



# e-Highway2050

## Main results

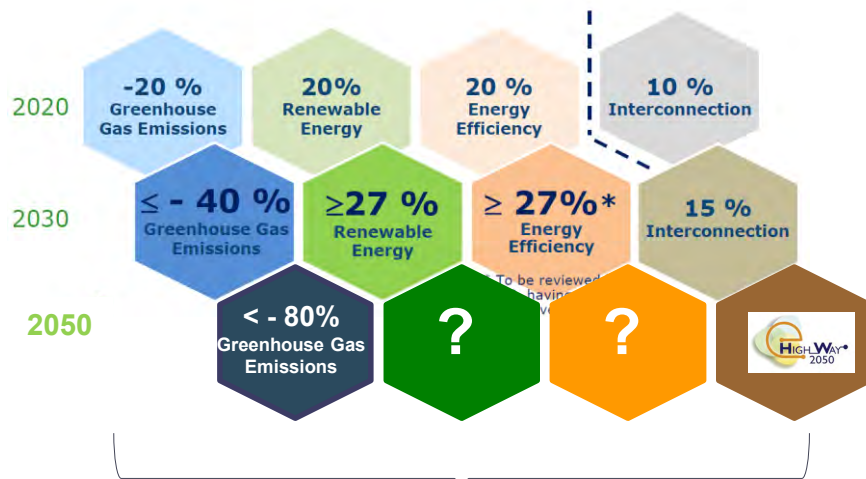
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# Introduction of e-Highway2050

## Background



The Energy Roadmap 2050 is the basis for developing a long-term European framework



Wave energy    Wind energy    Electricity Highways 2050  
Bioenergy    Solar energy



## General requirement of the project

“Planning for **European Electricity Highways** to ensure the reliable delivery of renewable electricity and **Pan-European** market integration”



# A consortium of 28+8 partners

## TSOs



## Industry



## Research institutes



## Experts



40 month project, from September 2012 to December 2015

# How the issue has been processed?

## Stakes by 2050?

- Identification of the electricity demand/generation by 2050.
- State of the electricity system, with the 'present' transmission grid.
- Highlighting the need for solutions in order to solve the congestion/spillage/energy not supplied

Through Scenarios

What could occur with the 'present' grid?

## Which additional transmission grid by 2050?

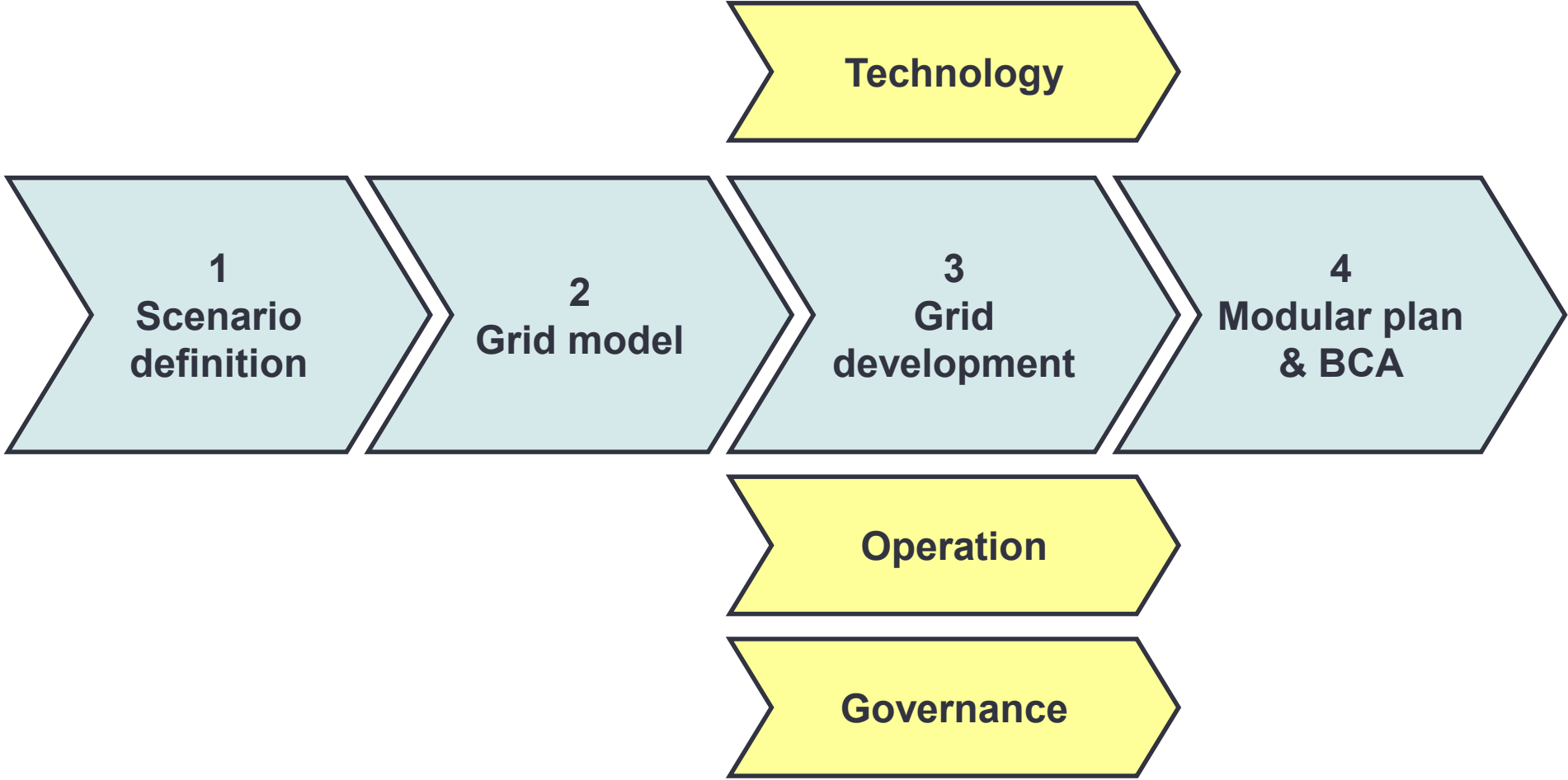
- Which **transmission requirements** in order to solve the constraints?
- Which **technologies** should be available by 2050?
- Which **cost and benefit** of the new grid architectures?
- Are the 2050 grid architectures **operable**?

