



# “Solar Thermal In The Future Energy Mix: The European Case”

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What will the future energy mix look like...  
in 2050?

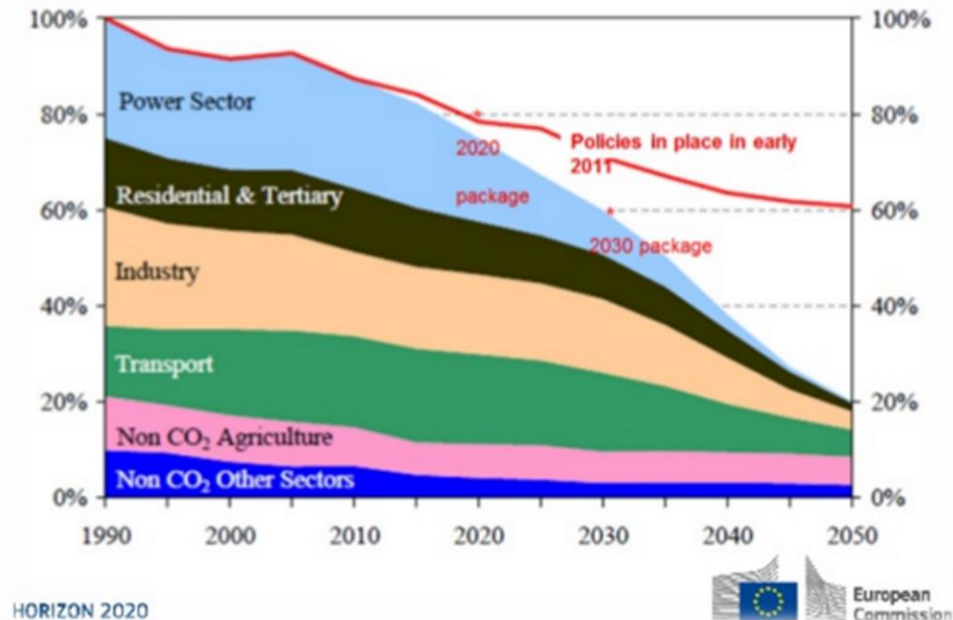
We don't know!

But we know trends...



