

# WELCOME

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### Policy Conference

Sustainable Supply Chains  
for the Energy Sector

# Welcome and introduction

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# Agenda

**10:00 Describing our challenge**

*Expert talks*

**10:40 Understanding the challenge**

*Expert presentations*

**11:30 Rising to the challenge: Cooperating in Europe and beyond**

*Panel discussion*

**12:45 Wrap-up and prospects**

**13:00 Closing and lunch break**

# Describing the challenge

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# Session overview

## **Critical materials, innovation and competitiveness**

Tae-Yoon Kim, International Energy Agency

## **Material and processes for sustainability in the built environment**

Willem Bulthuis, Better Building Initiative

## **Transporting energy with limited resources**

Marco Marelli, Prysmian Group

## **Cradle to cradle approaches to sovereignty**

Prof. Dr. Michael Braungart, Braungart EPEA

## **The big challenge for Research, Industry and Society**

Dr. Paula Kivimaa, Finnish Environment Institute Syke

Expert talk

# Critical materials, innovation and competitiveness



**Tae-Yoon Kim**

Senior Energy Analyst  
International Energy Agency

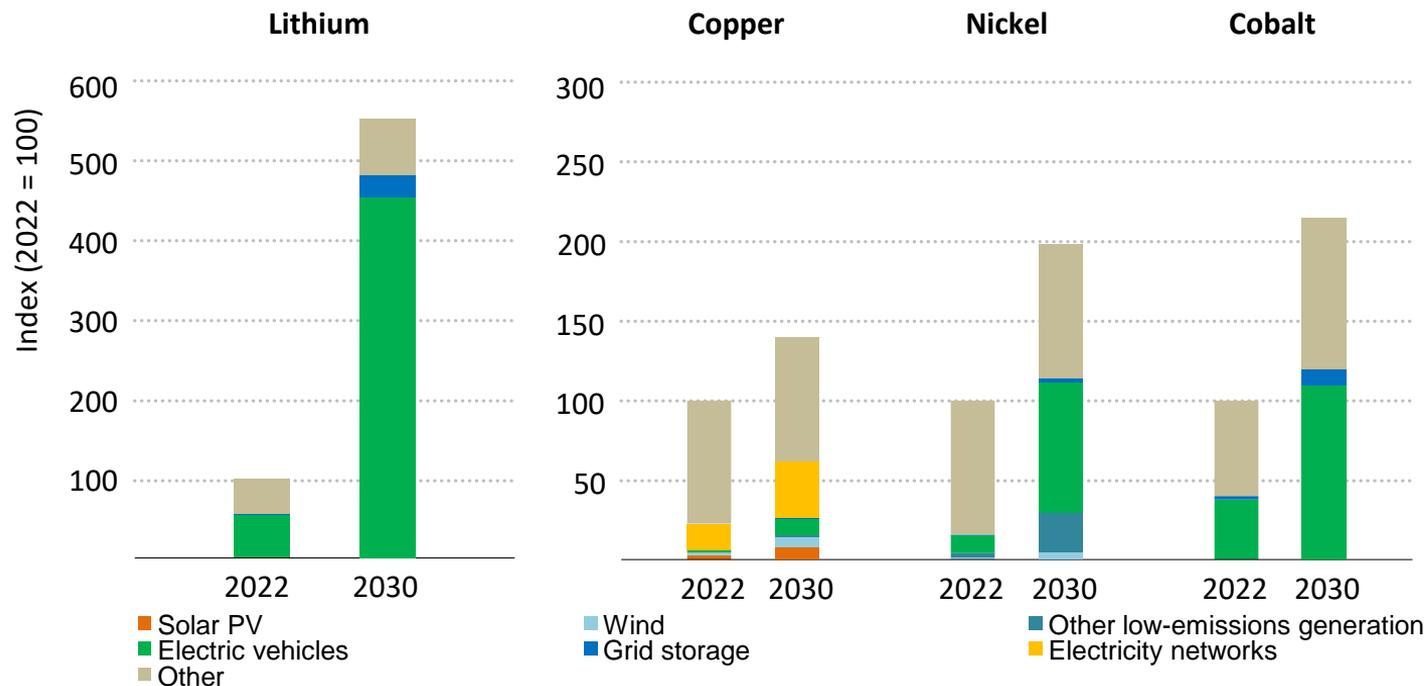


# **Global perspectives on critical minerals – IEA Critical Minerals Market Review 2023**

Tae-Yoon Kim  
24 October 2023

# Meeting climate goals means further rapid growth this decade

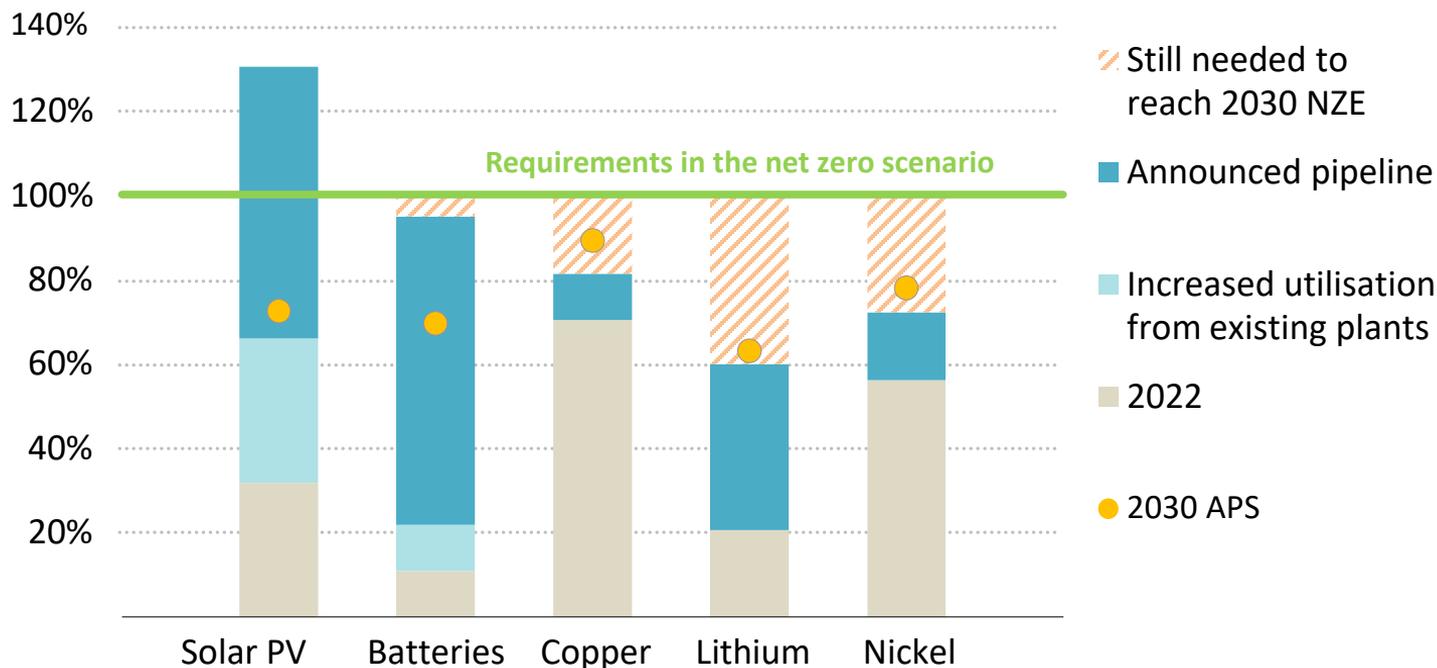
Total demand for key critical minerals in the Net Zero Emissions by 2050 (NZE) Scenario



