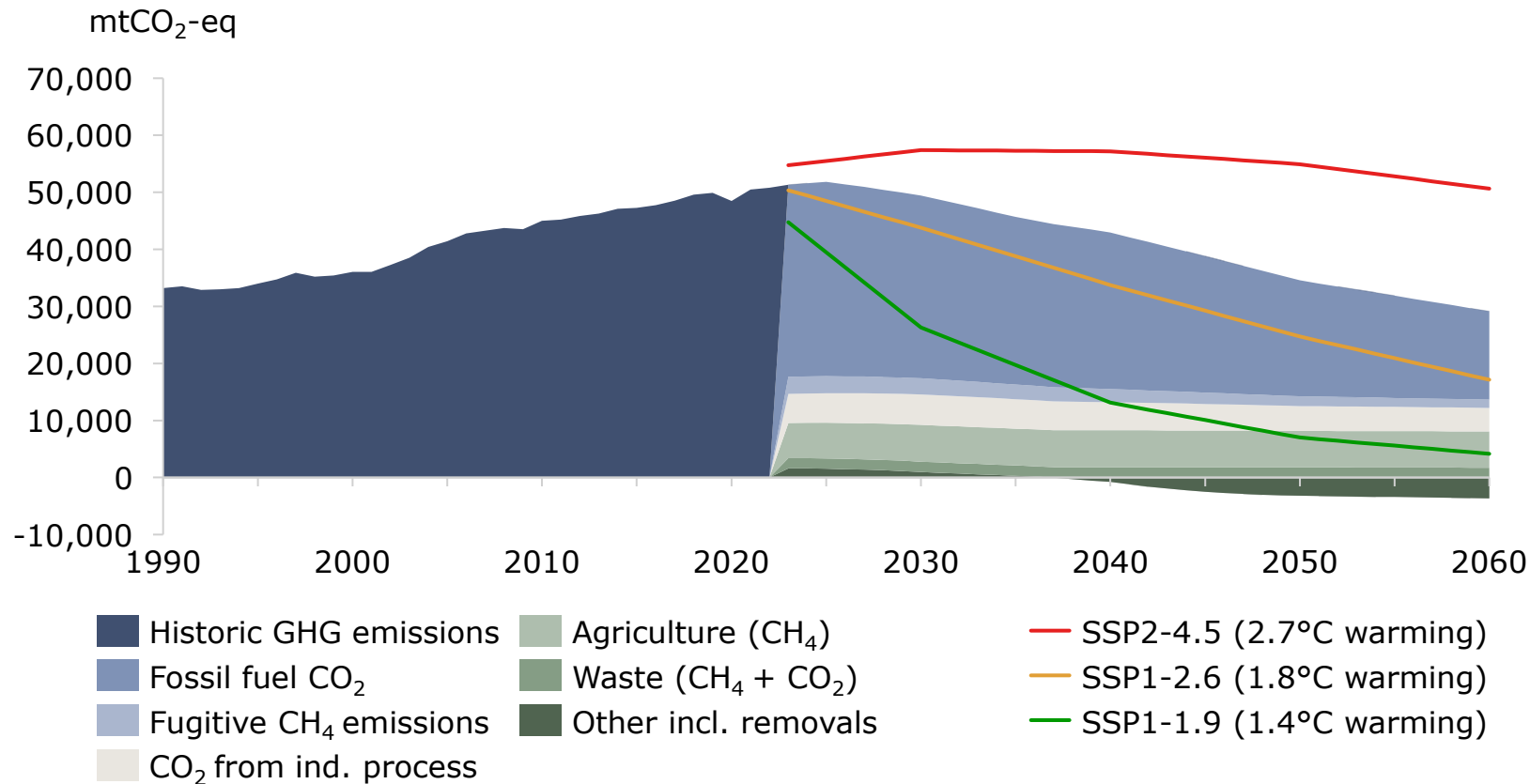
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CURRENT SITUATION

# Greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced significantly to address global warming and reach the 1.5°C target

## INDICATIVE TOTAL ANTHROPOGENIC GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY ORIGIN VS. CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS

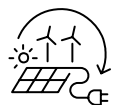


- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are primary driver of human-induced climate change, and despite increased global attention, they continue to rise
- To meet the goals and net-zero emissions by 2050, as well as the 1.5°C global warming target of the Paris Agreement, actionable plans are necessary
- At COP28 in Dubai, countries committed to phasing out fossil fuels, aiming to triple renewable energy capacity and double annual energy efficiency improvements by 2030

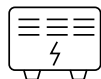
SSP (Shared Socioeconomic Pathways) are reference climate change scenarios as defined in the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, used to derive climate change and GHG scenarios with different climate policies; Fugitive CH<sub>4</sub> emissions are unintentional methane leaks from fossil fuel operations | Sources: AFRY, IPCC

# AFRY aims to become the leading partner in the sustainability transition

## RENEWABLE ENERGY



## HEATING



## TRANSPORT



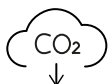
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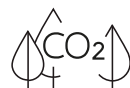
## ENERGY STORAGE



## CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE



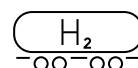
## CARBON REMOVALS



## NUCLEAR



## HYDROGEN



## NATURAL GAS AS A TRANSITION FUEL



## WOOD-BASED SOLUTIONS



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY



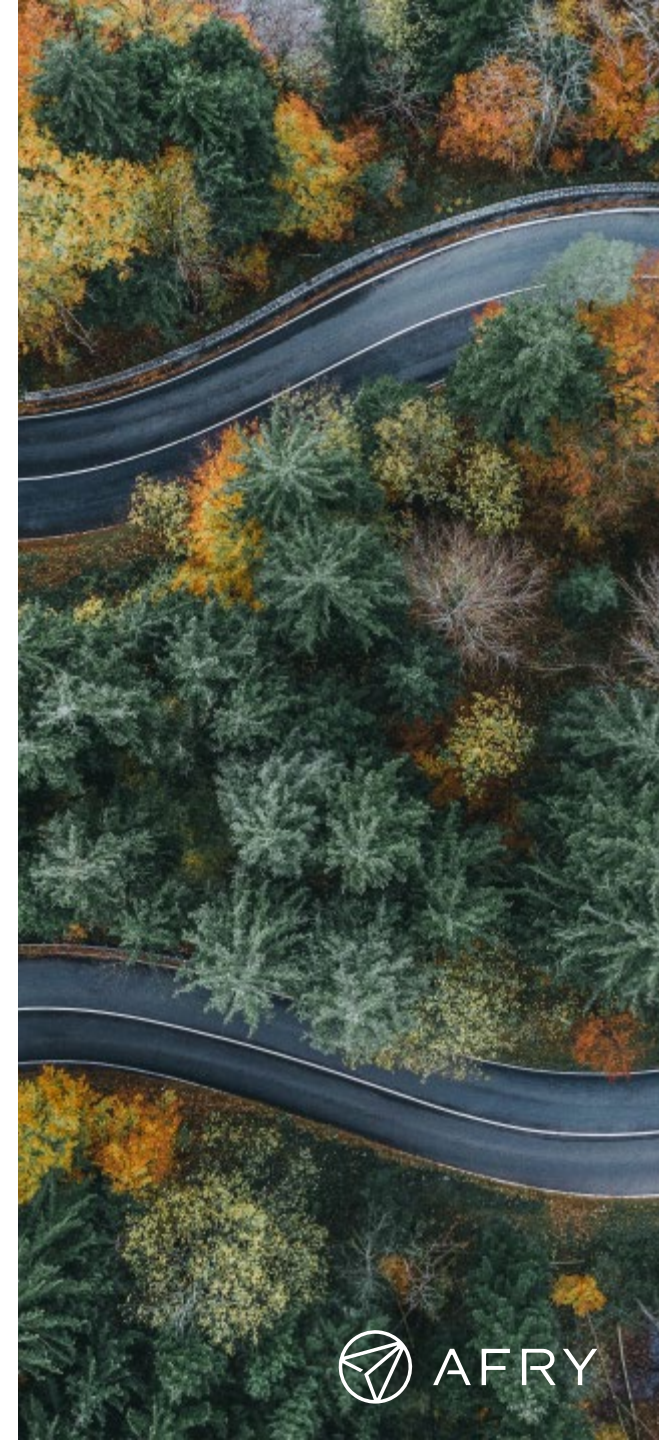
## RESOURCE OPTIMISATION



- AFRY positions itself on key issues related to the energy transition and shift away from fossil fuels and fossil-based materials
- AFRY sees a carefully managed transition as critical, balancing sustainability, affordability, energy security, and social acceptance, amidst global economic and regional challenges
- AFRY formulates actionable enablers and strategic actions that need to be undertaken across multiple levels, from governments and industries to individuals

