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**Long-term strategies for GHG neutrality by 2050:
What vision for the EU?
(& comparison with French LTS)**

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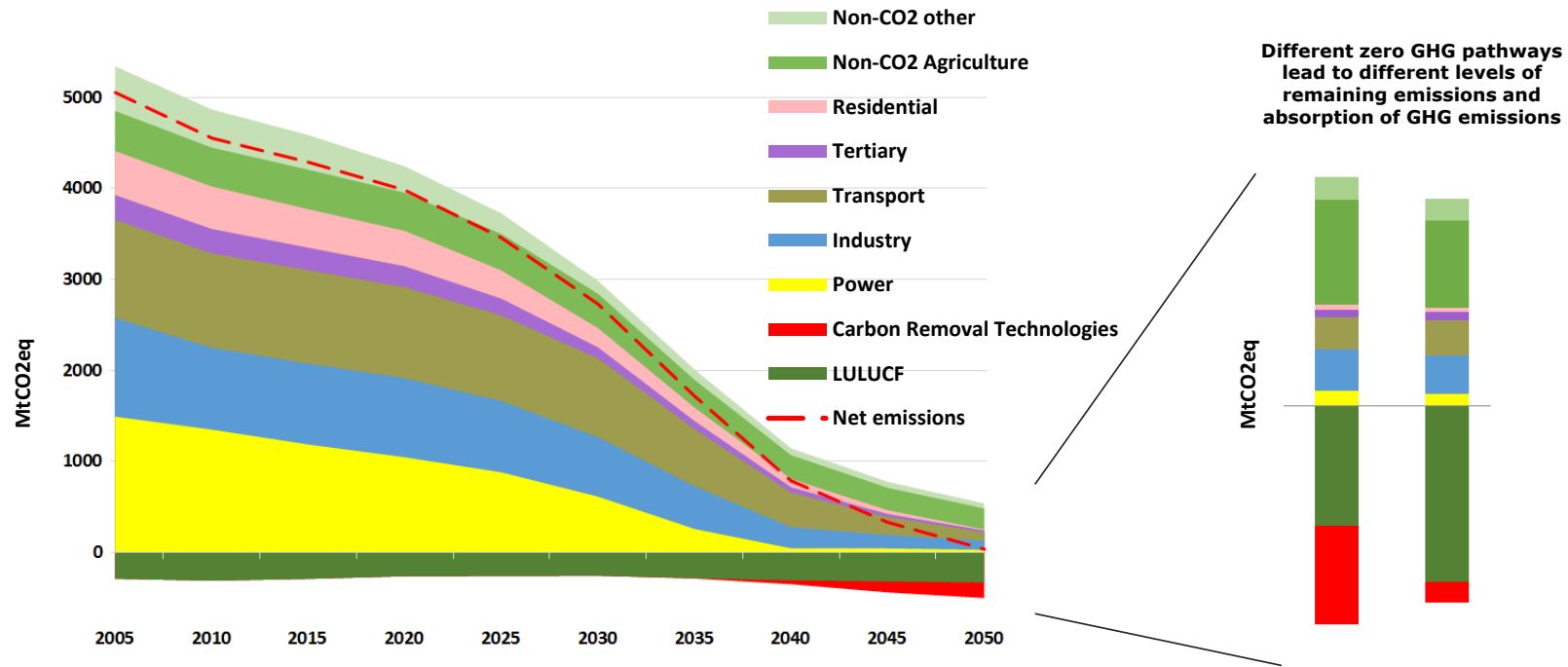
Climate Recon Event
(Rome - 15 june 2019)

