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Nuclear Energy's Role in the Clean Energy Transition

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- Owner of locality Dukovany for NPP
- Member of ČEZ Group, ČEZ, a.s. is the sole shareholder of the subsidiary
- Investor into the new NPP project is Dukovany



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Project of NPP in Dukovany



- Scope of the project:
 - preparation (investment, licensing and authorization),
 - construction,
 - commissioning,
 - operation and decommissioning,
 - its lifetime is planned for 60 years, some extensions seems to be technically possible.
- Output ca. 1 000 MW – 1 200 MW
- Selection of contractor in tender procedure
- Tender participants
- Strictly confidential



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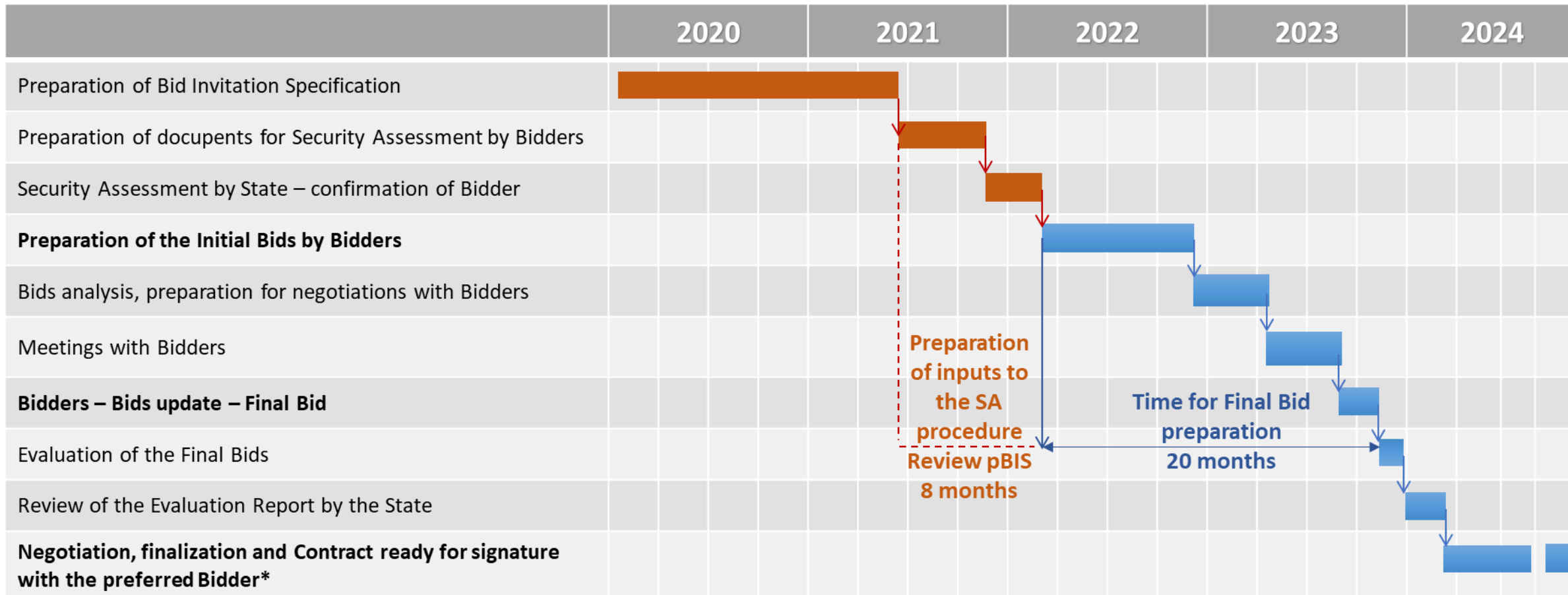


KHNP



Westinghouse

Tender Schedule



Agenda

1. History
2. Context
3. Current Situation of Nuclear Power
4. Comparison of Electricity Sources
5. Technical Aspects of Nuclear Power Plants
6. Economics of Nuclear Power Plants
7. Conclusion – Why Nuclear?



History of Nuclear Energy



Mainly use in the military industry, research

1951

- First reactor in the US (*Experimental Breeder Reactor Idaho*)

1954

- First reactor in USSR (Обнинская атомная электростанция)

Commercial use

1956

- First commercially used reactor in GB

1960

- Two commercial reactors in the US (Westinghouse a GE)

1962

- First commercial reactor in Canada

1964

- First commercial reactor in USSR

1973

- First high capacity (1000+ MW) reactors built in USSR

1980-2000

- Stagnation of the nuclear industry due to the absence of planning and research for new types of reactors

2000 – present

- 3rd generation of reactors

Context

- Sustainability and focus on low-carbon energy generation
- Global challenges
 - Import dependency
 - Increase of power consumption
 - Electromobility
- Incentives to target the abovementioned:
 - In EU – Green Deal
 - In DE – Energiewende
- Need to maintain competitiveness within the EU as well as the world



Nuclear Power – Current Situation



In the World...



USA

93 reactors
95 GWe (18%)
1 being built



France

56 reactors
61 GWe (68%)
1 being built



China

54 reactors
52 GWe (5%)
21 being built



Japan

33 reactors
32 GWe (6%)
2 being built



Russia

37 reactors
28 GWe (20%)
6 being built



South Korea

25 reactors
24 GWe (30%)
3 being built



In Europe (EU)...



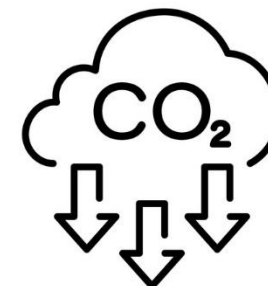
100
nuclear power plants in the EU
covering a quarter of electricity
generated in the EU