**Getting on track to limit global warming to 1.5°C would mean a further rise in mineral demand for clean energy by up to four times to 2030**

# Uneven progress for clean energy supply chain developments

Announced project throughput and deployment and supply needs for key clean energy technologies and minerals in 2030

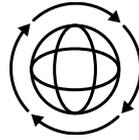


**Announced plans to scale up clean energy manufacturing capacity help to put the world on track with a 1.5 °C pathway, but not all parts of the value chain are moving at a similar pace**

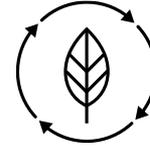
# Three supply-side challenges



Can future supplies keep up with the rapid pace of demand growth in climate-driven scenarios?

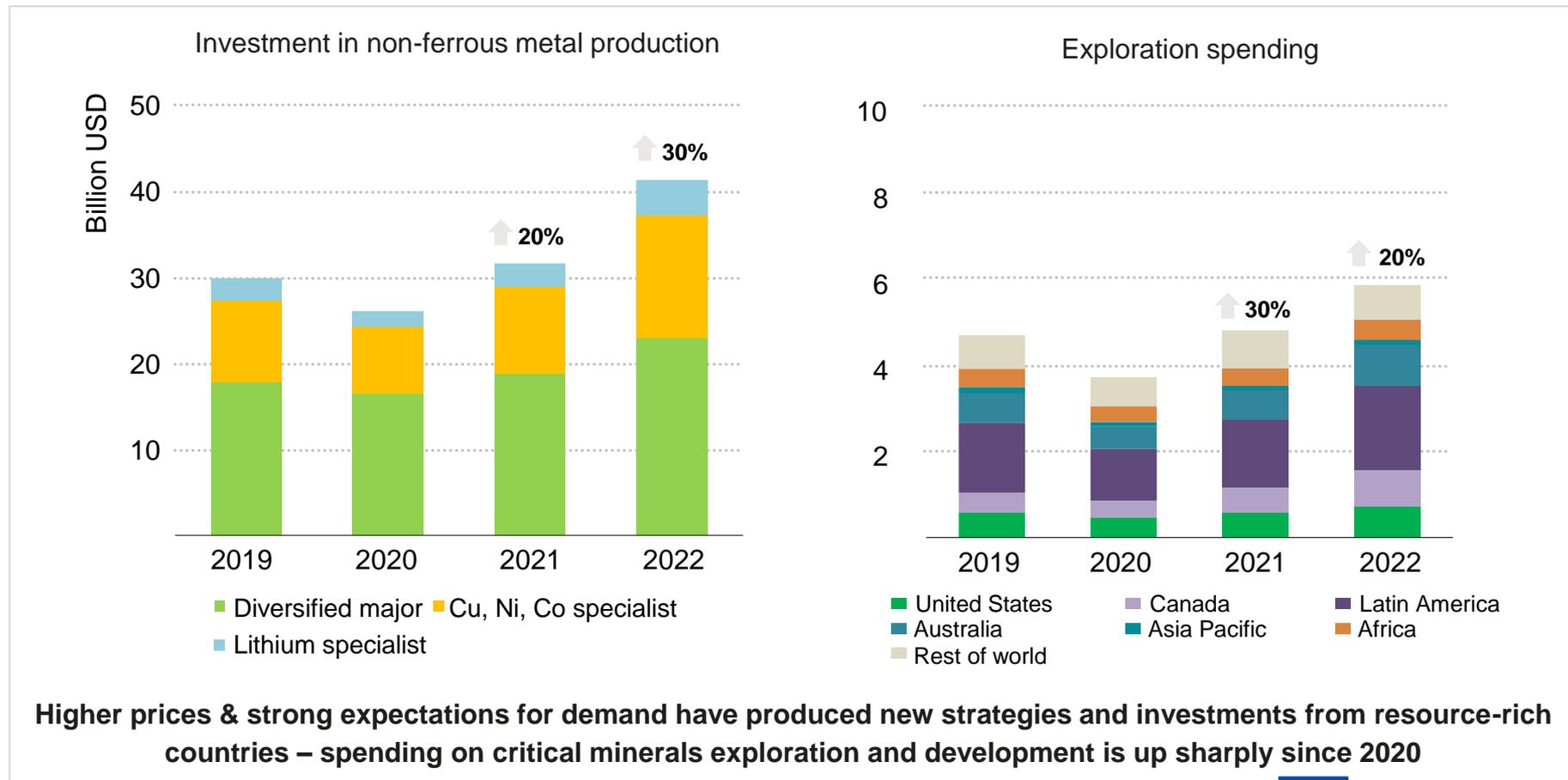


Can those supplies can come from diversified sources?



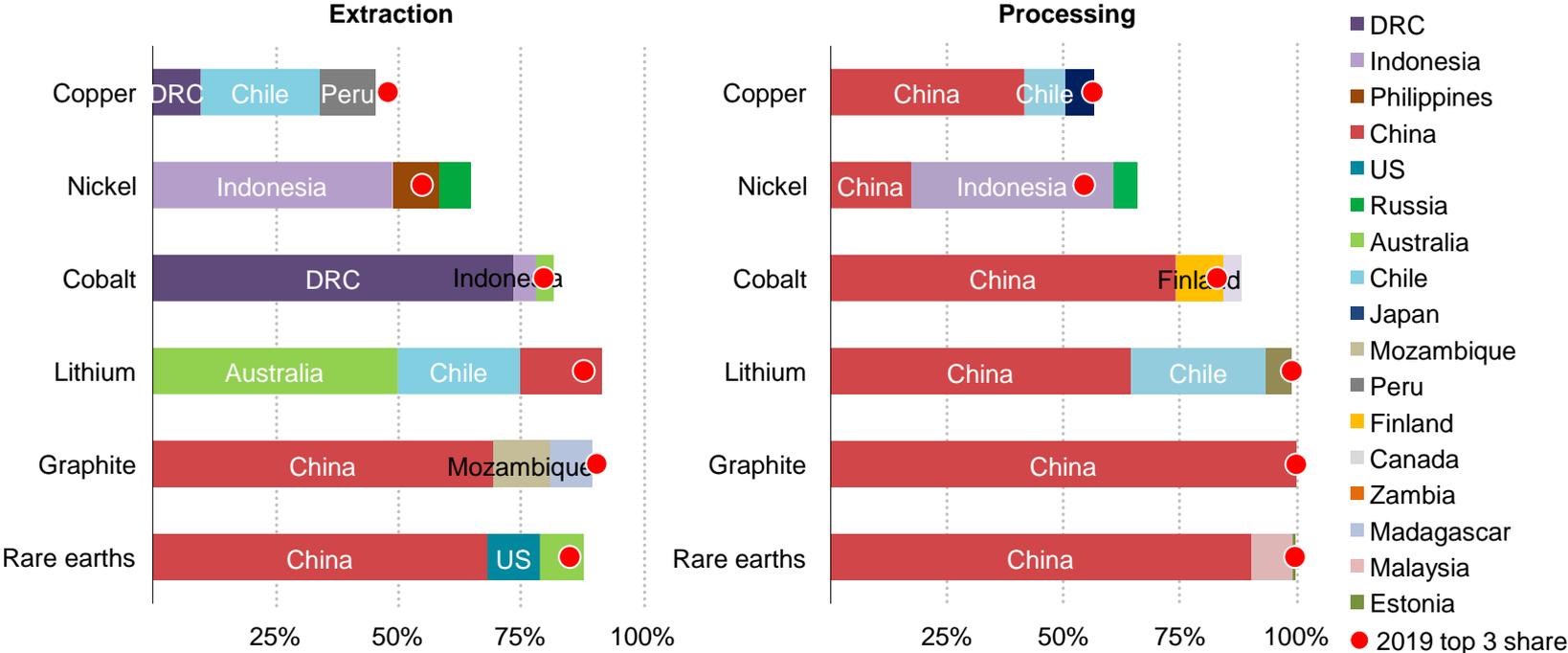
Can those volumes be supplied from clean and responsible sources?