Roadmap 2030-2050

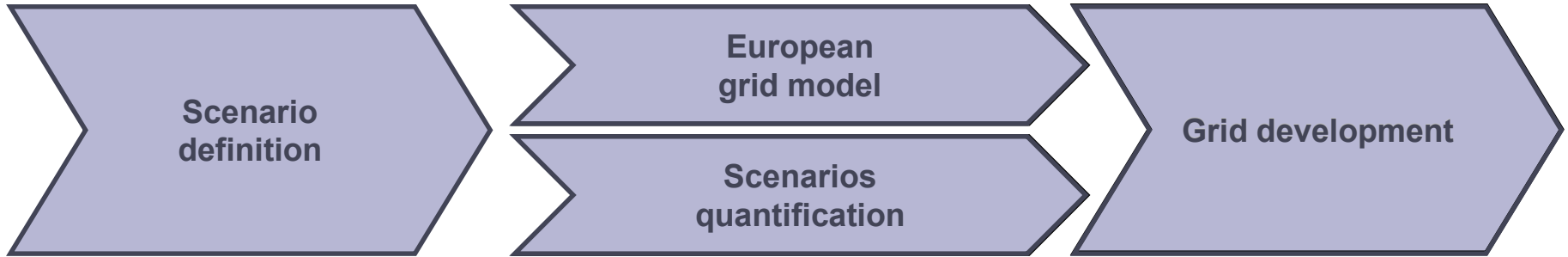
## How to develop the transmission grid from now up to 2050?

- Which **intermediate architectures** in order to reach the 2050 grid architectures?
- Which **governance** for a pan-European transmission grid?

# The whole process



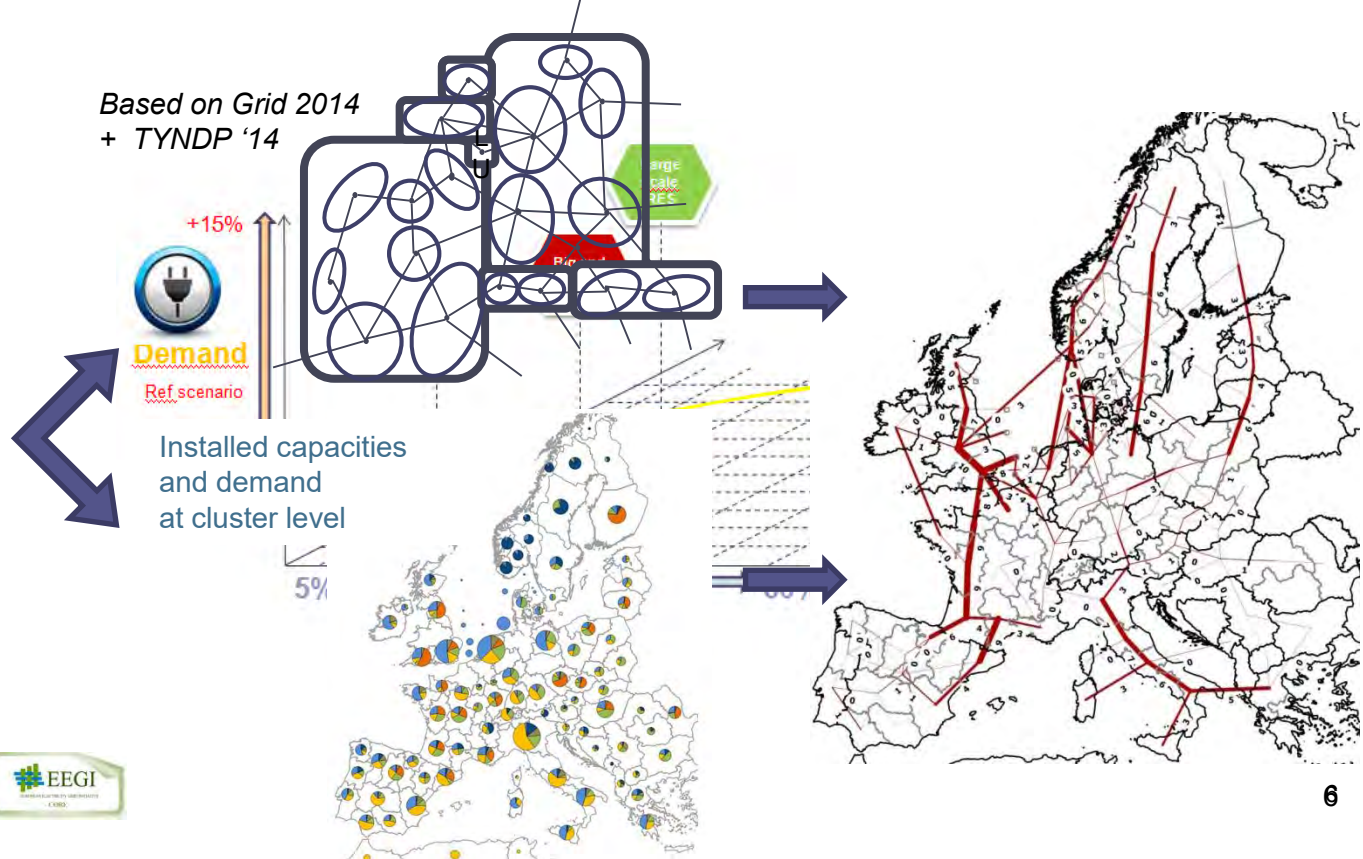
# Steps of grid architecture development



