

# 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



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# 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
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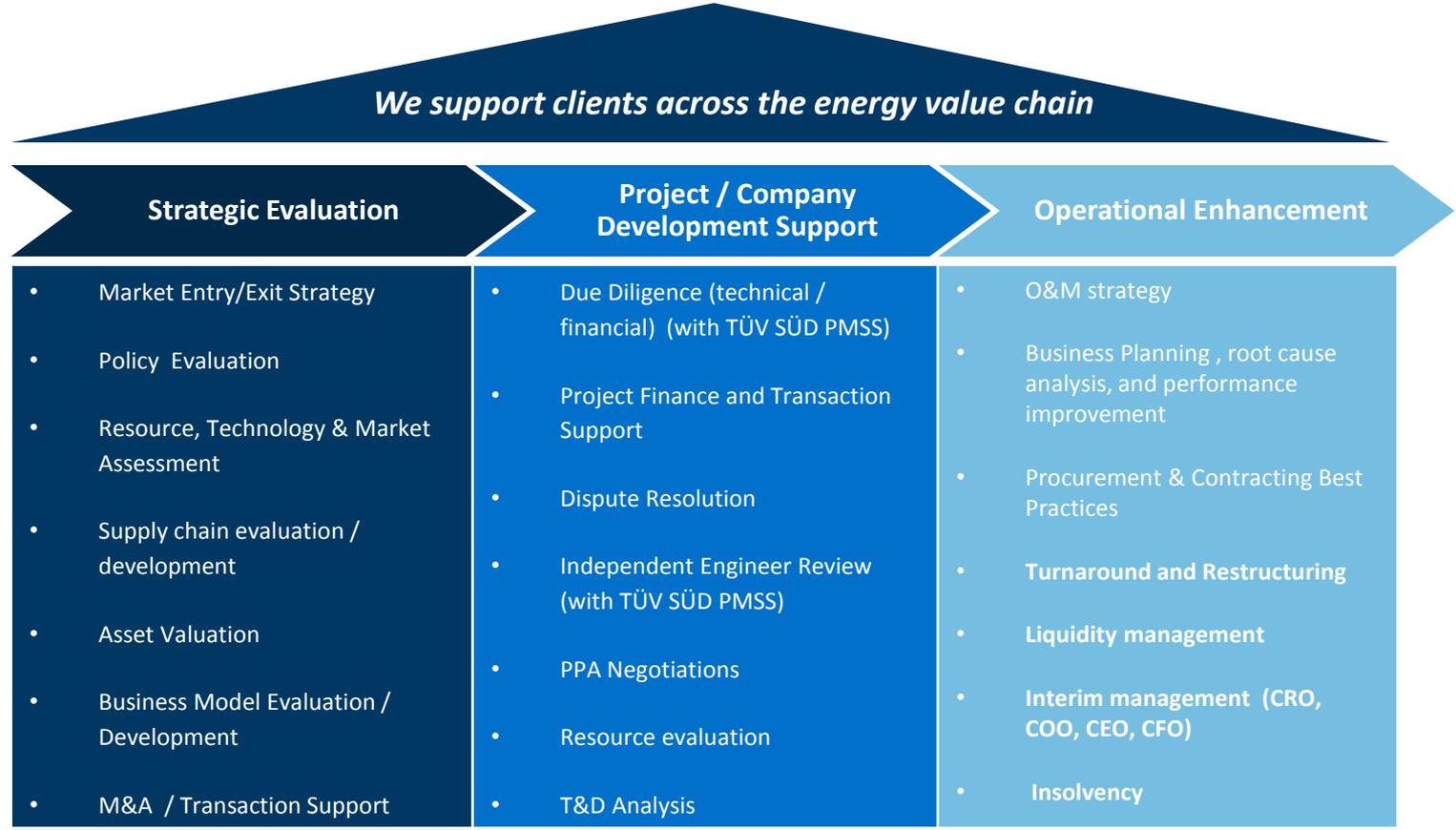
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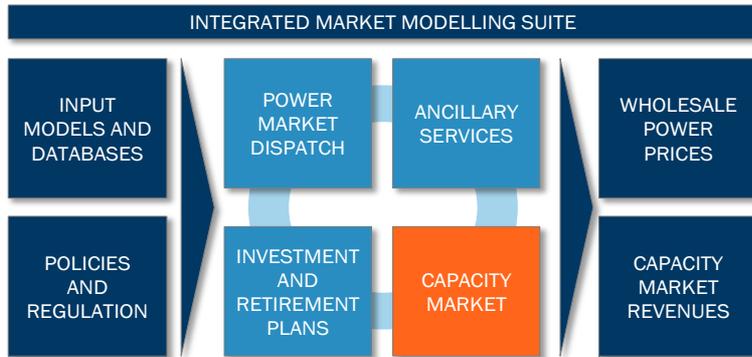
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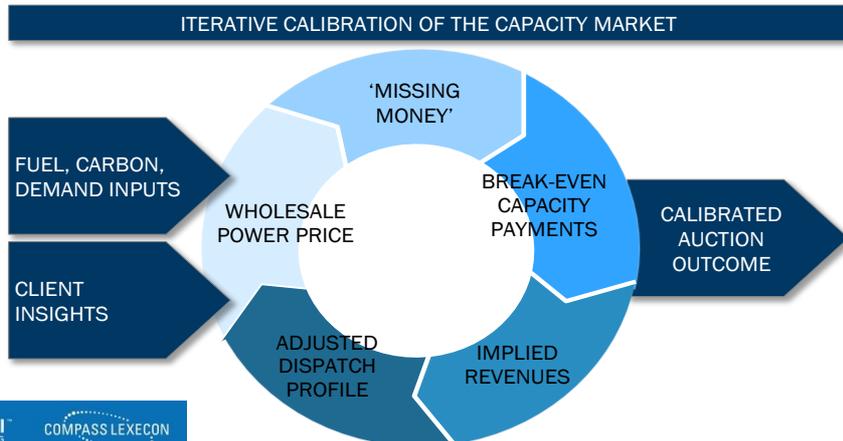
# Our modelling approach

## 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:



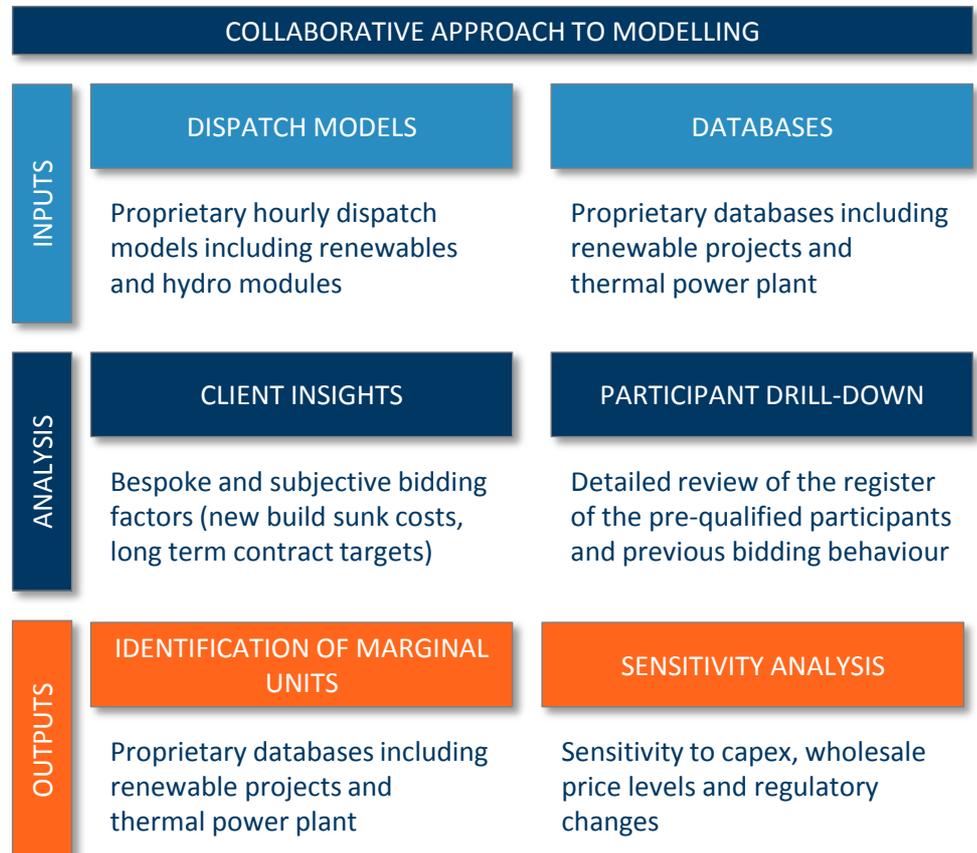
To deliver a fully calibrated and consistent set of wholesale power prices and capacity payments across Europe, the approach iterates the dispatch model until an equilibrium is reached.



