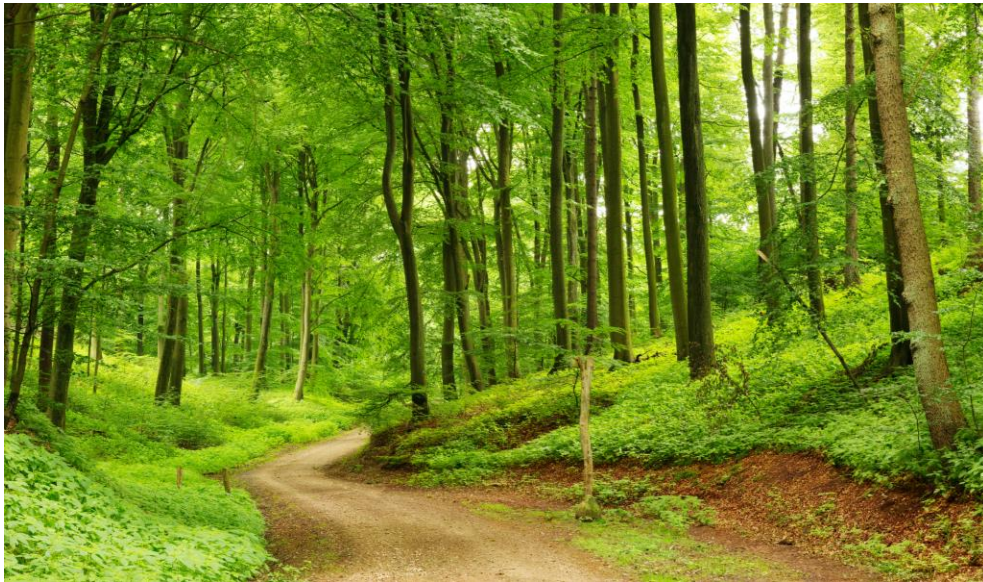




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## Options for net negative GHG emissions with biomass combustion

- modelling full-scale implementation of CCUS at large wood chip fueled CHP plant in Denmark

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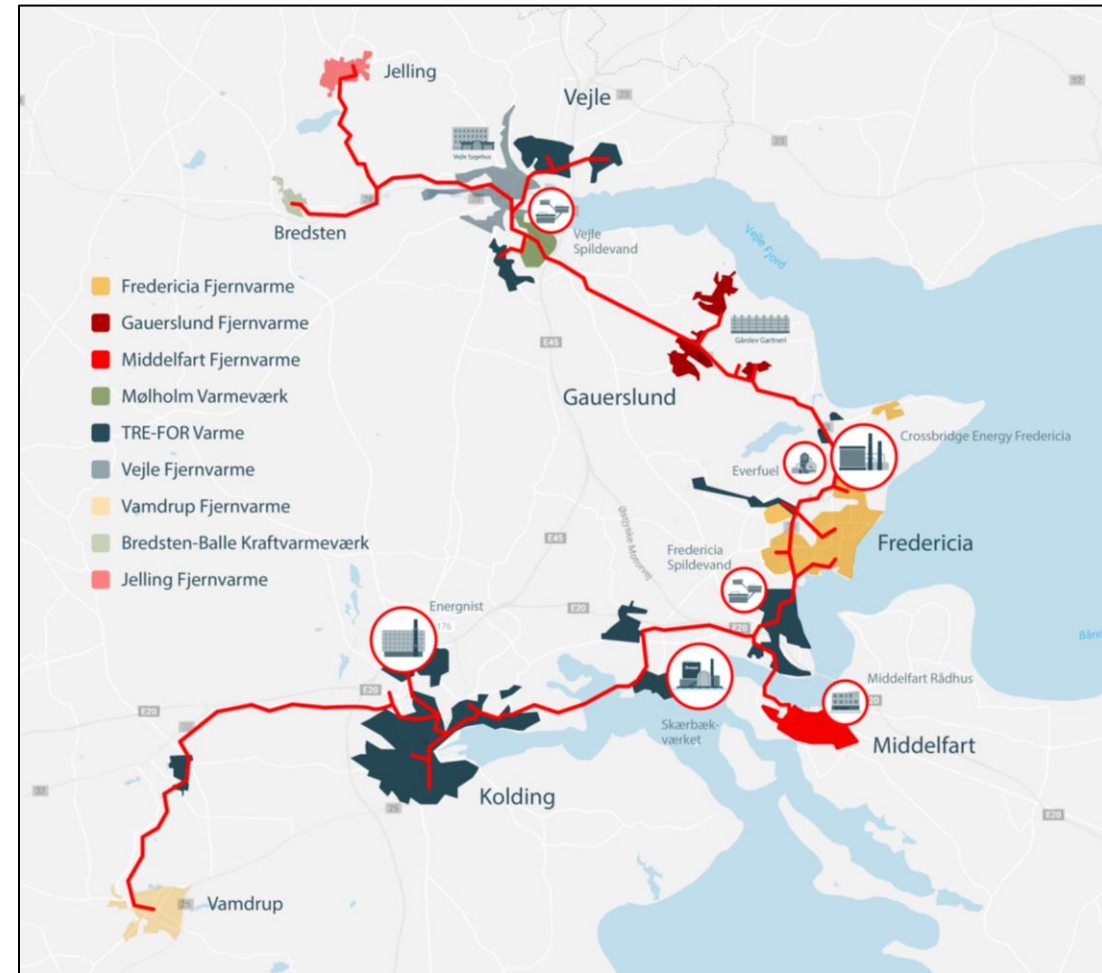
# The Skærbæk CHP plant

