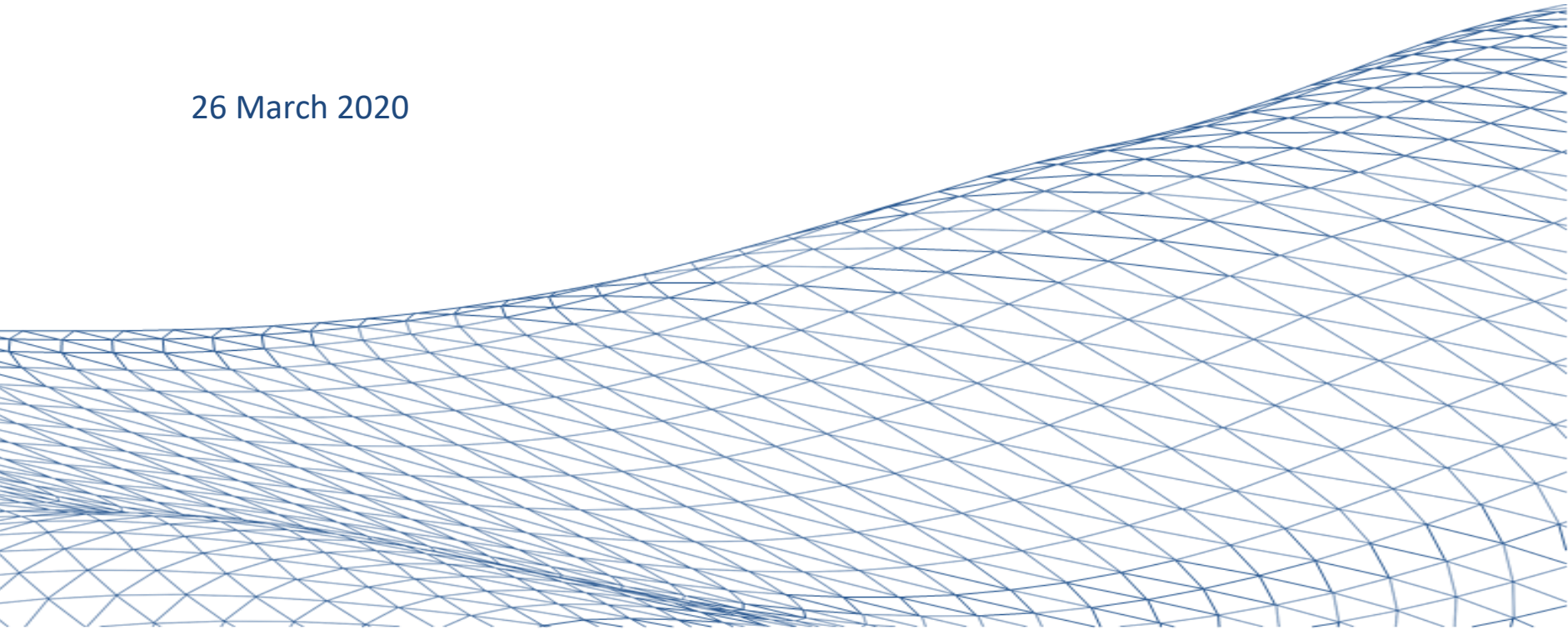


Decarbonization pathways

European power sector

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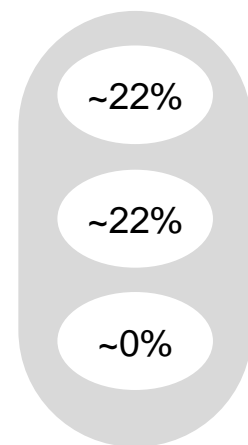
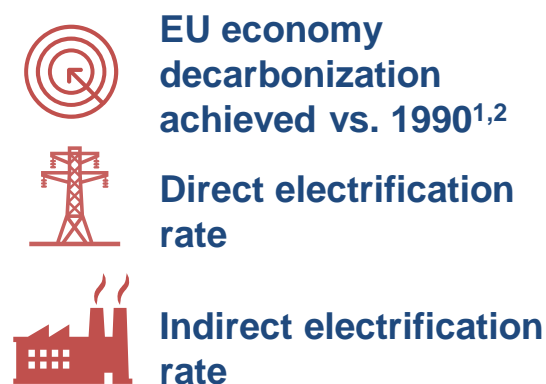


We have modelled 3 deep decarbonization scenarios based on electrification of key economic sectors