The EC's Long-term vision for GHG neutrality for EU

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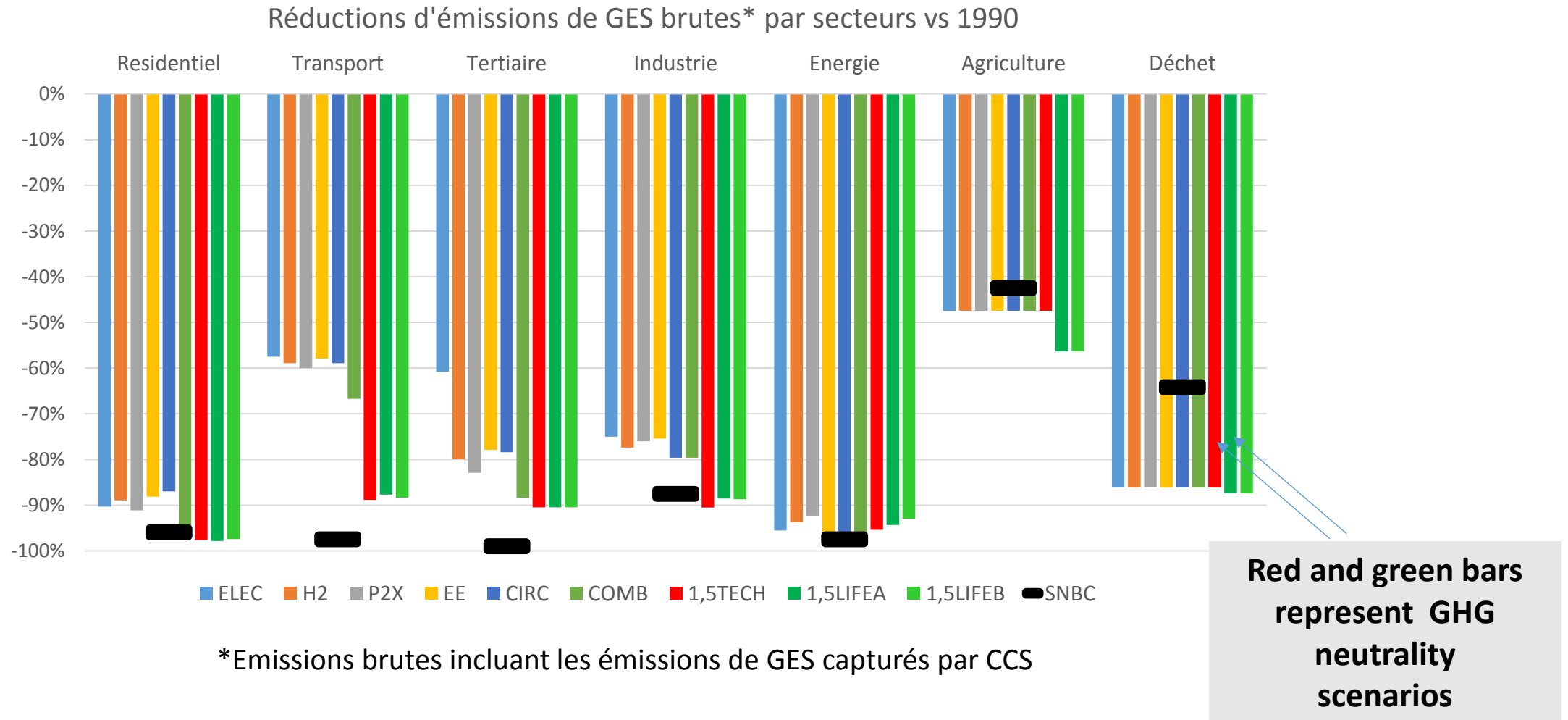
- EU: European Commission Long-term strategic vision (analytical support document)
- FR: Strategie Nationale Bas-carbone (Draft) (DGEC, MTES, France)

Long-term vision for climate neutrality by 2050 for EU28



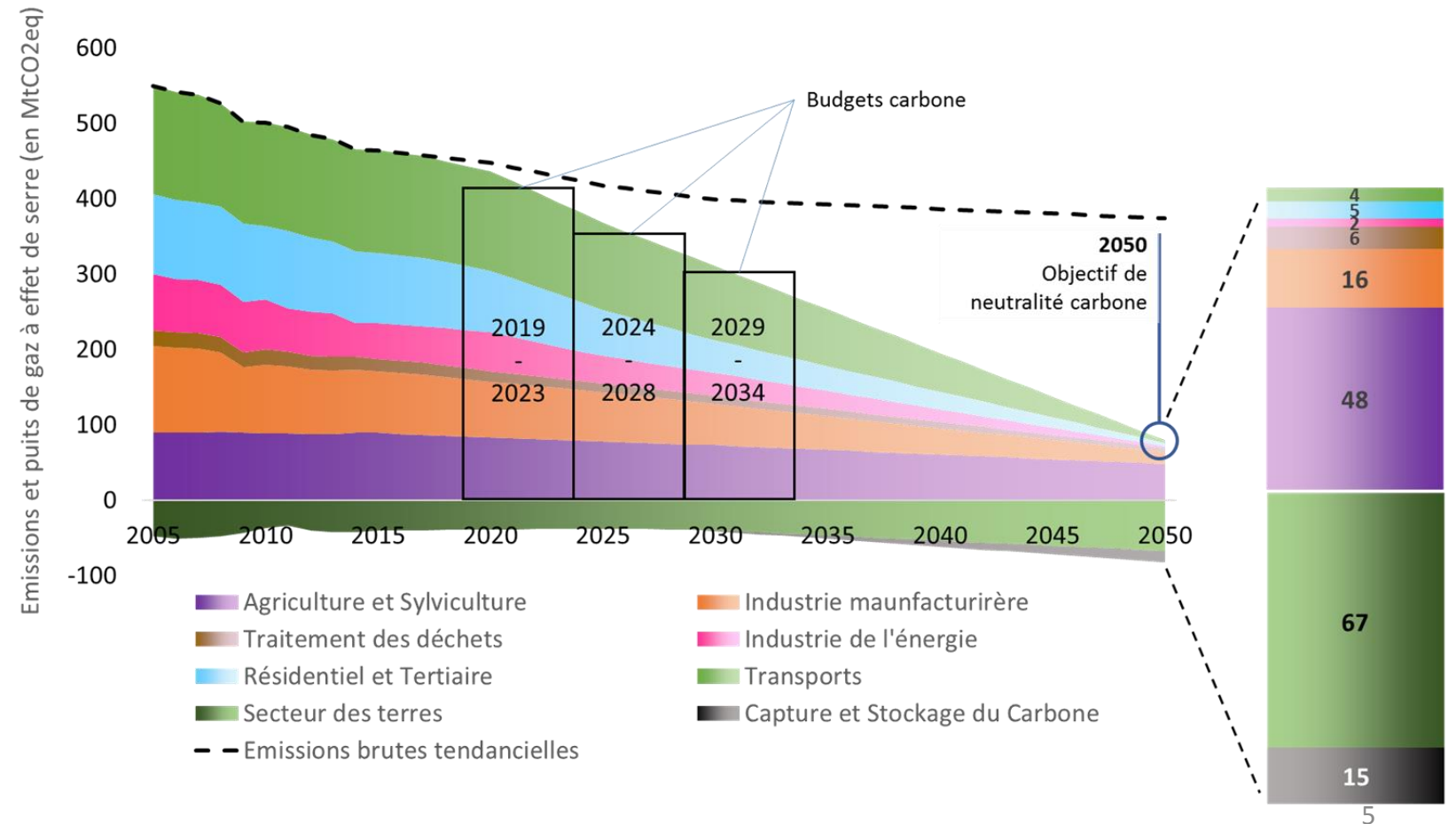
Several pathways to get there, but all require very deep reductions across sectors & role for sinks

