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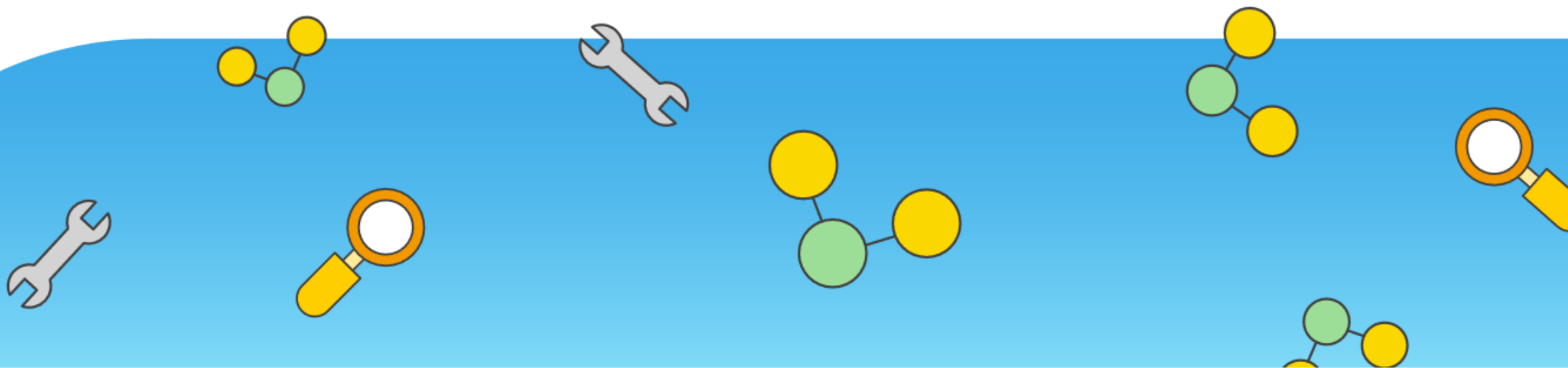
crossing borders in energy

# The Energy System of the Future

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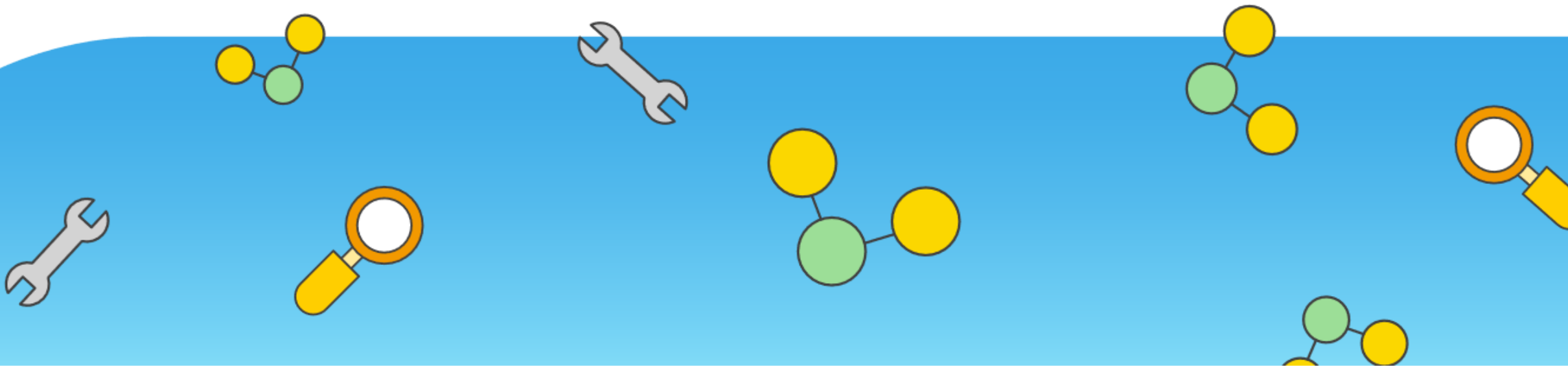
To a carbon neutral energy system in 2050

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## How it all began (Dutch Climate Agreement)

2019

- Gasunie, TenneT and DSOs start an **integral infrastructure exploration** for **2030-2050**
- Ready in 2021



- Use insights from **energy sector**
- Include **industrial demand** development and **regional energy strategies**
- Involve relevant stakeholders and market players
- **Guideline for investment plans of network companies and for other parties**