## Five scenarios



Based on Grid 2014 + TYNDP '14



# Summary of the main assumptions for grid development

- ▶ Only the inter-clusters transmission requirements are assessed
- ▶ Focus is on the major ones, some smaller could be profitable as well
- ▶ The 2030 grid from TYNDP2014 is the starting point, major projects like HVDC in Germany are thus already assumed
- ▶ The detailed routes and connection points are unknown
- ▶ Each transmission requirement could be realized through many parallel reinforcements
- ▶ For each scenario, a complete set of reinforcements for Europe is suggested, the reinforcements are not assessed independently.
- ▶ The time horizon is 2050 : the profitability of the reinforcements is not proven before.

# System simulations

System simulations are done with Antares..

... a **stochastic tool** (Monte-Carlo scheme : Wind, Solar generation and load ... weather conditions)

... optimize **generation of dispatchable units** (merit order) to satisfy net demand

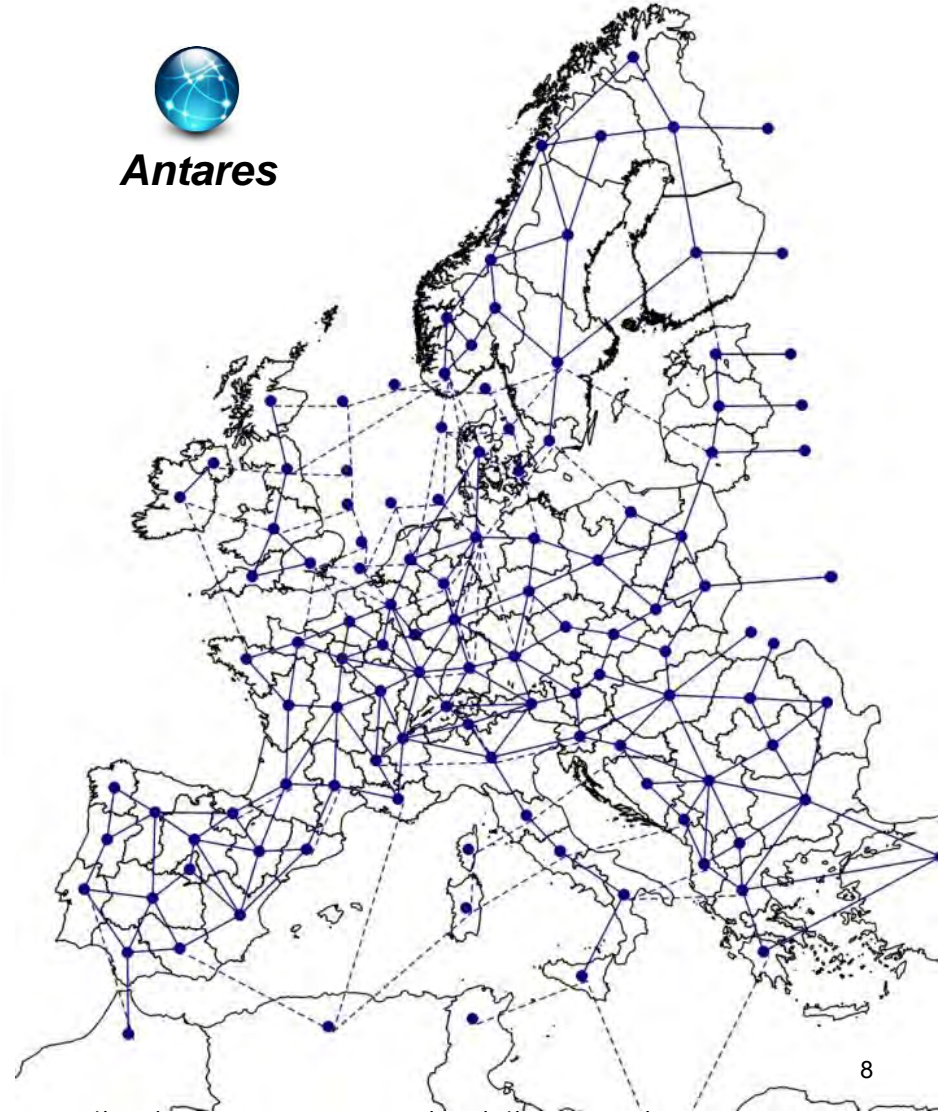
... taking into account **grid constraints** (DC approximation : Kirchhoff laws)

... time step resolution of **one hour** ... for a period covering **one year**.