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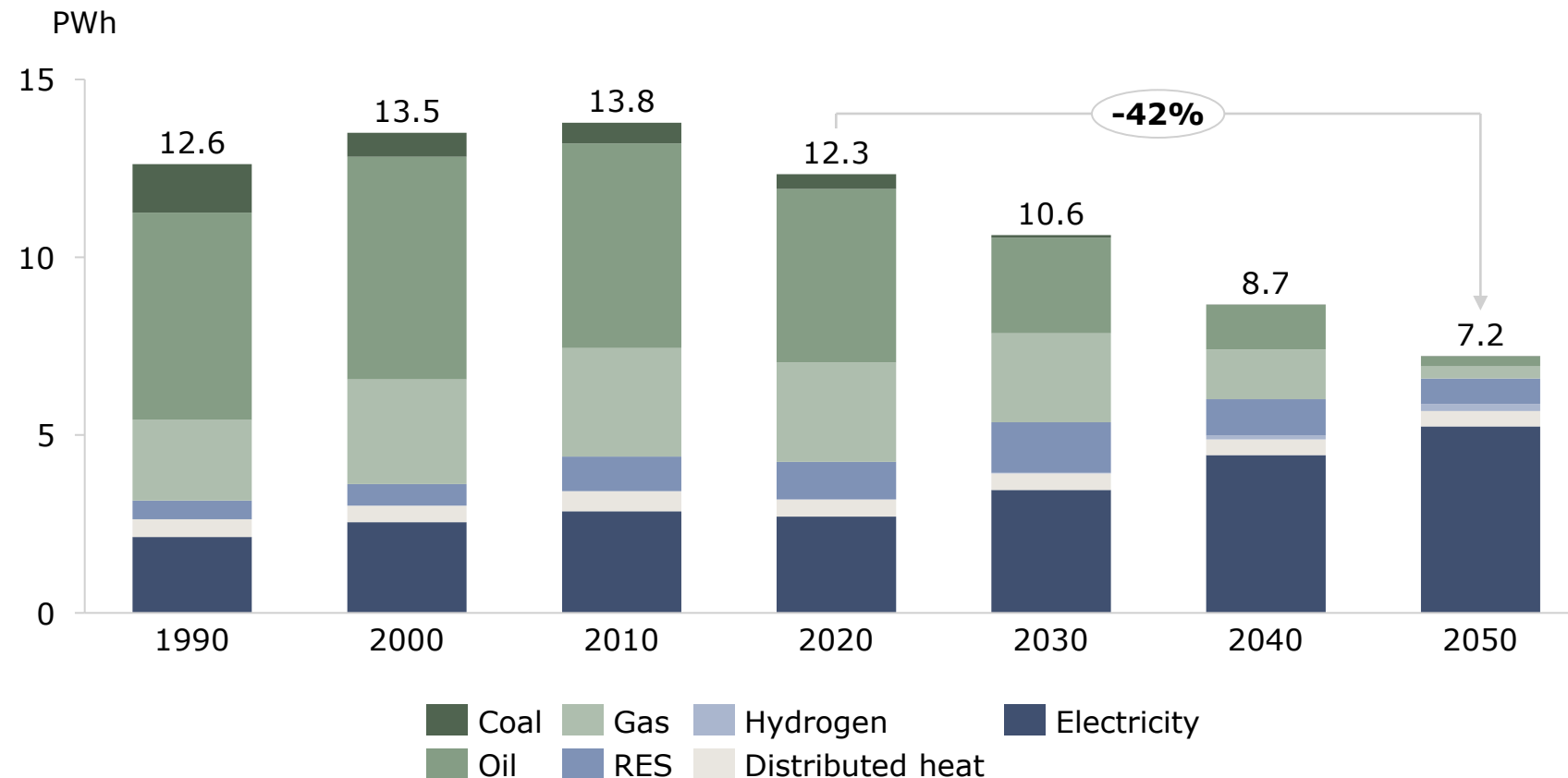




## ELECTRIFICATION

# Electrification will play a pivotal role in the decarbonisation of the energy sector

### FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup>

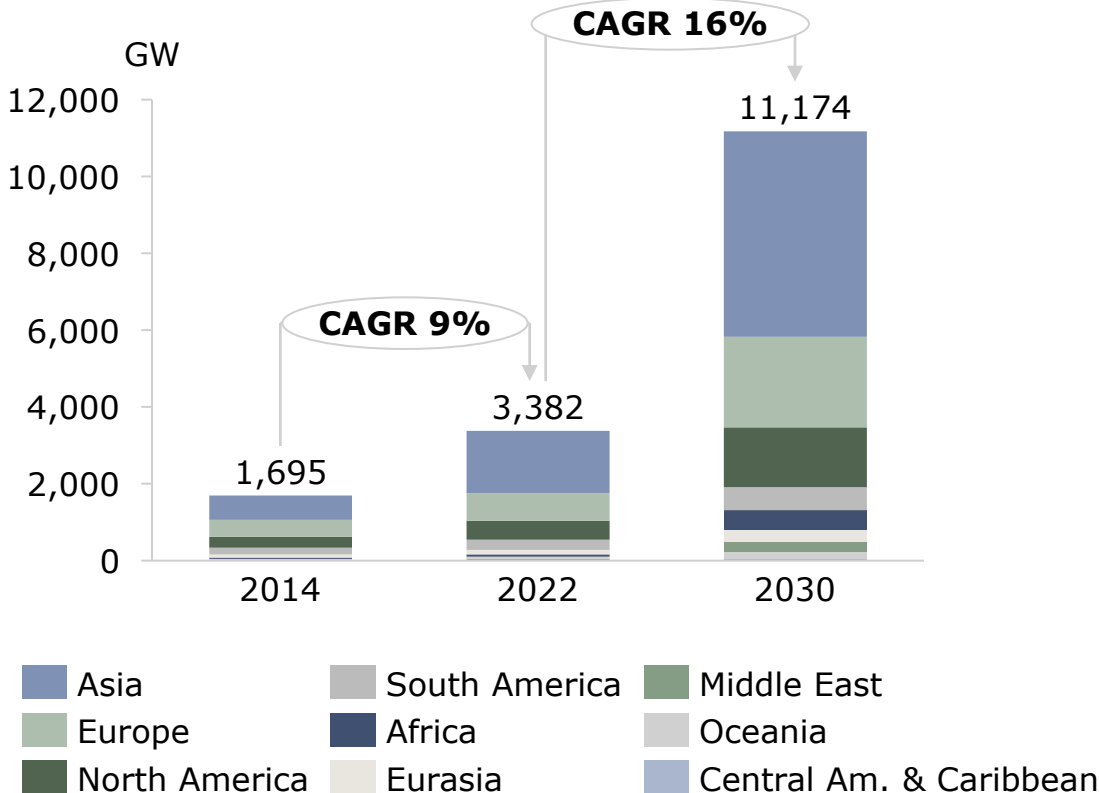


- Final energy consumption is projected to nearly halve by 2050, driven primarily by widespread electrification across sectors
- With uprising importance, demand for electricity is projected to increase significantly, requiring the installation of renewable energies or low-carbon alternatives
- Increasing attention to storage solutions and electricity networks, as backbone for the energy transition

