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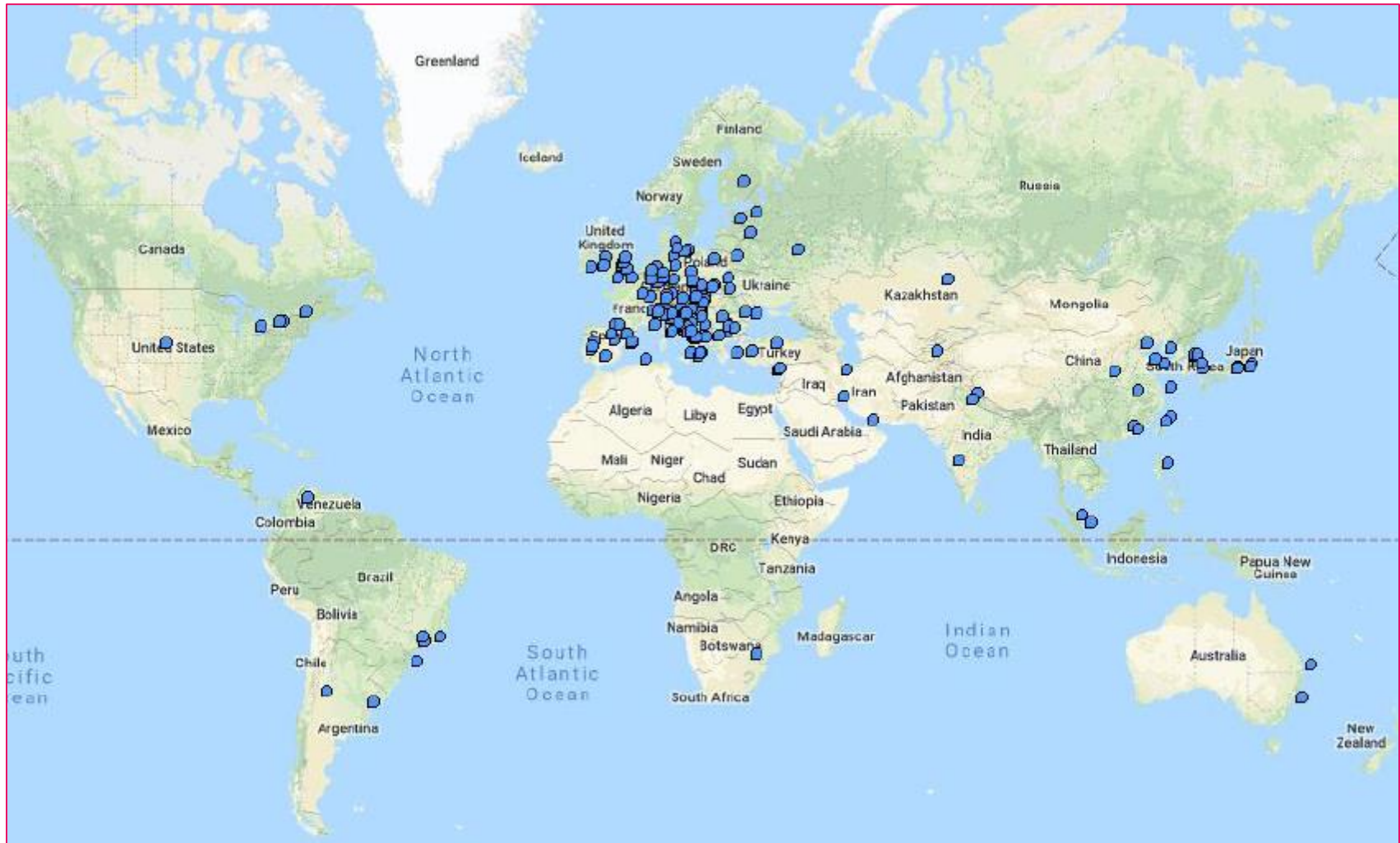
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# SDEWES Conference series



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|              | 2002 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
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| COUNTRIES    | 35   | 42   | 46   | 34   | 55   | 52   | 42   | 62   | 56   | 64   | 58   | 61   | 61   |
| ATTENDED     | 140  | 83   | 134  | 132  | 329  | 418  | 211  | 559  | 320  | 534  | 490  | 563  | 700+ |
| PRESENTED    | 98   | 96   | 158  | 230  | 349  | 398  | 231  | 601  | 326  | 532  | 535  | 602  | 770? |
| SUBMISSIONS  | 197  | 162  | 252  | 281  | 709  | 1029 | 607  | 1120 | 869  | 1204 | 1033 | 1036 | 1276 |
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# Published – over 1294 papers

- Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews
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- Energy
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- International Journal of Hydrogen Energy
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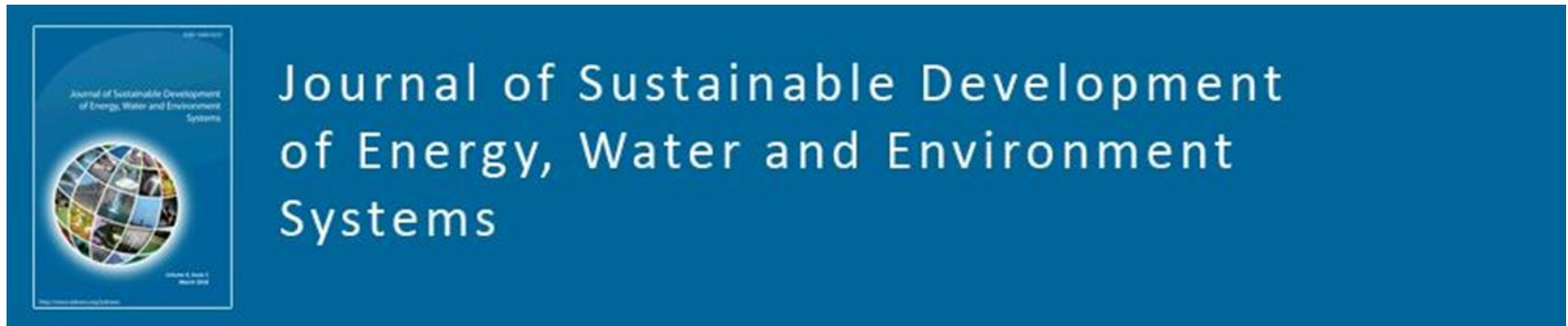
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# **Sustainable or un-sustainable, that is the question**

**Neven Duić**

**University of Zagreb, Croatia**

**Editor: Energy Conversion and Management**

**Subject Editor: Energy**

**Editor-in-Chief: JSDEWES**

SDEWES 2018 Palermo, October 1, 2018

# Fear of Change

Ingo Stadler



<http://www.rio2018.sdewes.org/lectures.php#IL1>



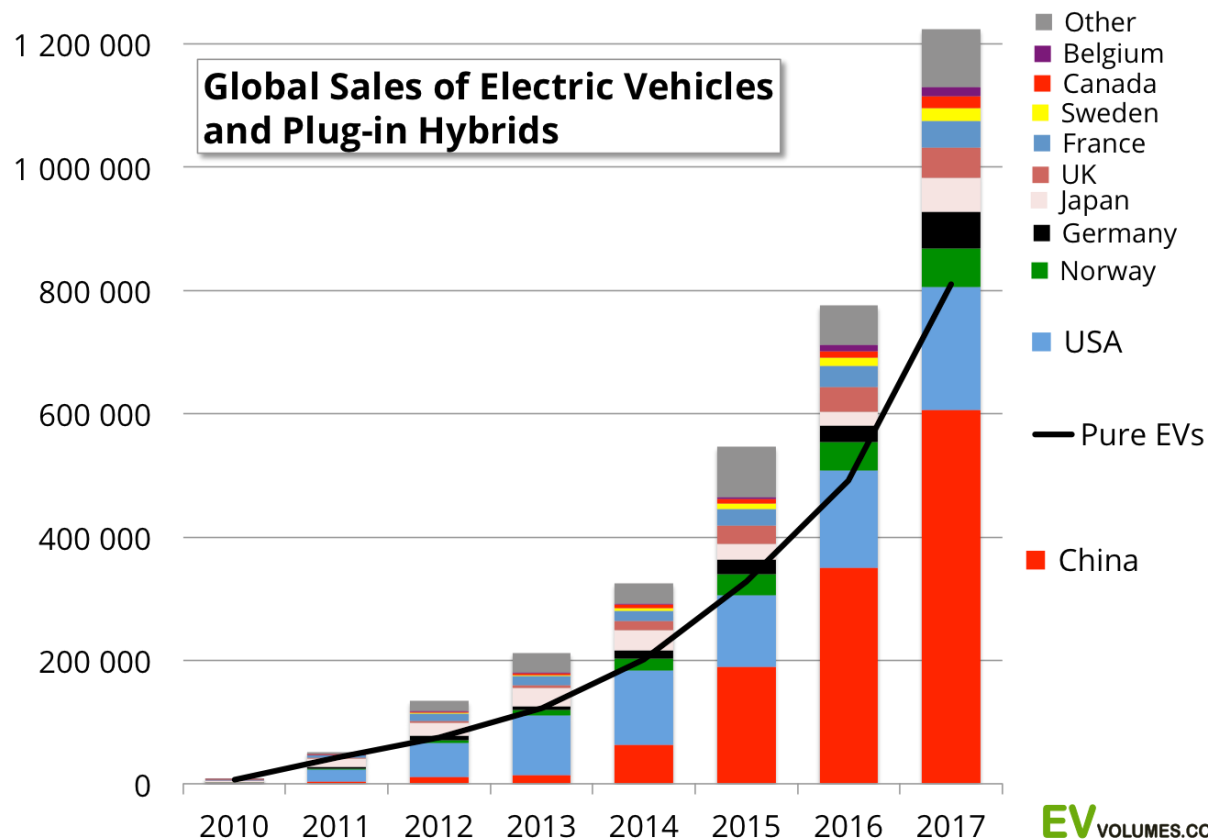


# How the Empire fights back ...

Former SEC chair says Musk could be removed as CEO in civil case, go to jail if criminally charged



# Transport electrification has started

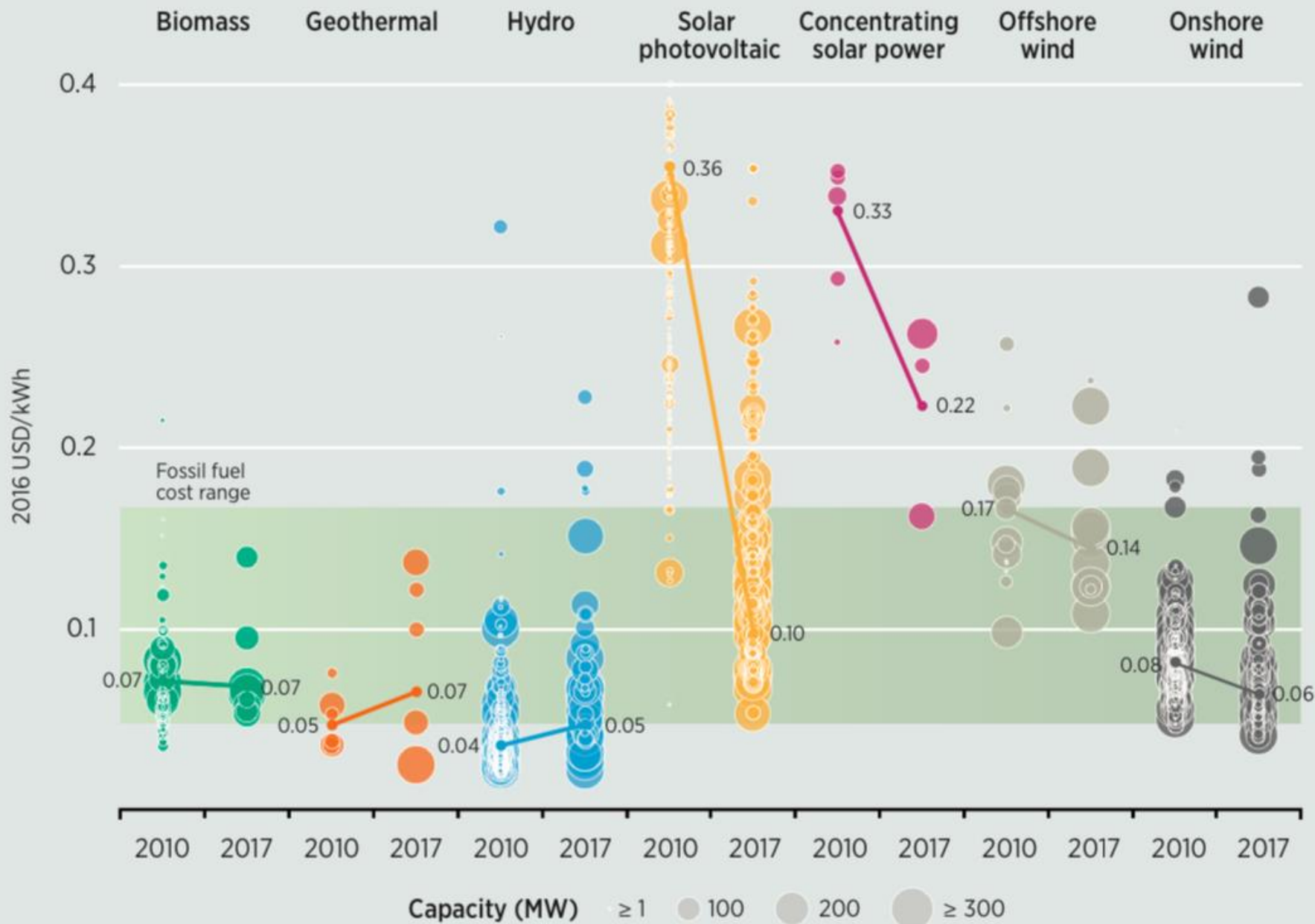


## Global light vehicles sales in 2017

- 1.224 mln PHEV and BEV
- 94.5 mln total
- 1.3% global sales
- 57% PHEV and BEV sales growth
- 2.4% cars sales growth