A need for deep decarbonisation across all key sectors



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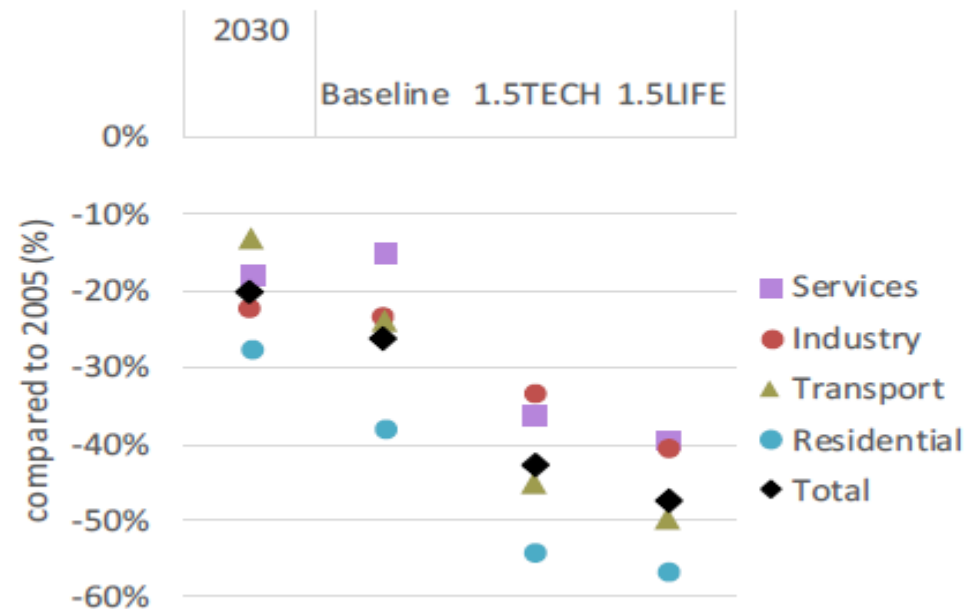
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Significant reduction in final energy consumption

- Final energy consumption to be reduced by as much as half in 2050 compared to 2005
- Buildings key, most of the housing stock of 2050 exists already today
- Requires adequate financial instruments, skilled workforce, for significantly higher renovation rates

