

# **Accelerating the Energy Transition Paths to Zero Carbon Energy**

**Technology trends, markets, policies**

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## Why do we need an energy transition ?

Drivers vary by country

- Climate change mitigation
- Local air pollution
- Energy import dependency/energy security
- Lower cost energy
- Economic activity and jobs

Resources and economic circumstances vary by country

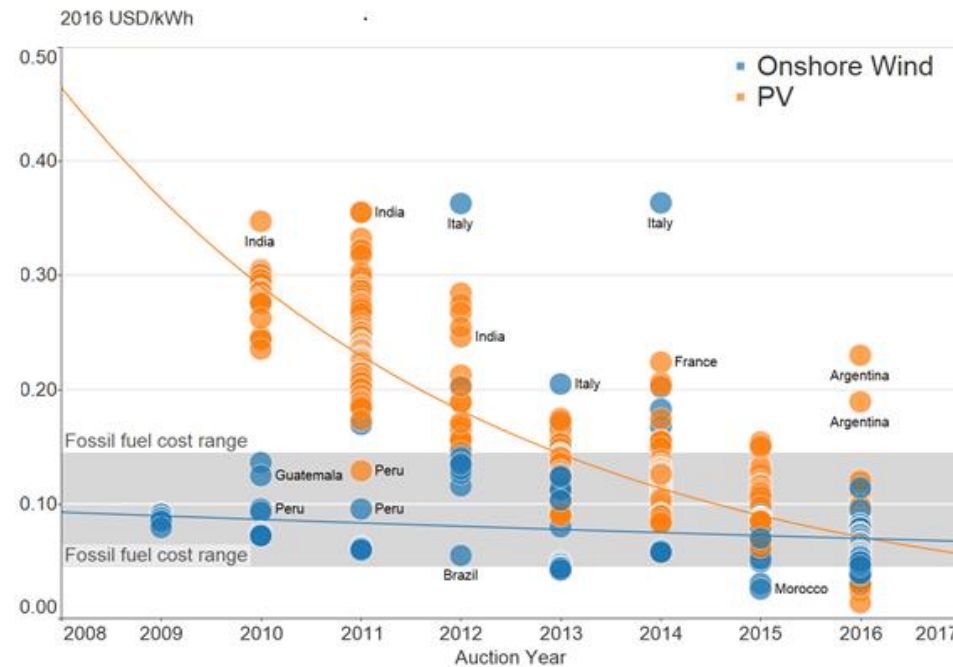
Likely no “one fits all” solution

## Energy transition trends

- Paris climate agreement, UN 2030 SDG objectives
- Power sector progressing well
  - As VRE shares grow new issues emerge that can be resolved
- Challenges in the end use sectors
  - Sector coupling (electrification etc)
  - Need for a sector specific global approach for industry
  - Bioenergy is key
    - Need for innovation to arrive at new affordable and scaleable solutions
- Innovation in technology, market design and regulation, business models
- Energy Transition Coalition with China, Germany, IRENA

# Attractive economics

## *Auction and PPA price trends*



Convergence of solar  
PV and onshore wind  
prices

Project “boundaries” differ  
and affect the price

Projects for a wide range of technologies and locations are being offered at very low long-term contract prices

Best practice:

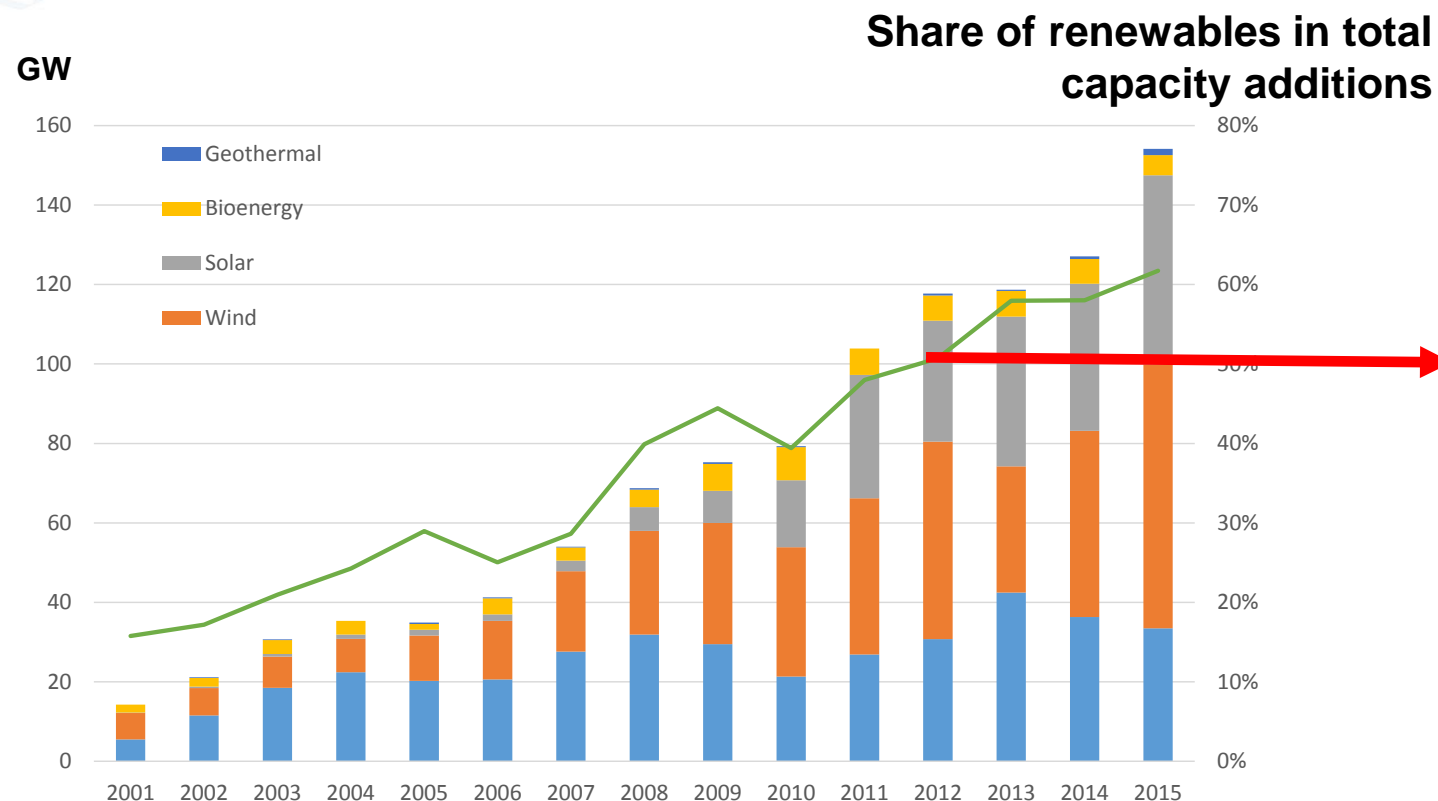
Concentrating Solar Power CSP @ 9.5 UScents/kWh (Dubai)