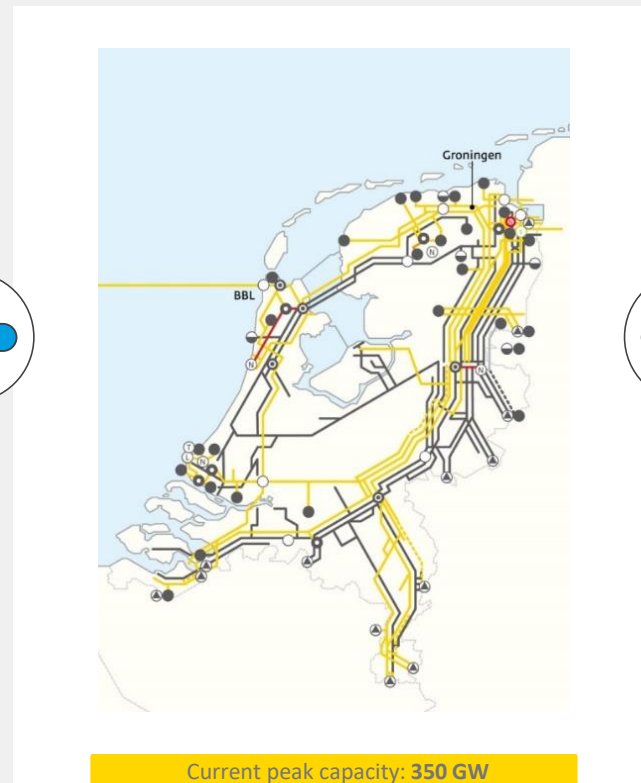


# Current transport and distribution networks

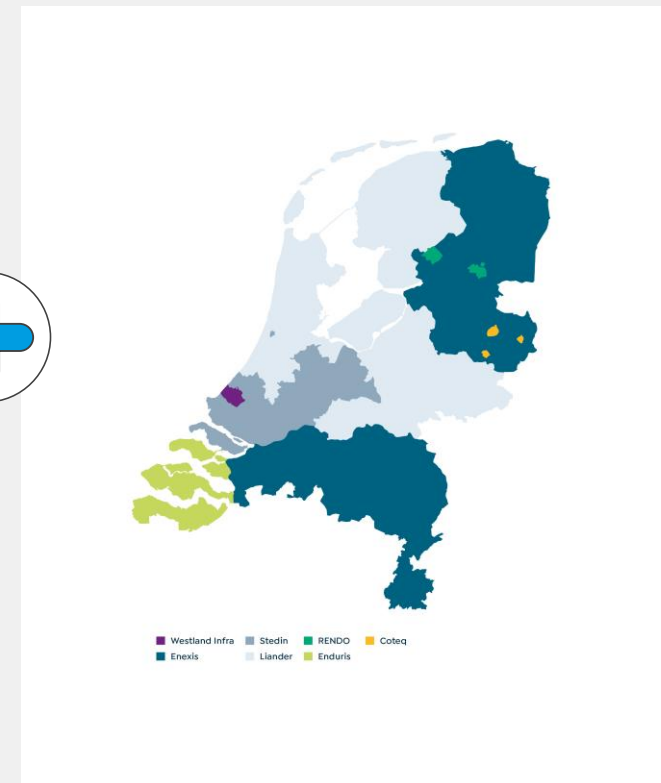
## Tennet transport network



## Gasunie transport network



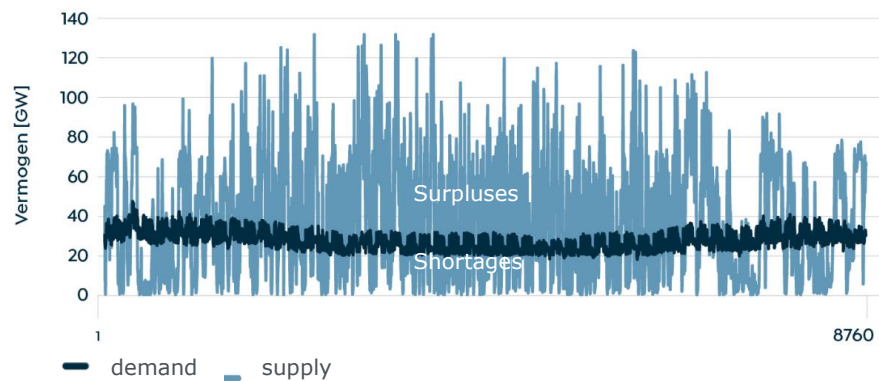
## DSOs distribution networks



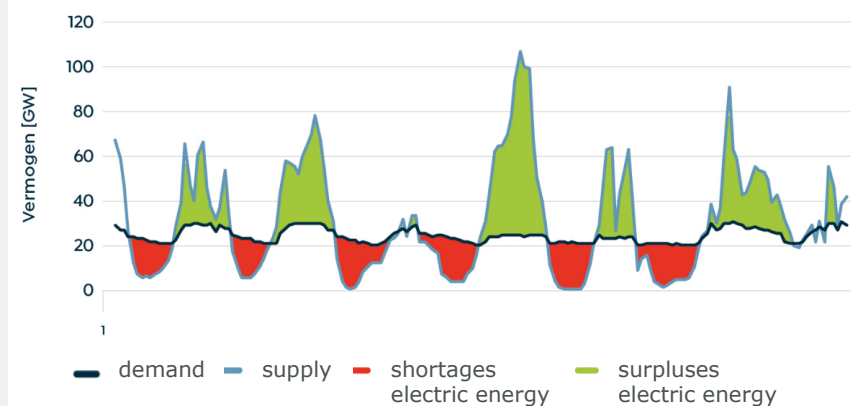
## The energy system in 2050: how to balance the system?

- Current energy system: conventional production, demand-driven
  - Future energy system: variable generation from wind and sun
- Continuous difference between supply and demand (hourly and seasonal)

### Annual profile 2050

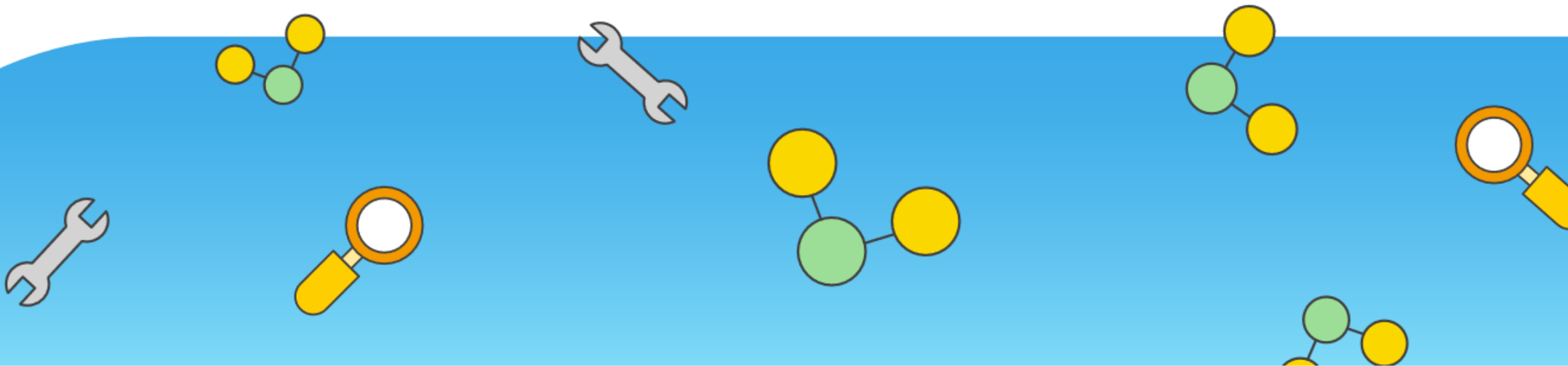


### Weekly profile 2050



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# Supply & demand scenarios for 2050

**Starting principle: 100% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in 2050**



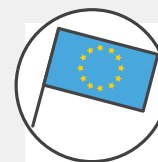
## Scenario Regional

- Regional development CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- **Almost self-sufficient and circular**
- **Local projects** (solar, district heating)
- Reduction of energy-intensive industry



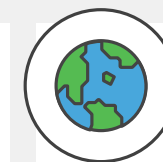
## Scenario National

- National development CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- **Largely self-sufficient**
- **Large scale projects (offshore wind)**
- Stable energy-intensive industry



## Scenario European

- EU CO<sub>2</sub> tax with border compensation
- **Import oriented: green gas and biomass**
- Energy-intensive industry growth
- Lowest cost CO<sub>2</sub> reduction incl CCS