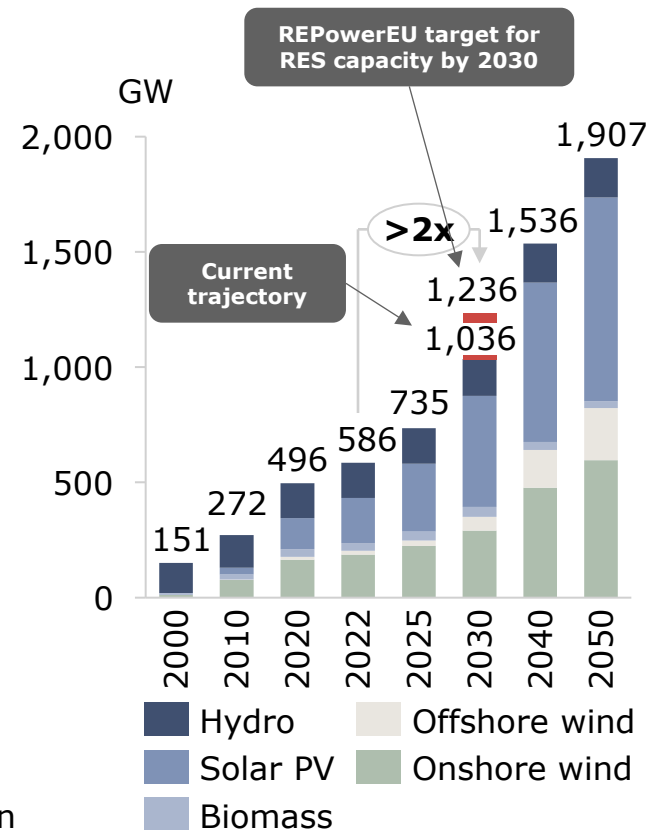
1. EU27 + 3 (CH, UK and Norway); Final energy consumption represents energy used by final consumers (such as households, transport, industry, etc.) for all energy uses; Distributed heat is residual heat from waste-to-energy or CHP plants, or from heat recovery | Source: AFRY, IEA

# Tripling renewable capacities across markets requires almost doubling historical growth rates

**GLOBAL RES CAPACITY TARGETS, GROWTH RATES AND PROJECTED REGIONAL SPLITS**



**RES CAPACITIES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup>**

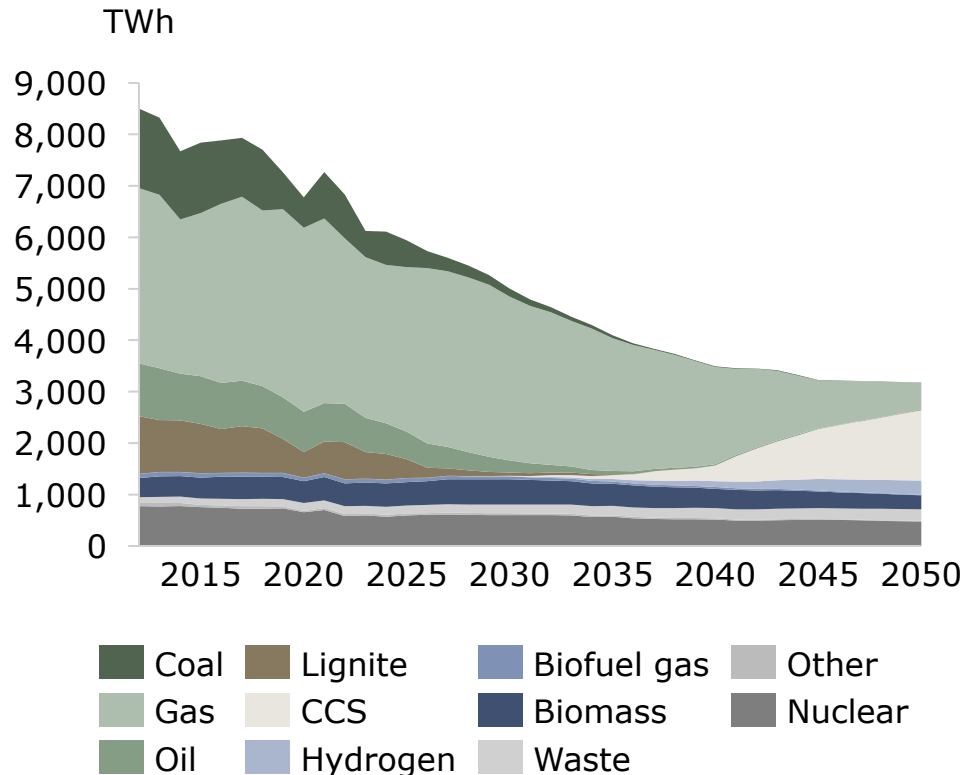


- COP28 represented a tripling of renewable energy systems worldwide until 2030
- Reaching goals requires almost doubling historic growth rates
- Accelerated deployment crucial, along with cost reductions, to enhance market competitiveness of renewable energy
- Investments needed to reduce costs and enhance development, alongside a resilient supply chain and supportive policies to address technological and regulatory challenges

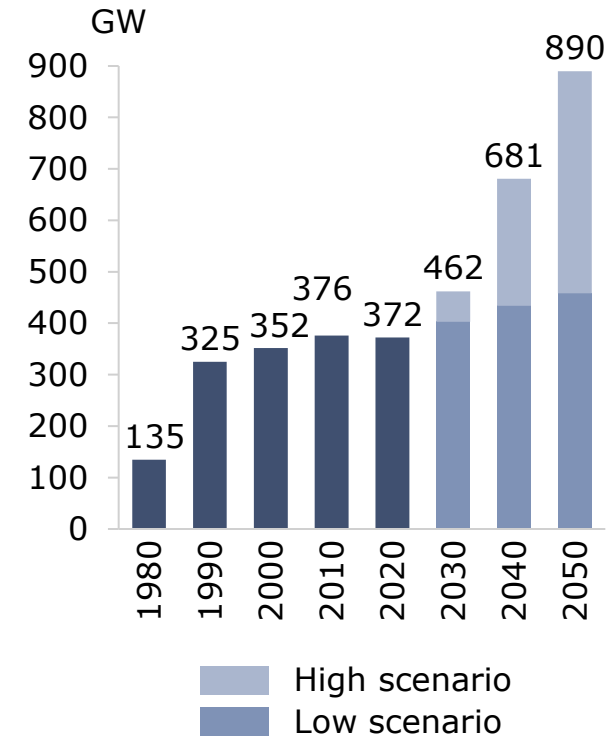
1. EU27; CAGR: Compound annual growth rate; RES: Renewable Energy Sources | Source: IRENA

# Role of gas as transitioning technology and uprise in attention for nuclear on the pathway to carbon neutrality

**HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT & PROJECTIONS OF FUEL USE IN POWER & HEAT GENERATION FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES<sup>1</sup>**