Optimization of **whole European** system in one shot (minimization of the generation cost)



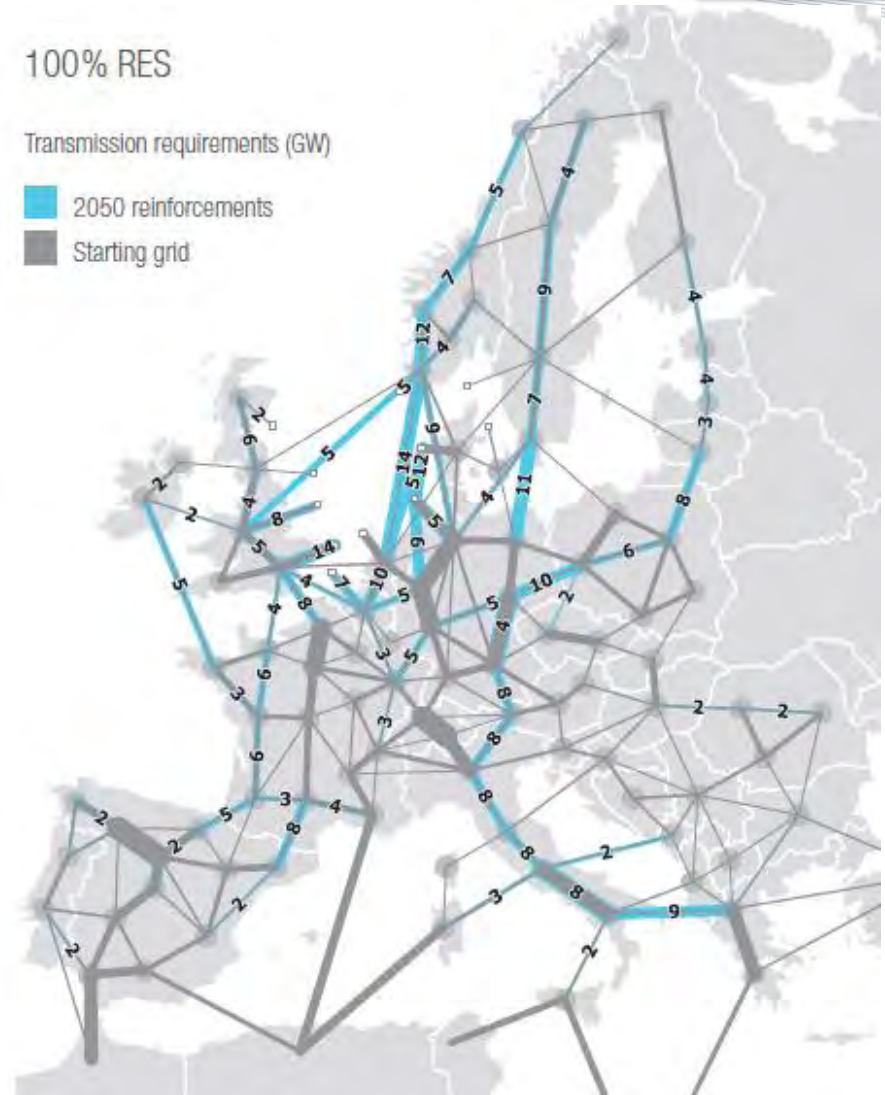
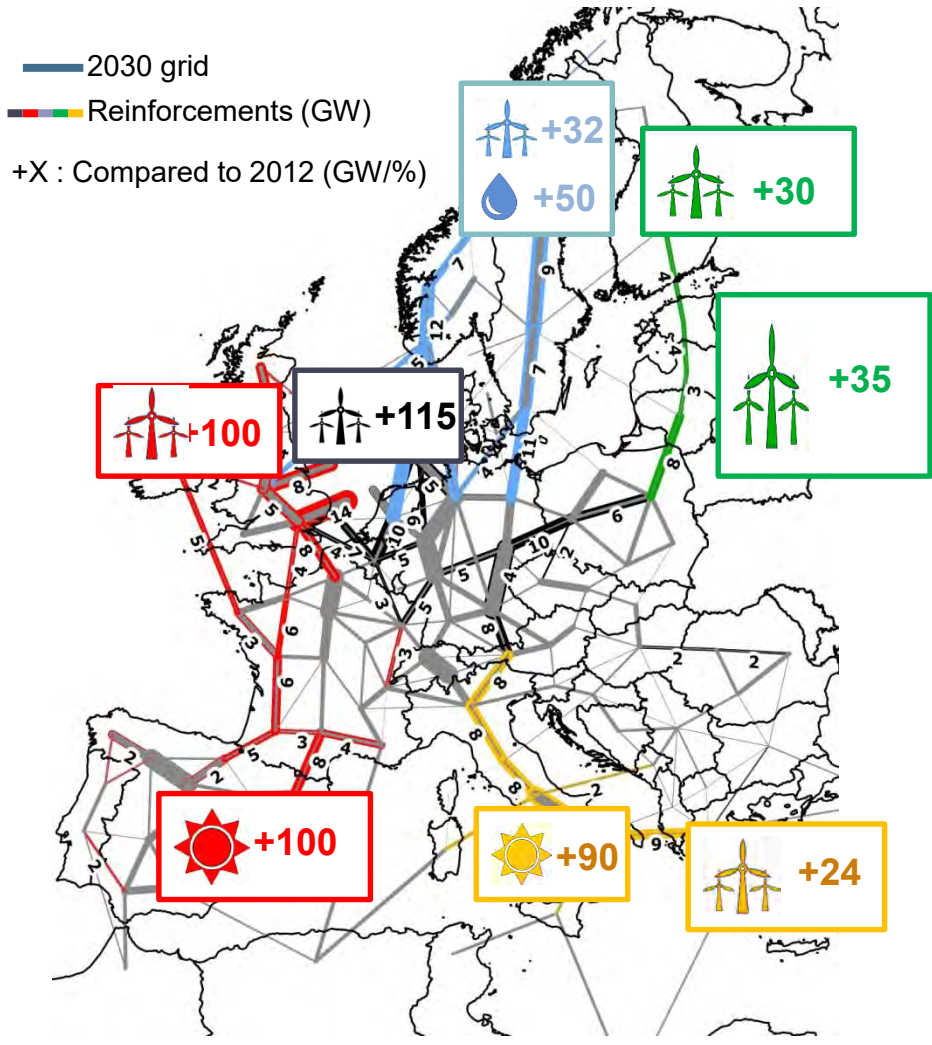
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# Results: scenario 100% RES