## 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

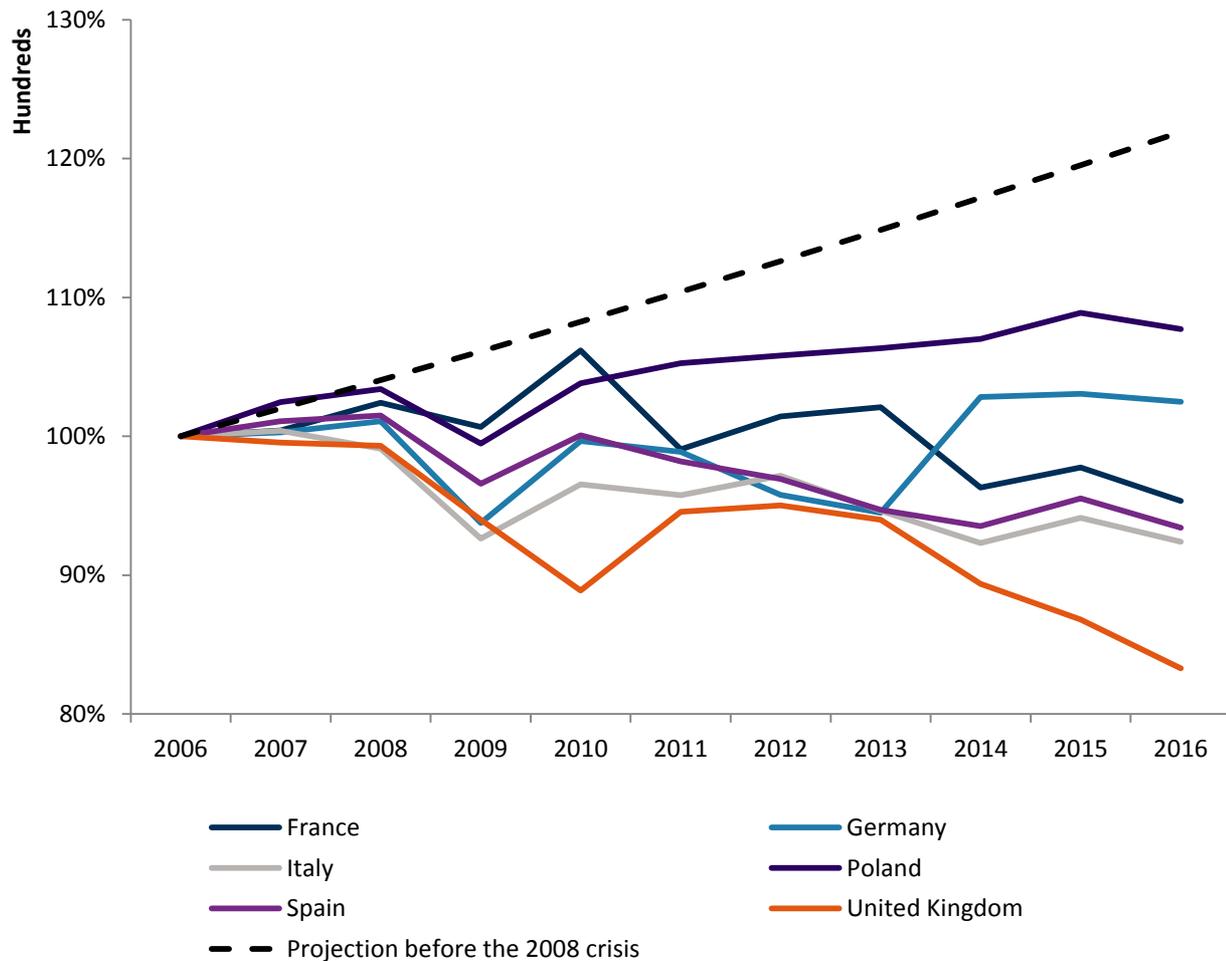
## Model geographic scope



## Key drivers of the EU electricity market

# Electricity demand: a structural break

Index of historical power consumption (base 100 in 2006)

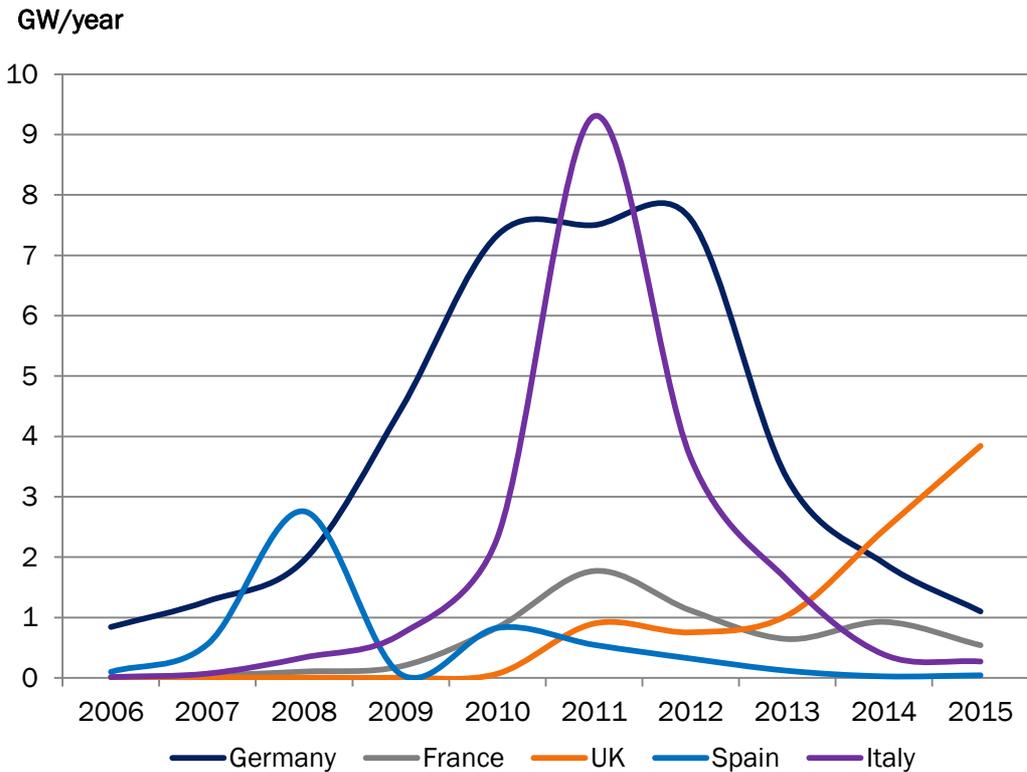


- Before the 2008-crisis, electricity demand was projected to increase at a 2% rate on average in Europe (e.g. 1.5% in France and Germany, 2-3% in Poland and Italy, more than 3% in Spain)
- The crisis has led to structural demand destruction in the industrial sector, and several countries have not yet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

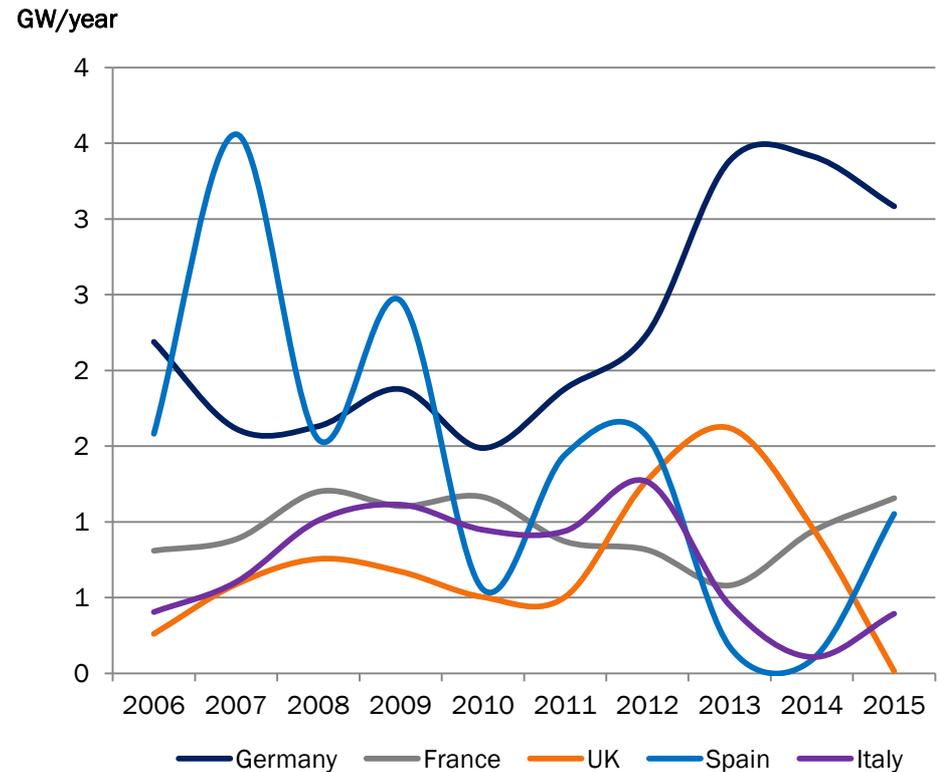
Source: EC, ENTSO-E, BP RTE 2007.

