

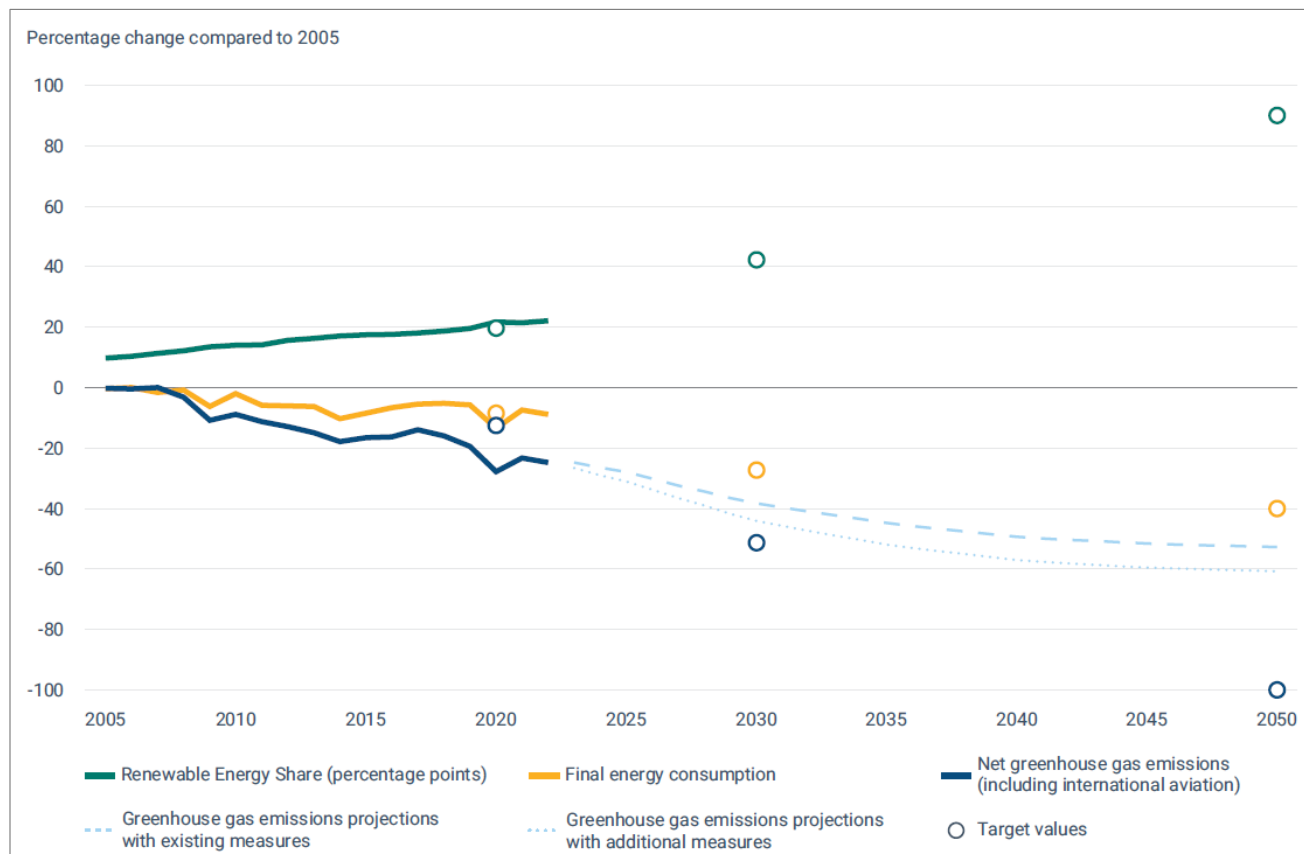
Making Energy Transition Happen – Trends, Challenges and Necessities from the Perspective of Climate Targets

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EU target architecture and compliance (Are we on track?)

- GHG emissions fall, energy consumption decreases, share of renewable energies increases
 - However, existing measures (WEM-scenario) are not sufficient to achieve 2030 EU target
- In order to achieve the 2030 and the long-term targets, we need significantly more momentum