12
EU Member States



600 million
tons of CO₂ kg per year avoided in
the EU due to nuclear generation



55%
of the EU's low-carbon electricity

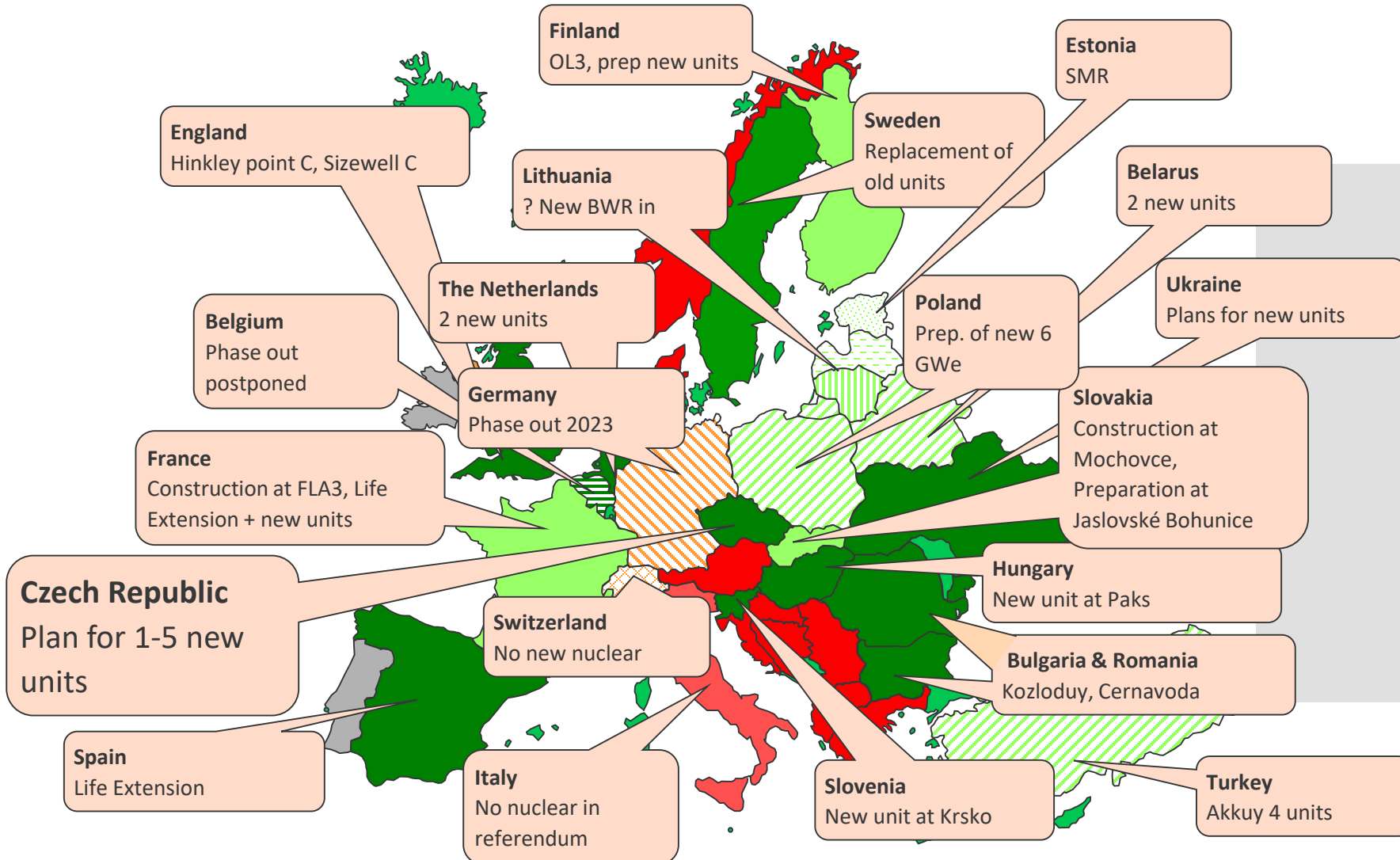


Essentially available
24/7, 365 days/year

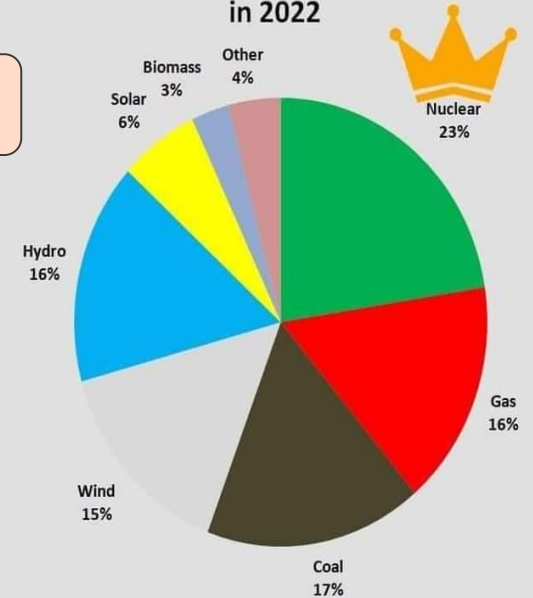


800 000
jobs supported by the nuclear
industry in Europe

Europe – Current Development



Electricity generation in Europe in 2022



In the Czech Republic...



NPP Dukovany

Operating since 1985
(all units 1987)

VVER 440
4 x 510 MWe



NPP Temelín

Operating since 2000

VVER 1000
2 x 1125 MWe



CTU Educational Reactors

VR-1 (since 1990)
VR-2 (since 2023)



UJV Řež Research Reactors

LR-0 (since 1983)
LVR-15 (since 1995,
reconstruction of the reactor
VVR-S which ran since 1957)

Czech Republic is a member of IAEA and WANO

Strategic goals of the energy sector of the Czech Republic



Secure Energy Supply

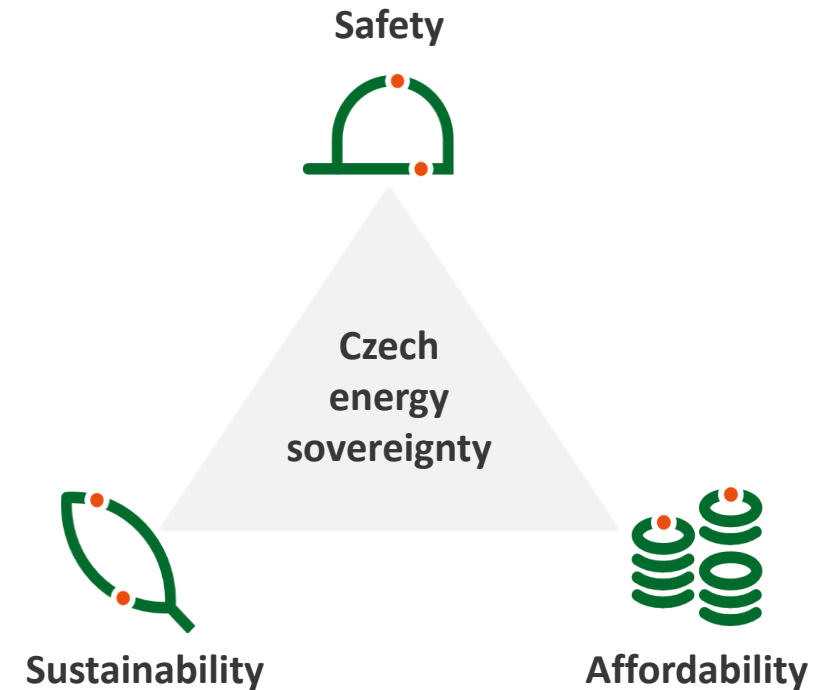
- Ensuring necessary energy supplies for consumers in normal operation even in the event of outages in the supply of primary sources, price fluctuations on the markets, disturbances and attacks in the context of the EU.

Competitiveness

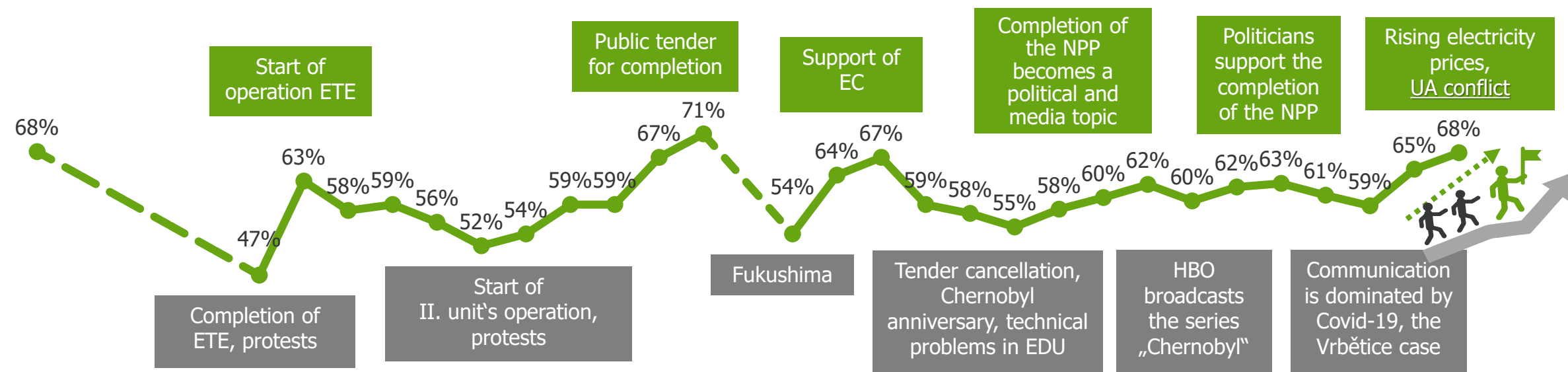
- Final electricity prices for industrial consumers and for households comparable to countries in the region and other direct competitors + energy companies capable of creating economic added value in the long term.

Sustainability

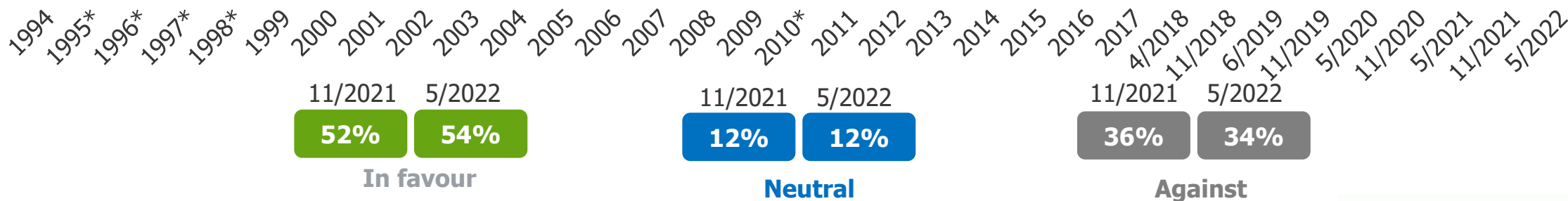
- A structure of the energy industry that is sustainable in the long term from the point of view of the environment, financial and economic, human resources and social impacts, and primary resources.



Due to the UA conflict, the support of nuclear power continues to grow significantly – support is now near an all-time high