## ■ Decarbonisation

### EU CO<sub>2</sub> reduction until 2050 by sector





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## Trends for 2050

- Decarbonisation
- **Decentralisation**

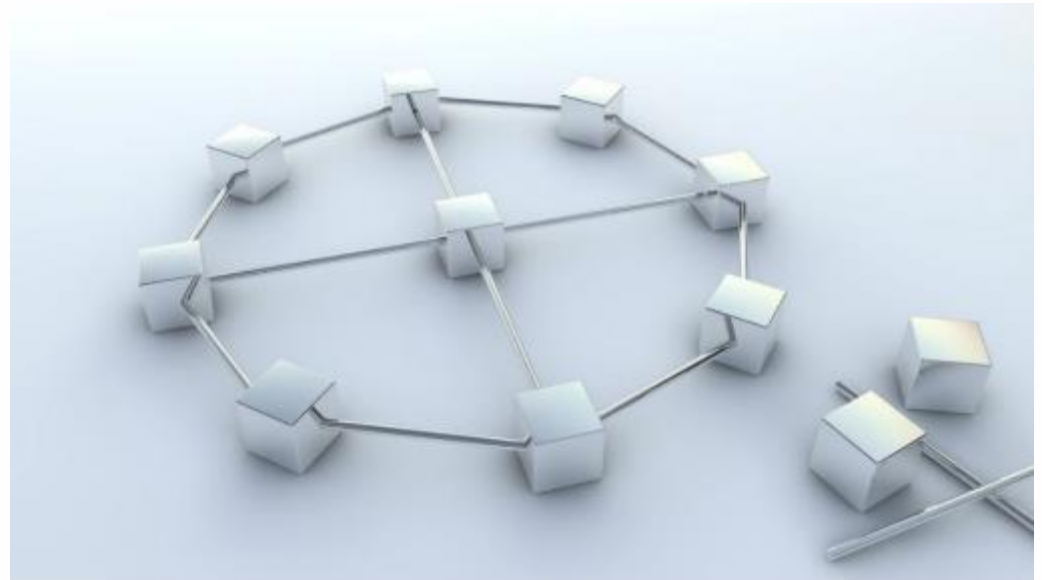


Figure: Procurious



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## Trends for 2050

- Decarbonisation
- Decentralisation
- **Smartness**



Figure: EC, Smart Cities and Communities



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Heating

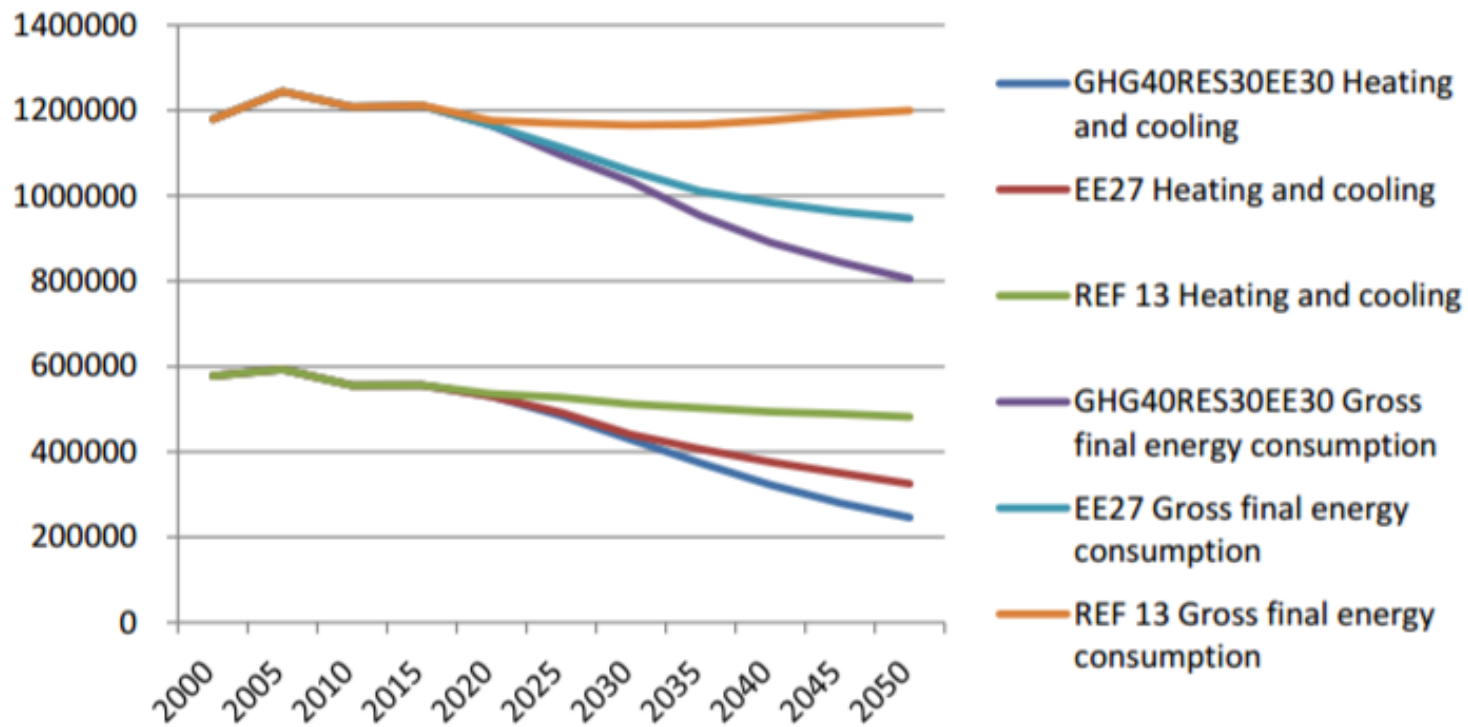
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Cooling



# Future of Heating and Cooling

## ■ Demand reduction





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# Future of Heating and Cooling

- Building integration







# Future of Heating and Cooling

- Hybrid solutions
  - Technologies
    - Ex: PVT
    - Ex: HP&ST
  - Sources
    - RES-H&C
    - RES-E

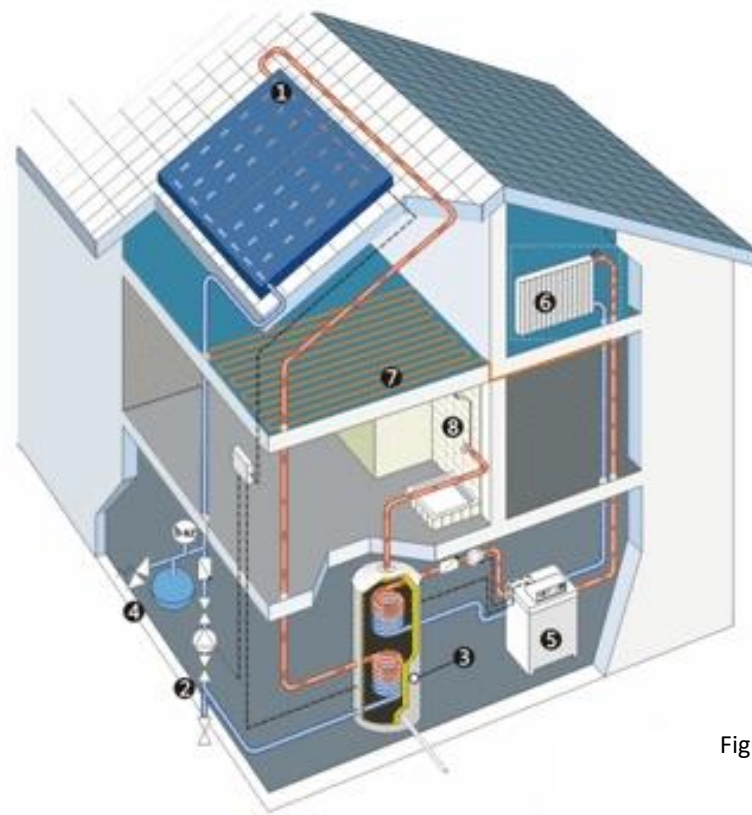


Figure: Homestead



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# Future of Heating and Cooling