- The Skærbæk CHP plants is located in the Western part of Denmark
- Owned and operated by Ørsted
- The first production was established in 1951 and was based on coal
- Today the plant's production consists of:
  - A natural gas CHP plant from 1997 with an electrical capacity of 392 MW
  - Two wood chip fired boilers with flue gas condensation from 2017. Provides steam for the same turbine as the natural gas boiler
  - Heat storage tank - 25,000 m<sup>3</sup> water
- The plant uses app. 550,000 tonnes of wood chips per year



# The TVIS district heating system

- The district heating system of TVIS is one of the largest in Denmark
  - 139 km transmission grid
- It delivers heat to Kolding, Middelfart, Frederica, Vejle, and smaller towns
- The main production units are
  - The Skærbæk CHP plant - biomass and natural gas
  - Surplus heat from the Crossbridge refinery
  - The waste combustion plant in Kolding (two separate units)
  - Some smaller local production units
  - Gas and oil boilers for peak load and reserve
- Annual heat production is 6.6 PJ (2022)
  - 50% biomass, 25% waste, 25% surplus heat



# Why CC(U)S on Skærbæk?

- The CHP plant provides green CO<sub>2</sub> that can be utilised to deliver negative emissions (CCS) or input for green fuel (CCU)
- As base load in the district heating system the biomass boiler has a high number of operating hours that can improve the economy of carbon capture and storage and/or usage
- The plant is close to possible off takers and infrastructure: possible hydrogen backbone, local industry and port facilities for shipping of CO<sub>2</sub> or green fuels
- There is a large district heating network that can utilise surplus heat from the plant, carbon capture and fuel production
- And, the framework conditions support BECCUS in Denmark
  - A new public tender indicates a value corresponding to EUR 100/ton CO<sub>2</sub>

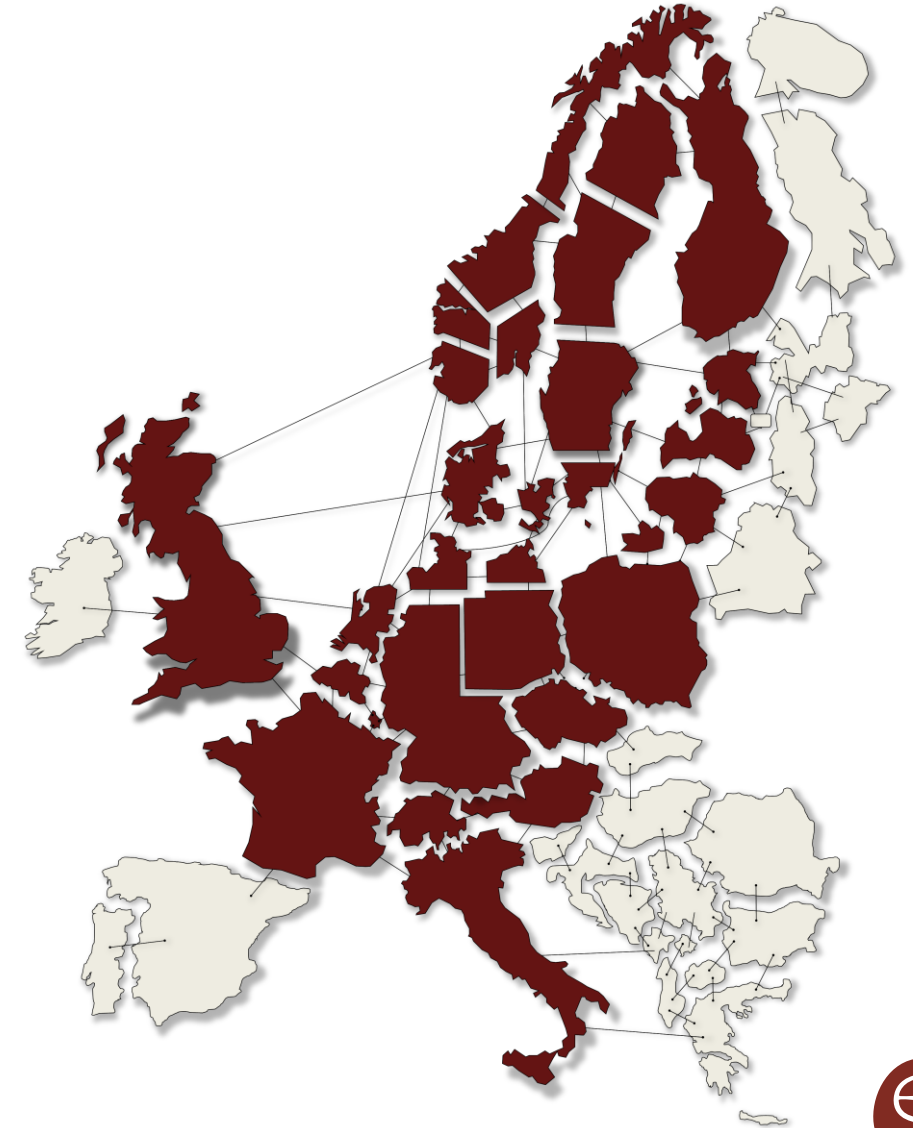


Illustration from European Hydrogen Backbone of possible hydrogen infrastructure



# Everything combined in one energy system model

- The energy system model Balmorel is applied
- The North European power system is modelled to provide the power price as an important input to optimising the CHP plant including CCUS
- Heat consumption, production units and network constraints in the TVIS district heating system are modelled in detail including off take of heat production from the plant
- Details of the CHP plants and the CCUS-process are modelled in a special extension to Balmorel, the OptiFlow module, that also allows for modelling of mass balances and more detailed energy conversion processes



# Three scenarios simulated in the year 2035

## BAU scenario

- Business as usual scenario representing how the plant would operate in 2035 without CCUS

## CCS scenarios

- **Fixed** - 4,500 full load hours operation of the wood chip boilers resembling an agreement of a fixed offtake of CO<sub>2</sub>
- **Market** - optimised capture and sale of CO<sub>2</sub> with an assumed market price of 133 EUR/ton CO<sub>2</sub>