## Forecast for 2018:

- 2.1 mln PHEV and BEV



## ➤ How to solve renewables variability/intermittency problem?

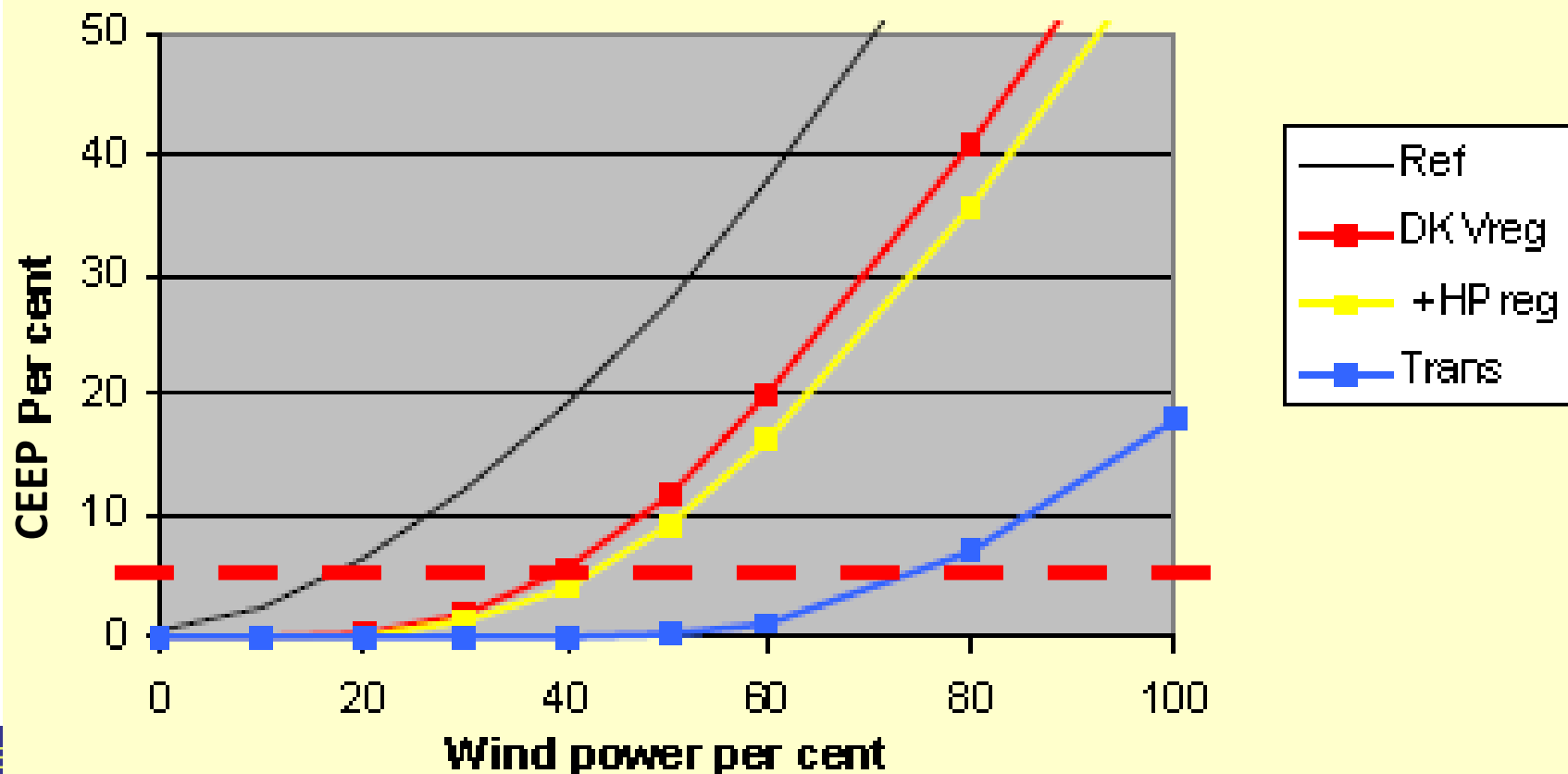
- More grid interconnection
- Flexibilisation of thermal power plants
- Wholesale markets
- Demand response and integration of power, heating, cooling, transport and water systems – smart energy systems
- Energy storage



## Demand response

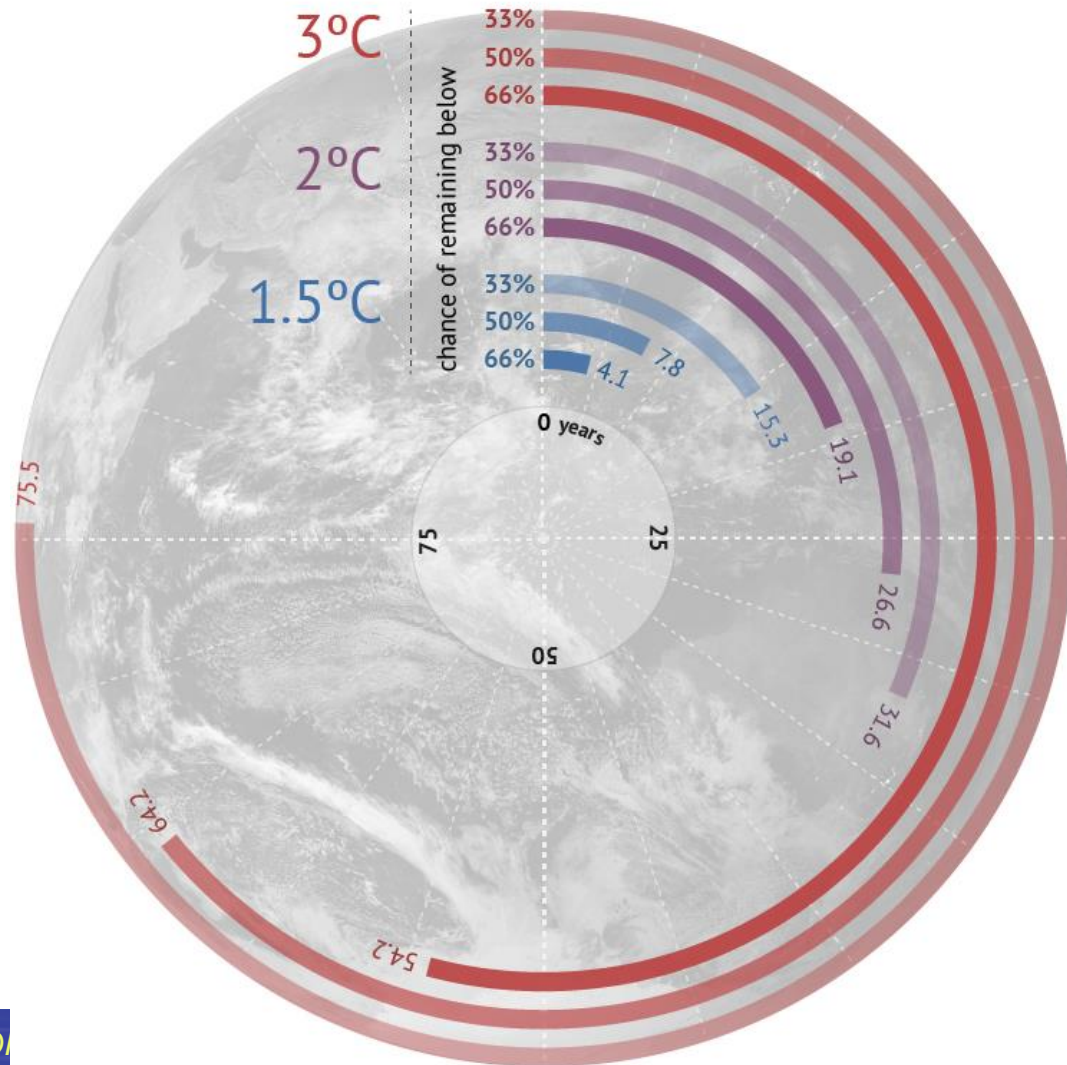
- 20th century energy systems: supply follows demand
- 21st century energy systems: demand follows supply -> smart energy systems

## Surplus Electricity Production Including grid-stabilisation



# 1.5 C carbon budget

We are out of carbon budget by 2021 ... with reasonable probability ...



## Questions

- Barriers to change are much higher than change needed! **How to smoothly remove barriers to change?**
- Technology is ready! **How to roll it much faster?**
- Transition is economically better than business as usual, for most! **How to make decisions viable for all?**
- Integration of power, heating, cooling, water and transport system necessary! **How to make it work?**



# Let us help solve the conundrum!



**13<sup>th</sup>  
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Palermo  
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**September 30 - October 4  
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## **Role of Cities in Addressing Climate Change and Perspectives from the SDEWES Index**

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# IPCC Sixth Assessment Report Cycle

Establishment: 1988



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
(IPCC) Assessment Reports



WGIII Contributions:

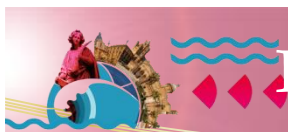
- Chapter 1 Introduction and Framing
- Chapter 2: Emissions trends and drivers
- Chapter 3: Mitigation pathways compatible with long-term goals
- Chapter 4: Mitigation and development pathways in the near- to mid-term
- Chapter 5: Demand, services and social aspects of mitigation

- Chapter 12: Cross sectoral perspectives
- Chapter 13: National and sub-national policies and institutions
- Chapter 14: International cooperation
- Chapter 15: Investment and finance
- Chapter 16: Innovation, technology development and transfer
- Chapter 17: Accelerating the transition in the context of sustainable development

*Sectoral Chapters*

- Chapter 6: Energy systems
- Chapter 7: Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Uses (AFOLU)
- **Chapter 8: Urban systems and other settlements**
- Chapter 9: Buildings
- Chapter 10: Transport
- Chapter 11: Industry

Acceptance by the  
IPCC: 2021



# Enhanced Importance Attributed to Cities by the IPCC

ar6

## WG III Chapter 8 "Urban Systems and Other Settlements"

- Demographic perspectives, migration, and **urbanisation trends**
- Consumption, lifestyle, and linkages between urban and rural areas
- **Urbanisation wedge** in future emissions and mitigation at global and national levels
- **City emissions** and drivers analysis, city typologies
- Urban emissions and infrastructure lock-in
- **Urban mitigation options and strategies**
- **Low-carbon city scenarios, options and costs**
- Urban form, design, and role of spatial planning
- **Urban technologies**, including disruptive technologies, the use of information and communication technologies, involving use of data
- **Waste and waste water management, material recycling**
- Innovative strategies and climate actions, **urban experimentation**, city networks and coalitions
- Urban mitigation governance – levels, barriers, and opportunities
- Policy instruments and infrastructure investments

Source: Decision IPCC/XLVI-4, Chapter outline of the Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6)







# Chapter 8: Urban Systems and Other Settlements



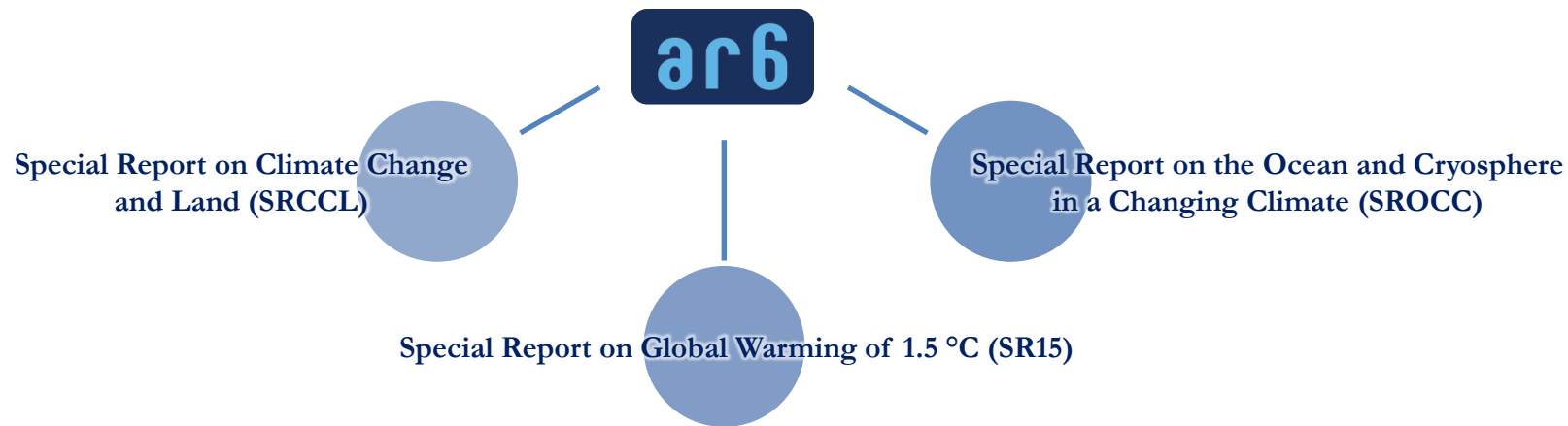
## Chapter 8: Urban systems and other settlements

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| 9 PAN           | Jiahua     | LA   | M      | China     | China       | Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences |
| 10 SHARIFI      | Ayyoob     | LA   | M      | Japan     | Iran        | National Institute for Environmental Studies                                    |
| 11 YAMAGATA     | Yoshiki    | LA   | M      | Japan     | Japan       | National Institute for Environmental Studies                                    |
| 12 DUBEUX       | Carolina   | RE   | F      | Brazil    | Brazil      | Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (COPPE/UFRJ)                               |
| 13 URGE-VORSATZ | Diana      | RE   | F      | Hungary   | Hungary     | Center for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Policy (3CSEP)                 |

Source: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/authors/report.authors.php?q=37&p=>

**Cities have a crucial role in addressing urban challenges for a more sustainable Planet!**





*"An IPCC special report on the **impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways**, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty"*



**SR15 released in one week!**

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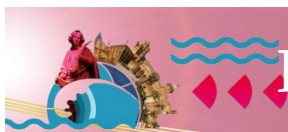


6 August 2018

**Save the Date: IPCC Special Report *Global Warming of 1.5°C***

GENEVA, Aug 6 – The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will meet in Incheon, Republic of Korea, on 1-5 October 2018, to consider the Special Report *Global Warming of 1.5°C*. Subject to approval, the Summary for Policymakers will be released on **Monday 8 October** with a live-streamed press conference.

Source: [https://www.ipcc.ch/news\\_and\\_events/ma-p48.shtml](https://www.ipcc.ch/news_and_events/ma-p48.shtml)



# Role of Cities in Addressing Climate Change

nature  
SUSTAINABILITY



The coastal city of San Juan in Puerto Rico was flooded after Hurricane Maria hit in September 2017.

## Six research priorities for cities and climate change

Xuemei Bai and colleagues call for long-term, cross-disciplinary studies to reduce carbon emissions and urban risks from global warming.

Source: Bai et al. (2018) *Nature* 2018;555:23–5

**Systems approach** is crucial for cities while inadequate tools for decision-support are one of the barriers in its realisation

Bai et al. (2016) *Curr Opin Environ Sustain*;23:69–78.

