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Integrated Infrastructure Planning and 2050 Climate Neutrality: Deriving future-proof European Energy Infrastructure

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The European Energy System Model Scenario Design

Cross-sectoral optimisation:

Free grid expansion with TYNDP projects under construction as lower bound

VS.

Sectoral optimisation:

Fixed grid expansion until 2040 to existing grid plans (TYNDP, H₂ infrastructure map, German H₂ core network)

Sectoral policy dimension

CN:
Cross-sectoral,
National view

CE:
Cross-sectoral,
European view

SN:
Sectoral,
National view

SE:
Sectoral,
European view

National policy dimension

National self-sufficiency targets:

- Electricity (min: 80% in 2030, 100% in 2050, max: 110% in all year)
- H₂ (min: 70%, max 110% in all years)

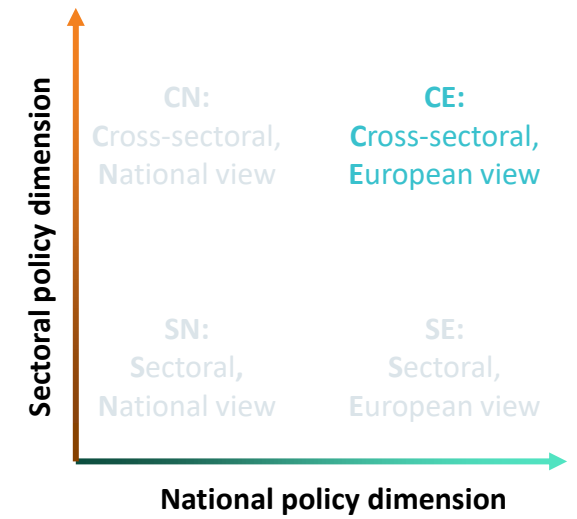
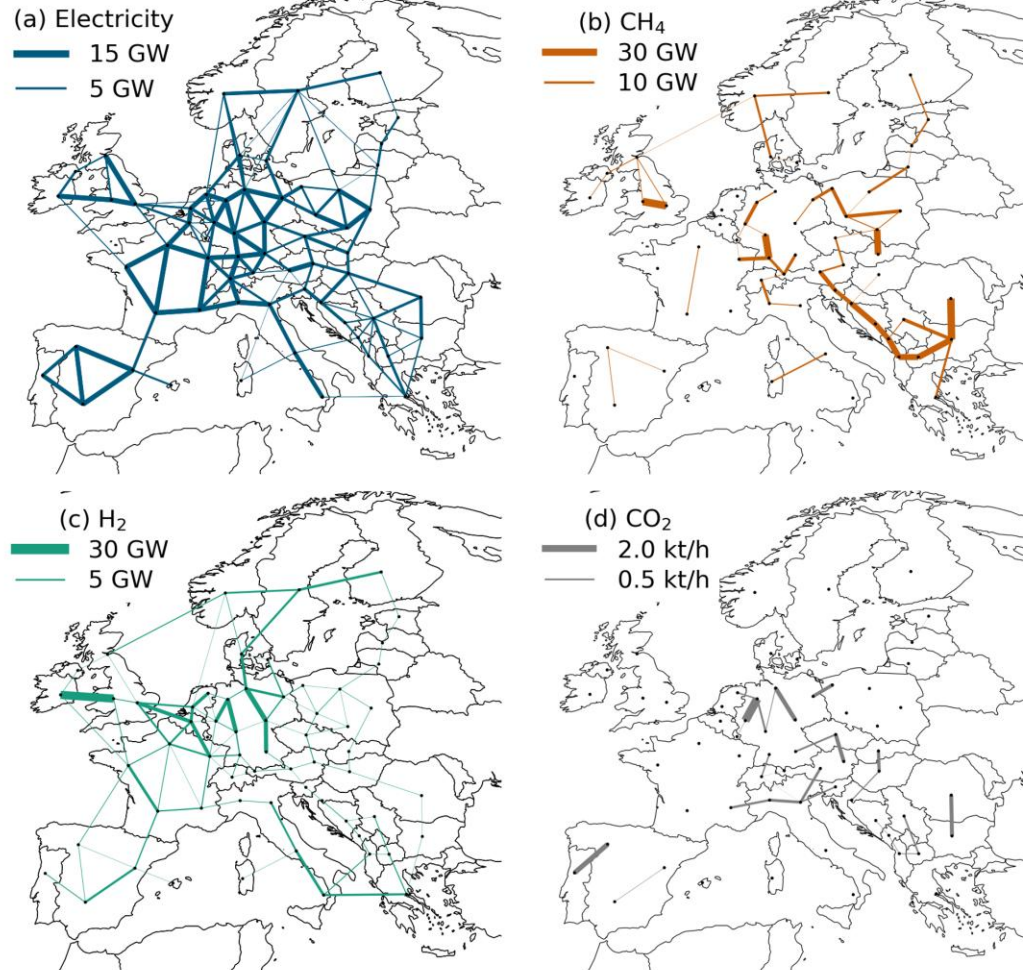
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European optimisation