**Changes in sectoral final energy consumption
(% change vs 2005)**



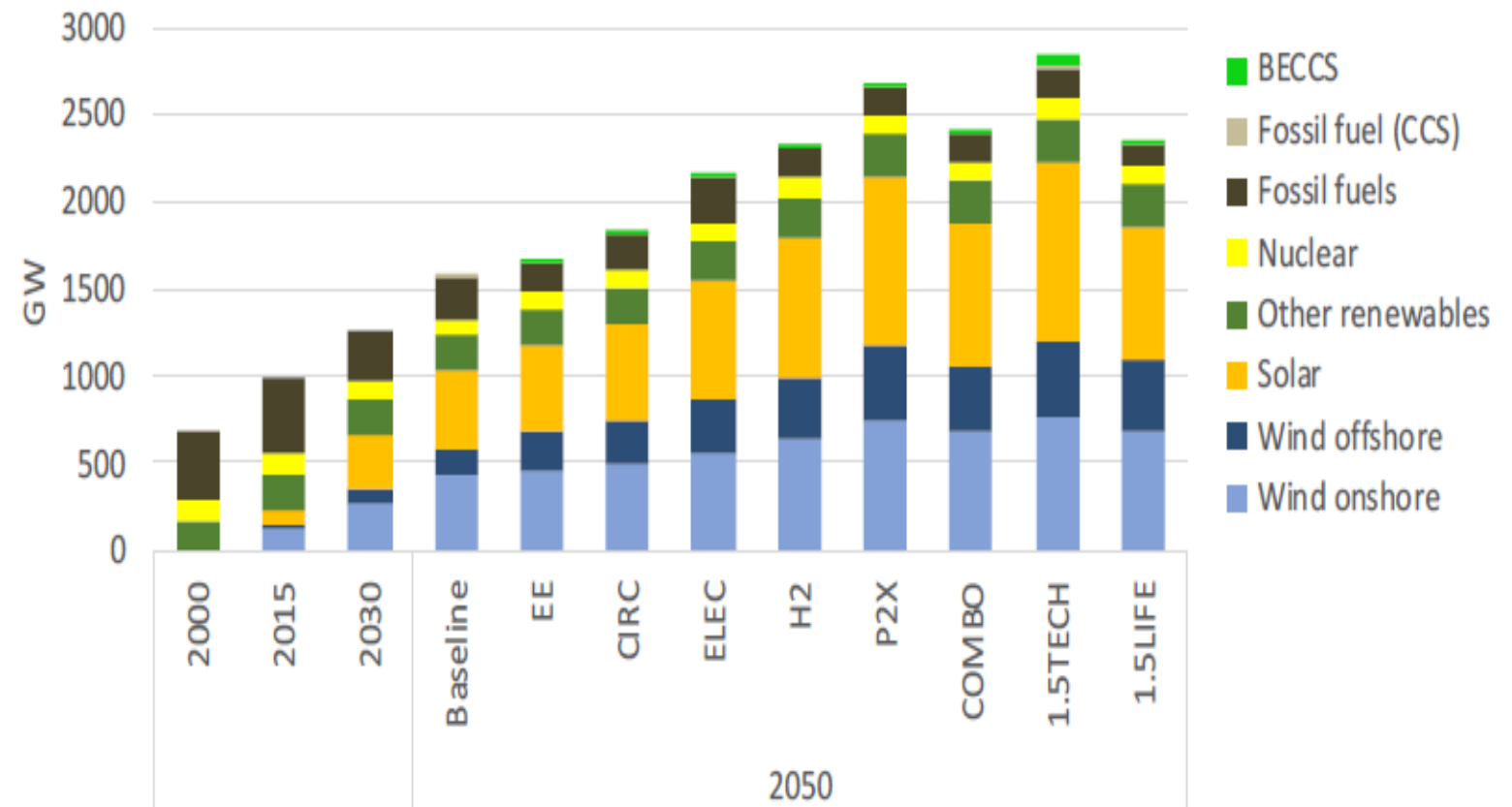
Note: "Services" includes here the agriculture sector.

Source: Eurostat (2005), PRIMES.

Strong expansion of renewable electricity capacity

- Strong growth in RES generation capacity needed
- Coal, fuel and most gas disappear from power mix by 2050
- Existing nuclear capacity remains
- Mix to depend by country of course..