Increasing role of cities in addressing climate change with need for scientific support



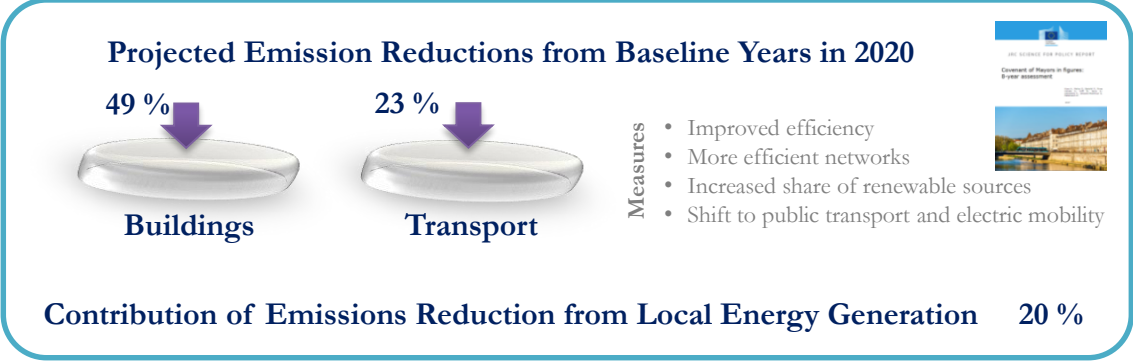
Priorities for supporting cities involve expanding observations based on **urban data** and supporting transformation towards low-carbon cities

Bai et al. (2016) *Curr Opin Environ Sustain*;23:69–78.

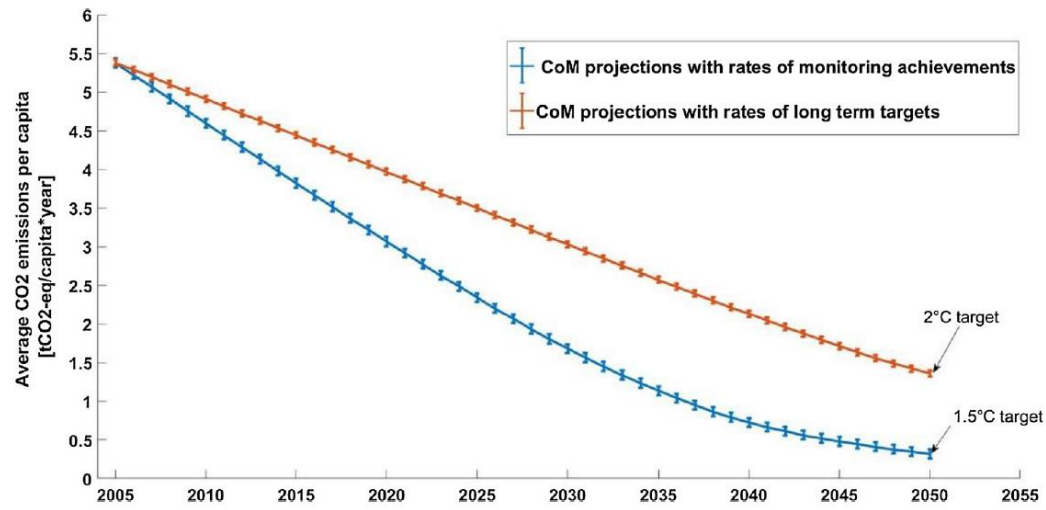
Shortcomings remain in supporting a coherent **urban science for global sustainability**

Acuto et al. (2018) *Nature Sustainability* 2018;1:2–4.

# Role of Cities in Addressing Climate Change



Source: Kona. A. et al. (2017) Covenant of Mayors in Figures: 8-Year Assessment, JRC Reports



Source: Kona et al. (2018) *Sustainable Cities and Society* 41 (2018) 568–575



**Co-benefits from energy savings and improvements in air quality in CoM signatories**

- Over 65,000 years of life saved due to better air quality

Source: Monforti-Ferrario et al. (2018)



# Pursuits to Support Transformative Solutions in Cities



## IPCC Cities and Climate Change Conference



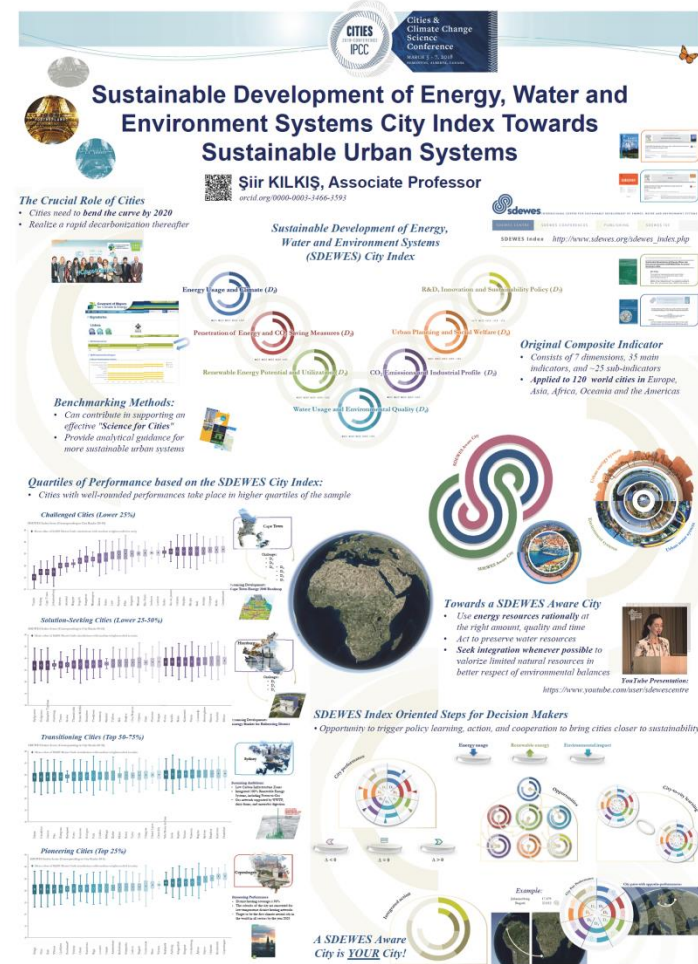
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### Knowledge needs for cities and key research gaps:

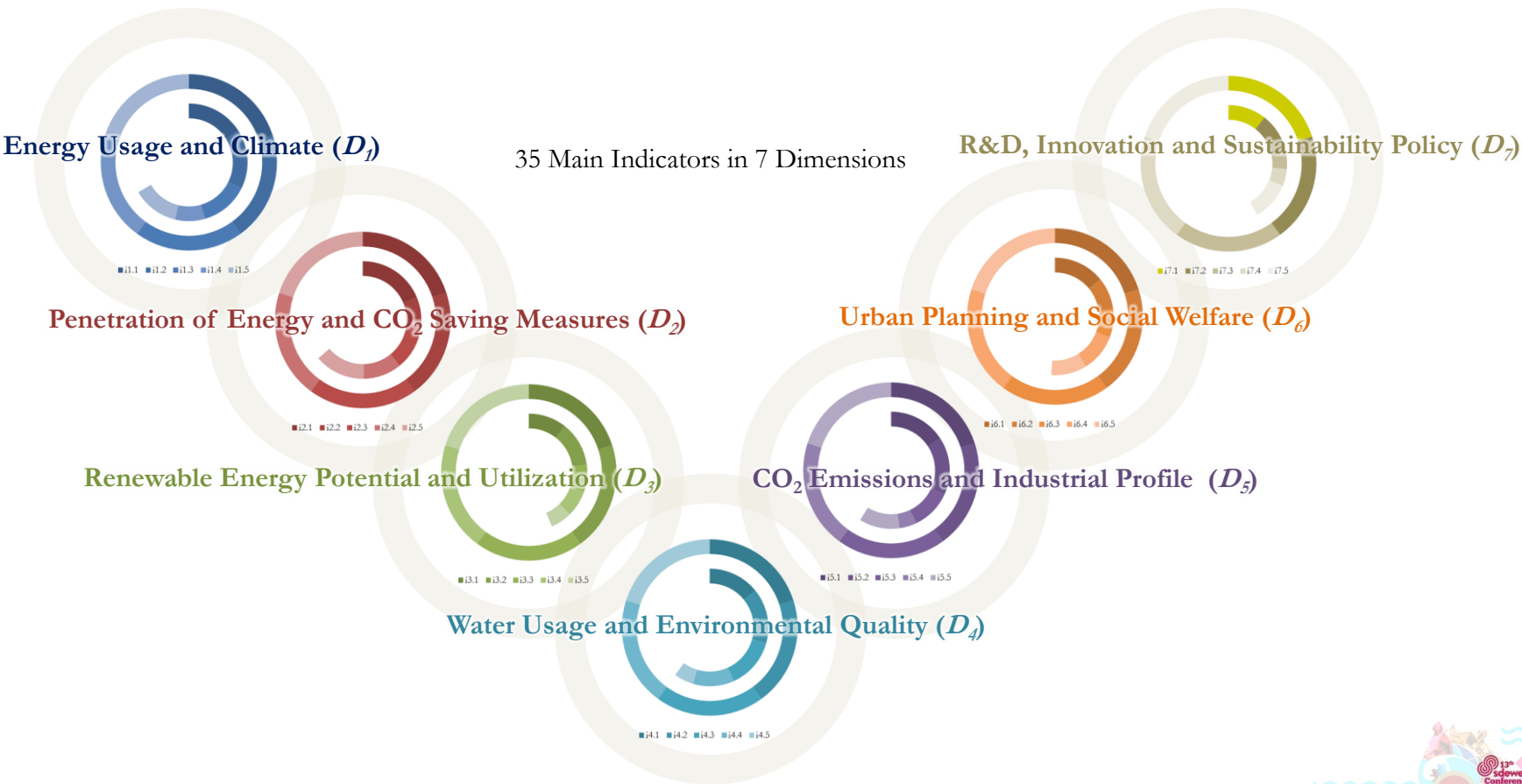
- Systemic knowledge base for transformative solutions
- Greater understanding of systemic linkages between urban sectors



Source: <https://citiesipcc.org/news/participant-posters-and-presentations/>



The Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES) City Index



# Benchmarking Studies with the SDEWES Index

1<sup>st</sup> SEE SDEWES Conference Ohrid



10<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference Dubrovnik



11<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference Lisbon



9<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference Mediterranean



2<sup>nd</sup> SEE SDEWES Conference Piran









12<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference Dubrovnik





# SDEWES Index

| Geographical Focus <sup>a</sup>  | Benchmarked Cities | Top 3 Cities                         | Related Analyses   |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE cities</li> </ul>                          | 12                 | Zagreb<br>Bucharest<br>Ohrid         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranking of cities based on index results</li> <li>• Comparison of best practices and options <sup>b</sup></li> </ul>  |
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mediterranean Sea basin port cities</li> </ul> | 22                 | Nice<br>Venice<br>Dubrovnik          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application of three energy scenarios</li> <li>• SDEWES Index Energy Scenario Tool</li> </ul>   |
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World cities</li> </ul>                        | 25                 | Stockholm<br>Espoo<br>Seville        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City pairs for policy learning</li> <li>• <b>SDEWES Index Benchmarking Tool</b></li> </ul>  |
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE cities</li> </ul>                          | 18                 | Klagenfurt<br>Velenje<br>Pécs        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quartiles of city performance</li> <li>• City pairs for policy learning</li> <li>• <b>Four step process to support decision-making</b></li> <li>• SDEWES Index Future City Network</li> </ul> |
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World cities</li> </ul>                        | 26                 | Copenhagen<br>Helsinki<br>Gothenburg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quartiles of city performance</li> <li>• Normative scenario for Rio de Janeiro <sup>c</sup></li> </ul>  |
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World cities</li> </ul>                        | 18                 | Aalborg<br>Reykjavík<br>Riga         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SDEWES Index Atlas</b></li> <li>• City collaboration pairs</li> <li>• Scenario based on Peta 4.2</li> </ul>  |

<sup>a</sup> Corresponds to the geographical focus of the SDEWES Conference series in chronological order from the 1<sup>st</sup> SEE SDEWES Conference in Ohrid, Macedonia to the 12<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference in Dubrovnik.

<sup>b</sup> City rankings and comparison of best practices is a common element of analysis for each new sample after the first sample. Additional analyses for other samples are indicated on a cumulative basis.

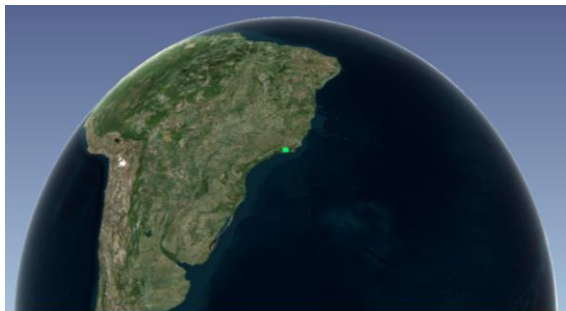
<sup>c</sup> The normative scenario including targets based on Vision Rio 500 is developed after the benchmarking of the city for the 11th SDEWES Conference in Lisbon.





