Best practice guidance on the role of natural gas in increasing uptake of renewable energy

European Heat Strategies
Energy Efficiency in the Age of Renewable Energy
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70% of all homes in EU are older than 40 years!
Transforming Europe’s heat sector

- Transformation of the heat sector underpins 3 aspects of European energy policy: **decarbonisation, energy efficiency, and energy security**

- The transformation requires changes to all aspects of heat supply
  — Heat consumption will need to reduce
  — Heat and fuel will need to be used more effectively
  — Heat supply will need to be decarbonised
  — The business model of heat providers will need to change

- Progress to date has been mainly in final energy efficiency
  — Progress on renewable heat and more efficient use of existing heat is slow

- The heat and power sectors are intrinsically linked
  — Policy makers must consider the interactions if long-term goals are to be met
The July roadmap promised a strategy for heating and cooling
—Draft strategy and 5 issue papers are circulating, final version due Q1 2016

Aims of the strategy
1. Reducing final consumption through *deep* refurbishment
2. Boosting the share of *renewable* heat

Learn from best practice from advanced member states

### 2050 objectives of the (draft) European heating and cooling strategy*

- Share of renewable energy [45-55]%
- Gas use to reduce to [XX]
- Energy consumption for heating/cooling to reduce by [40-70]%

Very little on implementation
A description of the final destination, rather than a road map

* Figures taken from draft strategy including [] and XX
COUNTRIES ARE ALREADY CHOOSING THEIR HEAT PATHS
CHOICES VARY DEPENDING ON CURRENT MARKET STRUCTURE AND POLICY GOALS

Legend

2015 situation
Policy route

Heat networks

Electrical heating

2015 situation
Policy route

Distributed heating (Hybrid systems)

Netherlands

German

UK

Poland

Denmark

France

Distributed heating (Hybrid systems)
The “Beyond the Flame” scenarios

**BAU (Rivalry)**
- Gradual evolution of the mix of heating technologies
- Replacement of standard boilers with condensing at end of life
- Slow deployment of standalone heat pumps and hybrid systems

**Mandate**
- Europe wide mandate to replace standalone condensing boilers with hybrid systems from 2021
- All other assumptions as BAU

**Policy**
- Europe wide mandate to replace standalone condensing boilers with hybrid systems from 2021
- Early replacement of coal and oil boilers
- Faster development of heat pumps and district heating
PAYBACK PERIODS FOR SUPPLY-SIDE MEASURES GENERALLY SHORTER THAN THOSE FOR INSULATION MEASURES

UK Green Deal energy efficiency measures cost and demand savings

Note: Based on a typical old house in the UK with natural gas water and space heating consumption of 230 kWh per square meter per year. The electricity is generated by a 45% efficiency CCGT. Smart home systems yield 5 to 10% savings according to manufacturers.

Source: IHS Energy, UK Green Deal, Vaillant
14% of existing gas systems are replaced by district heating in *Policy*. Growth in district heat limited by need for power. Biomass grows strongly in rural areas.

* Hybrid systems considered in the modelling are ASHP combined with high efficiency, condensing gas boilers.
MEETING THE 2050 TARGET: WITH MORE AND DEEPER REFURBISHMENT POLICY WOULD MEET THE EC’S 2050 GOALS

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Policy (2040)

- Share of renewable energy 49%
- Residential end use of gas 57 Bcm from 124 Bcm today
- Final energy consumption reduced by ~14%

Policy + deeper refurbishment

- 46% reduction in consumption by 2050

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"learning by doing" leads to hybrid heating concept
and @Shell’s EcoGenie Living Lab
ECOGENIE DATA ANALYSIS: HYRBID SYSTEMS WILL REDUCE NATURAL GAS DEMAND BY 66% AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO CO$_2$ SAVINGS AND PROLONG LIFE TIME OF BOILER APPLIANCES

- Natural gas-fired boiler will only operate when
  - a.) heat demand is larger than max. heat supply by air-water heat pump (ASHP)
  - b.) ambient temperature is on average less than 5 degrees Celsius

### Graph

- **Natural gas-fired condensing boiler**
- **Air-sourced heat pump**

#### Transition periods with ambient temperatures lower than 5 degrees Celsius

**Total heat energy requirement (kWh per day)**

- **1278 days of operations**
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- **April 16**
CO2 ABATEMENT COSTS ARE 2-5 TIMES HIGHER FOR REFURBISHMENT (INSULATION ONLY) TO DELIVER SUBSTANTIAL EMISSION REDUCTIONS

Dutch Energy Label and CO2 savings

- Accurate calculation of CO2 savings and Energy Label categorization difficult

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Note that CO2 savings beyond energy label A are generally achieved by adding renewable energy generation appliances and/or passive-house new-build

Abatement Costs of refurbishments and air-source heat pumps

- Refurbishment costs vary from €7000 (B to A) to €55,000 (G to A)
- Air-source heat pump (ASHP) retrofit costs vary from €3,500 to €4,500
- CO2 savings for refurbishment are higher for for D to G houses
- CO2 abatements costs are 2-5 times higher for refurbishment when compared with ASHP retrofit

Sources of information

- Milieucentraal & RvO Nederland
  - http://www.verbeteruwhuis.nl/
  - http://www.energielabelvoorwoningen.nl/

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DEPLOYMENT OF HEAT PUMPS IS 25% CHEAPER AND DOUBLES CO2 SAVINGS IN THE BUILD ENVIRONMENT BY 2030 – POTENTIALLY ENABLING UP TO 25% CO2 EMISSION REDUCTIONS

Retrofit heating appliances 4 times faster

- More than 400,000 new heating appliances sold in The Netherlands per year.
- Installers retrofit more than 380,000 appliances in residential space.
- Building contractors capacity to refurbish homes limited to less than 100k dwellings per year.

Yearly capacity refurbishment & retrofit

Rapid rollout of ASHP delivers higher CO2 savings at lower costs

- By the year 2030
  - ca. 20% of dwellings will be refurbished
  - ca. 80% of heating appliances will be retrofitted
- Yearly costs of retrofitting is 25% cheaper compared to refurbishment and will deliver more than 80% higher CO2 emission savings
- Note that growth of renewable energy generation (offshore wind and solar) will significantly reduce CO2 emissions from residential dwellings when heat pumps are installed.

Yrs. costs in billion Euro

![Diagram showing CO2 savings and costs comparison between refurbishment and ASHP retrofit.]
THE SECRETS OF THE ECOCUTTER

An experimental house in the Netherlands reveals how renewable technology can cut energy bills and carbon emissions from old homes. Inside Energy writer Dan Finnen spent the night there.