with no national restrictions

European Infrastructure in 2050

Optimal Transport Networks

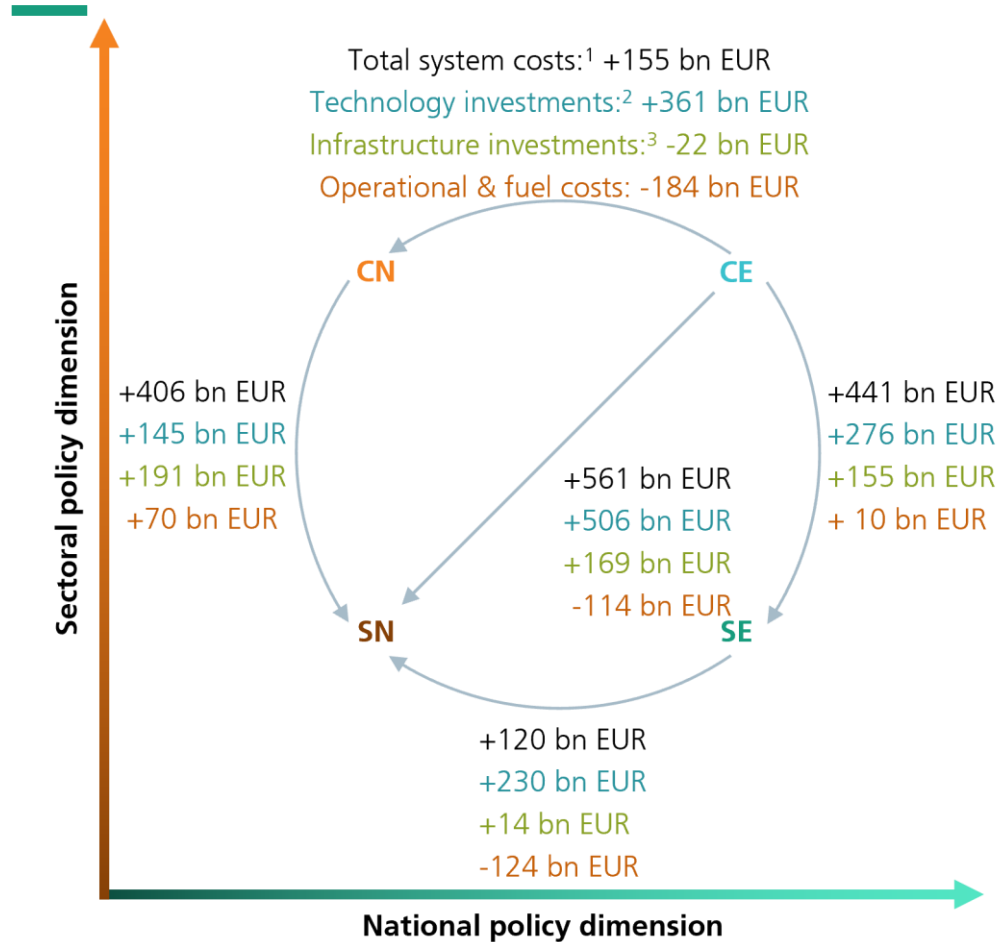


- **Massive expansion of electricity transmission grids across the EU.**
- **Significant hydrogen transport grid to supply industrial demand centres.**

- **Strong decrease of gas grid capacity utilisation.**
- **Local CO₂ transport systems emerge to connect point sources and storage / use.**