**GLOBAL INSTALLED NUCLEAR CAPACITY AND OUTLOOK**

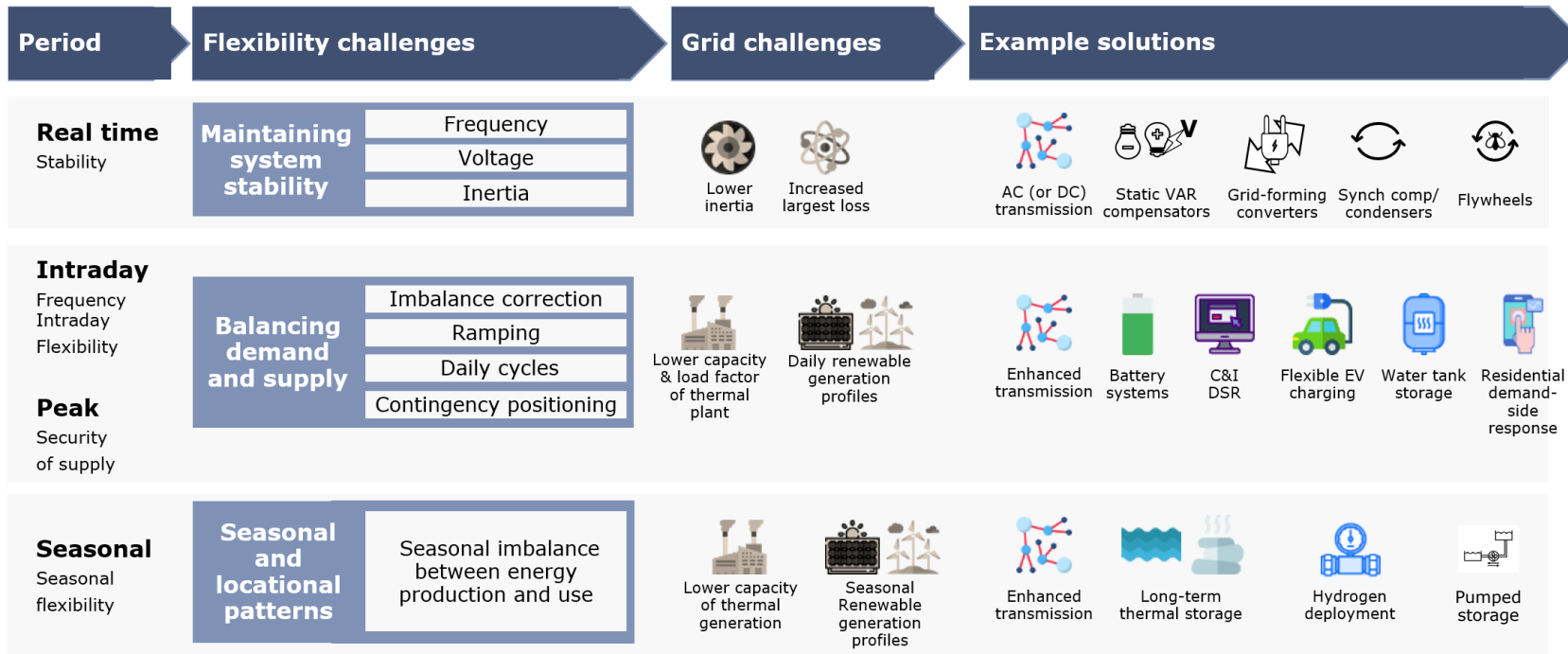


- Gas is increasingly viewed as a lower-carbon transition fuel, replacing coal and oil in power and heat production until 2050
- Gas' rising importance has made it a key influence factor in geopolitics
- Nuclear energy is gaining attention, with over 20 countries pledging to triple capacity by 2050 at COP28, and the EU endorsing it as a low-carbon technology to drive innovation and development

1. EU27 | Sources: AFRY, IAEA

# Storage solutions and resilient electricity transmission system indispensable with high renewables penetration

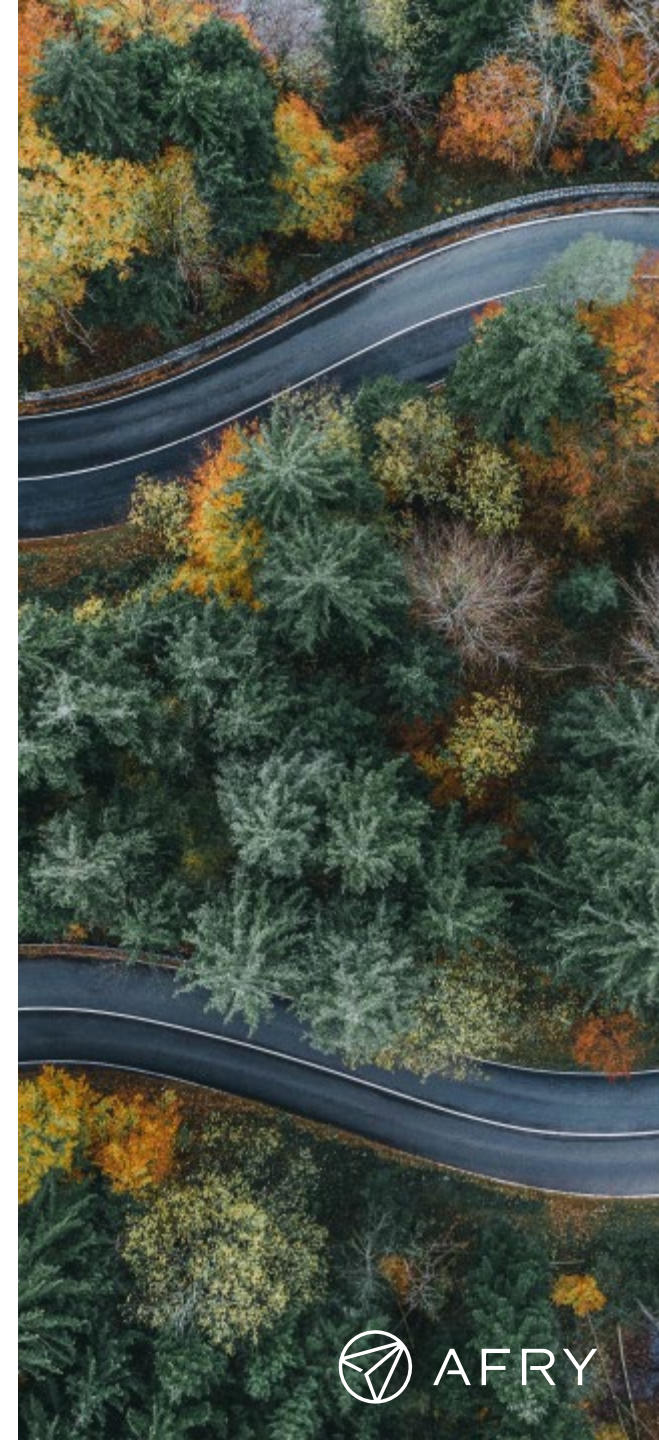
## FLEXIBILITY NEEDS FOR DIFFERENT TIMEFRAMES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS



- Storage technology is vital for managing electricity fluctuations, with growth anticipated from real time and intraday (batteries) to seasonal (pumped storage) solutions
- Technological advancements, resilient supply chains, and supportive policies are essential for enabling effective storage
- Besides storage, investments in digitising energy infrastructure crucial for optimising grid flexibility, addressing real-time congestion, and managing risks from intermittent power sources