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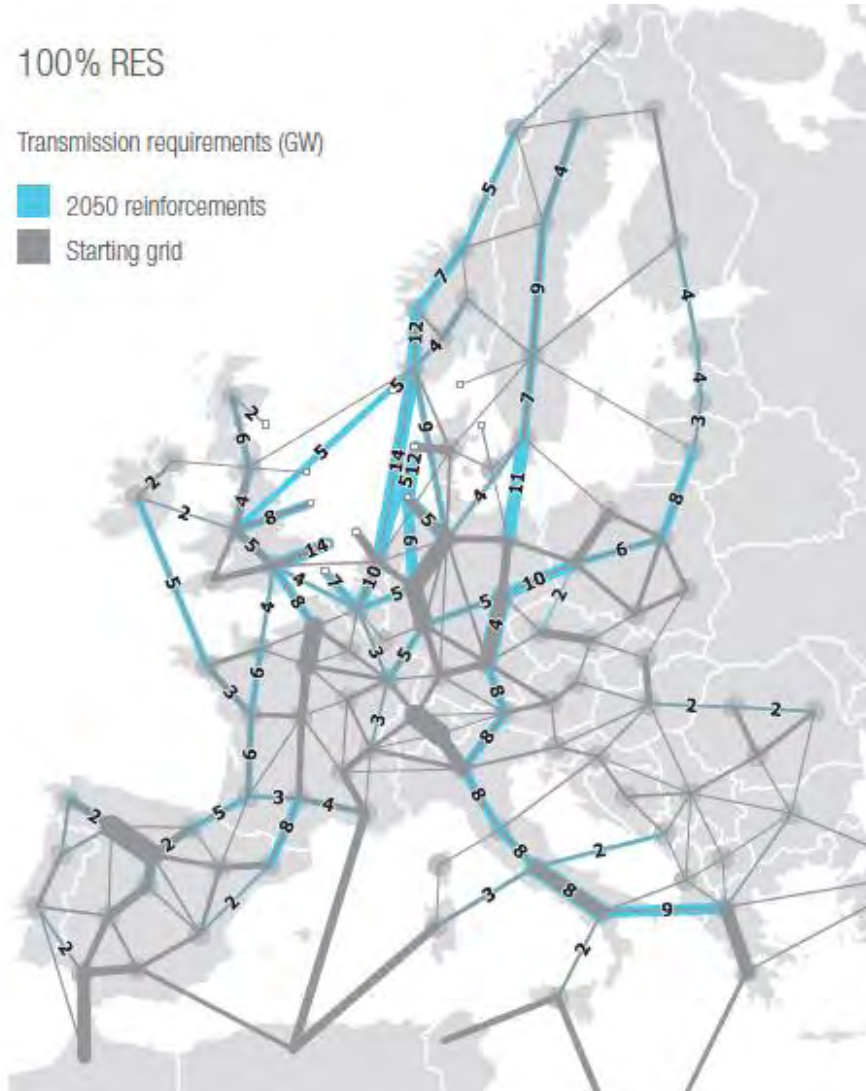
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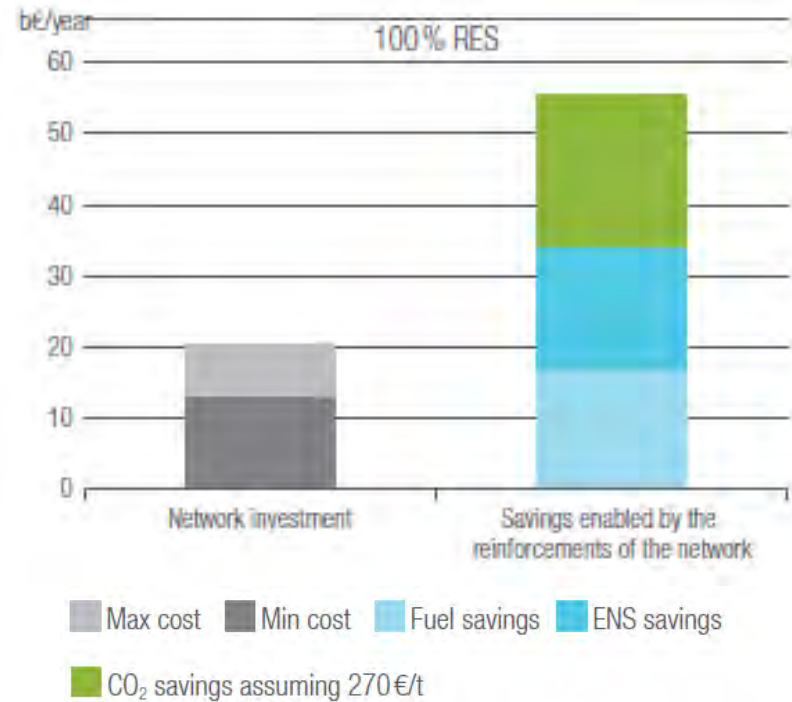
Transmission requirements (GW)