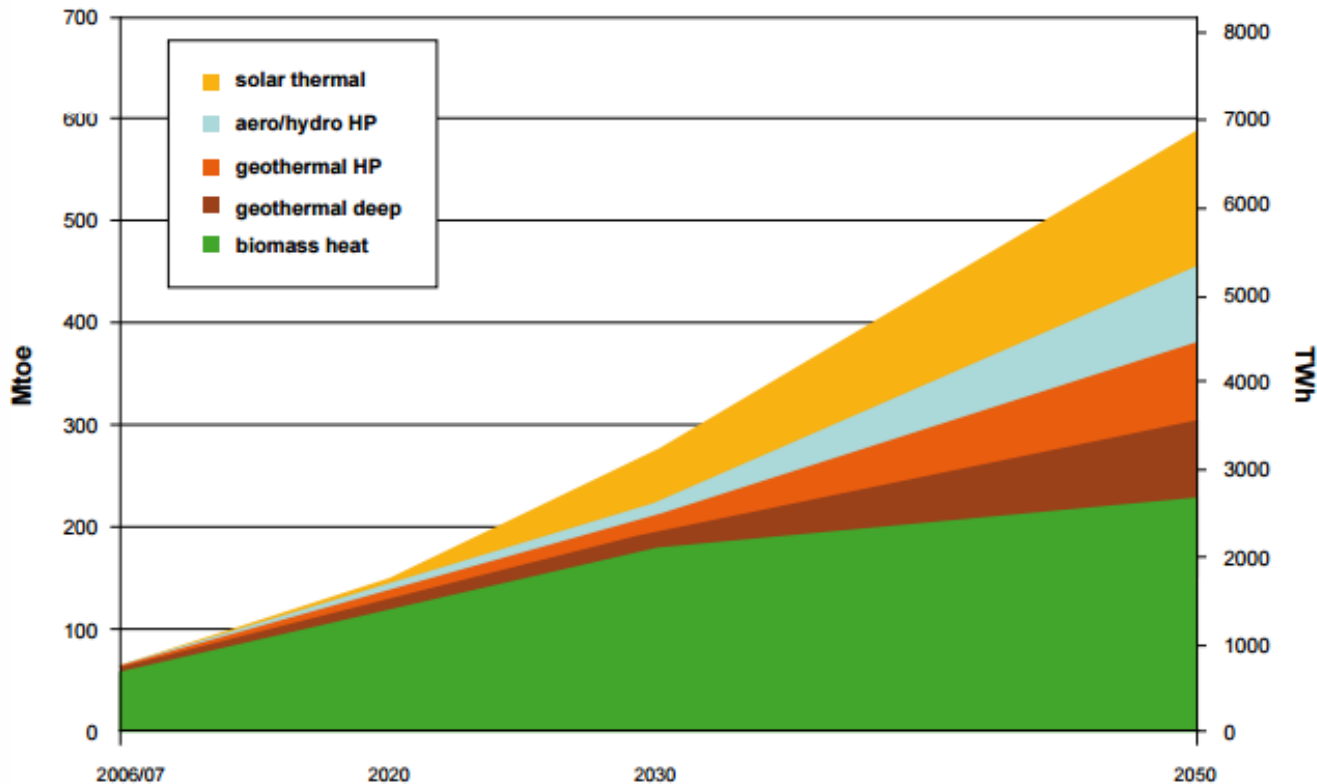
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- Building integration
- Hybrid solutions



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# Pathway to RES Heating and Cooling

## Renewable heating: Technological potential



From a technological point of view, by 2030 renewable heating and cooling technologies could supply over half of the heat used in Europe.

By 2050, RHC could be able to satisfy 100% of the European heating demand (biomass: 231 Mtoe, geothermal: 150 Mtoe, solar thermal: 133 Mtoe, heat pumps: 75 Mtoe).

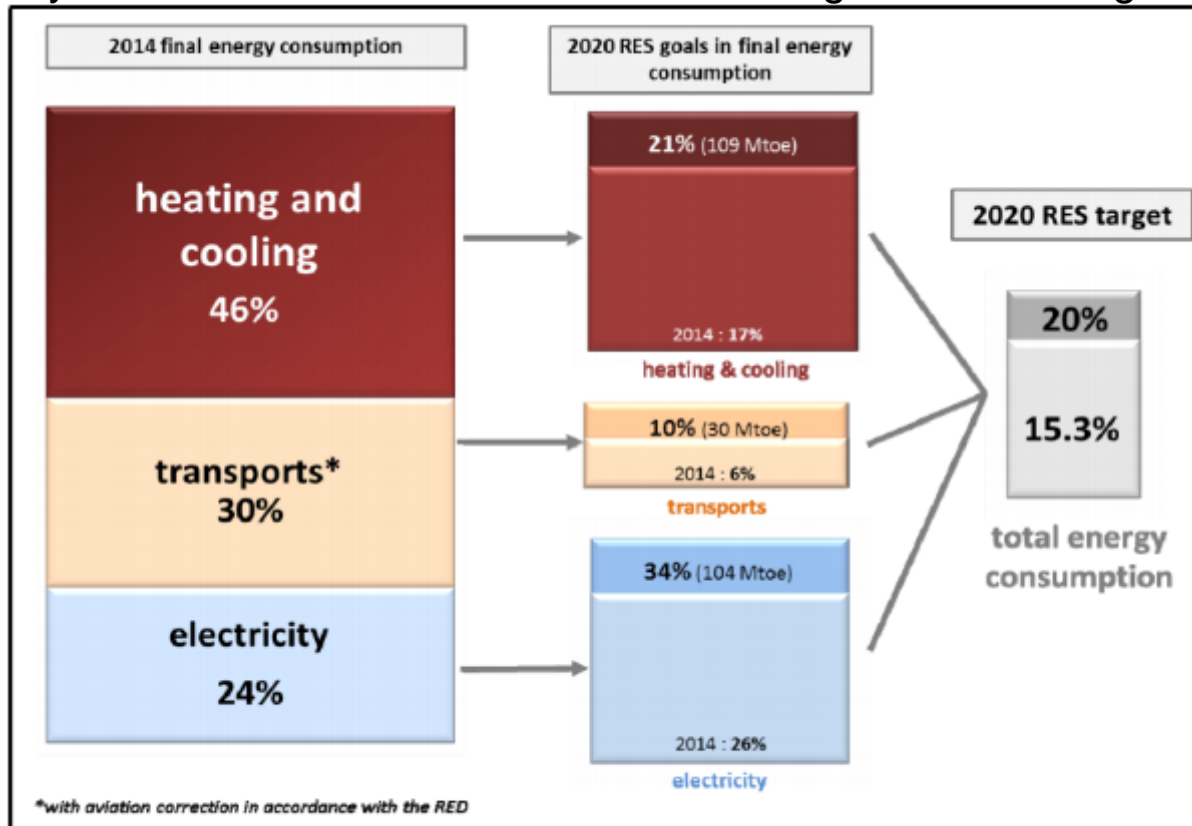
Source: RHC Technology Platform

**RHC** Renewable  
Heating & Cooling  
European Technology Platform



# Pathway to RES Heating and Cooling

Final Energy consumption in Europe:  
by sector with renewable share in 2014 against 2020 targets



