

# **Will Gas Demand Rebound In Power?**

## Outlook for coal / gas switching in Europe

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# Agenda

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- Introduction to FTI-Compass Lexecon Energy
- Key drivers of the EU electricity market
- Outlook for coal / gas switching in the EU power sector
- Key regulatory developments to watch
- Conclusions

# FTI-CL Energy presentation

# FTI Consulting overview

## Overview

- Global business advisory firm
- Dedicated to helping organisations protect and enhance enterprise value

## History & scale

- Established in 1982
- >US\$ 1.5 billion revenues, NYSE listed
- >4,000 staff across 24 countries on six continents

## Global reach



## Services

- Five divisions:
  1. Economic Consulting
  2. Corporate Finance / Restructuring
  3. Forensic & Litigation Consulting
  4. Technology
  5. Strategic Communications

# FTI – CL Energy operates across 5 service lines

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## Corporate Finance

Provide strategic, operational, financial and capital needs of businesses. Address complete spectrum of financial and transactional challenges.

## Forensic and Litigation Consulting

Independent dispute advisory, investigative, data acquisition/analysis and forensic accounting services.

## Economic and Financial Consulting

Analysis of complex economic, regulatory and finance issues to assist clients in understanding the issues and opportunities they face.

## Strategic Communications

One of the world's largest investor relations businesses specialising in advising companies in critical situations.

## Technology

Provides e-discovery software, services and expertise to deliver smart solutions for clients.

*We support clients across the energy value chain*

### Strategic Evaluation

- Market Entry/Exit Strategy
- Policy Evaluation
- Resource, Technology & Market Assessment
- Supply chain evaluation / development
- Asset Valuation
- Business Model Evaluation / Development
- M&A / Transaction Support

### Project / Company Development Support

- Due Diligence (technical / financial) (with TÜV SÜD PMSS)
- Project Finance and Transaction Support
- Dispute Resolution
- Independent Engineer Review (with TÜV SÜD PMSS)
- PPA Negotiations
- Resource evaluation
- T&D Analysis

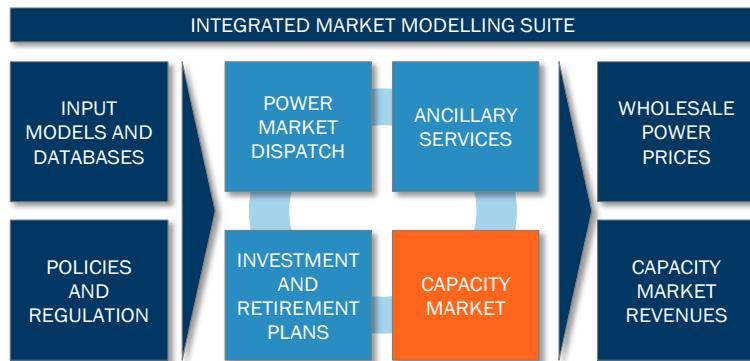
### Operational Enhancement

- O&M strategy
- Business Planning , root cause analysis, and performance improvement
- Procurement & Contracting Best Practices
- Turnaround and Restructuring
- Liquidity management
- Interim management (CRO, COO, CEO, CFO)
- Insolvency

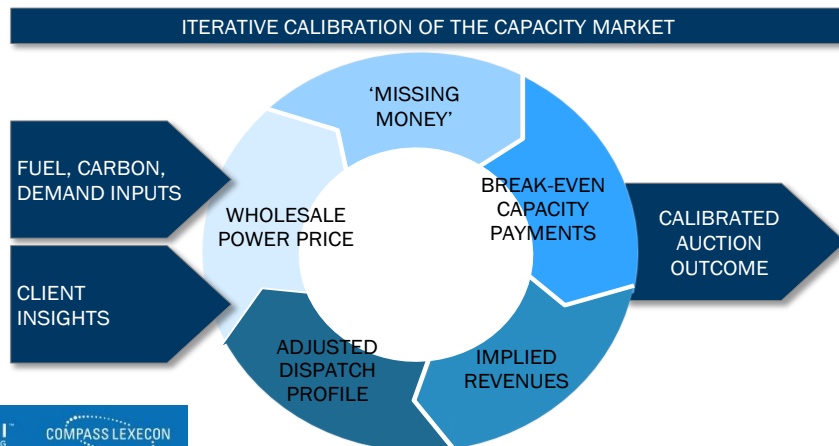
# Our modelling approach

## FTI-CL Energy Market Modelling and Calibration

Our Capacity Market model forms part of our integrated market modelling suite, which includes an hourly dispatch model, modelling the day-ahead power market:



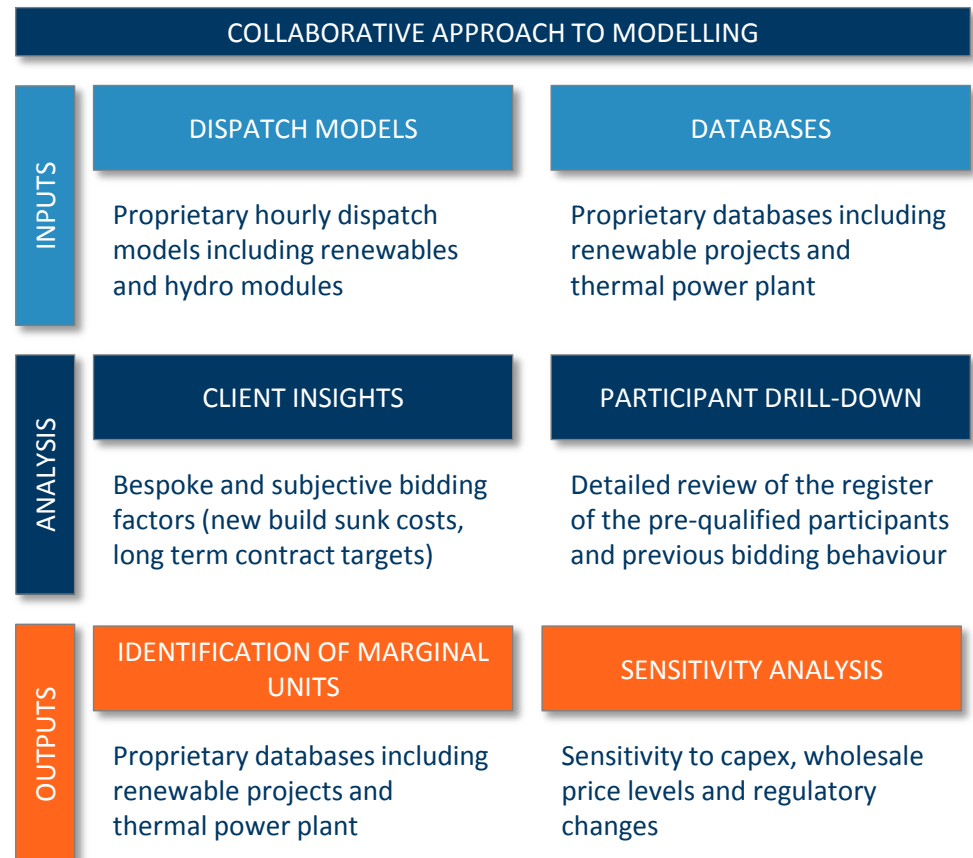
To deliver a fully calibrated and consistent set of wholesale power prices and capacity payments across Europe, the approach iterates the dispatch model until an equilibrium is reached.



## Collaborative modelling approach

Our approach to modelling gives the client maximum visibility over the inputs, development and the workings of the CM modelling – the ‘no black box’ approach.

Collaboration between the client and FTI-CL on both fronts is essential to utilise the client’s own knowledge and insights into the market.



# FTI-CL European power market dispatch model covers the EU-28 power markets

## Geographic scope

- GB and Ireland
- France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands
- Spain, Portugal and Italy
- Nordic countries: Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland
- Poland and the Baltic countries
- Eastern Europe and Greece, as well as Turkey

## Model structure

- The model constructs supply in each price zone based on individual plants.
- Zonal prices are found as the marginal value of energy accounting for generators' bidding strategies
- Takes into account the cross-border transmission and interconnectors and unit-commitment plant constraints
- The model is run on the commercial modelling platform Plexos® using data and assumptions constructed by FTI-CL Energy