- 2050 reinforcements
- Starting grid



- 51 TWh of ENS avoided /year
- 465 TWh of spillage avoided /year
- **55 b€ of annual savings**

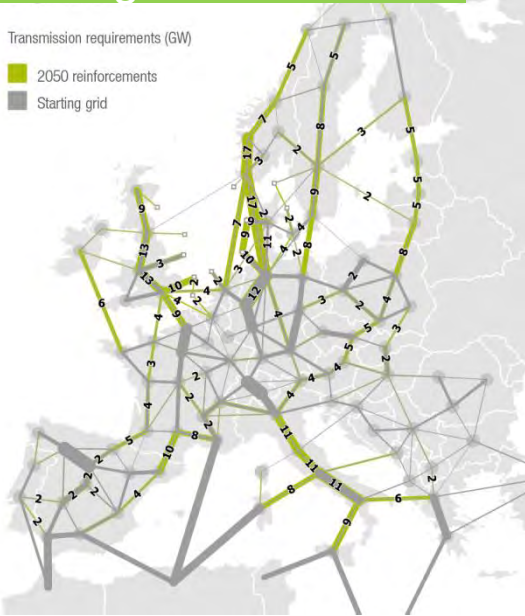
Total investment cost : 245-345 b€



## Large scale RES

Transmission requirements (GW)

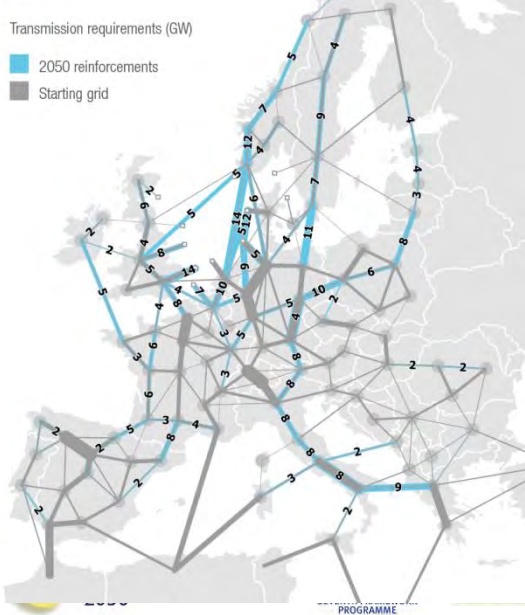
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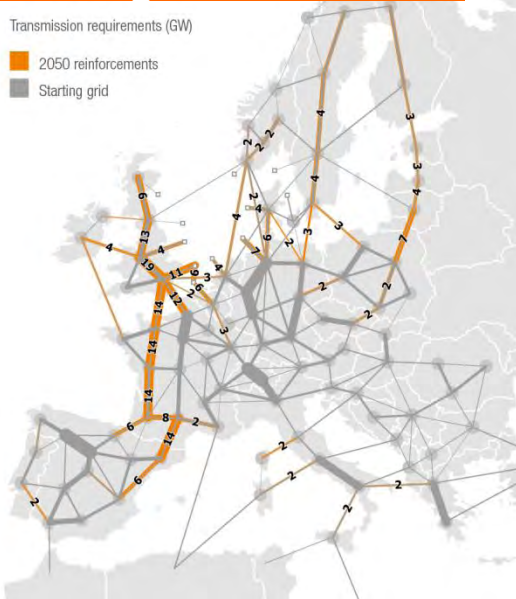


# Comparison of the final architectures

## Big & market

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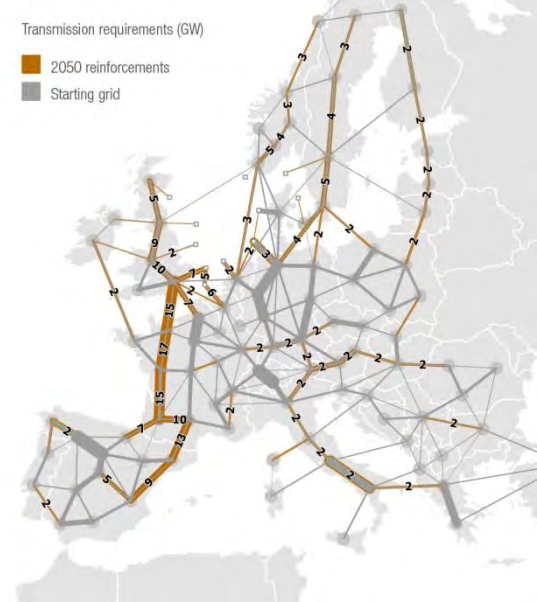
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## Fossil & nuclear