Solar PV @ 2.4 -3 UScents/kWh (Mexico, Abu Dhabi) – latest German Auction <6 UScents/kWh

Onshore wind @ 3 UScents/kWh (Morocco, Mexico)

Offshore wind @ <6 UScents/kWh (NW Europe)

# On-going power sector transformation



**Since 2012 >50% of total capacity additions**

**2016**

Installed 2006 GW RE power generation capacity

Annual RE capacity addition 161 GW

*of which:*

71 GW solar

51 GW wind

30 GW hydropower

9 GW biomass

Around 25% RE power generation share worldwide; growing by 0.7 percentage points per year

## End use sector trends that support energy transition

- Buildings, transport sector progressing, part of industry sector is lagging

### Electrification and energy efficiency

- Global energy intensity improvement has increased from 1.3%/yr to 1.8%/yr
- Global electric vehicle park doubled in 2016 to 2 million units – China growth plans for coming years
- Rapid growth heat pump deployment
- Home storage battery prices -60% in 2.5 years

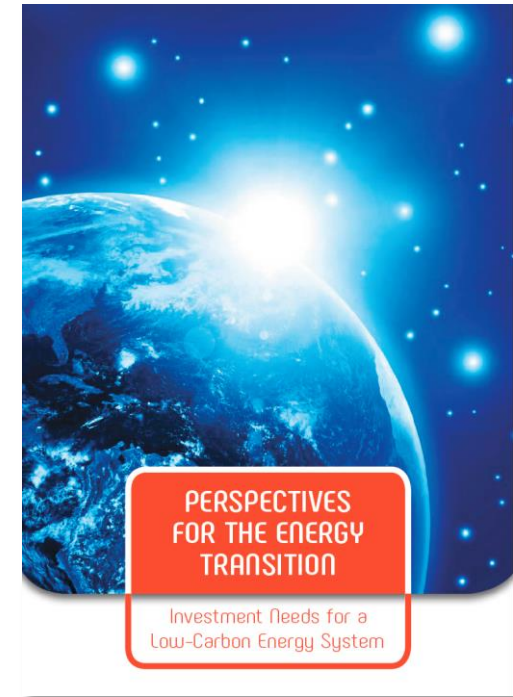
### Electricity grid trends

- Rapid growth off-grid and minigrid solutions
- Smart grids support high VRE shares
- A growing number of long distance UHVDC transmission lines



# Perspectives for the Energy Transition

- Study at the request of German G20 Presidency
- Launched March 2017
- Informs G20 decarbonization Action Plan
- Explores the energy sector consequences of the climate agreement
- Translates Paris Agreement outcome into practicable action items
- Time horizon: 2050



March 2017

# The Need for an Energy Transition - Highlights

- The Paris Agreement requires global energy decarbonization by between 2050 and 2060
- Global energy CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to fall by 70% between 2015 and 2050, while GDP nearly triples
- This requires an energy transition, largely based on renewable energy and energy efficiency
- The share of renewables needs to reach 2/3 of energy supply by 2050
  - Growth to increase seven-fold to 1.2%/yr
- This transition is technically feasible and economically beneficial
  - Health and climate benefits exceed the cost by a factor of 2-6
  - Additional investments of USD 29 trillion from now till 2050 (+USD 0.8 trln/yr)
  - Global GDP will increase by 0.8% in 2050
  - Renewables alone can support 26 million jobs in 2050, from roughly 9 million today.