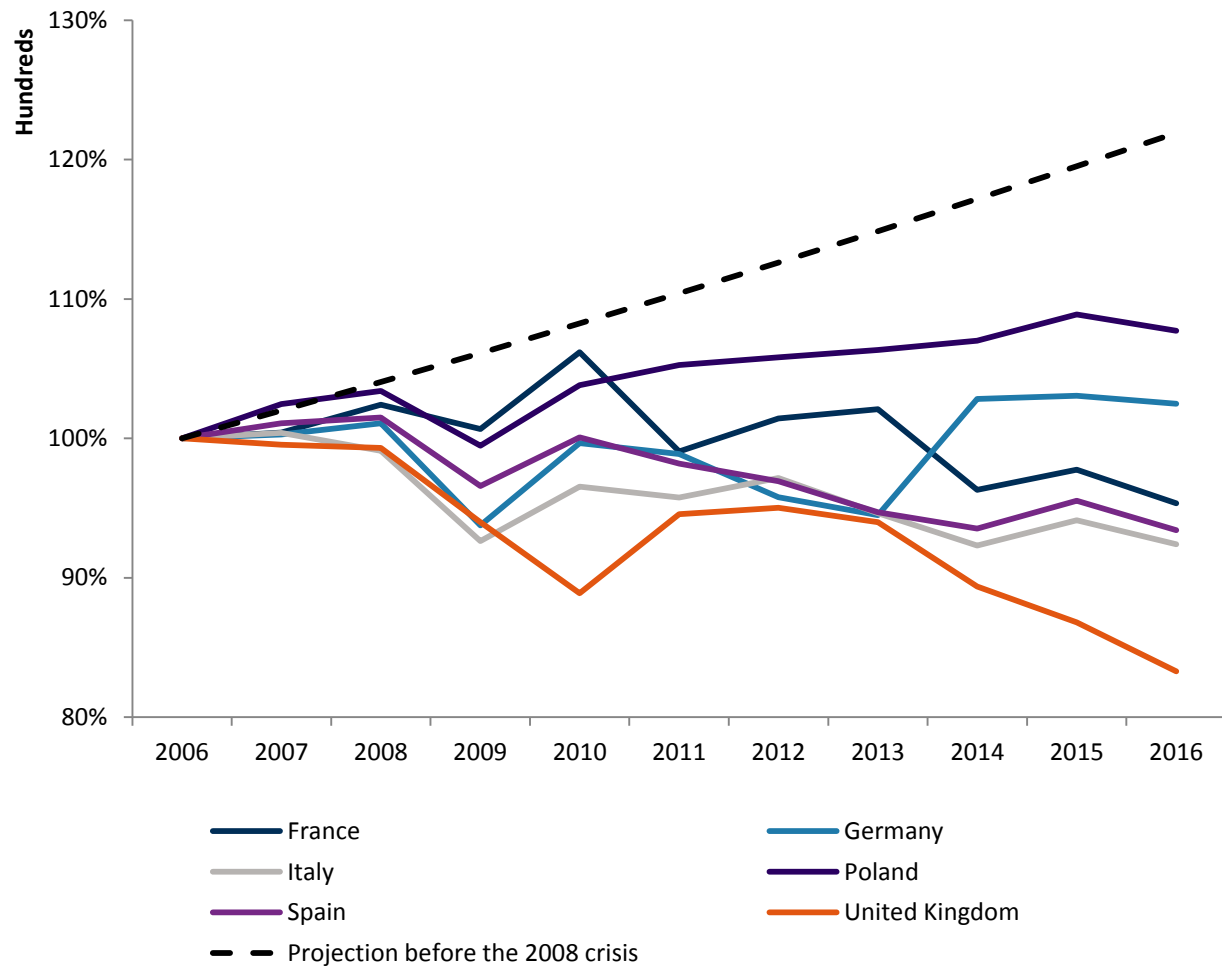
## Model geographic scope



## Key drivers of the EU electricity market

# Electricity demand: a structural break

Index of historical power consumption (base 100 in 2006)

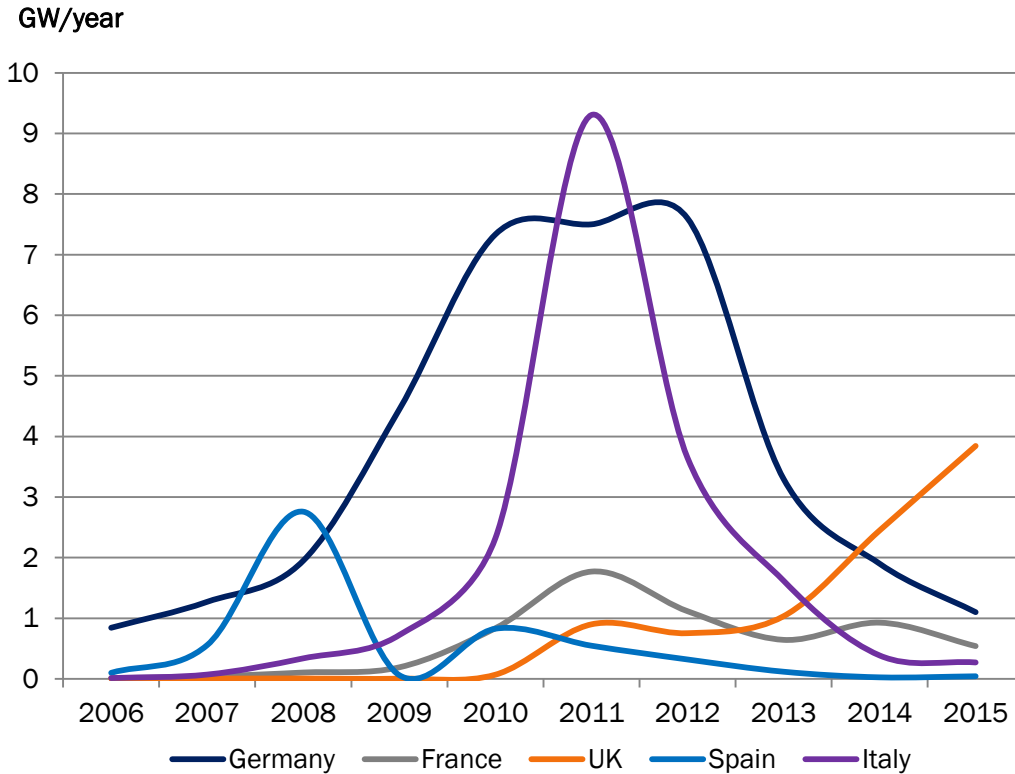


- Before the 2008-crisis, electricity demand was projected to increase at a 2% rate on average in Europe (e.g. 1.5% in France and Germany, 2-3% in Poland and Italy, more than 3% in Spain)
- The crisis has led to structural demand destruction in the industrial sector, and several countries have not yet recovered the pre-crisis consumption level
- Going forward, growth of embedded generation and energy efficiency improvements could further reduce transmission connected power demand

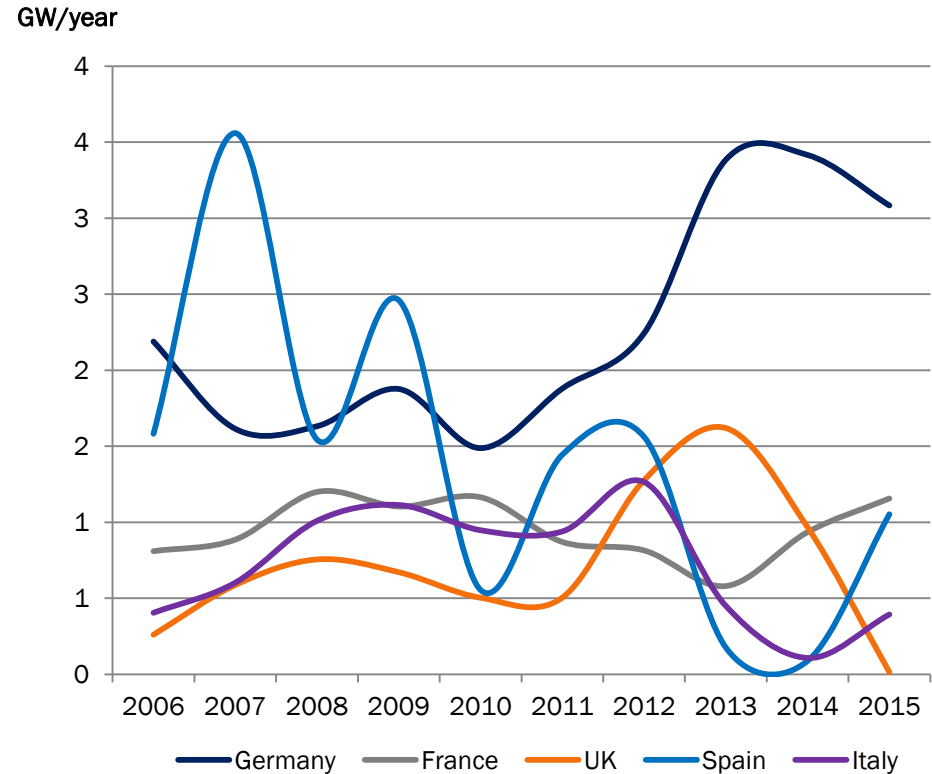
Source: EC, ENTSO-E, BP RTE 2007.