# Solar and wind capacity additions: a mixed picture

## Solar capacity additions



## Onshore wind capacity additions



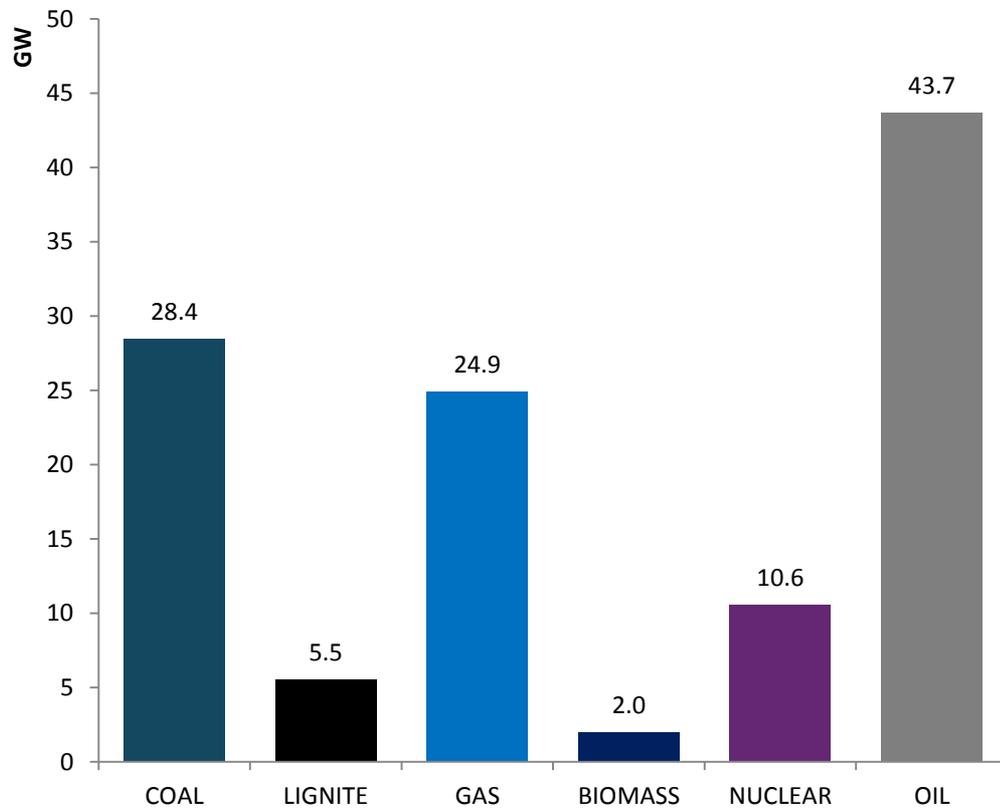
Source: BP Statistical Review 2016

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

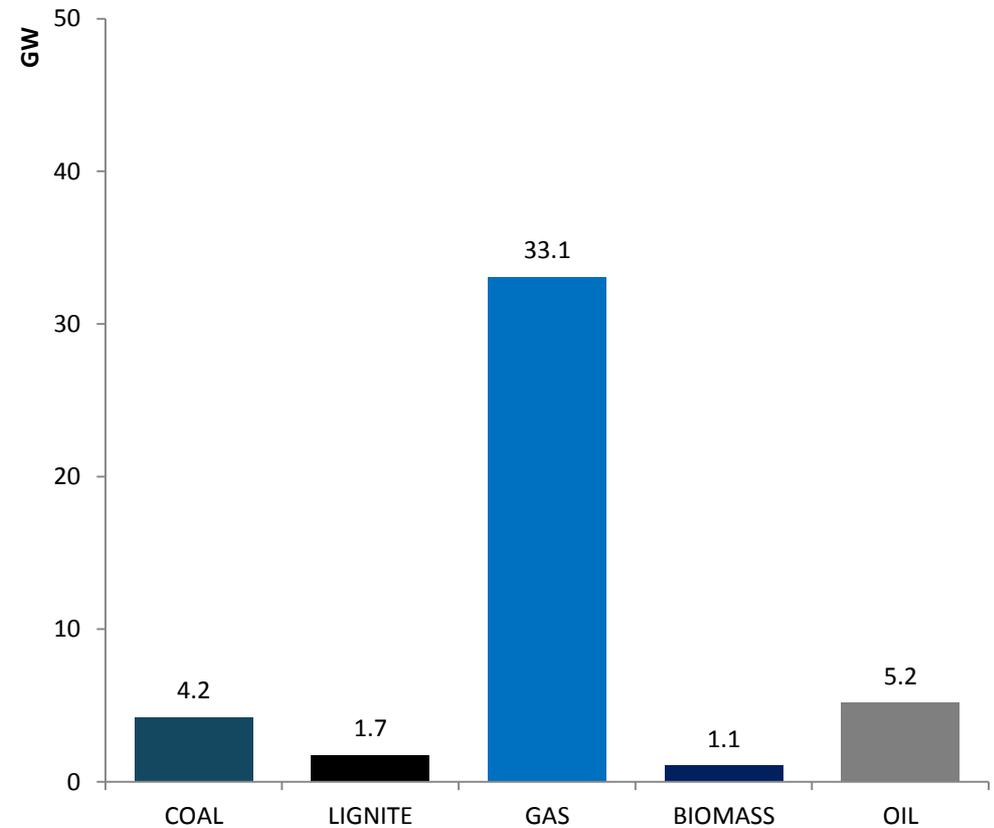
# The market is (slowly) rebalancing with significant thermal capacity mothballed and/or retired