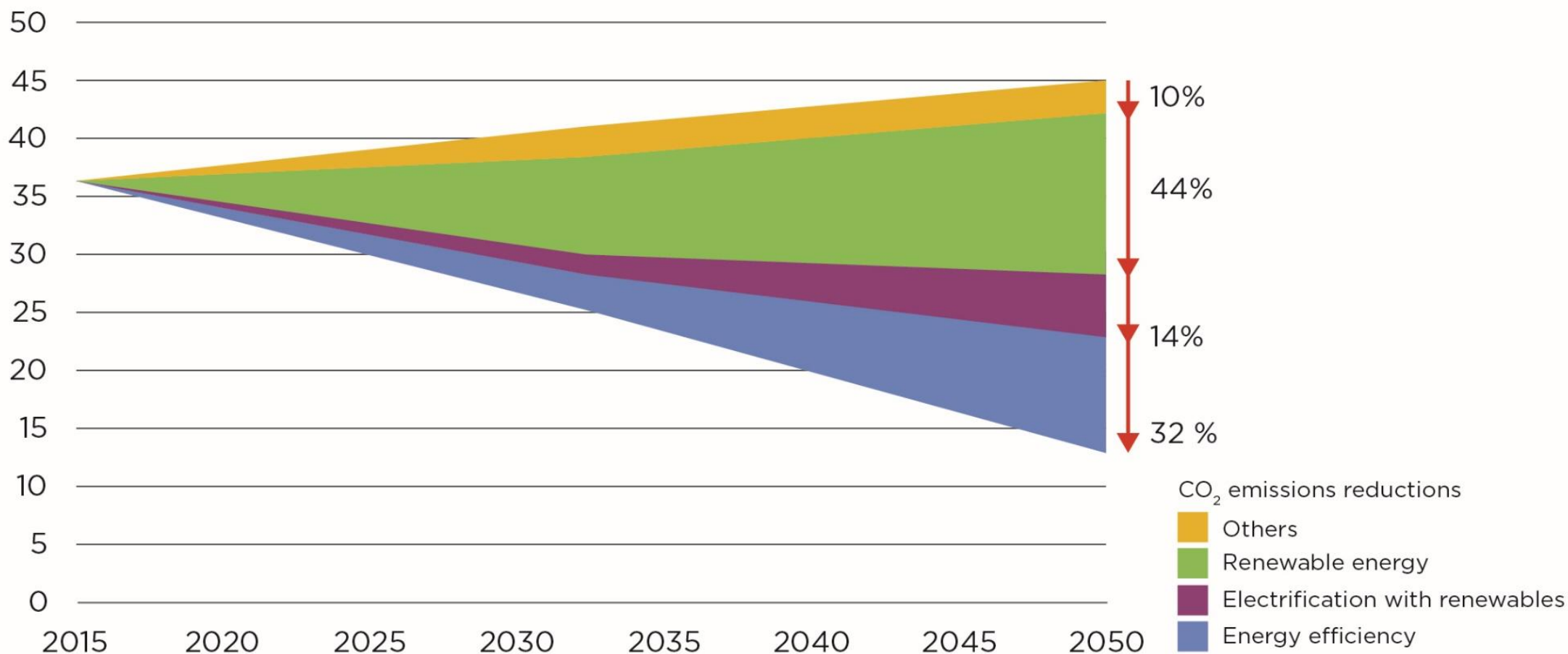


# Reducing global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the energy sector

(energy + process emissions)

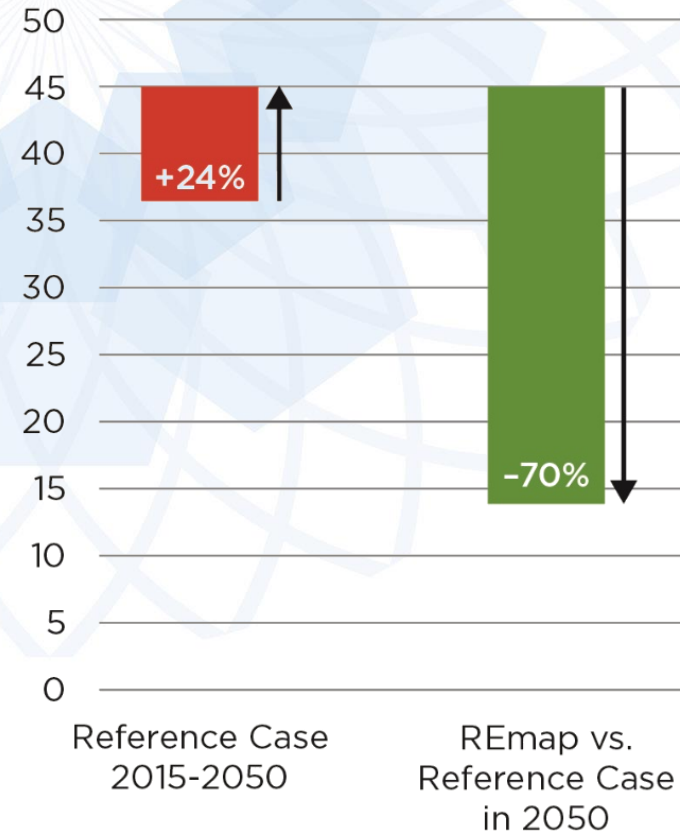
Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
from all sectors  
(Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

- Renewables and energy efficiency account for 90% of emission reduction potential