# Investment in critical mineral supplies on the rise



# But concentration of supply remains high

Share of top 3 producing countries in total production for selected resources and minerals, 2022

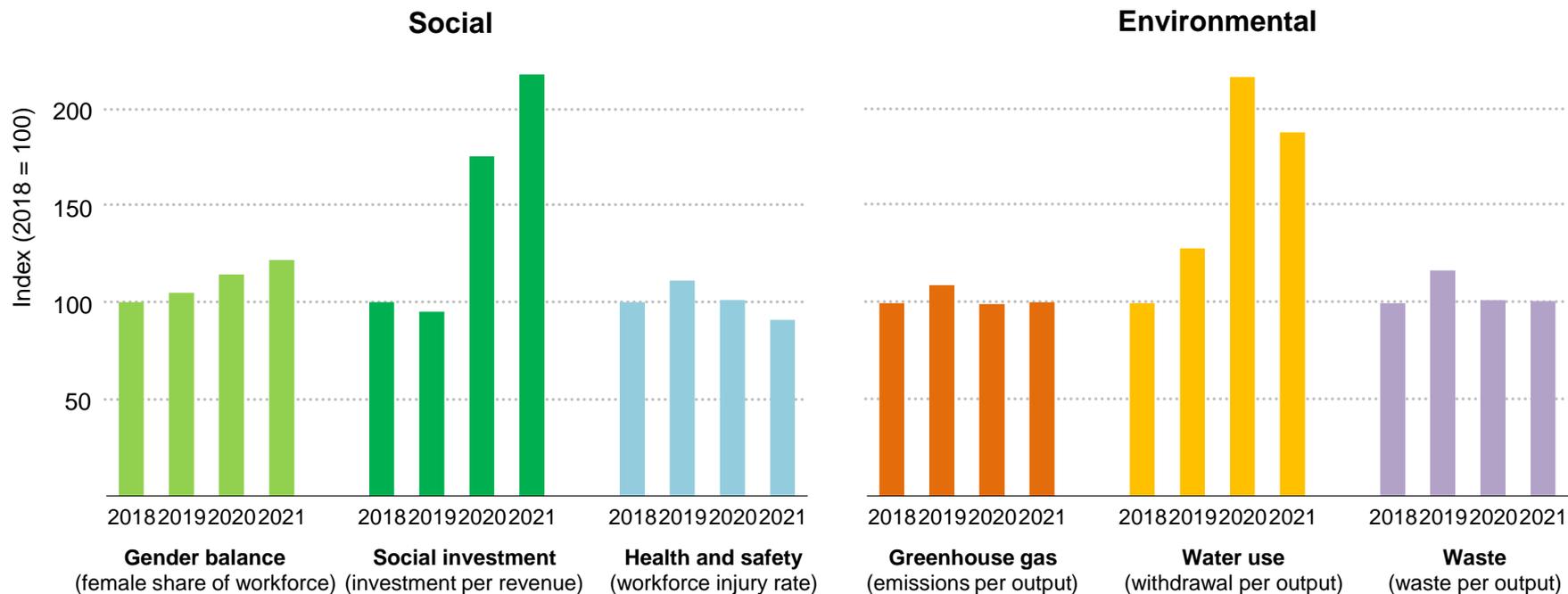


Limited progress has been made to diversify supply sources in recent years and, in some cases, the level of concentration has risen – announced projects would not change this picture dramatically



# Mixed progress towards sustainable and responsible mining

Aggregate social and environmental indicators for major mining companies



**There are some signs that responsible social practices are taking hold across the mining industry, but industry-wide progress is still missing in key areas, especially on environmental sustainability**

## Expert talk

# Material and processes for sustainability in the built environment



## Willem Bulthuis

Co-Founder Better Building Initiative  
CEO Corporate Ventures Advisory

# Material and processes for sustainability in the built environment

*Sustainability, Resilience and Sovereignty require*

*Circularity, Deep Supply Chain insights, Design-For-X methodologies*

**Willem Bulthuis**

Co-Founder of the Better Building Initiative

CEO of Corporate Ventures Advisory GmbH

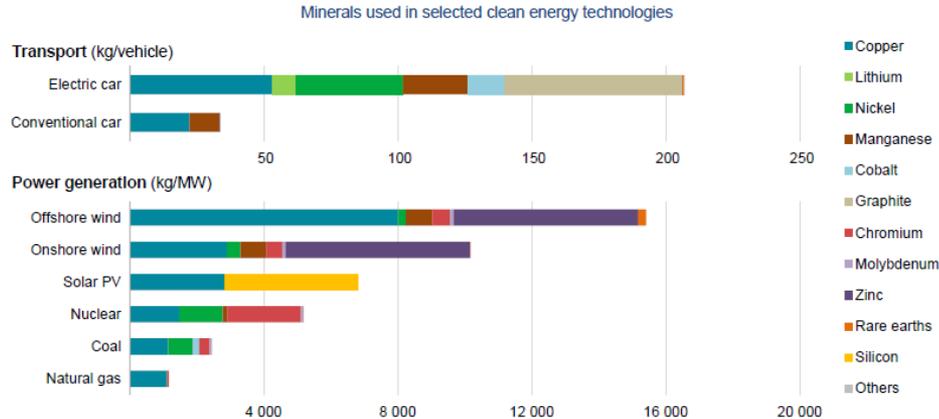


# THE WORLD NEEDS ENERGY & HOUSING AND THUS CONSTRUCTION

But in a substantially more sustainable and resilient way

## Energy Sector: critical materials

The rapid deployment of clean energy technologies as part of energy transitions implies a significant increase in demand for minerals