## CCUS scenario

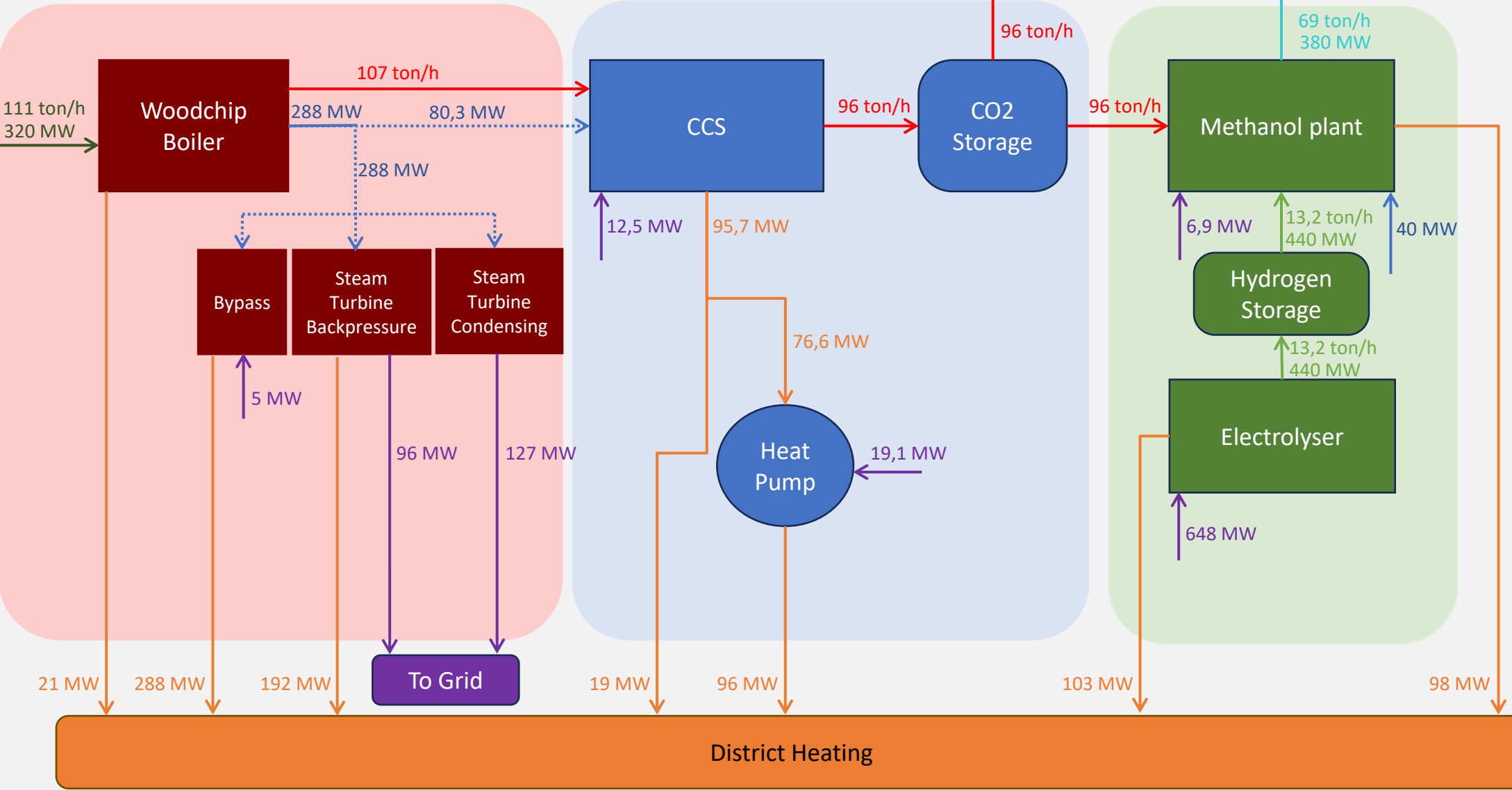
- Assuming 4,500 full load hours for methanol plant with 380 MW fuel output capacity resembling an agreement of a fixed offtake of methanol
- No market for green methanol yet established - thus no market price scenario

Scenarios and input data set up by Ea Energy Analyses in dialogue with TVIS and Ørsted. All data is based on publicly available sources