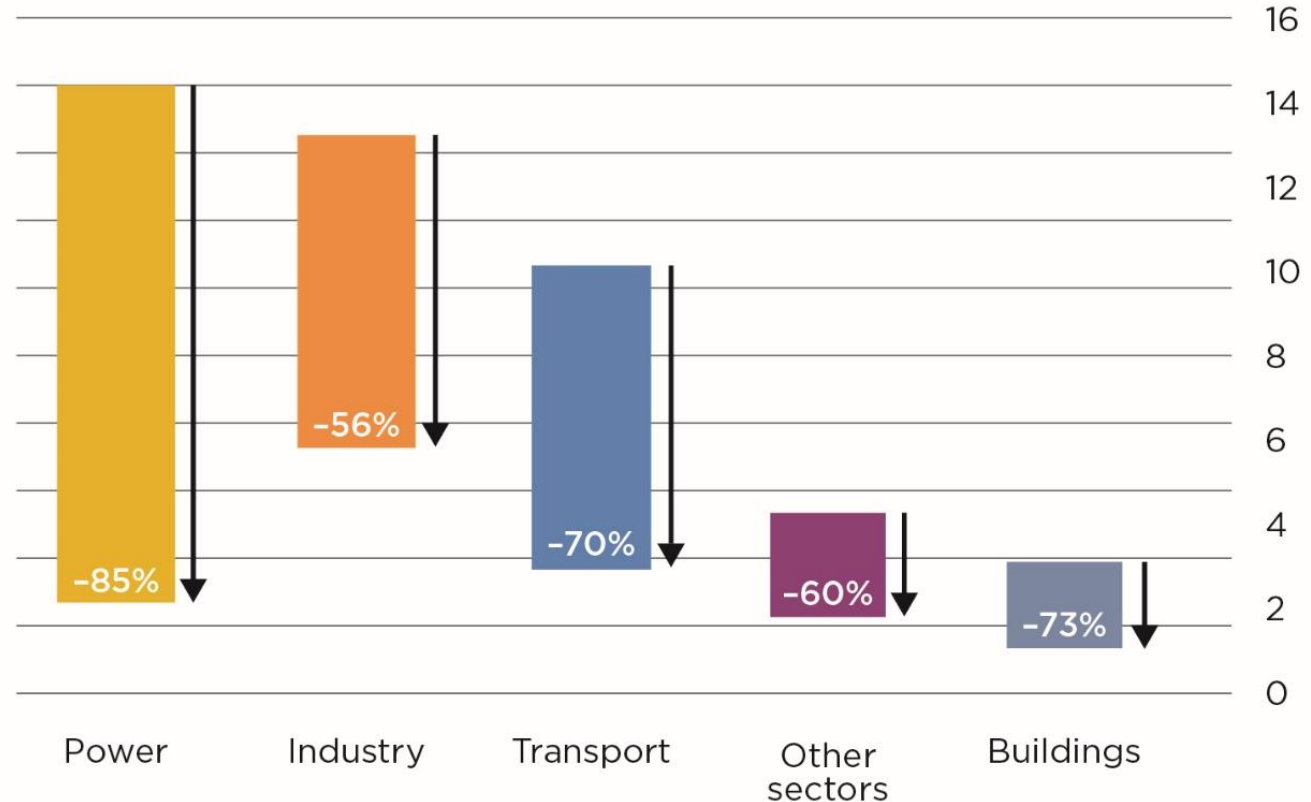


# Key global emissions reduction by sector

Total direct  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
(Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)



