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Re-designing regulatory & market tools \considering sector coupling scenarios

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Evolutions of our energy system and market design

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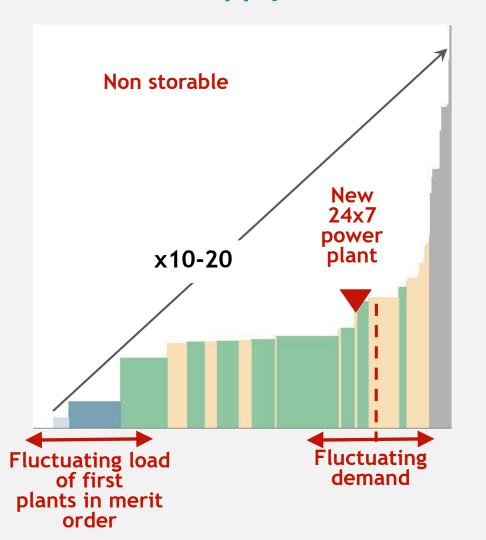
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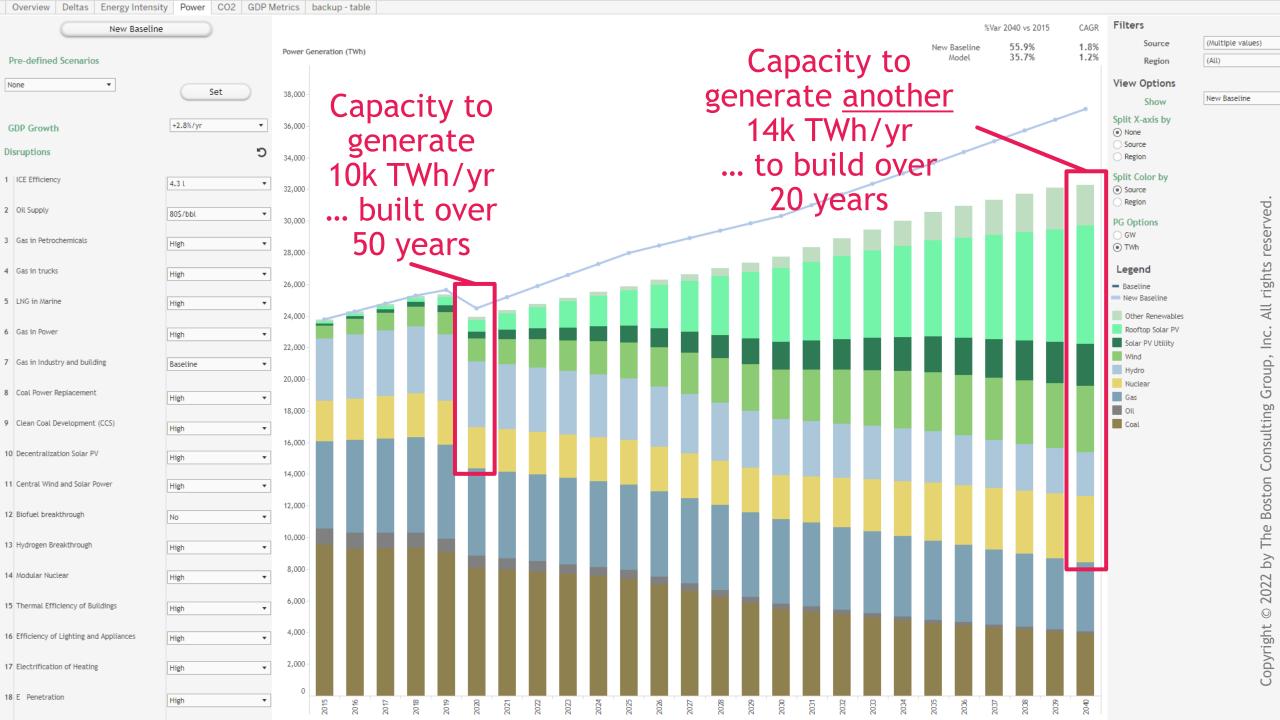
Can a merchant power market even work?