# Skærbæk Plant

# CCS Facility

# Power-to-Methanol



## Legend

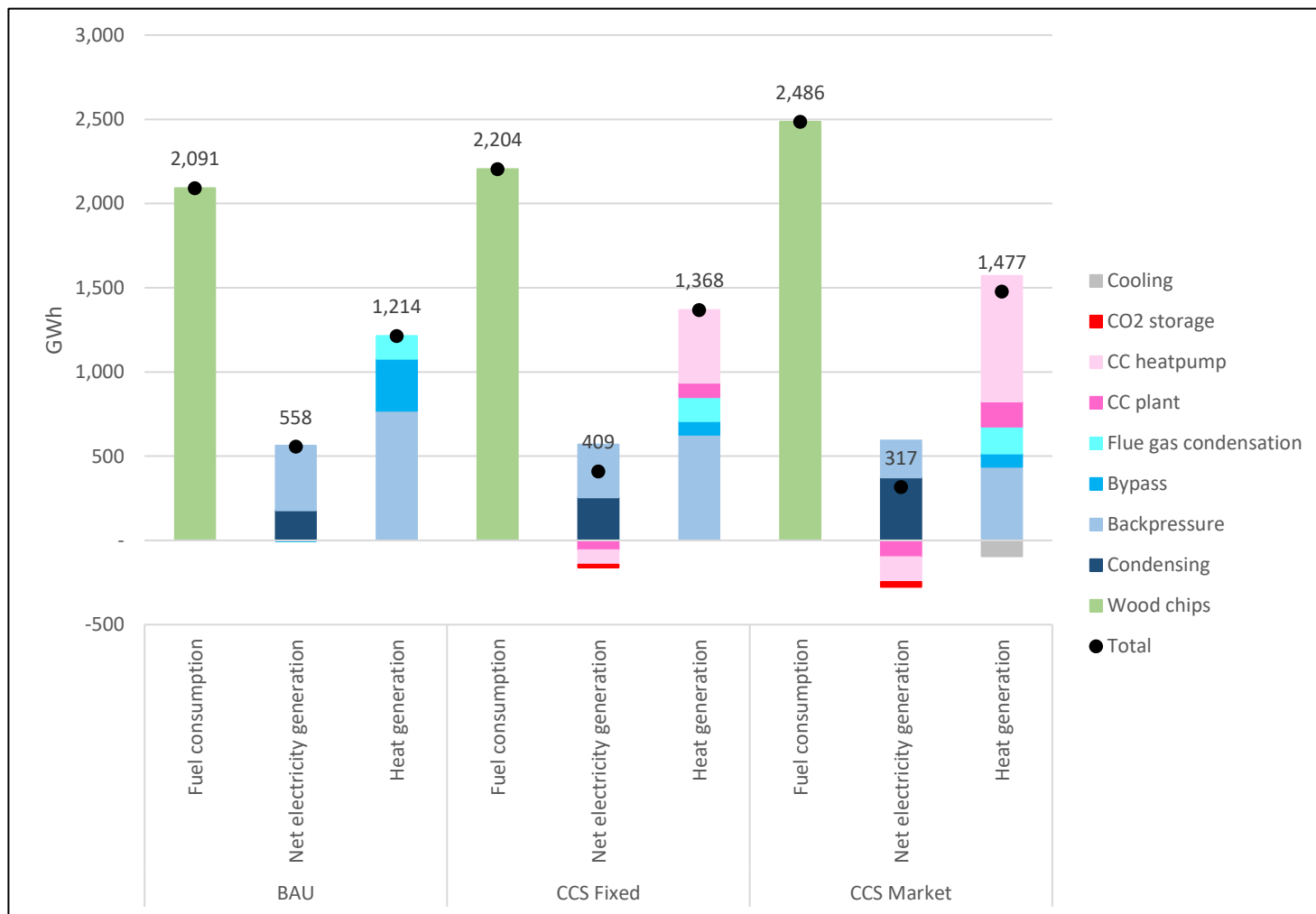
- Woodchips → (Green arrow)
- Heat → (Orange arrow)
- Hydrogen → (Light Green arrow)
- Electricity → (Purple arrow)
- Steam → (Blue arrow)
- CO<sub>2</sub> → (Red arrow)
- Methanol → (Cyan arrow)

Data about the plant and technologies is based on public sources

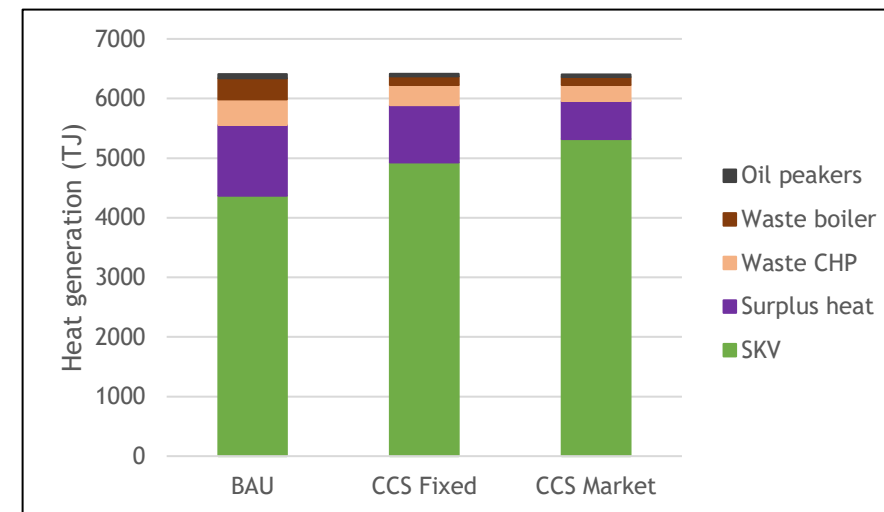
**NB:** A dashed arrow means the mass flow can have multiple options.



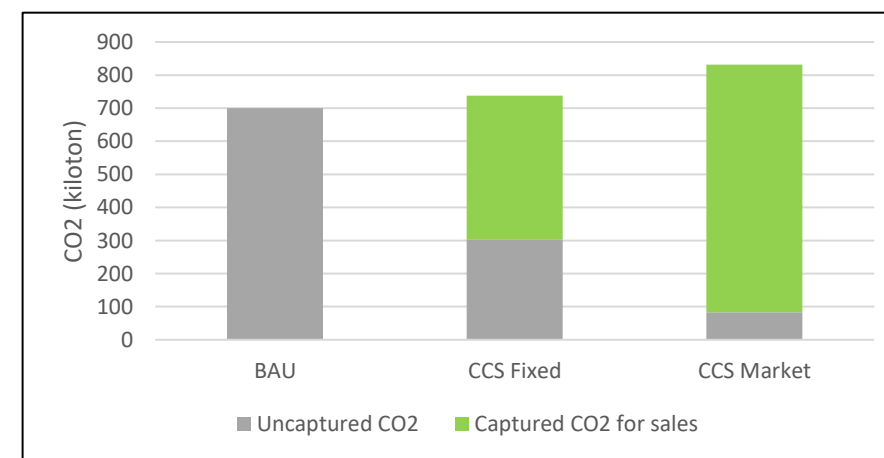
# Impact of CCS on the operation of Skærbæk CHP