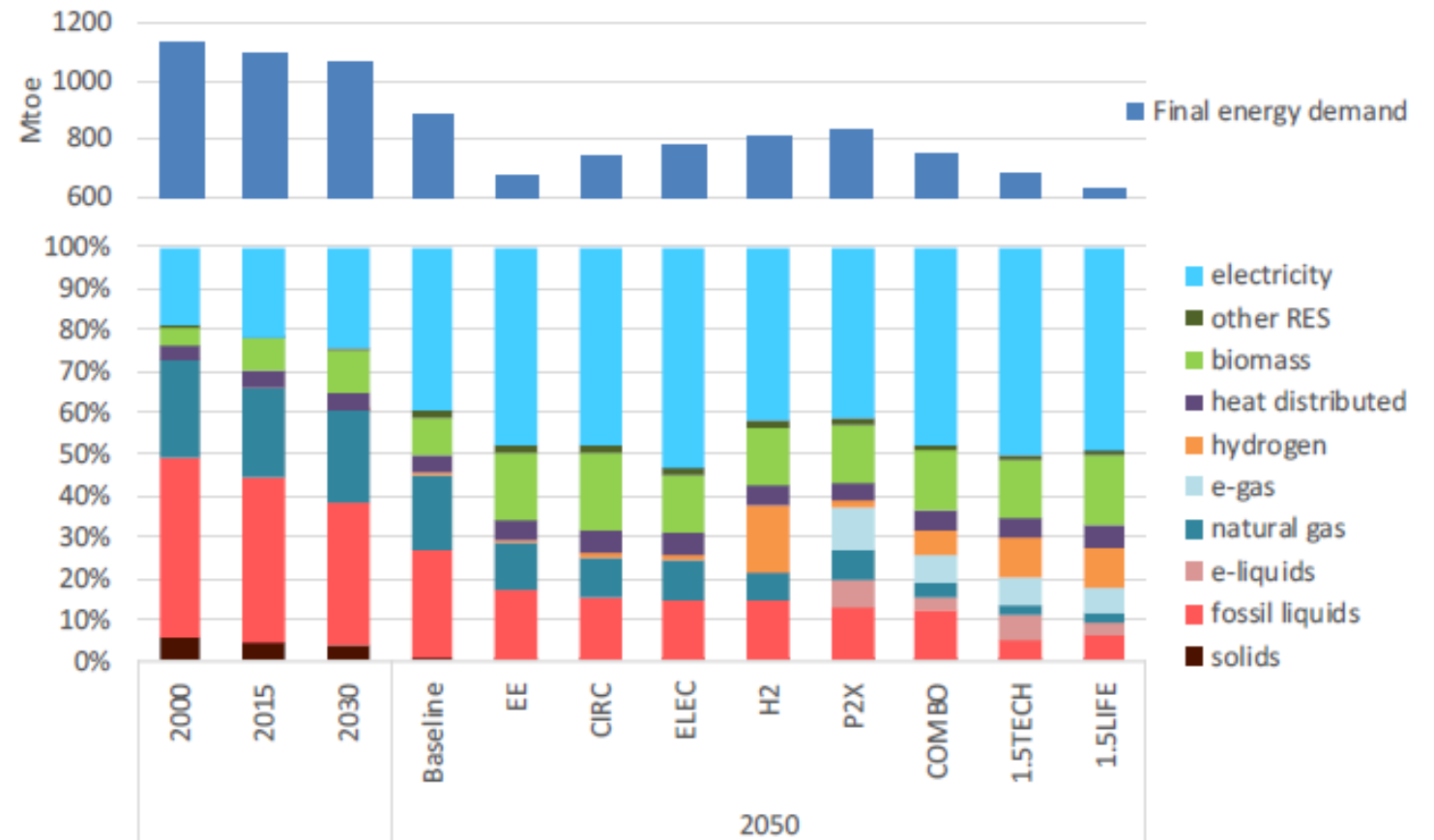
Figure 24: Power generation capacity



Strong role for electrification in all scenarios

- Way to increase energy efficiency
- Decarbonised power sources
- Replacement of other fuels by RES (E-Gas, Biogas, e-fuels, hydrogen)

Figure 20: Share of energy carriers in final energy consumption

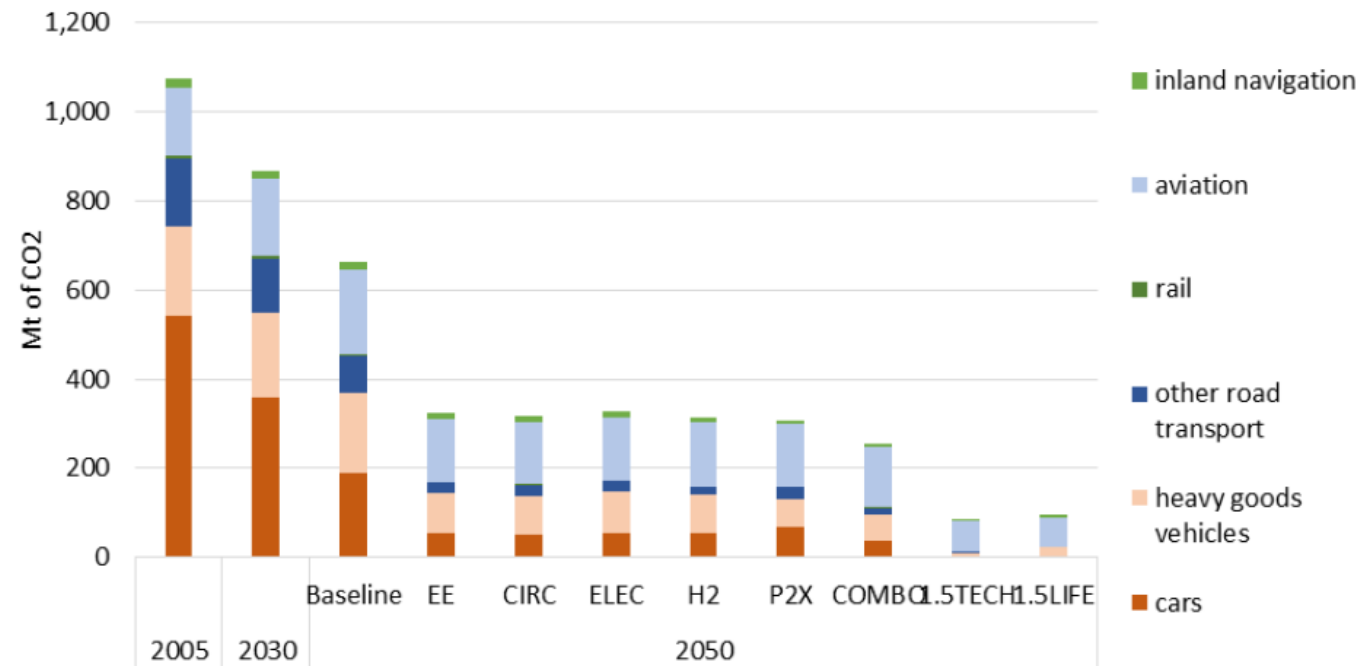


Source: Eurostat (2000, 2015), PRIMES.

Very deep decarbonation of energy use in transport

- Electrification of passenger vehicles (end of sales of ICE in ~2040)
- Almost 100% decarbonisation of freight energy
- Some modal shift for freight
- Significant reductions in aviation and maritime emissions
- Actions on demand side for energy efficiency and to manage activity levels