# Benchmarking Studies with the SDEWES Index

1<sup>st</sup> LA SDEWES Conference Rio de Janeiro



3<sup>rd</sup> SDEWES Conference Novi Sad



13<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference Palermo



## D<sub>1</sub>: Energy Usage and Climate

| City (C <sub>i</sub> ) → | Energy usage of buildings (MWh) | Energy usage of transport (MWh) | Energy usage per capita (MWh/capita) | Total degree days (Days °C) <sup>a</sup> | Final to primary energy ratio (%) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|

- Residential buildings
- Tertiary buildings
- Municipal buildings

- Private transport
- Public transport
- Municipal vehicle fleet

- Buildings
- Transport
- Industry (Non-ETS)
- Public lighting

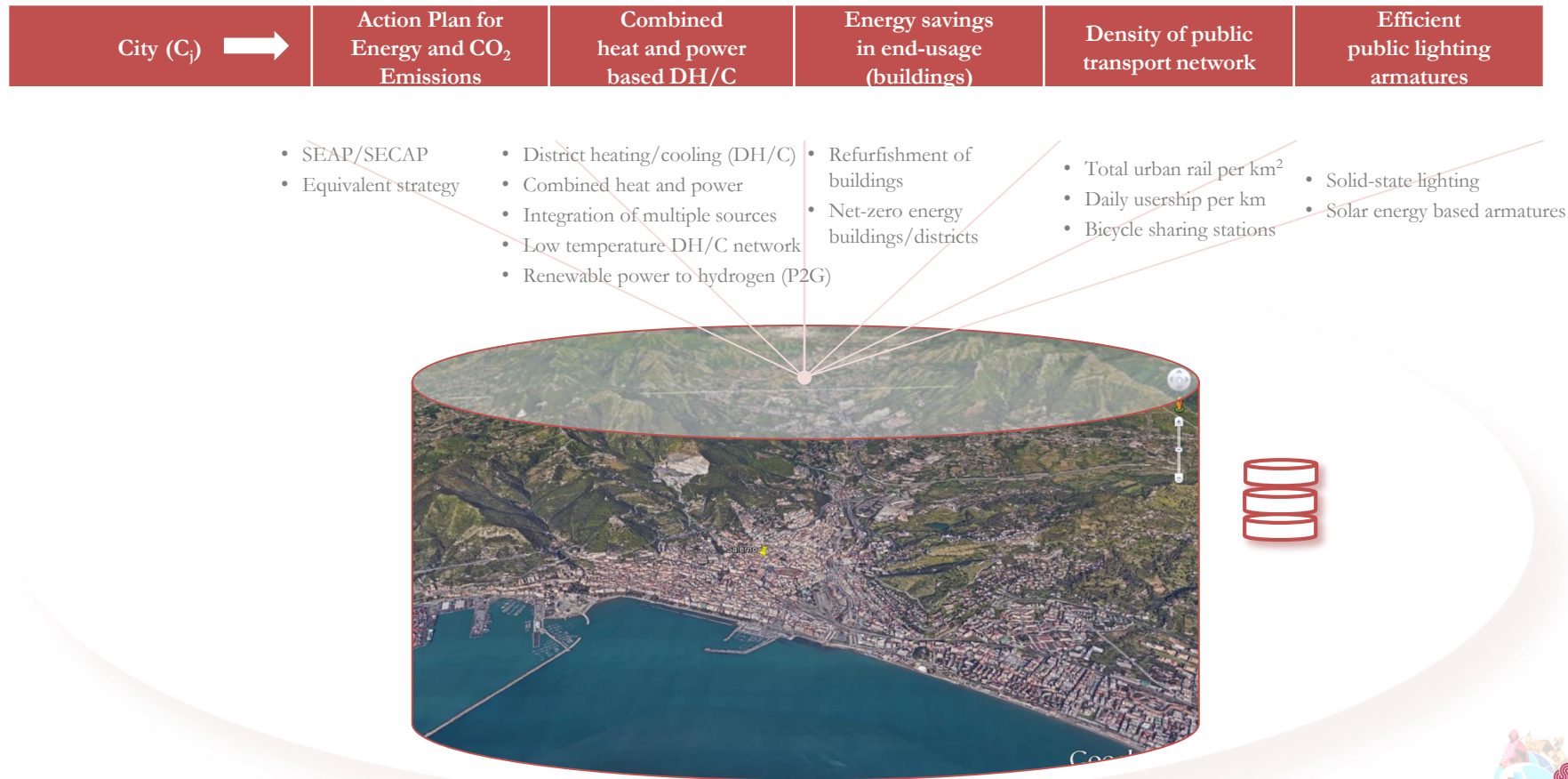
- Heating degree days
- Cooling degree days

- Energy production
- Transmission and distribution
- Storage/end-usage



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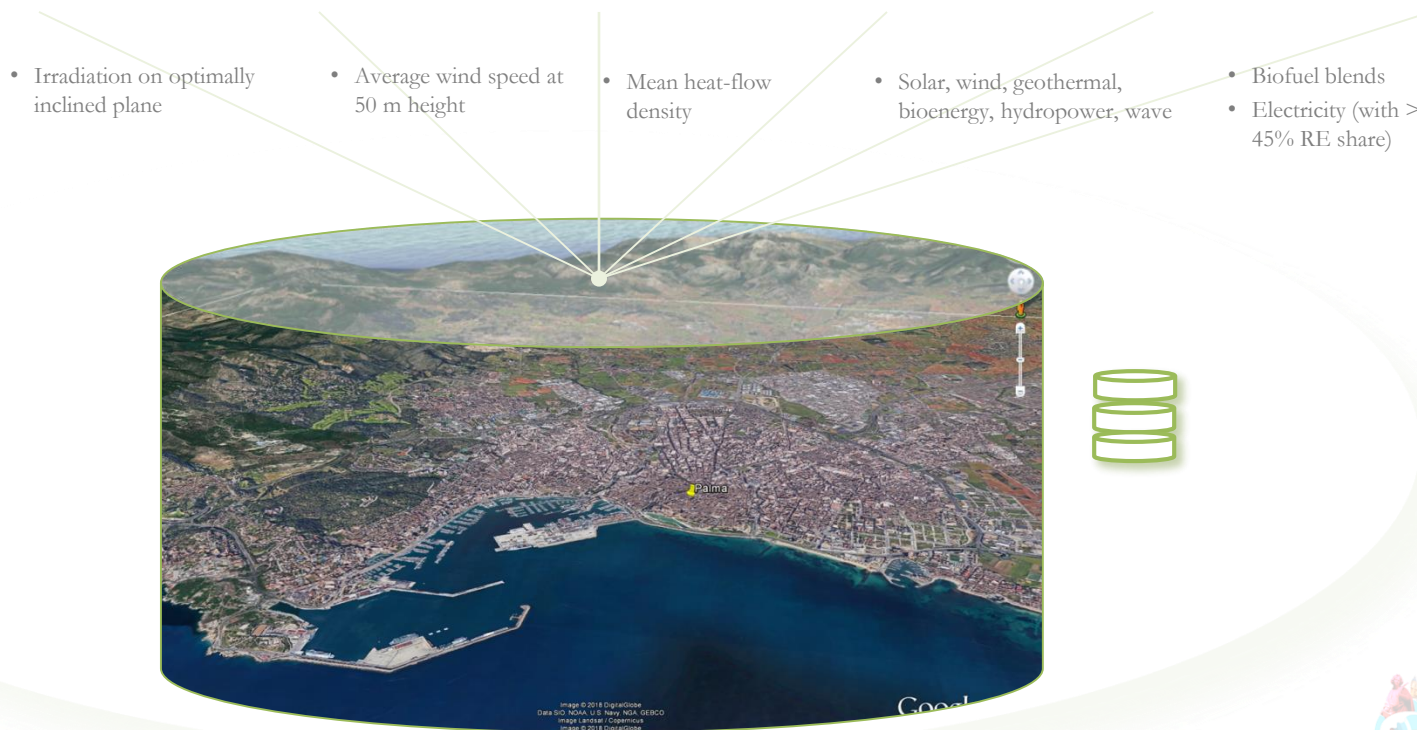
## D<sub>2</sub>: Penetration of Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> Saving Measures





## D<sub>3</sub>: Renewable Energy Potential and Utilization

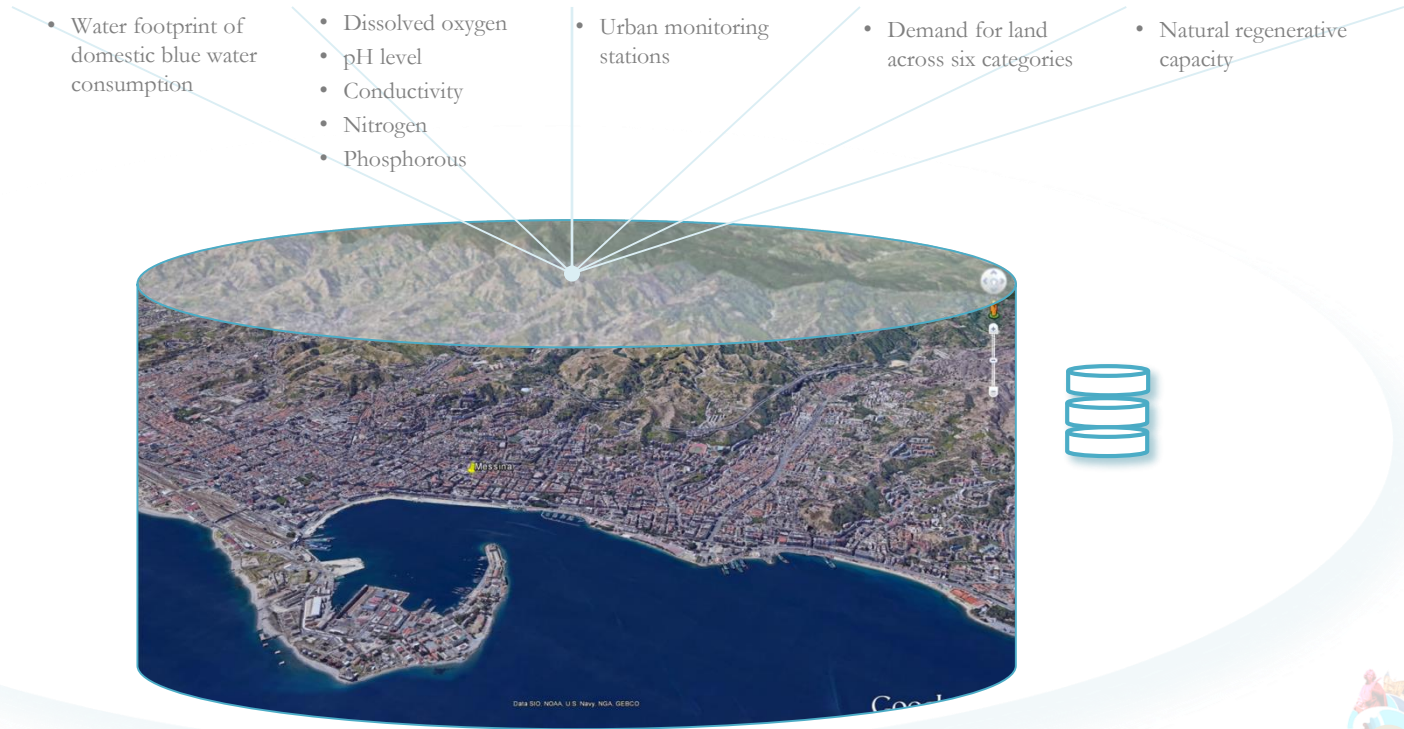
| City ( $C_i$ ) → | Solar energy potential (Wh/m <sup>2</sup> /day) <sup>a</sup> | Wind energy potential (m/s) <sup>a</sup> | Geothermal energy potential (mW/m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> | Renewable energy in electricity production (%) <sup>c</sup> | Green energy in transport (%) <sup>d</sup> |
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## D<sub>4</sub>: Water Usage and Environmental Quality

| City (C <sub>i</sub> ) | Domestic water consumption per capita (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Water quality index (/100) | Annual mean PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (μg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Ecological footprint per capita (gha) | Biocapacity per capita (gha) |
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## D<sub>5</sub>: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Industrial Profile

| City (C <sub>i</sub> ) → | CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of buildings (t CO <sub>2</sub> ) | CO <sub>2</sub> emissions of transport (t CO <sub>2</sub> ) | Average CO <sub>2</sub> intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /MWh) | Number of CO <sub>2</sub> intense industries | Airport ACA level and measures |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
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- Residential buildings
- Tertiary buildings
- Municipal buildings

- Private transport
- Public transport
- Municipal vehicle fleet

- Energy related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Waste and wastewater treatment

- Energy intense industries included in EU ETS

- Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA)

- Mapping CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Mitigation/optimization
- Renewable energy measures
- Landside/ground handling/airside
- Airports < 150,000 PAX



# Taking Cities as Data Sources for Benchmarking - 6

## D<sub>6</sub>: Urban Planning and Social Welfare

| City (C <sub>i</sub> ) → | Waste and wastewater management | Compact urban form and green spaces | GDP per capita (PPP\$) | Inequality adjusted well-being (/10) | Tertiary education rate (%) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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- Recycling and composting share
- Waste generated per capita (kg)
- WWTD compliance (BOD, COD, TSS)
- Coverage of wastewater treatment

- Population living in core area(s)
- Urban sprawl index (%)
- Share of green area in urban area / share of impermeable surface area
- Number and area of protected reserves, RAMSAR, national parks

- Citizen satisfaction with daily experience

- Attainment of ISCED 5 and 6





## D<sub>7</sub>: R&D, Innovation and Sustainability Policy

| City (C <sub>i</sub> ) → | R&D and innovation policy orientation | National patents in clean technologies | Universities/ institutes in the local ecosystem | National h-index | Reduction Target for CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions |
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- R&D and innovation priorities
- Relation to SEAP/SECAP/SUMP
- Gross expenditure on research and development (GERD)/ GDP

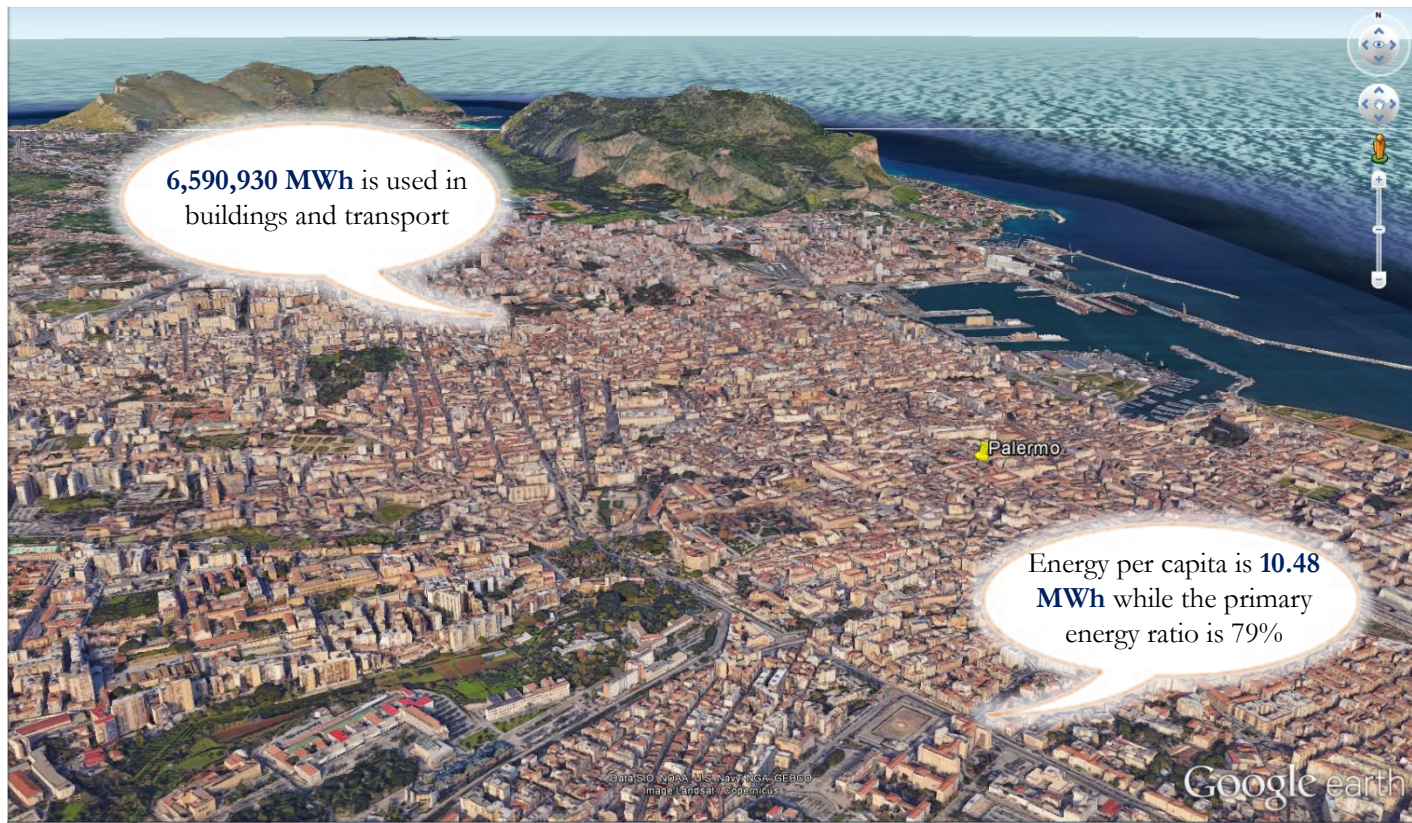
- Y02 and Y04 coded patents (Building technologies, energy generation, transport, smart grid, carbon capture and storage)
- Share in total national patents