## Construction Sector: raw materials

40% of all materials extracted

35% of all waste generated

30% of all GHG generated

15% of GHG from building materials

**Both need cement, steel, chemicals: hard-to-abate Industries**

# TOWARDS A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAIN

Several challenges have to be addressed – in a very traditional, risk-averse industry

**Focus has been on CO2 and Use Phase (scope 1 & 2)**

**Holistic approach to sustainability and resilience is needed, incl. circularity**

- (critical) material sources
- production & transport
- circularity versus waste
- deep supply chains

**Supply Chains have been a black box – cost has been the dominating factor**

**Deep Supply Chain Insights are needed to manage sustainability and risks**

- supply chain discovery
- sourcing based on cost, sustainability, resilience
- risk analysis, early warnings

**(Critical) Material and Sustainability have been an “afterthought” in design**

**Design-for-Sustainability and Design-for-Resilience must become standard**

- awareness
- sustainability & risk info for engineers & developers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> sourcing, alternatives

# INNOVATION IS NEEDED TO ENABLE THE SUSTAINABILITY TRANSITION

Methods, Tools, Data, Funding – especially paying Customers

## Holistic approach to sustainability and resilience, incl. circularity

- “Real” LCAs (vs. “model-based”) to reflect benefits of innovations
- Environmental Product Declarations and Material / Building Passports
- Innovative Materials, Processes, Designs
- Regulatory adaptation

## Deep Supply Chain Insights to manage sustainability and risks

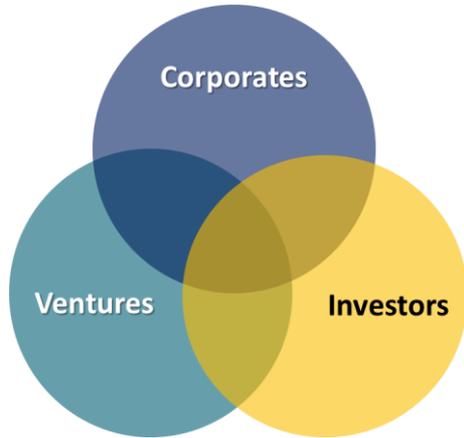
- Supply chain discovery tools
- Tools for “real” supply chain sustainability analysis
- Tools for deep supply chain risk analysis & early warnings
- Legal framework and independent repository of supply chain data (e.g. Virtual Datalake)

## Design-for-Sustainability and Design-for-Resilience as standard process

- Awareness of managers
- Education of engineers, developers and purchasers
- Databases and (AI) tools for recommending sustainable materials and process
- Know-how on design-for Disassembly, Re-use, Re-cycle

- Risk-taking (venturing) investors and project developers (public & private)

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**Better Building  
Initiative**

**Catalysing  
sustainable transformation  
of the construction industry**

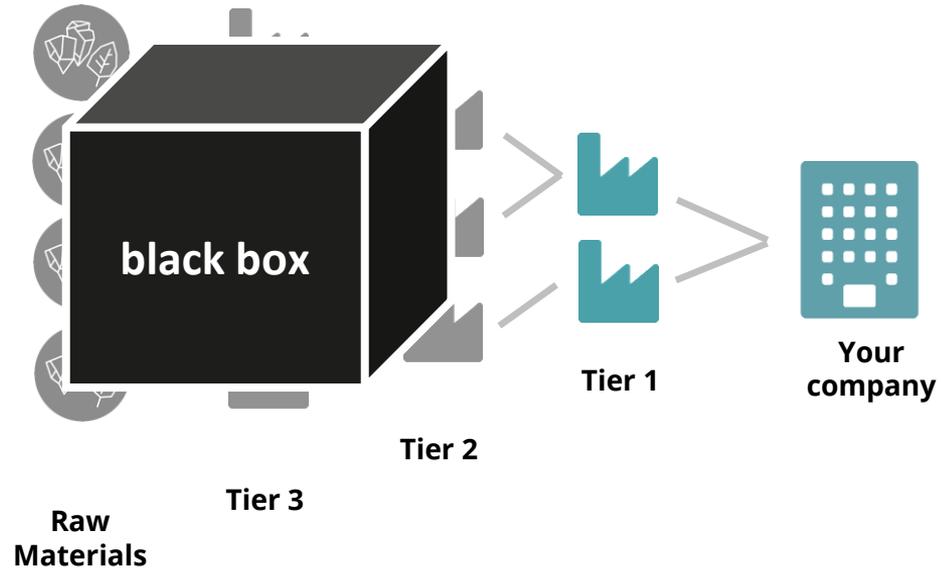
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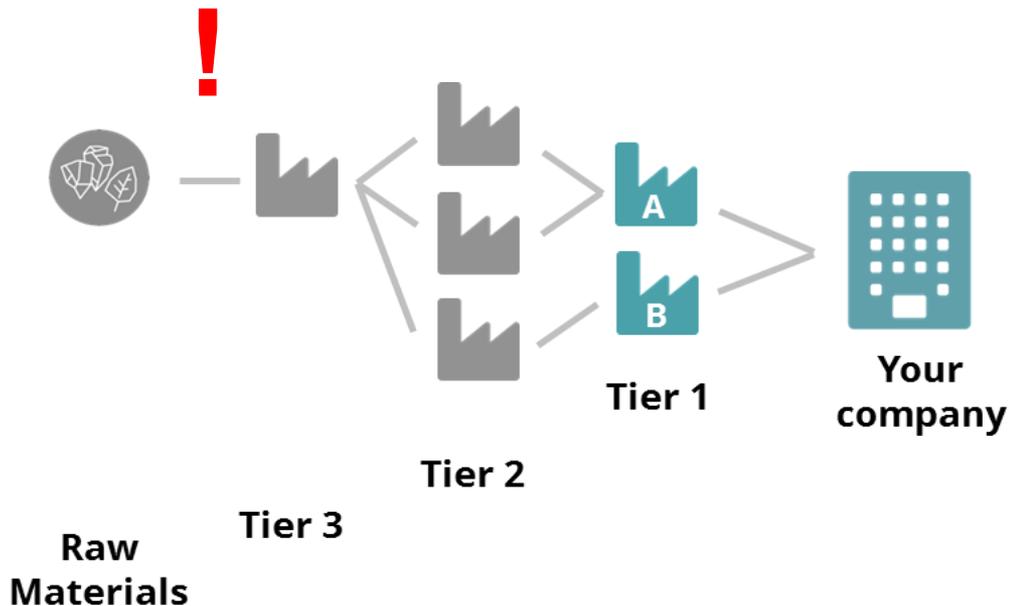
# MOST COMPANIES (STILL) HAVE NO INSIGHTS INTO THEIR DEEP SUPPLY CHAIN

Before their Tier-1, the supply chain is a black box



# MOST COMPANIES (STILL) HAVE NO INSIGHTS INTO THEIR DEEP SUPPLY CHAIN

So they can't effectively improve sustainability or reduce supply chain risks



# THE IMPORTANCE OF RAW AND CRITICAL MATERIALS IS RECOGNISED

So why is it so difficult to address this issue?