Annual fuel consumption, heat and electricity generation at the plant



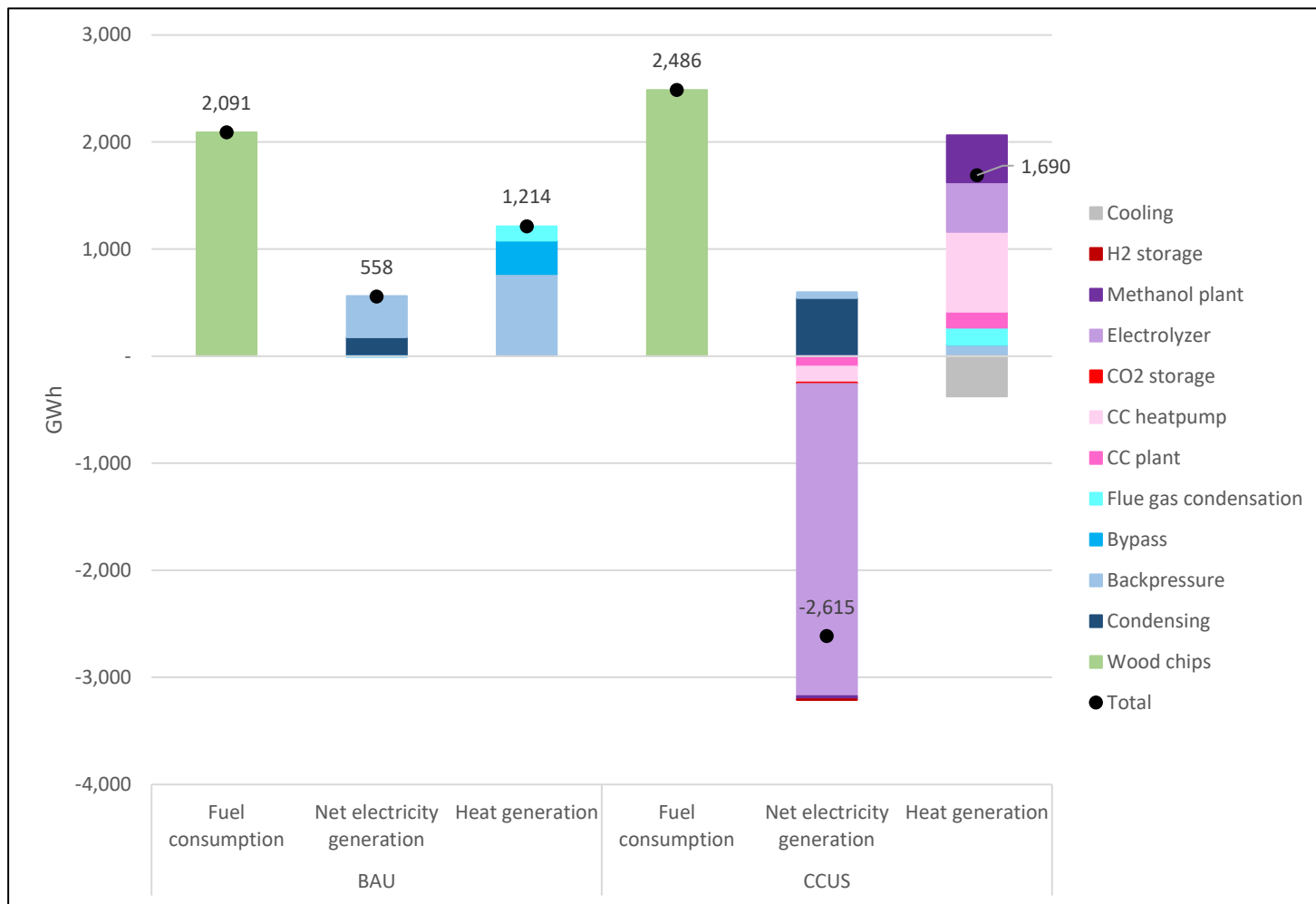
Annual heat generation in the TVIS system



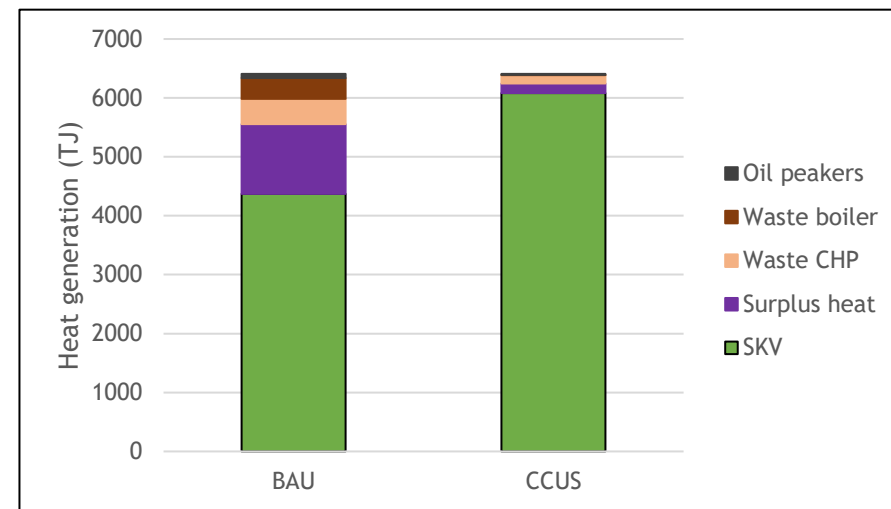
Annual amount of CO<sub>2</sub> captured



