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Output 1

Guide package on solar energy
application in 2Seas region:
legislation, market, technologies
and best practices



Low-carbon
technologies

TOTAL PROJECT
BUDGET:

4.35 M €

INCLUDING AN
ERDF BUDGET OF:

2.61 M €

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Solarise = Interreg 2Seas project aiming to:

- **boost the adoption of solar energy in historical and public buildings** and for **households with a focus on low-income families**, and also **shows future technologies through living labs**.
- **lower the impact of the solar renewables on the electricity grid by, for example, installing storage capacity.**

Objectives

Stimulate, broaden and accelerate solar energy adoption in the 2 Seas by:

- Identifying and overcoming barriers;
- Using smart grids, electricity/heat storage, internet of things and energy management systems;
- Proposing cost-effective and affordable solutions;
- Implementing innovative living-labs and a series of demonstrations in public buildings/infrastructure and in households with low income families;
- Delivering training tools and solar-energy roadmaps.

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**Residential buildings
(social housing)**



**Historical buildings
(monuments or not)**



**Public buildings
(schools, city-halls)**



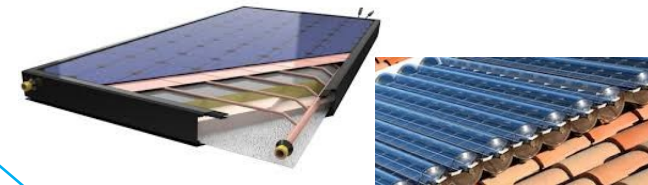
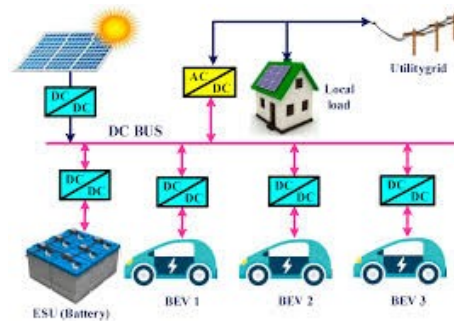
**Solar farms in
peri-urban environment**



**Smart (micro) grids, smart
energy management V2G,
energy storage systems**



**Unobtrusive integration in buildings
(BIPV, transparent PV....)**



**Hybrid systems (electricity & heat)
PV/T, Bi-facial PV, CSP, BISPV, ...**



PROJECT

WP1: Contextual Framework

WP2: Feasibility case studies

1. Living Labs
2. Residential, Historical & Public Buildings
3. Solar farms

WP4: SOLARISE installations

WP3: Accelerating solar uptake

WP 5: Project Management

WP 6: Communication

Start:03/18 -----End:09/21



OUTPUT 1

Based on WP1 (Contextual framework) with activities and deliverables :

- **Guidelines** for benchmarking and pilots
- Technical report on **smart grids**
- Report on **solar energy market analysis, legal issues and future potential**
- Report on solar energy harvesting **cost and investment models**
- Technical report on **hybrid PV/T systems**
- Technical report on **innovative solar technologies**
- **Database** as inventory of existent pilots, of benchmarks and of good practices

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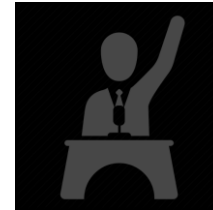
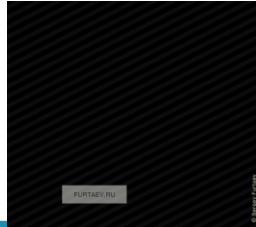
Is meant to:

- give stakeholders **a clear picture of solar energy context** in the 2 Seas region of the from different complementary issues and points of view
- create **awareness** on:
 - the latest available and promising **innovations**
 - the possible manners for **flexible and cost effective implementation** of solar energy