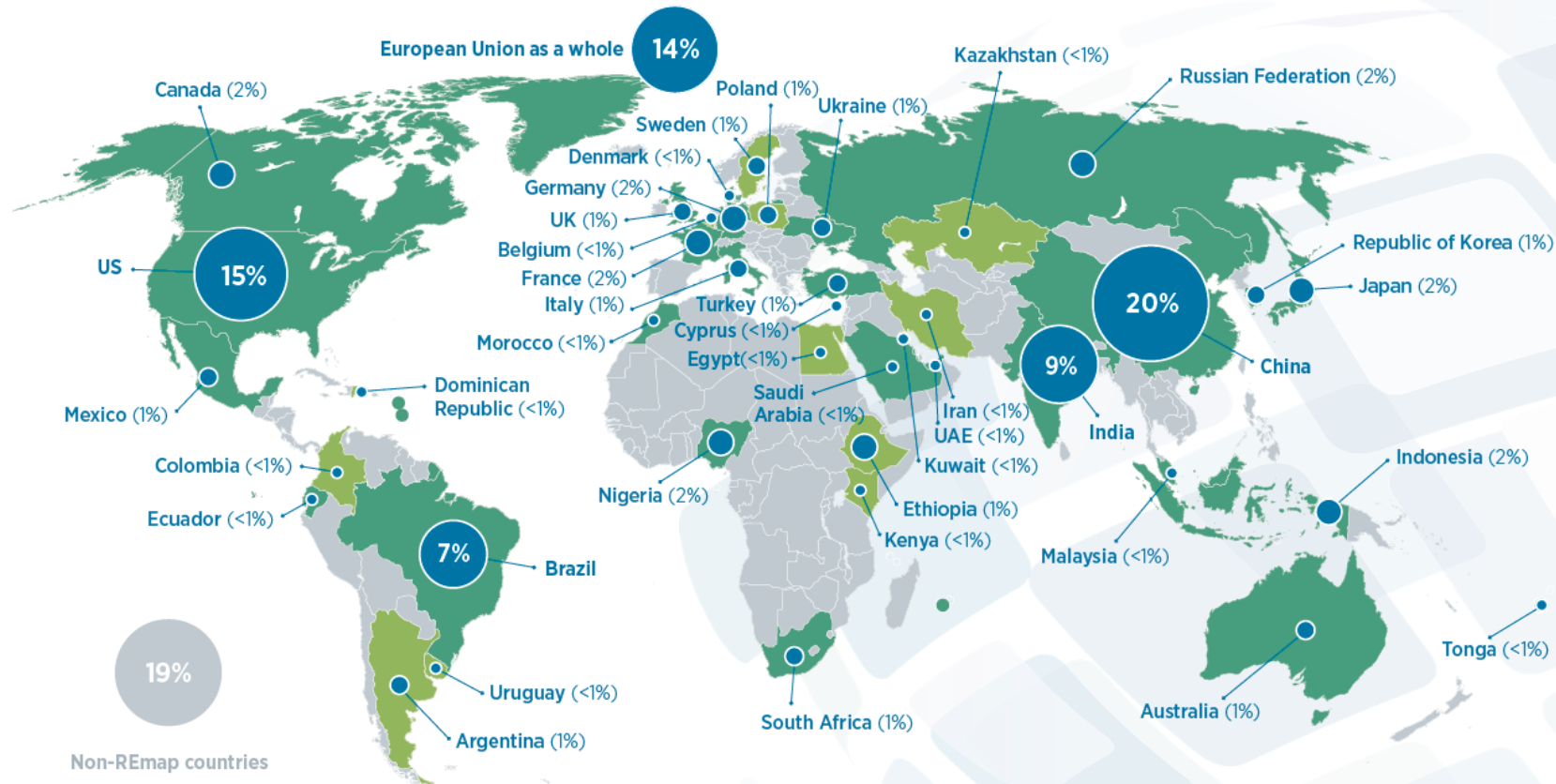
Reductions in 2050  
compared to  
Reference Case  
(Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)



- By 2050 energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will need to decrease to below 10 Gt.
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the power and buildings sectors will be almost eliminated.
- Industry and transport would be the main sources of emissions in 2050.

# Europe, a key contributor to doubling RE by 2030

## *Ambitious European targets for 2030 are key*



Note: Percentages indicate how much renewable energy each country consumes of the global total in 2030 if the REmap Options are deployed.

# What do we need for a successful energy transition ?

- Global action based on an economic rationale – enabling frameworks
- Much higher efficiency of all things new and buildings retrofit
- Seven-fold increase of modern RE deployment growth
- Close to zero carbon emissions in the power sector
- Double electrification of end uses (building, industry, transport)
- Double bioenergy use, especially in end use sectors
- Perhaps hydrogen for some niche applications
- A binding global sectoral approach for energy intensive manufacturing industry
- A binding global approach for aviation and shipping
- Innovative technology solutions for part of transport, heavy industry
- Energy prices that reflect climate and health impacts
- Much more ambitious NDCs by 2020



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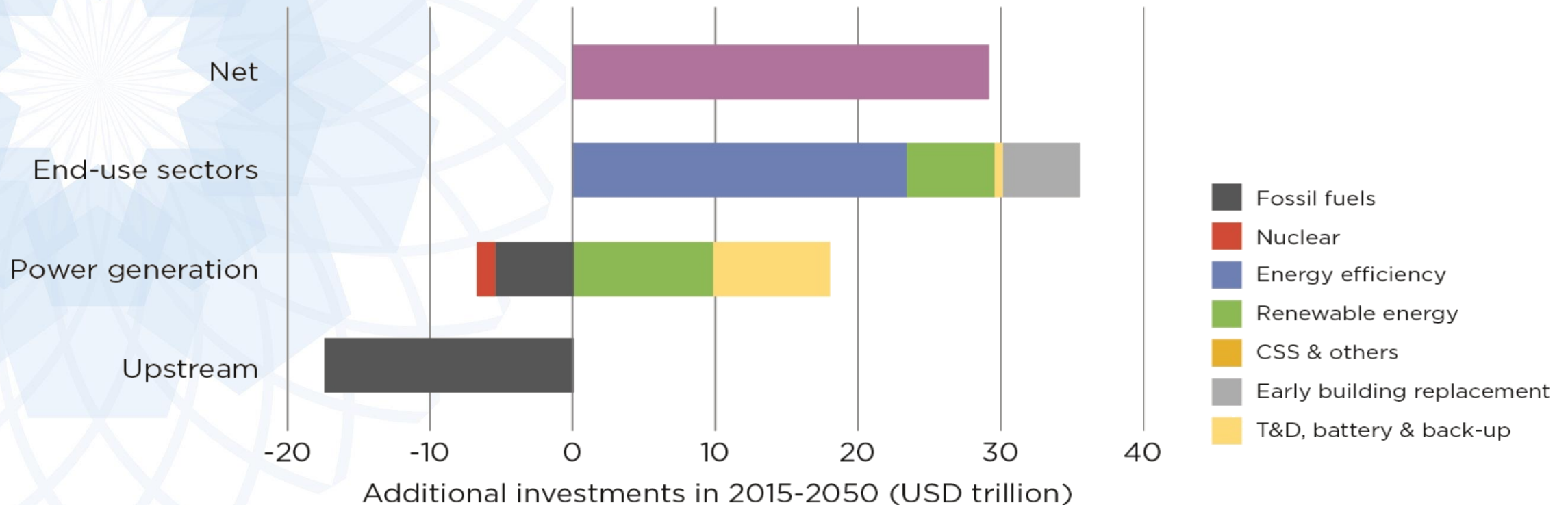


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# Additional investment needs



- Until 2050 the transition requires investing an additional USD 29 trillion (compared to Reference Case)
  - Less than 1% of global GDP per year.
- The largest additional investment needs are in energy efficiency, followed by renewables.
- The total investment requirements, however, are reduced by the avoided investments in fossil fuels upstream and conventional power generation.