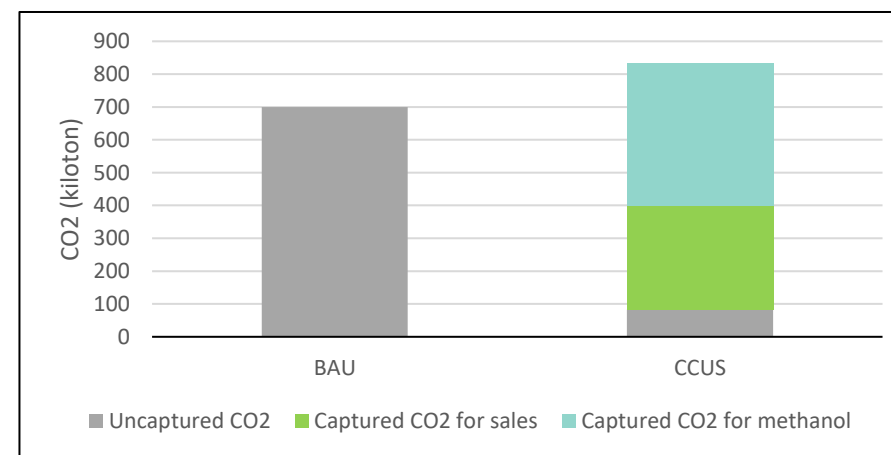
# Impact of CCUS on the operation of Skærbæk CHP



Annual fuel consumption, heat and electricity generation at the plant



Annual heat generation in the TVIS system



Annual amount of CO<sub>2</sub> captured and utilised

# Conclusions

## In the BAU-scenario:

- Operating hours increase - the plant becomes more competitive and heat production increases from app. 3.5 PJ today to 4.5 PJ in 2035
- Also, the plant is competitive in the power market when power prices are moderate/high - generation of 230 GWh power in condensing mode

## In the CCS-scenarios:

- Operation of the plant is further increased, especially in the CCS Market Scenario
- The district heating generation increases further - a significant part of the heat is delivered as surplus heat from the CC-facility

## In the CCUS-scenario:

- A significant shift is observed in the dynamics of net electricity production, transitioning from positive to negative on average over the year
- District heating generation is further increased - heat from the plant can fully cover the district heating demand in the TVIS area (also heat needs to be cooled away)
- Most of the heat generation is delivered as surplus heat from the CC-plant, the electrolysers and the methanol plant, while the CHP plant delivers process heat for the CCUS-processes and increases power production in condensing mode

# Thank you!

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# Extra slides: About BECCS in Denmark

# Background - Danish climate targets and highlighted government CCUS policy

2020



The Danish Climate Act adopted target of a **70% reduction in emissions by 2030** compared to 1990 levels and climate neutrality by 2050

Danish State establishes a **market-based “CCUS Fund” of DKK 16 bn\*** (EUR 2.1bn) to support execution of Danish Climate Act targets. CCUS Fund (at the time) divided into two Tenders: 1) CCS (2023), and 2) CCUS (Year TBD at a later point)

2021

In December of 2021, Danish State introduced a **market-based “NECCS Fund” of EUR 0.35 bn\*** dedicated to the establishment of a value-chain for **negative carbon emissions**.

2022

In May of 2022, The Danish Energy Agency (DEA) **launches first tender from CCUS Fund, EUR ~ 1 bn\***, with the objective to actualise reductions of 0.4 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> yearly from **2026 through Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)**

In August of 2022, the Danish Energy Agency launched the first tender for exploration permits for the **offshore storage of CO<sub>2</sub>** in the Danish subsurface in the North Sea.

2023

In February of 2023, **three exclusive licenses for exploration and full-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage in the Danish** were granted. Two permits to TotalEnergies and one to a consortium consisting of INEOS E&P and Wintershall Dea International.

In May of 2023, the **winner of the of the first tender was announced**, as the DEA awarded Ørsted a 20-year contract for its carbon capture and storage (CCS) project ‘**Ørsted Kalundborg Hub**’.

In August of 2023, the DEA launched the tender for the NECCS Fund. The goal is to **achieve 0.5 Mt of negative emissions annually** from 2025 to 2032 from the EUR 0.35 bn\* fund.

In September of 2023, a political agreement updating the CCUS fund was reached. By merging funds from another agreement, the pool grew to **EUR 3.6 bn\***. Via two separate tenders, the aim is to achieve **CCS reductions of 2.3 Mt annually by 2029 (update – one tendering round, 2.3 Mt/year by 2030)**.

In December of 2023, the DEA launched the first licensing round in Europe for **full-scale onshore licences for exploration and storage of CO<sub>2</sub>**. Involves subsurface exploration of potential CO<sub>2</sub> storage under five designated areas: Gassum, Havnsø, Rødby, Stenlille and Thorning.

2024

In April of 2024, the DEA announced the NECCS fund results. Contracts were awarded to three companies for new CCS projects. In total, **160,350 tonnes of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> will be captured and stored annually** during the period 2026 to 2032. All of the CO<sub>2</sub> will be captured and stored in Denmark.

In June of 2024, the DEA announced that it had **awarded 3 exploration licenses for onshore geological storage of CO<sub>2</sub>, at Gassum, Havnsø and Rødby**

In Oct of 2024, the DEA launched the CCS tender with the objective to realise reductions of **2.3 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> yearly from 2030-2044 via Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)**

*Danish emissions of CO<sub>2e</sub> were ~45 Mt in 2020 and must fall to ~23 Mt in 2030. Denmark will rely heavily on CCS to achieve this target.*