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

Closed between 2009 - 2016



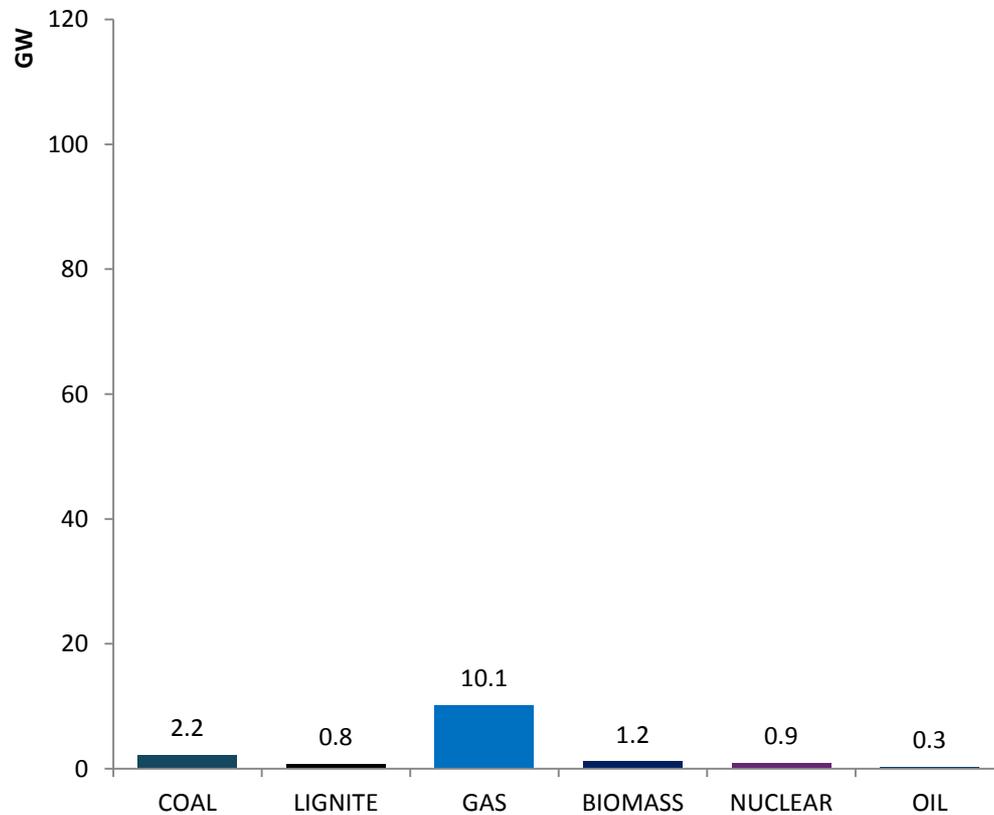
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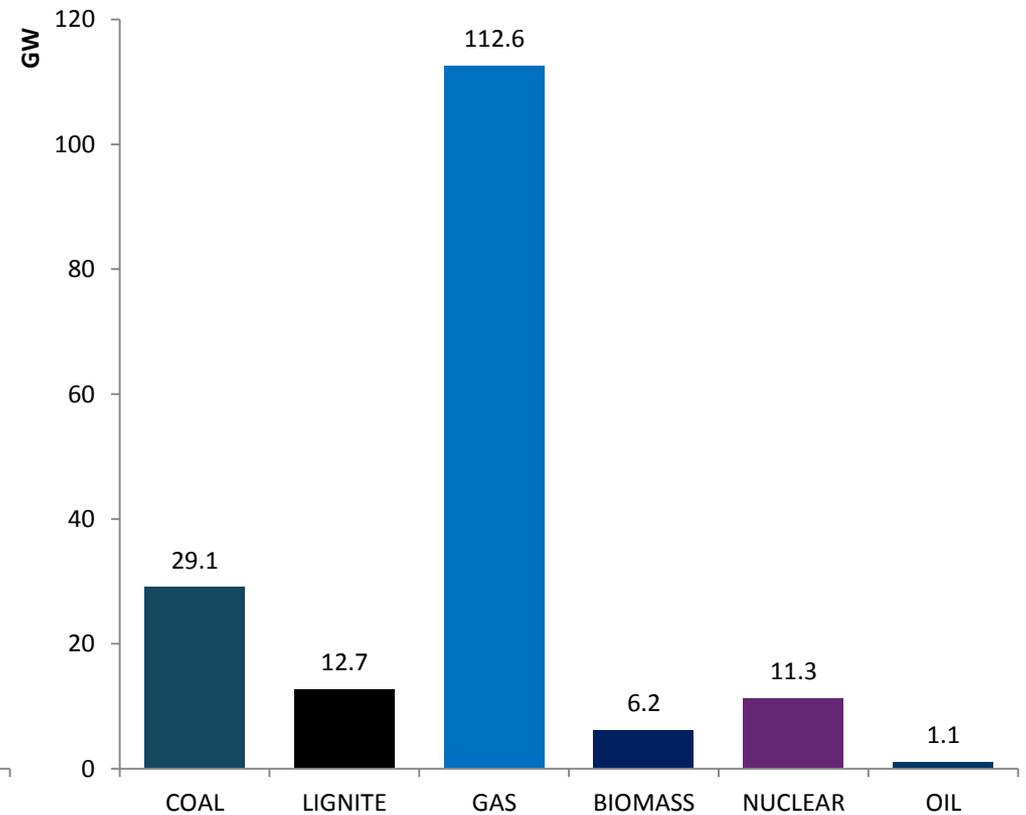
# Overcapacity led to project cancellations

- 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**

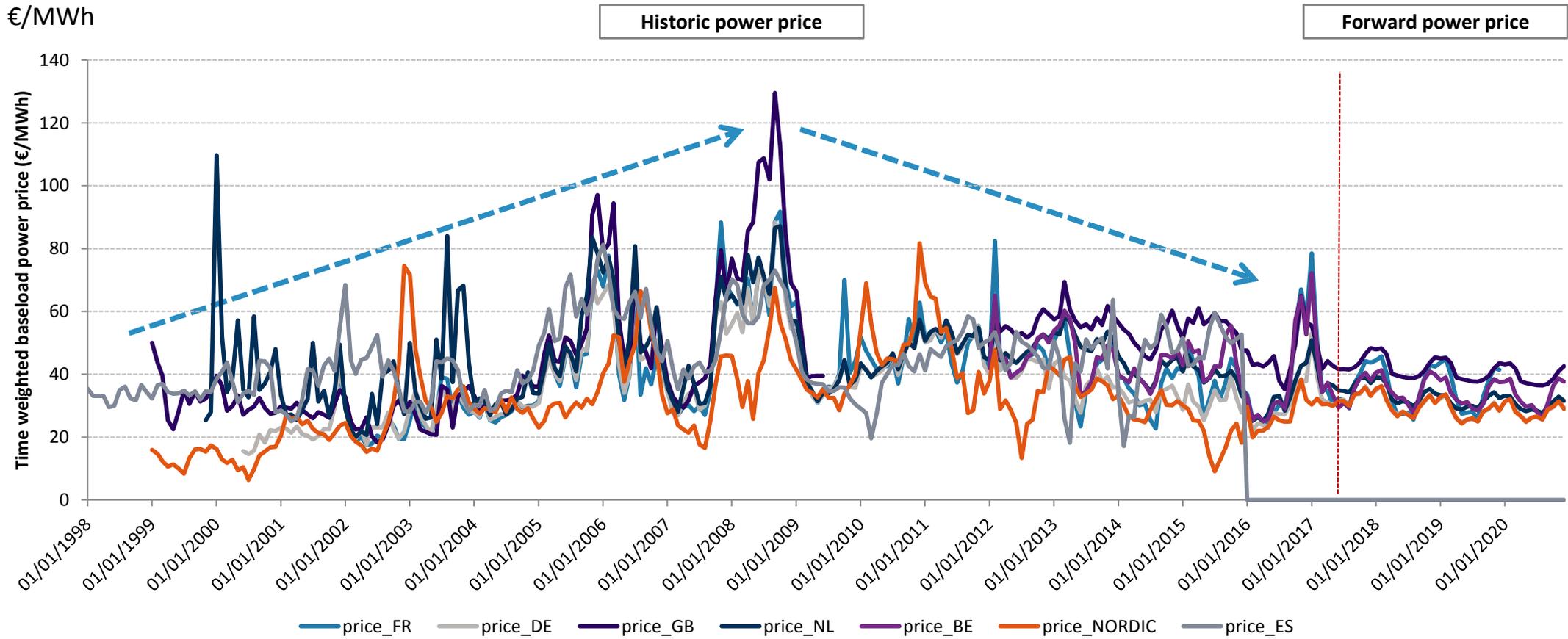


**Planned or delayed for 2018 - 2030**



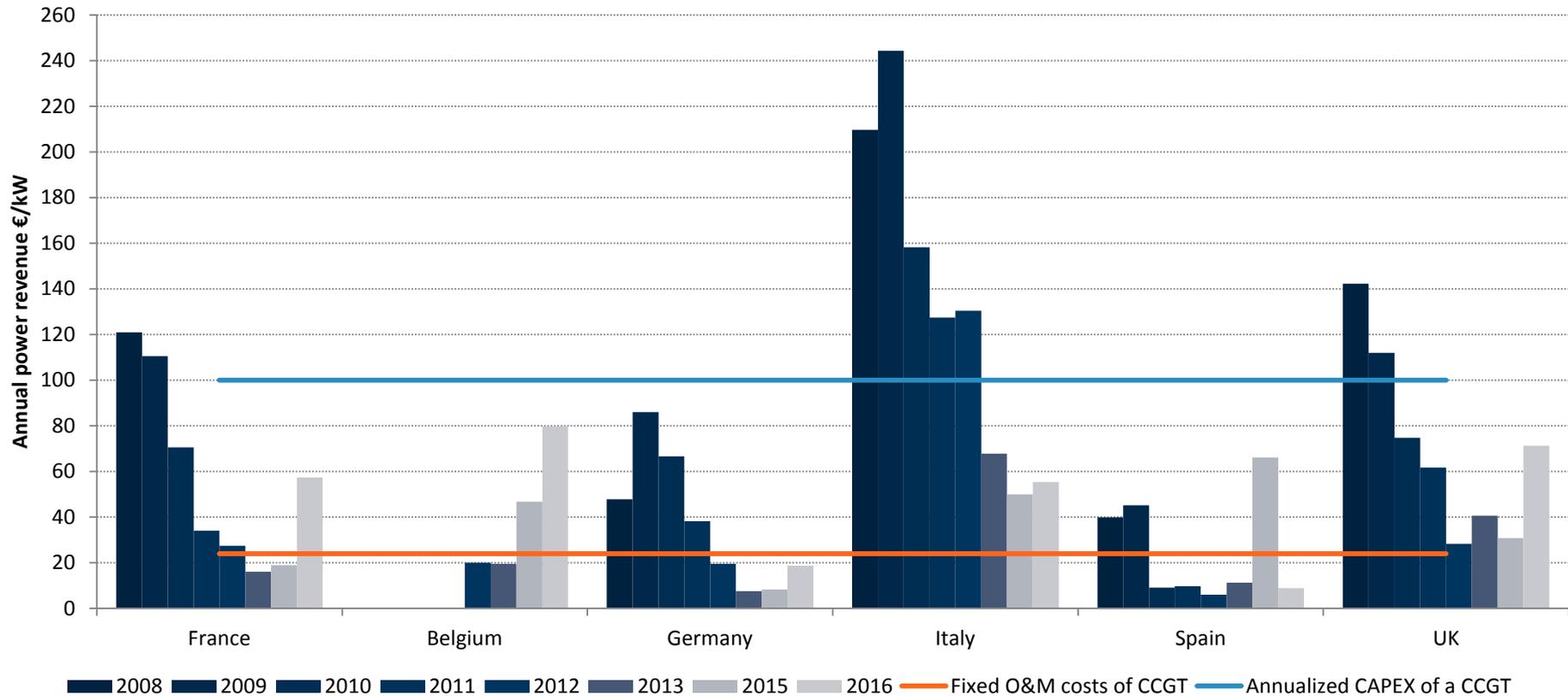
# Power prices – have we reached the floor?