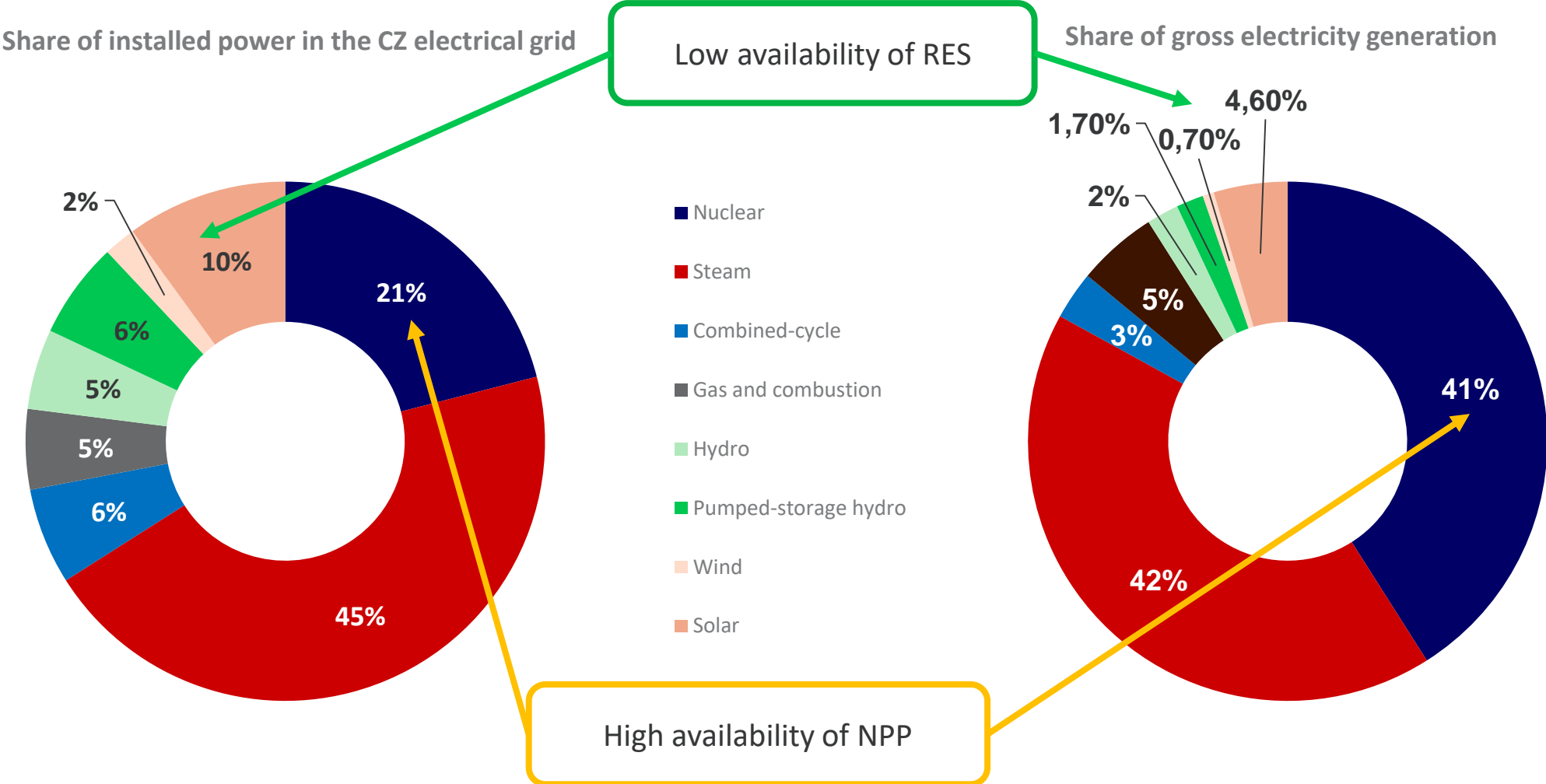


*Note: Not implemented



Q4) Are you personally in favour of the development of nuclear energy in our country?
(all respondents N=500 answer / statistical error: max. 3.7%)

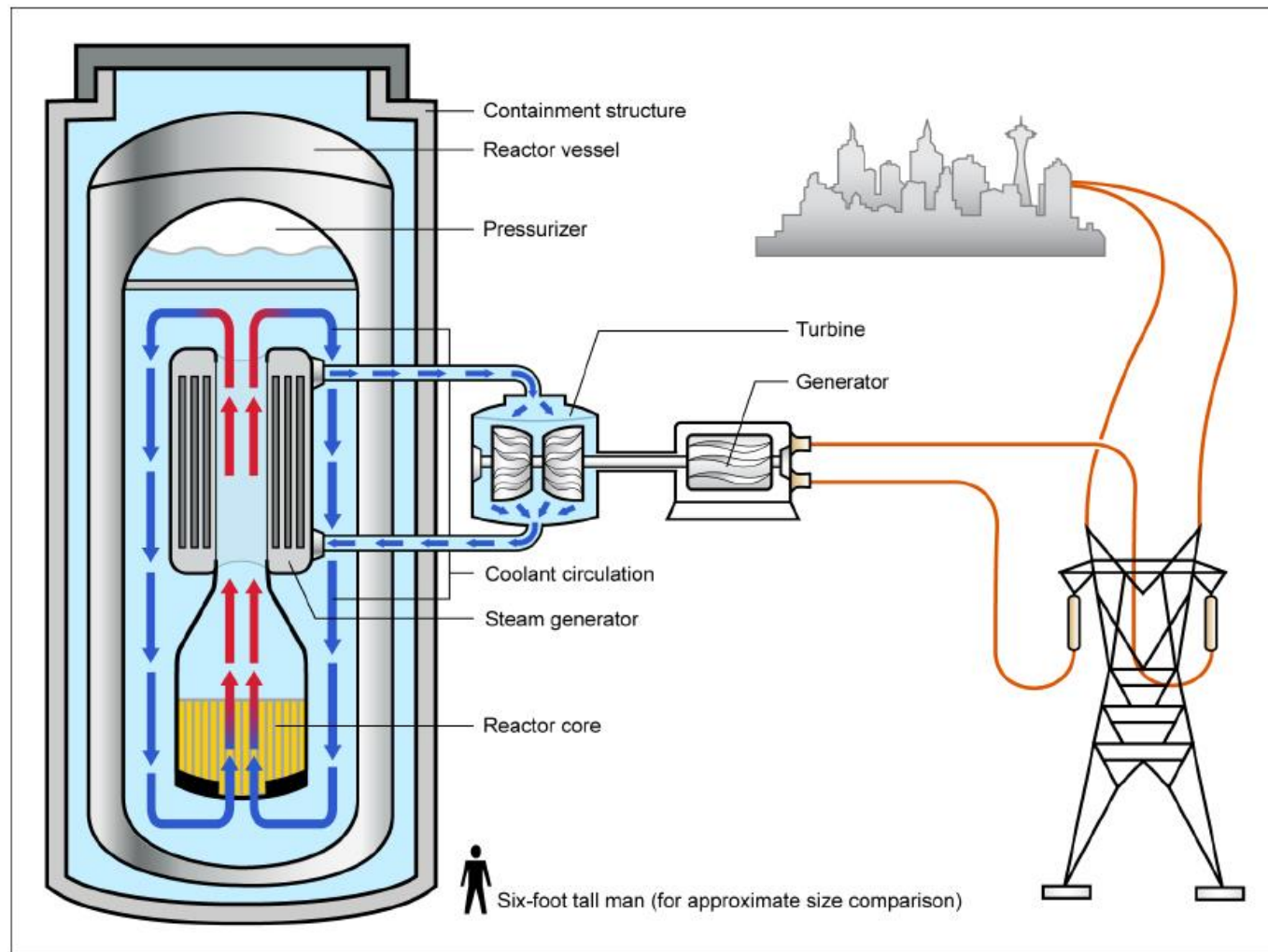
In 2022, the share of nuclear power plants in production was 41%



Small Modular Reactor (SMR)



- Most designs have 50 – 300 MWe output
- Technology comes from 1950s, until now used mainly by military
- Most designs are PWR
- Passive safety
- Build off-site, shipped on-site
- Not only for electricity generation, but also for heating
- Legislative changes
- Economies of scale
- FOAKs in late 2020s / early 2030s



Source: GAO, based on Department of Energy documentation. | GAO-15-652

LRW SMR UNDER CONSIDERATION

(In an alphabetical order of the design)

AP 300 (USA, 300/900 MWe/MWt), PWR
Westinghouse

BWRX-300 (USA, 300/870 MWe/MWt), BWR
GE Hitachi

NuScale (USA, 12 modules – 924 MWe), PWR
NuScale Power

Nuward (France, 2 x 170/2 x 540 MWe/MWt), PWR
EDF

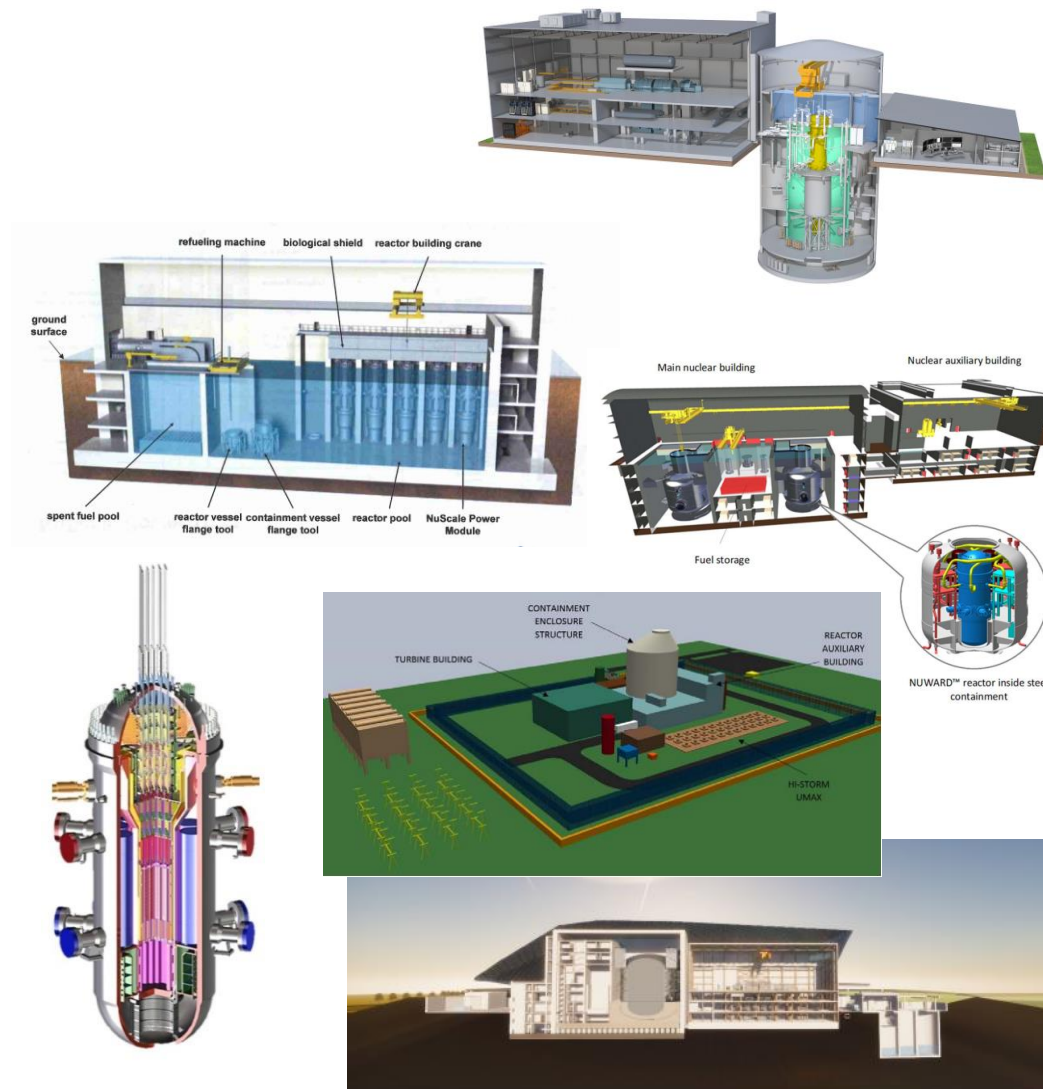
SMART100* (S. Korea, 2 x 107/2 x 365 MWe/MWt), PWR
KHNP