2015 – Baseline

2050 scenarios



Cost breakthrough scenario in which we are driving towards full EU economy decarbonization. Assumes accelerated cost decline for renewables, nuclear, CCS and storage

¹ Emissions out of scope are expected to contribute proportionally to the decarbonization effort required in each scenario

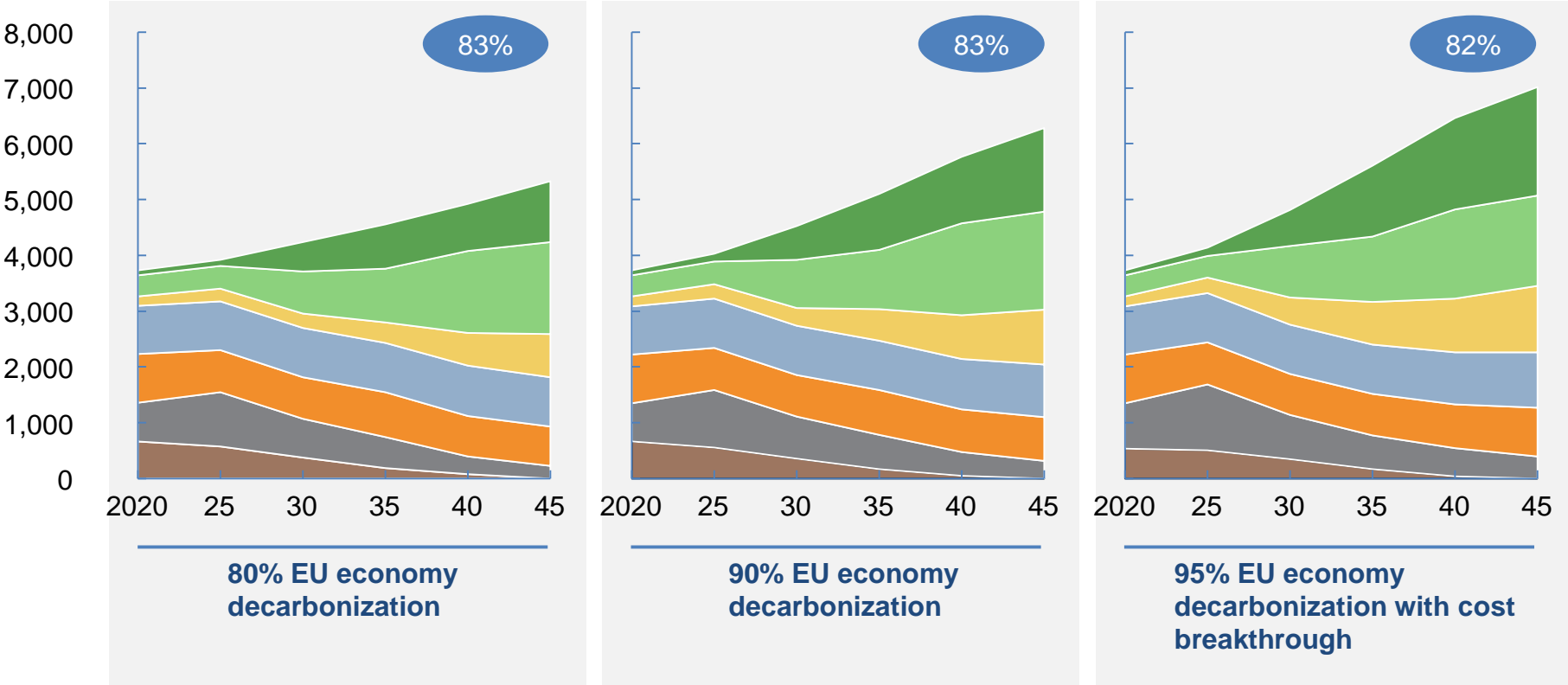
² Decarbonization will be different by sector depending on relative costs and available technologies, industry contributing least with below 80% of emission reduction in all scenarios

In a carbon neutral electricity system the bulk of electricity is provided by renewables and nuclear