## 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



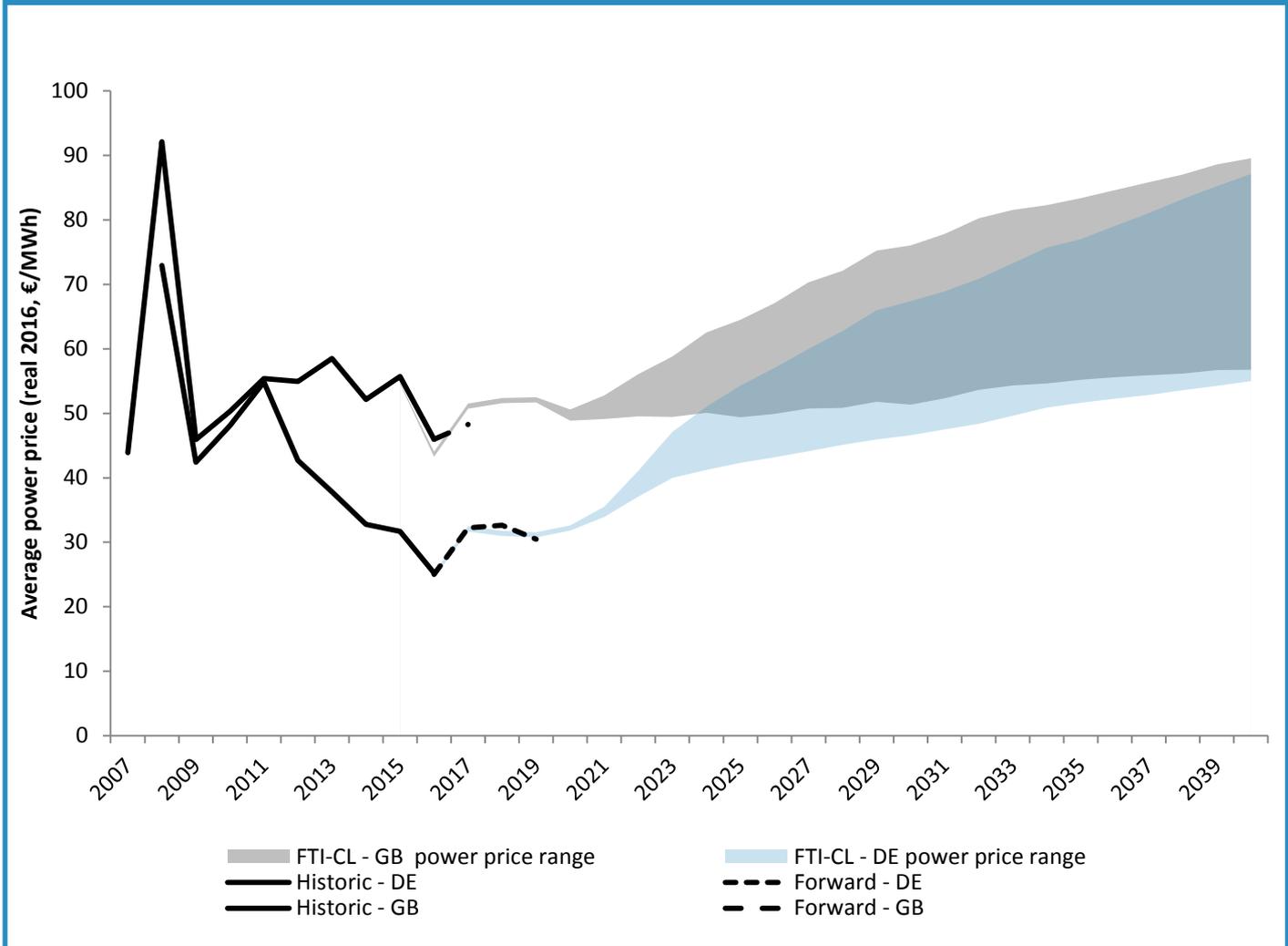
Note: Power market revenue is calculated based on the assumption that a CCGT is activated whenever power prices exceed SRMC, which account for fuel and CO2 prices.