# Solar and wind capacity additions: a mixed picture

## Solar capacity additions



## Onshore wind capacity additions



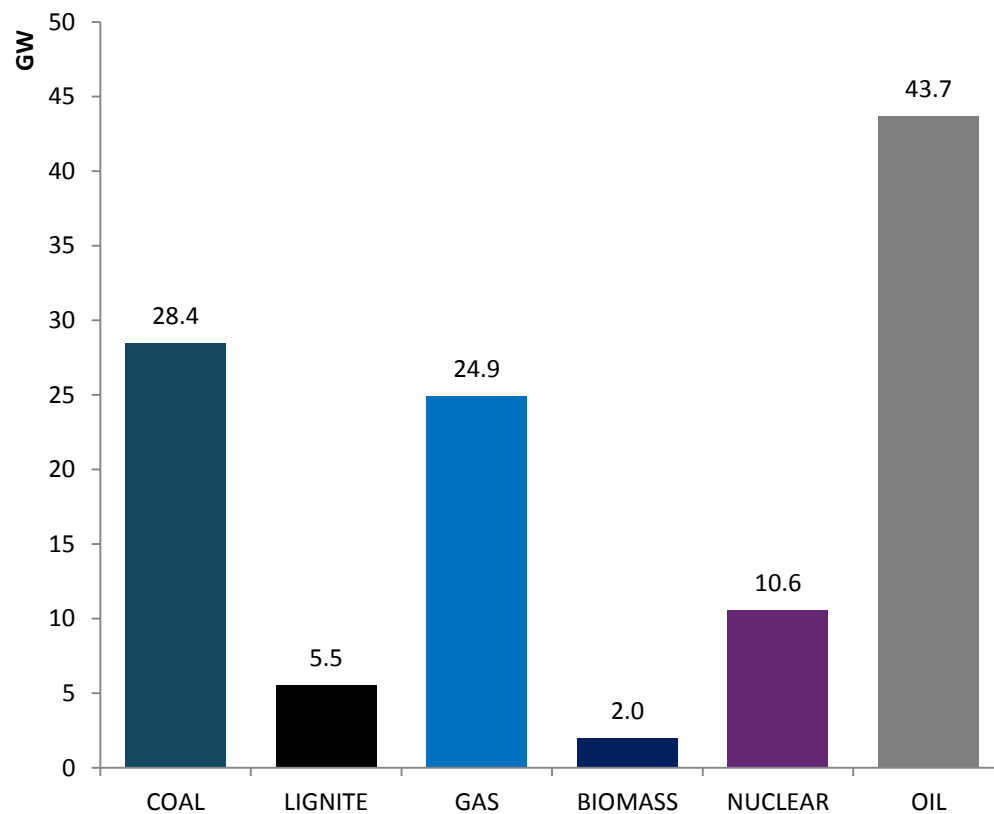
Source: BP Statistical Review 2016

- After a boom in renewable capacity expansion between 2009-2012, growth is slowing down in some major European countries.

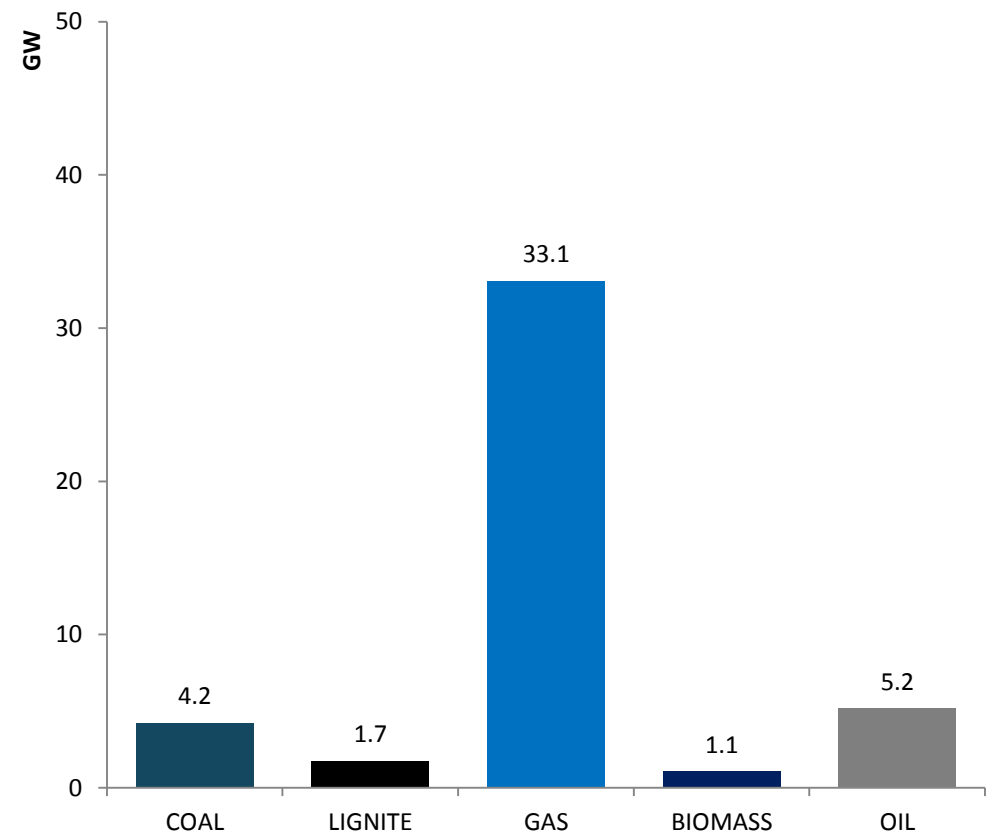
# The market is (slowly) rebalancing with significant thermal capacity mothballed and/or retired

- The low profitability of gas plants has driven significant impairments and more than 30 GW have been mothballed in Europe

**Closed between 2009 - 2016**



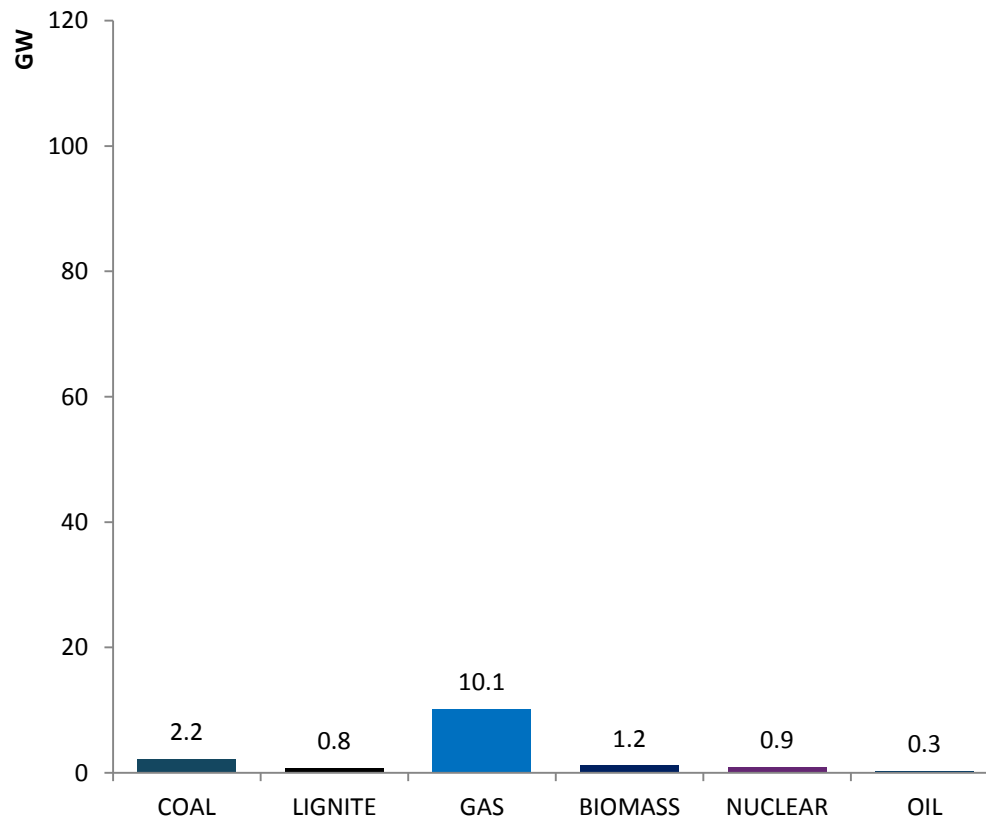
**Mothballed between 2009 - 2016**



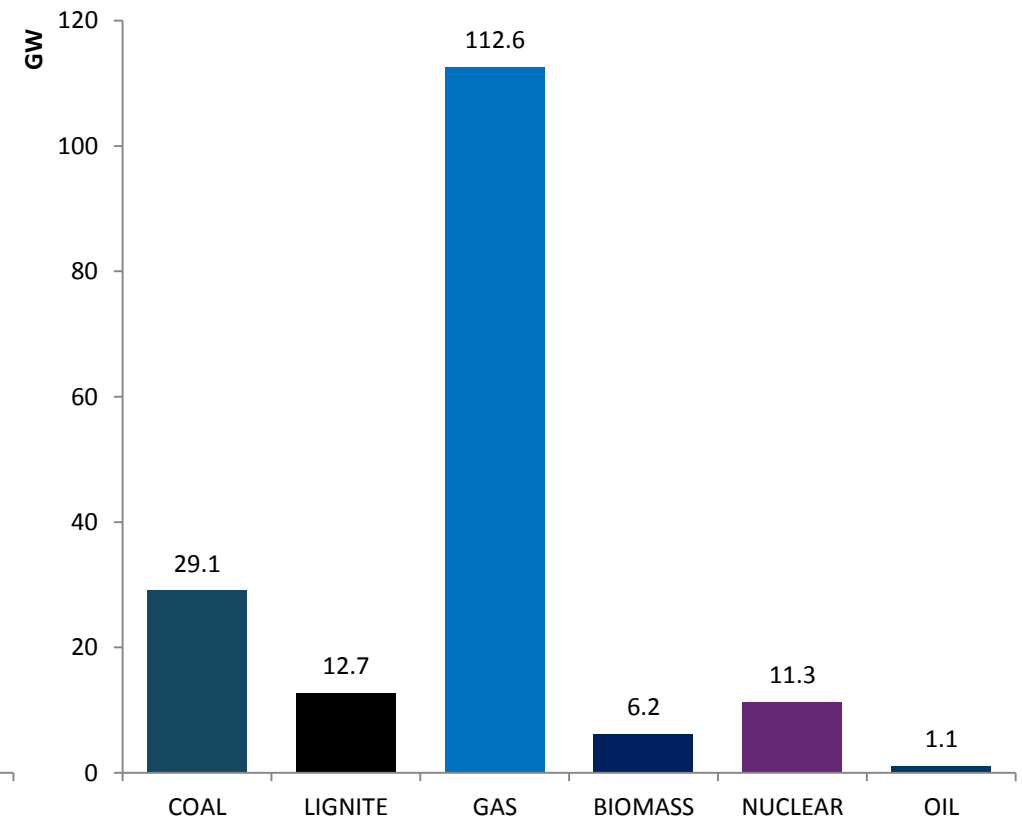
## Overcapacity led to project cancellations

- Nearly all gas fired power plant projects have been cancelled. Coal plants are still being built with delays in Germany, the Netherlands and Poland.