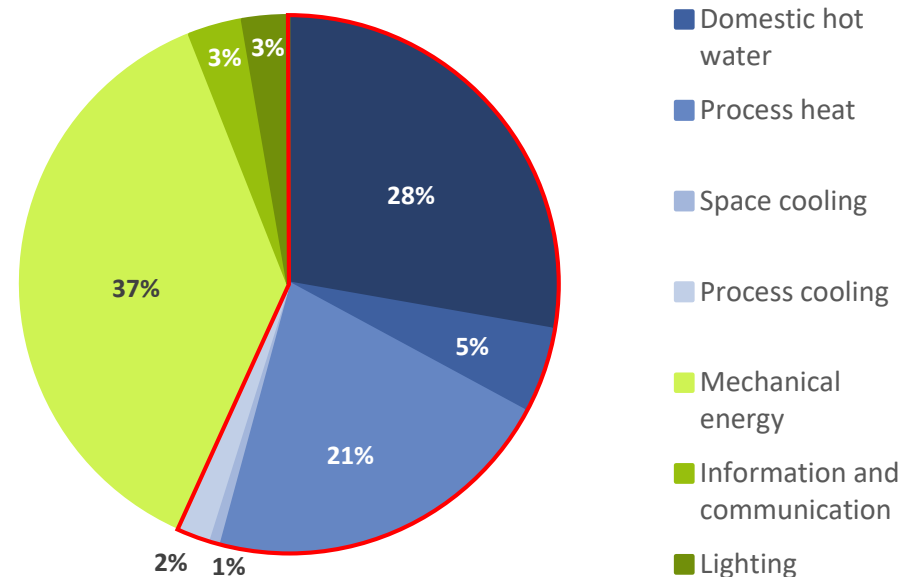


Source: EEA Trends and projections in Europe 2023

Why is heating and cooling so important (Why does heat matter?)

- Heating and cooling account for a large part of the final energy demand (für example DE: 57%)
- The GHG contribution of this field of application is correspondingly high

Total final energy consumption by application (DE 2022)



Source: AGEB Anwendungsbilanz 2022

GHG emission trends and projections in the buildings sector

- Both, the scenario with existing measures (WEM) as well as the scenario with additional measures (WAM) miss the long-term target of a climate neutral building stock

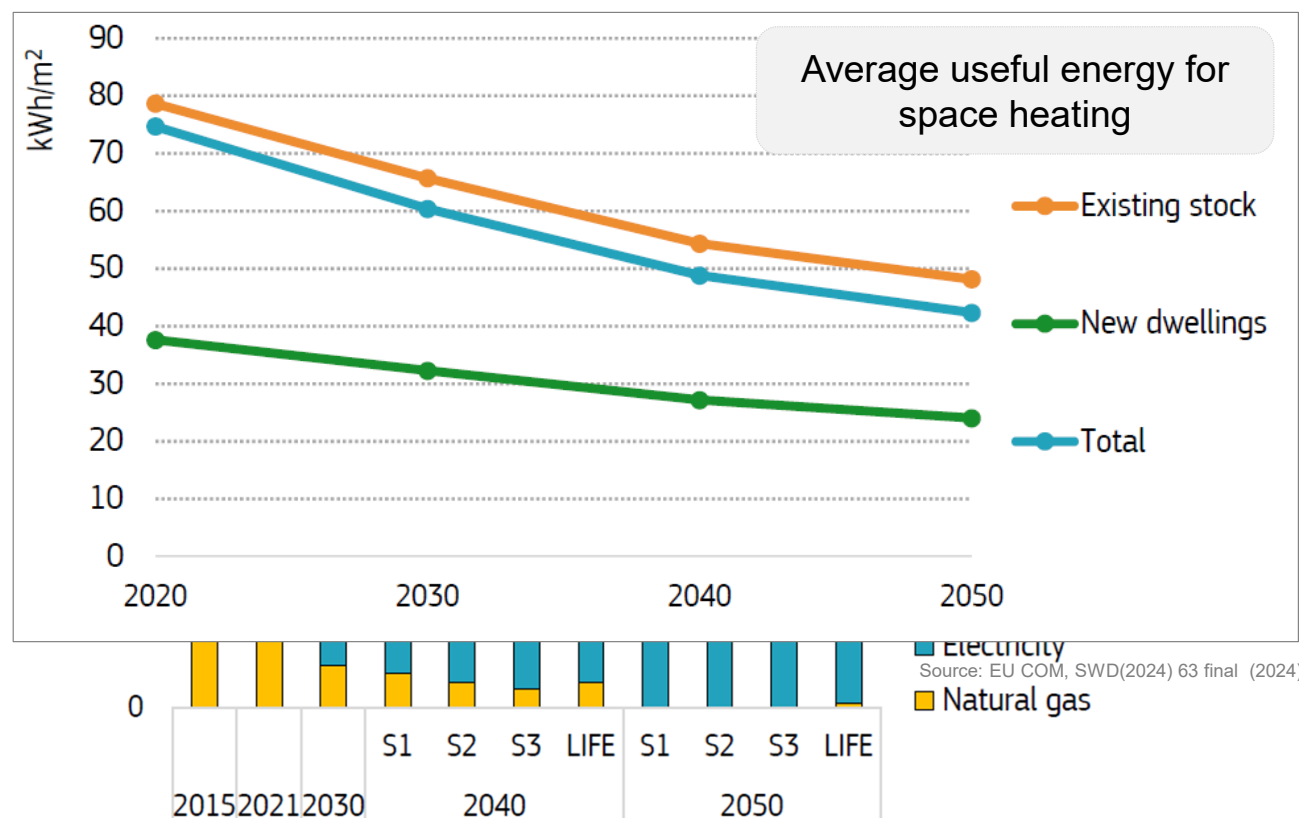
→ So, the same applies to buildings: we need more momentum