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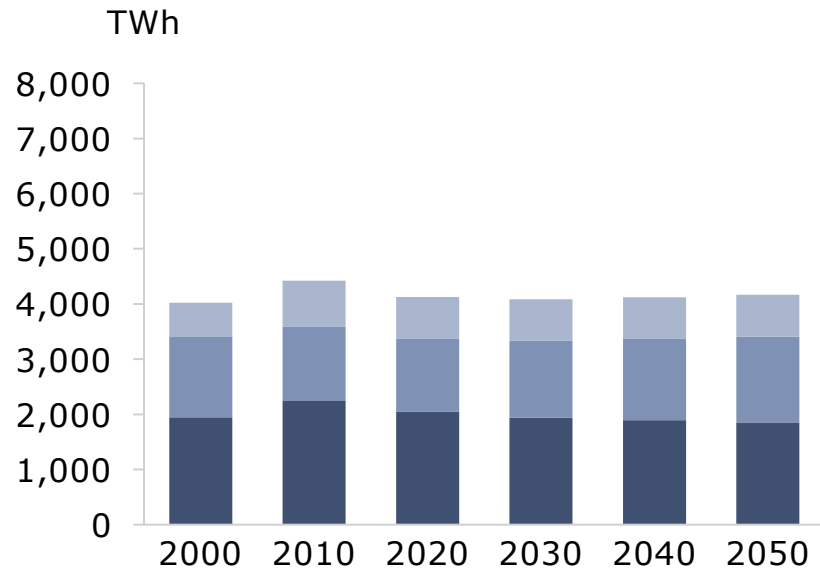
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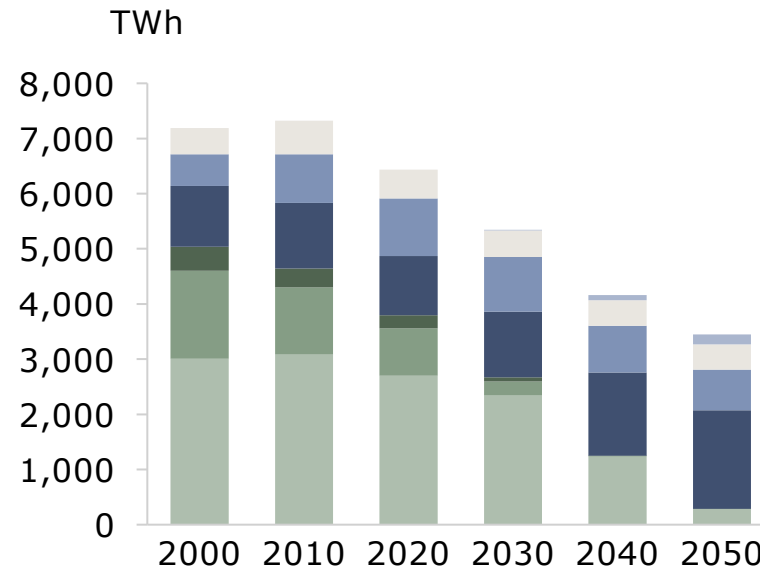
HEAD DEMAND BY SEGMENT AND FUEL USE

# Transitioning away from fossil necessitates a multitude of solutions in the heating sector

## HEAT DEMAND BY SEGMENT AND FUEL USE FOR HEATING IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES



- Commercial and industrial space heating
- Industrial processes
- Residential space heating



- Gas
- Renewables
- Oil products
- Distributed heat
- Coal products
- Hydrogen
- Electricity

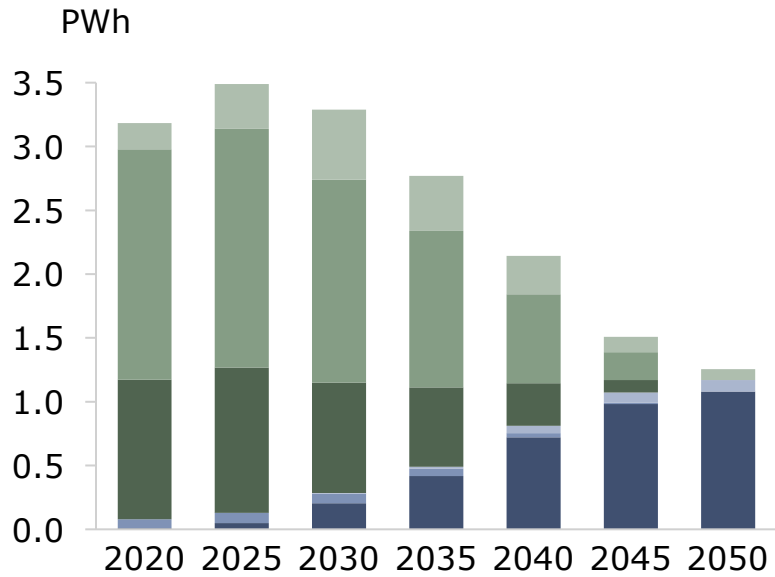
- Energy transition involves reducing final energy consumption across sectors
- Heating accounts for 50% of global final energy consumption, predominantly fossil-based
- Multiple solutions needed: electrification, green hydrogen, biomass, solar thermal, geothermal, power-to-heat, and heat storage
- Local technological, economic factors, and supply security are key to identifying optimal heating solutions

Source: AFRY

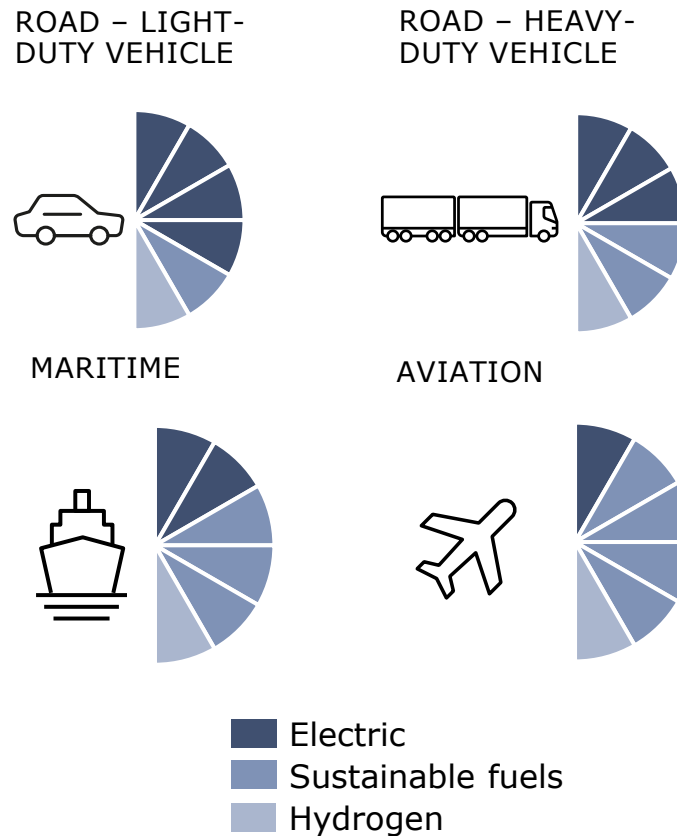
FUEL USE IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