*“Raw materials are vital for manufacturing key technologies for our twin transition – like wind power generation, hydrogen storage or batteries.”*

**Ursula von der Leyen**

in a March 16th, 2023, Press Release on Critical Raw Materials: ensuring secure and sustainable supply chains for EU's green and digital future

*“Without a safe and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, there will be no green and industrial transition.”*

**Margrethe Vestager**

in a March 16th, 2023, Press Release on Critical Raw Materials: ensuring secure and sustainable supply chains for EU's green and digital future

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🔍 The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions

## Executive summary

**In the transition to clean energy, critical minerals bring new challenges to energy security**

## Expert talk

# Transporting energy with limited resources



## Marco Marelli and Socrates:

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."





# Energy transmission for Energy transition

Key enablers for a predictable positive future

CETP 2023 - Marco Marelli

**Prysmian**  
Group

Linking  
the Future

# MARKET TRENDS – ELECTRONS WIN

Energy market is growing

Hydrogen is gradually taking some space, mostly replacing oil and gas

Demand for electricity is growing also as complement of other expanding sectors

Interconnectors and renewables energy as driver

Submarine cable market to grow 3-5 times in the next 5-10 years



# BUILDING THE FUTURE – INVESTING IN CAPACITY

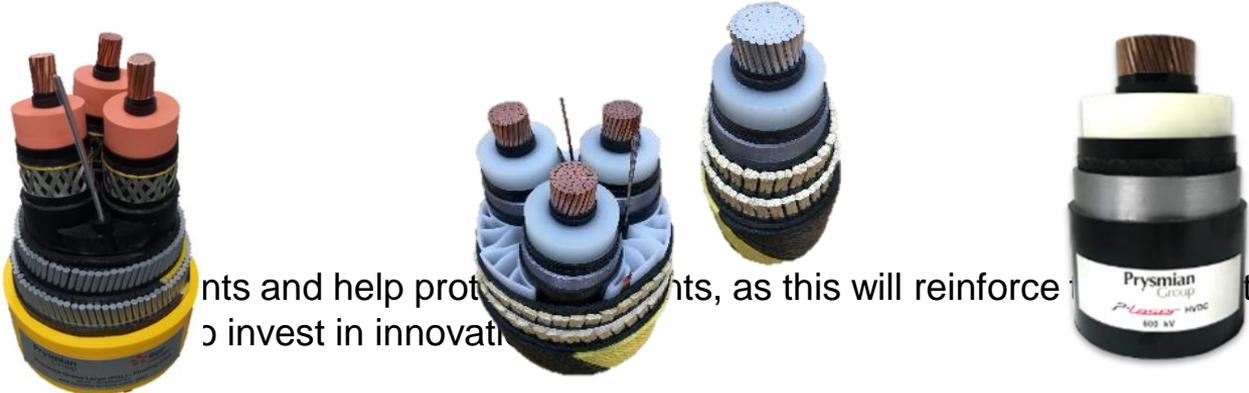


Long term plans and clear regulations are supporting the capacity expansion

# INNOVATION IS CORE FOR ENERGY TRANSMISSION

Innovation enabled and will enable larger voltages and power ratings for the supergrids, installation at deeper depths for the long interconnectors, dynamic cable designs for upcoming floating wind farms, fully recyclable cables.

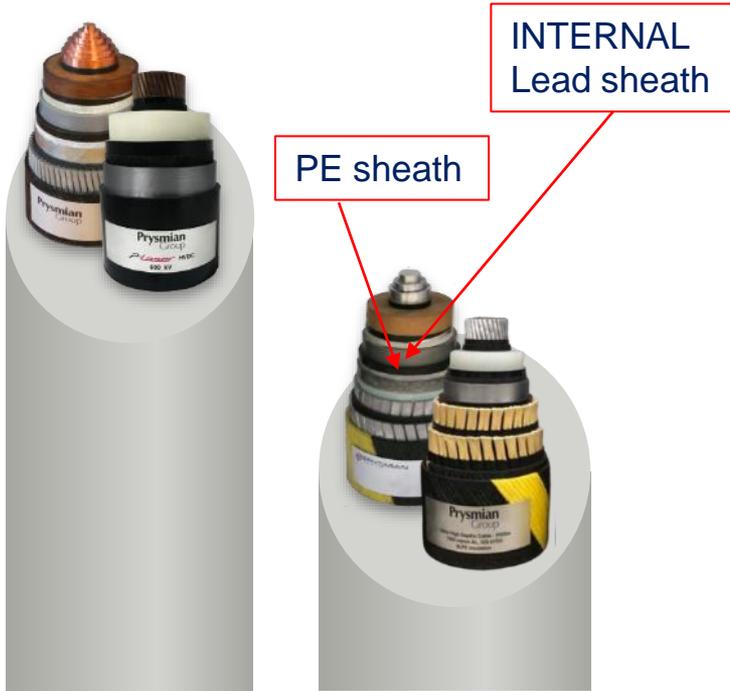
All them are accelerators for the energy transition



Give more v...nts and help prot...nts, as this will reinforce...tment of  
industrial st...o invest in innovati...



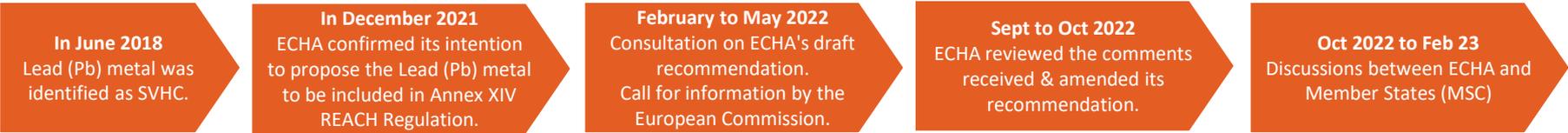
# SUSTAINABILITY AS MAIN DRIVER FOR ENERGY TRANSITION



Sustainability is a key target for all, including cable manufacturers. For this purpose, European agencies are requiring also avoidance of certain materials e.g. lead. This is positive but HV submarine cables need INTERNAL LEAD SHEATHING.

Cable industry is not ready yet to change and the risk is to stop making and repairing power cables thus stopping a large part of the energy transition

# ONGOING EUROPEAN AUTHORISATION PROCESS REGARDING POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF LEAD



Option 1  
Option 2  
Option 3  
Option 4



**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

No more manufacturing and installation of power cables with internal lead sheathing possible from 2028.