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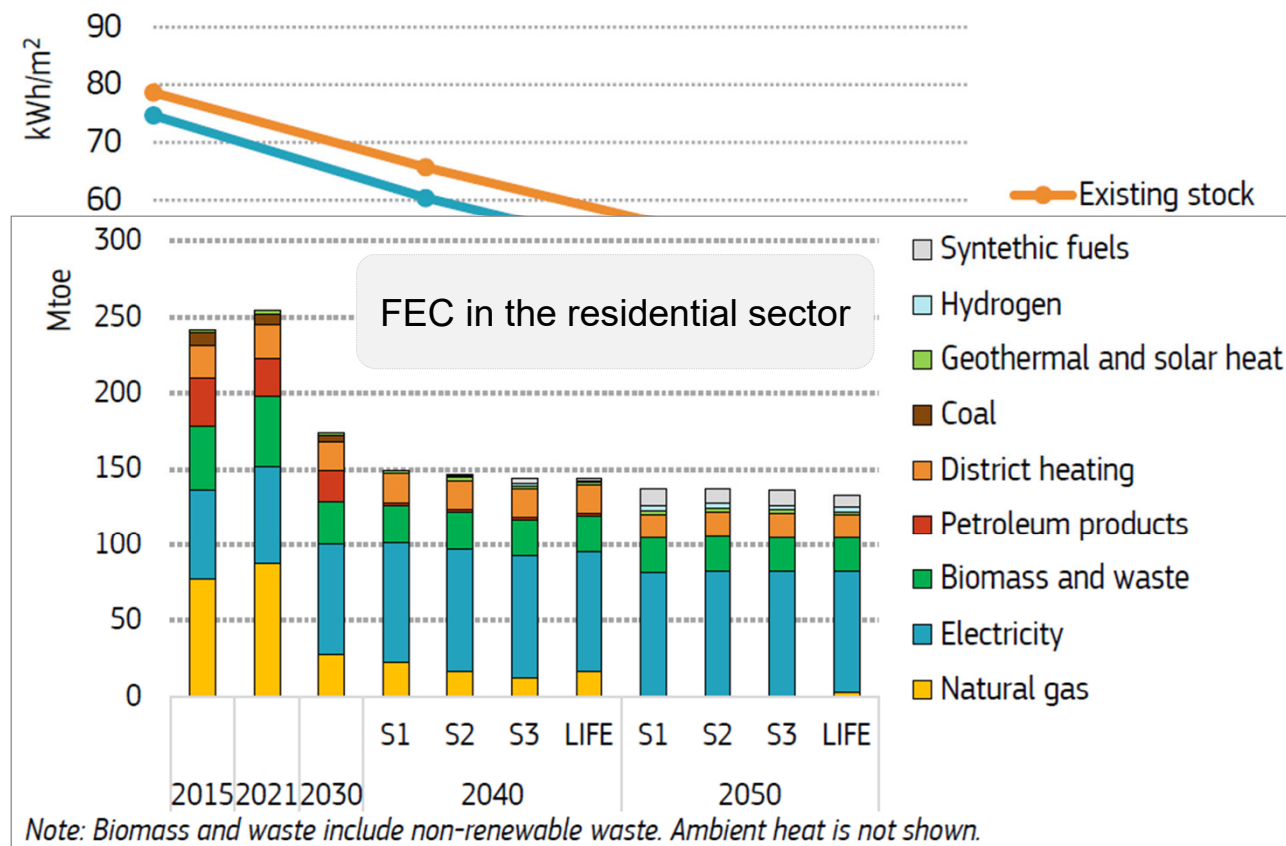
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Note: Biomass and waste include non-renewable waste. Ambient heat is not shown.

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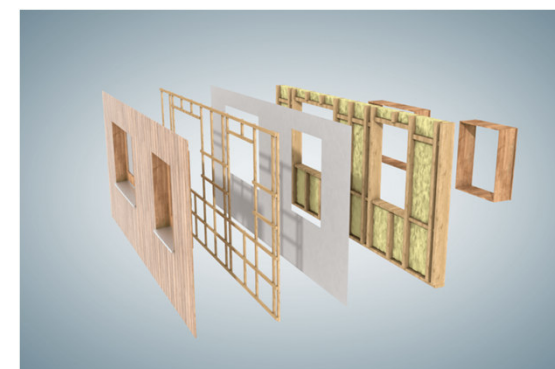
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Source: EU COM, SWD(2024) 63 final (2024)