Typical commodity supply curve



Power supply curve





From optimal deployment of largely existing resources to supporting the largest investment program on this planet

A market design...
... to be redesigned

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Challenges already being observed today in markets with lots of renewables

Balancing

- Steeper within-day ramps
- More severe seasonal imbalances
- Adequacy problems during "renewable droughts"
- Minimum load from must run conventional plants
- Etc...

Economics

- Near zero marginal cost during renewable abundance
- Missing money for dispatchable, reserve capacity
- Increasing price volatility
- etc...

System stability

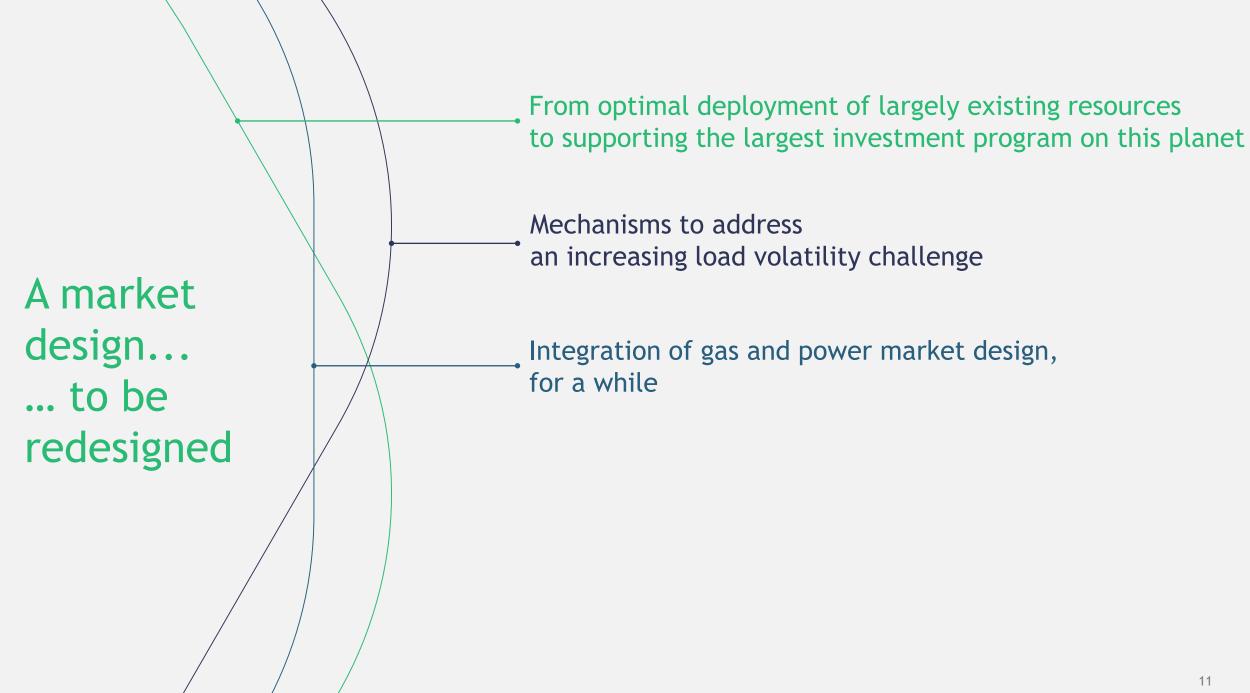
- Lower natural inertia levels
- Lower system strength (voltage)
- Network congestion causing curtailment
- etc...