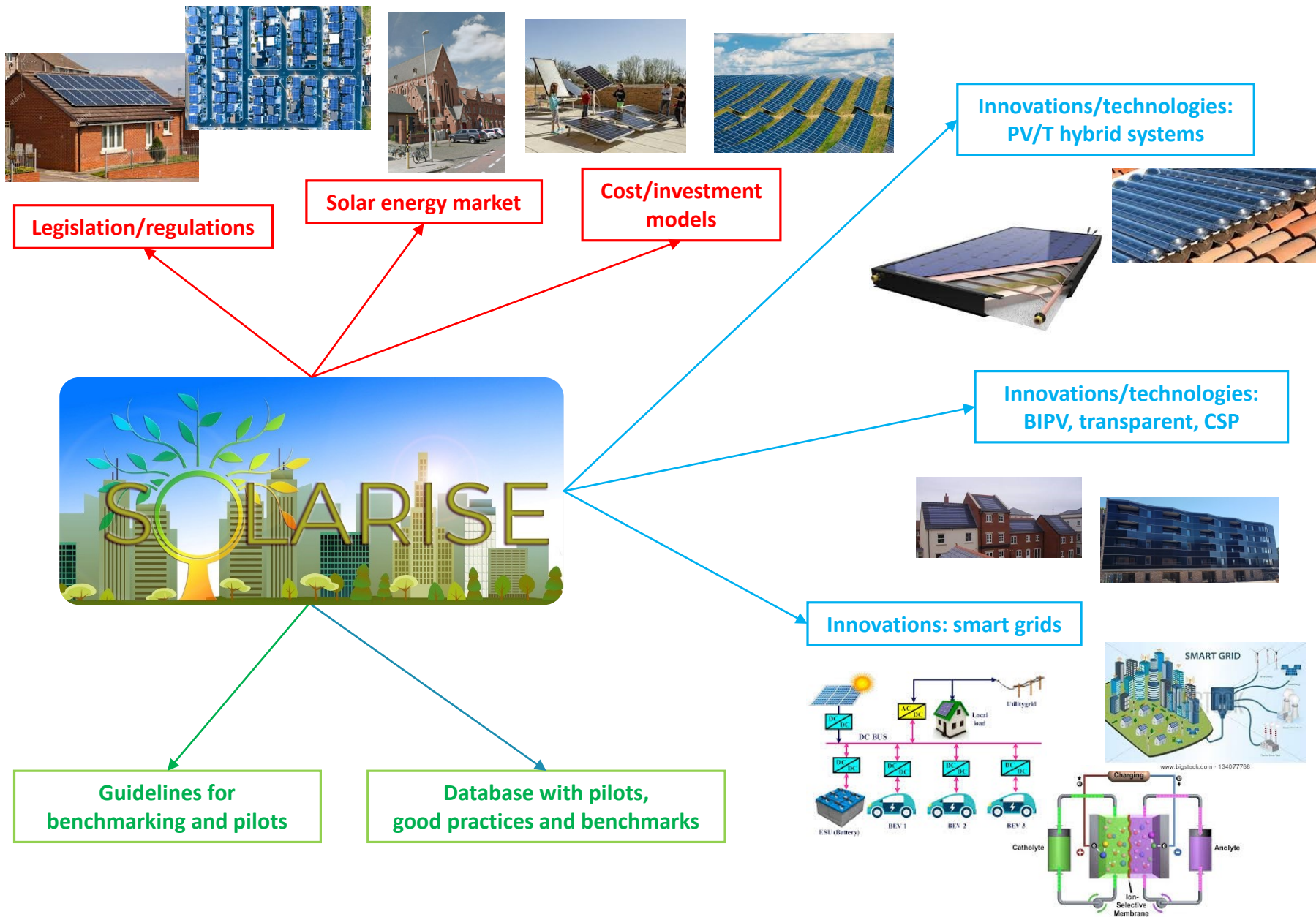


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Stakeholders involvement

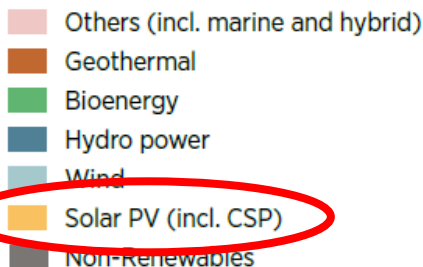
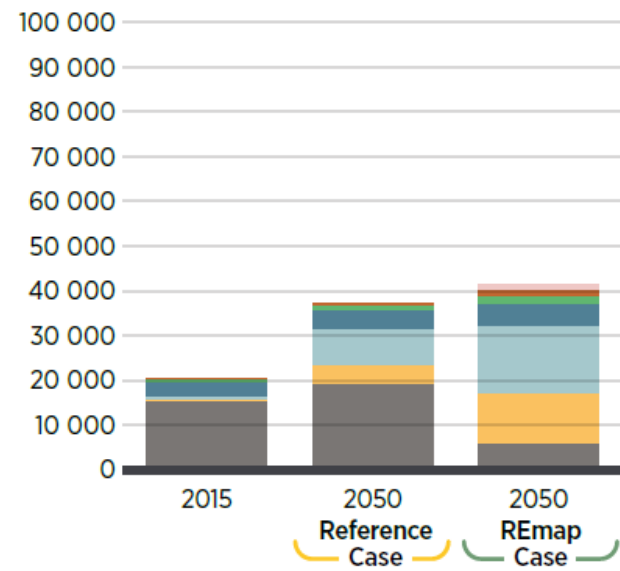


Stakeholders	Academics (R&D instit)	Municipalities	Politicians	Installers (commercial SME)	Citizens cooperatives
Affiliation	Univ/Instit	Local authority	Policy makers	SME	None
Objective (stakeholder needs)	Knowledge	Solve problems	Societal relevant	Solve problems Commercial	Knowledge
How (what to offer)	Novelty	Usefulness	Impact	Econ. yield	Usefulness Econ. yield
Stakeholder expertise	Multi- disciplinary	Non-technical Mono- disciplinary	Non-technical Mono- disciplinary	Technical Mono- disciplinary	Non-technical