SMR-160** (USA, 160/525 MWe/MWt), PWR
Holtec

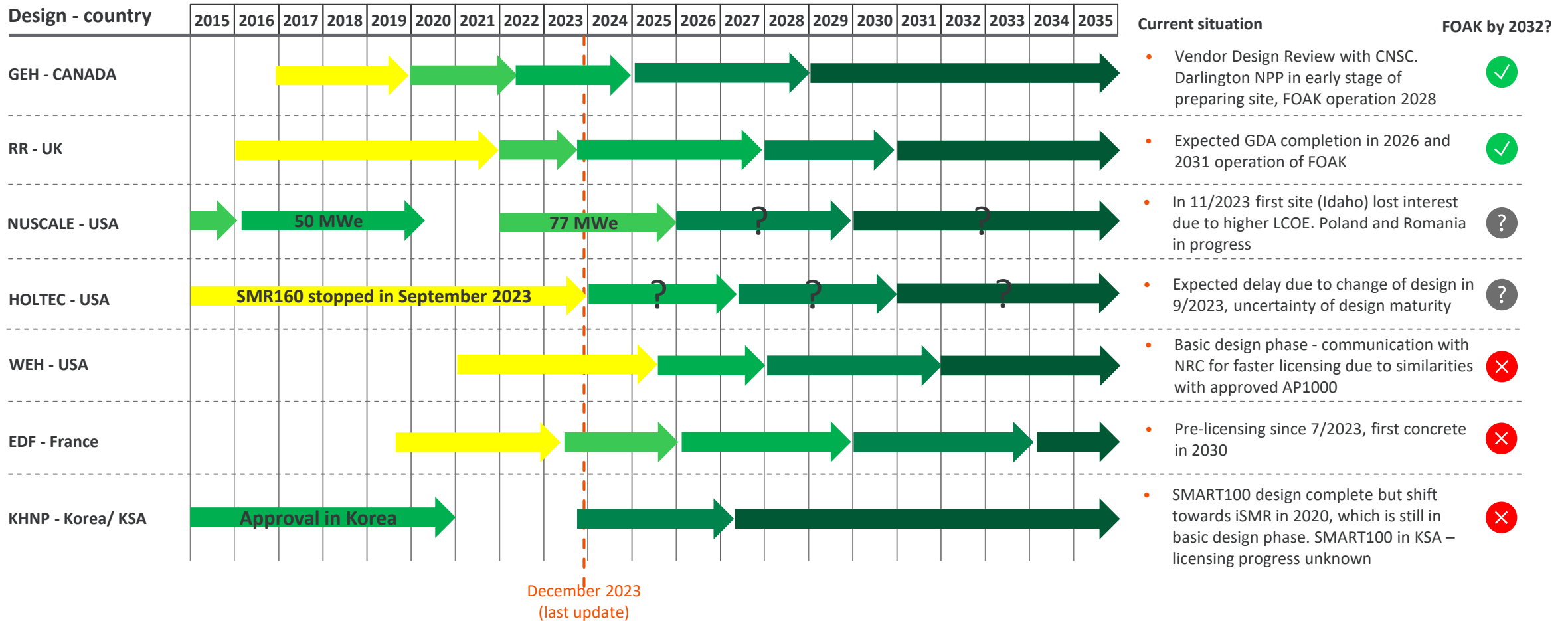
UK SMR (UK, 470/1276 MWe/MWt), PWR
Rolls Royce SMR

* iSMR under development since 2020 instead of SMART100 design

** Holtec changed its design to 300 MWe in 9/2023



CONSIDERED DESIGNS AND THEIR LICENCING PROGRESS – ROAD TO FOAK/OPERATION



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■ Basic design
 ■ Pre-licensing
 ■ Licensing
 ■ Building FOAK
 ■ Operation

Comparison of Electricity Sources



Comparison – Characteristics of Different Electricity Sources



	Nuclear	Wind	Solar	Hydro	Natural Gas	Coal
Flexibility	Low	Very low	Very low	Very high	High	Medium
Firm/variable	Firm	Variable	Variable	Firm	Firm	Firm
Type of fuel	Nuclear	Renewable	Renewable	Renewable	Fossil	Fossil
Low Carbon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No*	No
Space needed per 1000MW	3.4 km2**	673-932km2	117-195km2	-	3.4 km2	3.4 km2

*The EU voted to keep some specific uses of natural gas in its taxonomy of sustainable sources of energy in some circumstances

** NPP Dukovany and NPP Temelín take up an area of ~ 1 - 1.5 km2 each

EU's Taxonomy



- Taxonomy ≠ Taxes
- EU's classification system of environmentally sustainable economic activities
- Aims to stop Greenwashing and direct investments towards environmentally sustainable projects
- In line with Green Deal and Net-zero by 2050 objectives
- Nuclear power and gas power proclaimed as low-carbon power sources with some conditions and limitations

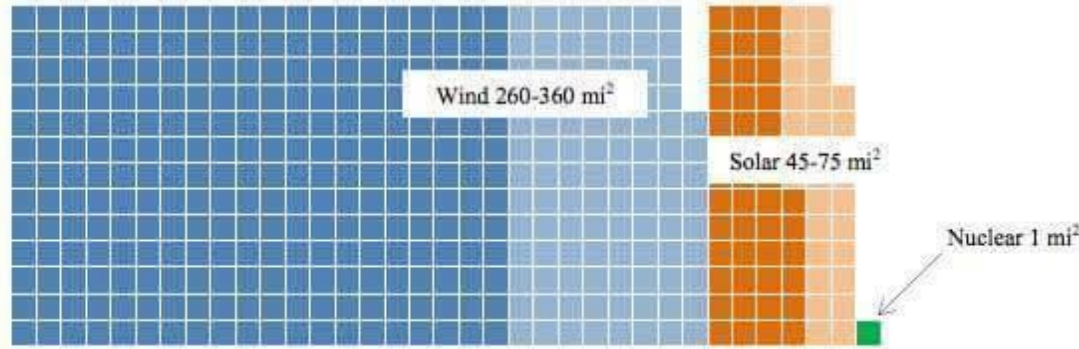
- Restrictions for nuclear power:
 - For existing NPPs upgrades for LTO possible until 2040
 - For Gen III+ new build NPPs obtain construction permit before end of 2045
 - Gen IV technology must focus on safety and minimizing waste
 - All countries with NPPs must have Long-Term Storage by 2050

Land Use



Technology	Capacity Factor, %	Square Miles Needed for 1,000 MW
Wind	32-47	260-360
Solar	17-28	45-75
Nuclear	90	1.3

The table summarizes the approximate land required by wind and solar technologies to match the electricity produced annually by a 1,000-MW nuclear power plant.



source: http://www.nei.org/CorporateSite/media/filefolder/Policy/Papers/Land_Use_Carbon_Frse_Technologies.pdf



Relative land use (fuel mining and generating footprint) of electricity generation options per unit of electricity (source: Brook & Bradshaw, 2015)

