

1.2 Planning For A Smarter Grid In An Uncertain Environment

e-Highway2050: A Modular Development Plan on Pan-European Electricity Highways System for 2050

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QUESTIONS

"The first proposal for Pan-European transmission network was published in 1930 by German engineer Oscar Oliven during famous Second World Energy Conference in Berlin. In proposed project Oliven suggested 400 kV voltage level lines connecting hydro and thermal resources along Europe with consumption centres in length of 10.000 km. It was really Greenfield network. Today we have European Transmission Network which is some 50 times larger. In meantime many things changed. This new project seems very interesting.

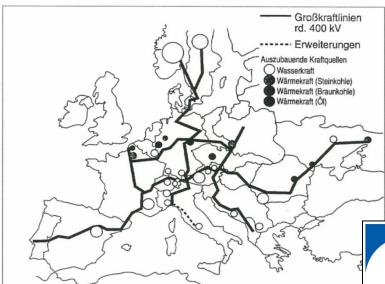
- What experiences from existing European Transmission network could be used in your planning approach (options, uncertainties, boundaries...)?
- Did you consider uncertainty regarding environmental restrictions, what is at the moment one of the most exposed constraint in transmission network development?
- Regarding the slowly changing role of Transmission and Distribution network,
 what is your expectation of vision of future pan-European grid? "





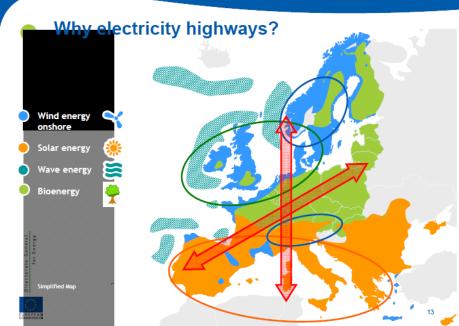
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O. Oliven (1930): Interconnected European power system

DG-ENERGY (2011):
Two main drivers for infrastructure development in Europe:
RES Integration
& Market integration

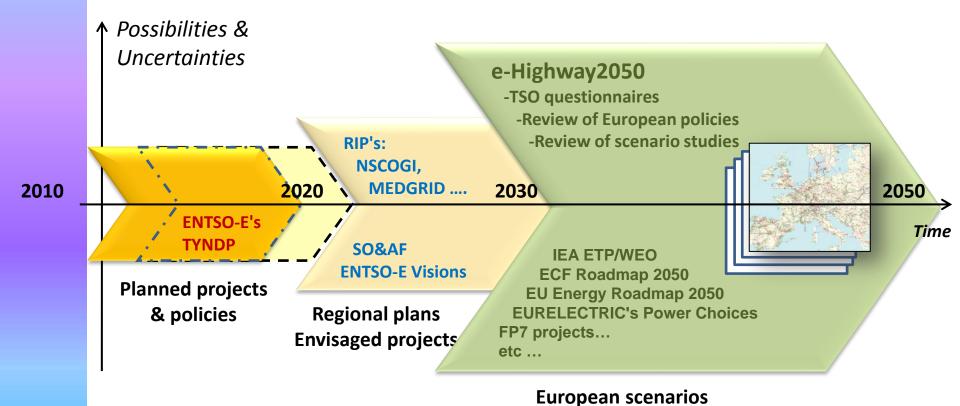






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Possible projects





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Uncertainties (examples)

Technical uncertainties

- Technology cost and performance
- Fuel cost and availability
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Economical/financial uncertainties

- Economic growth
- Venture capital availability
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Political/social/environmental uncertainties

- Public perceptions and acceptance
- International climate policies
- International vs. national policy focus

Research, Development & Deployment uncertainties

- CCS maturity
- Multi-terminal HVDC operability
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Options (examples)

Technical options

- RES deployment: wind, solar, biomass,
- Non-RES techn: Nuclear, CCS,
- Network techn: HVDC, FACTS, ...
- End use efficiency

