# Energy Transition Challenges for the EU and Austria

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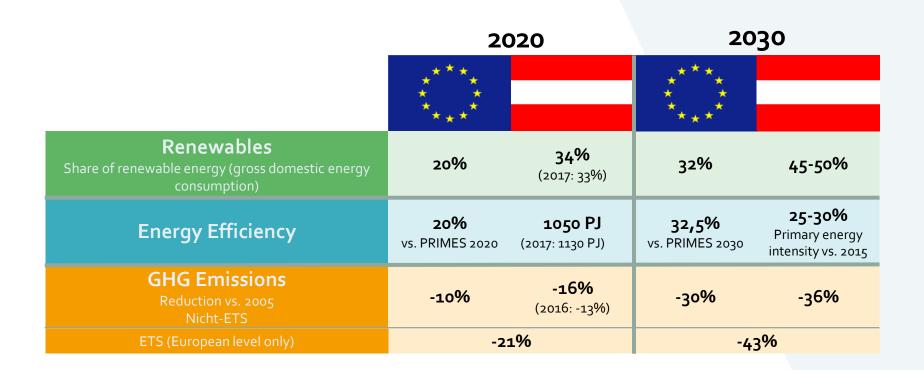
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### **Outline**

- The Context
  - The Paris Climate Agreement and the EU's New 2030 Climate and Energy Framework
  - the Clean Energy Package
  - + mission 2030 Austria's Climate and Energy Strategy
- The Integration of Renewables into the Energy System
  - Flexibility the New Watchword for Power Systems
  - The Role of Storage: The Hydrogen Initiative, Austria's Hydrogen Strategy
  - Green Gas



### **Energy and Climate Targets: EU/AT**

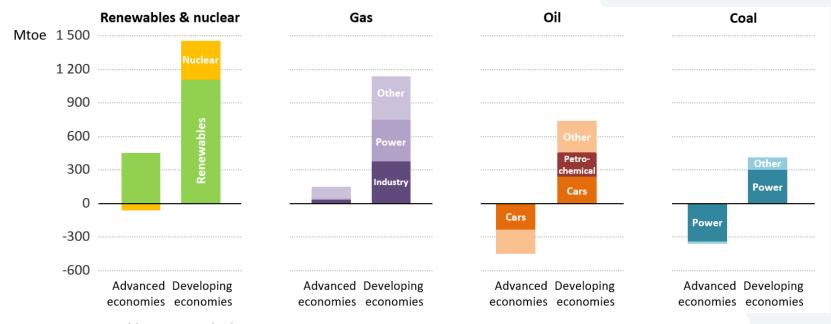


## Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018 - Energy Policy Highlights

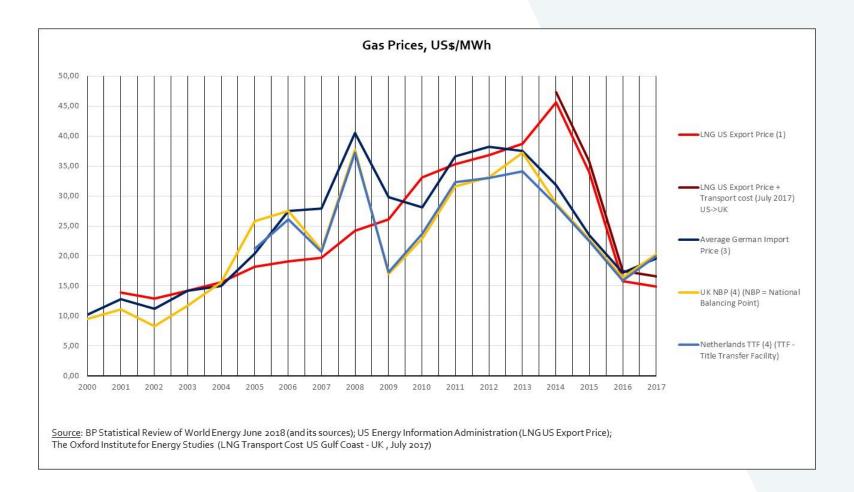
- Coal phase-out until 2025:
  - payments under capacity mechanisms only for generation complying with the Emission Performance Standard of 550 g/kWh (for existing plants alternatively 350 kg/kW)
- up to 15 % of CEF-Energy budget dedicated to Renewables
- The Hydrogen Initiative



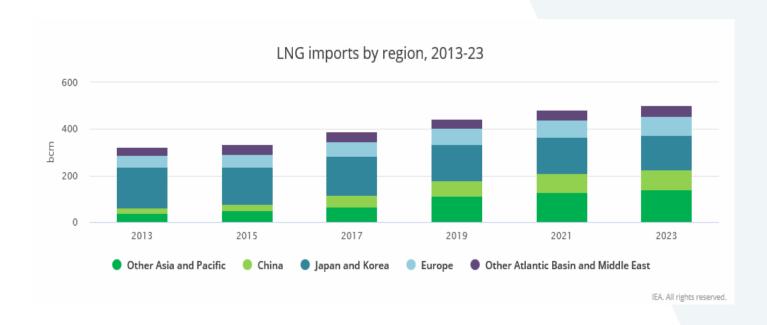
### Change in global energy demand 2017 – 2040



Source: IEA, World Energy Outlook 2018



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### Flexibility - the New Watchword for Power Systems

- Higher shares of variable renewables raise flexibility needs.
- main ways to source flexibility to balance power systems:
  - make the power generation fleet and demand more flexible,
  - deploy energy storage,
  - upgrade and improve electricity grids and their operation