Increase of Emissions Due to Nuclear Phase-out in Germany

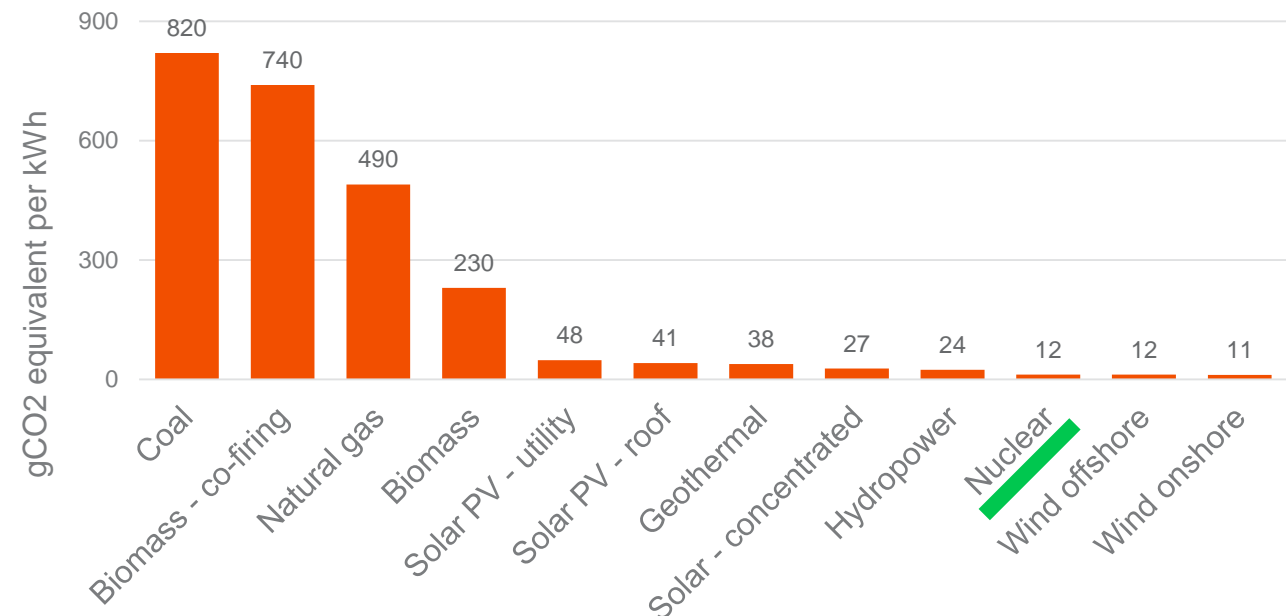


Estimated CO2 emissions caused by the exit from nuclear power

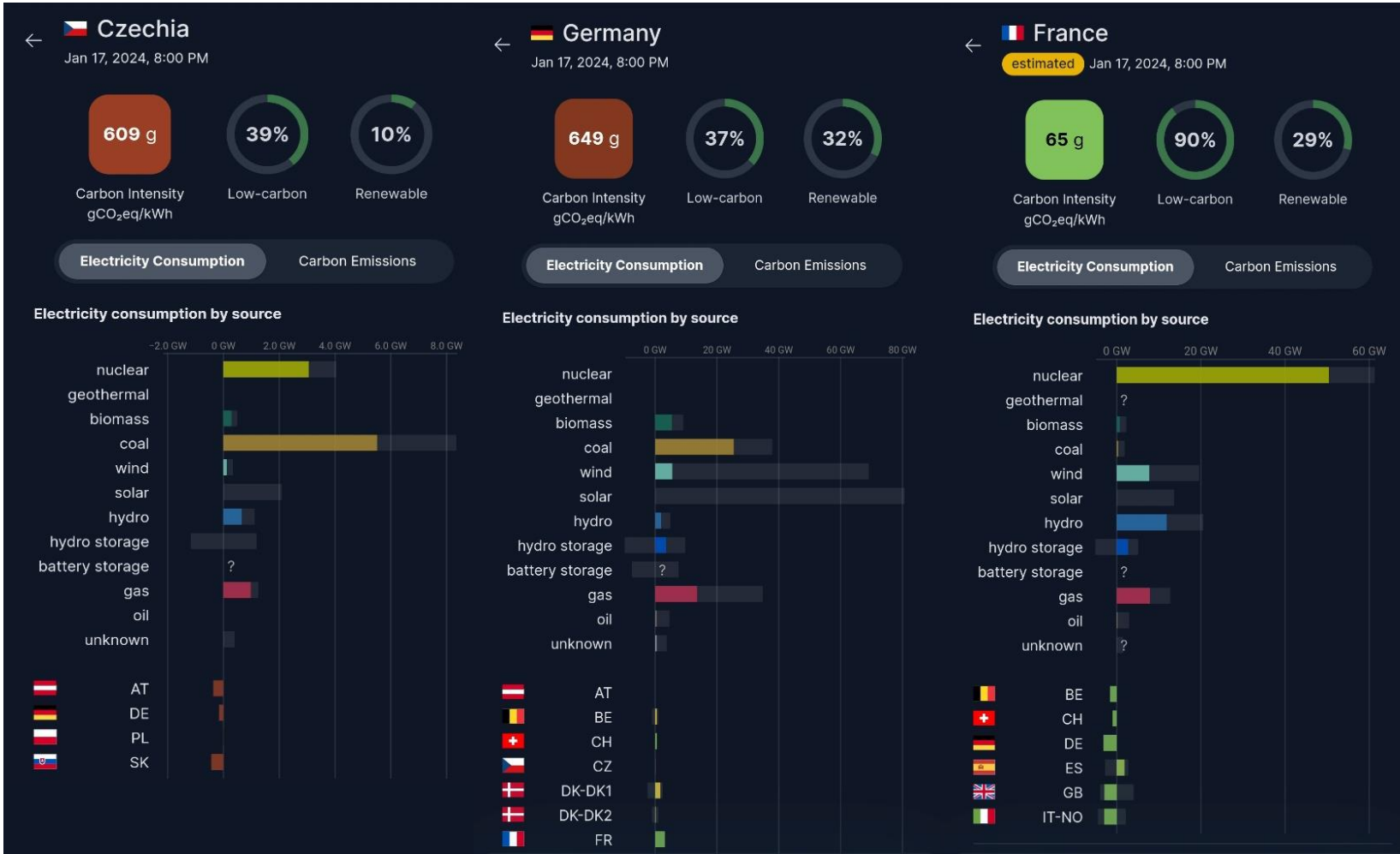
Year		2011-2012*	2013-2020*	2020
Electricity generation to be replaced (TWh)		86	468	53
Average emission factor for the replacement electricity generation (tCO2 per MWh)	Coal scenario	0.88	0.84	0.80
	Gas scenario	0.88	0.63	0.40
	Renewables & gas scenario	0.88	0.53	0.20
Additional emissions (MtCO2)	Coal scenario	76	392	42
	Gas scenario	76	296	21
	Renewables & gas scenario	76	248	10

- Germany's position in the international electricity market will probably switched from a net exporter to the rest of Europe to the net importer

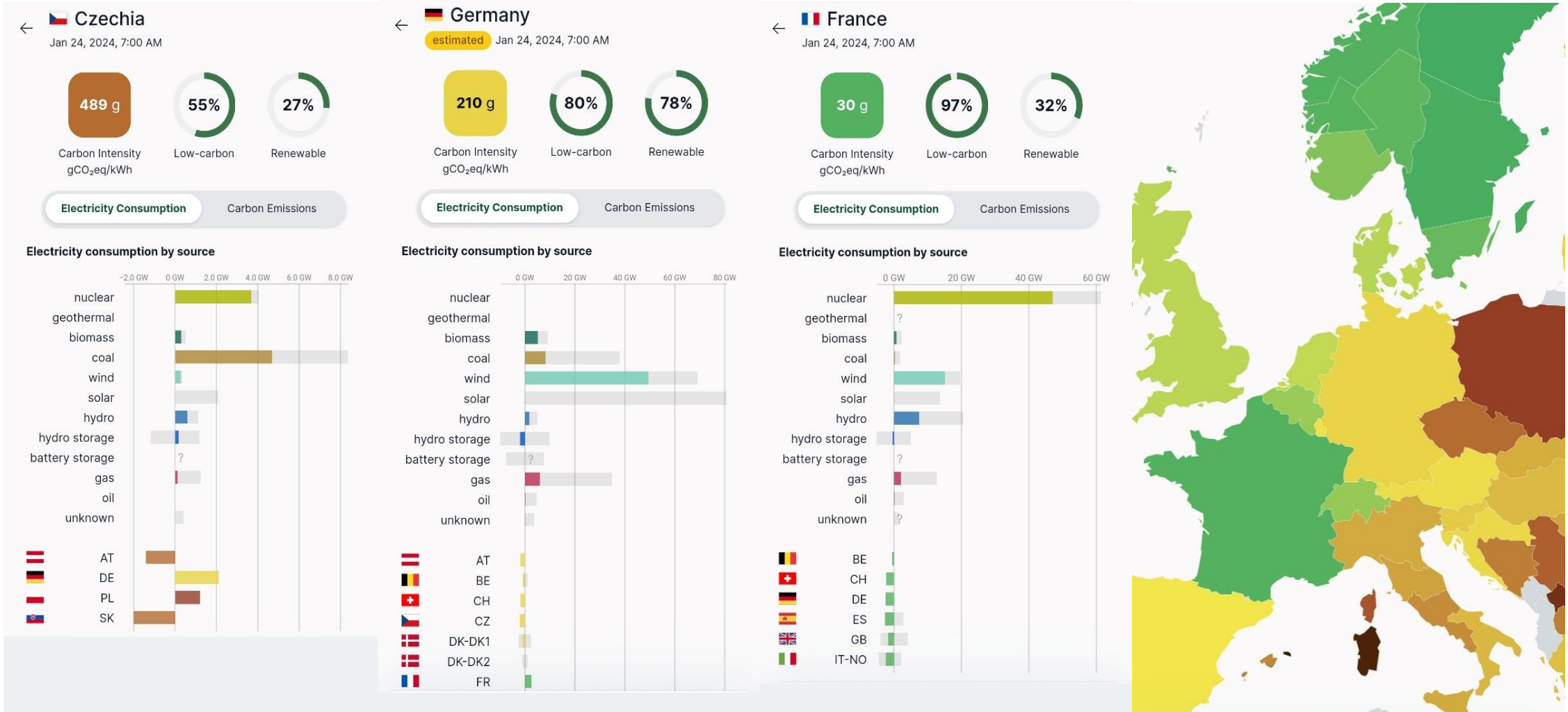
Average life-cycle CO₂ equivalent emissions (source: IPCC)