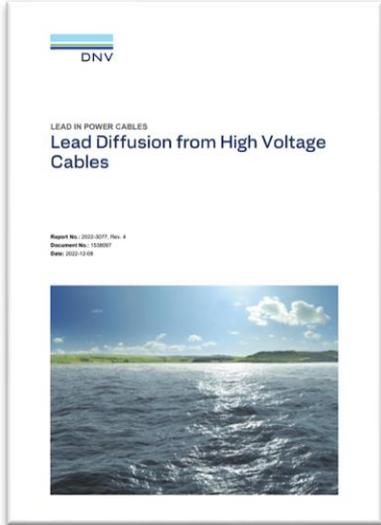
In principle not allowed to repair power cables with internal lead sheathing from 2028

\*) uses or categories of uses may be exempted from the authorisation requirement – provided different certainties

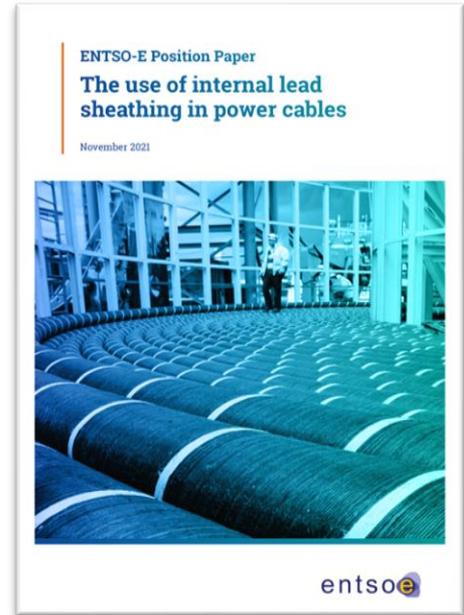
**REACH** Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals  
**EC** European Commission  
**ECHA** European Chemicals Agency  
**SVHC** Substances of Very High Concern



# SUSTAIN THE SUSTAINABILITY



*No lead diffusion detectable through PE sheath on cables in service since many years*



*Alternatives to lead not yet available for many power cables applications*

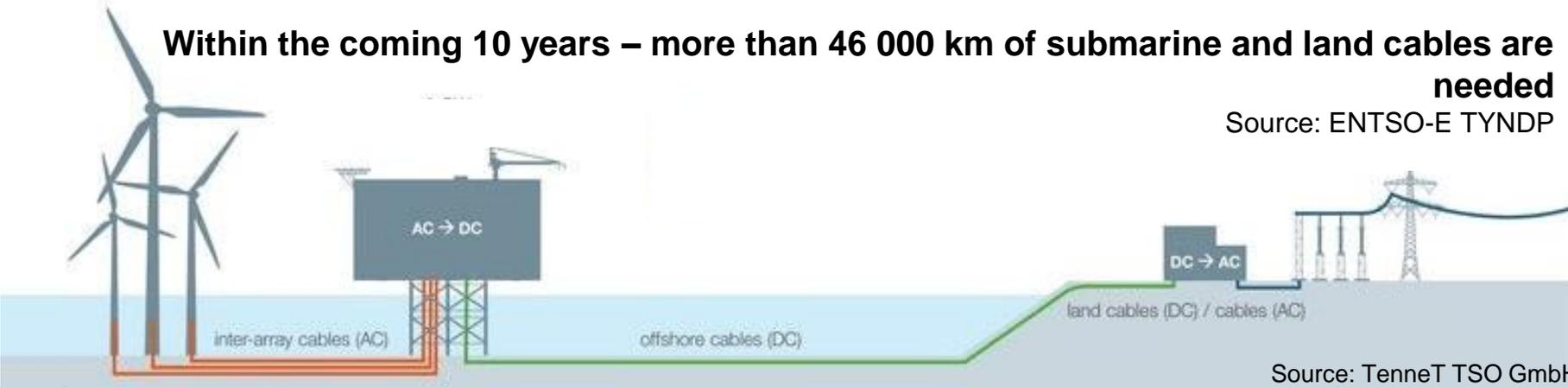
ENTSO-E and Europacable recommend granting usage of internal lead sheathing in power cables until alternatives exists



# CABLES ARE NEEDED TO ENABLE ENERGY TRANSITION

Within the coming 10 years – more than 46 000 km of submarine and land cables are **needed**

Source: ENTSO-E TYNDP



Source: TenneT TSO GmbH

A large amount of power cables with internal lead sheathing are necessary today to deliver on the upcoming needs



December 2019



Net Zero Industry Act 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

Oostende Declaration 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2023



# Thank you

Credits: Europacable, Entso-E, Carl Erik Hillesund  
(Statnett)



## Expert talk

# Cradle to cradle approaches to sovereignty



## Prof. Dr. Michael Braungart

“To compensate for the down-cycling loss of non-ferrous metals, we would need many more meteorite impacts on earth.”

## Expert talk 5

# The big challenge for research, industry and society



**Dr. Paula Kivimaa**

“Just transitions are complex, because they involve value judgements.”

# Moving towards a new climate-energy-security nexus

Paula Kivimaa, Research Professor

Policies and Risks Group, Climate Solutions Unit, SYKE



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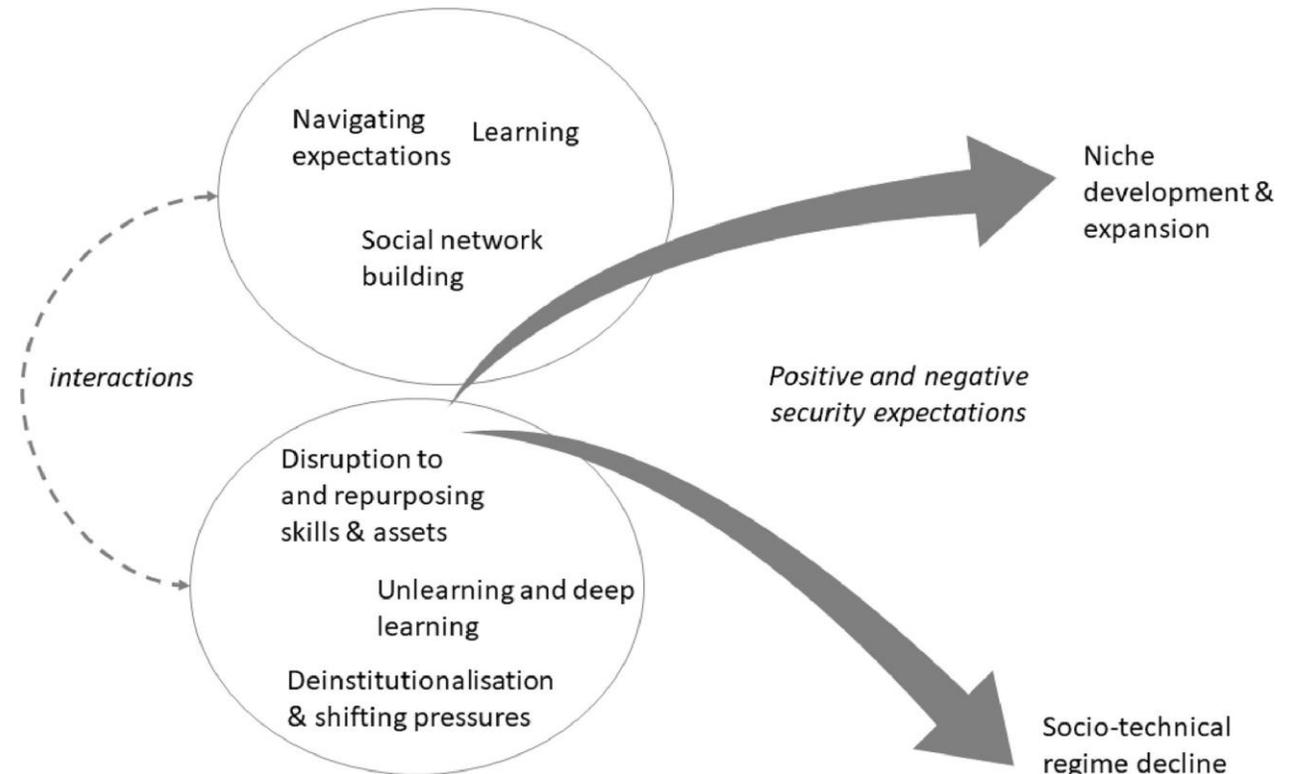
# Climate security & zero-carbon energy transitions are connected

