

# EnBW's path for hydrogen power plants in Baden-Württemberg

A thick orange horizontal bar with a rounded right end.

ETN Workshop Stuttgart  
EnBW R&D  
Wolfram Münch  
9 October 2024

# Important performance indicators for the EnBW Group



Revenue  
€44,430.7 million



Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>  
€6,365.2 million



Installed power  
plant output  
12,226 MW



Of which  
renewable energies  
5,728 MW



Employees  
28,630



B2C and B2B  
customers  
5.5 million



Length of electricity grid  
148,000 km



Length of gas grid  
31,000 km

<sup>1</sup> Earnings before the investment and financial results, income taxes and amortization, adjusted for non-operating effects.

# Our generation portfolio in figures (EnBW Group)



## Types of generation in 2023



Run-of-river  
982 MW



Offshore wind  
976 MW



Onshore wind  
1,212 MW



Biomass  
85 MW



Photovoltaics  
956 MW



Pumped storage  
(with nat. flow of water)  
1,517 MW



Gas power plants  
1,161 MW



Coal power plants  
4,342 MW



Other thermal power plants  
450 MW

# Vision 2045: Climate neutrality requires a fundamental transformation of the energy system

## Renewable energy

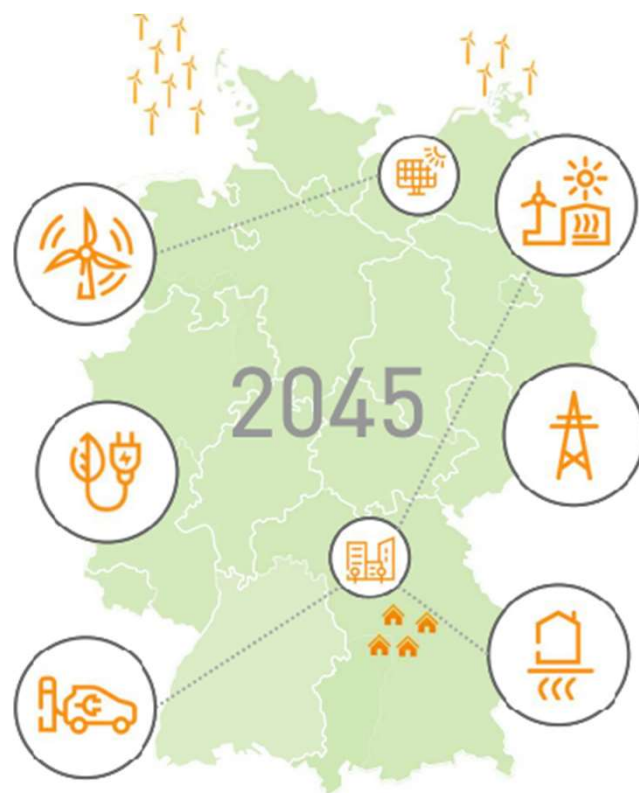
- ... provides almost 100% of climate-neutral power generation
- Installed RE capacity: approx. 500 GW (today approx. 145 GW),

## Security of supply

- ... enabled by gas-fired power plants running on hydrogen, battery storage and hydropower (pumped storage):
- 60 GW gas turbines and CCGT (2021: approx. 30 GW); 15 GW battery storage; 30 GW hydrogen storage (salt caverns)

## E-mobility

- Electric power standard for passenger cars, approx. 43 m electric vehicles, mainly passenger cars and delivery vans
- Heavy/long-distance transport powered by H<sub>2</sub>, biogenic fuels or battery electric



## Current usage

- ... increases to approx. 800–900 TWh due to high level of electrification in all sectors (2021 approx. 500 TWh)
- Energy efficiency reducing conventional consumption to ~400 TWh
- New consumption from 2025 (~200 TWh by 2045) due to sector coupling