# Oct 2024 call for tenders - Key elements

- Purpose:
  - To achieve CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions and/or negative emissions by Storing Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> and/or Biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> or Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (and thereby contribute to Denmark's climate targets)
- The DEA wishes to enter into one or more contract(s)
  - Contract(s) covering the full Value Chain
  - Minimum of 100,000 tonnes annually from 2030-2044
- Funds for 2029-2044 (in 2025 DKK):
  - Subsidy is paid per tonne CO<sub>2</sub> captured and Stored
  - Annual max is ca. 1.8 billion DKK
    - Note: 1.8 billion DKK/ 2.3 million tonnes = 783 DKK/tonne, while max cap is 1750 DKK/tonne
  - Total max for period is ca. 28.7 billion DKK
  - Above values include VAT and potential derived tax losses in (Danish: “afledt afgiftstab”)
    - Fund shall cover potential derived tax losses that stem from the award of Contract(s) to tenderers who will avoid national CO<sub>2</sub> related taxes by capturing and Storing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. As such, the total available annual funds depend on the composition of the final contract recipient(s)



# Extra slides: About Task 32 Biomass Combustion

# What is Task 32?



- Task 32 focuses on biomass combustion
  - Design, operation, efficiency, emissions etc.
  - From wood stoves to large power plants
- Task 32 members are experts from
  - Austria - Canada - Denmark - Germany - Japan - Netherlands - New Zealand - Norway - Switzerland - U.S.
- Activities include
  - Collect/generate and disseminate expert knowledge for the benefit of interested people in the target group
  - Exchange experiences between member countries as well as with groups inside and outside of IEA Bioenergy
- More information
  - [Task 32 website](#)
  - [IEA Bioenergy website](#)





# Task 32 work programme

## Clear challenges for biomass combustion:

- Conversion of industries from fossil fuels
- Emissions (PM + NO<sub>x</sub>) - from smaller plants
- Sustainability discussion
- Integration of biomass combustion in future energy in energy systems
  - Especially with capture, sequestration and use of carbon from the flue gases (BECCUS)
  - Reduced fuel intensity - hybrid solutions



# Task 32 current work

1. Biomass conversion in industry
  - Case studies
  - Database of cases/references
2. BECCS and BECCU
  - Case studies and modeling
  - Options for smaller plants
3. Innovative biomass combustion with low emission
  - State-of-the-art report
  - Studies of N-emissions and of advantages of cascading
4. Stoves and boilers for residential heating
  - Focus on emissions
  - Design (primary & secondary measures), testing, operation, user influence and automation
  - National strategies to reduce impact on air quality from residential combustion



# Task 32 projects - industry

- Biomass for HT Heat in Industry
  - An intertask project
  - Case studies with good examples of transitions
  - Policy report
- More case studies coming up
  - Where biomass combustion has replaced fossil fuels
- Assist decision makers
  - Database of case studies and references being established



# Task 32 projects - negative emissions

## Biomass combustion with negative CO<sub>2</sub> emission

- Overview of technical options for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Case studies of BECCUS projects
- Modeling of the consequences of carbon capture on an existing Danish biomass-fired cogeneration plant
- Overview of opportunities for BECCUS on small biomass combustion plants
- [Workshop on biomass consumption and BECCUS \(held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023\)](#)



# Task 32 projects - medium sized plants

## Innovative biomass combustion with low emission

- Report: Low emission biomass combustion in automated boilers for heat and power
- Study of the nitrogen cycle in biomass combustion plants (Netherlands + Austria)
- Report on how heat storage and boilers in cascade provide low emissions (Swiss study)



# Task 32 projects - stoves and boilers

- Testing methods and real-life performance for pellet stoves ([Report](#))
- Guideline for the design of low-emission wood-burning stoves ([Guide](#))
- Study of national strategies to reduce emissions from biomass combustion ([Report](#))
- Report on state-of-the-art biomass boilers
- Workshops and webinars on wood stoves and boilers ([Events](#))
- Highlighting benefits for carbon balances and sustainability when using wood stoves



# Extra slides: About IEA Bioenergy

# IEA Bioenergy in brief

Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP), functioning within a framework created by the **International Energy Agency (IEA)**