Economic/financial options

- Energy and capacity markets
- Subsidies/support schemes
- Taxes

Political/social/environmental options

- Regulations
- Industry standards
- Information campaigns

Research, Development & Deployment options

- Research funding
- Laboratory facilities
- Demonstration sites

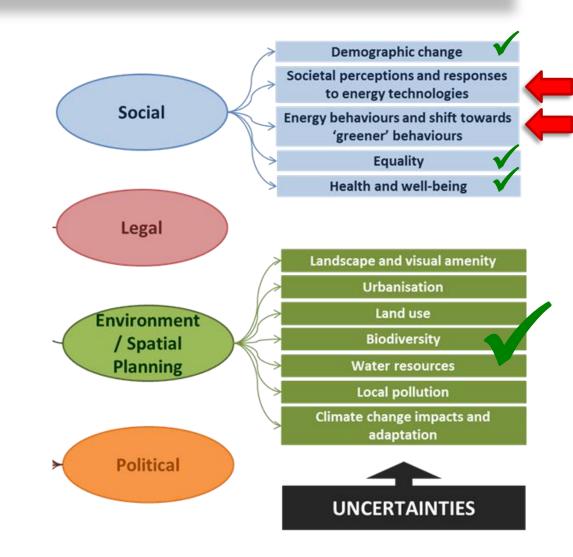






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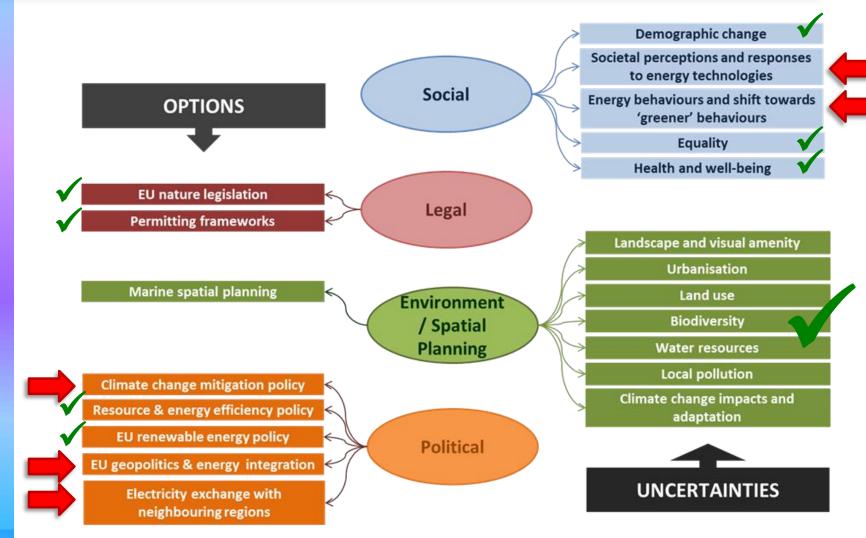






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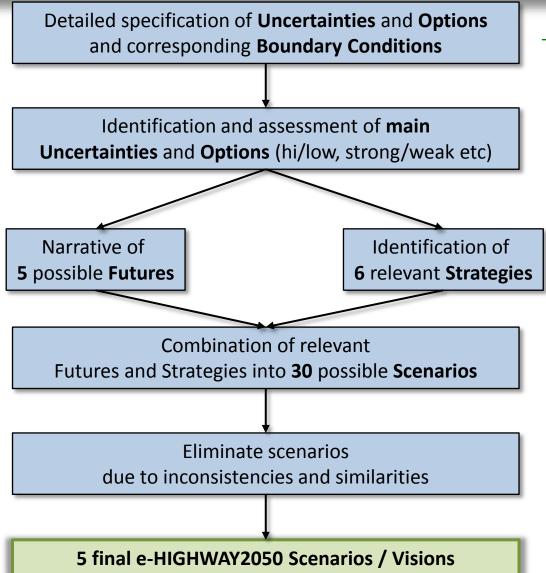








SCENARIO BUILDING PROCESS



Random generation
 of possible Futures
 and Strategies =>
 1000's of scenarios!





FIVE CHALLENGING E-HIGHWAY2050 SCENARIOS

(TENTATIVE)

Strategies

	Futures	Strategies	Strategy 1 MARKET LED	Strategy 2 LARGE SCALE RES SOLUTIONS	Strategy 3 LOCAL SOLUTIONS	Strategy 4 100% RES	Strategy 5 NUCLEAR & CCS	Strategy 6 WITHOUT NUCLEAR
Futures	Future 1	Green Globe	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Future 2	Green EU	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Future 3	EU- Market	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Future 4	Big is beautiful	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Future 5	Small things matter	*	*	*	*	*	*





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