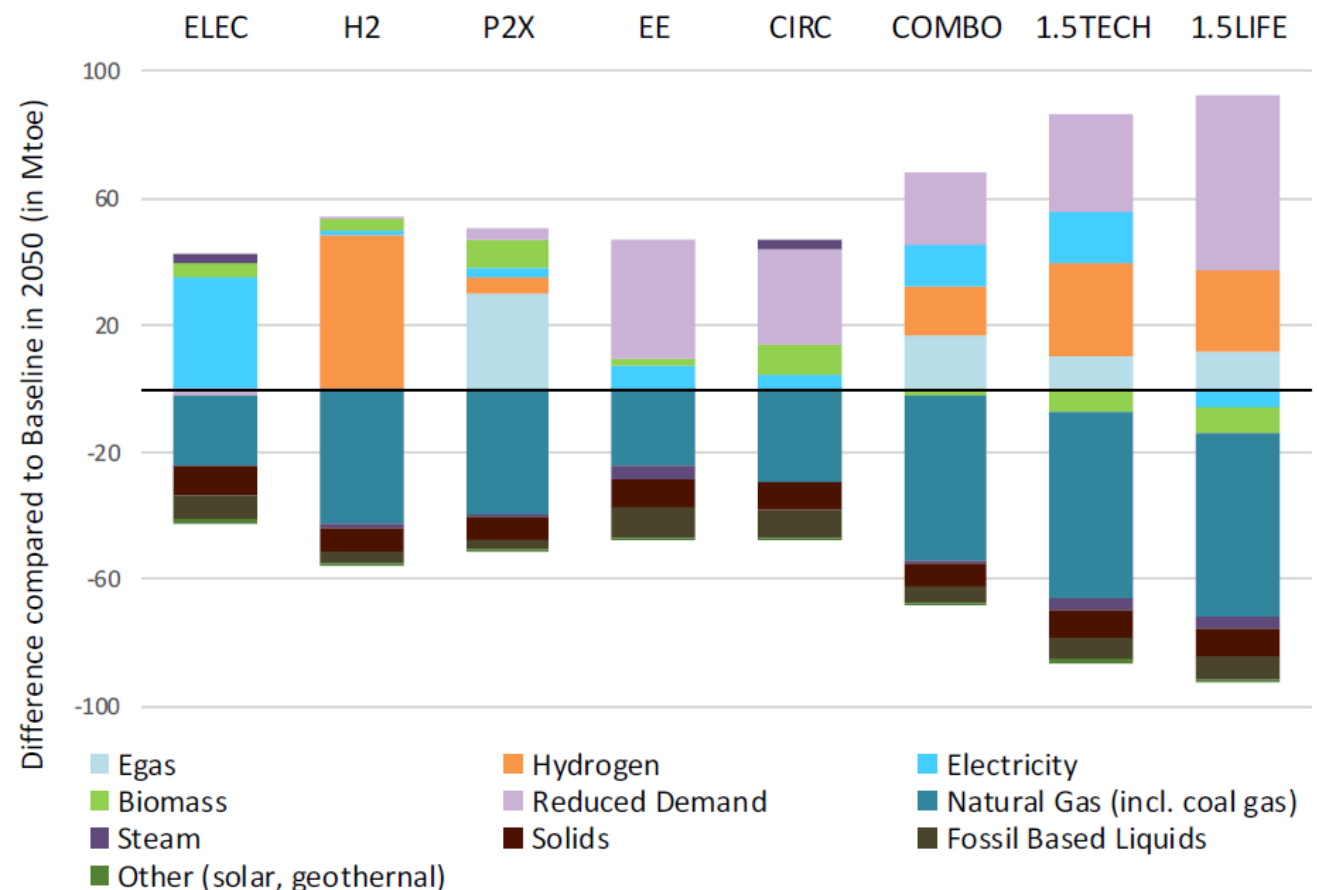
Figure 58: CO₂ emissions from transport in 2050 (in MtCO₂)³⁴²



Industrial decarbonisation

- Reductions in energy use:
 - energy efficiency and
 - circular economy and eco-design
- Fuel switching: decarbonise energy (green gas, electricity, biomass)
- Zero or low-emissions process technologies
- CCS deployed to capture remaining emissions
- Industrial transformation to support the transition (e.g. development of markets and local production for strategic items: batteries, EVs, etc...)

Figure 69: Differences in final energy consumption in industry compared to Baseline in 2050



Agriculture: Mobilisation of technical improvements and evolution of diets

- LTS EU:

- Improve CO2 efficiency (optimisation, fertiliser practices) & reduction of meat in diets
- Significant expansion of bio-economy (mainly for energy not materials): 2nd Gen. biofuels
- Afforestation to expand carbon sinks