- Contribution to future climate security
- Resilience of critical infrastructure
- Effects on trade and supply chains
- Combined pressure on land use



# Security implications of zero-carbon energy transitions are complex and interlinked

- **Negative security:** Focus on threats and security from the appearance of threats (Gjorv, 2012)
- **Positive security:** Freedom from insecurity, emancipation and enabling communities (Booth, 2007; Gjorv, 2012; Gjorv & Bilgic 2022)
- Security developments intertwine with questions of national defence, global security and justice, and local and regional developments



# Security implications of energy transitions

- Impacts of large-scale transformations to global power balance & stability (geopolitics)
- From old to new dependencies (security of supply of critical materials & technological components)
- Decentralisation likely to lead to smaller disruption in electricity systems but intermittency increases price variation
- Cross-European grid communities
- Positive impacts on peace building and local communities
- Perceptions of justice, polarisation of views, populism – impact on local & global stability
- Tensions and conflicts related to land use (environmental effects)
- Increased digitalisation and cyber security



Photo: <http://www.industrialunion.org/>



Finnish Environment Institute

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# From stockpiling fossil fuels to new kind of energy security?



Infrastructure



Institutions and agreements



Business models

International grid connections

International energy collaboration

Tight public-private collaboration

Distributed smart grids

Electricity storage

Preparing for disturbances

Demand response

How to integrate broader questions of environmental protection, biodiversity loss and climate change?

# Conclusions

- Climate change, and its cascading effects will radically change the operational environment
- Energy transition disrupts existing practices but create new solutions for improved security
- **Solutions needed**
- Technical advancements in energy storage, demand response and energy efficiency
- Tightening public-private collaborations (including social innovations in energy production and use)
- Increasing systemic and transformative thinking (also how different systems intertwine)
- Taking into account positive security (exploration on how to increase resilience)
- Institutional change and experimentation (e.g. policy experiments)
- Defence forces' and militaries' increasing attention on climate security (new RTD on alternative fuels and early warning systems)

# Understanding the challenge

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# Session overview

## Vanilla Flow

Dr. Stefan Spirk, Vanilla Flow, Technical University Graz

## Heat pads for the wall

Dr. Felix Marske, Nanolope

## Galleries to Calories

Hester Clardige, TownRock Energy

## Heatstore for electricity

Dorien Dinkelman, TNO Energy Transition

## Systematics for systems

Bruno Cova, CESI

Expert presentation

## Vanilla Flow



**Prof. Dr. Stefan Spirk**

CEO & Founder of Ecolyte GmbH

# ECOLYTE

## Sustainable Energy Storage Solutions

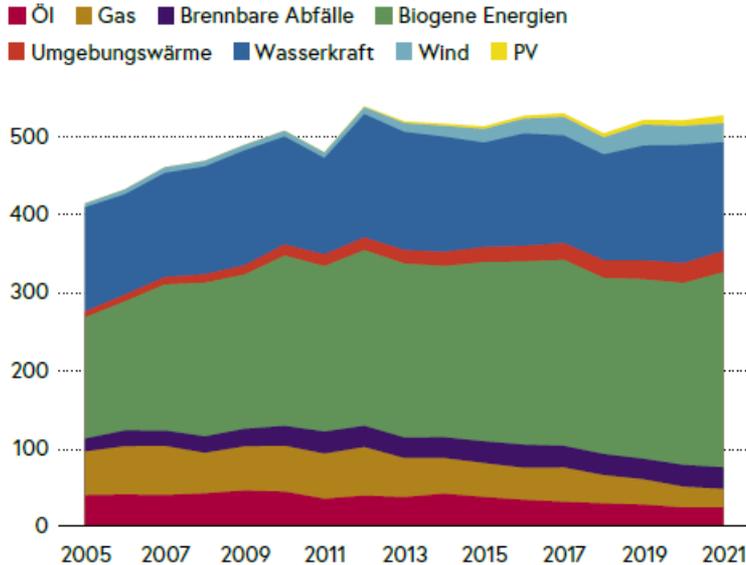
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# Grand challenge - sustainable electricity supply (case Austria)

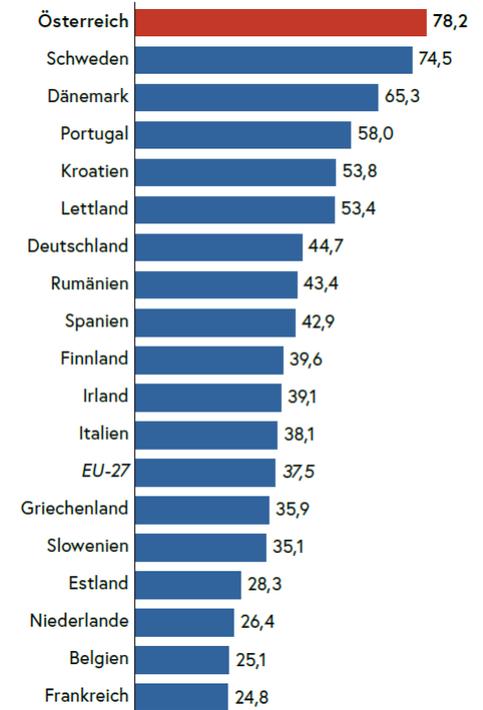
Abb. 10: Inländische Primärenergieerzeugung nach Energieträgern in Petajoule 2005–2021



## Wachstum und Rückgang der Energieträger

p.a. 2005–2021	2020–2021
+35,8%	+37,5%
+10,7%	-0,8%
+8,1%	+5,5%
+3,0%	+7,3%
+0,3%	-7,7%
+3,2%	-0,9%
-5,2%	-10,4%
-3,1%	-0,1%