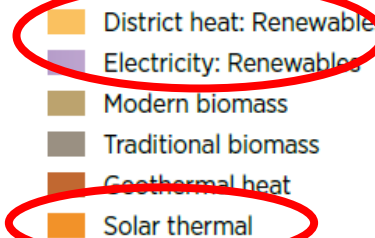
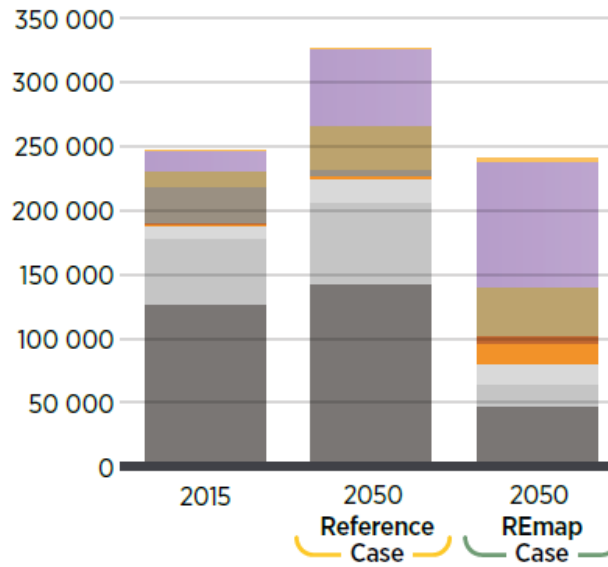


Global energy context: RE roadmap 2050?

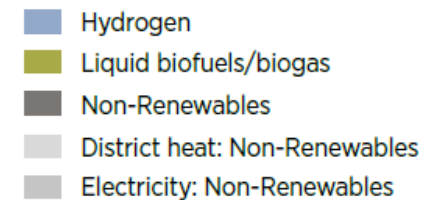
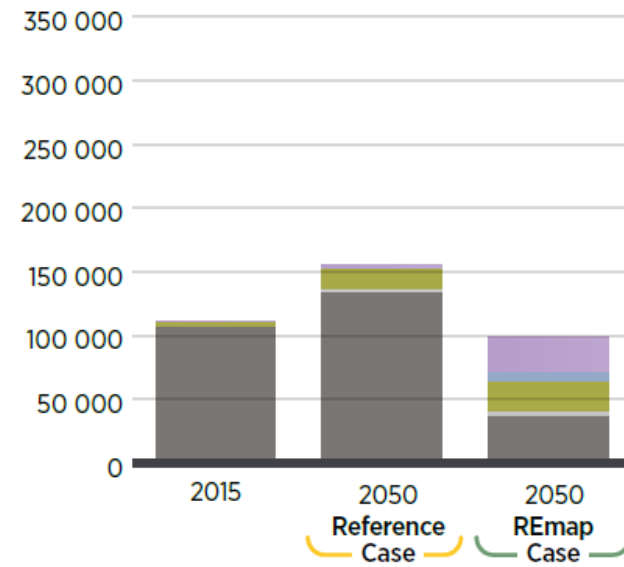
Electricity consumption (TWh)



Industry and buildings final energy consumption (PJ/yr)



Transport final energy consumption (PJ/yr)



Source: IRENA 2018 'Global energy transformation: A roadmap to 2050'

2Seas energy context – embedded in EU context



Investment:

extra EUR 177 billion per year of investment from 2021 to meet 2030 climate & energy targets Crucial role for EFSI



Economic growth*:

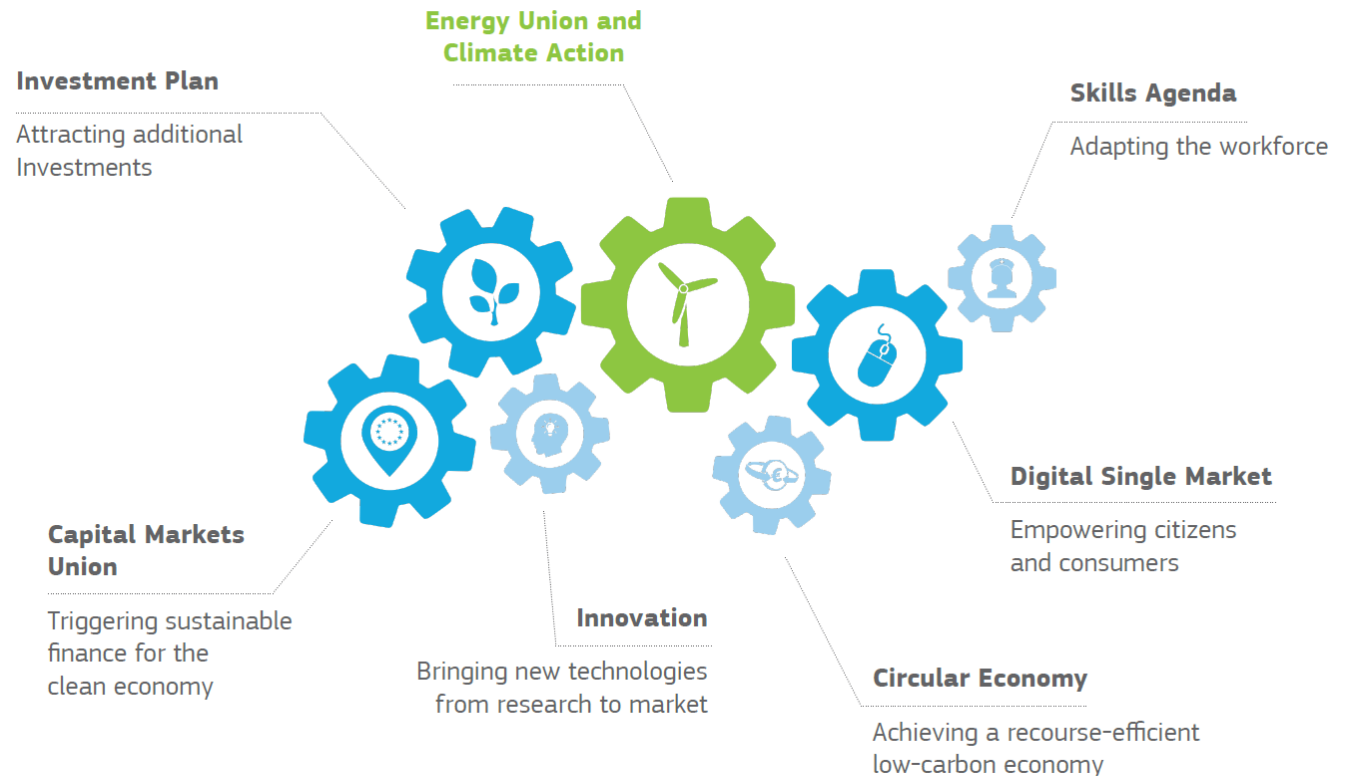
1% increase in GDP
EUR 190 billion into the economy 900,000 new jobs
*Upper end of estimates



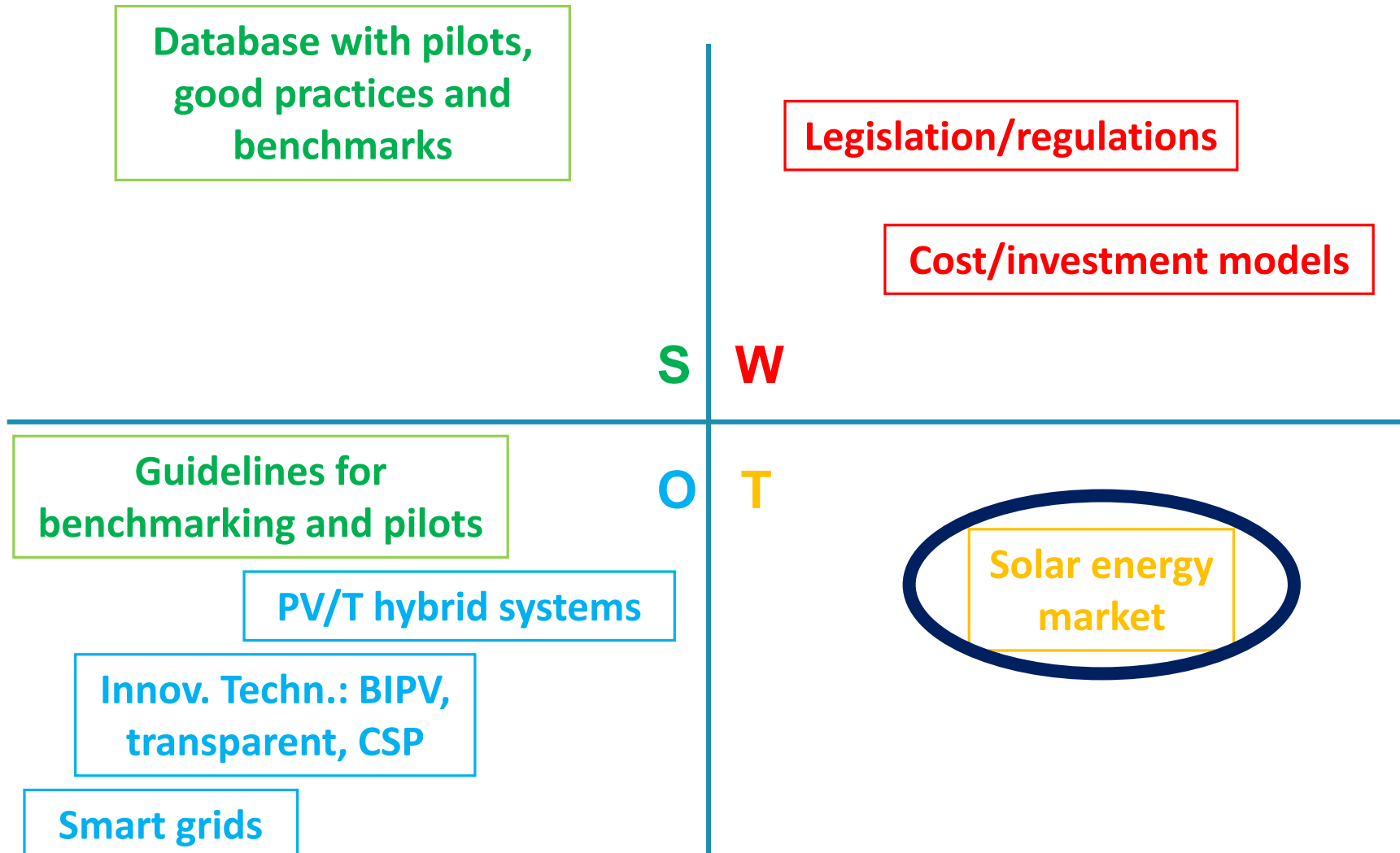
Decarbonisation:

Carbon intensity of the economy 43% lower in 2030 than in 2015
72% share of non-fossil fuels in electricity generation in 2030

2Seas energy context – embedded in EU context

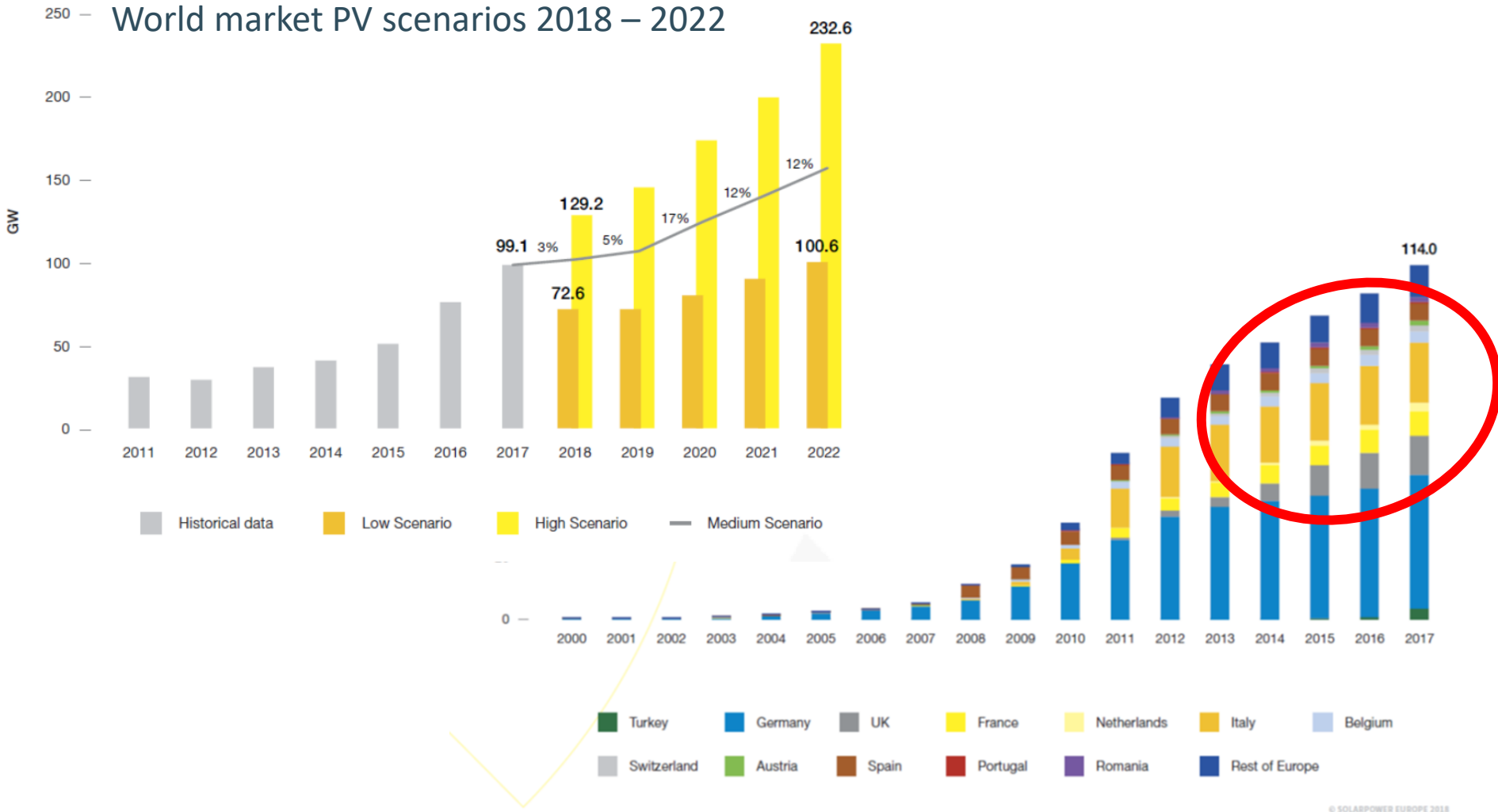


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2Seas – Solar energy market

World market PV scenarios 2018 – 2022

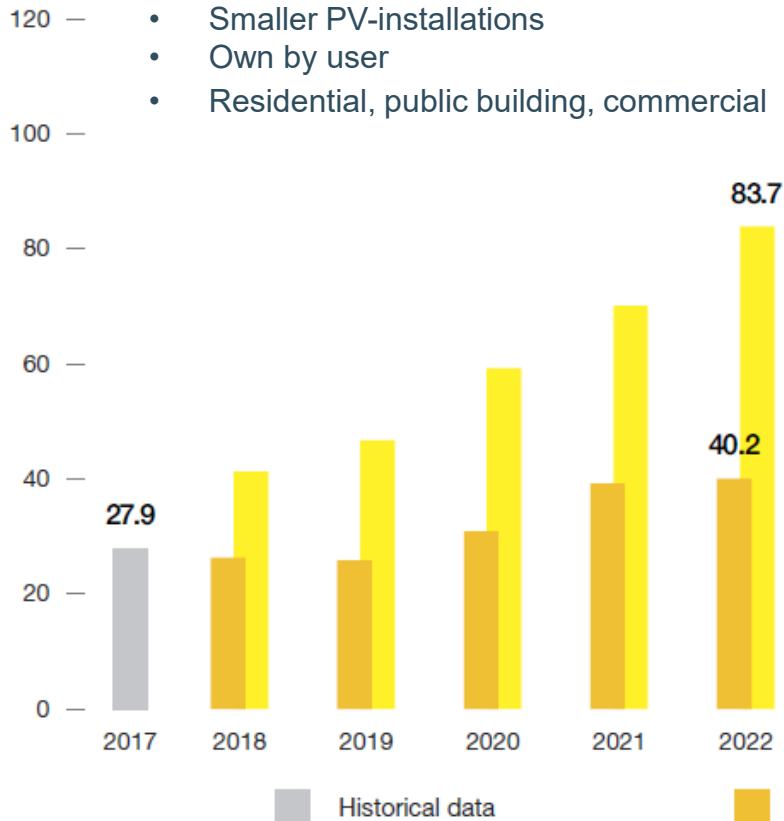


Source: Solar Power Europe

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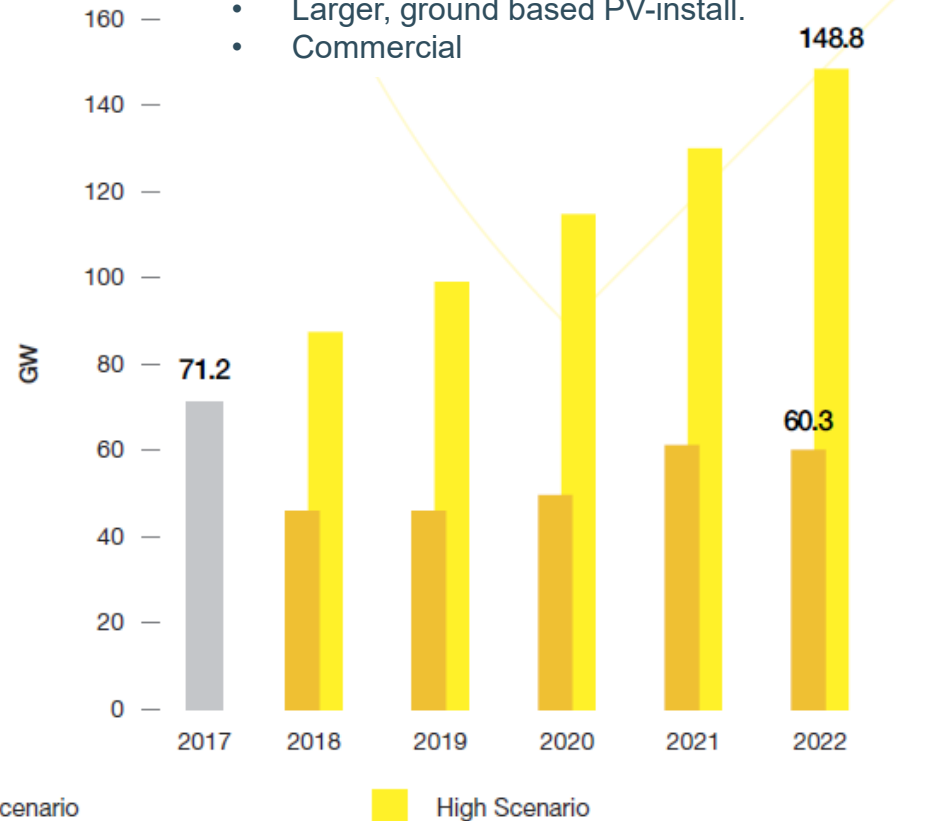
ROOFTOP PV