**New built between 2012 - 2018**

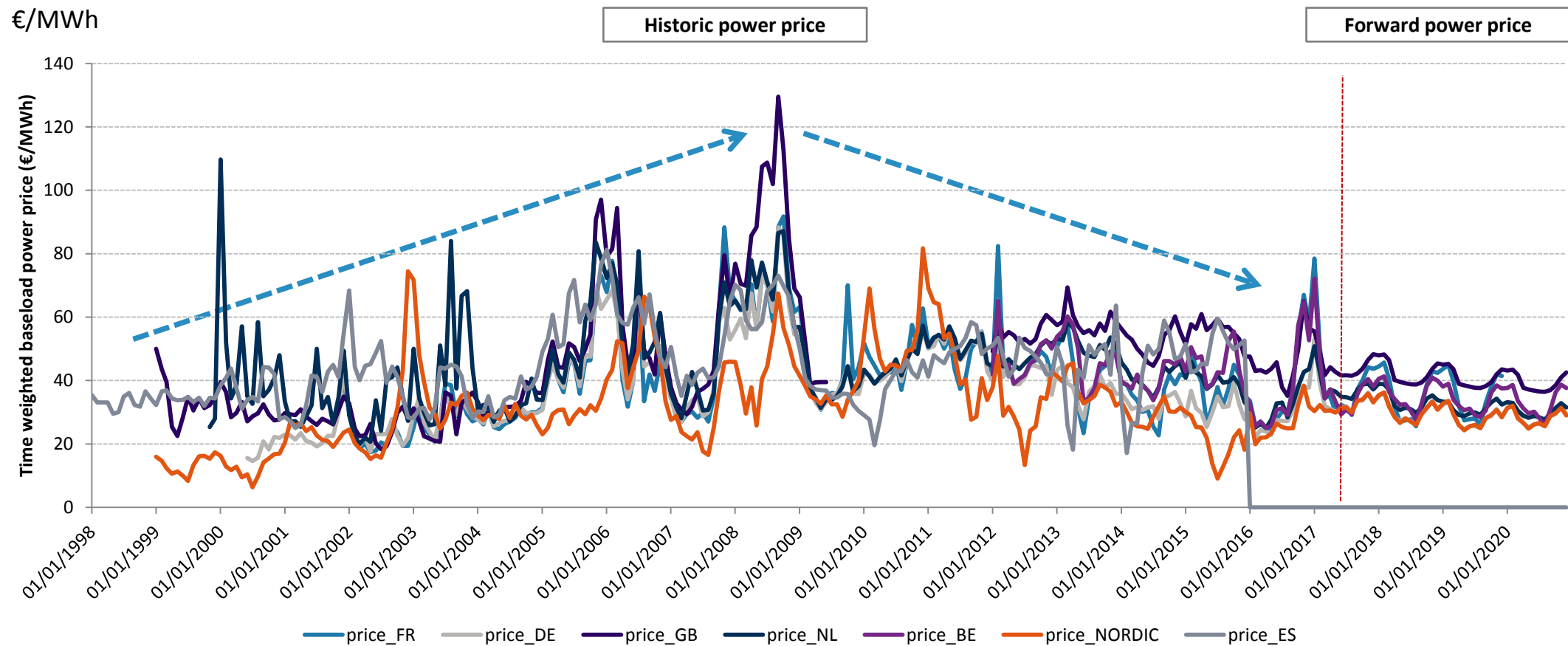


**Planned or delayed for 2018 - 2030**



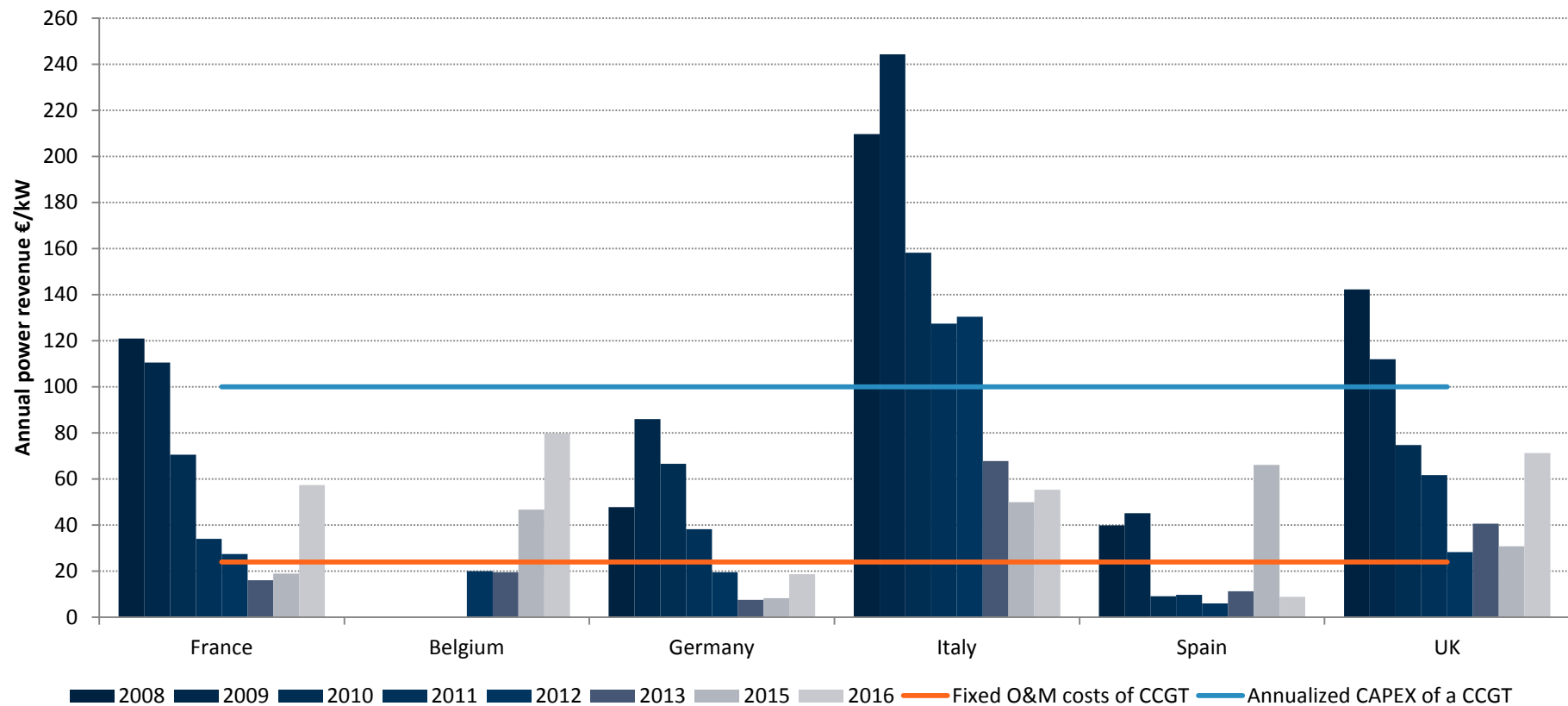
# Power prices – have we reached the floor?