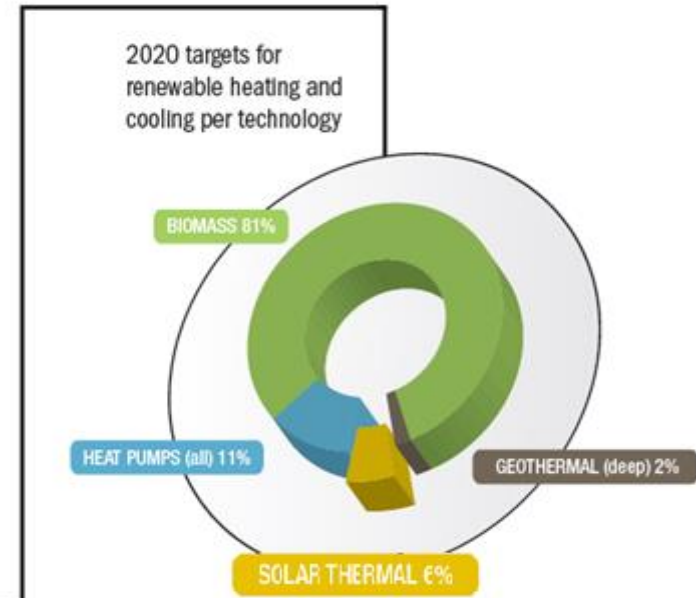
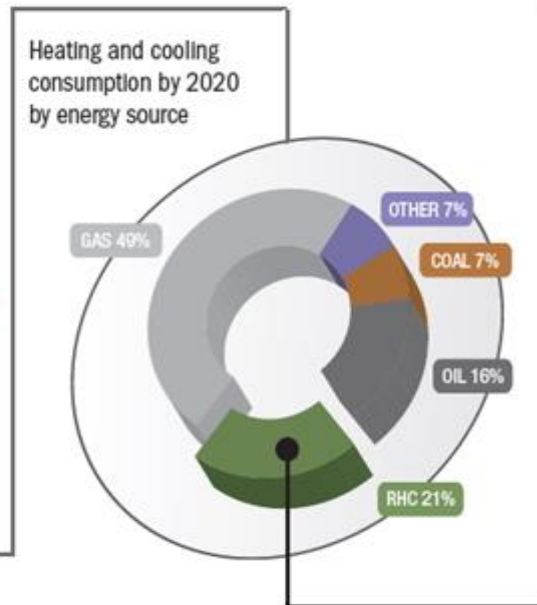
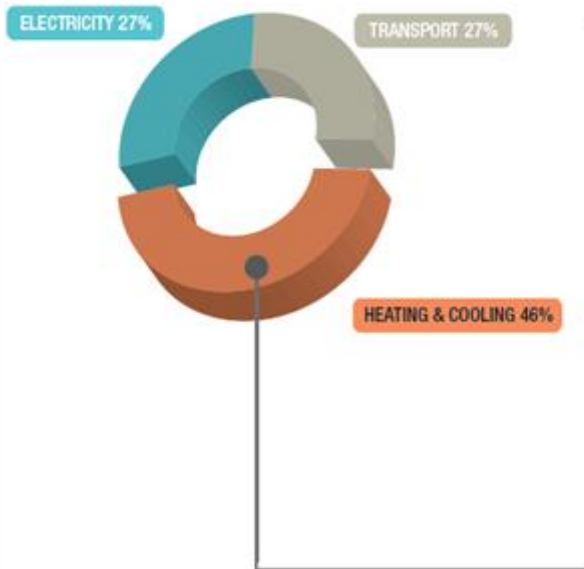
Source: European Commission, based on Eurostat calculation. 2014 data are model based estimates.



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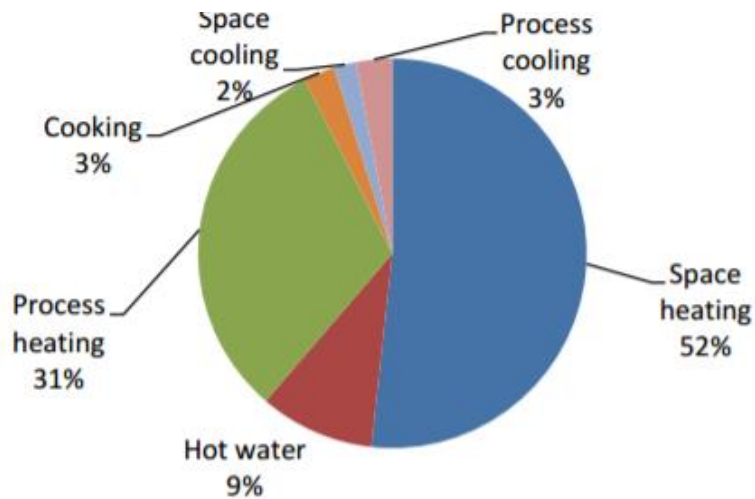
Energy Consumption by 2020  
(final energy demand)