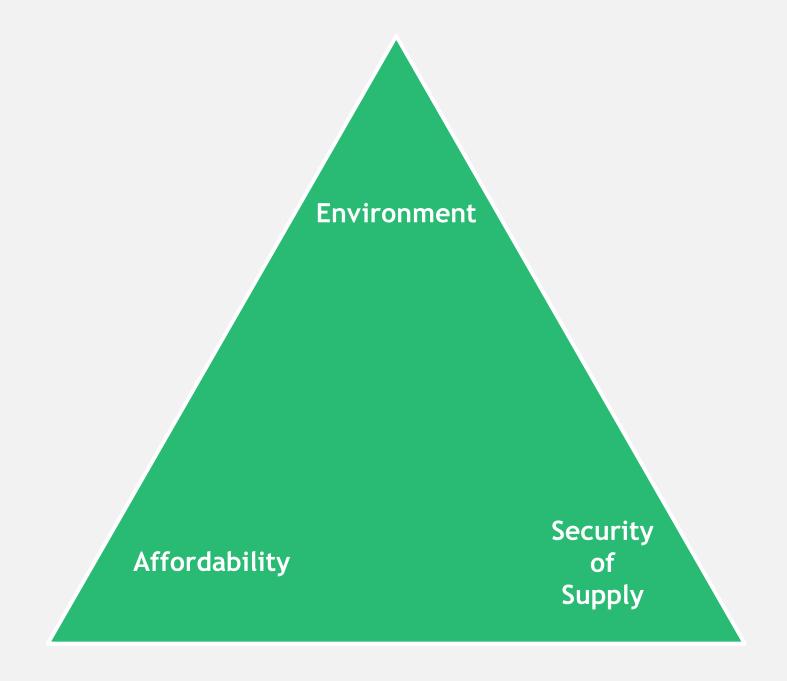
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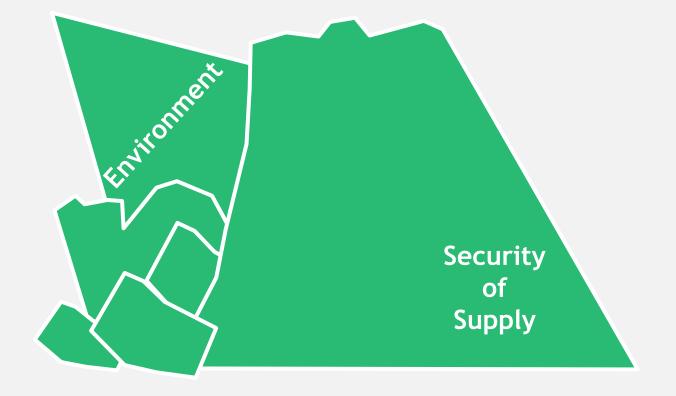
Mechanisms to address an increasing load volatility challenge