**+1,5% p.a.**  
Gesamterzeugung 2005–2021

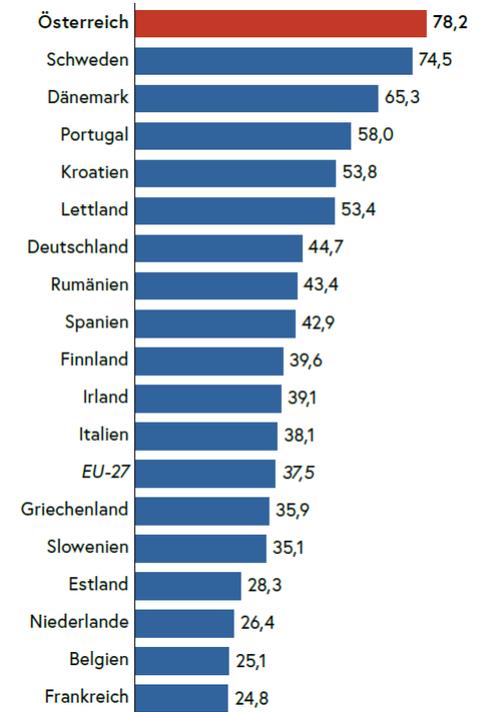


**Goal: 100% renewable by 2030**

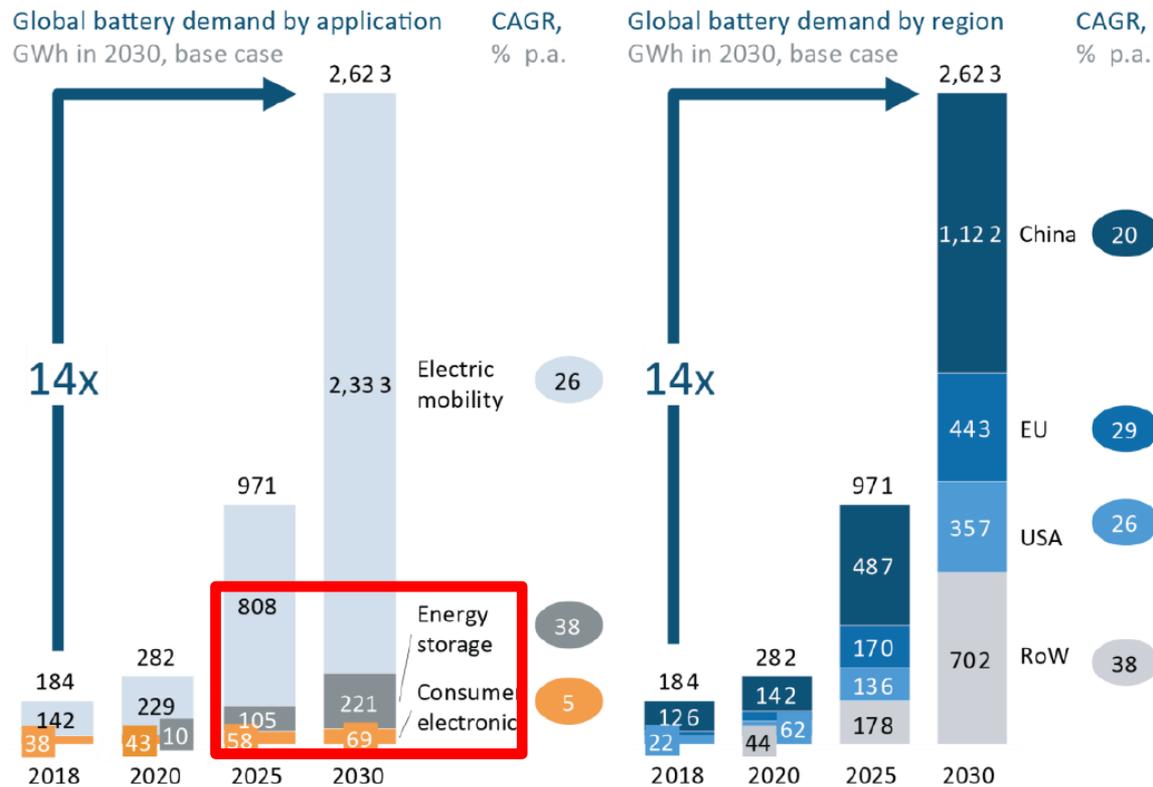
# Grand challenge - sustainable electricity supply (case Austria)

- Backup storage is highly needed
- New hydropower plants not available in mid-term
- Back-up plants based on coal, nuclear and gas
- Energy storage (physical, mechanical, chemical)

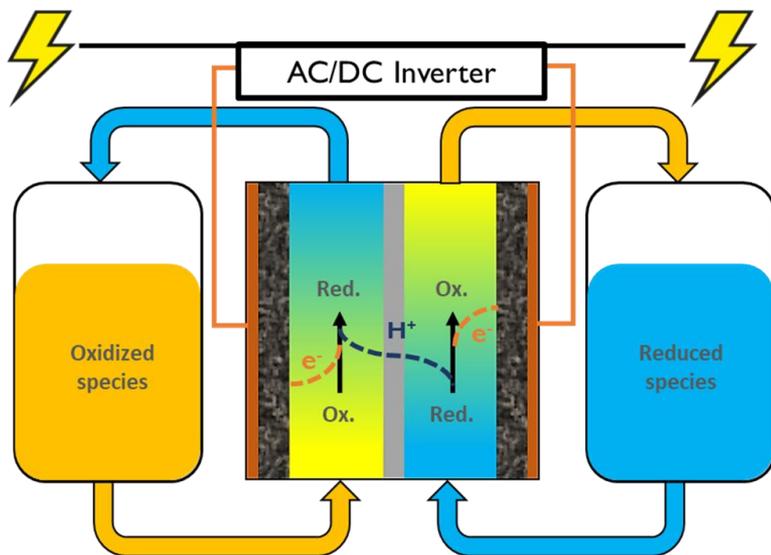
## Stationary energy storage technologies



# Expected battery storage capacity by 2030



# Assets of flow battery technology



## Advantages:

- | Independent design of power & storage capacity
- | Easy scalability to MW regime
- | No self discharge
- | No capacity fading during cycling
- | Long lifetime (20 years+)
- | Long discharge times (4-8 h)

## Current technology:

Vanadium flow battery (90%)  
Toxic, non available, expensive, non-renewable, transport,

→ **critical raw material**

# Philosophy and vision



- | We need regional renewable materials to store renewable energy
- | New regional value chains, less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, new opportunities
- | Reduce dependencies on politically instable regions while securing electricity supply

# Patented **ecolyte** Technology



Lignin



Vanillin



**Patent #1** checked and filed (PCT), Topic: electrolyte stabilization

**Patent#2** checked and on hold  
Topic: continuous process for electrolyte production (competitive advantage)

**Patent#3** filed (EP)  
Topic: paper based membranes for flow batteries

- | **Green chemistry**
- | **Tailor-made continuous flow reactors**
- | **Regionally available and renewable**
- | **Safe handling and recycling**
- | **Compatible with current battery technology**



# Challenges in sustainable vanillin production

**Only a single company** produces vanillin from lignosulfonate (Borregard, ca 15,000 tons/year)

**Disadvantage:** Copper catalysts, low yields, old process, lignosulfonate minor lignin source  
Biotechnological approaches (expensive, ca 500 t/year)

**Kraft lignin/black liquor** as source – no commercial suppliers  
Many reports in scientific literature, mostly in **small scale** (grams)

## Challenge:

- **Scale-up** and process development, investments of large
- **‘Valley of death’** (too early to be convincing to industry, too advanced for basic research)
- In LignoFracStore (FFG), **kg scale** but follow up project will be difficult
- **Need for programs** bridging the gaps also in process developments



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## Slido Poll 1

# Would you prefer to see vanilla in...

ice cream



redox-flow batteries



both