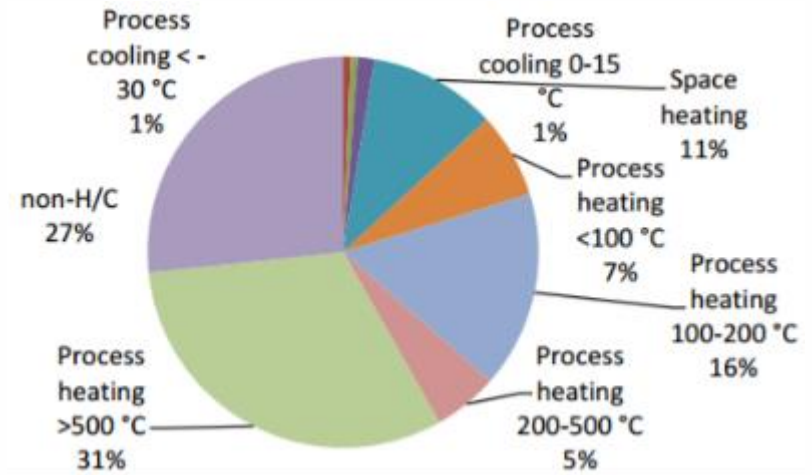


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Heating and cooling end-uses in 2012 (Mtoe, %)



EU28 final energy consumption in industry per end-use (2012)