# Outlook for power prices in our 3 scenarios

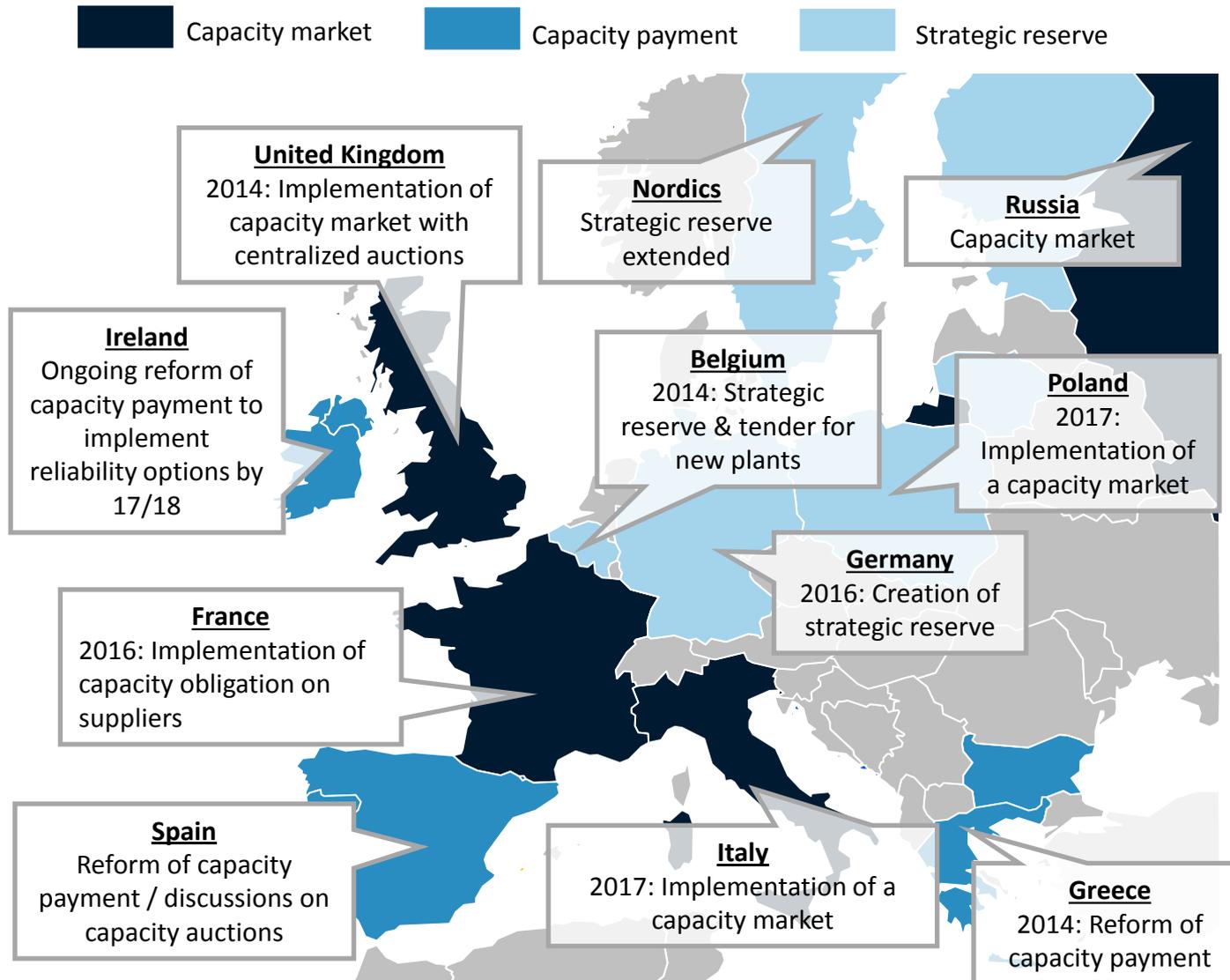
## Projection discussion

- 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

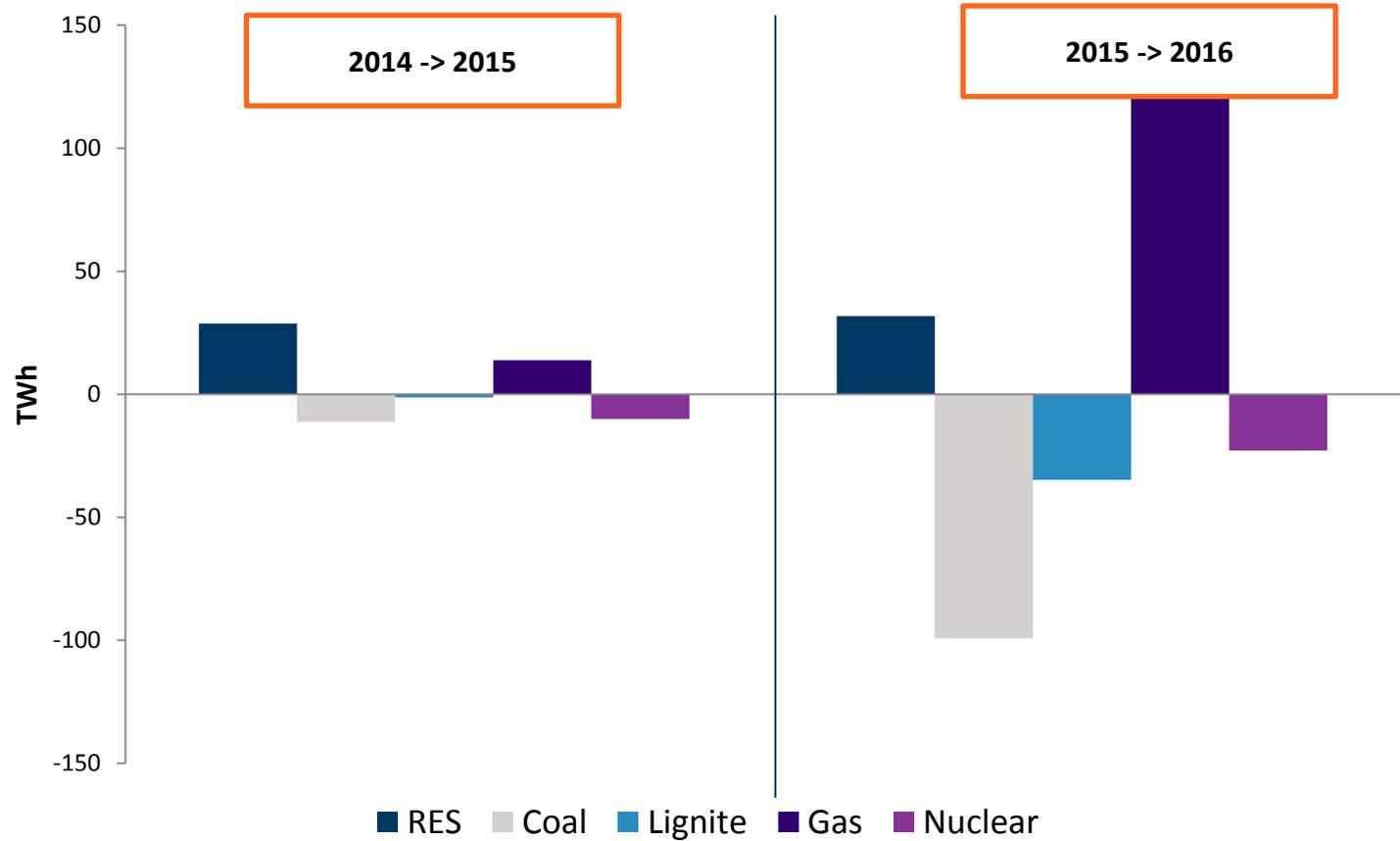
# Outlook for coal / gas switching in the EU power sector

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

## Study scope



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

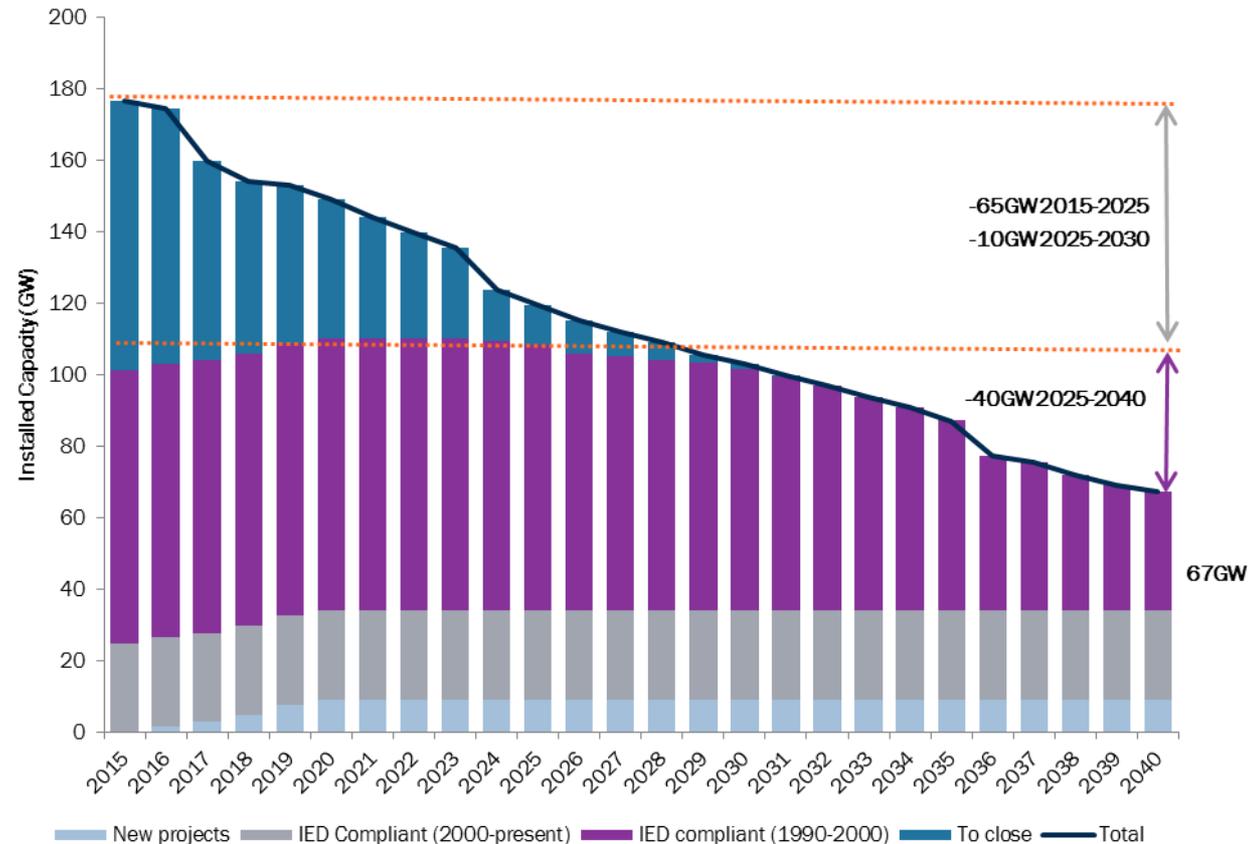


# For the power sector, the challenge is to avoid costly lock-in of emissions by managing a transition away from coal and lignite plants