# There is no one-size-fits-all solution in decarbonising the mobility sector

**ENERGY USE IN ROAD TRANSPORT<sup>1</sup> IN EUROPE BETWEEN 2020 AND 2050**



**FUEL USE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT BY 2050**

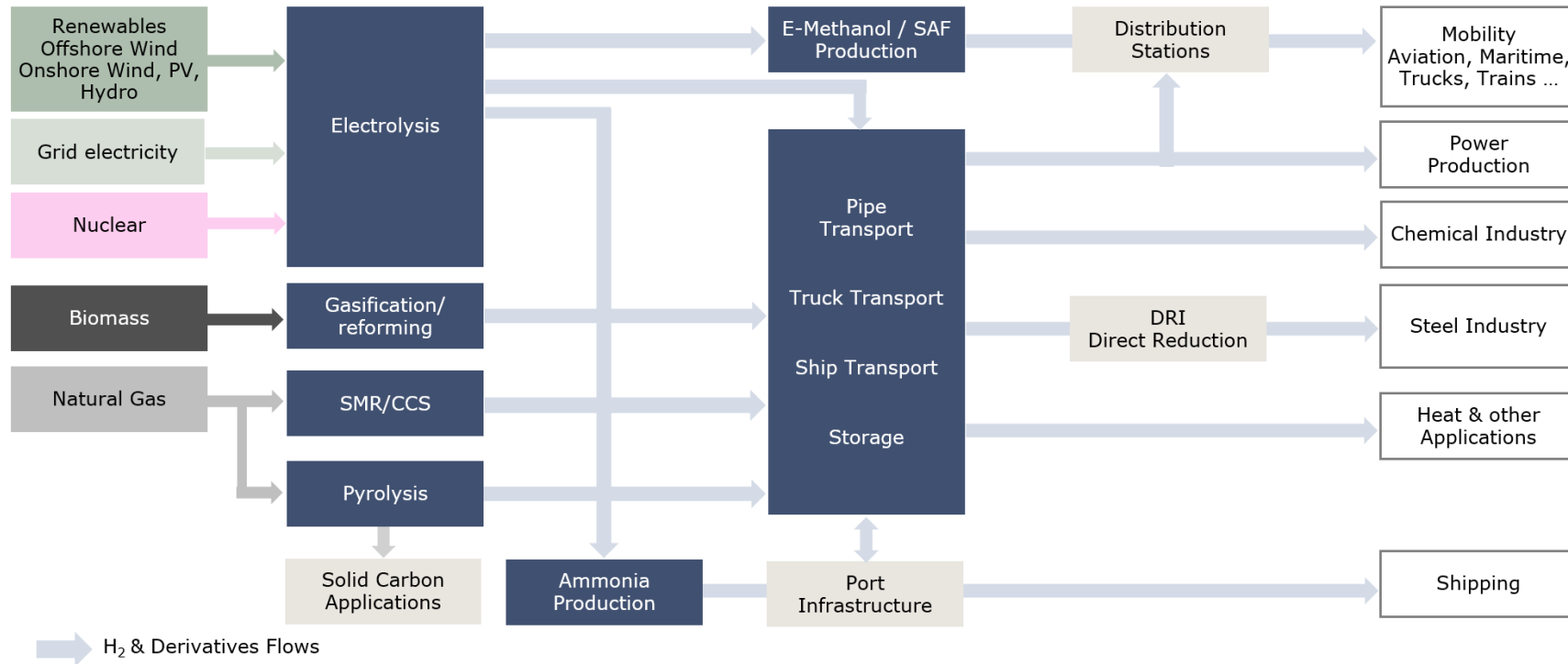


- Decarbonising transport requires diverse, tailored solutions across modes
- Road transport currently accounts for 76% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport sector and relies on diesel and gasoline, but will in future mainly rely on electrification
- Maritime and aviation sectors will focus on hydrogen and sustainable fuels
- Success depends on robust infrastructure and renewable energy production capacity

1. Bus, heavy truck, medium truck, light truck, motorcycle and passenger car | Source: AFRY

# Hydrogen can be the key enabler for decarbonisation in various applications from industry to transport

## HYDROGEN VALUE CHAIN (PRODUCTION – STORAGE/DISTRIBUTION – UTILISATION)

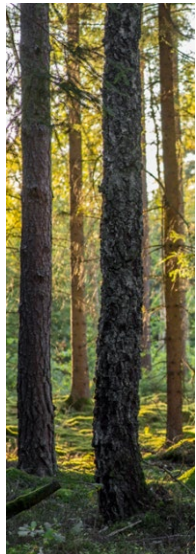


- Alternative fuels, particularly hydrogen, are promising technologies for industrial decarbonisation
- The EU aims to produce 4 Mt of renewable hydrogen by 2030 and 20 Mt by 2035, boosting demand and innovation
- Closing cost gap and gaining industrial acceptance crucial for advancing hydrogen adoption
- Support should focus on decarbonising sectors, balancing affordability, and addressing cost challenges



# Wood is still underutilised as potential key resource to reducing the long-standing dependence on crude oil

## EXAMPLES OF WOOD SOURCES AND APPLICATIONS



### 1 SAWLOGS

That are processed in sawmills to get:

- Sawnwood
- Wood chips
- Sawdust
- Bark

### 2 INDUSTRY RESIDUES

### 3 PULPWOOD

### 4 HARVESTING RESIDUES

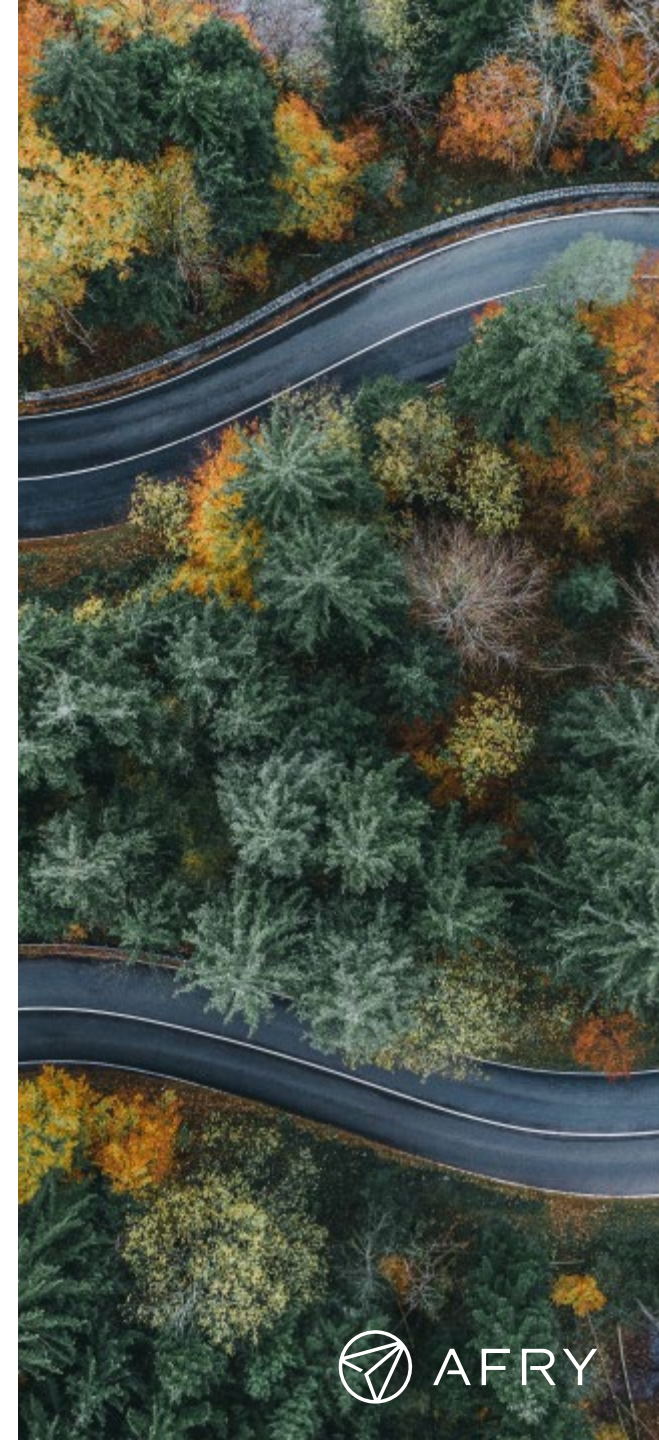


Sawnwood for new wooden buildings, pulpwood for packaging and textile fibres, industry residues for biofuels and chemicals, and harvesting residues for bioenergy

- Wood can play a vital role in replacing fossil-based products
- In 2021, the EU saved 390 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-eq by using wood-based alternatives in construction, packaging, textiles, and fuels, with plans to exceed 500 million tonnes by 2050
- Increased adoption is driven by research and development, consumer awareness, and supportive legislation