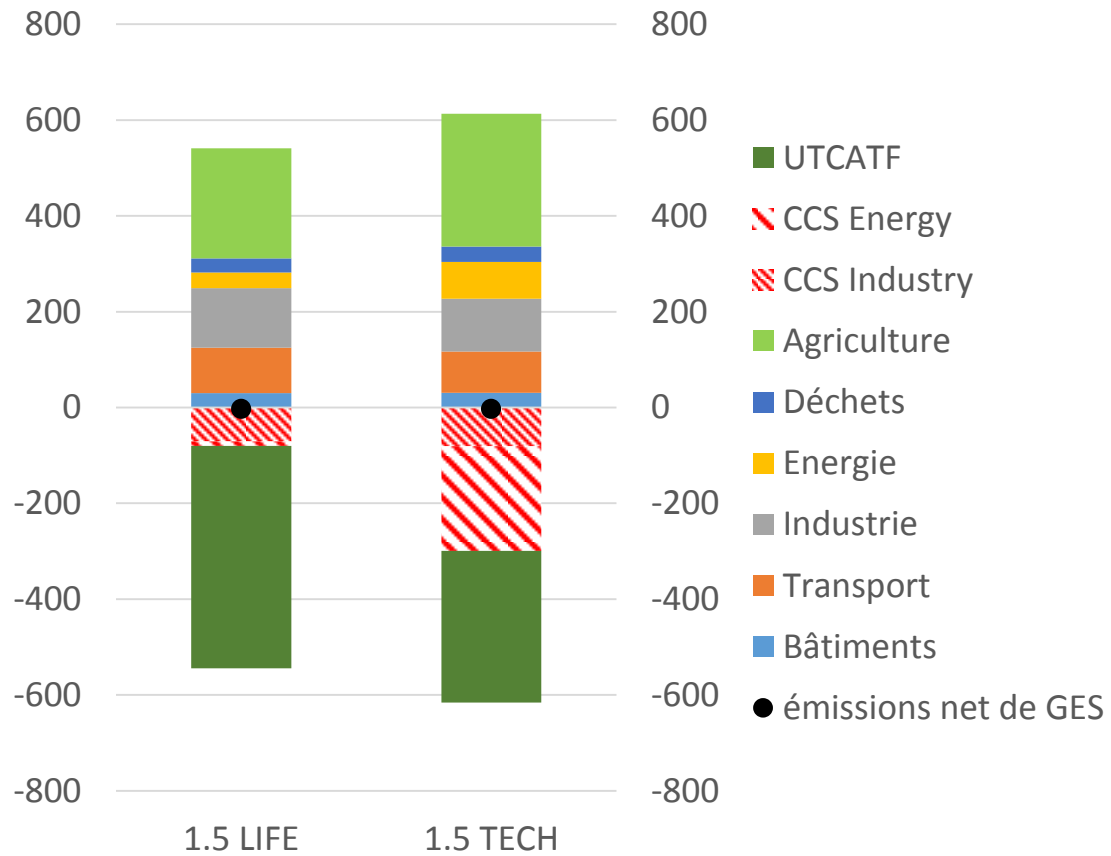
- LTS FR :

- Emphasis on « transition agro-écologique »
- Greater role for soil storage of CO2
- Link change in diet habits and evolution of quality of products
- Additional biomass directed mainly to material substitution not afforestation or energy

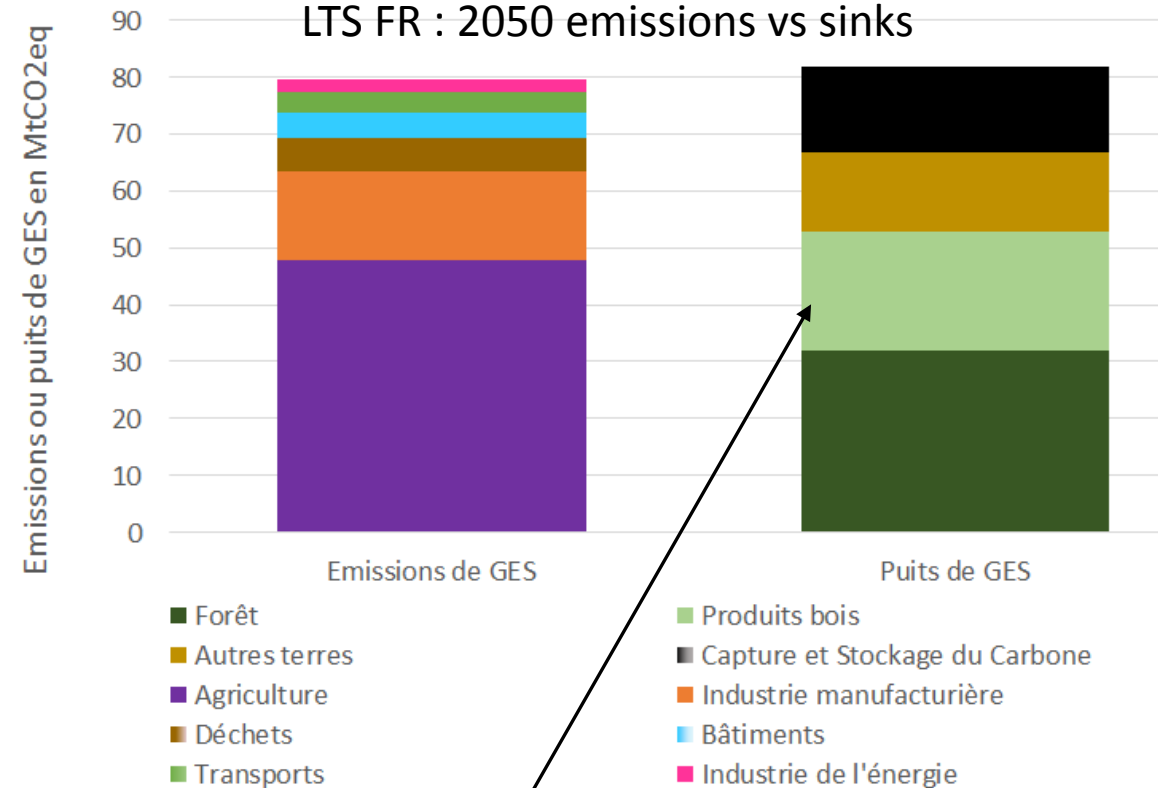
NB. What vision of agriculture sector in 2050 beyond decarbonisation?