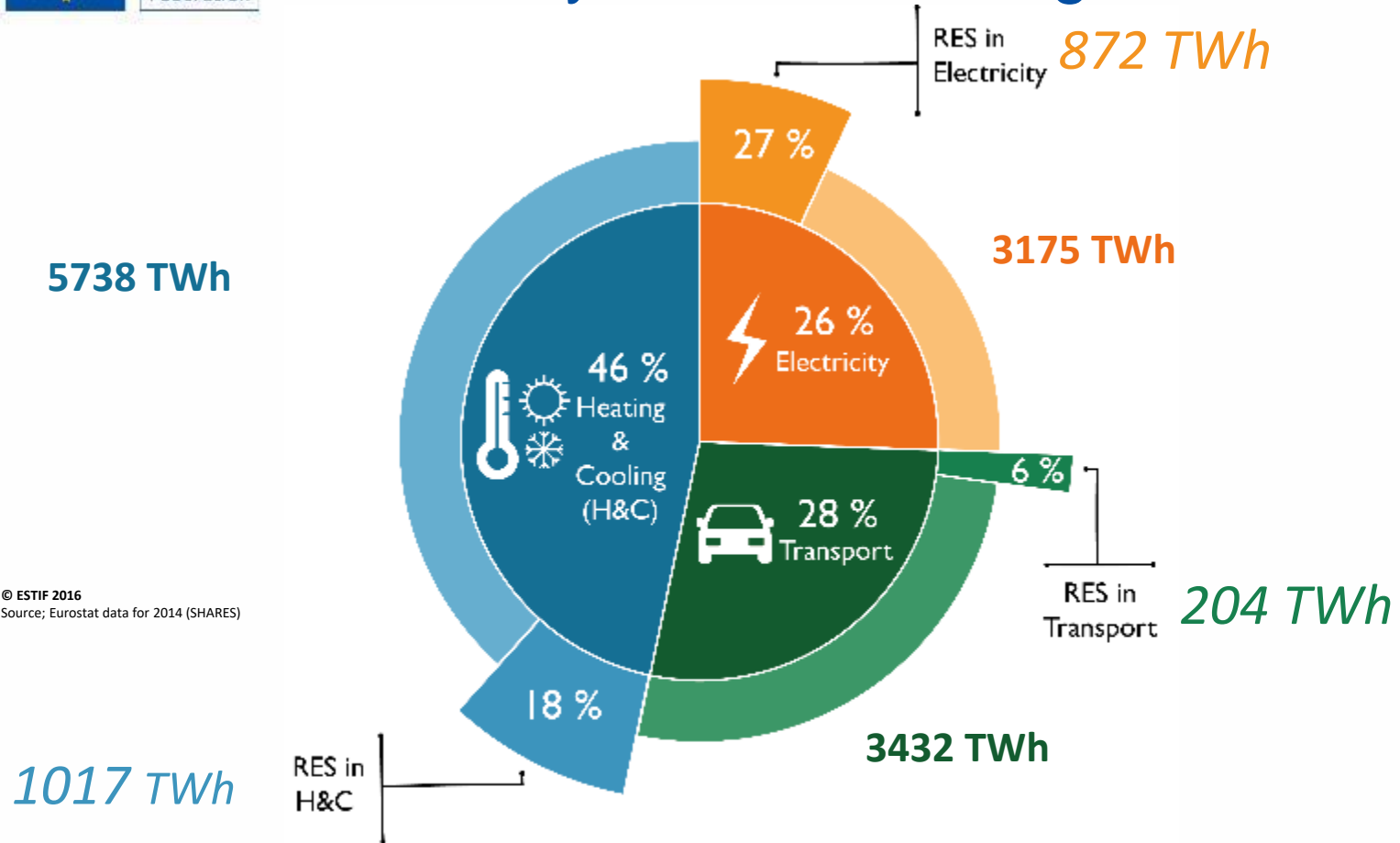


Source: European Commission, EUSHC



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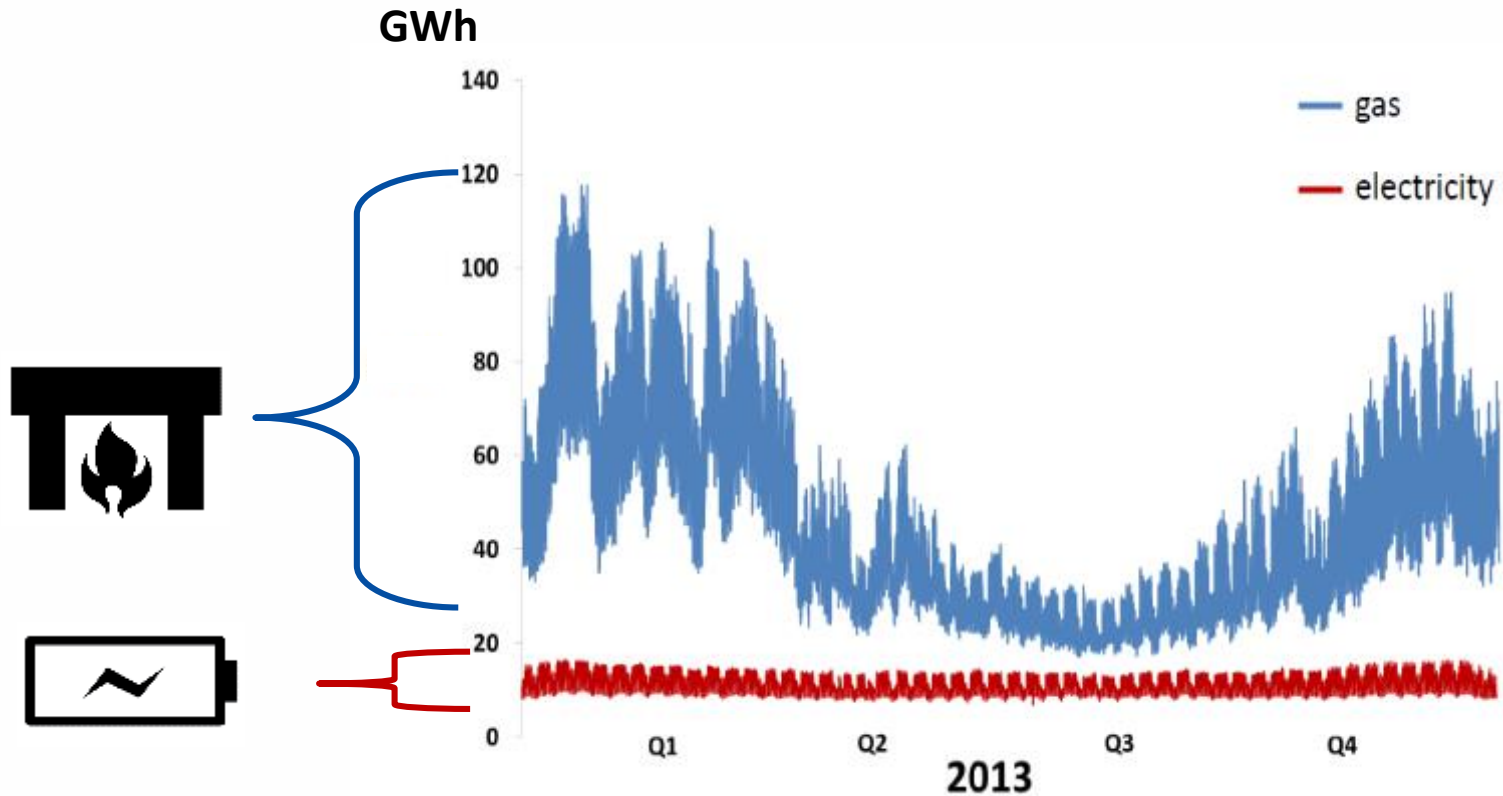
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Source: Eurostat data for 2014 (SHARES)

EU28 Sector's shares on total generation (inner ring) & RES shares for each sector (outer) for 2014



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Annual fluctuation of gas/electricity demand, The Netherlands, 2013. Source: GasNaturally.





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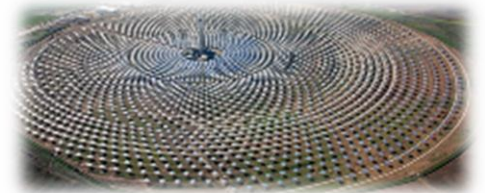
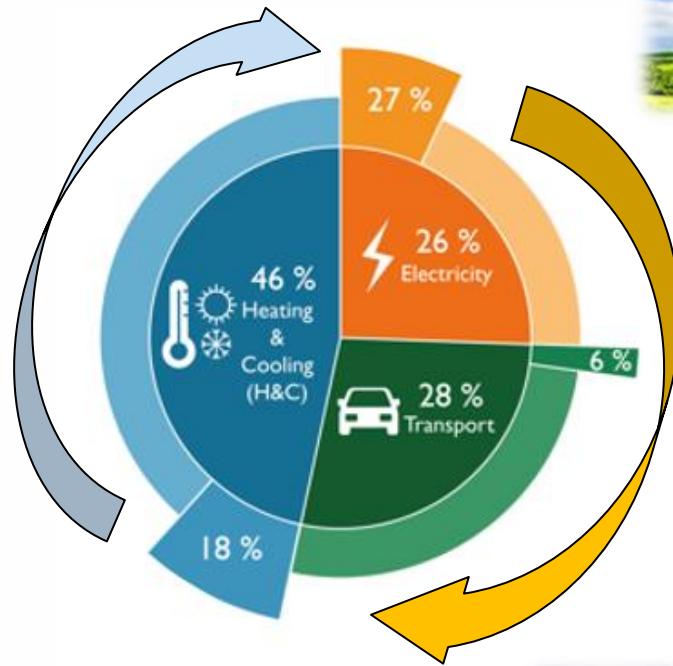


Figure: Buzzle



Figure: Wonderlist



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# Solar thermal in the future energy mix