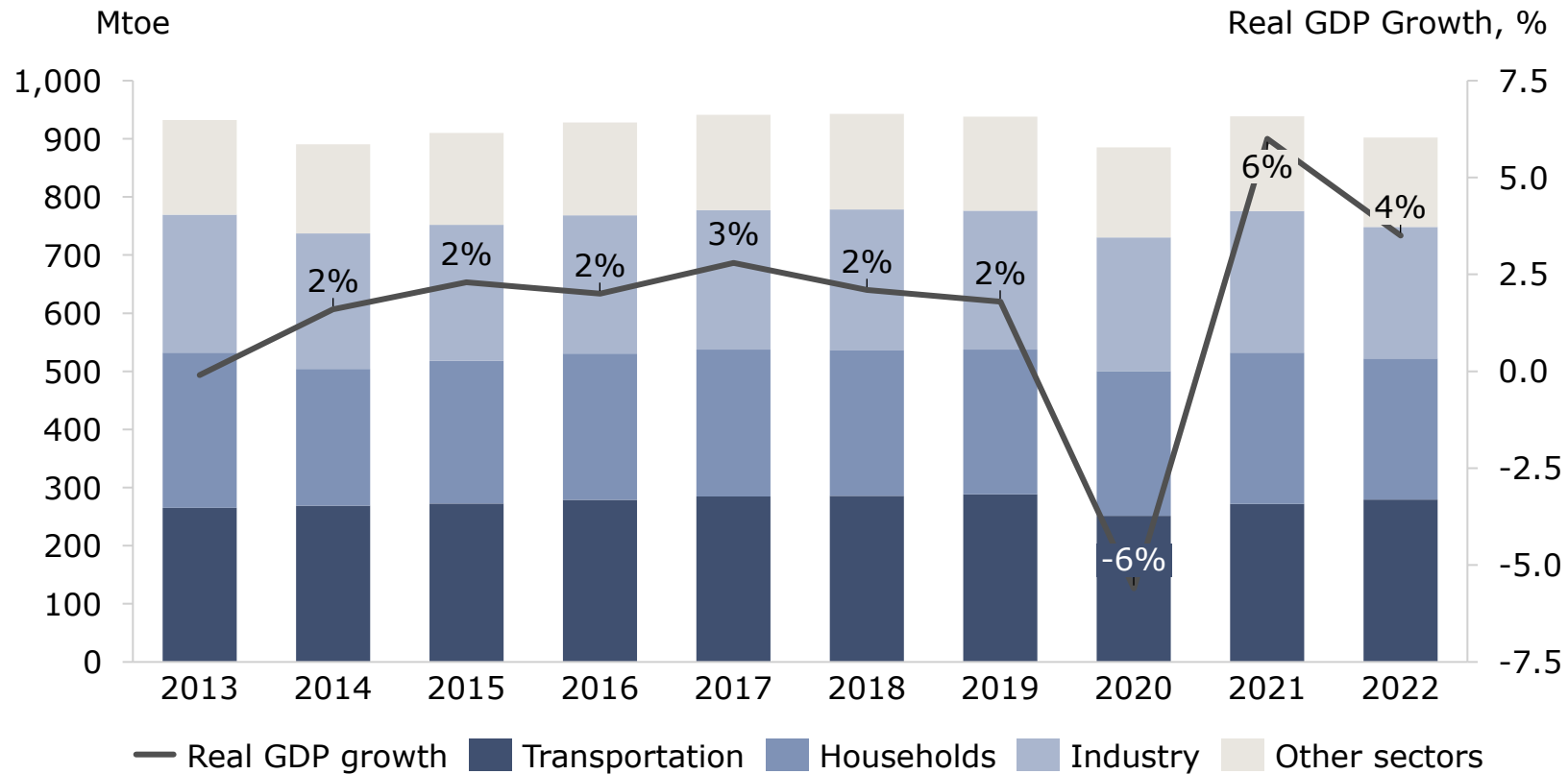
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# Energy efficiency increase and optimised resource utilisation are critical to reach decarbonisation goals

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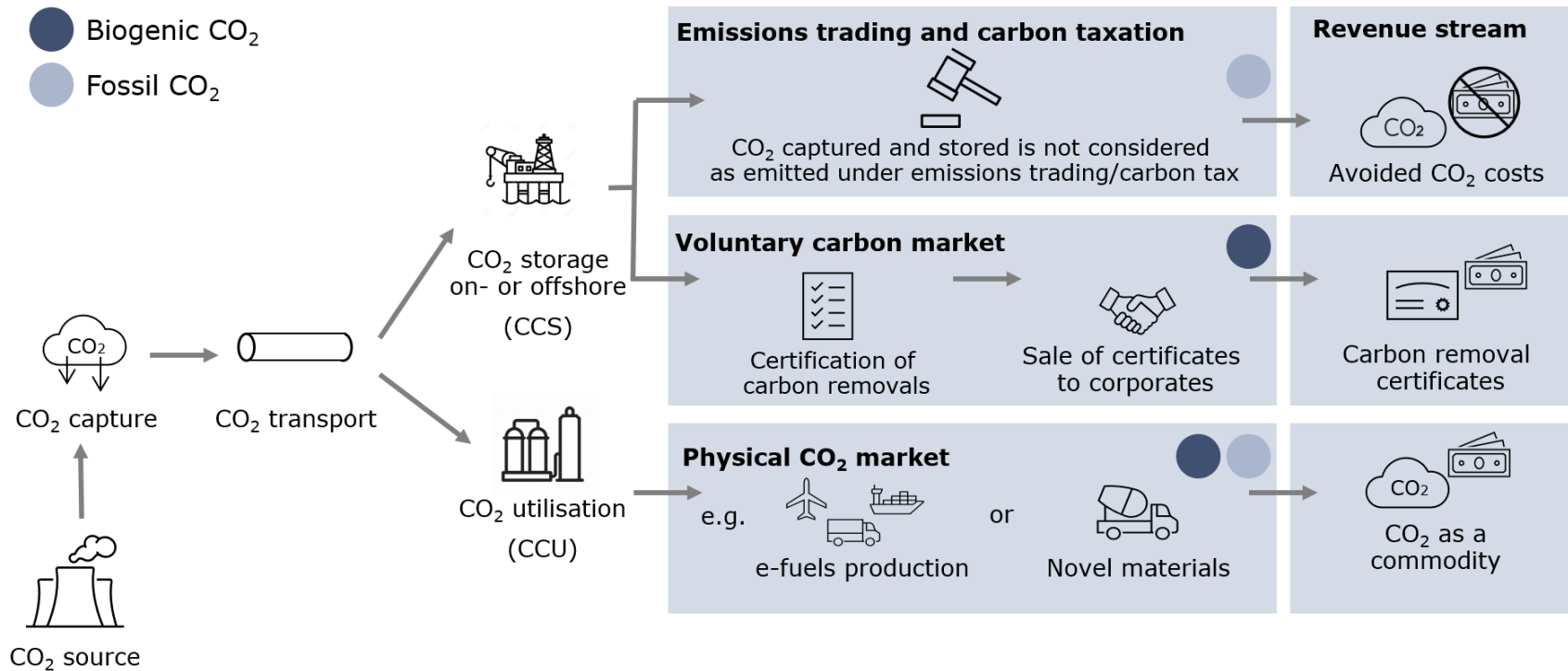


- Despite GDP growth, energy consumption remains stable or slightly declining, reflecting improved energy efficiency
- COP28 targets doubling energy efficiency by 2050
- Focus on circular economy is essential for resource optimisation and avoiding scarcity during the transition
- The EU mandates energy-saving measures and supports efficiency projects through various mechanisms, with policies like CSRD and the EU Taxonomy