## Grids (electricity)

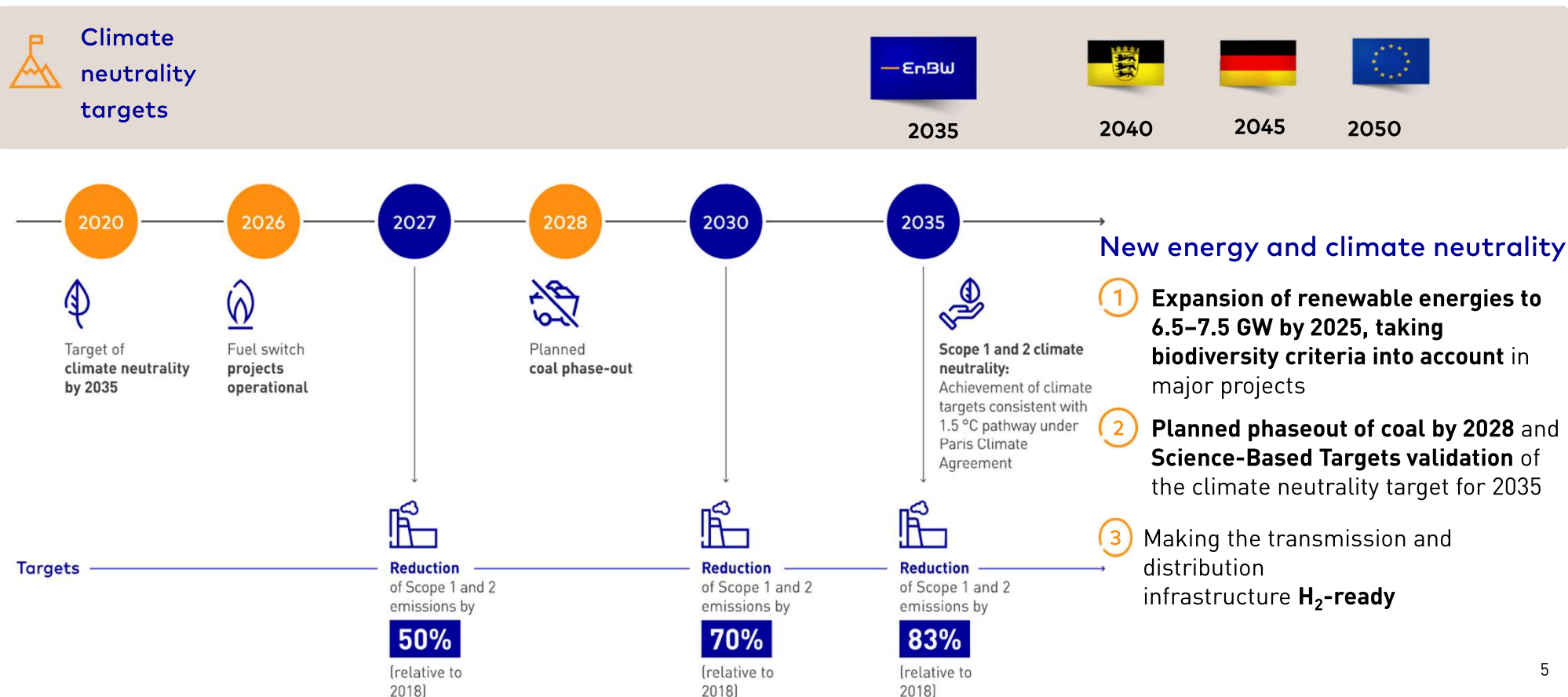
- Massive expansion by 2045
- €165 bn in investment needed in the transmission grid
- €123 bn in investment in distribution grids
- €110 bn to connect offshore wind farms

## Heat supply

- ... Automatically electric or with green gases
- > 13 m heat pumps in residentials (market share >60%)
- Heat demand to case by 15%
- H<sub>2</sub> with ≤20% market share