Spotlight Renovation: Promising new initiatives

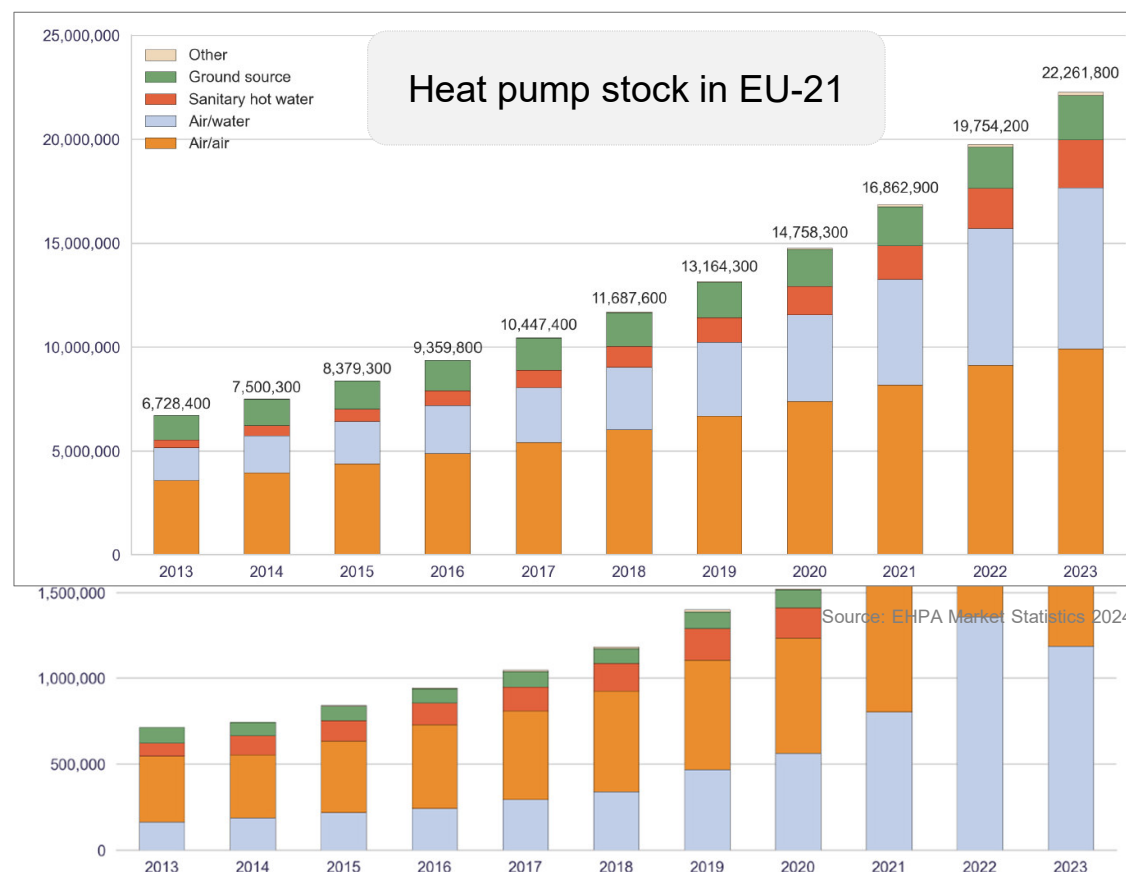
- Modernization activity still too low, especially for deep renovations
- Some promising initiatives/developments about to enter the refurbishment market
 - Energiesprong: Refurbishment with a high degree of prefabrication on an industrial scale
 - Refurbishment sprint: One-stop shop approach with multi-disciplined construction teams / onsite refurbishment coach / standardisation
- To be considered: Every kWh of final energy savings through refurbishment reduces the pressure for expansion of RES systems and infrastructure



Images: Ecoworks (1/2), Energiesprong (3/4)