## Spot prices in selected European markets



# CCGT plants profits have recovered slightly in some markets

## Power market revenue vs. fixed and O&M costs of CCGTs



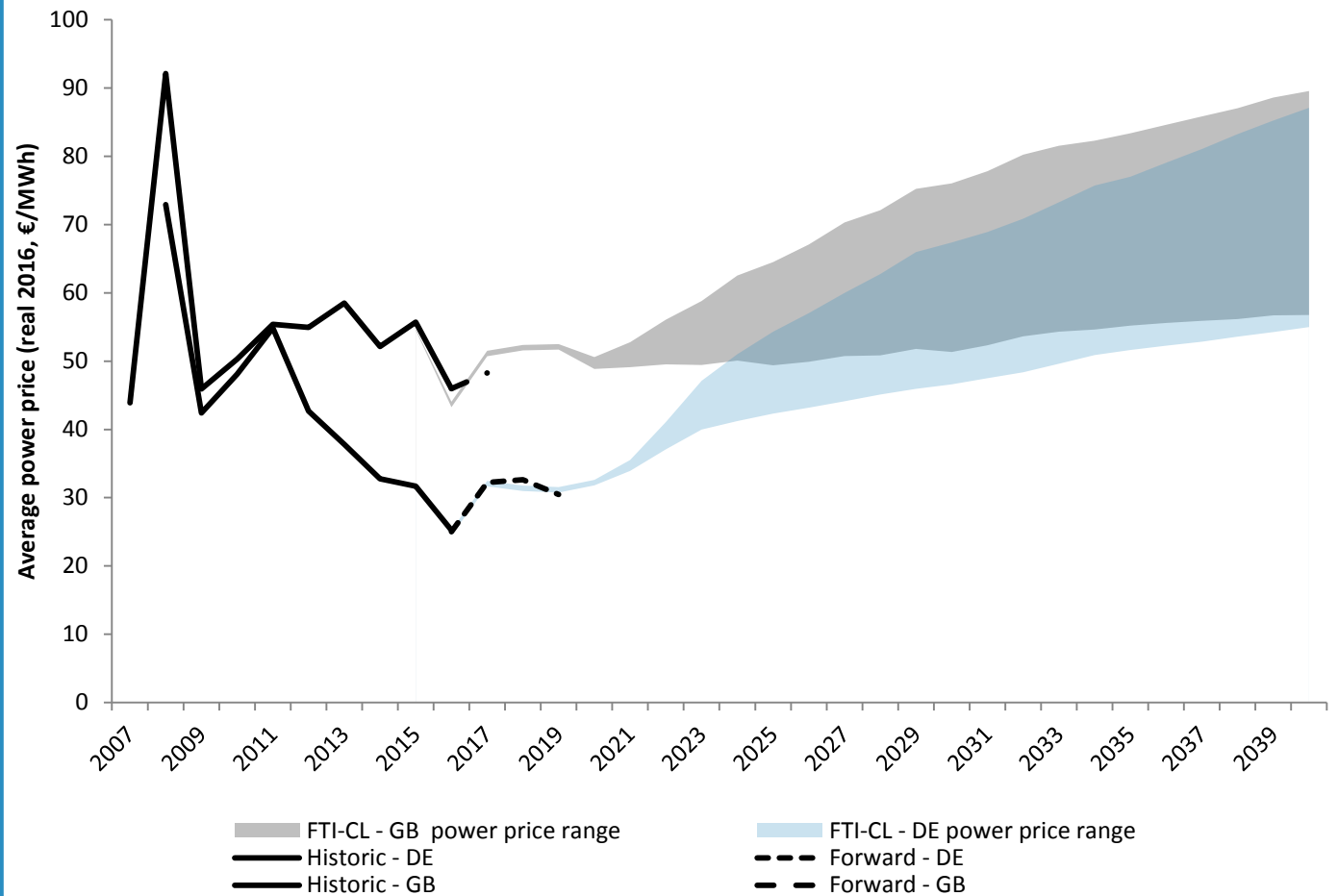
Note: Power market revenue is calculated based on the assumption that a CCGT is activated whenever power prices exceed SRMC, which account for fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> prices.

# Outlook for power prices in our 3 scenarios

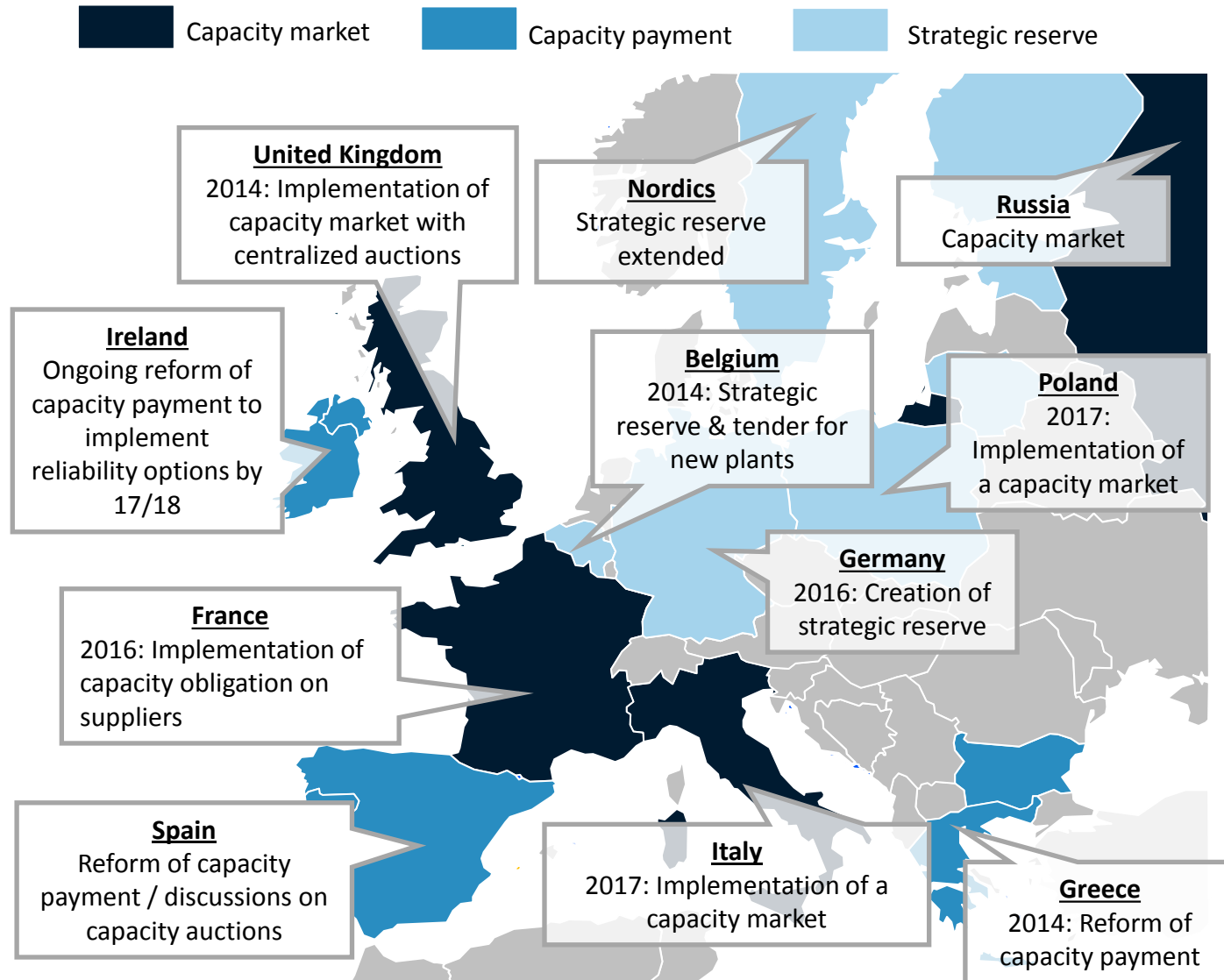
## Projection discussion

- In the longer term, German and UK power prices increase following the upward trend of commodity and CO2 prices, and the progressive tightening of the power market.
- Power price outlooks are subjects to risk and uncertainties including:
  - **Regulation:** Future regional energy policies has a key impact on projected power price
  - **Capacity outlook:** Exact phasing-out of coal plants, interconnection new build, nuclear new build, CCGT new build, RES development
  - **Demand outlook:** electrification of new usages
  - **Commodities:** Future global economic growth has a major impact on commodity prices. European and international regulation on carbon pricing would be a key drivers of future power prices

## Power prices (€/MWh)



# Capacity mechanisms are being introduced / reformed in most members states



- Ongoing reforms / discussions mark a shift toward market based capacity mechanisms
- Reforms in France, Italy, and United Kingdom share common structural (and permanent) approach
- Significant differences remain in the design of the different capacity markets
- Key issues revolve around cross border participation, and demand response