# Ambitious climate neutrality targets

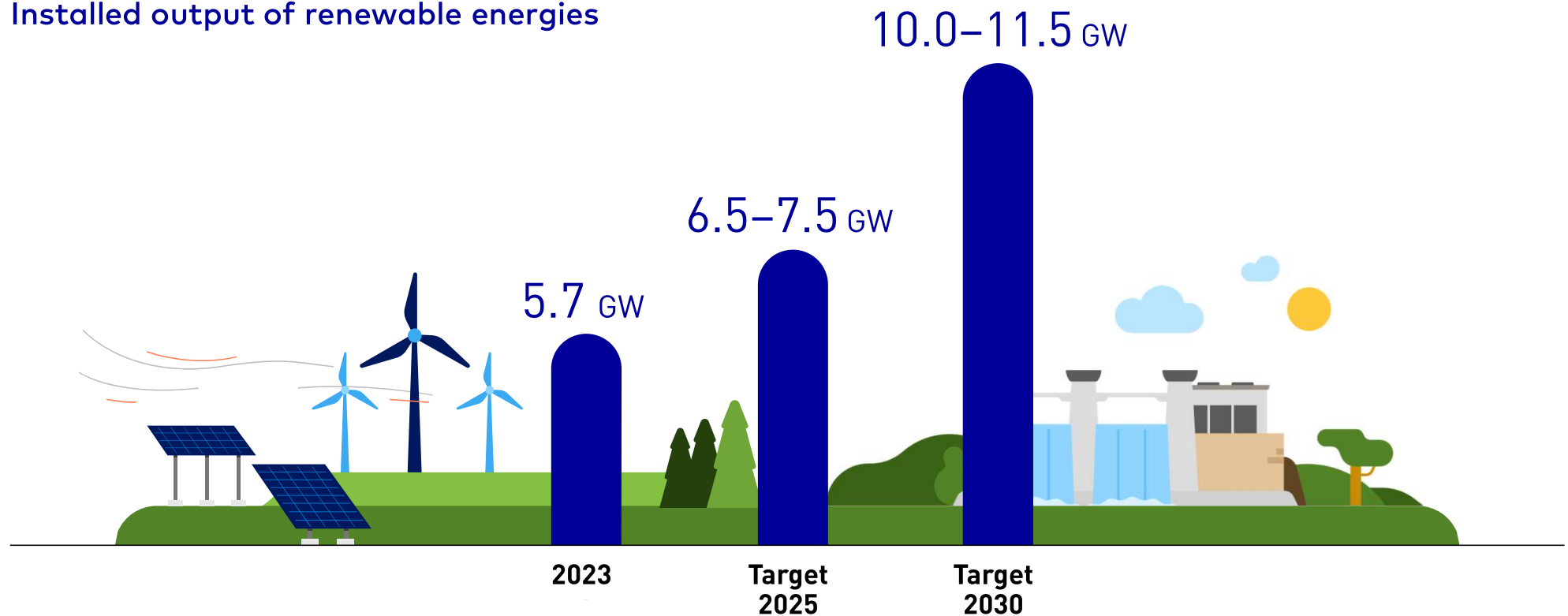
## EnBW plans to phase out coal by the end of 2028





## Renewable energies as a key pillar of generation

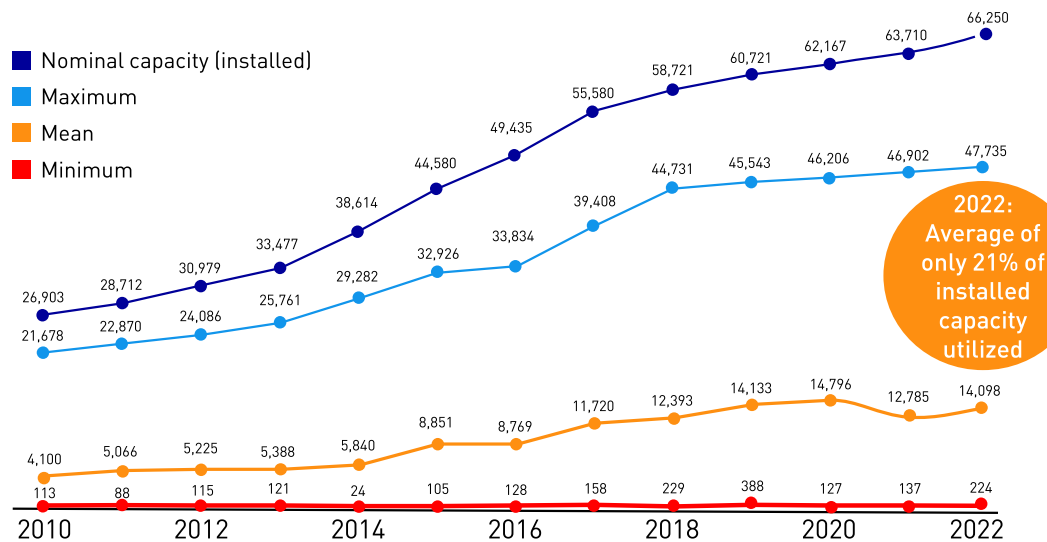
### Installed output of renewable energies



# Decarbonization Germany: Expansion of renewables increases demand for dispatchable power

## Wind power generation in Germany, 2010 to 2021

in MW



Source: VGB Powertech

## Future options for dispatchable power generation



### Conventional



Coal



Gas

### Renewables



Biomass/-energy



Geothermal



Green gases (H<sub>2</sub>, Biogas)