### "The Hydrogen Initiative"





### International Activities for Hydrogen



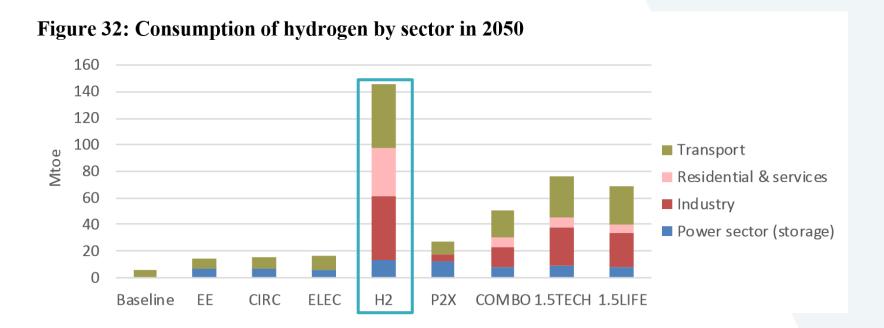






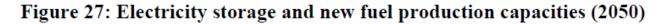
## Long-Term Strategy 2050 of the European Commission: Consumption of Hydrogen

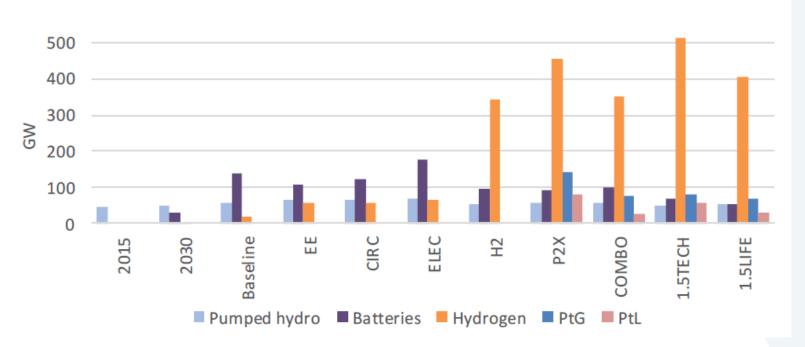
147 Mtoe = 1 710 TWh = 483 bcm H2



Souce: Long-Term Strategy 2050 of the EC, 2018; PRIMES

## Long-Term Strategy 2050 of the European Commission: Hydrogen Production Capacities







#### Discussion Points P2G in AT

### Ensuring legal certainty

- Definitions
- System of guarantees of origin (RED II)

## Fair levies und network charges

- Avoiding double tariffs
- Superposing network charges
- Grid-supportive behaviour
- Natural Gas Tax Act

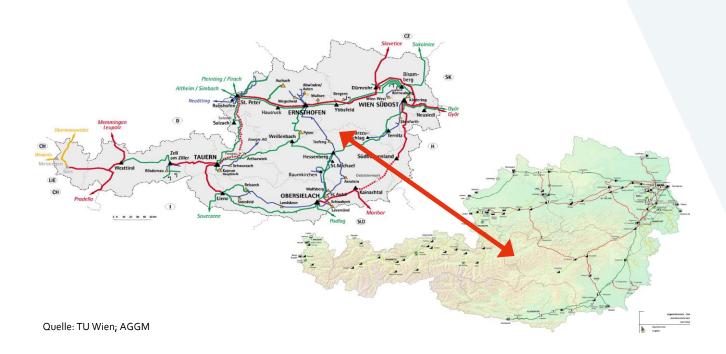
## Strengthening market players

- Through Renewable Expansion Act
- Role of TSOs and DSOs

### Overcoming technical barriers

- H2-Fitness in the gasgrid
- Quality standards
- Customer billing
- End-user units

### **Integrated Network Infrastructure Plan**



### **Austrian Hydrogen Strategy**

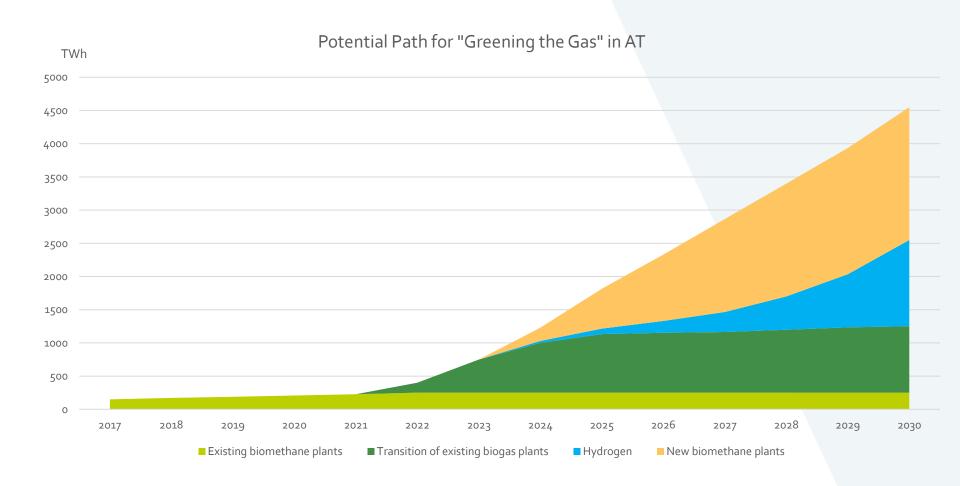
- Kick-off on 20 March 2019
- In cooperation with stakeholders from industry, economy, research and associations
- Input for Renewable Deployment Act and NECP
- Transition of R&D to implementation
- Identification of potentials and measures
- Finalisation until end of 2019







#### Renewable Gases in AT





# Thank you for your attention!

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