Benefits of Integrated Infrastructure Planning

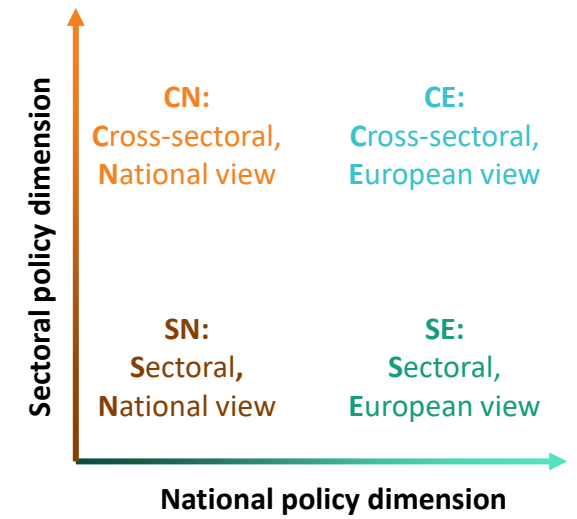
Cumulative System Costs



¹Capital, operational and fuel costs

²Power generation, heat generation, storage and transformation technologies (e.g. H₂ electrolysis)

³Electricity, hydrogen, methane and CO₂ network

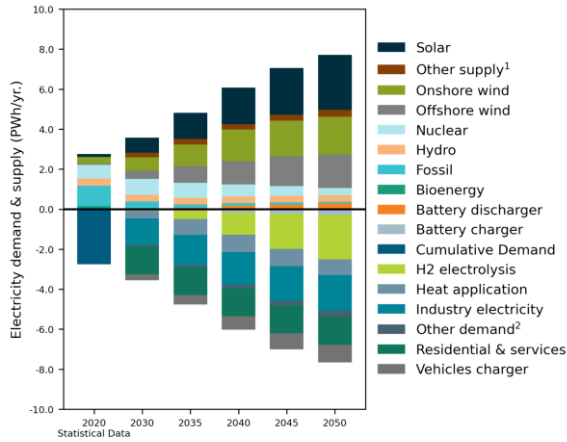


Total system costs of about 560 bn € can be saved until 2050 due to European and sectoral integration.

Avoided investments in generation assets followed by avoided infrastructure investments and avoided operational and fuel costs drive these cost savings.

Evolution of Energy Infrastructures Under Climate Neutrality Targets

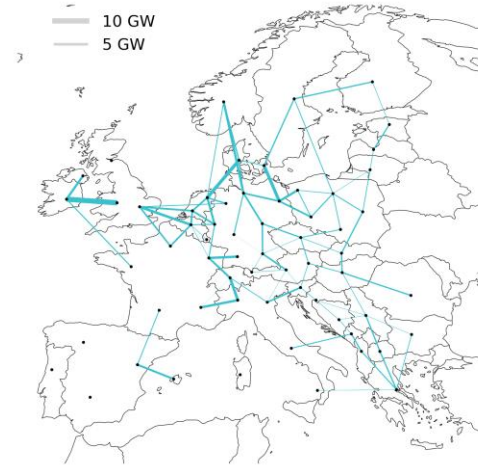
Benefits of Integrated Infrastructure Planning



¹ Other supply: Import, CHP, H2 fuel cell, H2 turbine, Home battery discharger, Vehicle-to-grid
² Other demand: Export, Agriculture electricity, DAC, Home battery charger, Methanol production, PHS

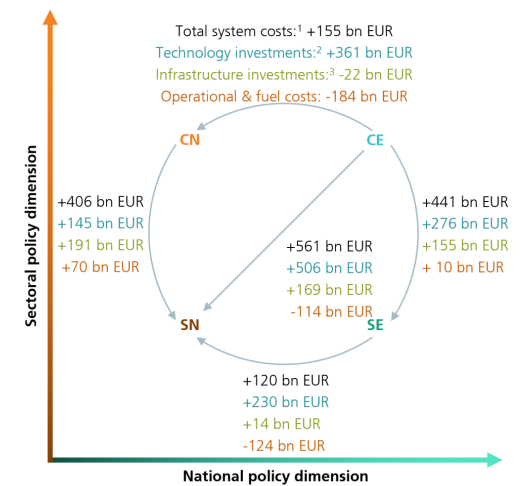
Energy demand development

- Electrification across sectors
- European hydrogen production requires increased electricity demand
- Large demand for basic industry and synthetic fuels dominates hydrogen demand



Infrastructure development

- European integration decreases capacity of generation and conversion assets
- Integrated scenarios lead to increased electricity interconnection capacity
- Cross-sectoral integration leads to reduced hydrogen transport capacity and increased hydrogen storage capacity



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Investment needs

- 561 bn Eur savings by fully integrated planning
- Infrastructure investments reduced by 169 bn Eur in fully integrated scenario