Pumped

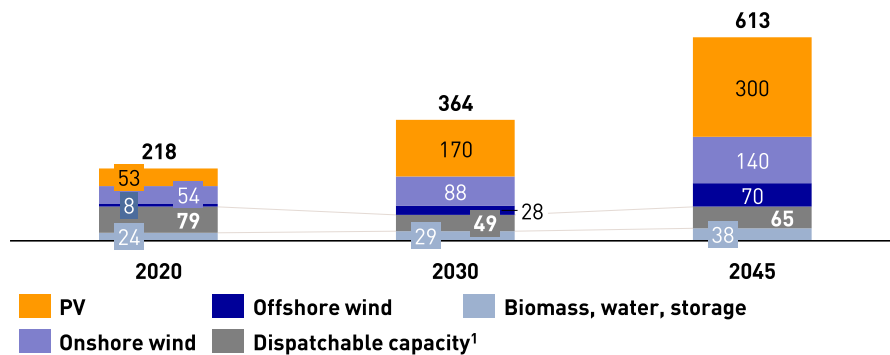


Battery

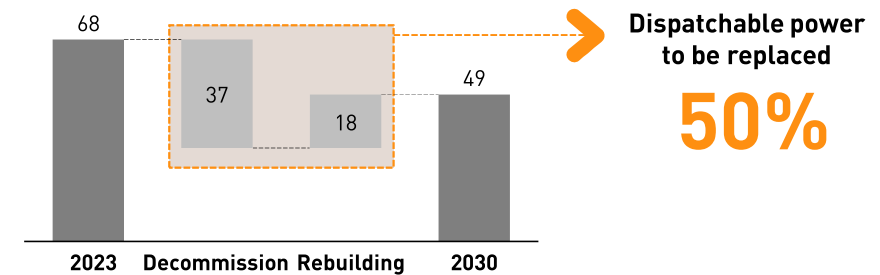
### Storage

# The expansion of dispatchable capacity in Germany will be essential in the coming years

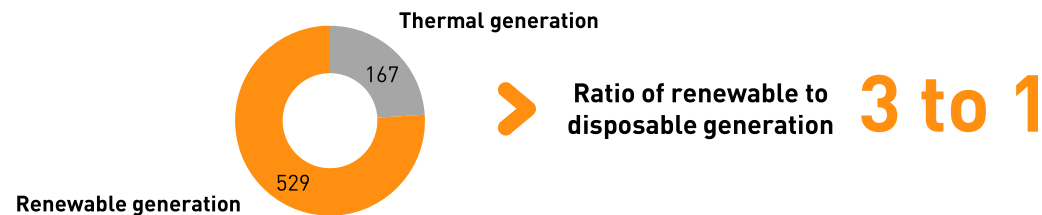
Development of installed capacity in Germany (in GW<sub>el</sub>)



Decommissioning and rebuilding of dispatchable capacity by 2030 (in GW<sub>el</sub>)



Production shares in 2030 (in TWh)



<sup>1</sup> From the beginning of the 2030s, gas/hydrogen; Goal in 2045 100% hydrogen



# Dispatchable power required EnBW fuel switch projects, H<sub>2</sub>-ready!

## Gas instead of coal - "Fuel Switch" as an intermediate step on the road to climate neutrality

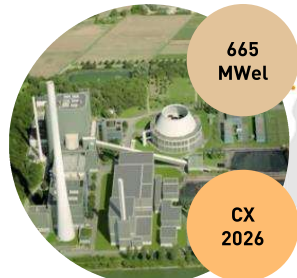
### Stuttgart Gaisburg

- CHP plant with 30 MW<sub>el</sub> and 30 MW thermal output of approx. 30 MW
- Heating plant 175 MW
- **Commissioning 2018**



### Altbach/Deizisau

- **CCGT plant with 665 MW<sub>el</sub> and up to 180 MW heat extraction.** Decommissioning of combined block HKW 2 with 401 MW<sub>el</sub>.
- **Commissioning 2026**



### Heilbronn

- **CCGT plant with 675 MW<sub>el</sub> and up to 190 MW heat extraction.** Decommissioning of coal block HLB7 with 778 MW<sub>el</sub>.
- **Commissioning 2026**



### Stuttgart-Münster

- **Gas turbine plant with 124 MW<sub>el</sub> and heat recovery steam generator.** Decommissioning of coal boilers and gas turbines.
- **Commissioning 2025**