# Global GDP impacts of the REmap energy transition: additional

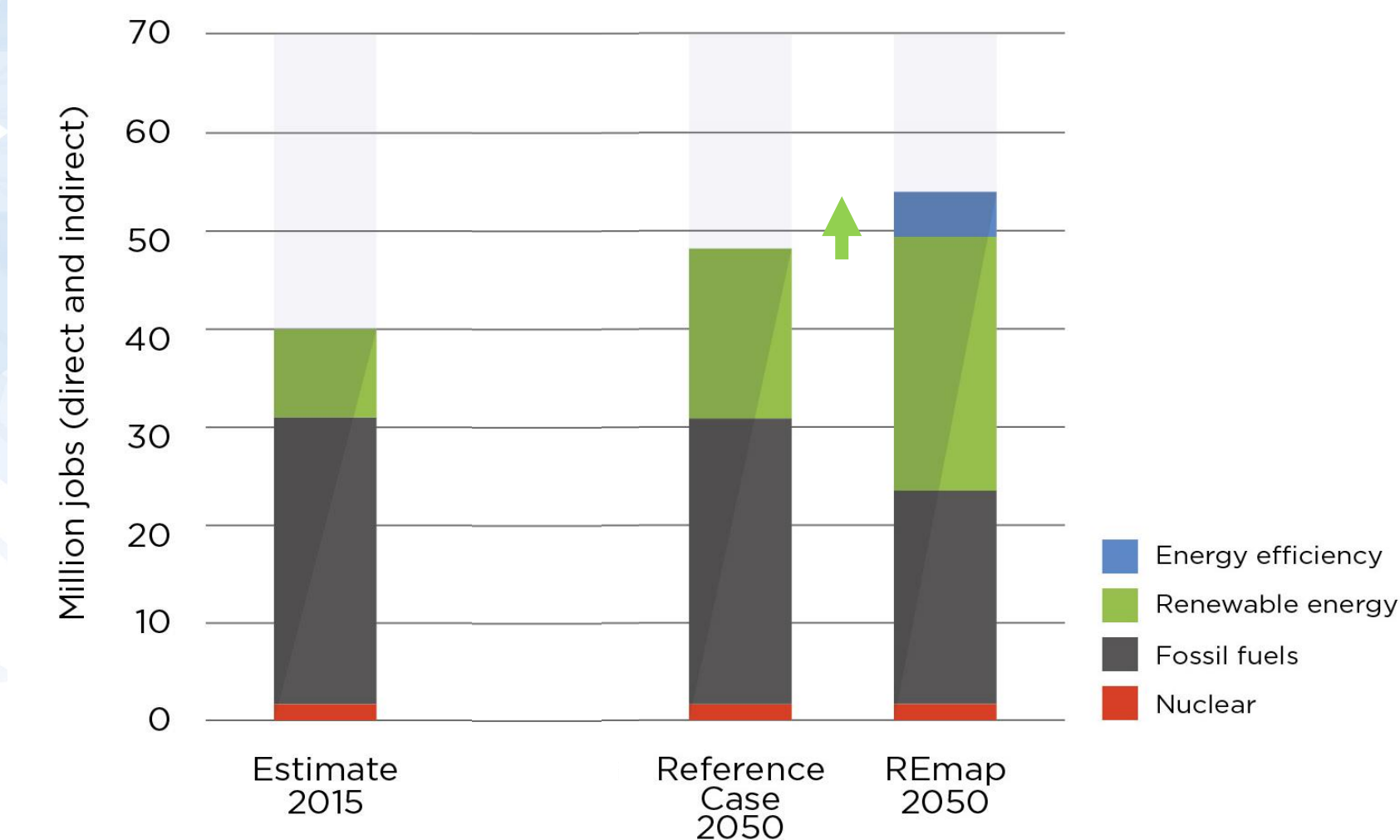
Additional GDP  
in REmap  
(trillion USD)



Additional  
GDP  
(cumulative):  
**USD 19 trillion**  
~ value of  
all companies  
on **NYSE**