- Smaller PV-installations
- Own by user
- Residential, public building, commercial



UTILITY SCALE PV

- Larger, ground based PV-install.
- Commercial

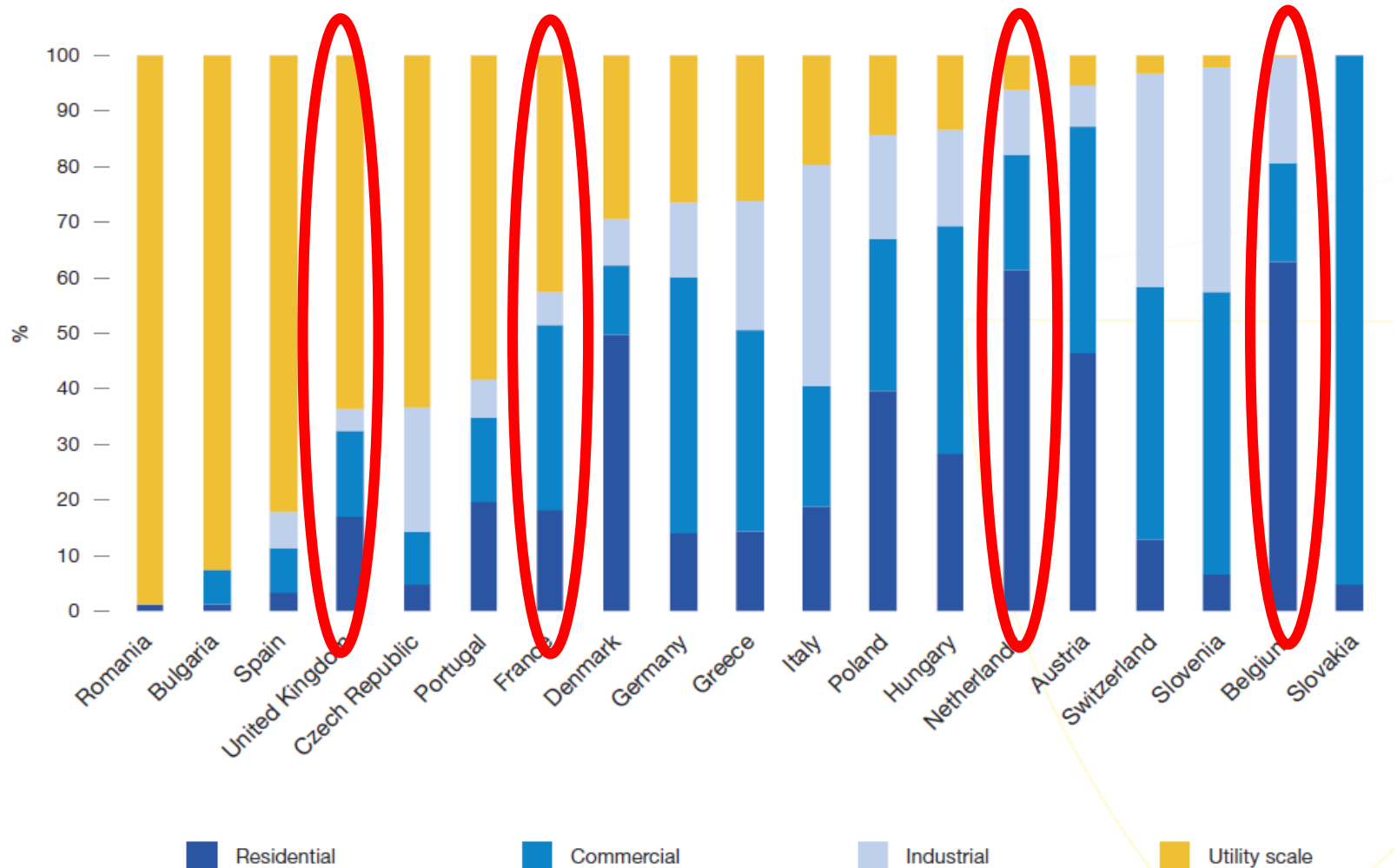


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Scenarios for PV installations 2018 -2022