- Public/private universities/institutions
- Scimago top 1000 institutions
- Concentration in the city (%)

- Knowledge production including sustainability

- 2020 CO<sub>2</sub> reduction target
- 2030, 2040 and 2050 targets annualized to 2020

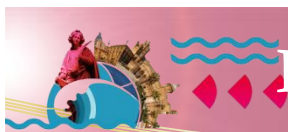




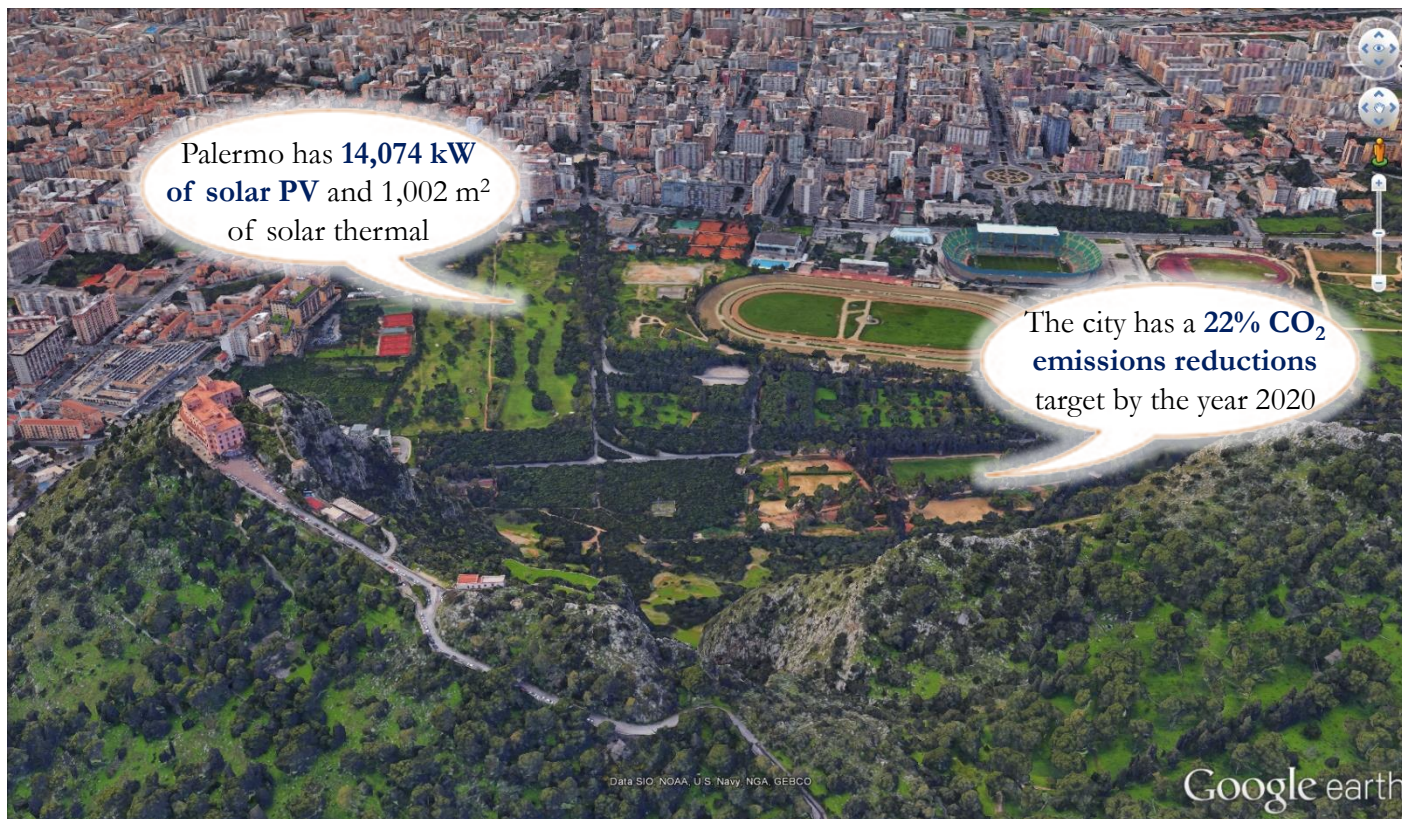
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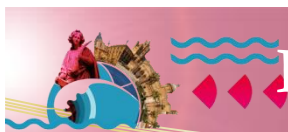


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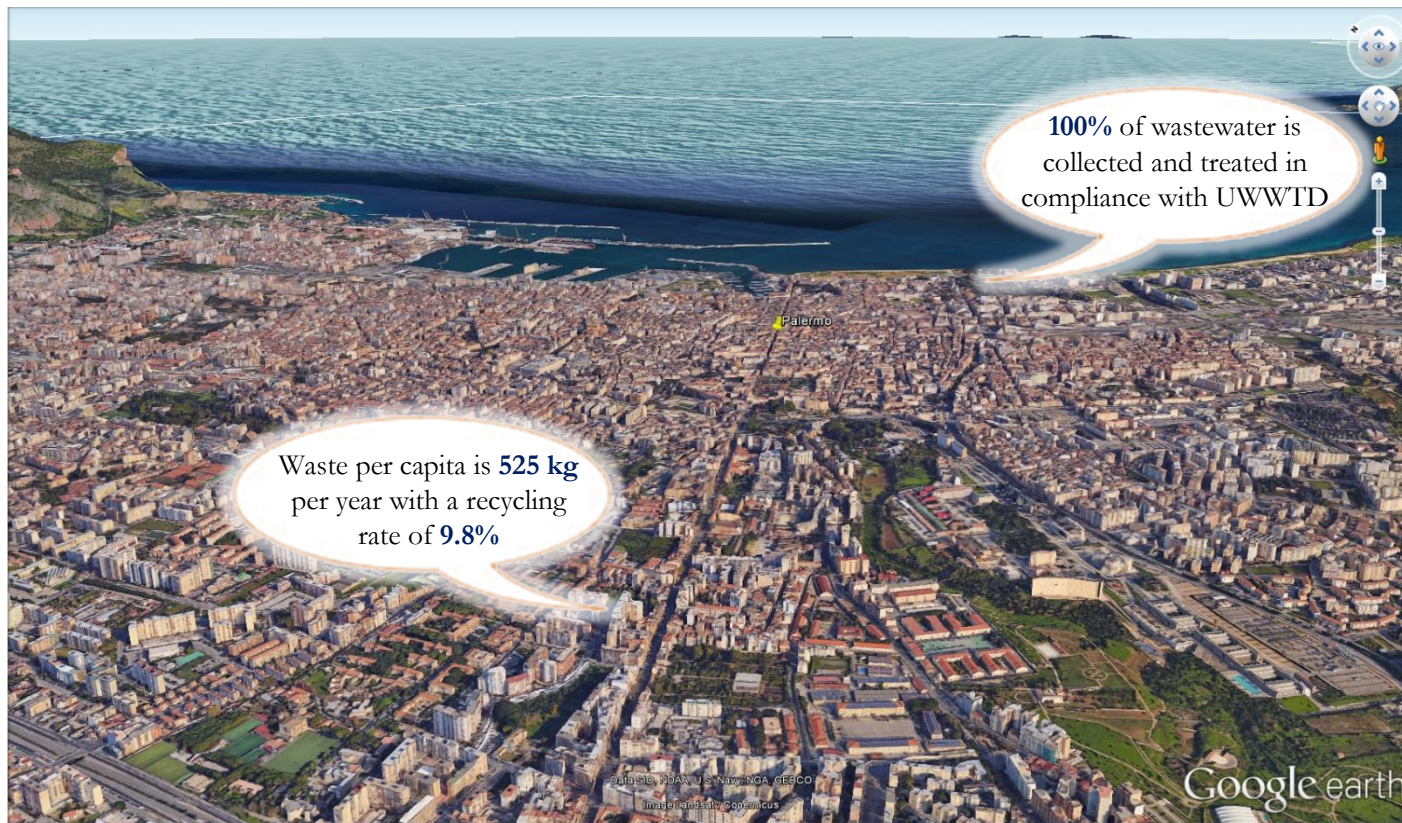


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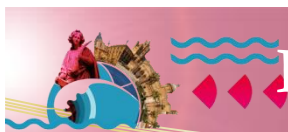


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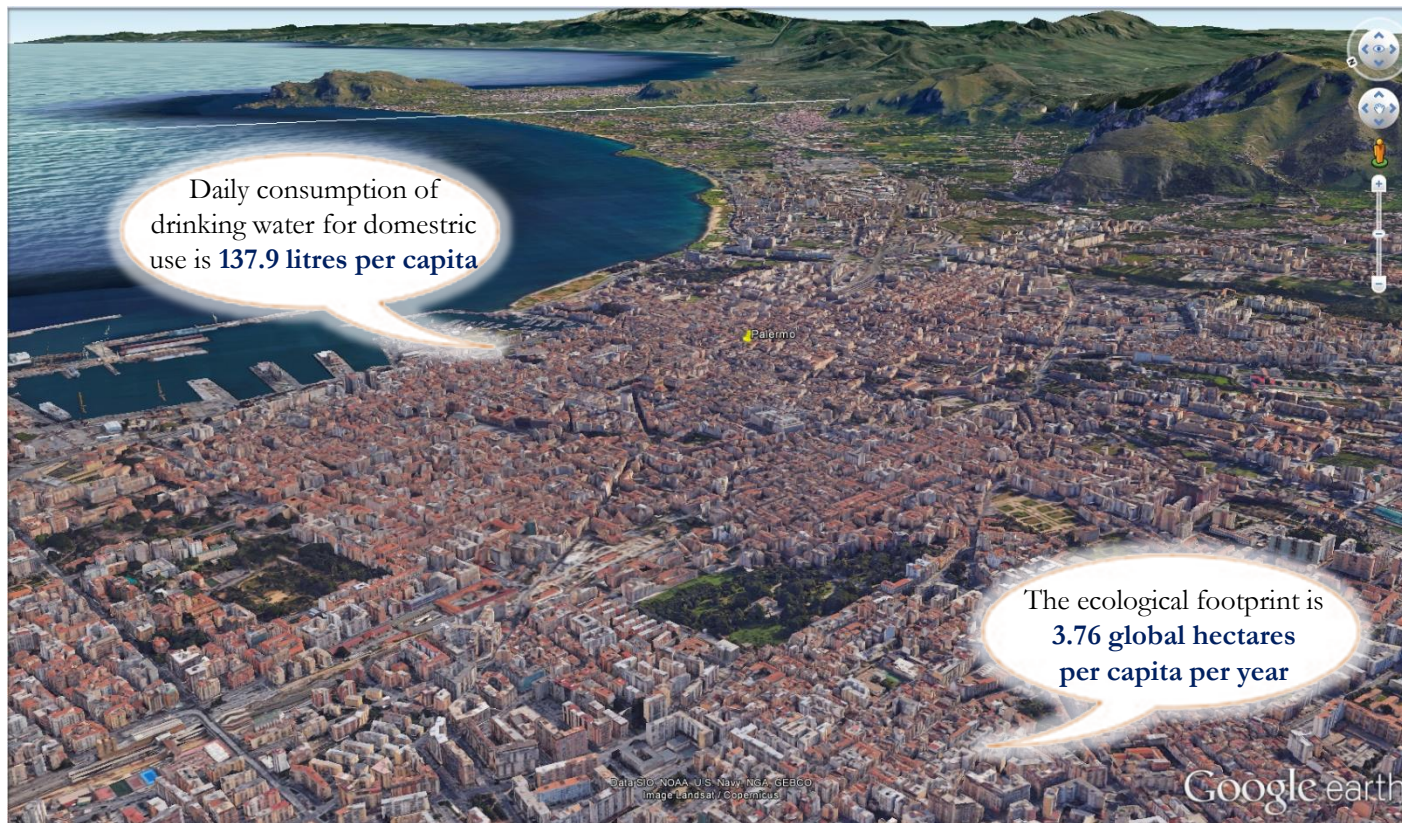


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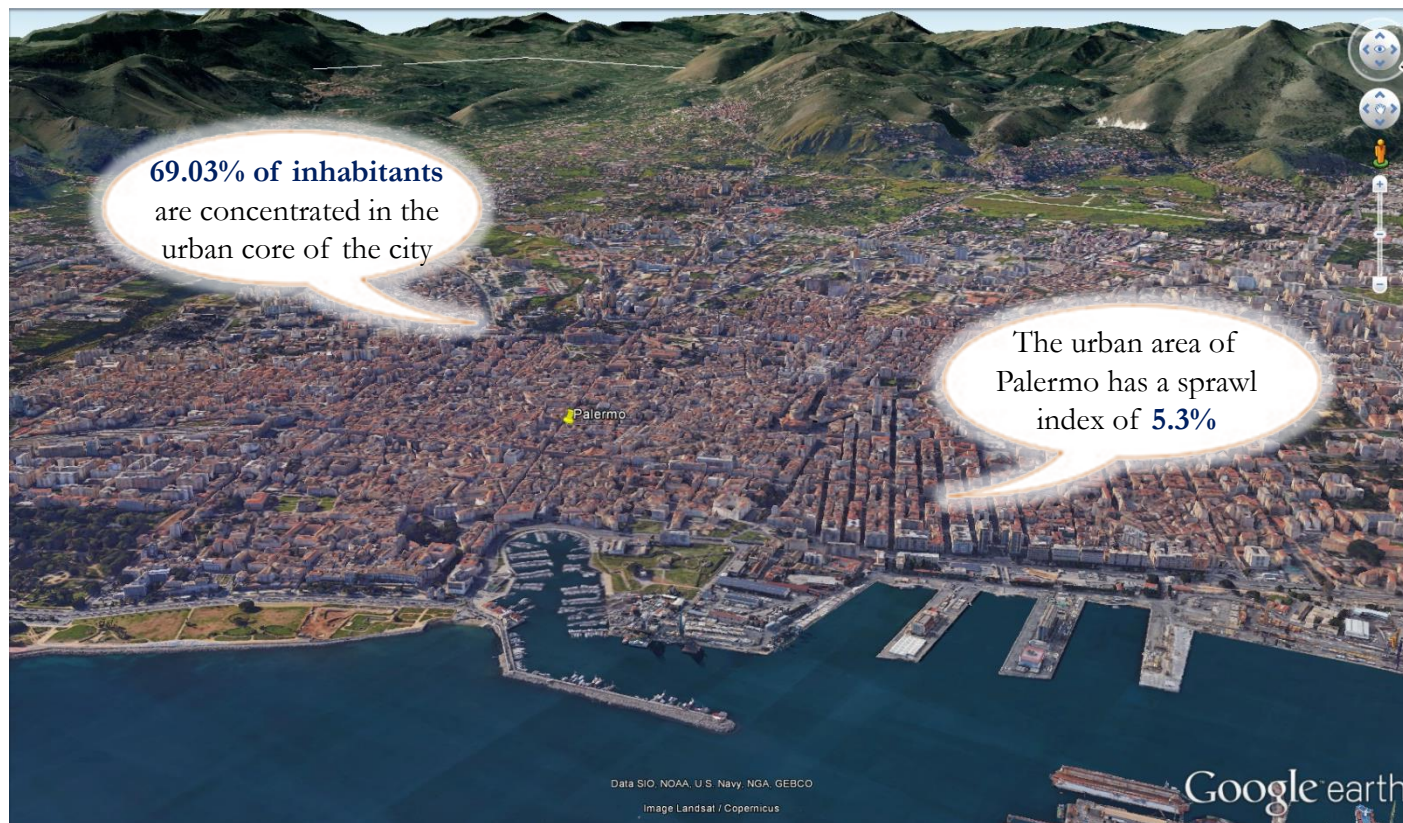
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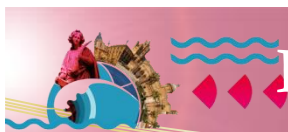