Electricity Map - Night



Electricity Map – Day



Electricity Map – Average



← Czechia

June 2023

407 g

Carbon Intensity
gCO₂eq/kWh

61%

Low-carbon

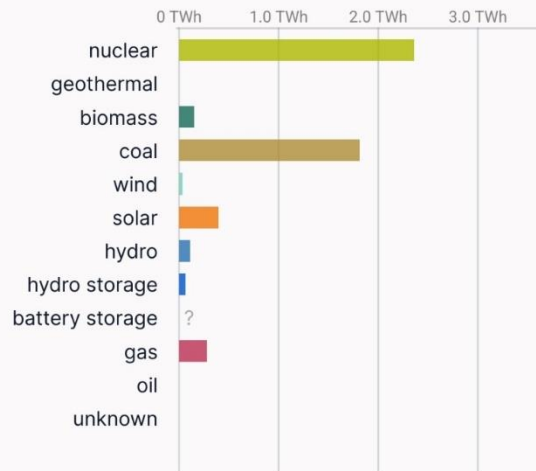
19%

Renewable

Electricity Consumption

Carbon Emissions

Total electricity consumption by source



← Germany

June 2023

358 g

Carbon Intensity
gCO₂eq/kWh

66%

Low-carbon

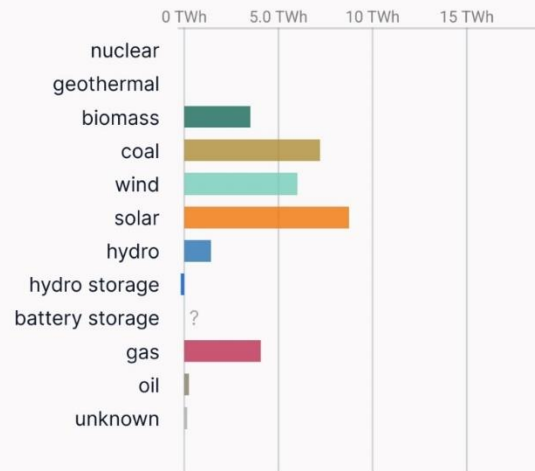
62%

Renewable

Electricity Consumption

Carbon Emissions

Total electricity consumption by source



← France

June 2023

42 g

Carbon Intensity
gCO₂eq/kWh

94%

Low-carbon

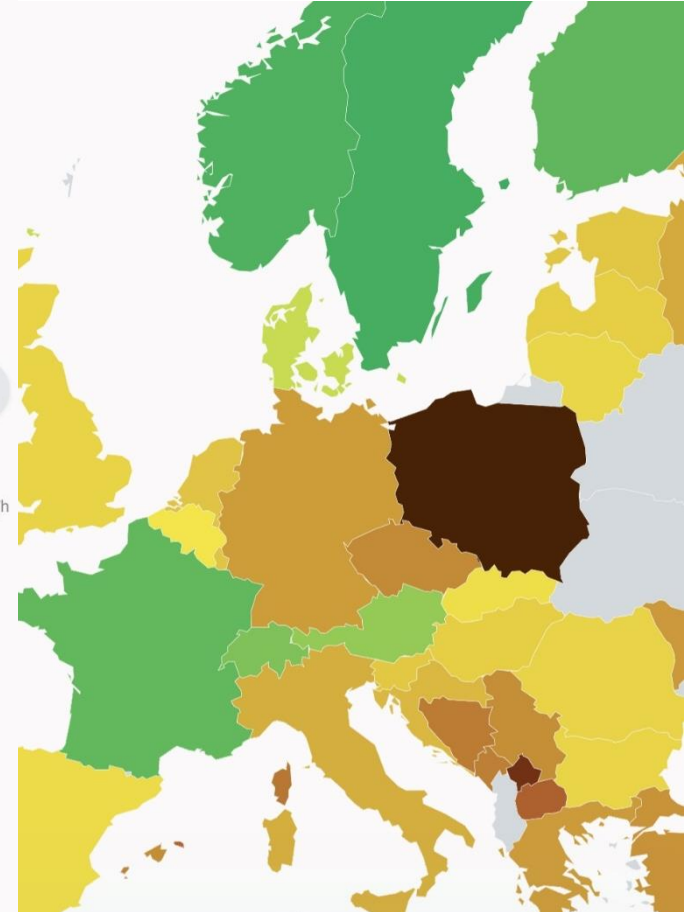
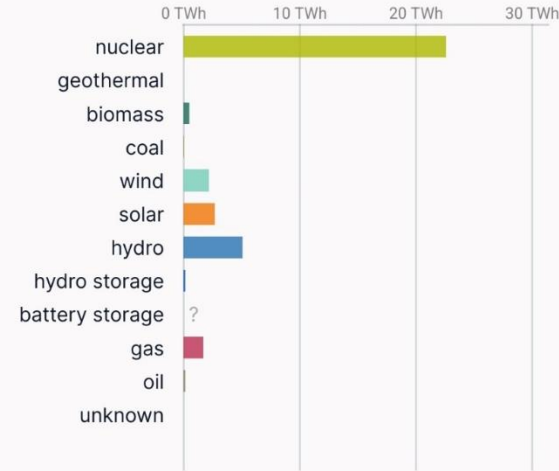
31%