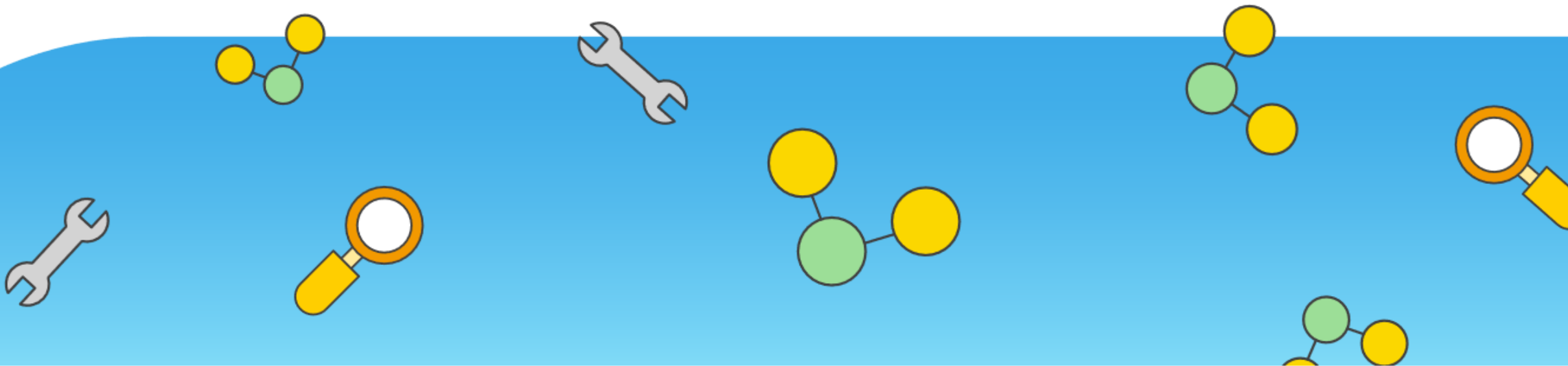


## Scenario International

- Entire world aiming for CO<sub>2</sub> neutral
- **Import oriented: H<sub>2</sub>**
- Free trade of CO<sub>2</sub>-free energy
- Energy-intensive industry growth

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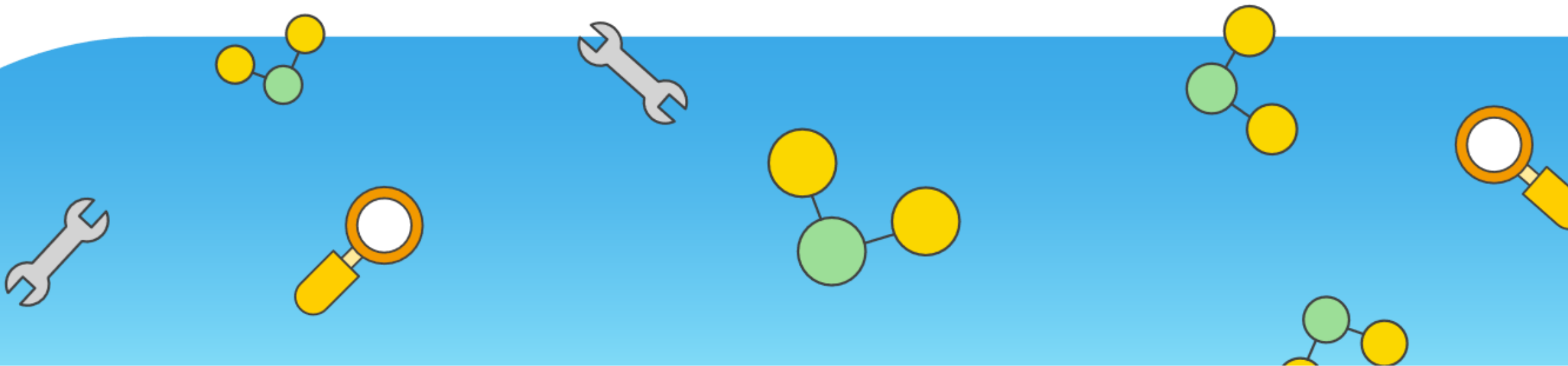
## Conclusions

- 1 Considerably expanding and adapting infrastructure
- 2 Large-scale flexibility resources are required
- 3 Location supply, demand, flexibility determines e-net impact
- 4 Strong increase in costs and space requirements
- 5 Major acceleration needed, feasibility is approaching limit
- 6 Long-term perspective and integral exploration essential



## Conclusion 1

Considerably expanding and adapting infrastructure



# High pressure gas network can be split in H2 and methane networks



## Hydrogen



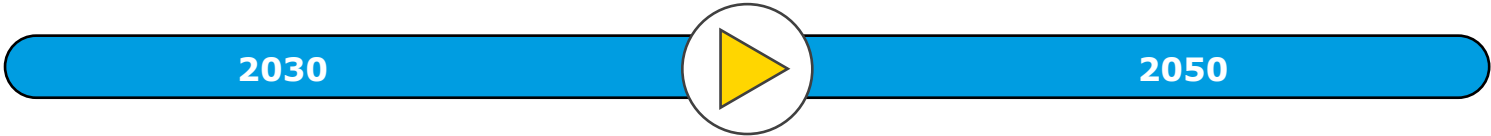
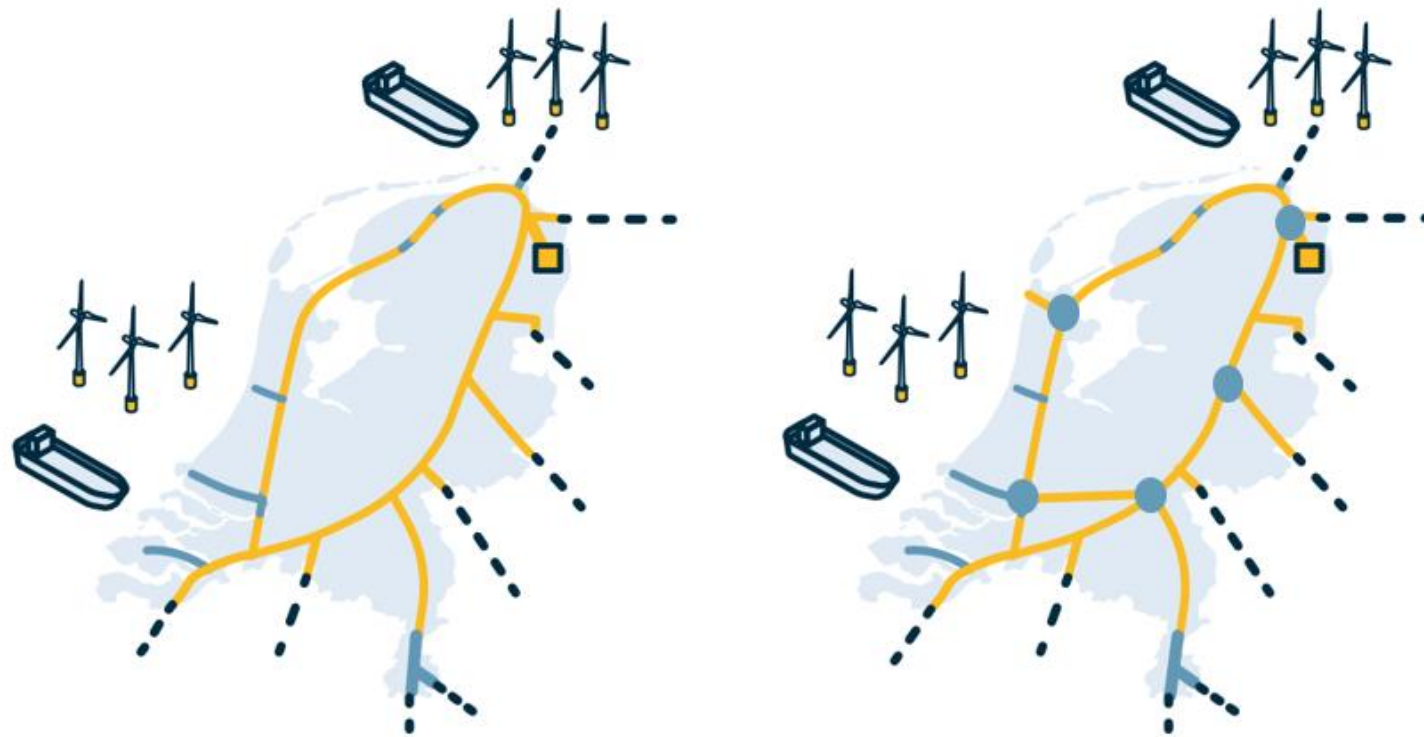
- Starting point: current H-gas routes
- Good connection to industry clusters (feedstock, energy)
- Balancing role: wind/sun, peak demand H2, electricity, heat