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Data sources: OECD Metropolitan Areas Database



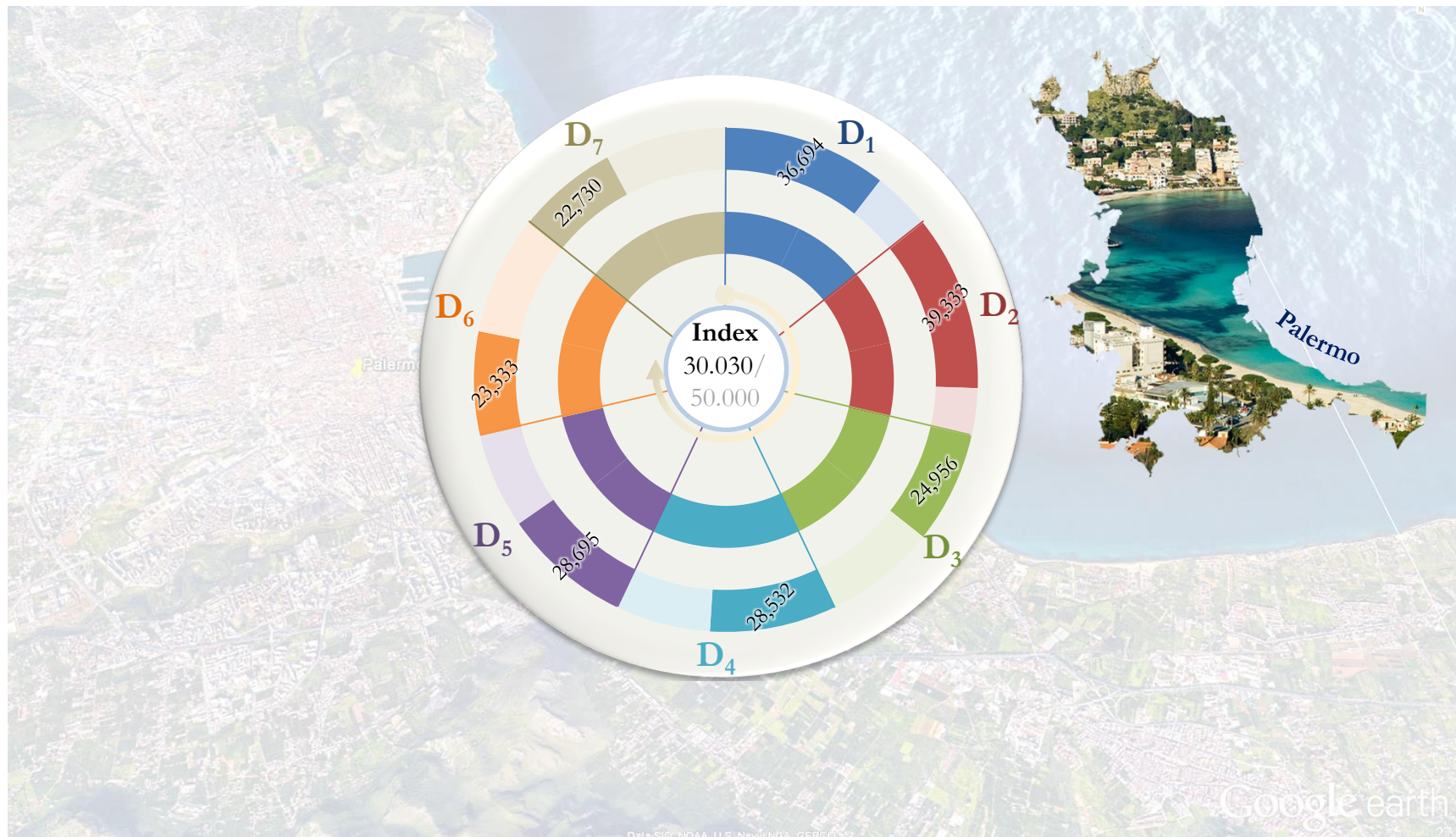


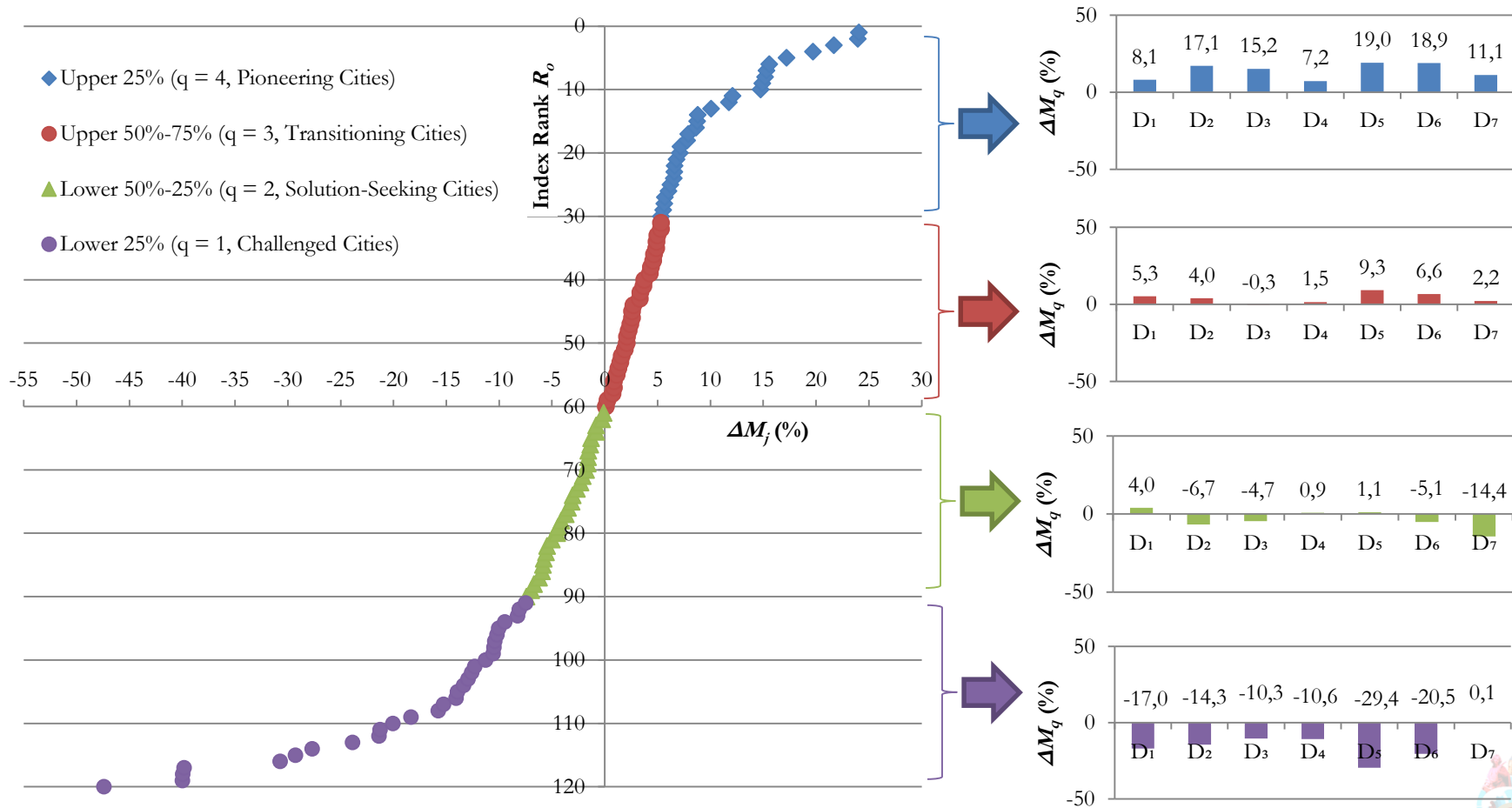
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# Palermo: Transitioning Cities of the Sample









# Integrated Urban Transitions: SDEWES Aware City

| Perspectives  | Urban Energy Systems   | Urban Water Systems  | Urban Environment Systems  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Specific system scope / focus <sup>a</sup>          | Provision of energy resources to meet <b>energy services in urban areas</b>  | Provision of water services to <b>produce, distribute, collect and treat water resources</b>   | Provision of services to <b>minimize, recycle and collect waste</b> , reduce emissions and pollutants, and increase <b>environmental quality</b>   |
| Urban concepts in the literature                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy efficient city</li> <li>• Renewable energy city</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Sensitive city</li> <li>• Water Wise City</li> <li>• Zero Wastewater city</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Neutral City</li> <li>• Zero Waste Municipality</li> </ul>  |
| Related urban transitions                           | <b>Urban energy transition</b>   | <b>Urban water transition</b>  | <b>Urban circular economy</b><br><b>Urban symbiosis</b>  |
| Examples of integrated, cross-sectoral perspectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of residual heat from industry in the building sector</li> <li>• Use of energy from the wastewater sector (residual heat and biogas)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable energy for water pumping demands</li> <li>• Demand response in the wastewater sector</li> <li>• Co-location of energy and water infrastructure</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy, water and waste sectors in urban areas</li> <li>• Urban planning to reduce energy and water usage and increase water permeability</li> </ul> |
| Proposed vision for urban systems                   | <p style="text-align: center;">←————— “SDEWES” Aware City —————→</p>   |  |  |



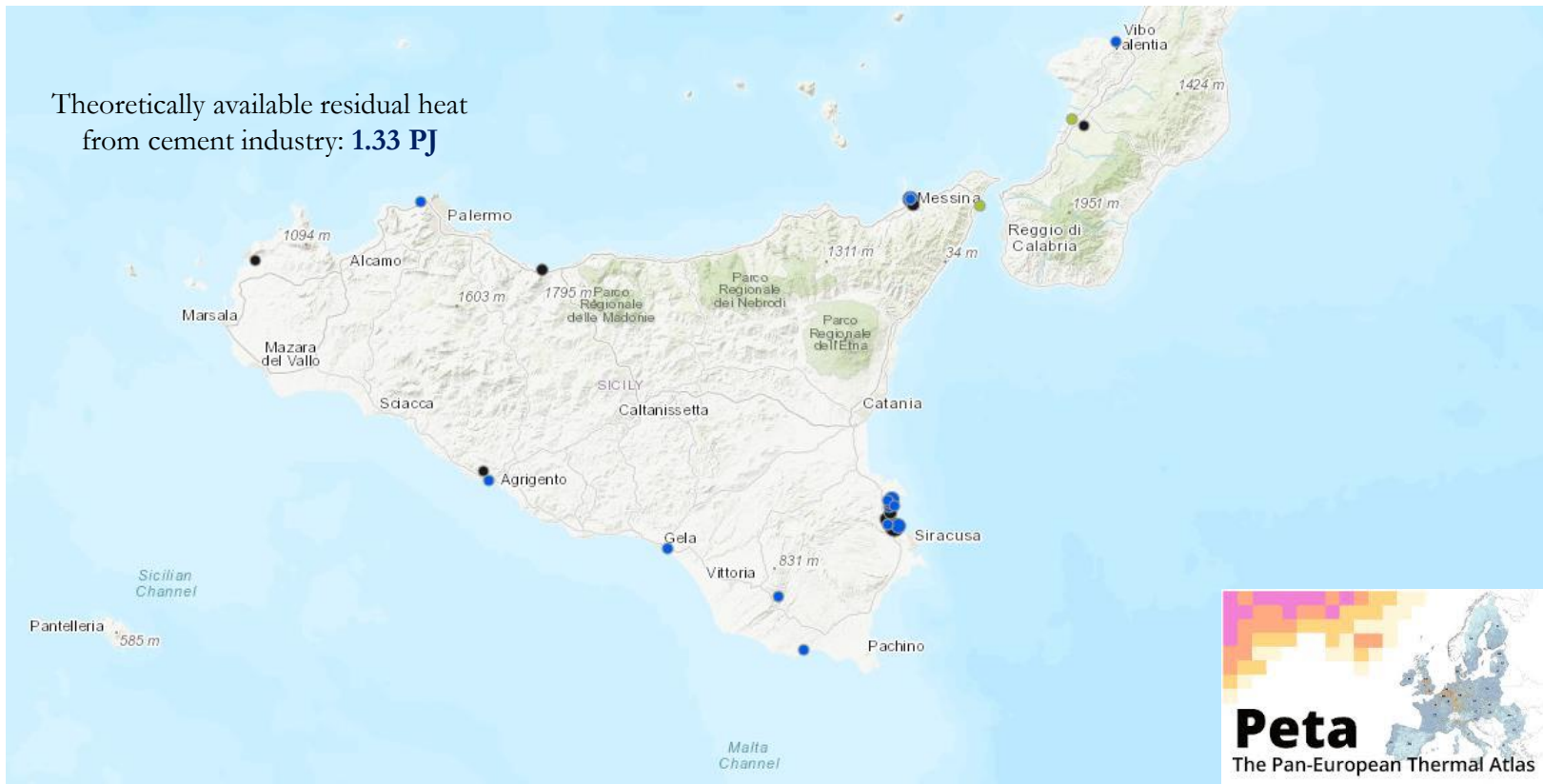
# Possible Synergy with Energy Foresight for Palermo