# Hydrogen and Gas Turbines: state-of-the art and outlook. Alternatives?

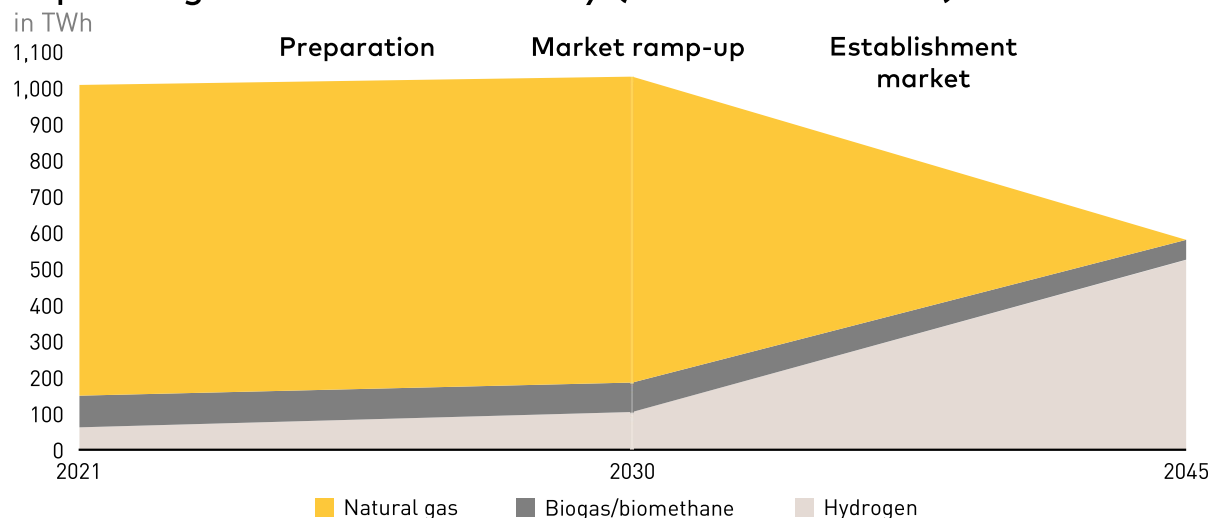
- More than 50 years of operating experience with lower heating value fuels like blends of hydrogen and natural gas.
  - Mainly in refineries and steel mills, not in power generation
- New installed gas turbines are capable to burn approx. 20 Vol-% H<sub>2</sub>, depending on type, capacity, emission limits.
- All relevant manufacturer have committed to deliver gas turbines operating with 100 % H<sub>2</sub> combustion systems to meet current emission limits by 2030\*.
- Alternative: gas fired CCS-power plants
  - Production cost advantages vs H<sub>2</sub>-power plants?
  - But CO<sub>2</sub>- transport and storage infrastructure has yet to be developed
  - Stick with fossil energy vs renewables?
  - Which infrastructure to keep or to develop for CH<sub>4</sub> , CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>?



\* Sources: General Electric, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries , Siemens Energy

# Decarbonisation Germany: Natural gas gradually being replaced by climate-neutral gases

## Expected gas demand in Germany (incl. feedstock use)<sup>1</sup>



## Explanatory notes

- EU climate neutrality requires fossil fuels to be replaced in all sectors by 2050<sup>1</sup>
- Time to 2030 should be used for setting up the market and improving the technologies
- Three aspects are particularly important:
  - Rapid establishment of a universal **hydrogen infrastructure**
  - Creation of an appropriate market regulatory framework (such as certification of origin for green hydrogen)
  - Creation of incentives promoting demand for climate-neutral hydrogen

our hydrogen  
expectation 2045



Demand  
530 TWh/a

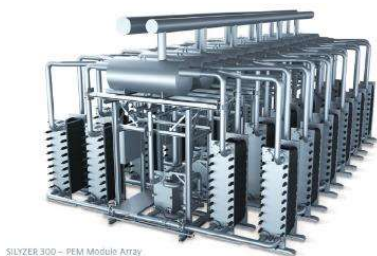
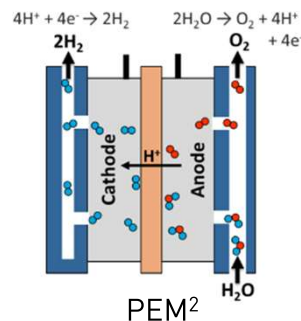
About  
40-47 GW  
Electrolysis  
capacity