Transmission requirements (GW)

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## Small & local

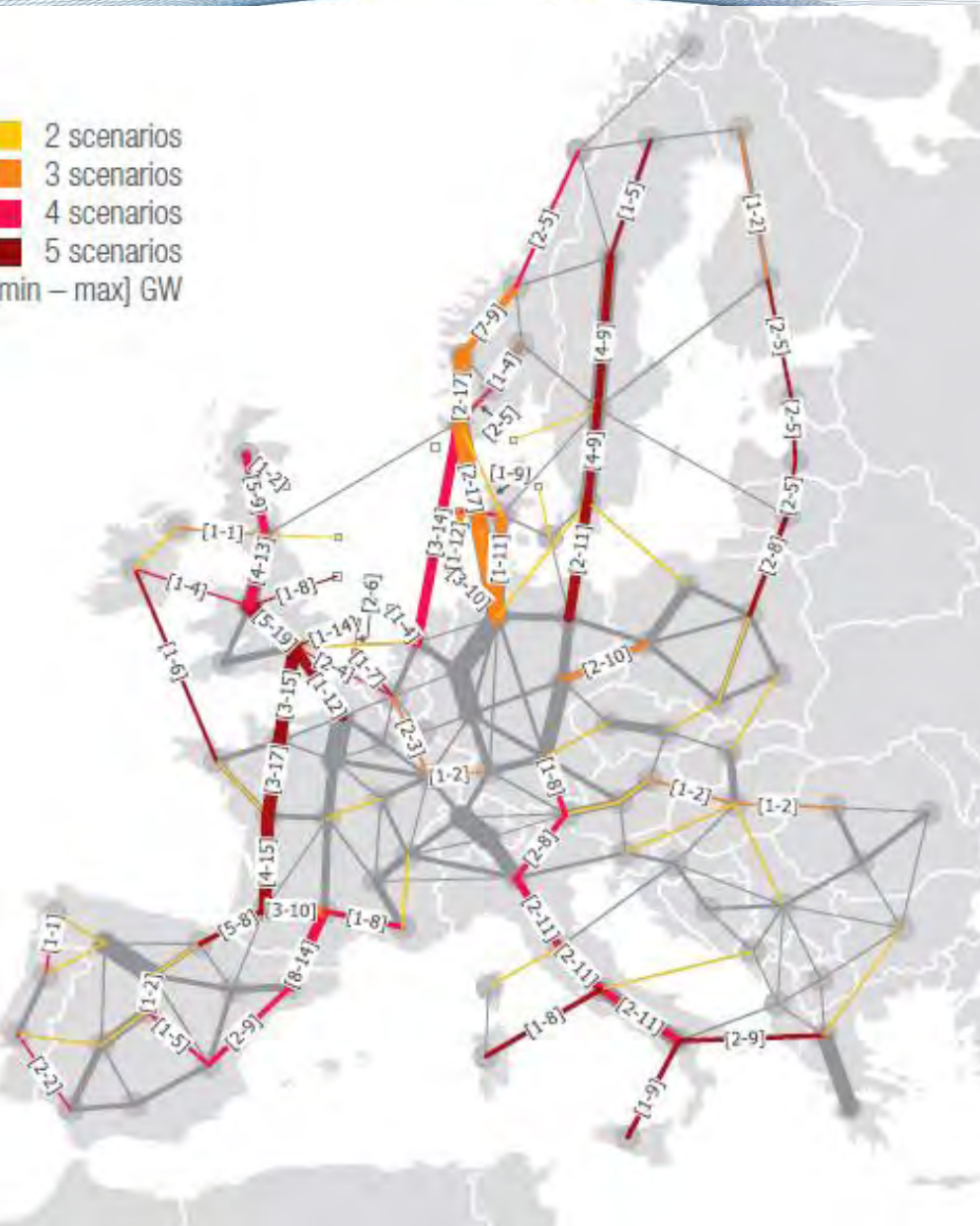
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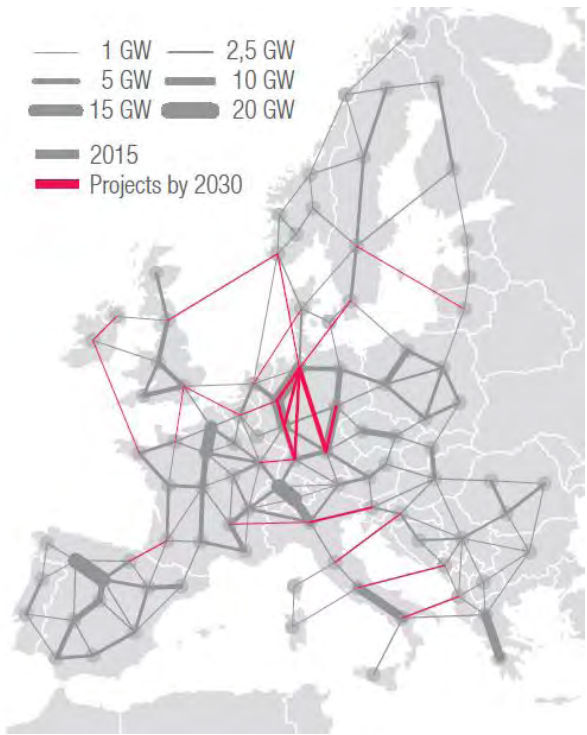
# The 2050 grid architectures