Source: EU Roadmaps for Energy (R4E) Project: Ambition, Vision and Roadmap Smart Buildings and Smart Mobility Palermo



# Energy Sharing and Cross-Sectoral Strategies



Source: Pan-European Thermal Atlas <<https://hrc.aau.dk/resource-center/peta4/>>

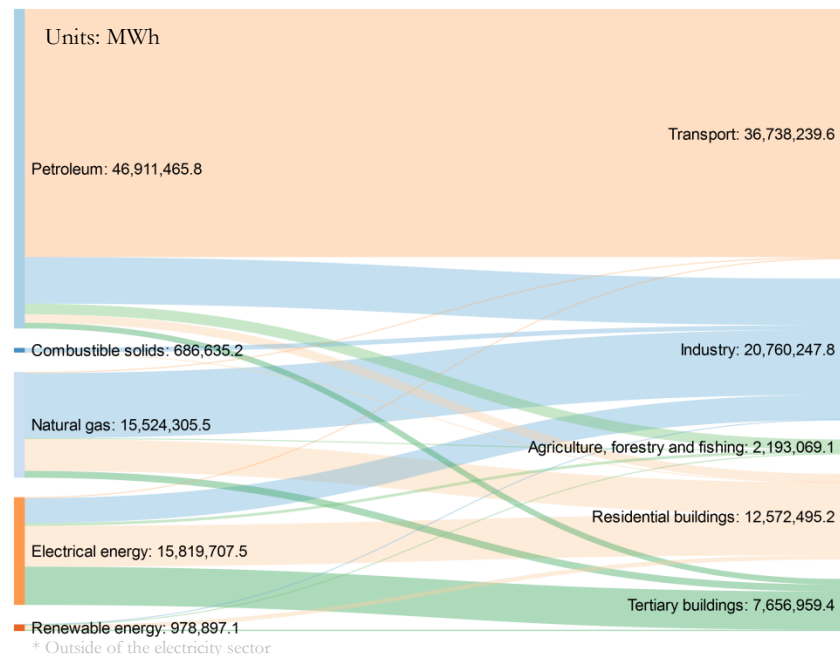
# Integrated Penetration of Renewables Across Sectors

Increasing the share of electricity in transport

Time is of the essence

Greater pace is required to mobilize renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions

Increasing the share of renewables in the electricity mix



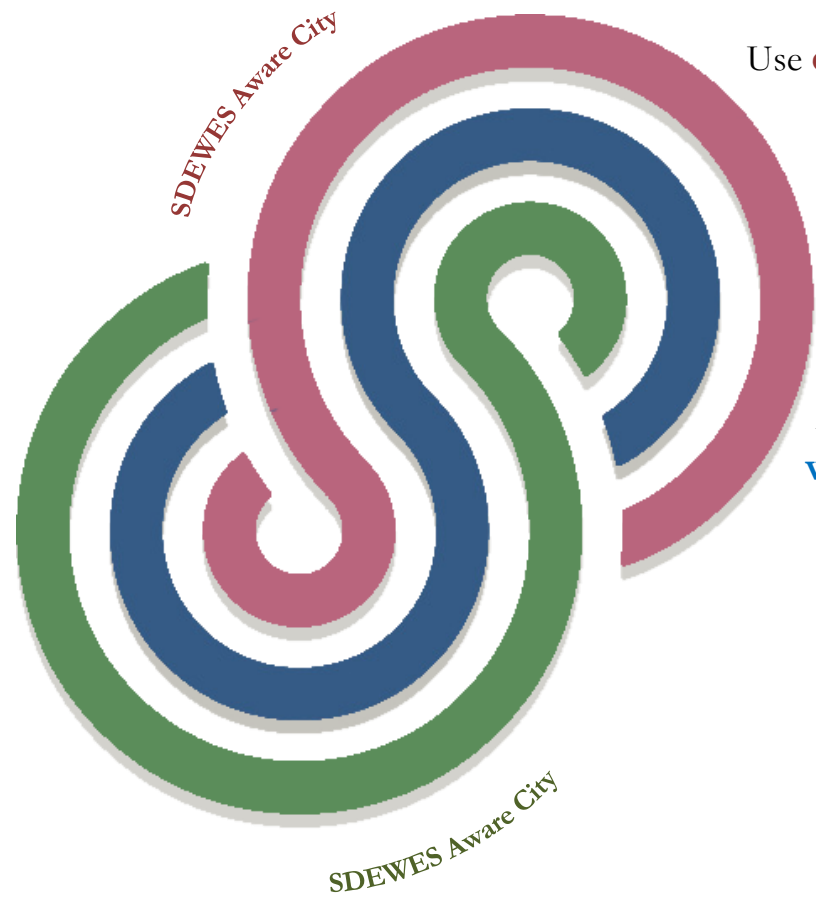
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Reducing the energy demand and increasing flexibility, including in the wastewater sector

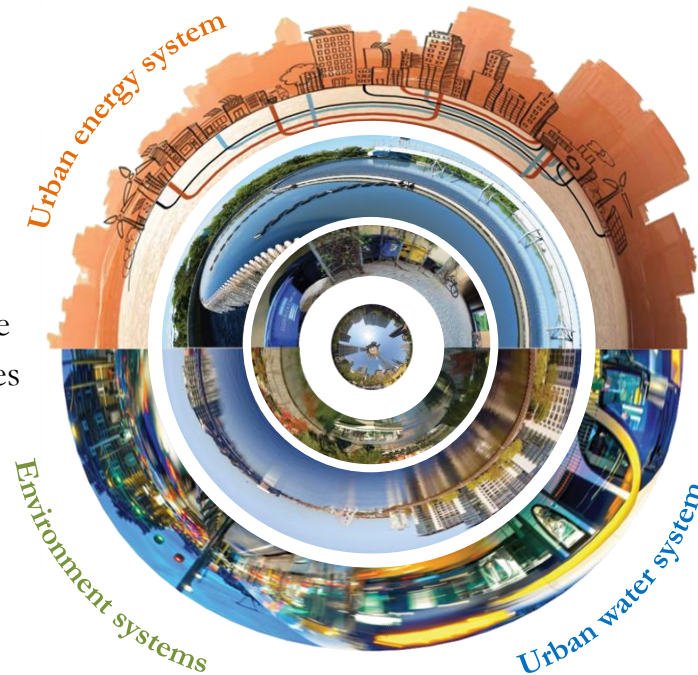
Substituting the combustion of natural gas for low exergy demands

Urban transitions in energy, water and environment systems towards SDEWES-Aware cities can further accelerate progress closer to the 1.5°C target



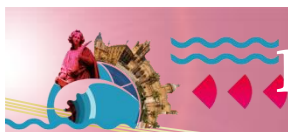
Use **energy** resources rationally at the right amount, quality, and time

Act to preserve  
**water** resources

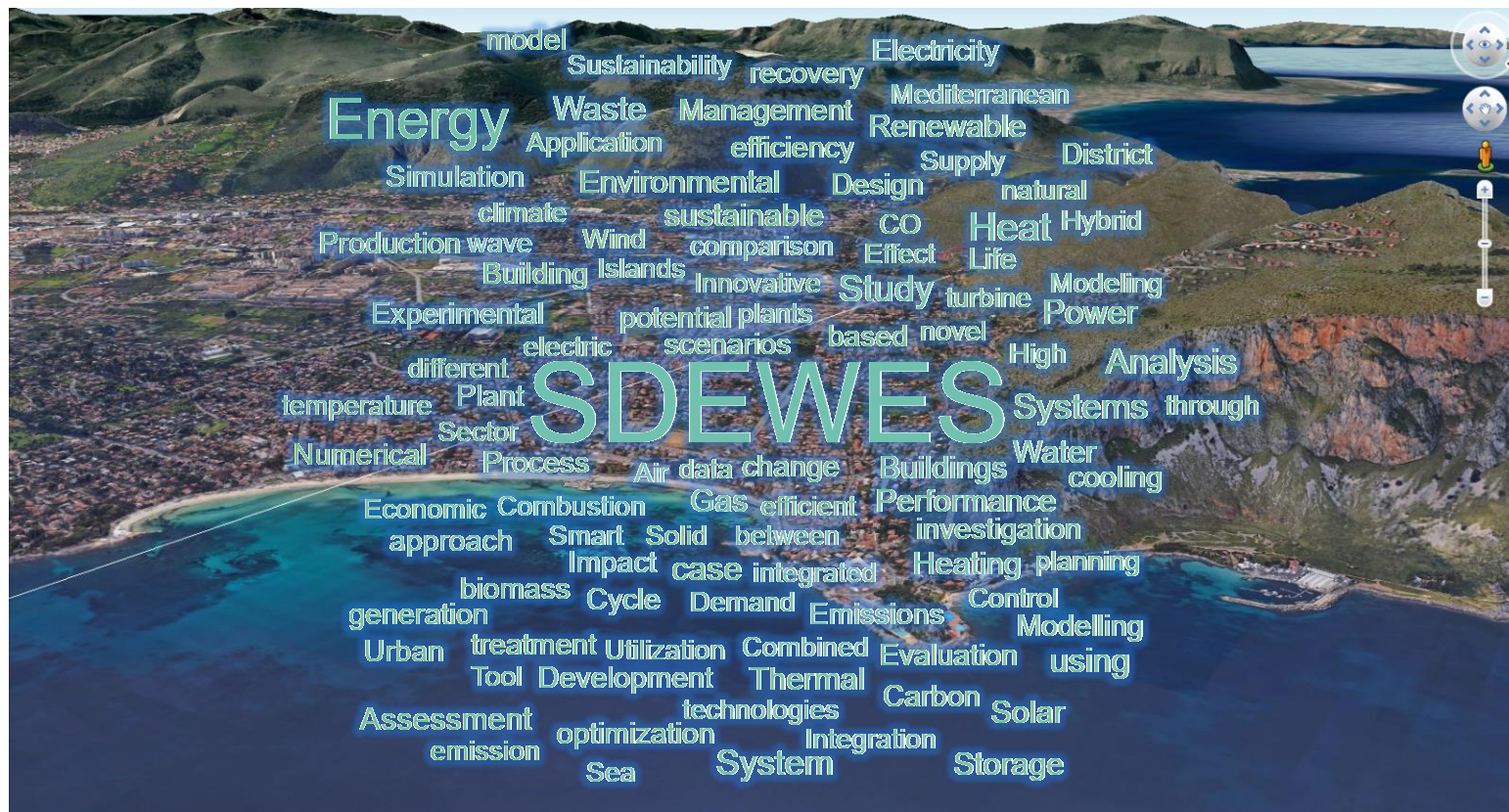


And seek integration whenever possible to valorize  
limited natural resources in better respect of  
**environmental** balances





# Dare to Challenge and Envision Sustainable Cities



Word cloud based on the Scientific Programme of the 13<sup>th</sup> SDEWES Conference



## Introductory address

*Undergoing transitions while  
staying in the middle of ...*

Prof. Antonio Piacentino

University of Palermo



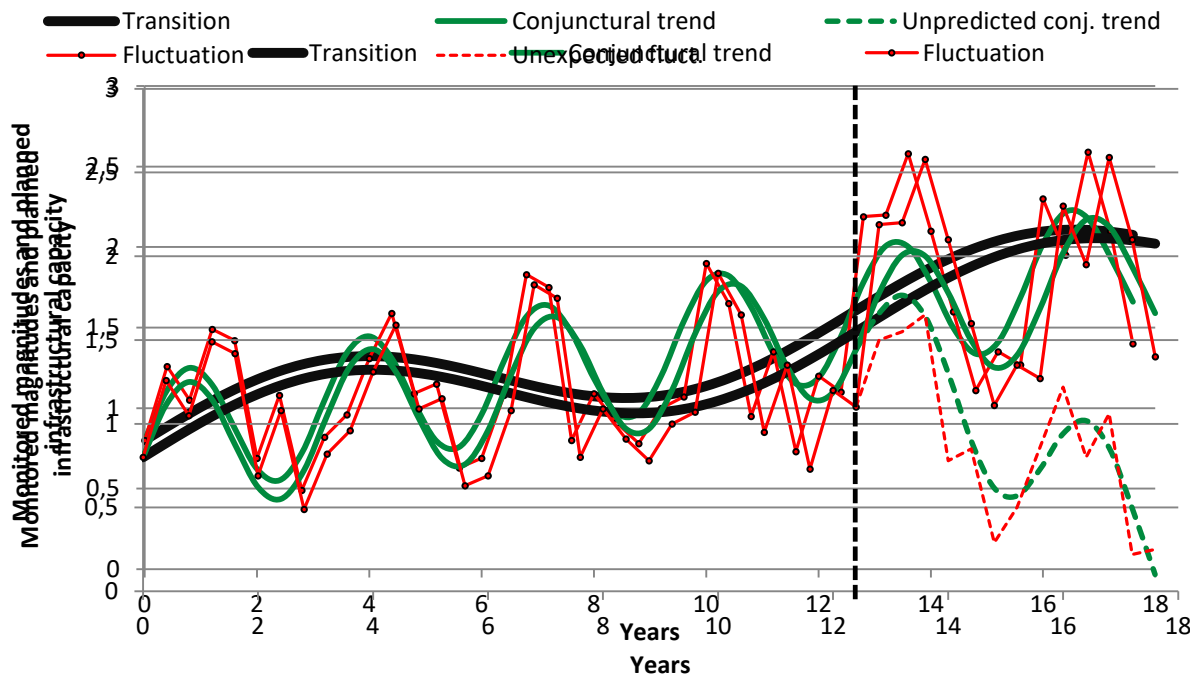
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# Transitions

Transitions imply deep modifications in the societal framework needed to open new opportunities and solving new problems

They usually involve **simultaneously** several spheres of human existence ...

In the last two decades we have been observing that transitions, which are intrinsically slow processes, have faced more and more rapid and less predictable conjunctural trends and fluctuations



Together with opportunities, transitions imply serious risks ....



Sicily as a best example of how, staying in the middle of ... can exacerbate risks and make planning more critical

# In the middle of ... the sea

Coinciding with the growth of "Greening the Islands" initiative, this Conference is the first one to be held on an island.

Most of islands, like Sicily, share in common:

- A delicate equilibrium between **terrestrial and marine ecosystems**
- A **deep interrelation between environmental and economic sustainability**, due to the strong naturalistic touristic vocation



*San Vito Lo Capo*



*Parco dell'Alcantara*



*Scopello*



# In the middle of ... the mediterranean people and cultures (1)

Due to its strategic position in the middle of Mediterranean Sea, Sicily has been playing, in the last few years, a relevant role in facing some of the **highest human challenges related to political instabilities and wealth inequalities**, with the consequent migration processes ...