Renewable

Electricity Consumption

Carbon Emissions

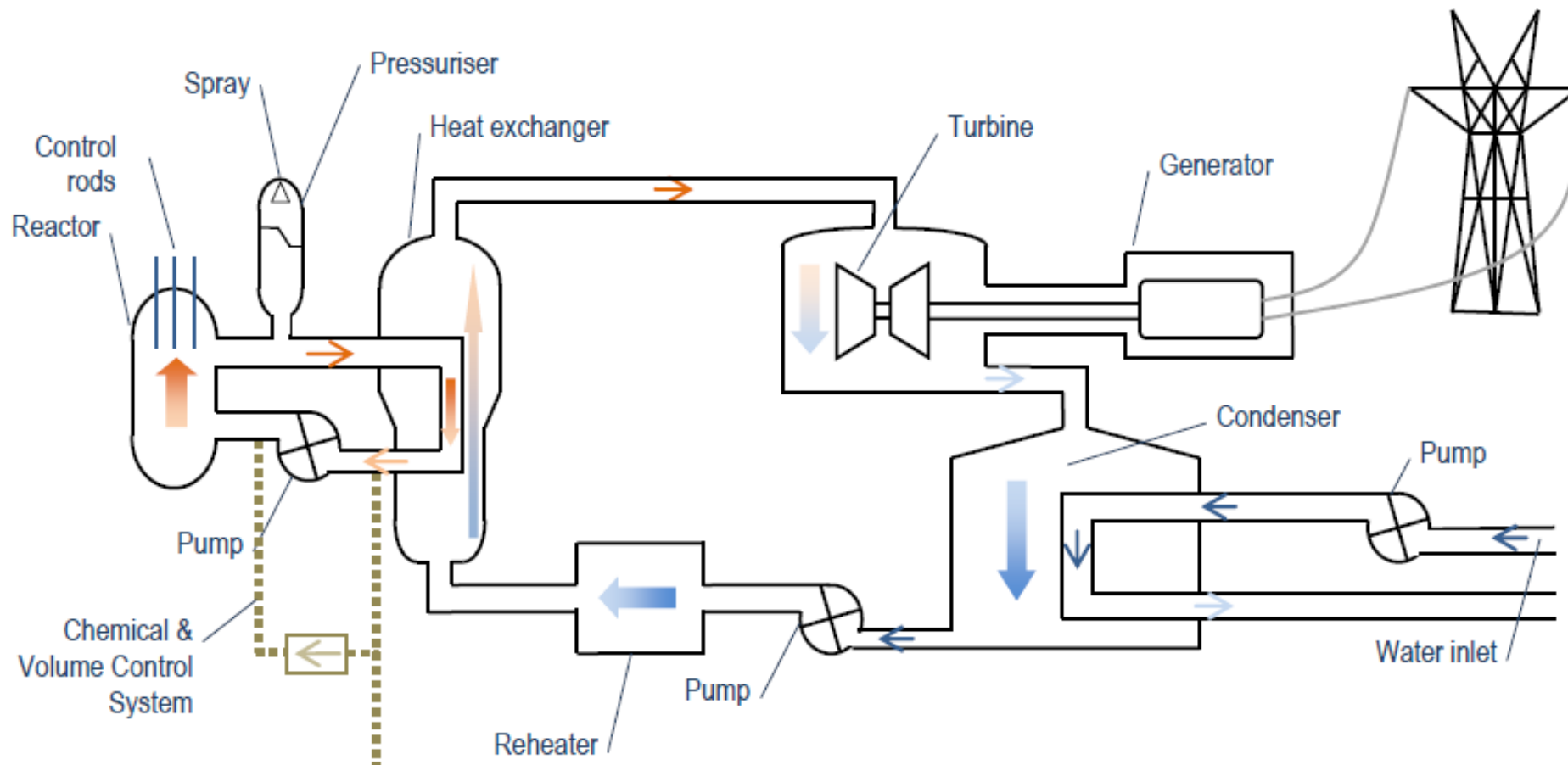
Total electricity consumption by source



Technical Aspects of Nuclear Power Plants



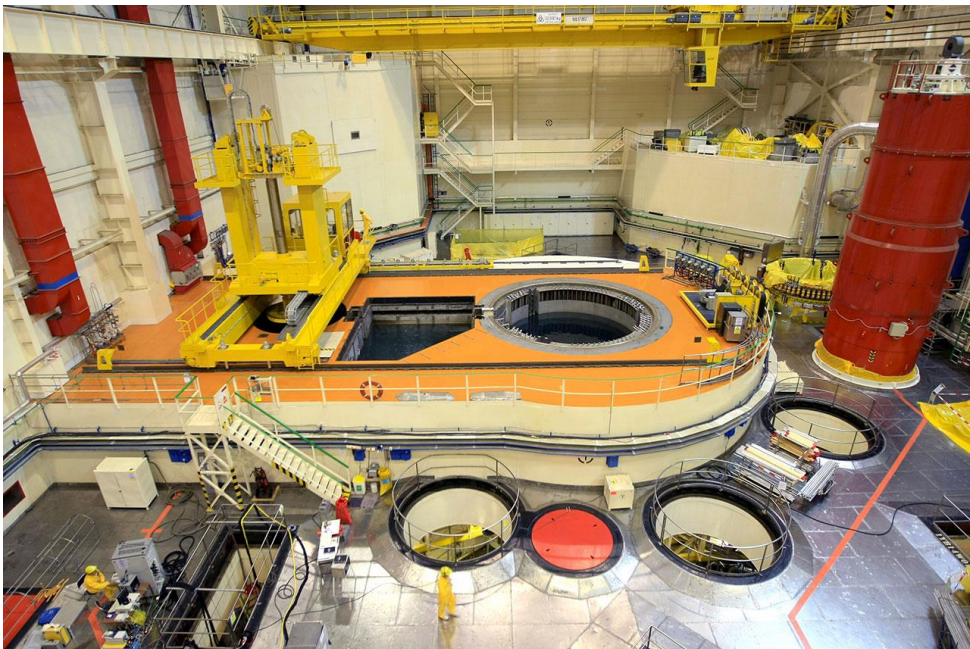
General Scheme of Nuclear Power Plants - PWR



Source:



Nuclear Island

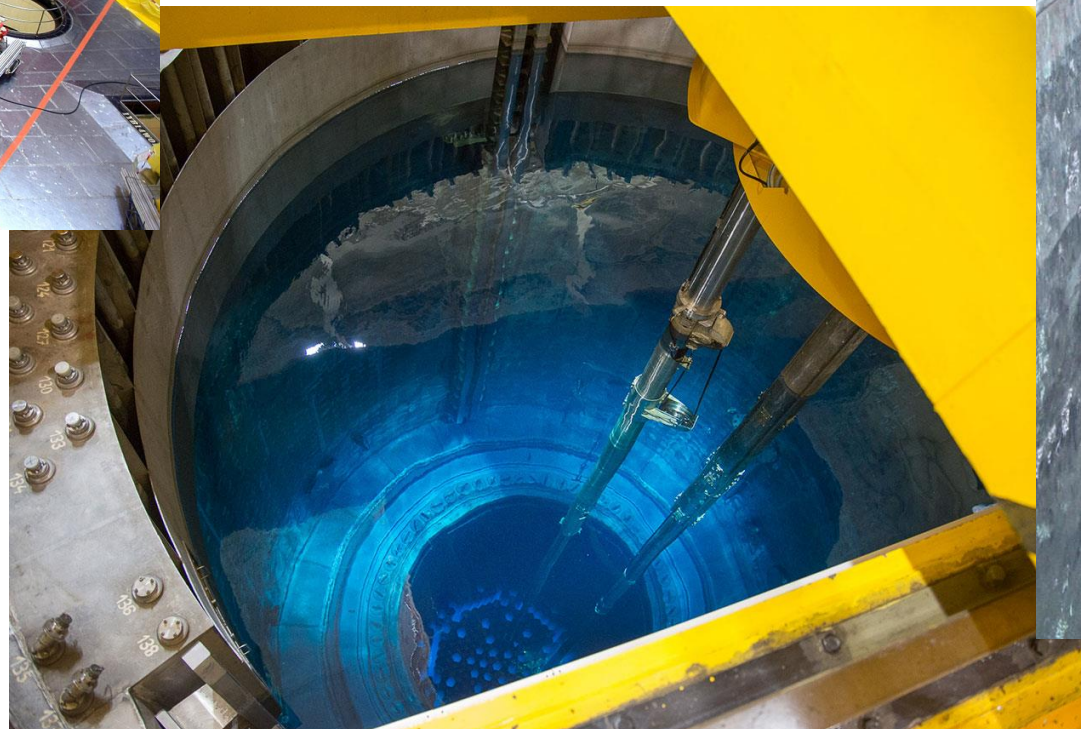


View of the open reactor and storage pool of the Dukovany power plant during shutdown for fuel replacement

The body of the pressure vessel with a height of 11 meters is a complex and precise steel colossus, with a stainless-steel coating on the inside



The arm of the loading machine moves fuel cartridges from the reactor to the storage pool / NPP Dukovany during shutdown

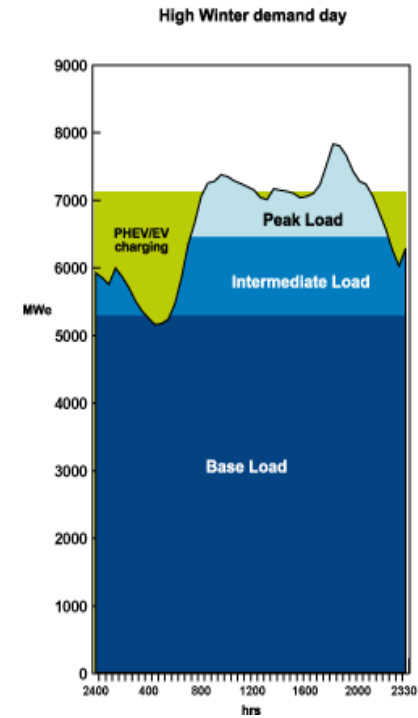
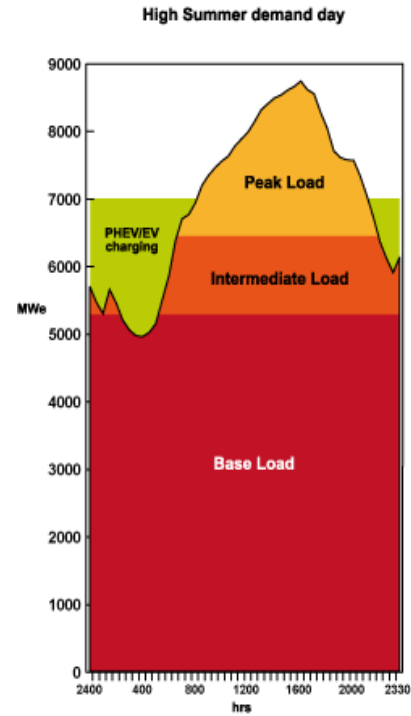
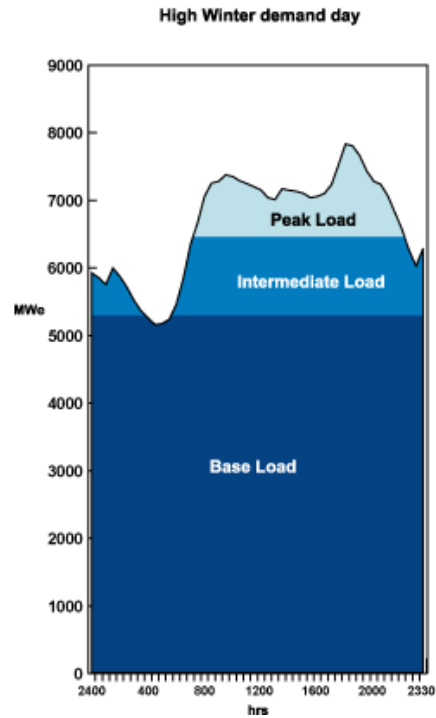
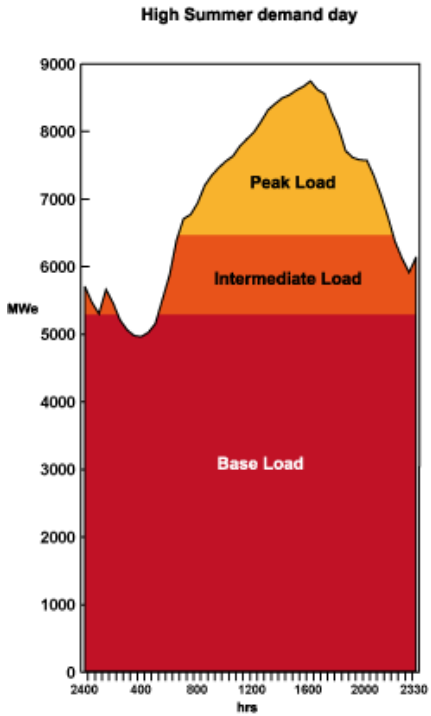