Share  
own  
Production  
20%  
Import 80%

<sup>1</sup> Assumption: Green Deal consistently implemented by 2050

# Production of Green Hydrogen

Water electrolysis is the technology to produce hydrogen out of renewable energy



PEM-stack<sup>2</sup>



Alkaline-Stack<sup>2</sup>

## Explanation

- Technologies of water electrolysis include alkaline, polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM), solid oxide electrolyser cell (SOEC) and anion exchange membrane (AEM).
- Alkaline technologies are extensively developed in the chlor-alkali industry and dominate the market.
- PEM technologies are also commercially available, whereas SOEC and AEM are under demonstration.
- Current global installed electrolyser capacity is approx. 20 GW dedicated mainly to the production of chlorine, with hydrogen being a by-product of the process. Capacity is predicted to increase > 130 GW by 2030.
- Typical efficiency is in the range of 60 to 75 % (LHV<sup>1</sup>), depending on used technology, interfaces (hydrogen pressure, cooling system) etc.

<sup>1</sup> Lower Heating Value

<sup>2</sup> Sources: International Energy Agency, NEL, Siemens Energy

# Massive increase in renewables is a pre-condition for Green Hydrogen production

- Germany: gas demand must be replaced by renewable gases, especially Green Hydrogen.
  - Green hydrogen is politically preferred, since no fossil fuels are used for production.
  - Blue Hydrogen has lower production costs, but important to start the H<sub>2</sub> market at all
- To completely cover the gas demand in Germany from green gases by 2050, a massive expansion of renewable energy generation is necessary, e.g.
  - In Germany: 300 GW<sub>Wind offshore</sub>
    - 2023: 8,4 GW installed
    - 2045: 70 GW (*current policies*)
  - Or in North Africa: 400 GW<sub>PV</sub>
- A large amount of Green hydrogen is expected to be imported from other countries even in the long term!



Grey H<sub>2</sub>: from methane (natural gas)  
Blue H<sub>2</sub>: from methane with CCS  
Green H<sub>2</sub>: from RE- electricity

# Global H<sub>2</sub>- production and -procurement for Germany

## Procurement- options for hydrogen and -derivates<sup>1</sup>



## Important aspects

- In 2023, share of imported H<sub>2</sub> and – derivatives: **50-70 %** according to national hydrogen strategy (Nationaler Wasserstoffstrategie)
- Potential import-/production regions for EU: **North- and Southamerica, Northafrica and South Asia**
- US-Subsidies (IRA) may have a significant impact on further development
- **Bilateral trade agreements** between large producer- and customer regions
- **Blue hydrogen** will probably have lower production costs than Green hydrogen until the 2040'ies

<sup>1</sup> especially NH<sub>3</sub> (and some synthetic hydrocarbons)



# Transport of Hydrogen

- Pipelines are the economically preferred transport option up to a certain distance
  - The European Hydrogen Backbone is a vision for a hydrogen transport infrastructure, connecting 21 countries by 2040 and grows from 2,000 to 40,000 km.
  - Hydrogen transmission pipeline length need to be expanded rapidly .
- For longer distances shipping becomes more cost-effective.
  - Hydrogen shipping requires very high pressure and/or very low temperatures (LH<sub>2</sub>), or conversion to a liquid energy carriers such as ammonia, synthetic hydrocarbons
  - Ammonia and hydrocarbons have an existing transport infrastructure across the globe, but ammonia is currently not used as an energy carrier
  - The infrastructure for LH<sub>2</sub> and additional infrastructure for ammonia including large scale crackers have yet to be built
- Of course, the production infrastructure for the new sustainable energy carriers also have to be developed, including the renewables



# Hydrogen Infrastructure by 2030

## Imports of hydrogen from 2025

- Starting in 2025, larger quantities from 2028 expected, Ammonia as hydrogen carrier, to a large fraction based on Blue H<sub>2</sub> until early 2040

## Hydrogen-transport Pipeline from 2027

- Transport by ship, rail, and trailer expected in the years ahead
- Regional pipeline-infrastructure by 2030, nationally connected up from 2032 onwards