## FTI-CL Energy modelling results

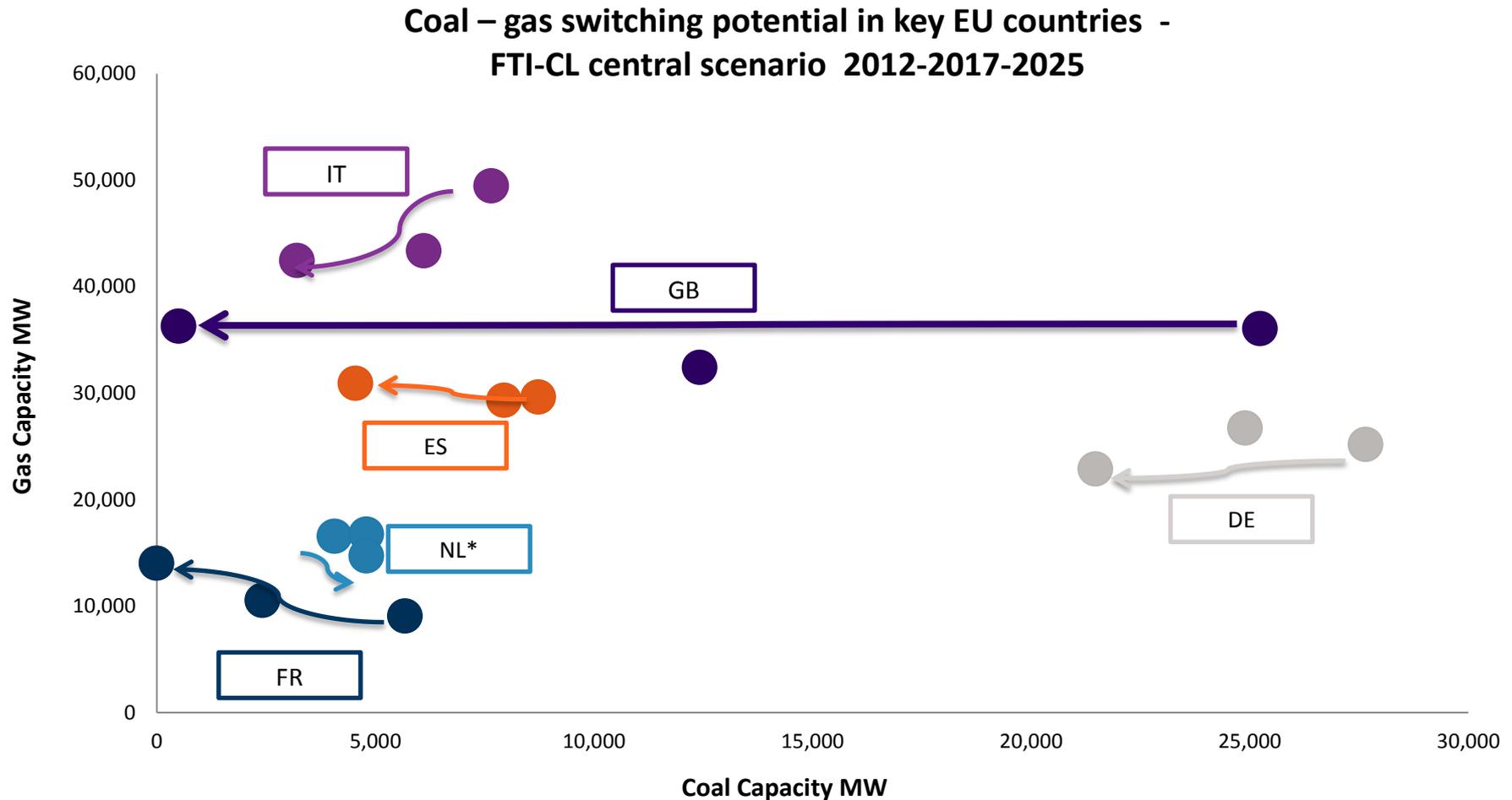
- Under our base scenario :
  - c75GW of the coal and lignite capacity will close by 2030 due to current national and European regulations.
  - However, c75GW are compliant with latest regulation and not subject to national phase-out plans.
  - 67 GW would still be in operation in 2040, representing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



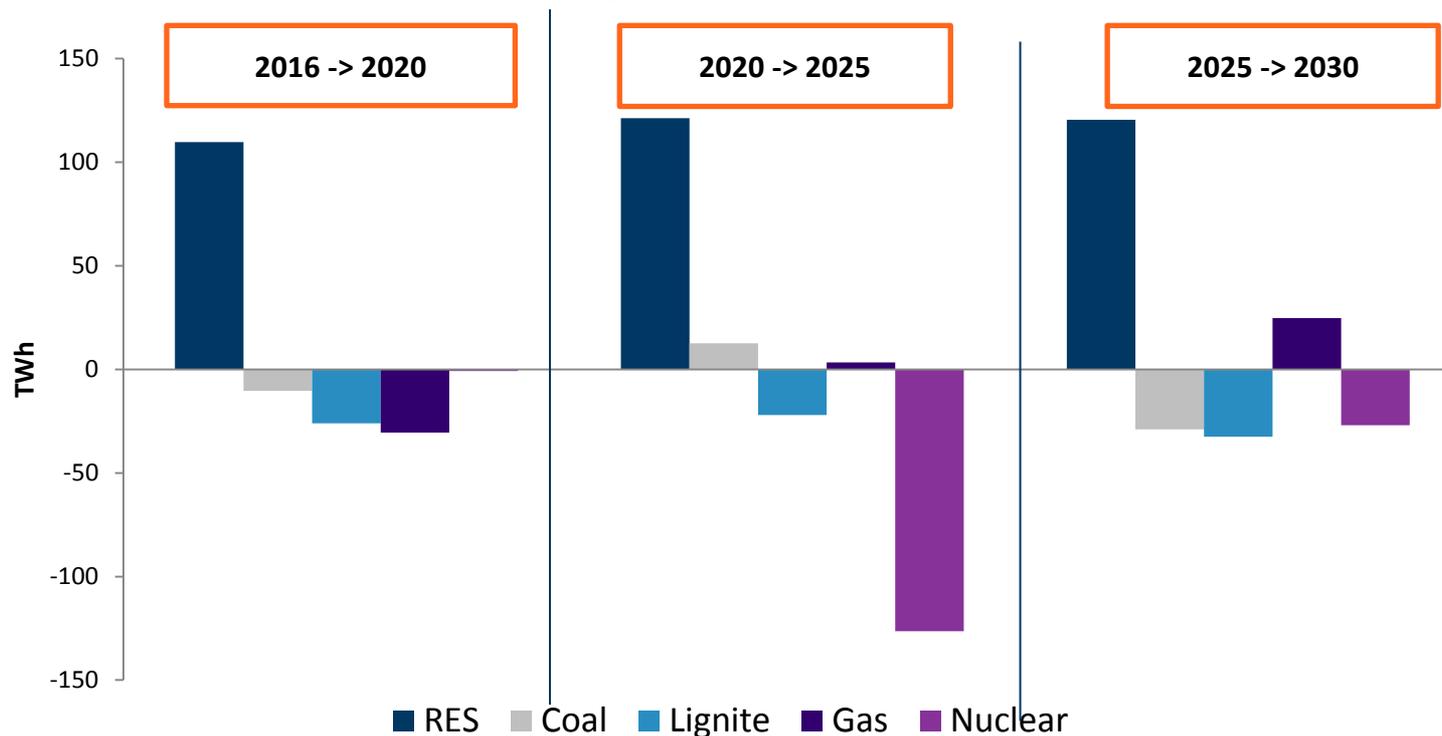
- Emissions standards (Industrial Emission Directive Emission Standards and mandated closures are the key drivers of installed capacity reduction by 2025