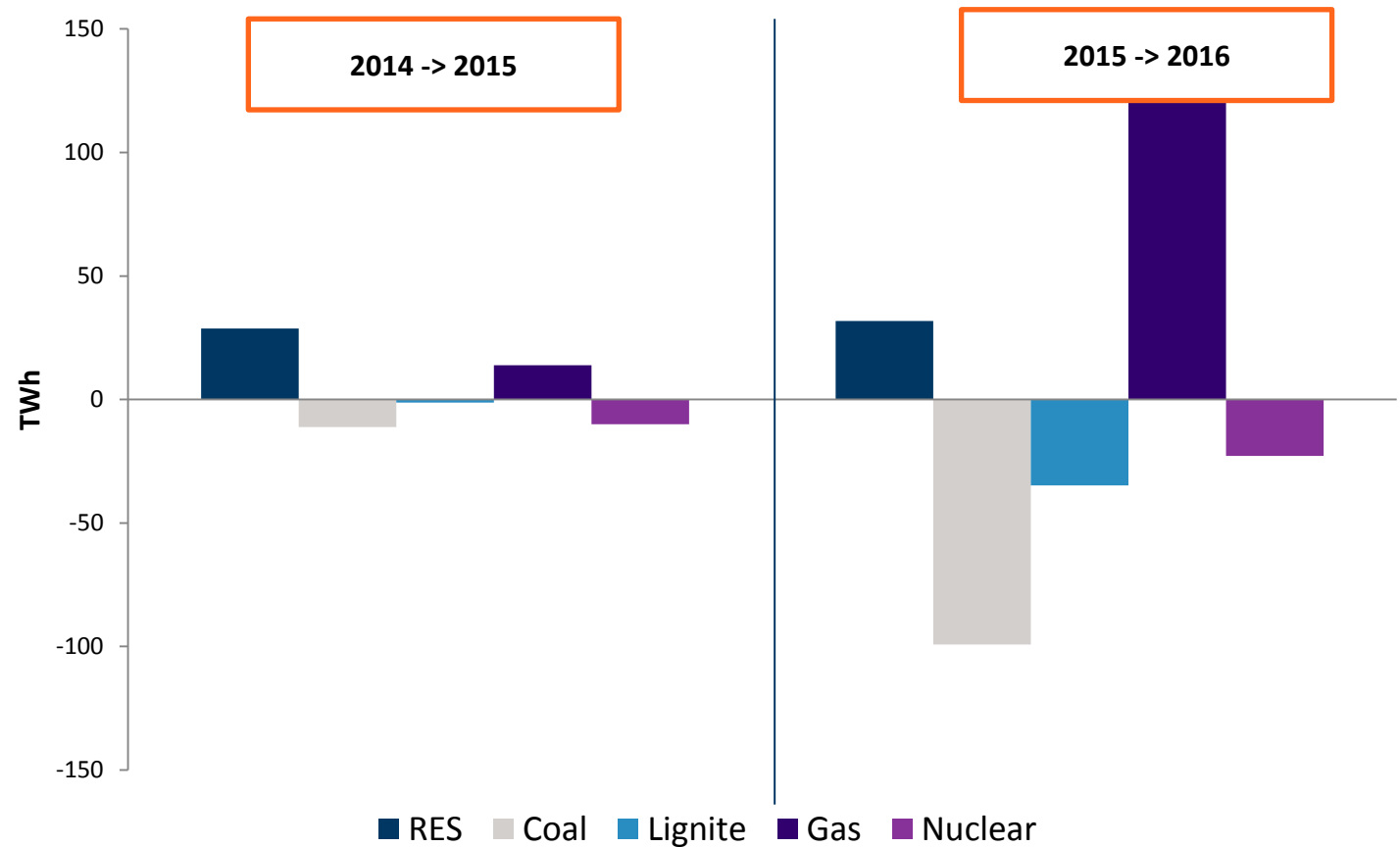
# Outlook for coal / gas switching in the EU power sector

In the past two years, gas generation rebounded significantly primarily driven by the UK

### Study scope



### Evolution of power generation by source - 2014-2016

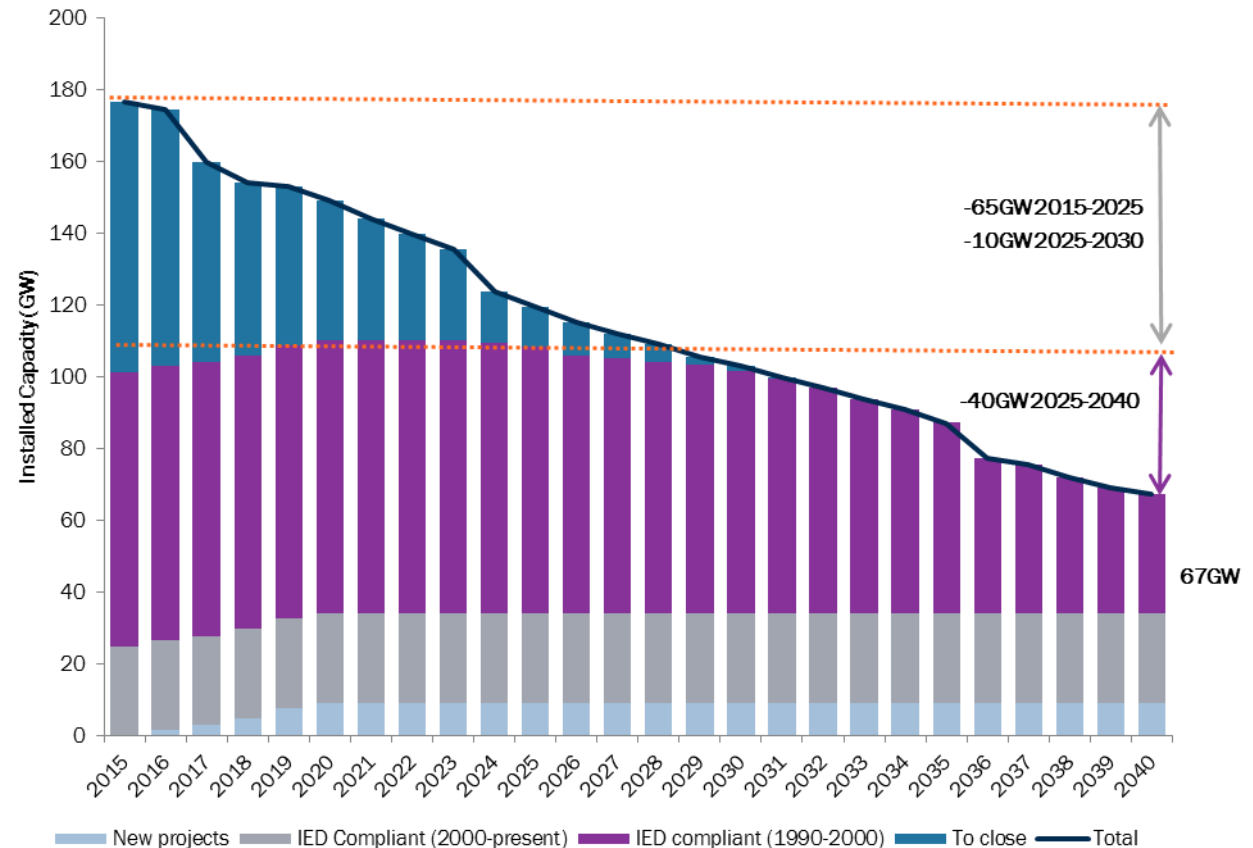


# For the power sector, the challenge is to avoid costly lock-in of emissions by managing a transition away from coal and lignite plants

## FTI-CL Energy modelling results

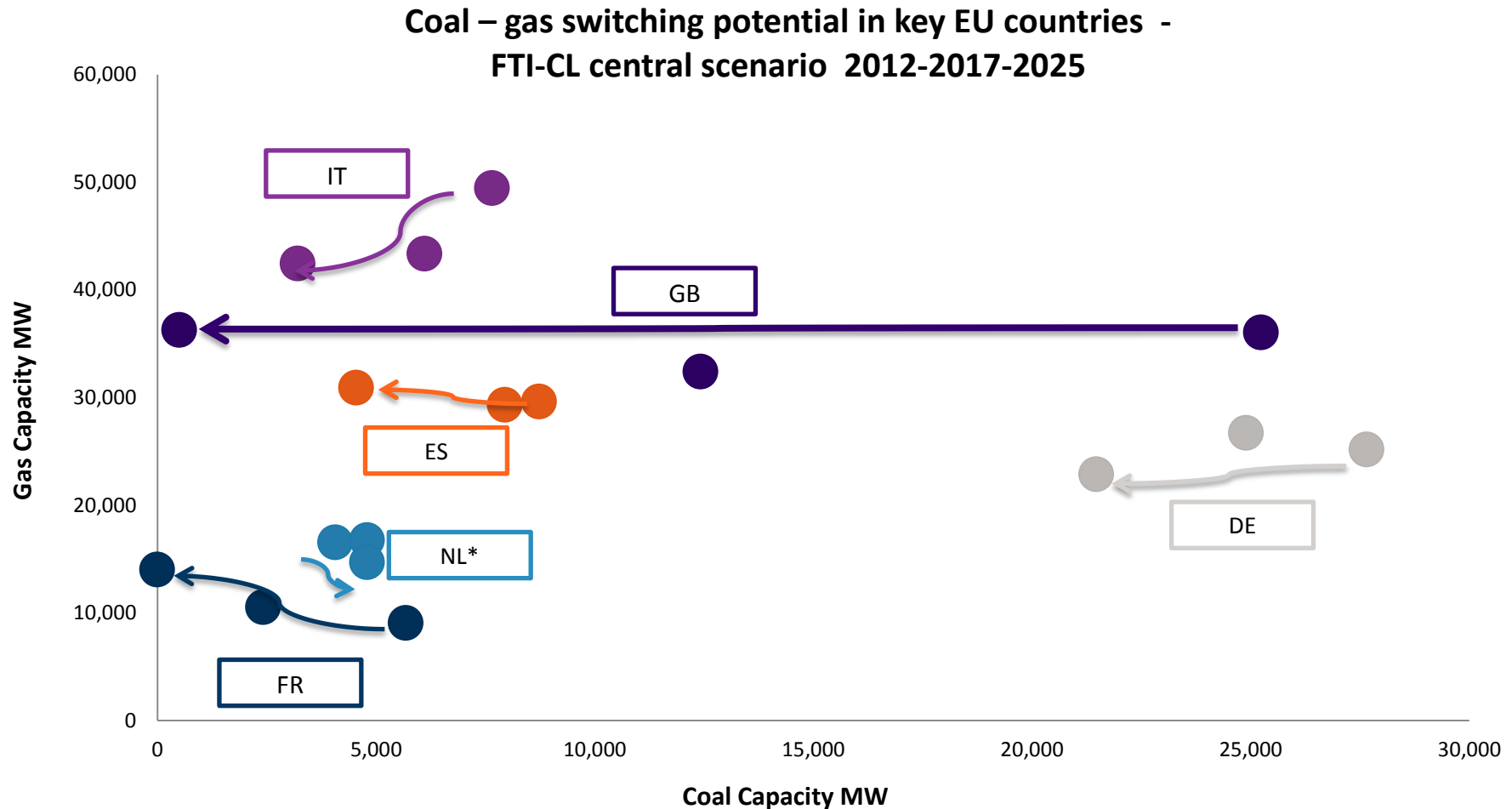
- Under our base scenario :
  - c75GW of the coal and lignite capacity will close by 2030 due to current national and European regulations.
  - However, c75GW are compliant with latest regulation and not subject to national phase-out plans.
  - 67 GW would still be in operation in 2040, representing a significant lock-in of CO2 emissions.