The question of carbon neutral balancing remains unsolved to date









Requirements for investments to be made





















Technology







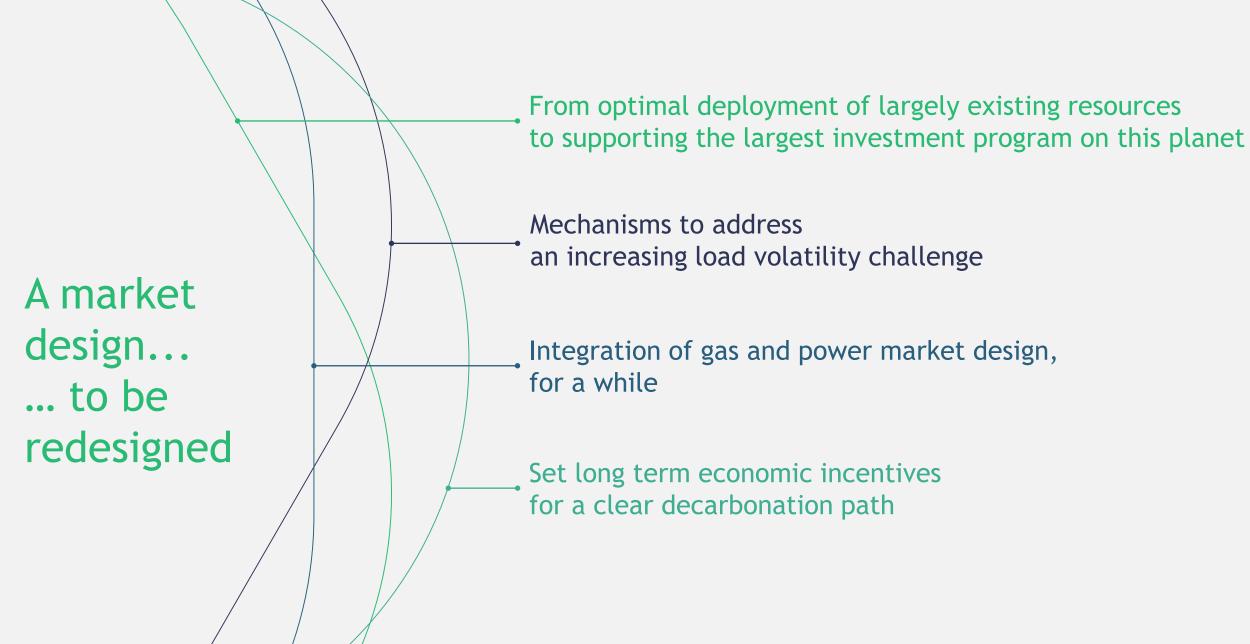












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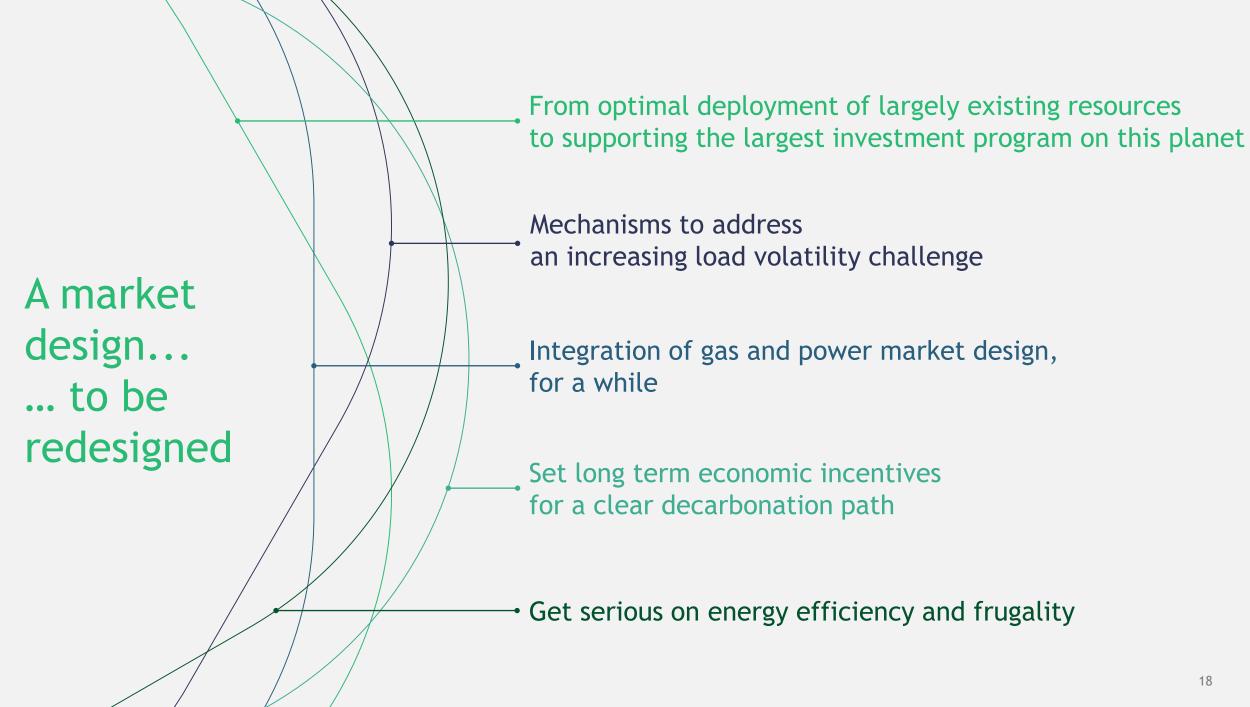
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We are going to make massive energy efficiency gains, are we?







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Energy policies we need

Trade-offs made explicit

Long enough horizon

Big picture / entire system view

Stable rules of the game

Usage- as much as supply-centric

How do we think about this transition?