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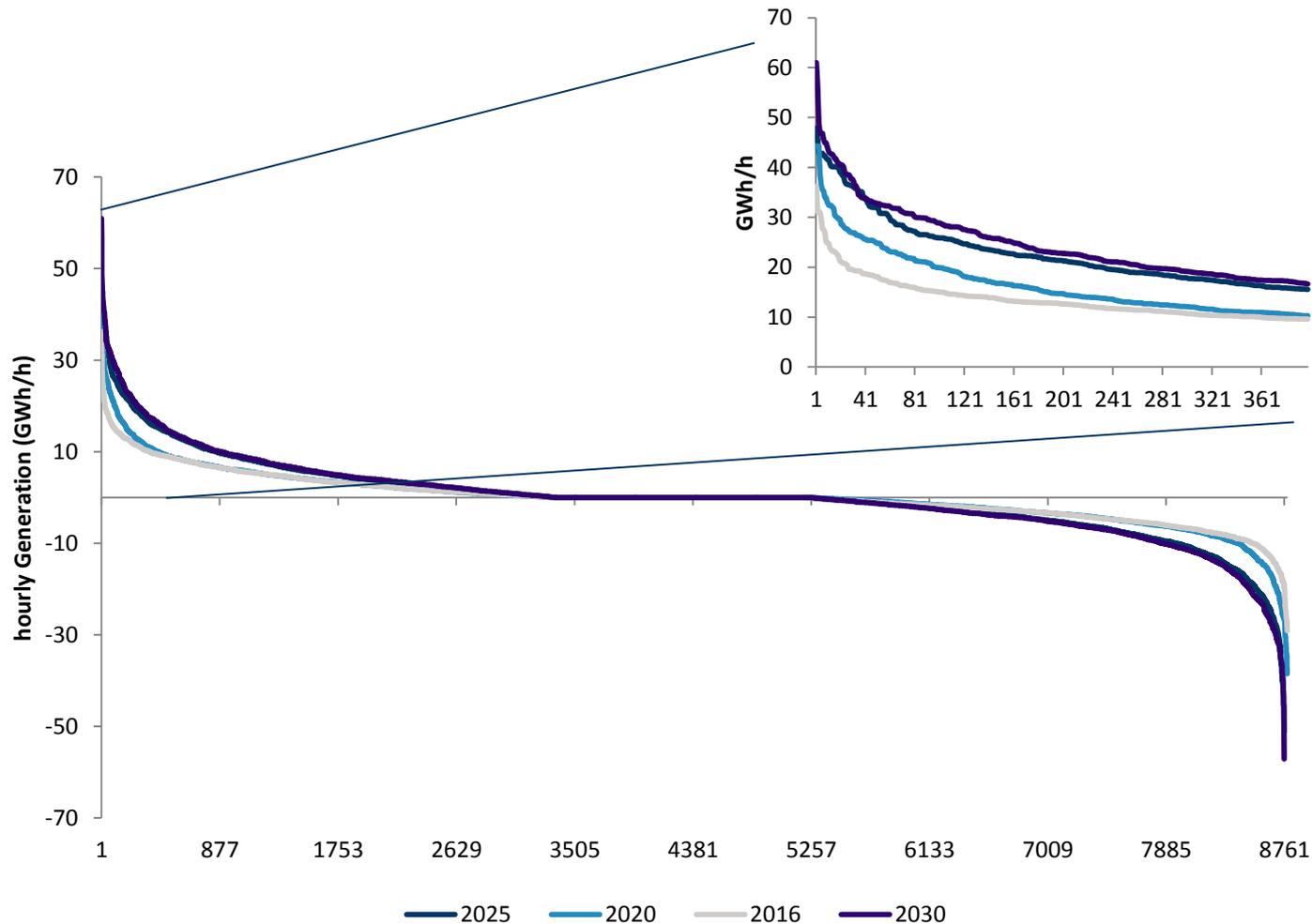
### Evolution of power generation by source - 2016-2030



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



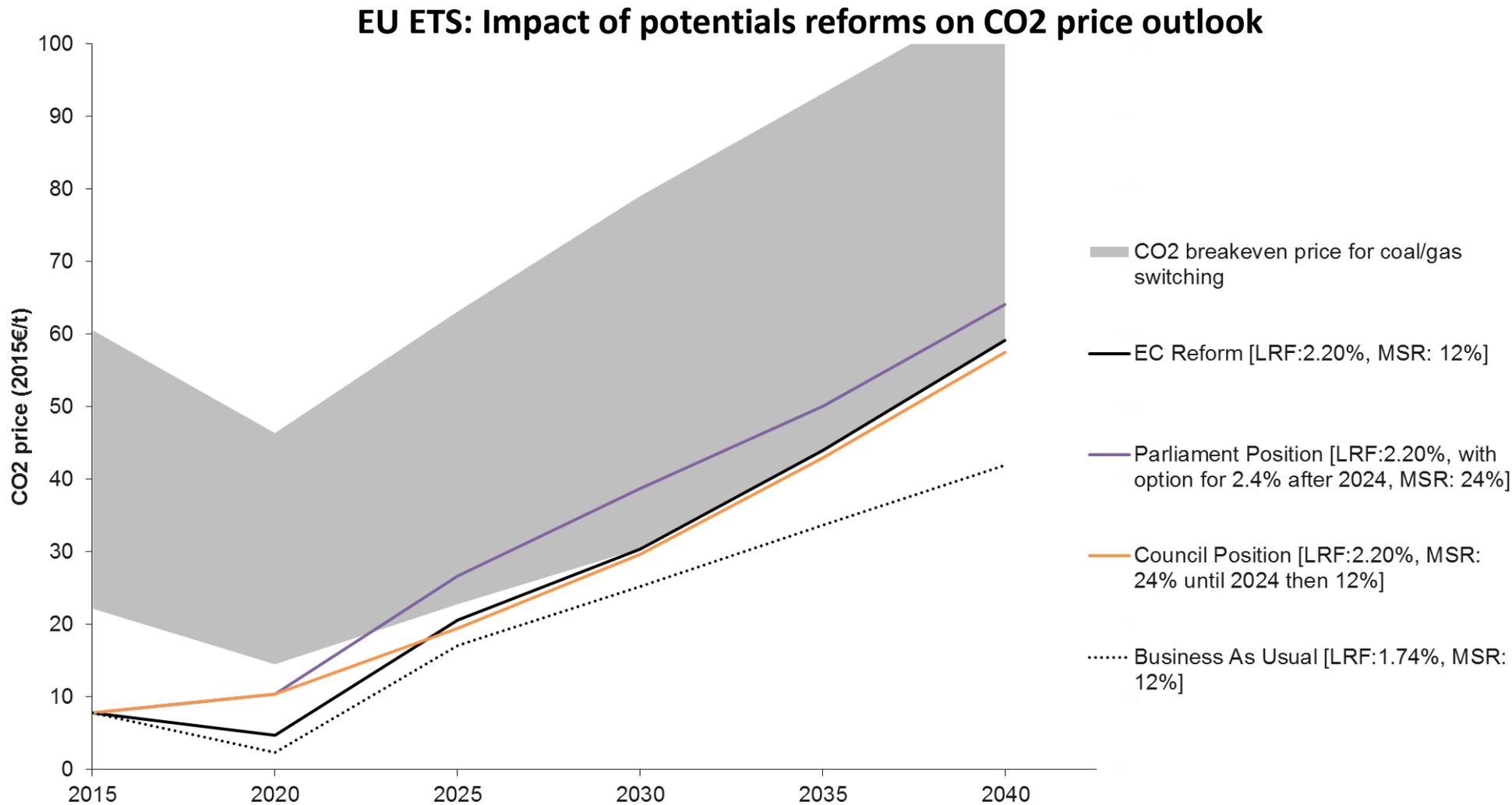
\*To obtain gas consumption : /0.45  
Same study scope

## 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	
<b>Incentive regulation</b>	<b>Emissions Trading Scheme</b>	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
	<b>Tax / Price floor</b>	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 reduction</b></li> <li>■ Potential harm to competitiveness (higher prices)</li> </ul>	 Carbon Price Floor  Carbon tax (?)  Carbon tax (?)
<b>Command and control</b>	<b>Emissions Performance Standards (EPS)</b>	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
	<b>Administrative closures</b>	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
	<b>Technology subsidies</b>	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 reduction</b></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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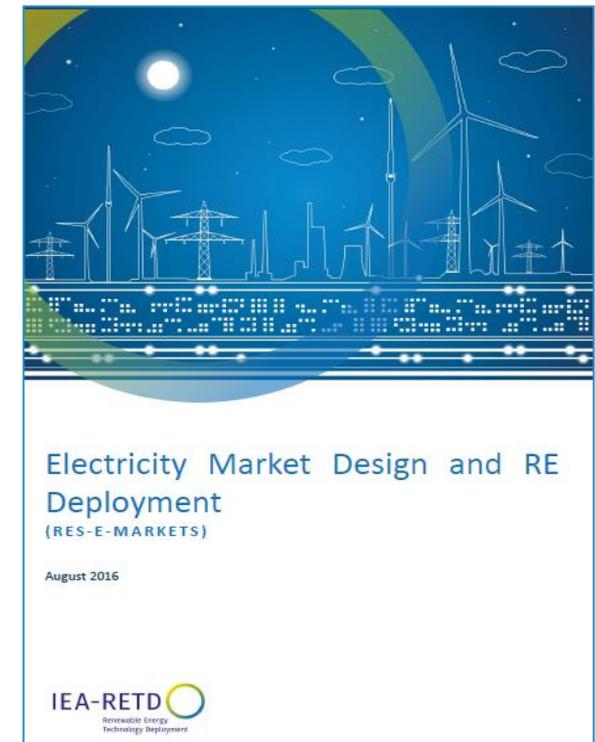
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