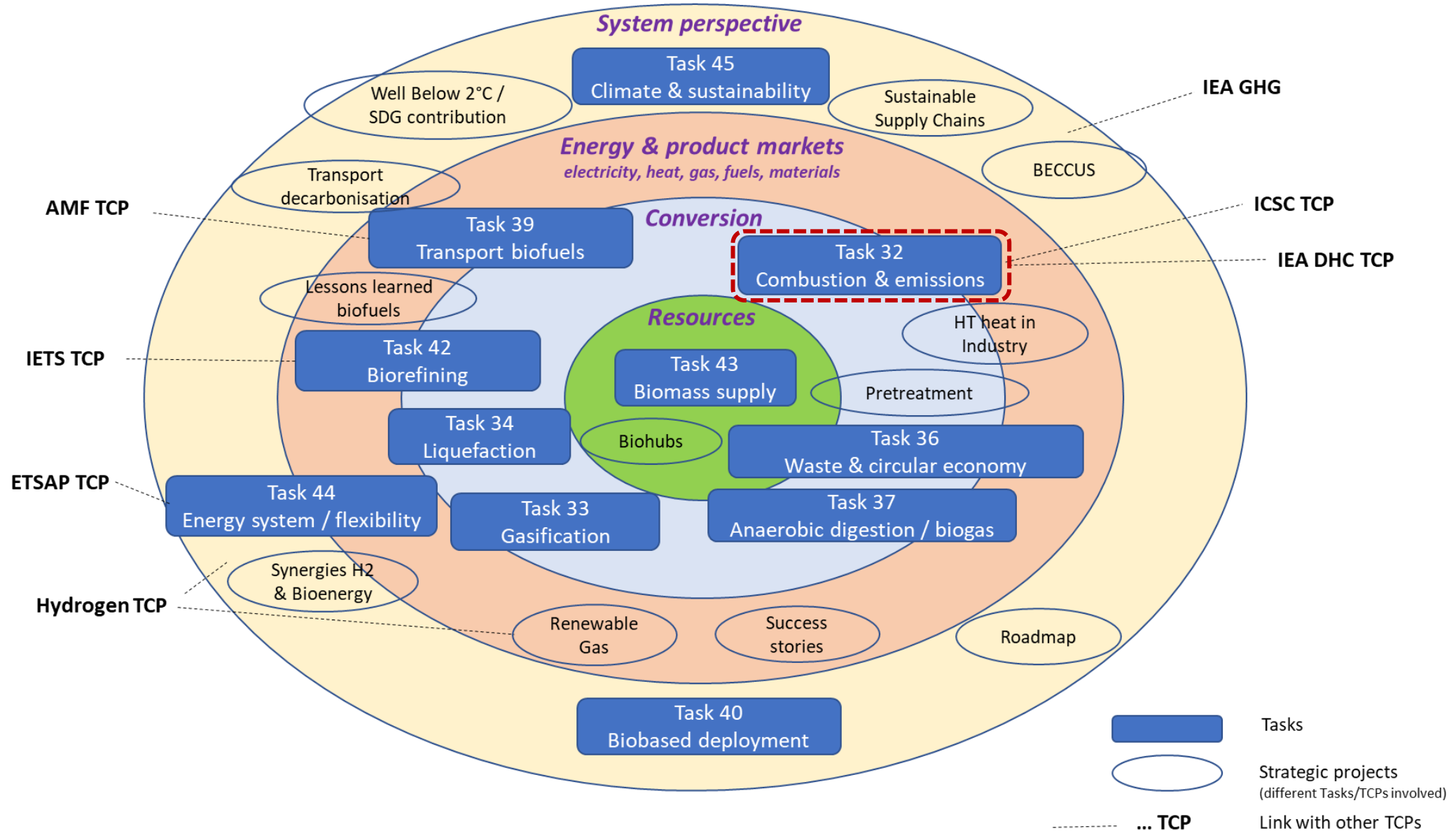
## *Goal:*

- International **collaboration and info exchange** on bioenergy research, technology development, demonstration, and policy analysis
- Facilitate the commercialization and market deployment of sustainable bioenergy systems = **climate positive, environmentally sound, socially acceptable and cost-competitive** (incl. external costs)

*Work programme* carried out through **Tasks and Special Projects**, covering the full value chain from feedstock to final energy product



# Activities in IEA Bioenergy



# IEA Bioenergy TCP Overview

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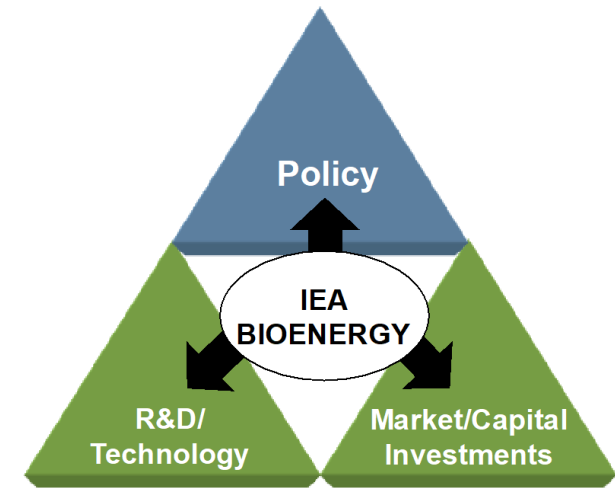
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- Australia
- New Zealand
- South Africa

## EUROPE:

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- Belgium
- Croatia
- Denmark
- European Commission
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

## AMERICA'S

- Brazil
- Canada
- United States



25 Contracting Parties

Budget in 2022: 2 Million US\$  
 Tasks: 11 + Strategic Projects  
 Participation: 111  
*Direct participation: > 200 persons*

# Unique role for sustainable bioenergy in the transition away from fossil energy

- Available now to phase out fossil fuels in existing energy infrastructure
- **Versatile:** role in different sectors - heat, power, transport fuels
- **Storable/dispatchable:** complements intermittent/seasonal renewables in power systems
- Next to producing energy, it can **remove atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>** (“negative emissions”) via deployment of Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) : BECCS / Bio-CCS
- Provide **atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>** for carbon-containing e-products/e-fuels via Carbon Capture & Utilisation (Bio-CCU)
- **Enable biomass supply chains & sustainability governance systems** for the biobased economy

Bioenergy contributes to climate change mitigation when:

- Biomass is grown **sustainably** or based on waste/residues
- **Converted** to energy products **efficiently** (often together with other biobased products)
- Used to **displace fossil fuels**

# Current strategic action areas

## A sustainable system for energy and materials supply with biomass

- Demonstrating the key role of bioenergy in a decarbonising world, the complementary role with other renewables, and the potential to provide negative emissions (BECCUS)
- Contribution to Sustainable Development
- Embedding bioenergy into the broader bio-economy
- Incorporating the security, flexibility and stability provided by bioenergy in the fuels, electricity, gas and heating systems

## Innovative Technologies

- Enabling the development and application of innovative technologies (collaboration & best practices)
- Developing advanced biofuels from lignocellulose and waste & consider their role in hard-to-abate transport sectors (aviation, marine, long-distance transport)

# Current strategic actions areas

## Sustainable Supply Chains

- Mobilize biomass resources through landscape management, reuse of abandoned agricultural lands; sustainable sourcing in agriculture and forestry; logistics to mobilize underutilized residues
- Support sustainability governance & certification
- Promote market deployment of efficient biobased value chains



## Operational Optimisation

- Engaging relevant stakeholders in a dialogue & science based analysis to inform political/public debates
- Expanding collaboration with emerging and developing countries
- Ensuring the optimal use of communication channels

# Extra slides: About Ea Energy Analyses

# Ea Energy Analyses

- Consulting company operating in the field of energy and decarbonization
- Established in 2005
- Based in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Founding partners were managers in the TSO of Eastern Denmark



50 people

Projects in 20+  
countries



3.5 m\$  
annual turnover

19 years of  
experience within  
the energy sector





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