Generation by fuel type, TWh

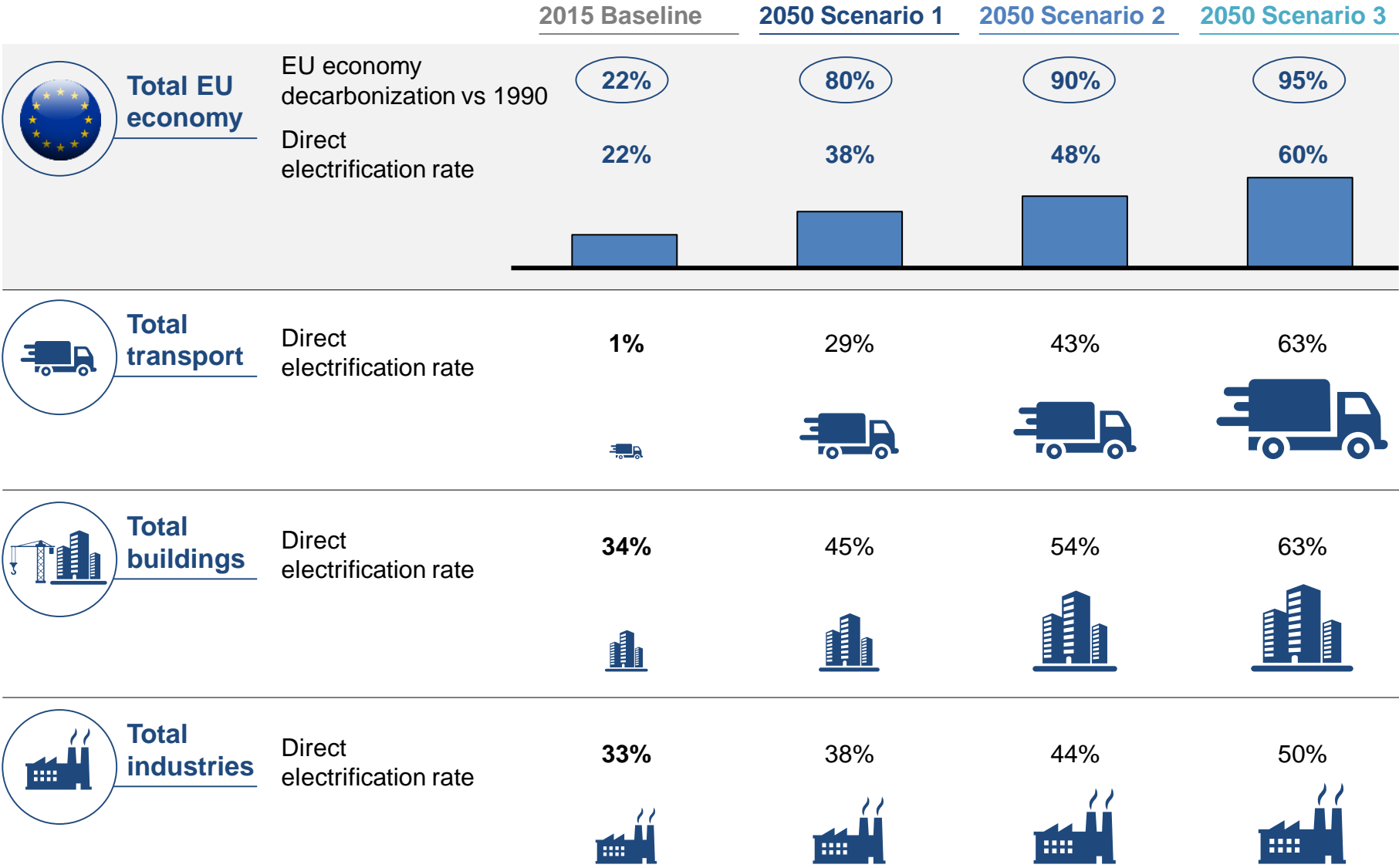
% Share renewables

- Offshore wind
- Onshore wind
- Solar
- Hydro and other RES¹
- Nuclear²
- Gas and other non-RES³
- Coal²