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SECTOR COUPLING SCENARIOS

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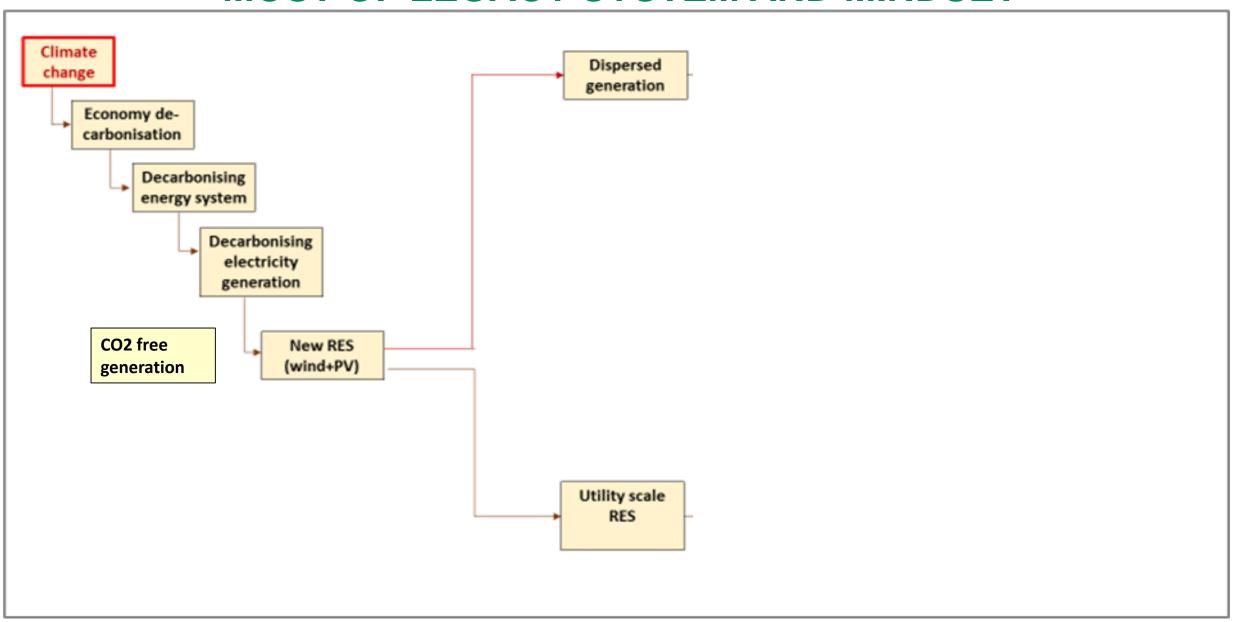
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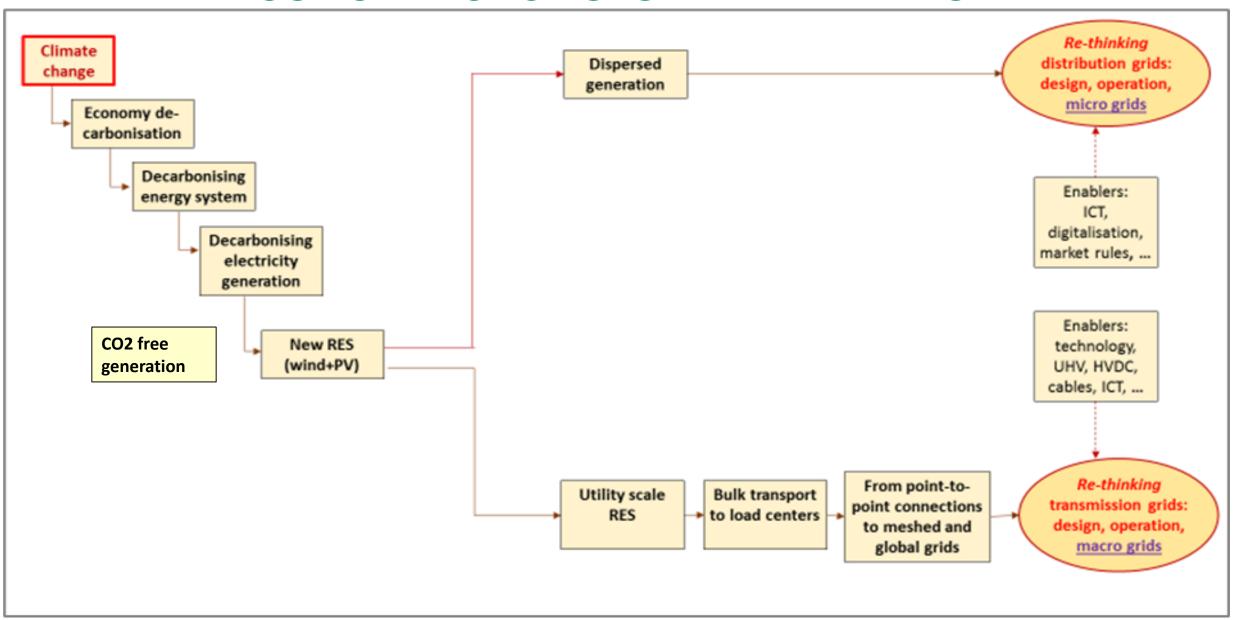
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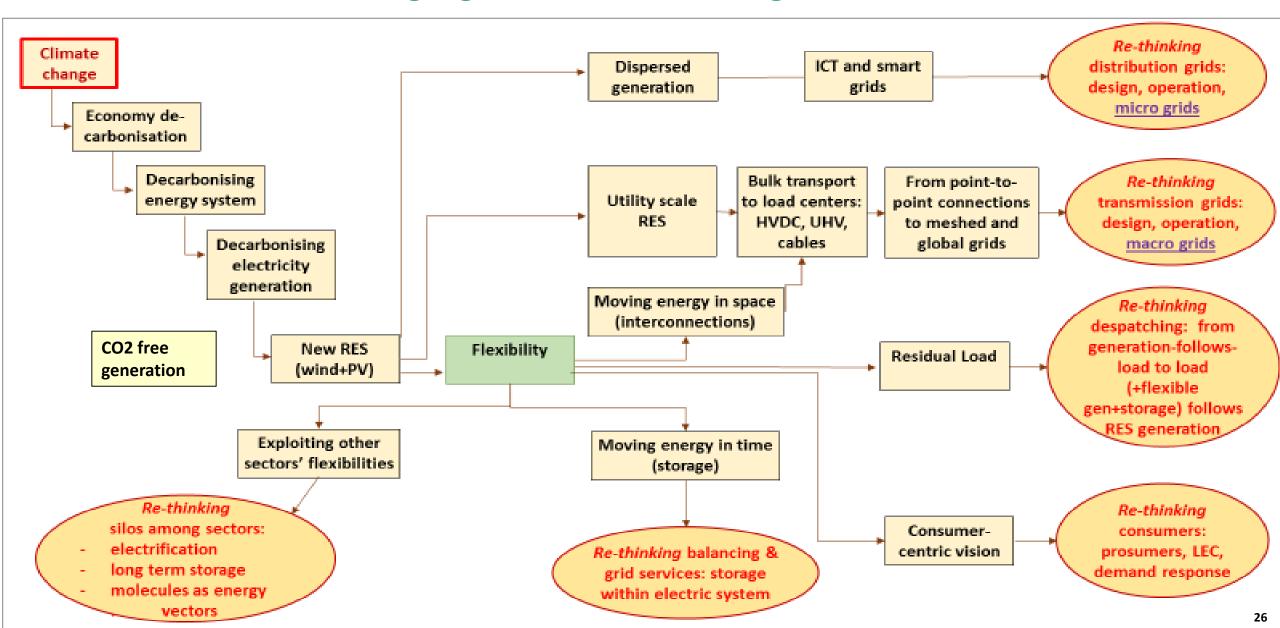
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Question for Christophe:

Decision making for Energy Transition

The Energy Transition is unfolding amidst political and social pressures, not to mention emergencies (pandemic, warfare, commodity prices spikes, supply chain disruption). Will this environment allow investment and operational decisions to be taken in sound, robust, and equitable way or do we risk a hectic, uncoordinated pathway in front of us?

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Question 1:

Mindset change

One extra challenge for successfully enacting sector coupling is a mindset change: understanding reciprocal needs, processes, constraints across sectors' actors, which is yet an unexplored territory; including of course different markets and regulations. What is your opinion?

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Question 2:

Regulation

What is the role of Regulation, which was set-up mainly to introduce free market rules and a governance change in electricity generation and sales, to steer or at least enable the Energy Transition. Should it leave the initiative to private actors and innovation, with pilot projects, sandboxes etc., or should it lead in an anticipatory way (for example: in Europe regulation for hydrogen market, network and even network operators has been proposed already for public consultation)?

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Question 3:

Market Design

Energy Economics and System Design including market design are a key component, together with technical issues, of the evolution from "simple" power system to an integrated energy system; which new methodologies/metrics/tools are needed to properly assessing and prioritising sector coupling projects/initiatives?

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