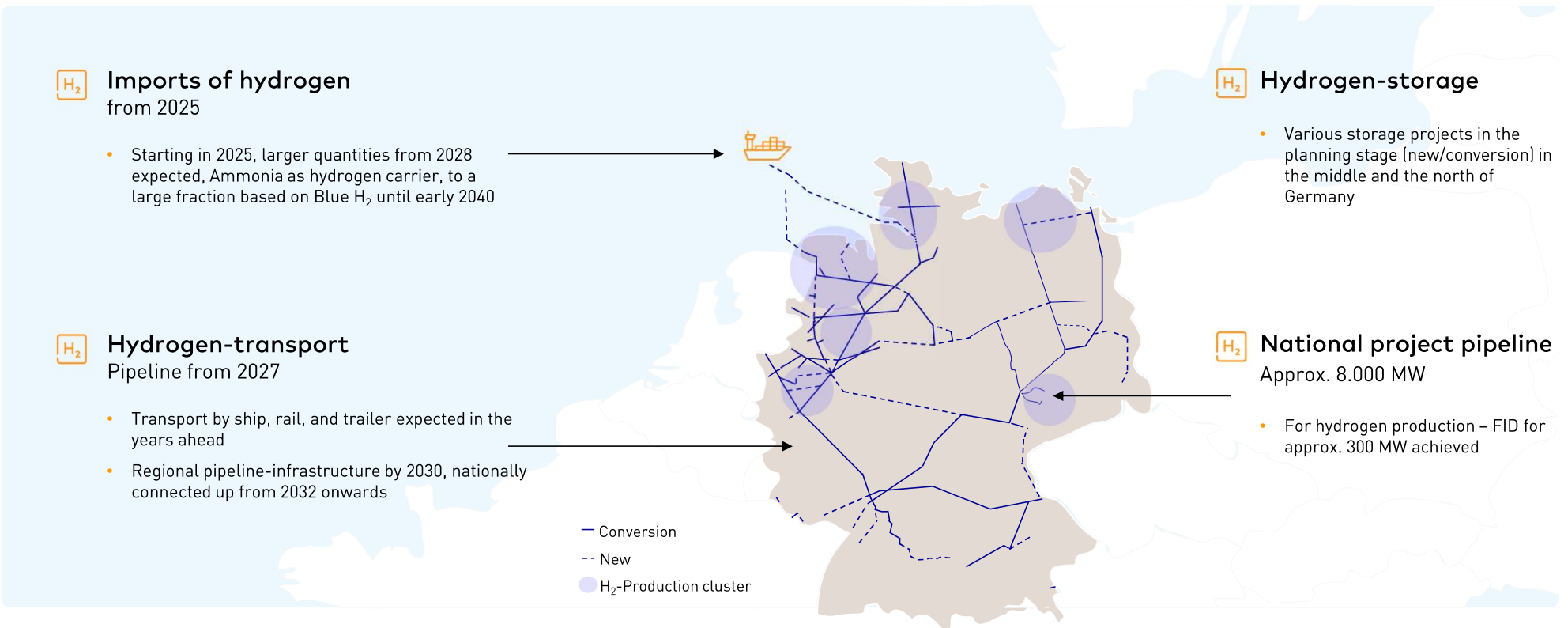
## Hydrogen-storage

- Various storage projects in the planning stage (new/conversion) in the middle and the north of Germany

## National project pipeline Approx. 8.000 MW

- For hydrogen production – FID for approx. 300 MW achieved

— Conversion  
- - - New  
● H<sub>2</sub>-Production cluster



# Wide variety of hydrogen activities already in progress across the EnBW Group

## 1 Öhringen Hydrogen Island

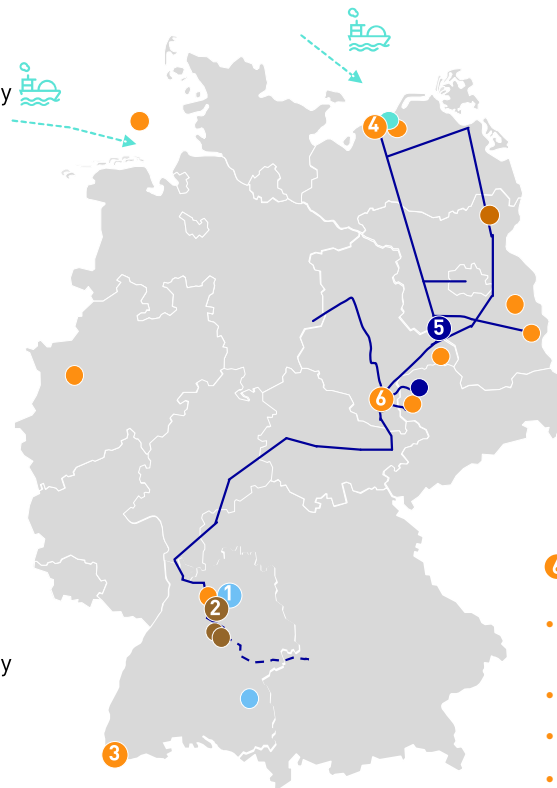
- Up to 30% hydrogen blended into gas grid for heat supply
- Supply of operating site plus 26 households
- Operating buildings supplied from 2021