## Coal and lignite capacity outlook



Note: We use plant-specific information on all coal & lignite plants, from Platts, national registers, LCP dataset, Transitional National Plan and operators announcements. In case of no data, assumption of a standard lifetime of 50 years coherent with Germany G7 Coal analysis (September 2015).

# Coal – Gas switching potential will reduce by 2025 with coal plant closures in some countries but will remain significant



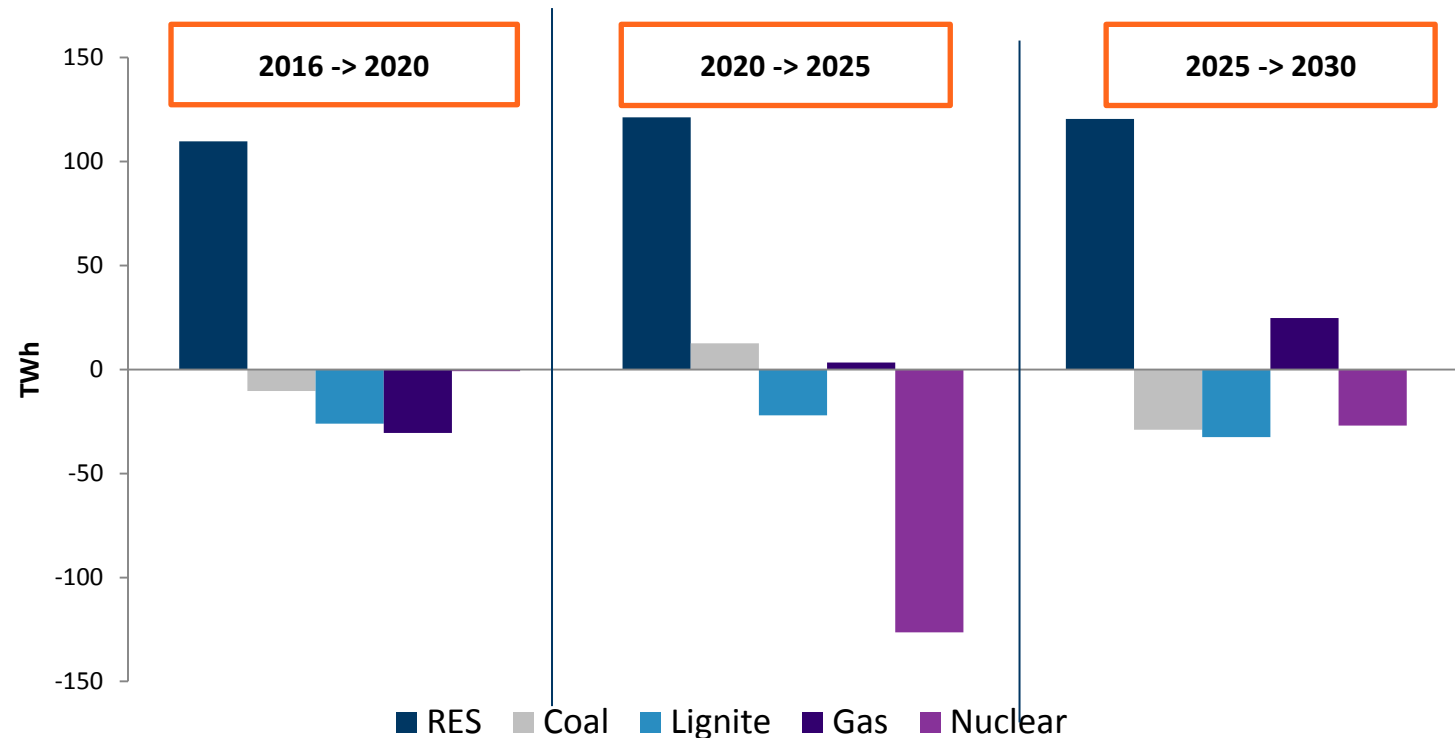
- Emissions standards (Industrial Emission Directive Emission Standards and mandated closures are the key drivers of installed capacity reduction by 2025

RES growth will likely compensate most production decrease from nuclear plant closures leaving little upside for gas generation unless further coal plants are closed

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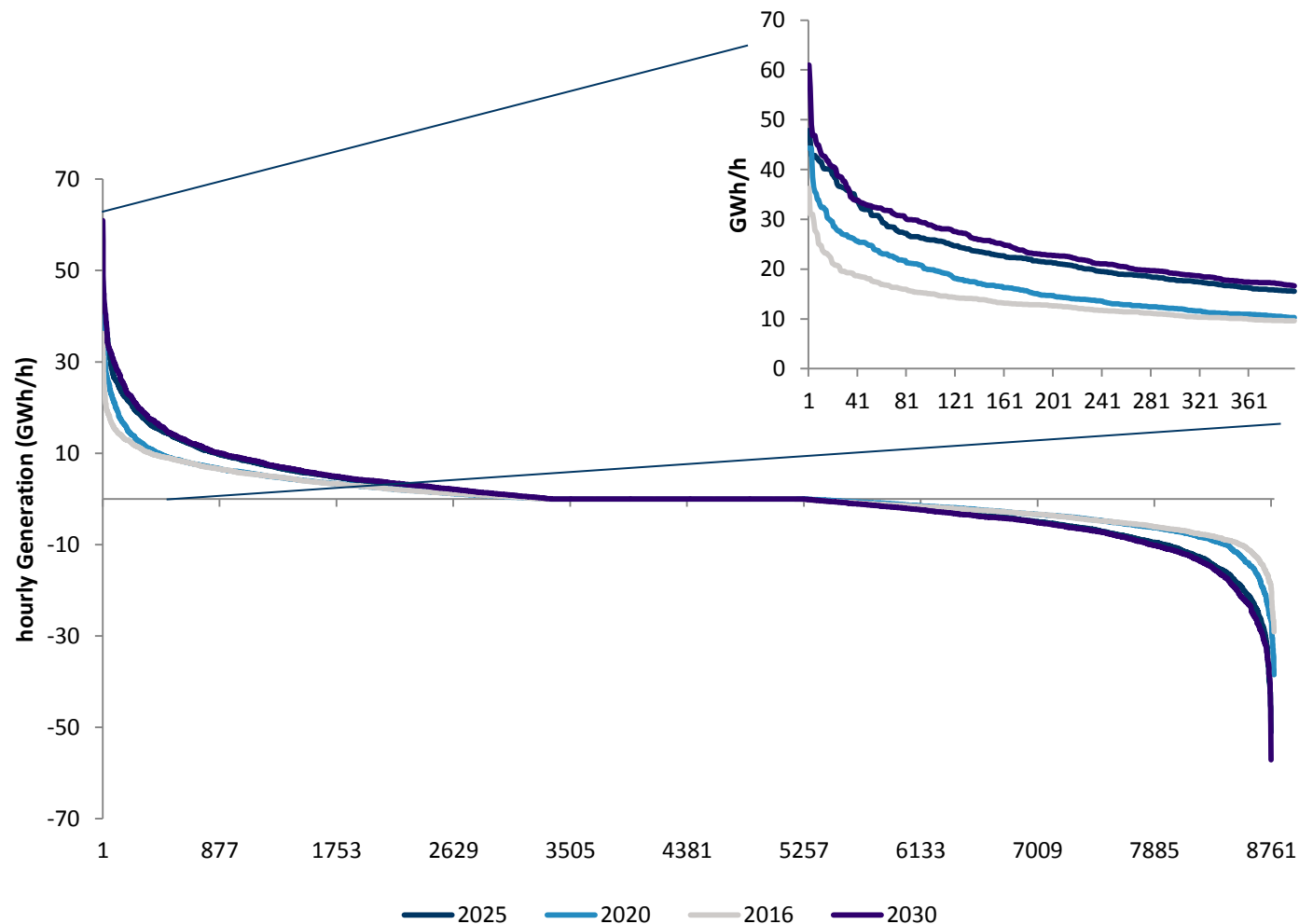
### Evolution of power generation by source - 2016-2030