1. EU27; Mtoe = Mega tonnes oil equivalent; GDP = Gross Domestic Product | Source: AFRY, Eurostat

# Driving the transition to net-zero requires negative emissions particularly in hard-to-abate sectors

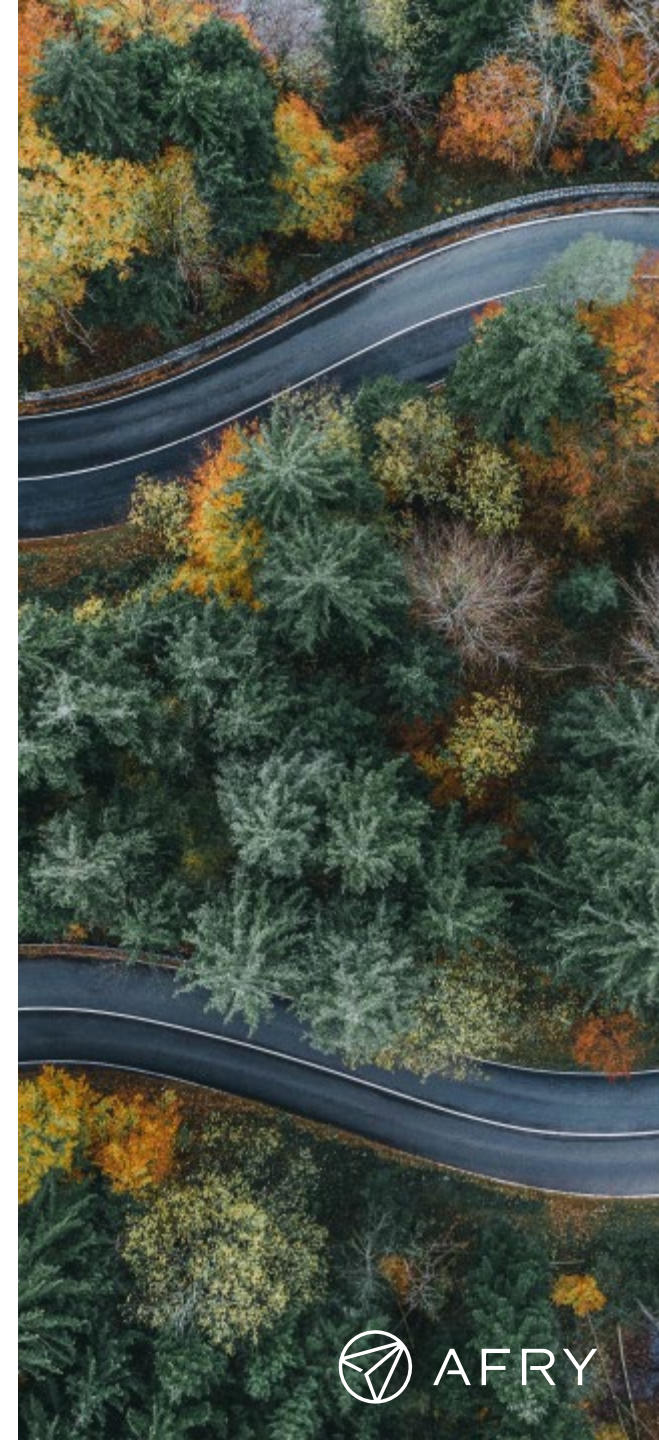
## CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE AND UTILISATION PROCESS



- Achieving global net zero requires significant CO<sub>2</sub> capture in process industries, carbon dioxide removal to offset emissions, and low-carbon e-fuels to replace fossil fuels in transport
- Carbon capture can generate revenue by avoiding EU ETS costs, using voluntary carbon markets, or through CO<sub>2</sub> sales
- Negative emissions are crucial for net-zero, requiring carbon removal through nature-based or technical methods, currently driven mostly by voluntary market schemes

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## SUMMARY

# AFRY outlines key enablers to be undertaken in the transition from fossil fuels and fossil-based materials to a more sustainable future



### POLICY

- Set clear long-term targets
- Establish sector-specific strategies
- Support implementation and transition
- Foster cost-efficient CO<sub>2</sub>-free technologies



### FINANCE

- Align financial incentives with transition strategies
- Implement CO<sub>2</sub> pricing mechanisms



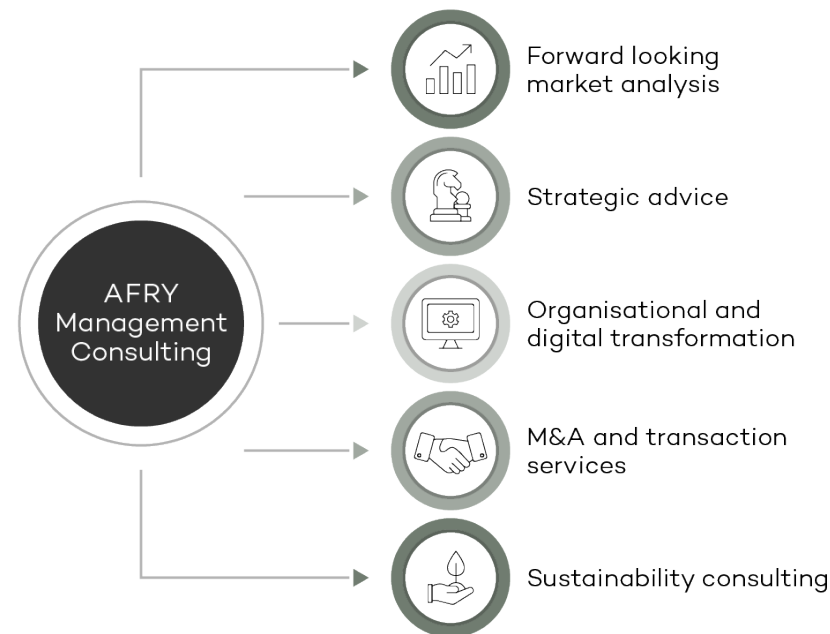
### INNOVATION

- Optimise existing energy assets
- Adopt supportive business models
- Innovate hard-to-abate sectors



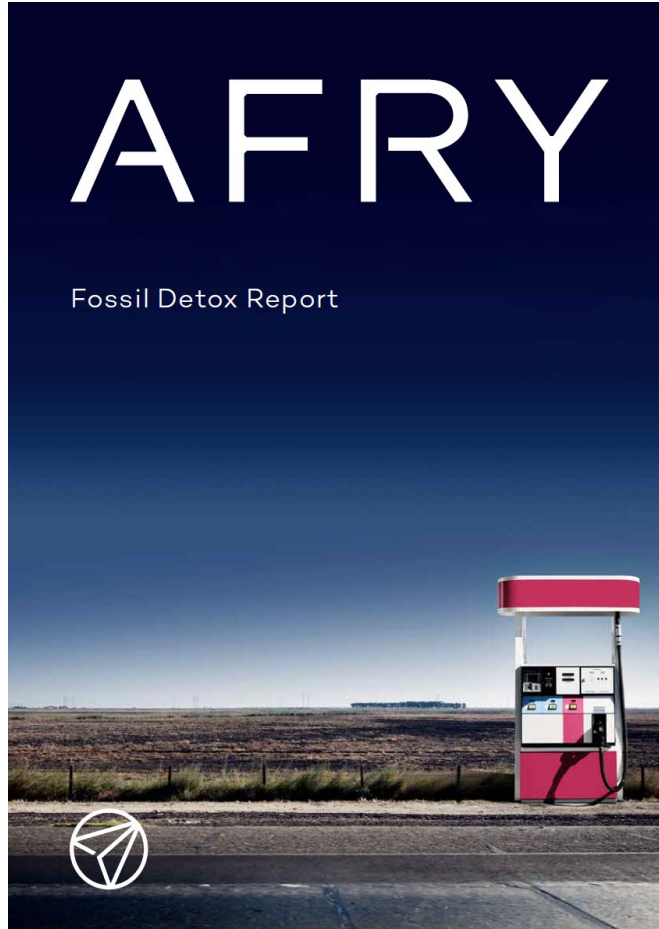
# Leading advisor for the transitions of the energy and bioindustry sectors

Presence	Revenue	Projects	Staff	Backed by
5	1,608 million	> 100	800+	19,000
continents	SEK in 2023	countries	management consultants	experts at AFRY



NEXT STEPS

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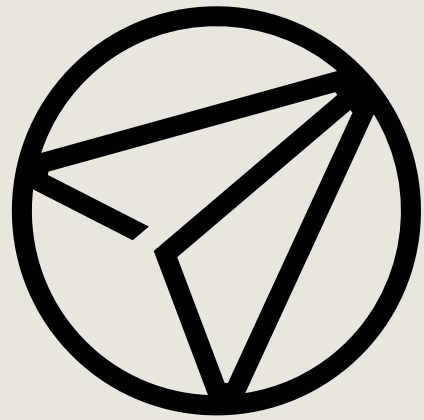




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