## Methane



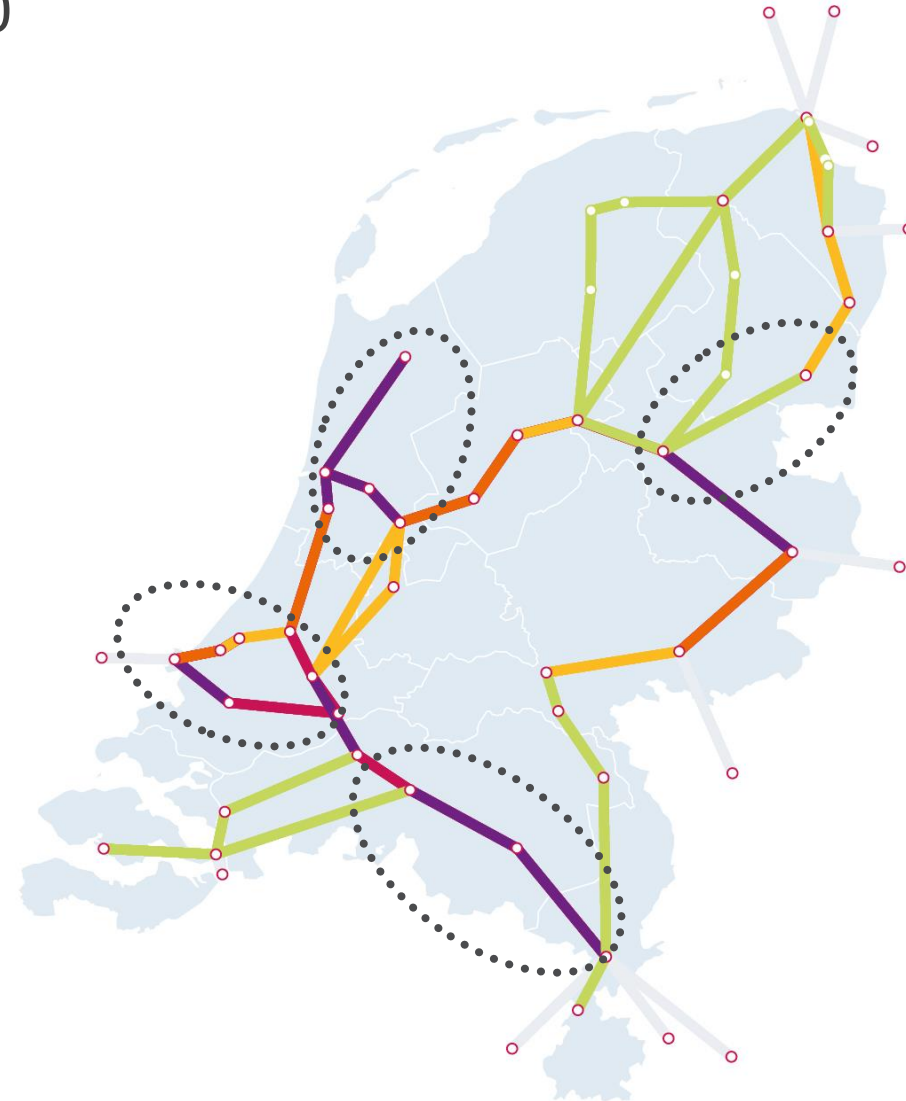
- Starting point: current G-gas routes
- Good connection to households (via regional network)
- Balancing role: peak demand green gas, electricity, heat