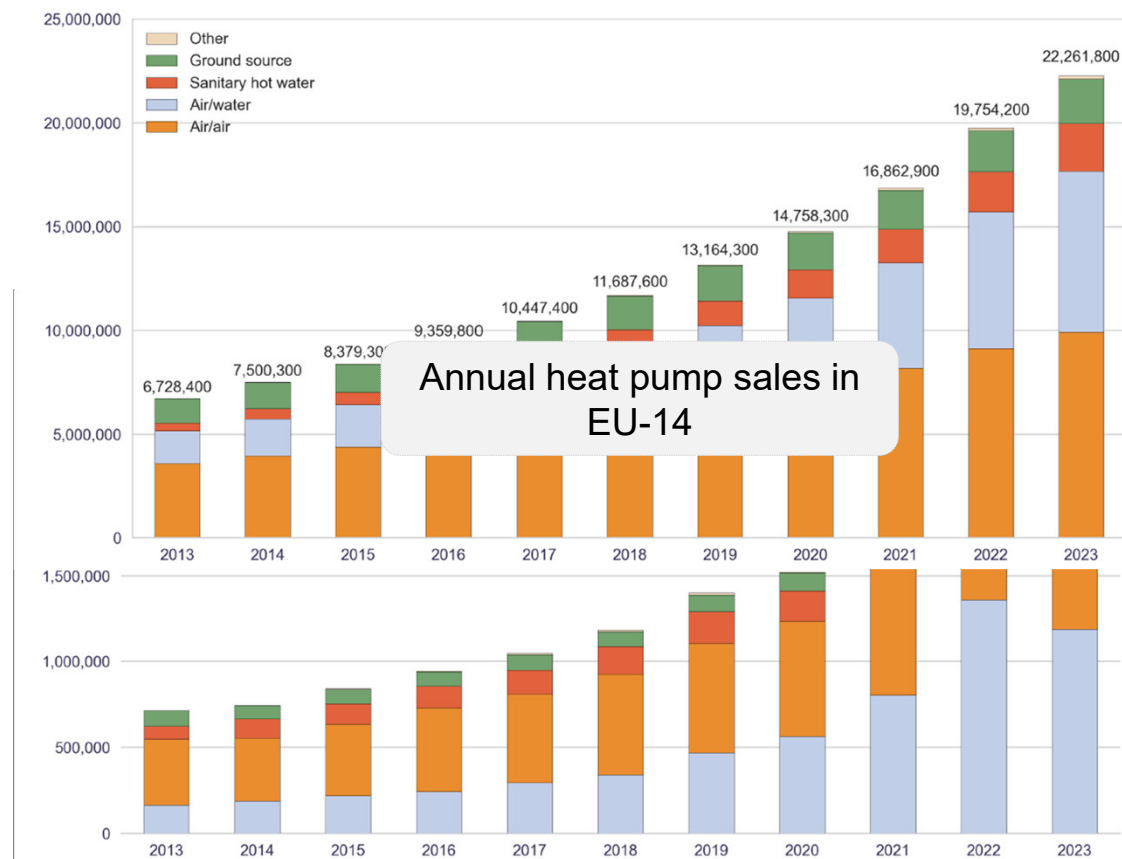
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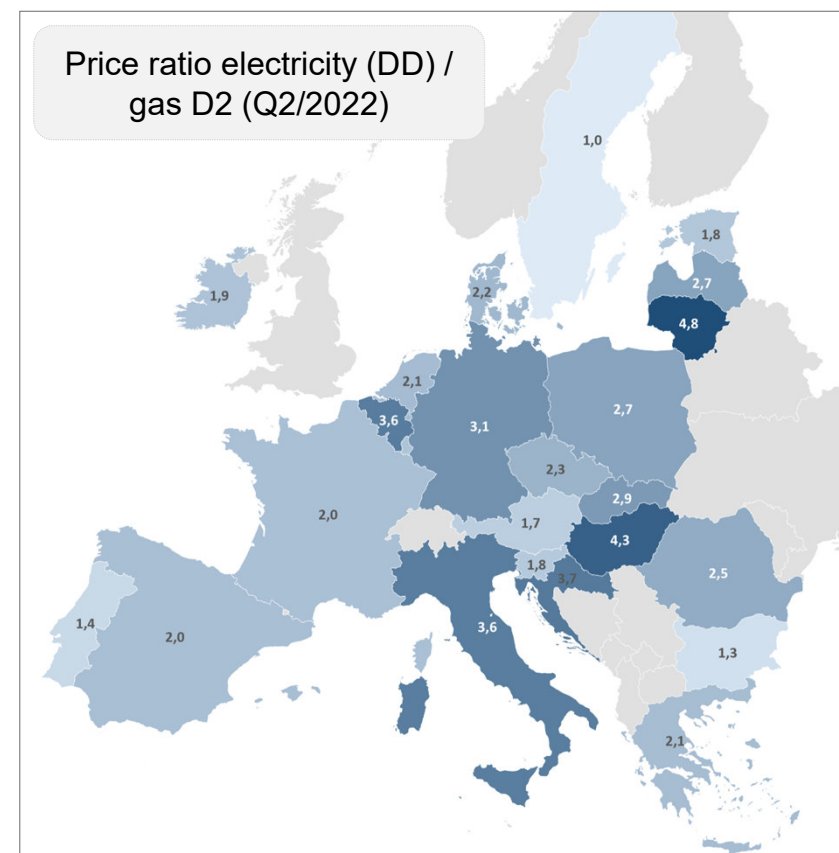
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Source: EHPA Market Statistics 2024