■ 2 scenarios  
■ 3 scenarios  
■ 4 scenarios  
■ 5 scenarios  
[min – max] GW

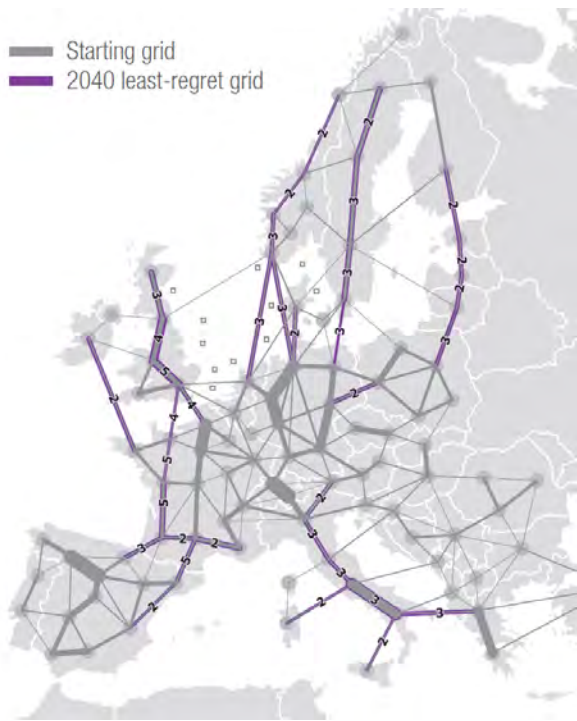


- An invariant set of new lines and reinforcements has been identified
- Robust to face large uncertainties
- Good candidates for mid-term grid investments

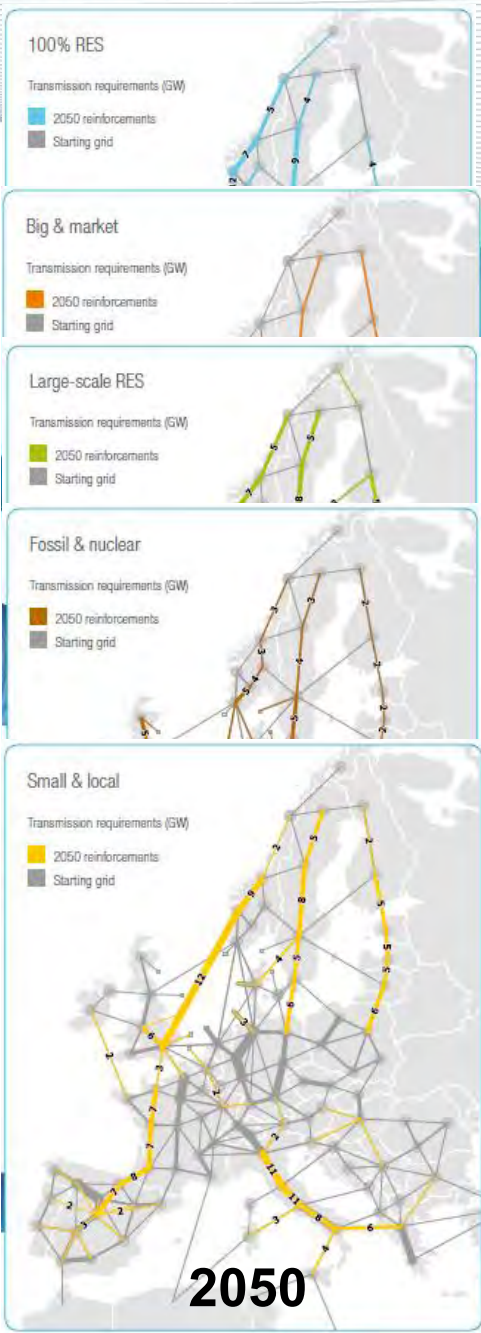
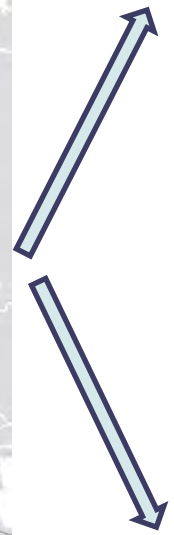
# From 2030 towards 2050



2030



2040



2050



# Key messages (1/2)

- ✓ An invariant set of transmission requirements has been identified in consistency, and in continuity with the Ten-Year Network Development Plan conducted by ENTSO-E. Their benefits for the European system, resulting from the optimal use of energy sources, largely exceed their costs.
- ✓ No **needs for a new separate 'layer' within this existing** grid
- ✓ New methodologies for the development of the European transmission grid have been developed, enabling to:
  - ✓ Address long term horizons,
  - ✓ Cover the whole Europe,
  - ✓ Cope with the European low carbon objectives, translated at national, and local levels, while building global grid architectures

# Key messages (2/2)

- Technology:
  - Needs for the improvement
    - of the present technology on the transmission capacities,
    - and their use (e.g submarine in depth, DC technology).
- Governance:
  - Need for the improvement of the regulatory framework in order to realize the grid architectures proposed
- System Operation:
  - The consequences of high penetration of RES and HVDC in the power system should be further investigated

# Thank you for your attention!



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