## 2 Fuel-switch power plants — EnBW

- Conversion of three coal-fired heat and power plants to natural gas and subsequently hydrogen
- Total output 1,500 MW<sub>el</sub>, 820 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Planned start-up: 2026, conversion to H<sub>2</sub> from beginning 2030s

## 3 H<sub>2</sub> Whylen Real-World Lab — EnBW

- Up to 30% hydrogen blended into gas grid for heat supply
- Supply of operating site plus 26 households
- Operating buildings supplied from 2021



## 4 Rostock hydrogen port — EnBW

- Production of green hydrogen
- Consortium project (Port of Rostock, Rheinenergie, RWE)
- Generating capacity: 100 MW<sub>el</sub>
- Electrolyser planned to start operating in 2026
- Demonstration plant for an ammonia cracker (EnBW, VNG and JERA)

## 5 Doing Hydrogen & Green Octopus — ONTRAS

- Conversion of natural gas pipelines and construction of additional hydrogen pipelines for total of 900 km (Rostock-Leipzig-Salzgitter axis)
- First sections of pipelines planned to start operating from 2027

## 6 Doing Hydrogen & Green Octopus

- Integrated project along hydrogen value chain in project consortium (Uniper, Terrawatt, DBI)
- Hydrogen produced used in industry
- Electrolyser generating capacity: 30 MW<sub>el</sub>
- Wind farm, electrolyser and pipeline planned to start operating in 2025

# Summary

- Dispatchable power plants are an important ingredient for the renewable energy system in Germany
- EnBW's gas fired dispatchable power plants will be H<sub>2</sub> -ready on commissioning and run on H<sub>2</sub> when sufficient supply will be available
- Starting in small quantities, hydrogen will be available as a sustainable energy carrier from 2025
- Most of the Green hydrogen in Germany will be imported
- An enormous increase in renewable production on a global scale is critical for Green hydrogen to be successful

# Wanting the energy transition means doing projects!

The success of the energy transition process depends on six elements:

Expansion of  
renewable  
generation

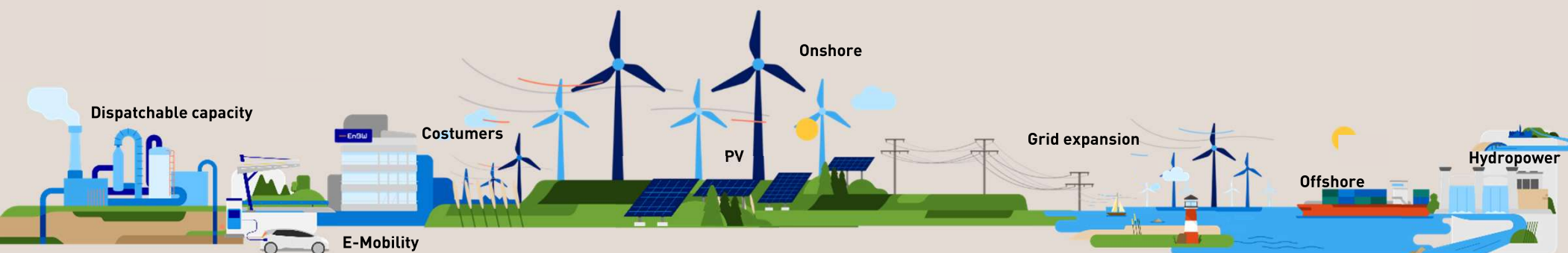
Expansion of  
dispatchable  
capacity

Modification  
of the  
transmission  
nets

Conversion of  
Distribution  
networks

Demand  
management  
of the  
customers

Use of  
Gas &  
Transformation  
to H<sub>2</sub>







# Thank you