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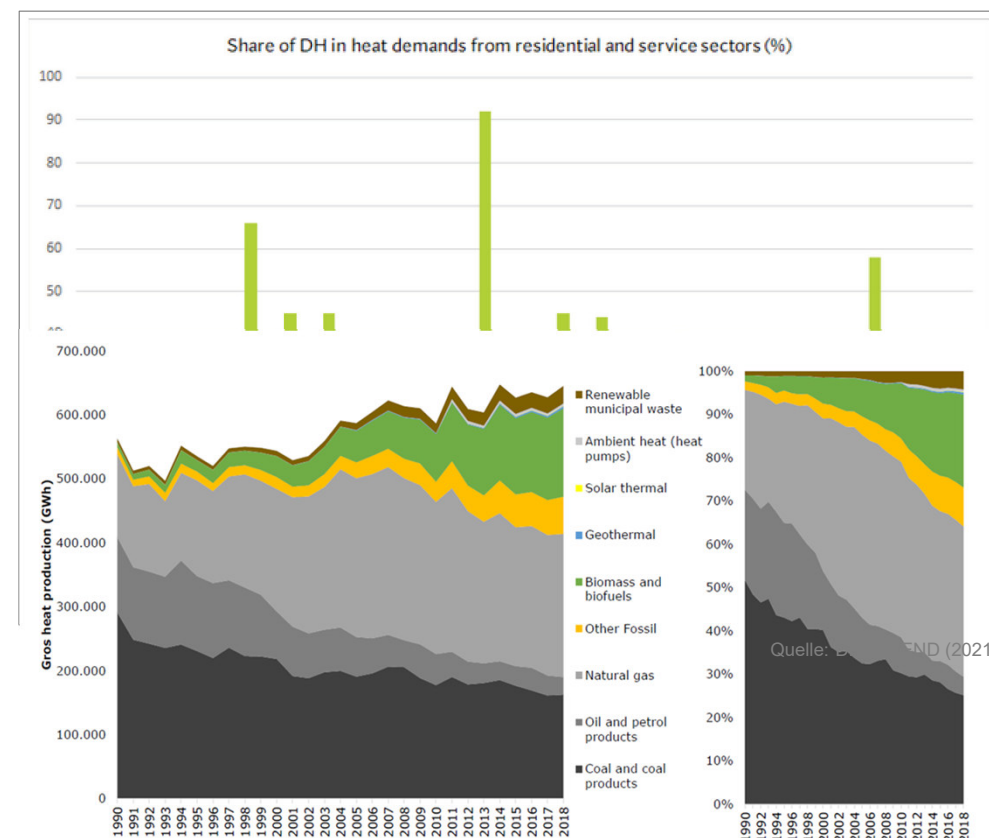
- In terms of operating costs, the competitiveness of heat pumps depends mainly on the correlation between gas and electricity prices
- In Q2 2022, the electricity/gas price ratio (household demand) is above 2.5 in 10 out of 24 Member States. Above this value, a heat pump is no longer competitive with a gas boiler in a typical existing building
- High-temperature heat pumps can reduce dependence on the heating system's temperature and refurbishment state, improving competitiveness