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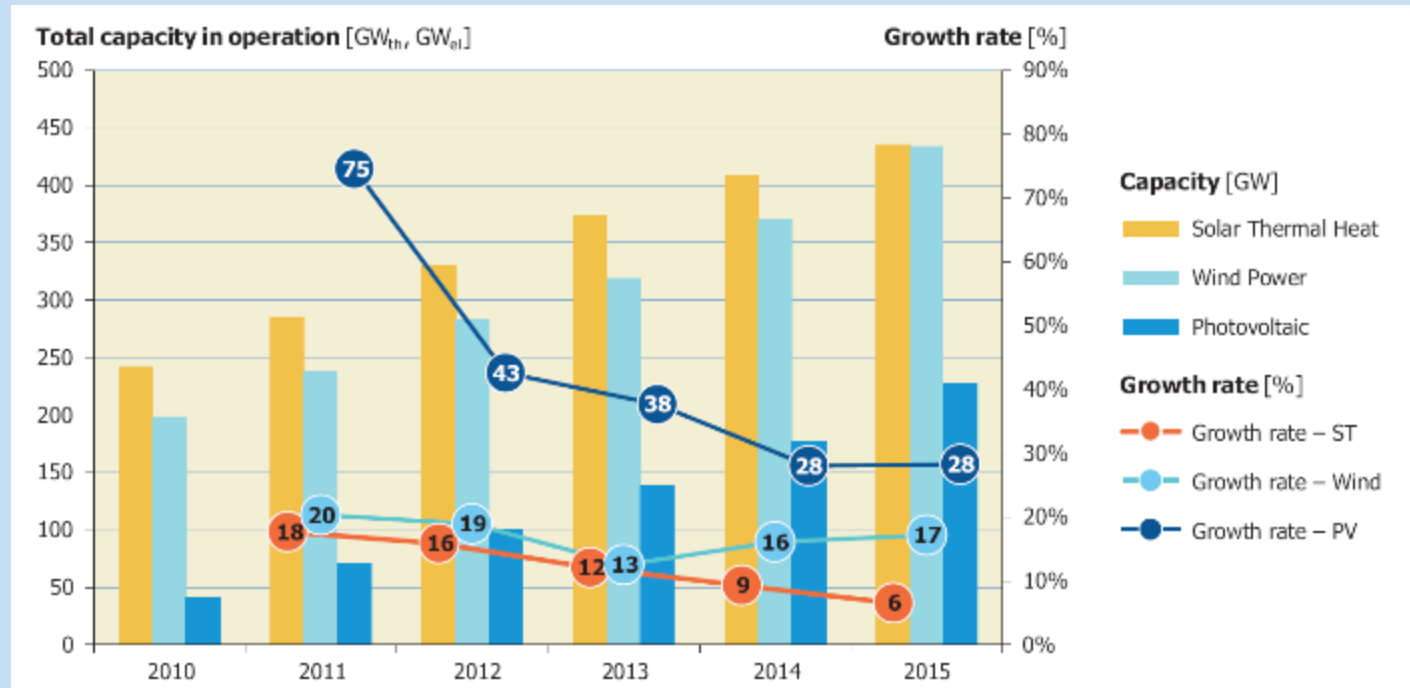
Solar thermal 8% of modern renewable heat output

Large-scale solar systems in district heating networks

Markets expanded for solar process heat in industry

Leading modern renewable energy technology in terms of cumulated installed capacity, next to wind, behind hydro

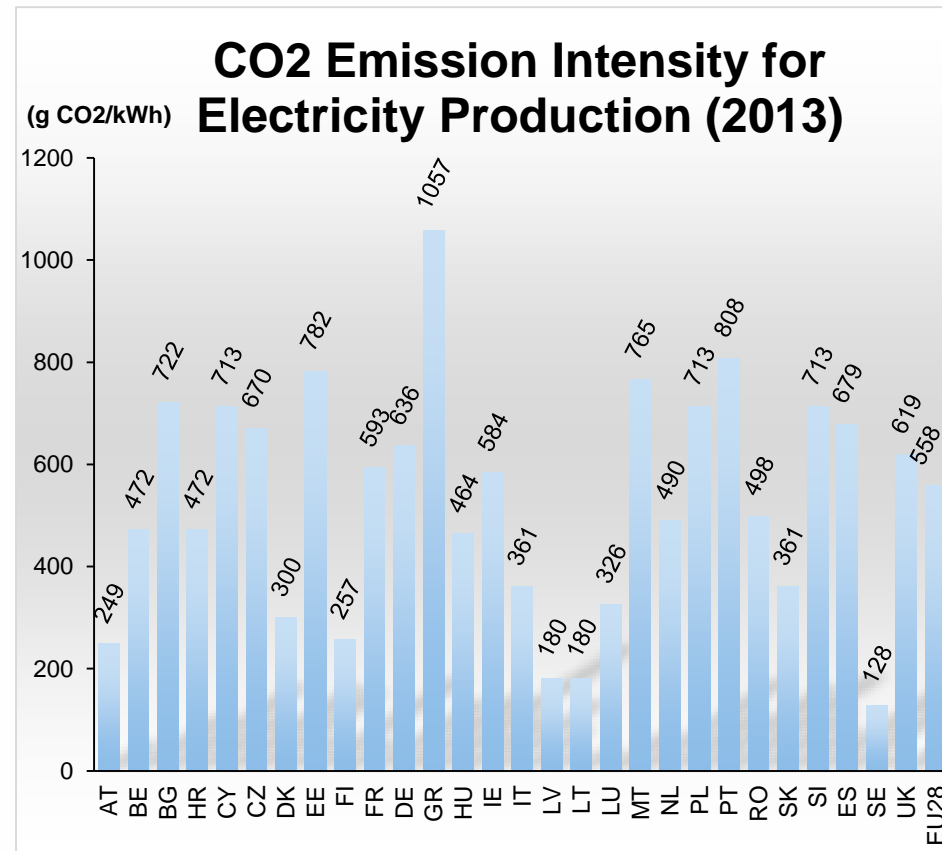
435 GWth  
(622 mio m<sup>2</sup>)  
of solar  
thermal  
installed  
capacity





# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

- Decarbonisation
  - Residual power
  - No emissions
  - Good life-cycle impact





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# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

- Decentralised
  - Good energy density
  - Low foot-print
  - Scalable



Figure: SOLID



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# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

## ■ Smartness

- Improvements in:
  - Heat metering
  - Function & yield control
  - Plug-and-Flow
  - Interconnectivity