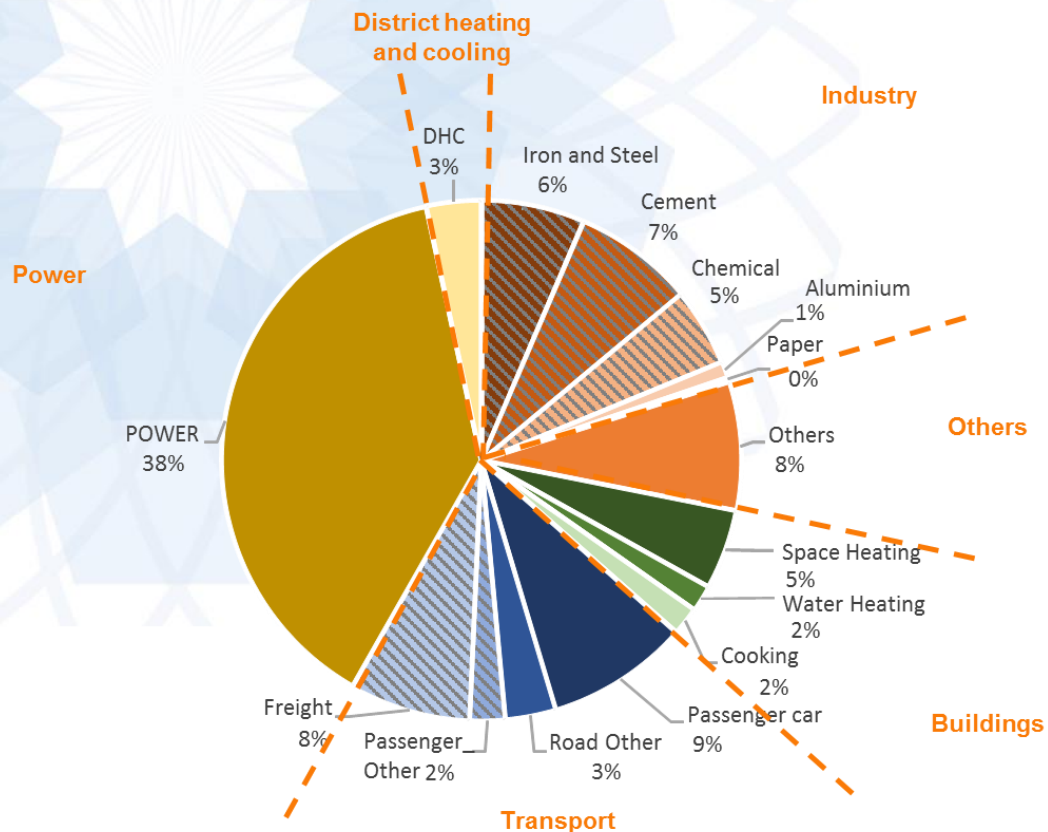
In cumulative terms this constitutes almost USD 19 trillion in increased economic activity between today and 2050.

# The transition creates jobs



New jobs in renewables and energy efficiency more than offset job losses in fossil fuel sectors.  
Renewable jobs reach 26 million in 2050, from over 9 million today  
GDP improvement induces further job creation in other economic sectors