Source: Öko-Institut based on Eurostat data

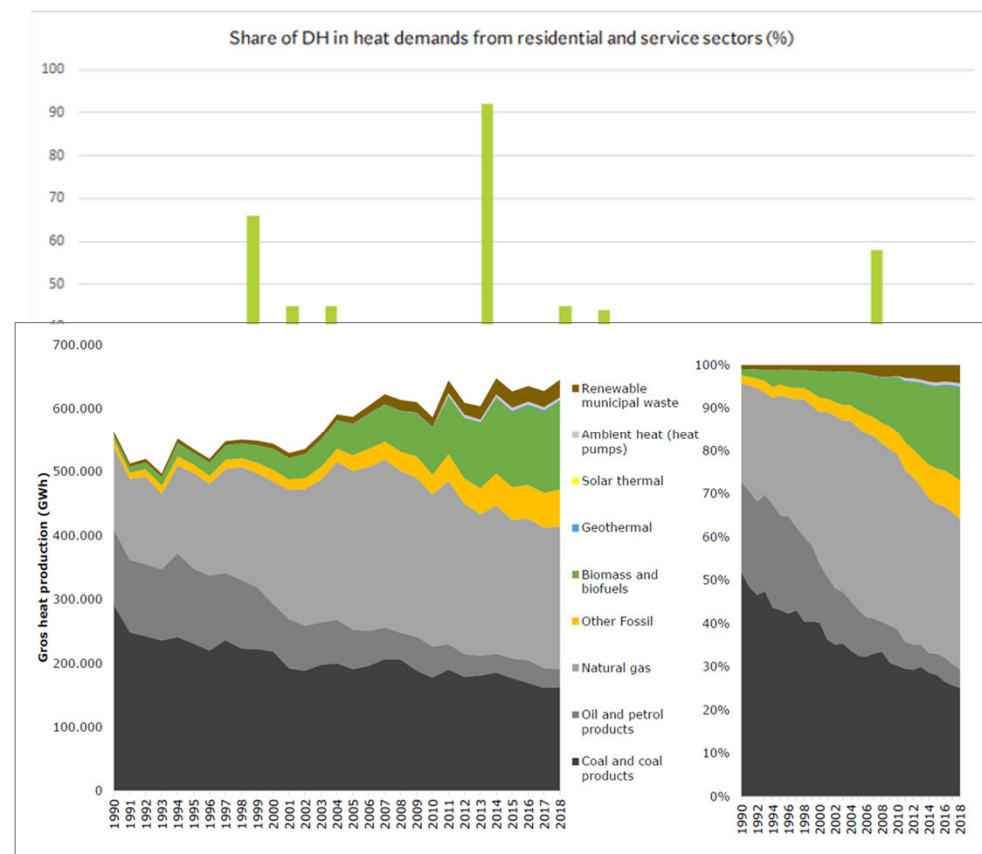
Spotlight District Heating

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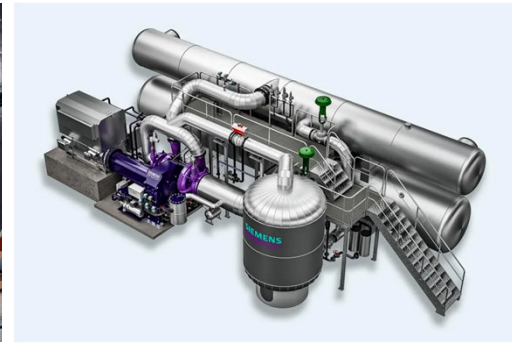
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Quelle: DHCTREND (2021)

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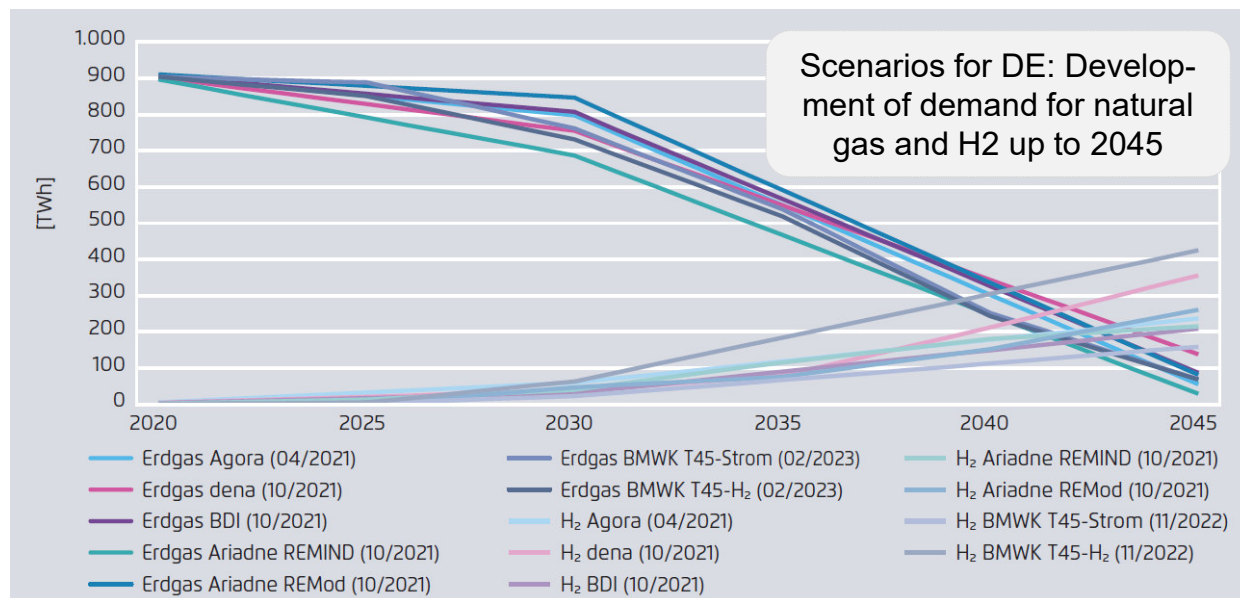
- "New" renewable energy technologies still without major market shares
- However, this will change in the course of decarbonization. The DH infrastructure will no longer be fed from a few central sources, as is currently the case. Instead, it will collect heat from various available sources., e.g.
 - Large heat pumps
 - Unavoidable waste heat
 - Geothermal
 - Solar thermal
 - Hydrogen (CHP)
 - Storage capacities (short- and long-term storage)



Images: Philip Pramer/STANDARD (1), Siemens Energy (2), Markus Schlaf/SWM (3), Marstal Fjernvarme (4)