At meantime, this strategic position has favoured, over the centuries, a number of dominations, such as:



## Classical age

- Greek period
- Phoenician period
- Roman period

## Middle age

- Germanic and Byzantine period
- Arab muslim period
- Viking age
- Norman period
- Swabian period
- Angevins period
- Aragonese period

## Pre-modern era

- Spanish period
- Austrian period
- Bourbon period

# In the middle of ... the mediterranean people and cultures (2)

All these cultures have left a cultural heritage of enormous value ...



*The Valley of the Temples – UNESCO  
World Heritage Site*



*Ancient Theatre - Taormina*



*Zisa Castle and Gardens – UNESCO  
World Heritage Site*



*Palatine Chapel – UNESCO World  
Heritage Site*



*Casa Professa – Baroque period*

Preservation of these beauties is obviously a priority for any planning action...

... but what is the relationship with sustainable transition issues?



# In the middle of ... the mediterranean people and cultures (3)

- Pressure exerted, in terms of antropic impact, by almost 5 millions tourists (approximately the same number of inhabitants), with presences mostly concentrated in summer
- Frequent need for accurate evaluation of feasibility of new renewable installation in compliance with archaeological and landscaping constraints.

The problem of architectural integration of PV solar and buildings cannot be addressed looking for solutions like:



but trying to find original and case-by-case solution to answer to the question:

***What (if anything) can be integrated here???***

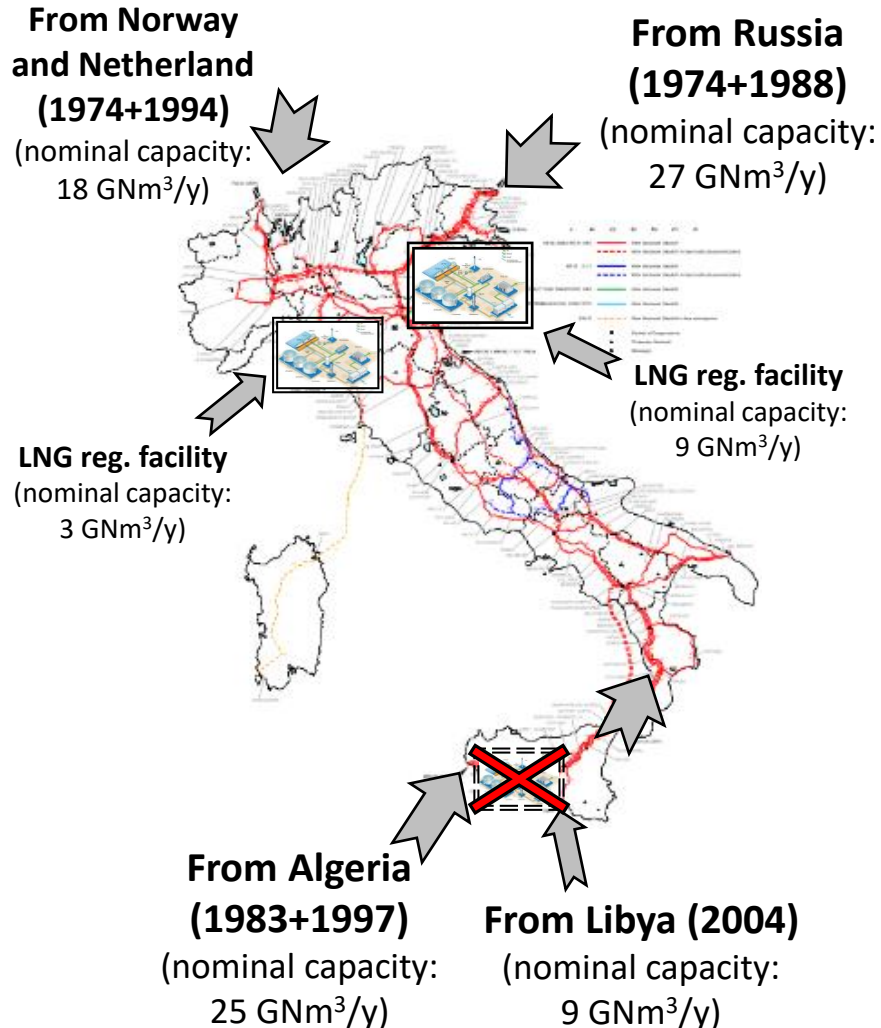


This "sweet" problem is obviously shared with several other cities in Italy, where new infrastructures (especially for mobility issues or distribution pipes) often encounter archaeological obstacles.



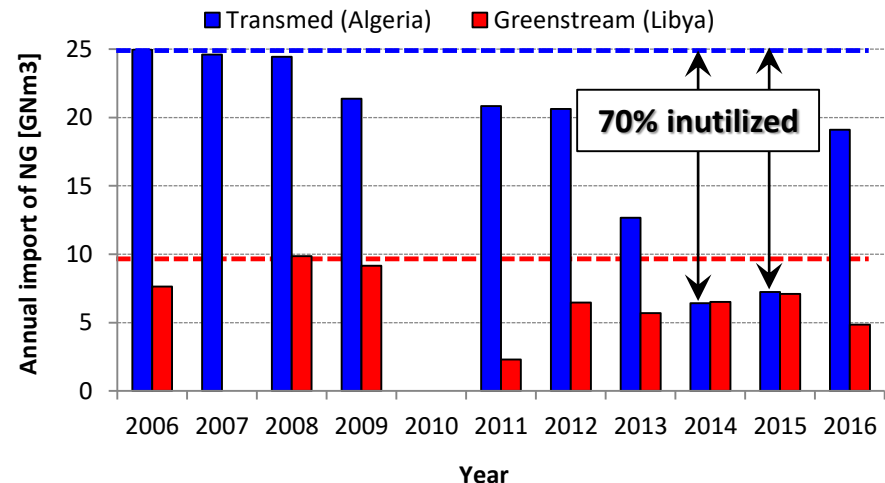
# In the middle of ... the mediterranean countries (1)

Again due to its position, being the Italian region closest to the countries of southern rim of the Mediterranean, Sicily has been representing an **energy hub** for Italy.



Sicily consumes approximately 4 GNm<sup>3</sup> of NG per year, thus being the 33 GNm<sup>3</sup> import capacity mainly designed **to move gas toward the rest of Italy via pipes.**

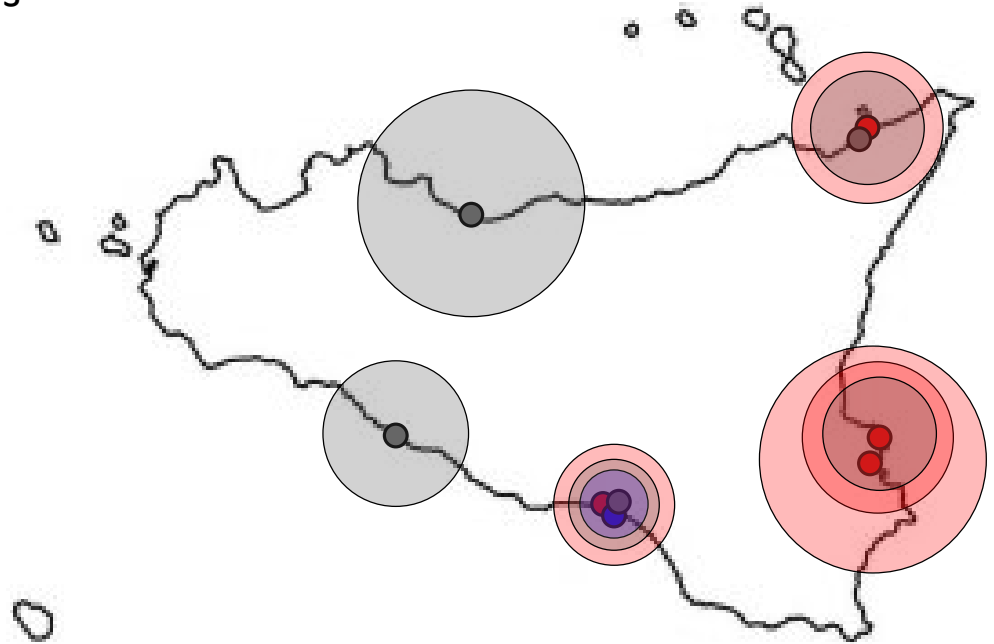
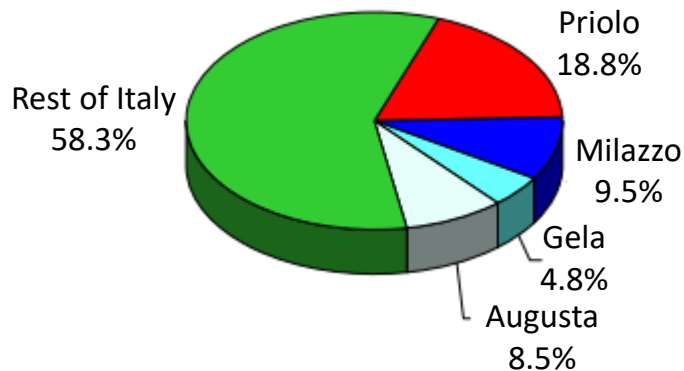
Also, there was a serious possibility to have this import capacity increased by a **new LNG regasification facility** with 8 GNm<sup>3</sup> capacity, but investors recently renounced to this project.



## In the middle of ... the mediterranean countries and routes (2)

Again due to its favourable position, in '50s and '60s large investments were made in the creation of refineries, petrochemical plants, mostly integrated with CHP power plants and, in some case, with thermal desalination plants.

**Refining capacity in Italy (2013)**



Could Sicily leave with less polluting plants ...

Obviously, environmental impact of such large industrial areas has been somewhere dramatic, but conversions are being implemented to less polluting technologies.

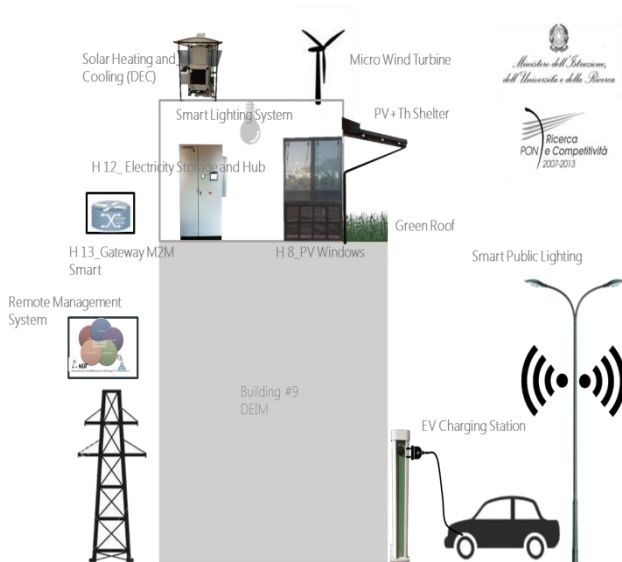
... in the short and medium term there would be a serious problem of **social sustainability**!

# In the middle of ... expectations of future generations

Better integration between naturalistic and cultural potential of the island and more sustainable productive sectors may be probably achieved through ... CULTURE!

Academic institutions are playing a driving role, creating open minded and skilled economists and engineers ...

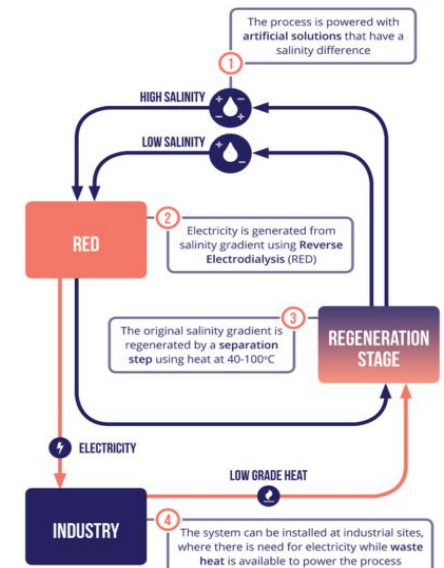
... also giving examples through good practices and innovative projects:



*Sustainable Campus*



*Parabolic Solar Dish-Stirling*



*Salinity Gradient Engines*

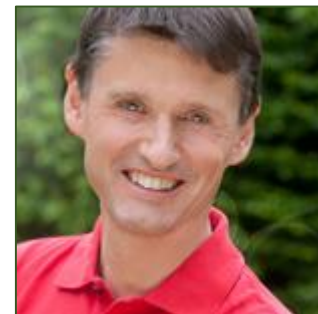




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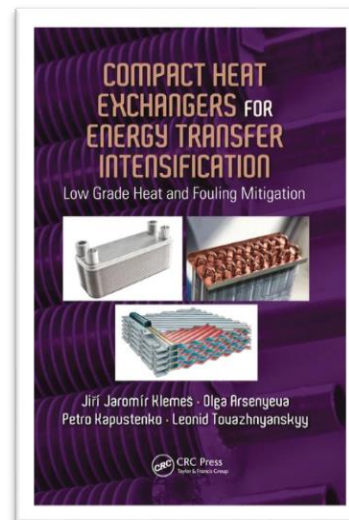
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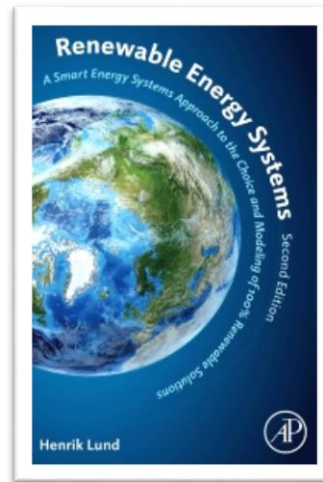
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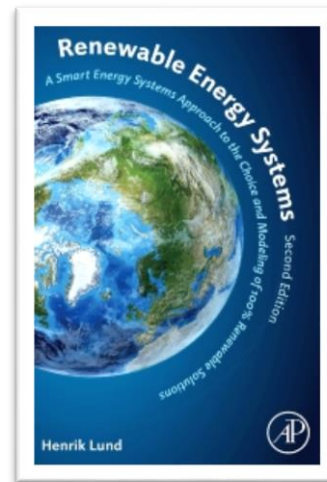


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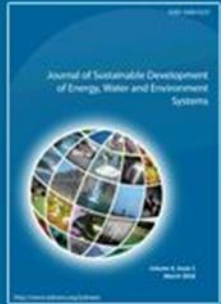
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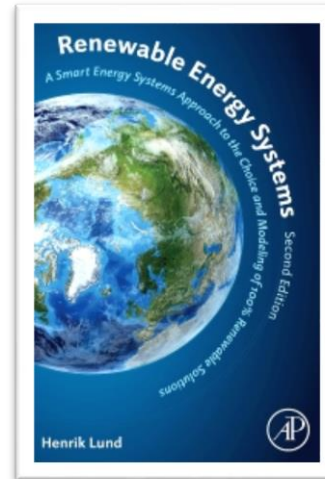
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