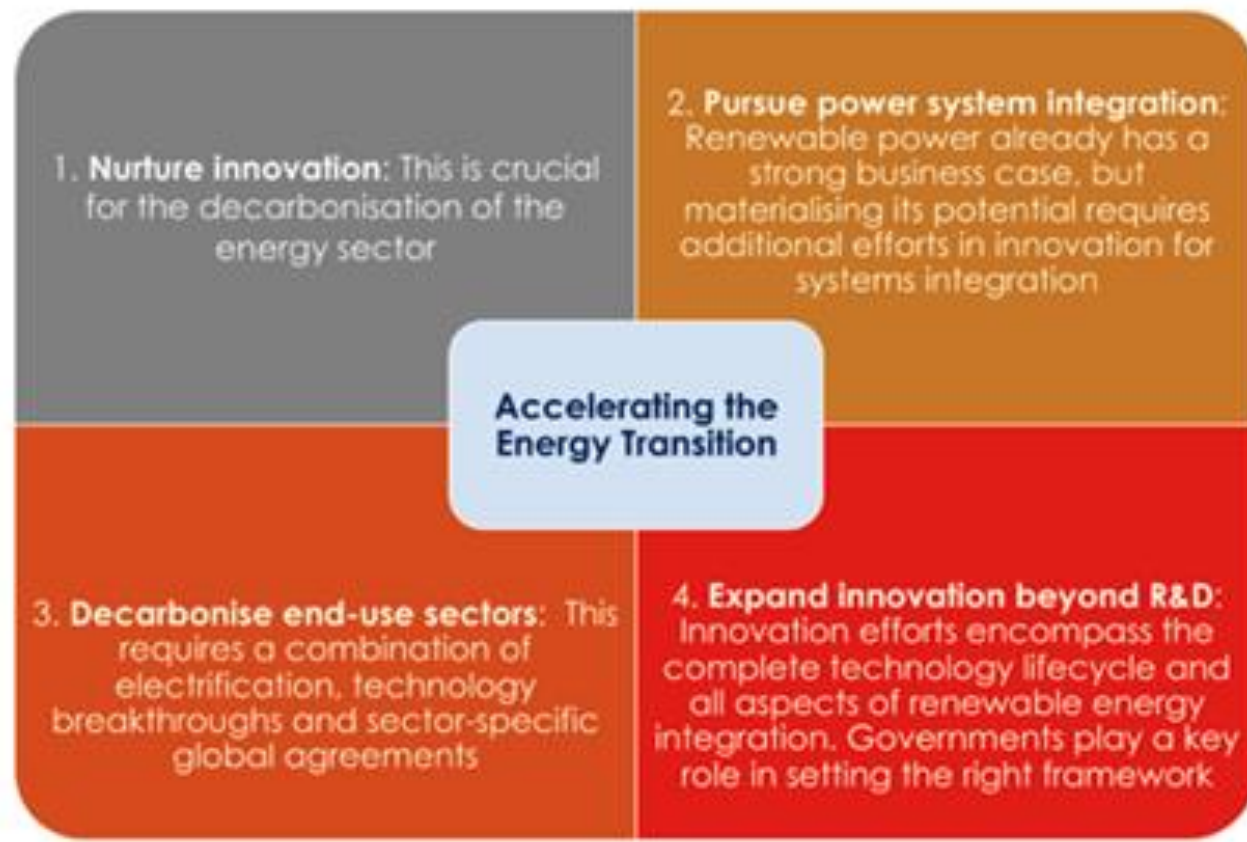
# Innovation Challenges



Around one third of energy-related emissions in the Reference Case in 2050 currently have no economically viable options for decarbonisation



New Analysis – launched today

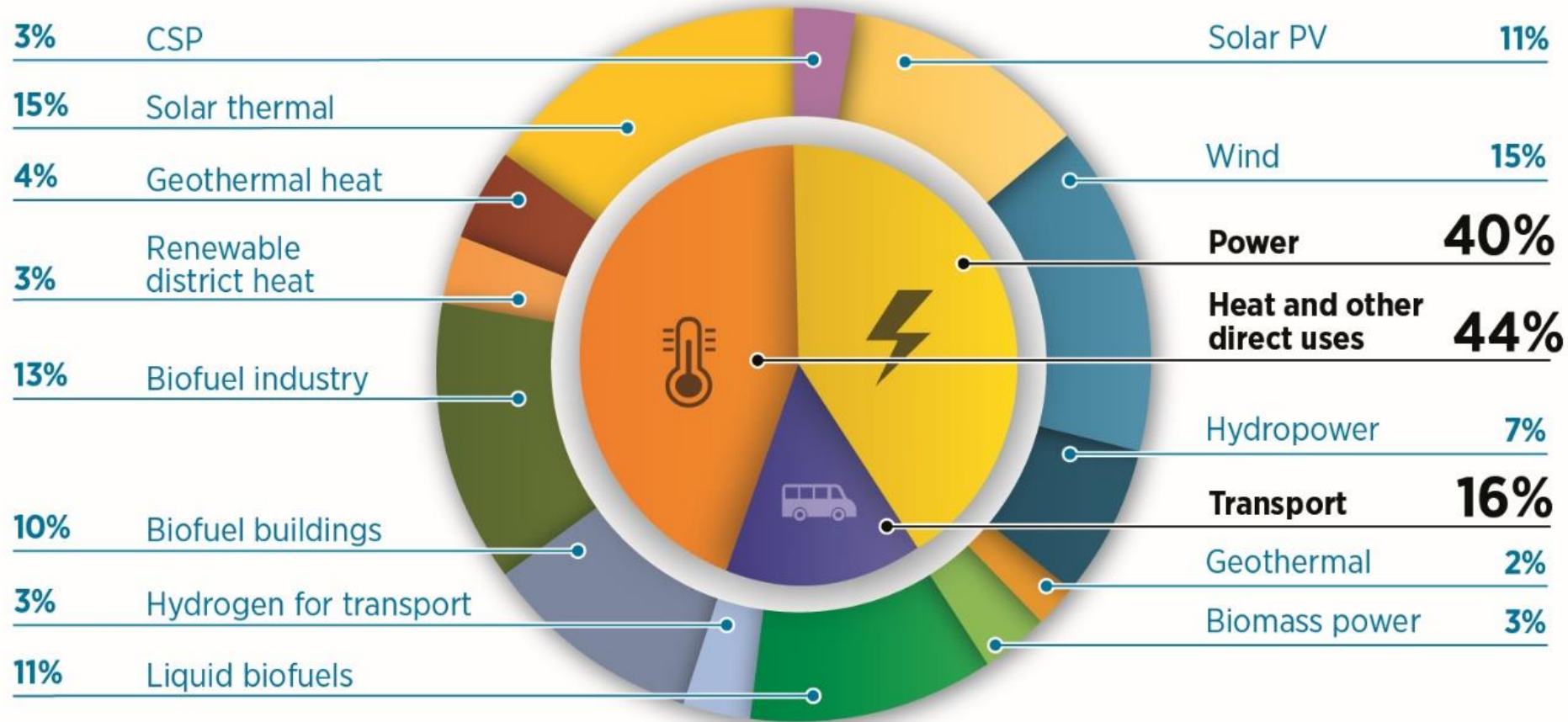


- **Deep emission cuts in the power sector** are needed and require sound policy frameworks and market designs to achieve a flexible and resilient system.
- Enact **policies targeted at end-use sectors** (e.g. renewables for heating and cooling and transport, sector coupling, holistic approach, synergies with energy efficiency).
- Need for adequate **energy pricing**, including pricing of externalities (e.g. carbon emissions).
- **Need to accelerate innovation** to allow time for developing the fundamental new solutions for different sectors and processes, ahead of long investment cycles.
- **A comprehensive approach to policymaking** is needed, including energy, climate and broader economic policies.



# Final renewable energy use by sector and technology in REmap

REmap 2050  
235 EJ



Under REmap, final renewable energy use is four-times higher in 2050 than it is today. Power and heat consume about 40% and 44% of the total renewable energy, respectively, while transport uses about 16%.