# Hydrogen development path: adding available pipelines, compression and additional east-west connection



## Development 380 kV grid towards 2050

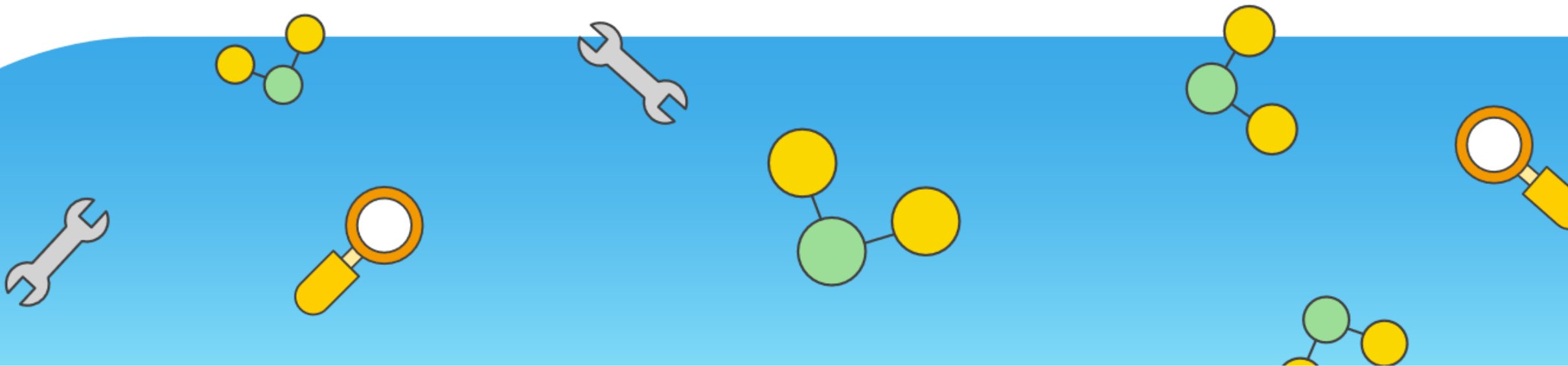
- Most challenging for 380kV grid:
  - High infeed of wind during periods of high demand
  - Export to Germany
- Based on scenario assumptions, further **grid expansions** are foreseen in certain areas of the country **in all scenarios**.





## Conclusion 2:

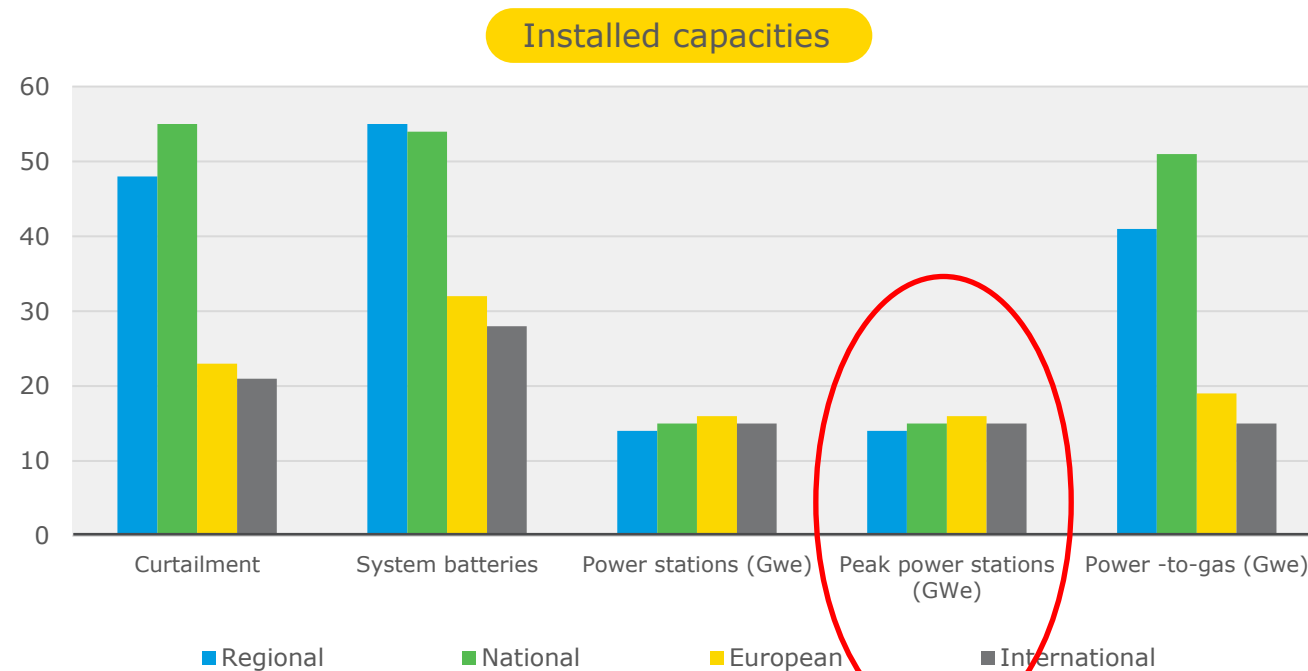
Large-scale flexibility resources are required





## Flexibility: large capacities are needed

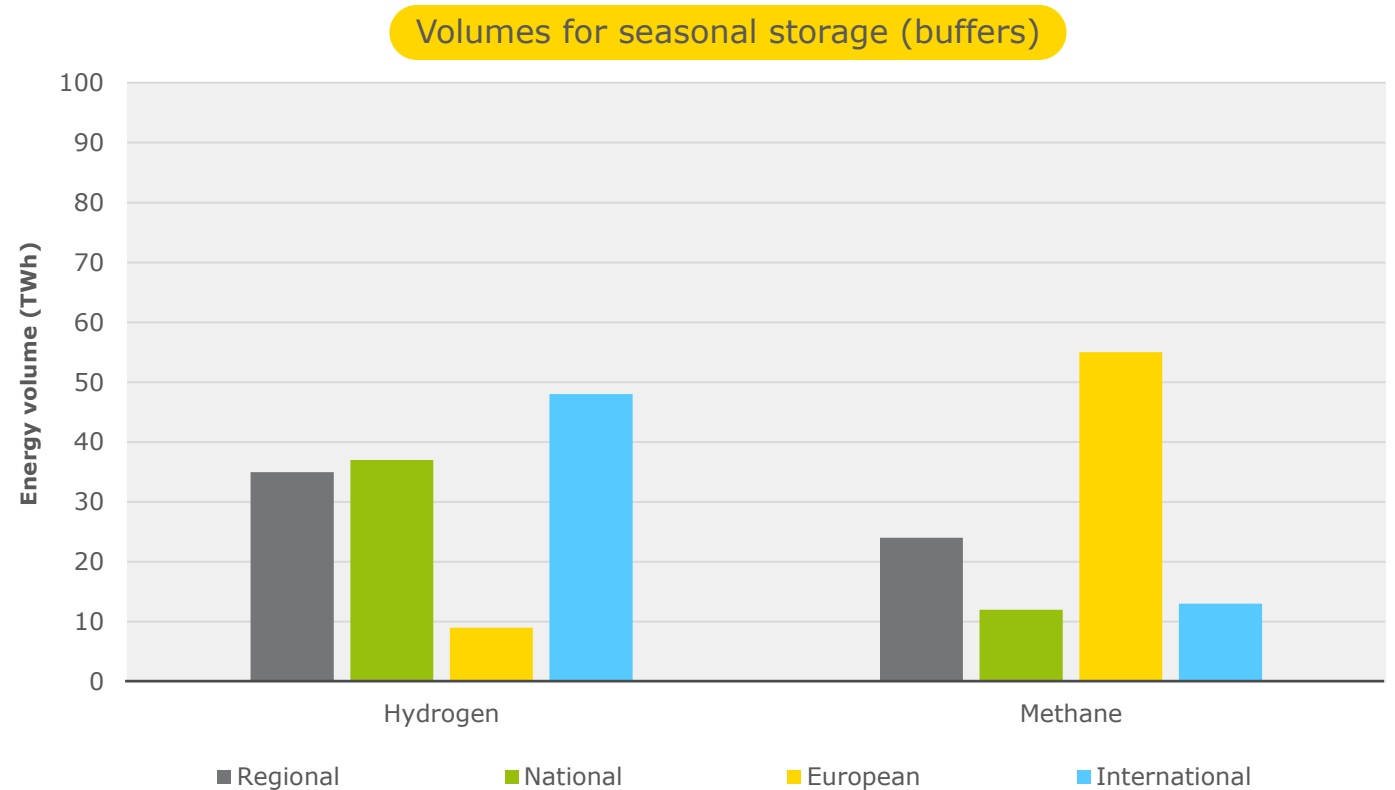
- **Curtailement** powerful instrument at low cost
- **Battery storage** for short periods of imbalances (day/night)
- **Power to Gas** for long periods of imbalances (seasonal storage)
- **Power plants** for security of supply