Spotlight Gas Infrastructure

- Demand for natural gas must fall quickly
- Broad scientific consensus: role of hydrogen in building heating very limited, even in the long-term perspective
- Gas distribution grids will be successively decommissioned, electricity distribution grids must be strengthened
- It is essential to quickly make the regulatory framework fit for these developments

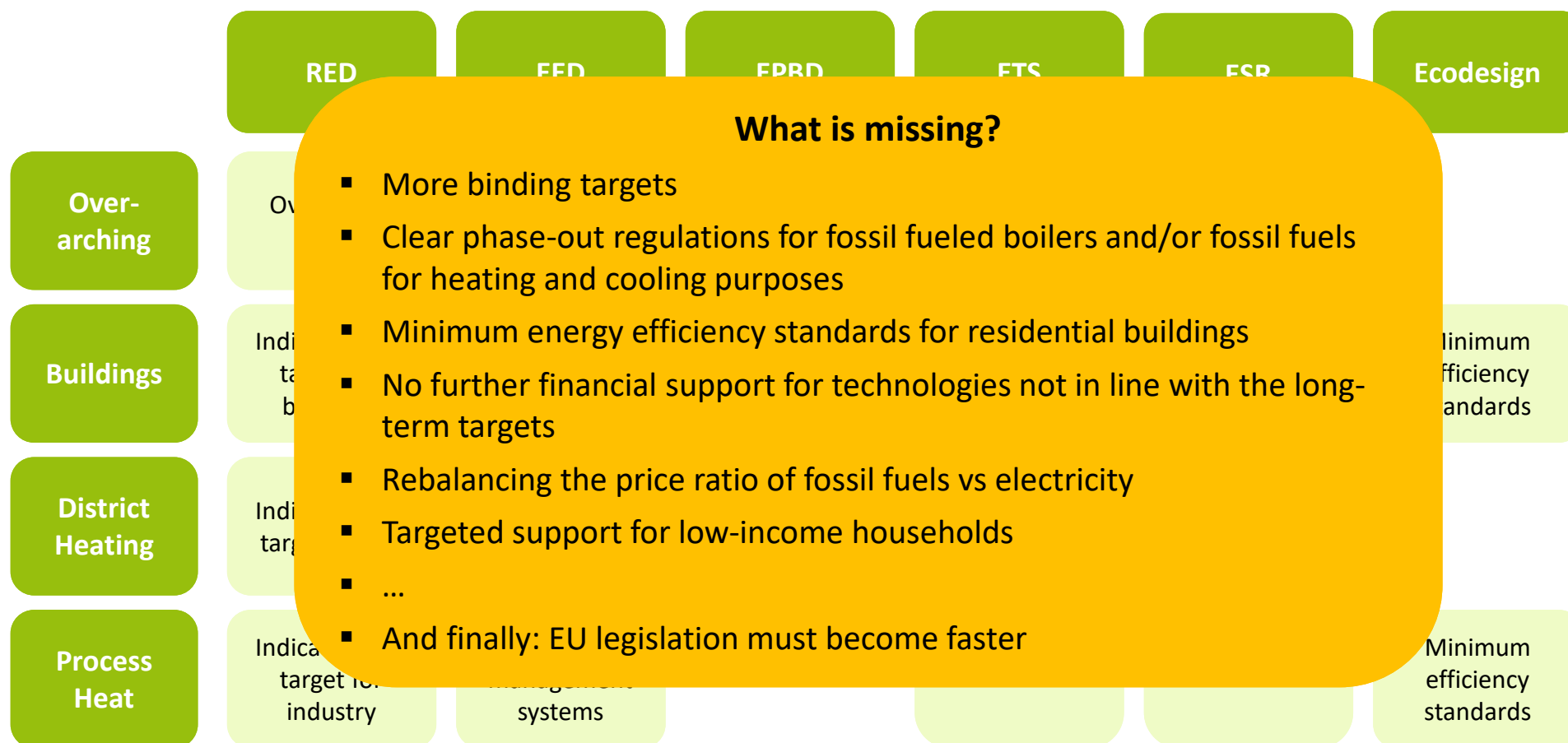


Source: Agora Energiewende (2023): Ein neuer Ordnungsrahmen für Erdgasverteilnetze

Is the EU framework sufficiently fit with regard to climate targets in the heating sector?

	RED	EED	EPBD	ETS	ESR	Ecodesign
Over-arching	Overall RES target	Overall efficiency target; ESOs; heat planning				
Buildings	Indicative RES target for buildings	Role of public buildings	Minimum efficiency requirements incl. MEPS, NBRPs	ETS II for buildings/transport; social climate fund	Targets for non-ETS I sectors/applications	Minimum efficiency standards
District Heating	Indicative RES target for DH	Efficient DH; data centres				
Process Heat	Indicative RES target for industry	Energy management systems		ETS I for large combustion plants		Minimum efficiency standards

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Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!
Thank you for your attention!

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