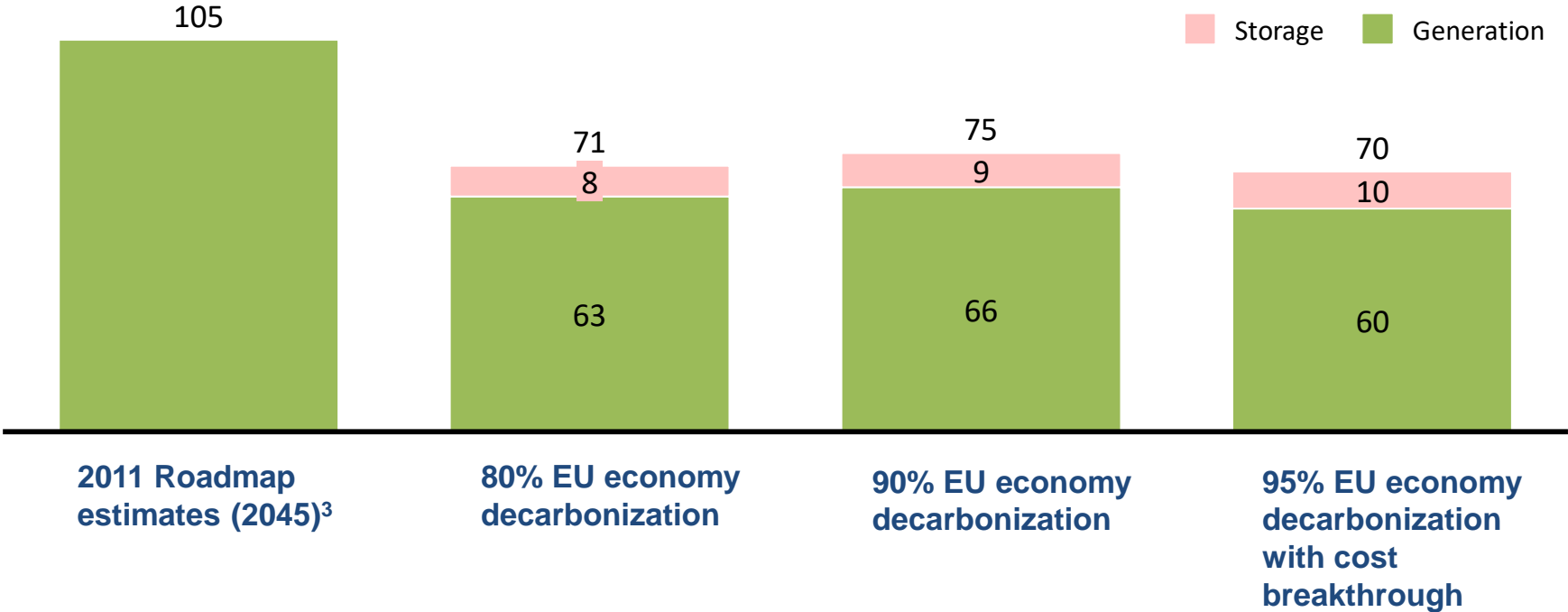
1 Includes also small amounts of geothermal, biomass and biogas
 2 National policies on nuclear and coal phase out have been reflected
 3 Up to 15% of gas capacity with CCS and other non-renewables

Direct electrification results by scenario



Due to cost declines of renewables, decarbonization of the power sector now comes at a reduced cost

Cost of wholesale electric supply, 2045^{1,2}, EUR/MWh



A carbon neutral power supply by 2045 can be accomplished with generation costs of 70 – 75 EUR/MWh. Due to rapid cost declines and more options for flexibility in the system, the overall cost of decarbonization has decreased significantly since previous estimates and the pathway is now achievable

¹ Levelized cost approach approximates in-year revenue required to match cost; includes operating costs (e.g., fuel, variable O&M); additionally, capital expenditures (e.g., wind farms, battery storage, or CCS-retrofits) are amortized over the economic lifetime of the asset

² Real cost linked to 2016 price level

³ Generation includes Fixed Costs, and Variable and Fuel costs; Tax on fuels and ETS auction payments included for comparison against net zero carbon scenarios

A low cost, carbon neutral power sector must be supported by changing political, technological and market conditions



Political commitment to deep decarbonization across all sectors of the economy and regions. Continued efforts to integrate the European energy system



Active involvement of citizens e.g. through demand response and prosumers, and **increased social acceptance** for high renewables build out and new transmission lines



Synergies with other sectors. For example, P2X and H2 production enable decarbonization of other sectors while providing balancing capabilities to the power system. Existing gas pipeline infrastructure can be repurposed for power to gas and hydrogen transport and storage



Efficient market-based investment frameworks and adequate market design to trigger investments in a high renewables-based system. For example, resources must to a larger extent be valued based on their contribution to system reliability. Meaningful CO₂ price signals will also be required to sufficiently incentivize full decarbonization



A smarter and reinforced distribution grid that integrates new market participants (e.g. decentralized solar PV and local flexibility sources), and plays a significant role in consumer empowerment through managing local congestions and redispatch, security of supply and grid resilience issues



The path and investments required to reach full decarbonization differs by country as European regions have different existing electricity mix and resources available. To ensure just energy transition **support and dedicated EU funding will be required** for Member States that face a more difficult starting point in the electrification and energy transition journey.