Unless a bold ETS reform drives CO2 prices up significantly, coal and lignite plant retirements will be insufficient to drive a significant rebound in gas burn

# Gas generation will become increasingly variable raising challenges for network management & market design

Hourly distribution of gas fired generation in selected EU countries –  
2016 - 2030



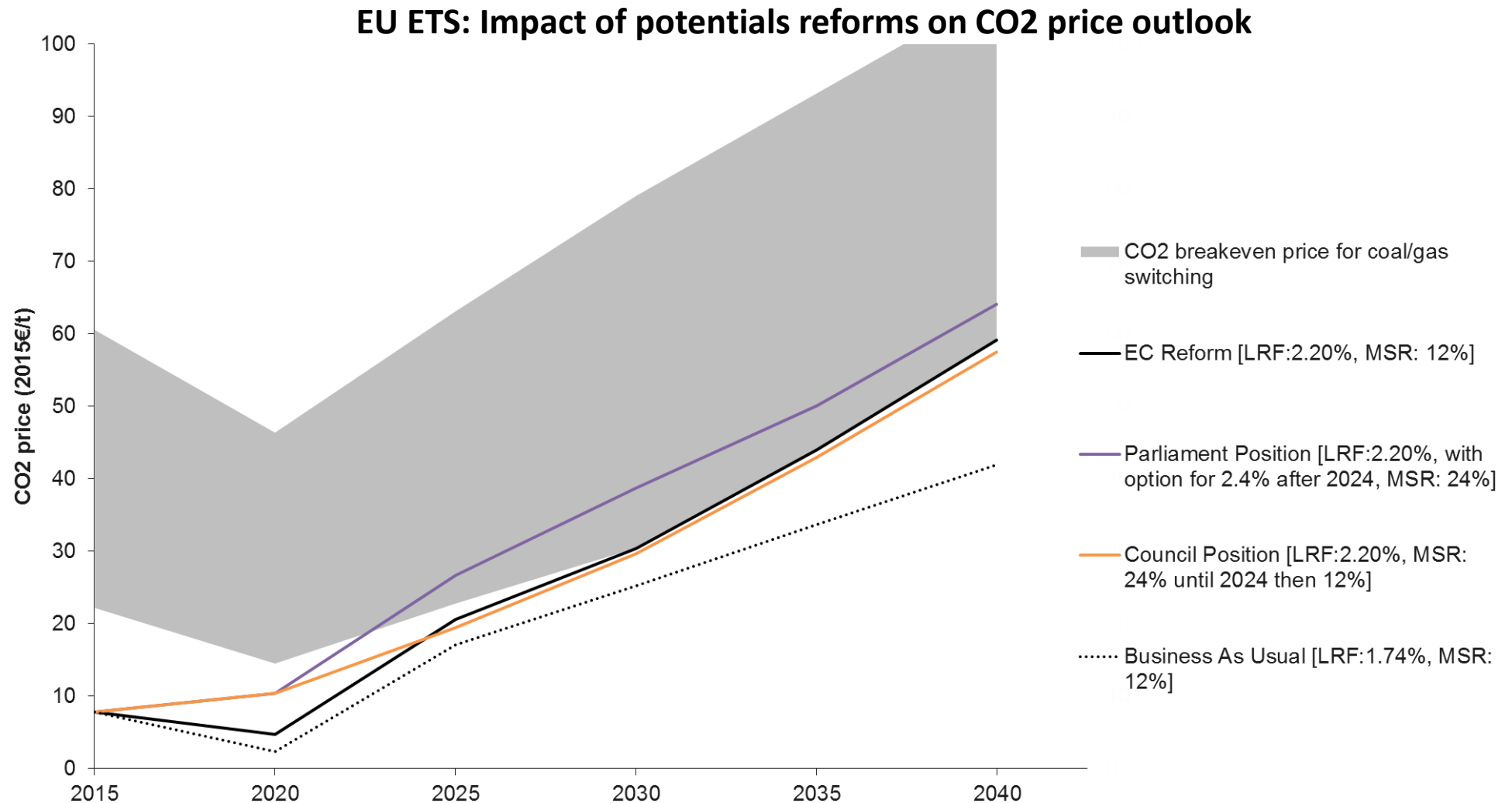
\*To obtain gas consumption : /0.45  
Same study scope

## Key regulatory developments to watch

## Beyond 2025, much uncertainty remains on the impact of EU environmental policies on coal and lignite plants

















# ETS reform: The options on the table would likely be insufficient to significantly boost CO2 prices



■ But will likely not be sufficient to drive significant coal / gas switching before 2025

# A range of complementary measures can be used to supplement the EU ETS

Measure		Description	Advantages	Drawbacks	Examples
Incentive regulation	Emissions Trading Scheme	Fixed emissions volumes, with cap and trade system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Efficient</b> in finding the lowest abatement costs</li> <li>■ Support <b>emissions conservation</b> for all installations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Uncertain carbon price</b>, limiting support to low carbon investments</li> <li>■ Potential harm to competitiveness (higher prices)</li> </ul>	 EU ETS  Quebec and California ETS  Chinese ETS
	Tax / Price floor	Fixed price of emissions, levied by government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Raising government revenues<sup>1)</sup></b></li> <li>■ <b>High predictability</b> leading to increased low carbon investments / R&amp;D</li> <li>■ Support <b>emissions conservation</b> for all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Uncertain carbon emissions</b> reduction</li> <li>■ Potential harm to competitiveness (higher prices)</li> </ul>	 Carbon Price Floor  Carbon tax (?)  Carbon tax (?)
Command and control	Emissions Performance Standards (EPS)	Mandate lower emissions for every installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Targeted results</b></li> <li>■ No direct impact on energy/goods prices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Potential requests for compensations</li> </ul>	 EPS (W. Coast & NY)  EPS (coal only)  EPS (annual)  Efficiency standards
	Administrative closures	Close high-carbon plants / factories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Targeted results</b></li> <li>■ No direct impact on energy/goods prices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Potential requests for compensations</li> </ul>	 2025 end of coal  Climate reserve  50 year max. life
	Technology subsidies	Subsidise low/zero carbon technologies (renewables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Targeted results</b></li> <li>■ No direct impact on energy/goods prices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Uncertain carbon emissions</b> reduction</li> <li>■ <b>Significant costs to government budget</b></li> </ul>	 EU renewable targets

1. Leading to potentially higher efficiency if redistributed through tax reduction on other economic activities

## Key regulatory developments to watch



## Conclusions

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- European electricity markets are seeing some **signs of a weak cyclical recovery** with a rebound in thermal plants utilization rates but with different dynamics depending on the country
- Structural changes are underway with the development of new **decentralized technologies** (RES, storage, DSR, etc.) which are increasingly affecting market dynamics and **reduce 'residual demand' for thermal plants**
- The UK **lead the way in 2015 for the recovery of gas** burn in the power sector, and will likely be followed by 2025 by a number of other countries primarily as a result of the **IED and national coal phase out policies** (FR, Netherlands, etc.)
- The ETS reform is **unlikely to be sufficient to provide a strong enough price signal** to drive significant coal gas switching and could lead to insufficient lock in of emissions via coal and lignite plant extensions post 2025
- **RES growth will thus likely compensate most production decrease from nuclear plant closures until 2025** leaving little upside for gas generation unless further coal plants are closed
- The weakness of the ETS price casts a new light on the old debate about the need for and optimal design of **complementary policies such as Emission Performance Standards**



# Thank you for your attention

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## Wake Up! Reforming the EU ETS: Comparative Evaluation of the Different Options

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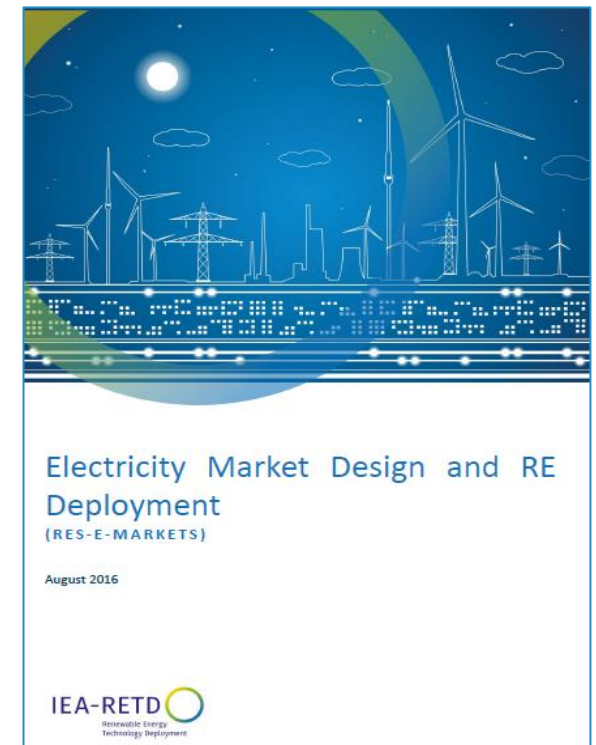
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