Large capacity, few hours

## Flexibility: large volumes of seasonal storage are needed

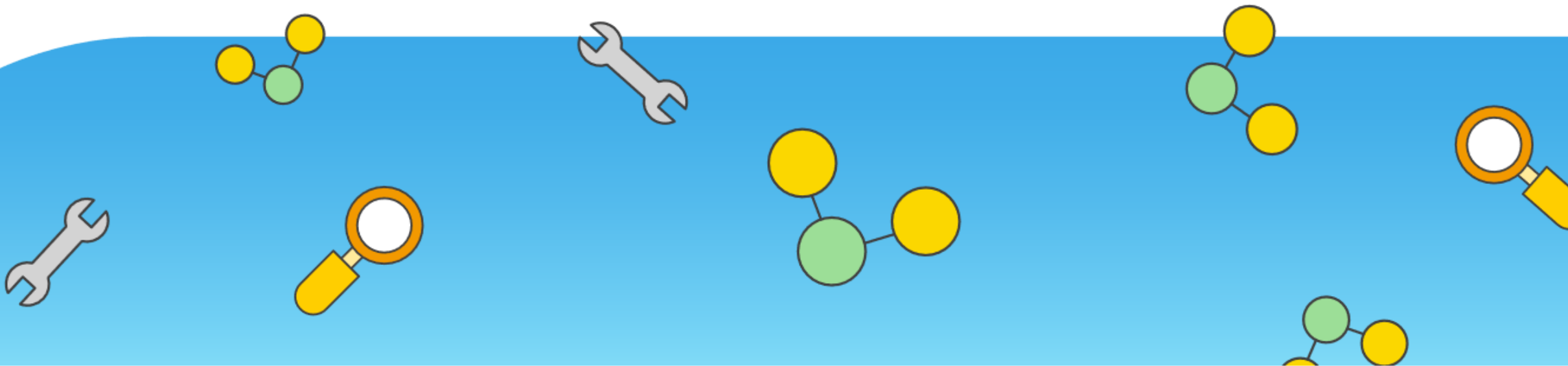
- In all scenarios **large volumes of gas storage required** (50 to 60 TWh) to compensate for **seasonal difference** in supply and demand.
- These volumes correspond to 8 to 10% of final demand.





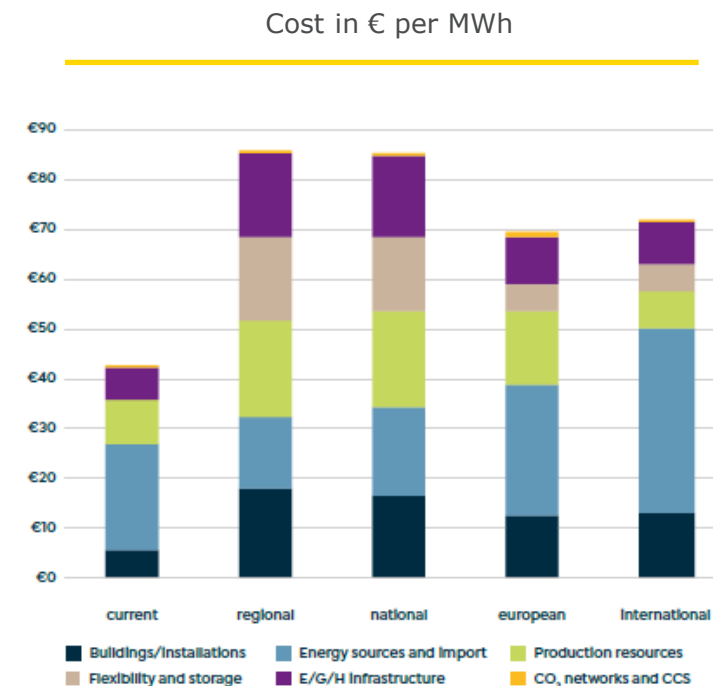
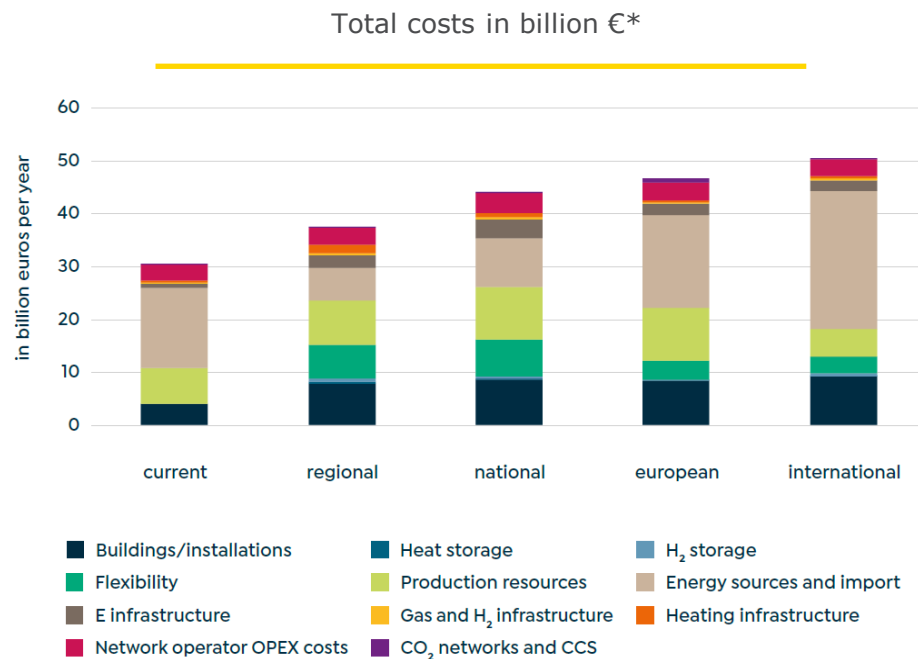
## Conclusion 4:

Strong increase in costs and space requirements



## Costs of the energy system will double

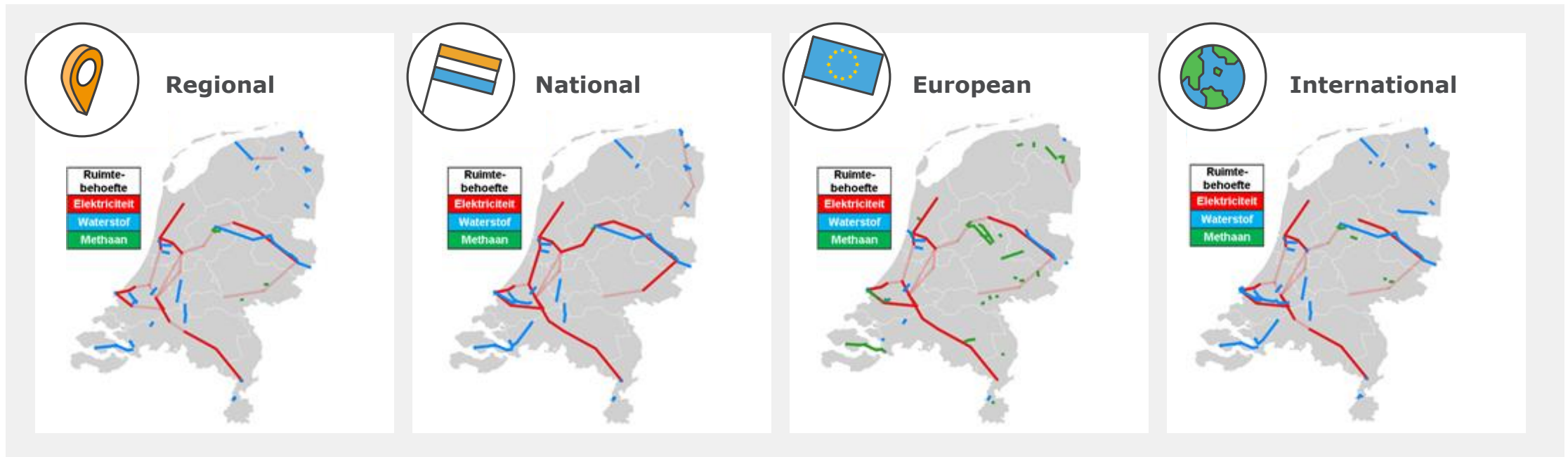
- Meeting 100% emission target → doubling of energy prices (all scenarios)
- Self-sufficient scenarios (REG, NAT): cost dominated by capital costs
- EUR, INT scenarios: cost dominated by costs for hydrogen or green methane imports



\* On an annual base the cost for grid investments in E&G are inline with the costs presented in Strategy&PWC study for NBNL of april 2021 [https://www.netbeheernederland.nl/\\_upload/RadFiles/New/Documents/20210407-Finaal%20rapport%20Project%20FIEN.pdf](https://www.netbeheernederland.nl/_upload/RadFiles/New/Documents/20210407-Finaal%20rapport%20Project%20FIEN.pdf)

# Feasibility of the construction portfolio is challenging

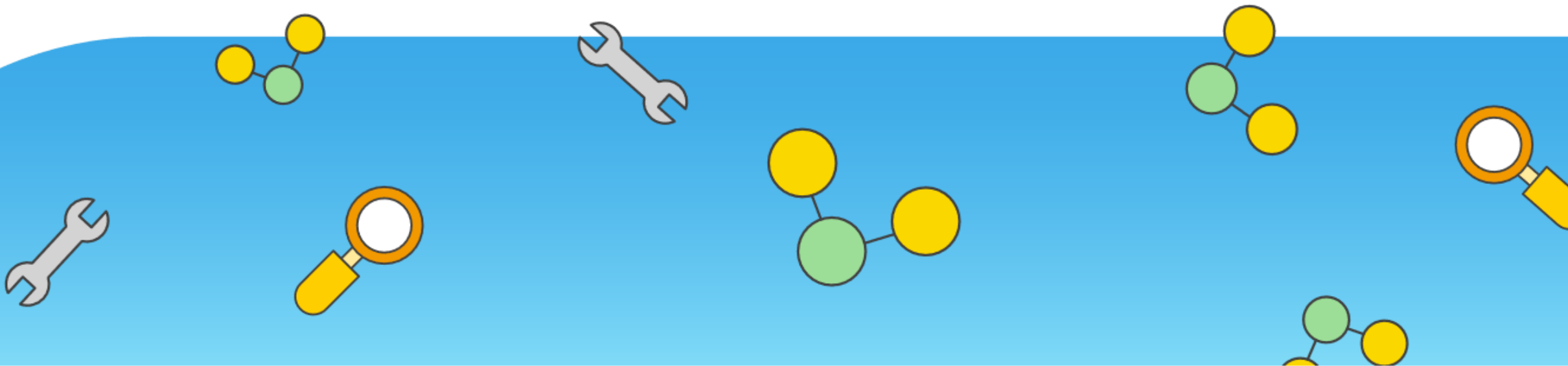
The II3050 scenarios require a further growth of the 380kV-grid, and new pipelines as well





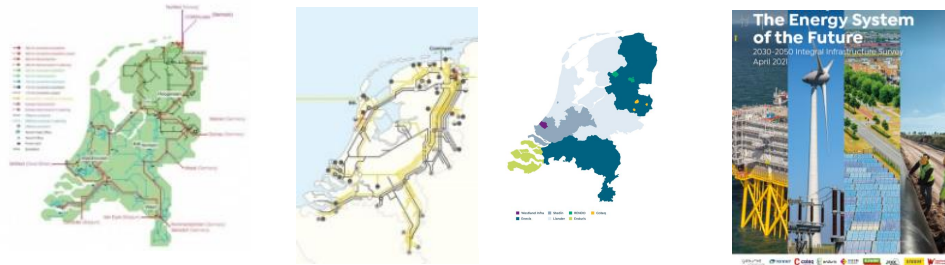
## Conclusion 6:

Long-term perspective and integral exploration  
essential

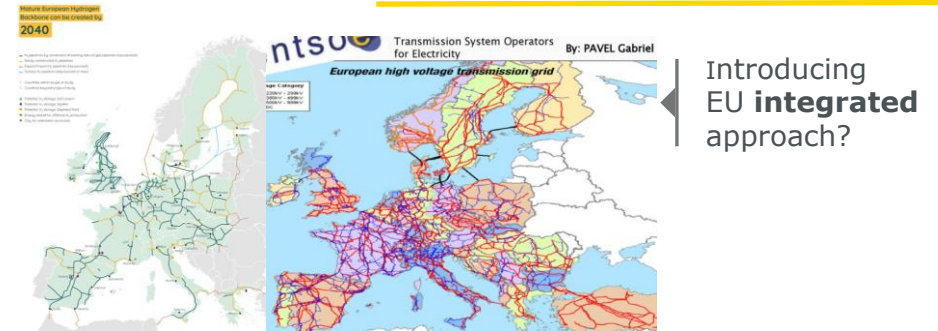


# Long term perspective and integral scope crucial for affordable, reliable system

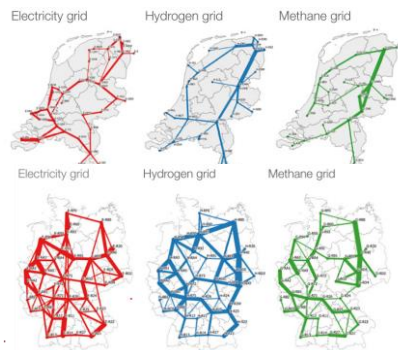
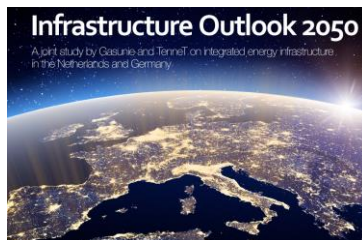
## II3050: Integral approach in The Netherlands



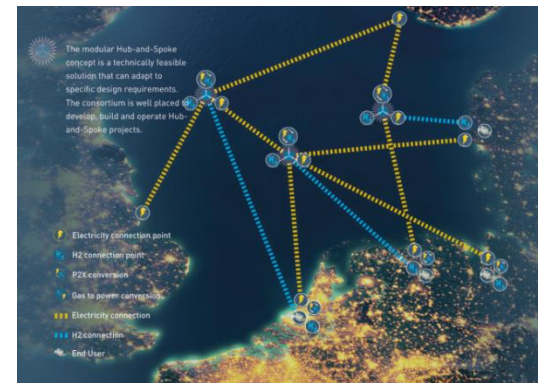
## Separate approach (H<sub>2</sub>, E) in Europe?



## NSWPH/VAWOZ: Integral approach in Germany



## NSWPH: Integral approach in NW Europe offshore





## Conclusions (rephrased)

- 1** - Expand the electricity network  
- Build a nationwide hydrogen transport network

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- 2** Develop large-scale flexibility resources:  
- electrolyzers, hydrogen storage (caverns, depleted fields), hydrogen fired power plants

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- 3** Expect higher costs and use of extra space

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- 4** Choose the right locations:  
- electrolysis near supply of green electricity  
- power plants near consumption of electricity

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- 5** Speed up the work:  
- investment lead times, limited availability of qualified workers

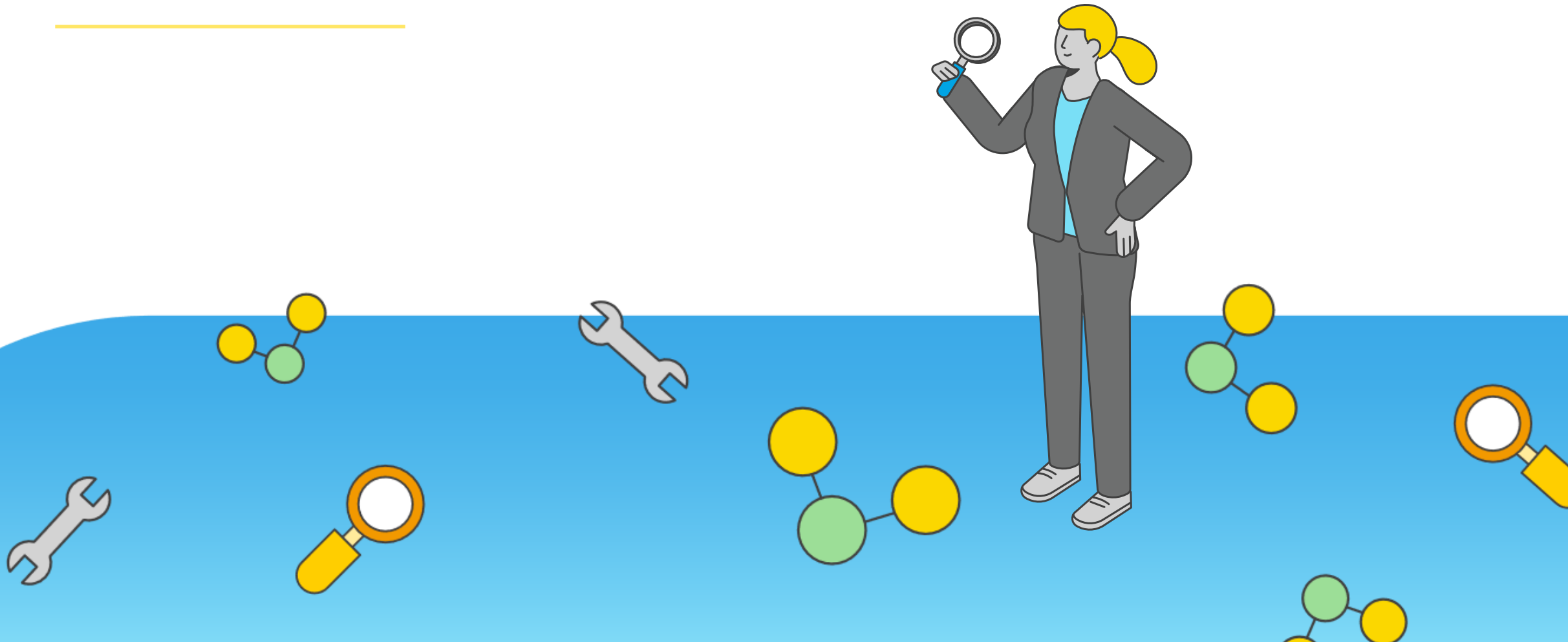
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- 6** Take a long-term perspective:  
- to identify and build measures on time  
- to ensure correct choices for an efficient transition to 2050.



# Thank you

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