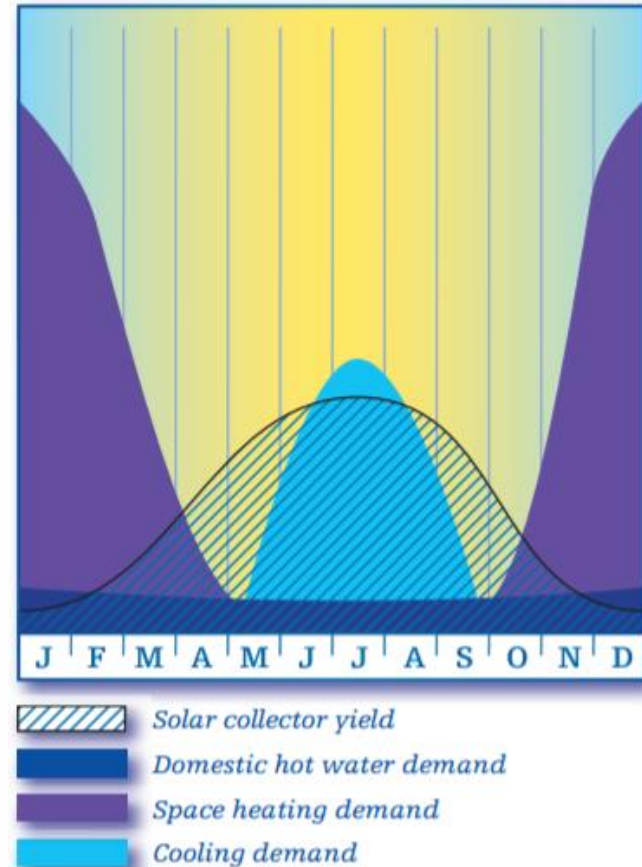


Figure: Resol



# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

- Demand reduction
  - Positive for solar thermal
  - Lower variations in load
  - Water heating needs remain





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# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

- Building integration
  - Already existing for
    - New built
    - Large renovation
  - Pre-fabricated façades



Figures: AEE Intec





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## ■ Hybrid solutions

- Already combined with other solutions
- Improvements expected in:
  - heat storage
  - PVT



Figure: Rheem

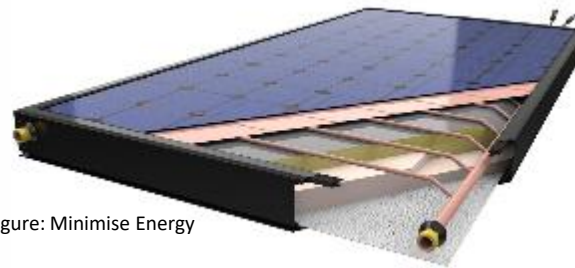


Figure: Minimise Energy



Figure: Sonnenkraft

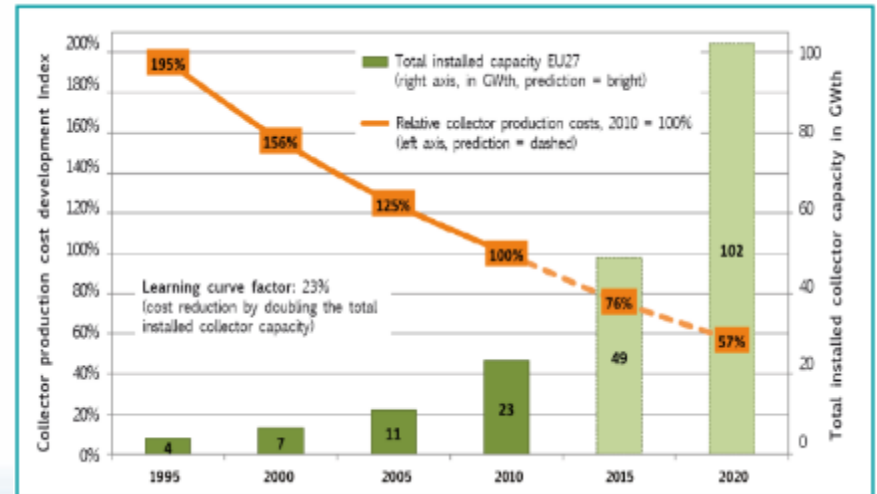
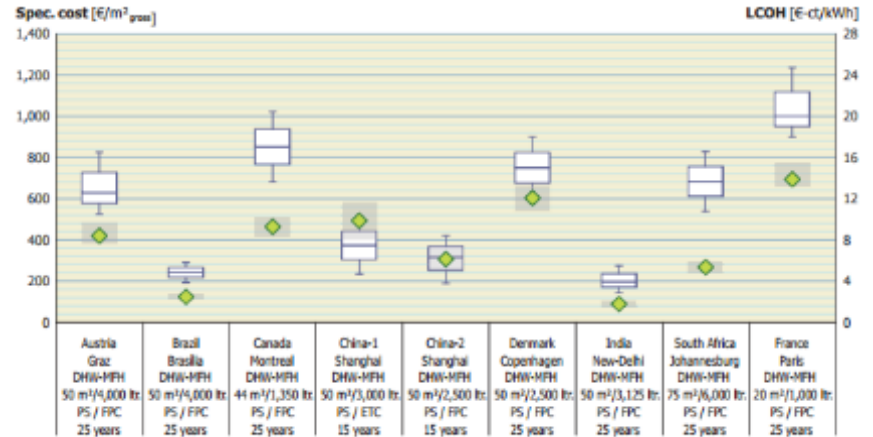


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# Solar thermal in the future energy mix

## Competitiveness

- Several solutions with low LCoH
- Part of best cost-optimal solutions (ex: Germany)
- Learning curve factor of 23%
- High local economic impact





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- Decarbonisation
- Decentralisation
- Smartness
- Demand reduction
- Building integration
- Hybrid solutions
- Competitiveness



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