Nuclear Plants and Their Potential in Load Curves

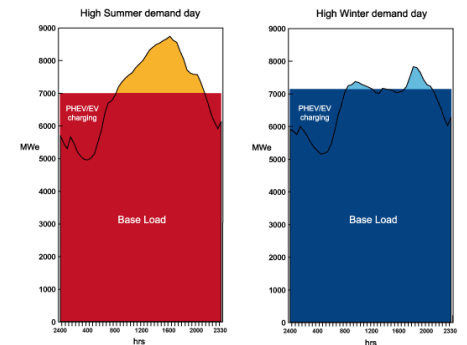


Load curves for Typical electricity grid

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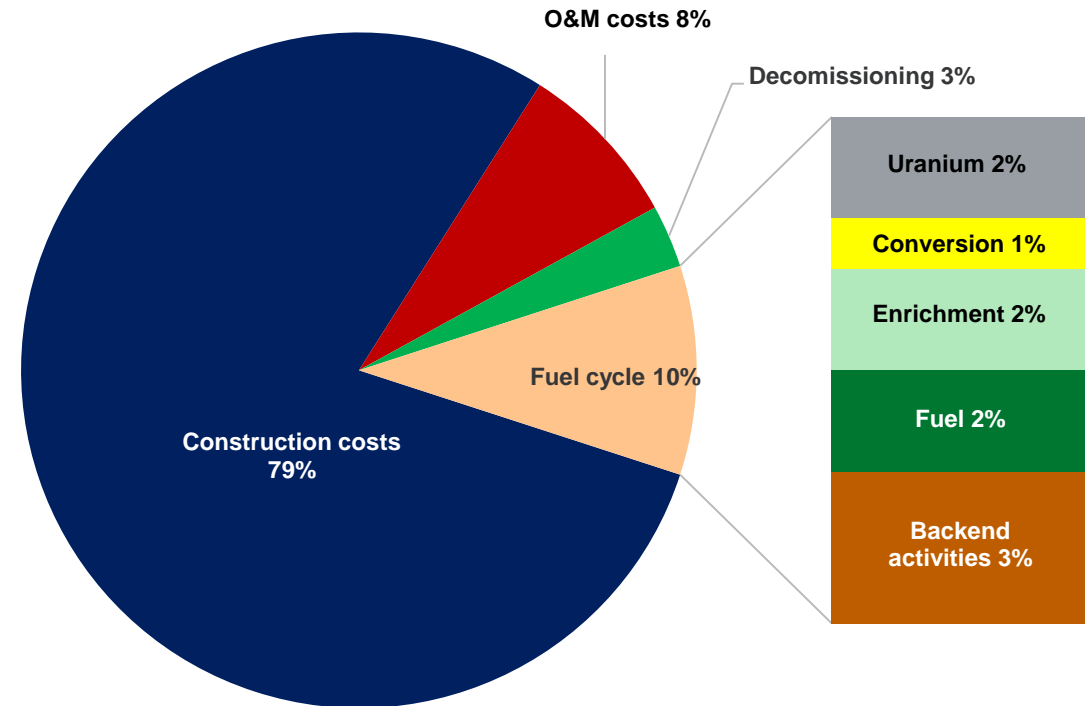
Economics of Nuclear Power



Economics of Nuclear Power Plants



- Capital costs (CAPEX)
 - Operating costs (OPEX)
 - External costs
 - Other costs
-
- LCOE – levelized cost of electricity
 - LDEGC – levelized discounted energy generation cost
-
- Overnight cost
 - Escalations
 - Discount rate
 - Interest rate



LCOE vs LDEGC



$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{\text{sum of costs over lifetime}}{\text{sum of electrical energy produced over lifetime}} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{I_t + M_t + F_t}{(1+r)^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^n \frac{E_t}{(1+r)^t}}$$

- I_t investment expenditures in the year t
- M_t operations and maintenance expenditures in the year t
- F_t fuel expenditures in the year t
- E_t electrical energy generated in the year t
- r discount rate
- n expected lifetime of system or power station

$$\text{LDEGC} = \frac{\text{PW(CAP)} + \text{PW(O\&M)} + \text{PW(FUEL)}}{\text{PW(ENERGY)}}$$

$$\text{PW} = E_{A/B} \sum_{t=T_R}^{T_E} \frac{C_{B_t}}{(1+e_{iB})^{t-T_R} (1+d_r)^{t-T_R}}$$

- PW present worth
- C_{B_t} cash requirement in currency B at time t
- e_{iB} general inflation rate for currency B
- d_r real discount rate
- T_E discount rate
- T_R reference date
- $E_{A/B}$ exchange rate to the reference currency A which is assumed to be known at time $t = T_R$

Discount Rate and LCOE



Projected nuclear LCOE costs for 'nth-of-a-kind' plants completed from 2025, \$/MWh

Source: OECD IEA & NEA, *Projected Costs of Generating Electricity, 2020 Edition*, Table 3.13a, assuming 85% capacity factor. In 2018 currency values.

Country	At 3% discount rate	At 7% discount rate	At 10% discount rate
France	45.3	71.1	96.9
Japan	61.2	86.7	112.1
South Korea	39.4	53.3	67.2
Slovakia	57.6	101.8	146.1
USA	43.9	71.3	98.6
China	49.9	66.0	82.1
Russia	27.4	42.0	56.6
India	48.2	66.0	83.9

OECD electricity generating costs for year 2025 onwards – 3% discount rate and 10% discount rates, \$/MWh

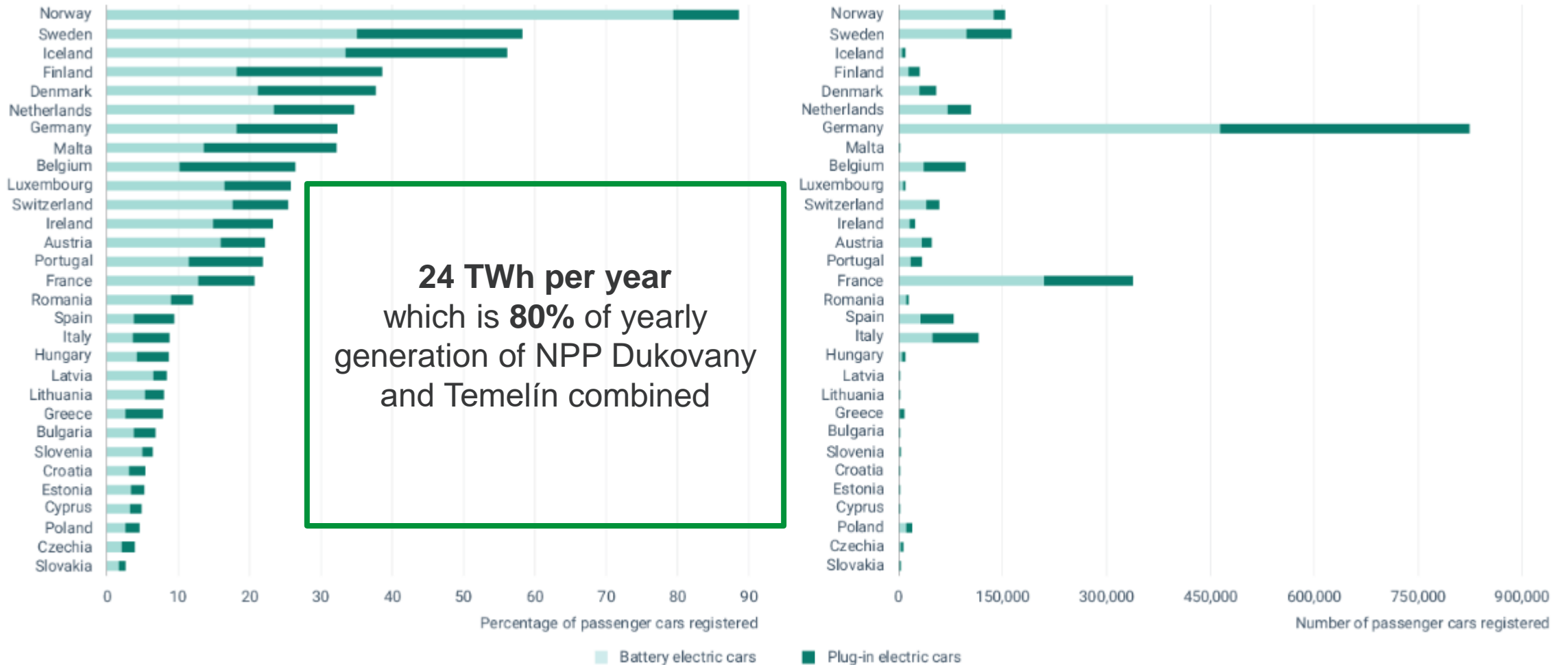
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Country (3%)	Nuclear	Coal	Gas CCGT	Country (10%)	Nuclear	Coal	Gas CCGT
France	45.3	-	-	France	96.9	-	-
Japan	61.2	87.6	87.6	Japan	112.1	111.3	97.1
Korea	39.4	69.8	83.0 - 91.0	Korea	67.2	81.0	90.2 - 100.4
Slovakia	57.6	-	-	Slovakia	146.1	-	-
USA	43.9	75.1 - 96.3	40.7	USA	98.6	100.2 - 148.8	48.9
China	49.9	70.6	81.5	China	82.1	78.5	86.3
Russia	27.4	-	-	Russia	56.6	-	-
India	48.2	64.7 - 94.6	-	India	83.9	76.0 - 105.5	-

Increase in Electromobility



Shares of electric vehicles registered in 2022



Conclusions



Position of the Market

- Support schemes to be notified
- Two-way CfD
- NPP and RES are different types of sources with their own specifics

Advantages of Nuclear Power

- Energy density and efficiency
- Stability & reliability
- Carbon-neutral energy
- Safety

All successfully commissioned nuclear power plants in the world have fully covered their costs. No NPP was closed because of economy of their operation.

MOTTO

RES and NPP are not antagonistic but rather complementary. Effective way how to reach carbon neutrality is to employ both types of sources

Thank you for your attention...