Importance of CO2 sinks

LTS EU : 2050 GHG Emissions



LTS FR : 2050 emissions vs sinks



Bigger role for wood products as a source of sinks and less CCS

Economic benefits, employment, competitiveness

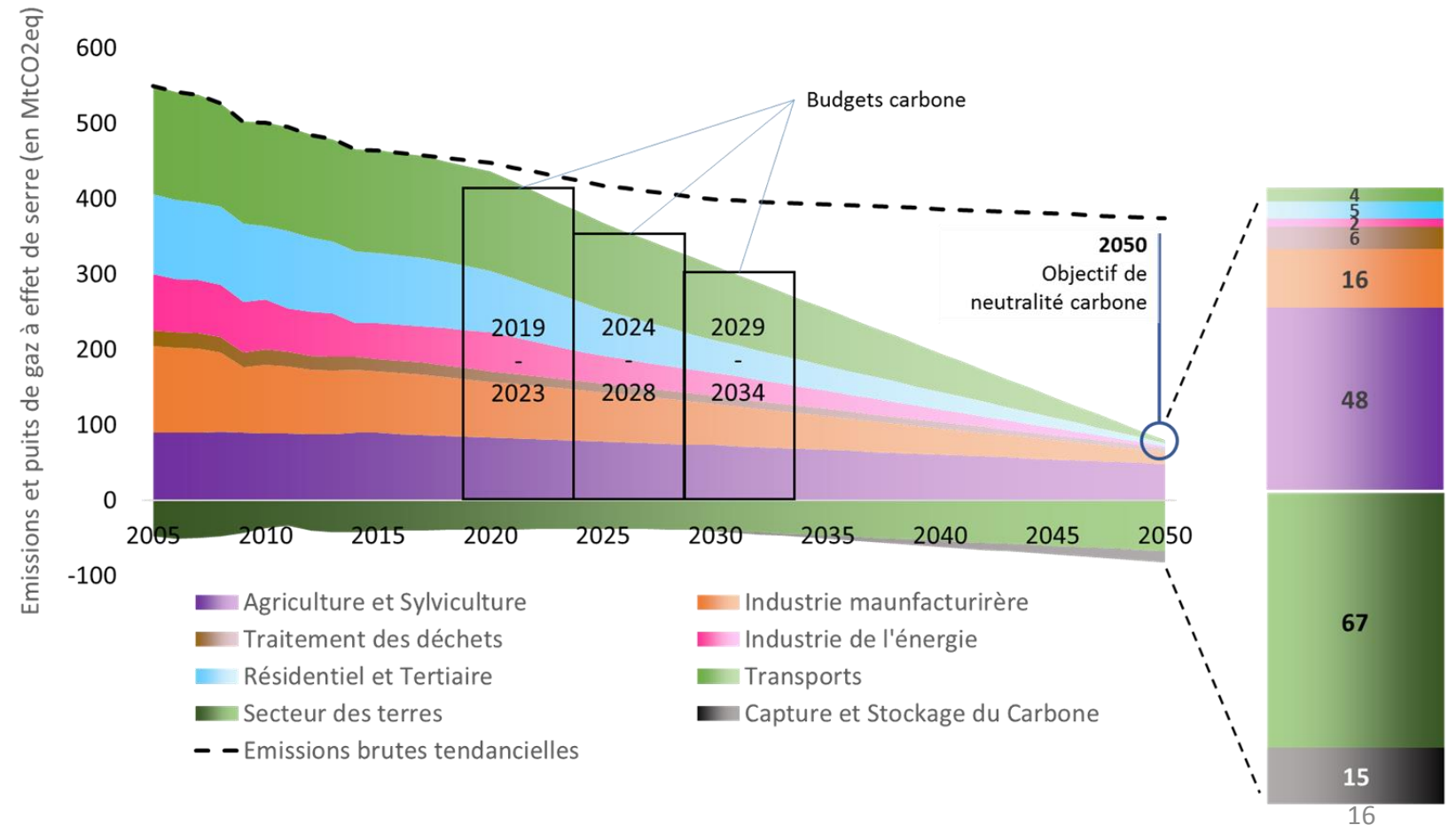
- Need for additional investment of around +200 Mds€/yr at EU level
- Positive impact on employment in 2050: +0,5 à +2 M (e.g. building renovation)
- Some strongly affected and geographically isolated regions requiring « just transition » (fossil fuel extraction)
- Limited but uncertain impacts on GDP in 2050: -1,3% or +2,19% depending on modelling assumptions.
- Significant improvement in trade balance (up to 70% reduction in fossil fuel imports)
- Competitiveness of heavy industries needs to be managed during transition, but also source of opportunities for high value, modern products.
- Numerous health and quality of life benefits possible (e.g. diesel)

Some unresolved issues..

- True potential of CC(U)S, BECCS, DACCS?
- True potential (and physical and social limitations) of alternative energy carriers?
- What coordination needs across MS borders (esp. infrastructure)?
- Coherence of decarbonised AFOLU vs. agri-ecology?
- International dimension: what tech or economic drivers from abroad? What potential for cooperation?
- What does EC LTS mean for 2030 policies? (national and EU)

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