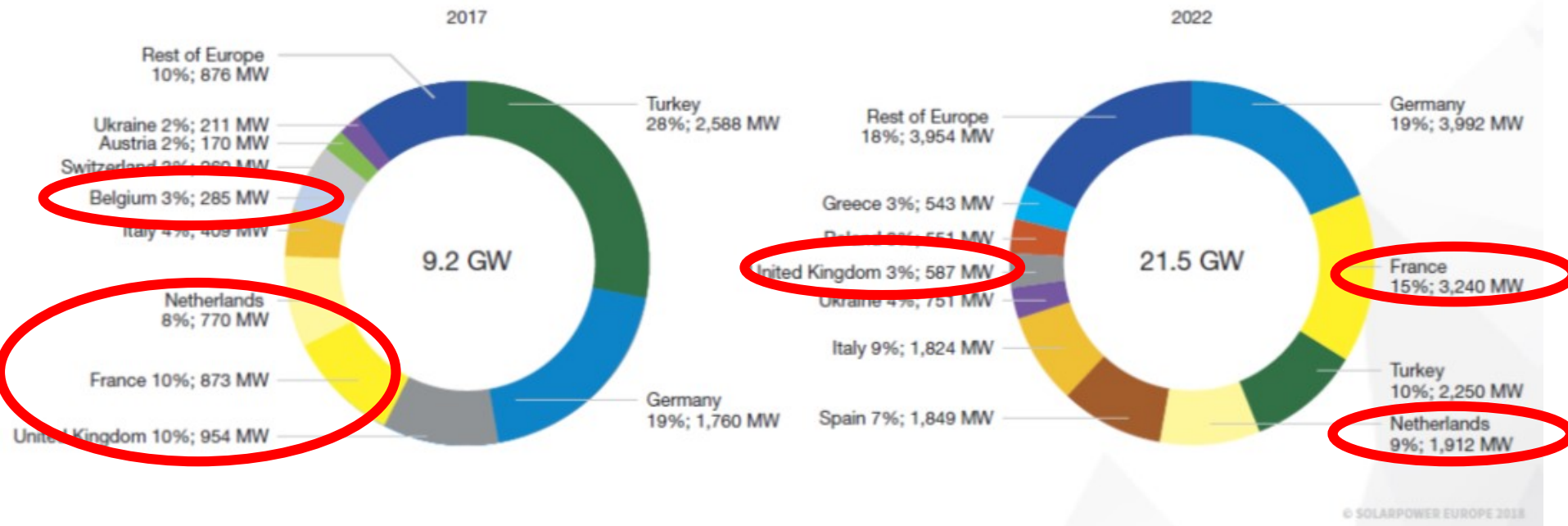
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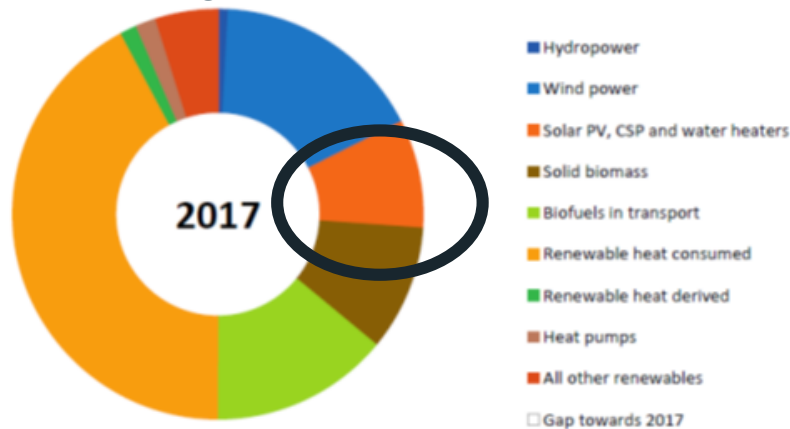


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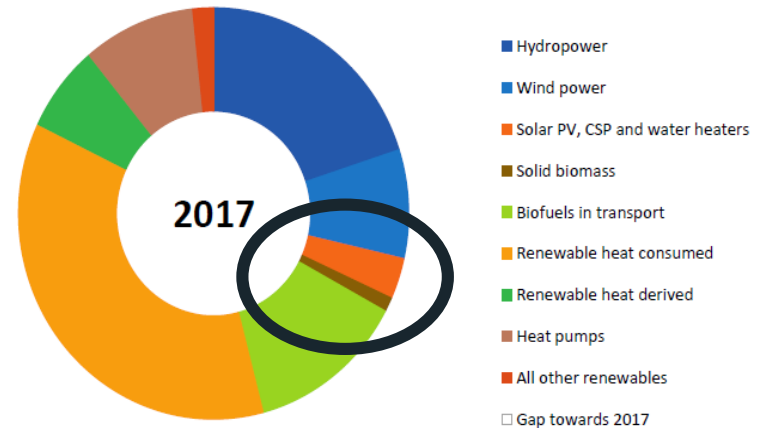
Source: EEA Eurostat 2019

Belgium



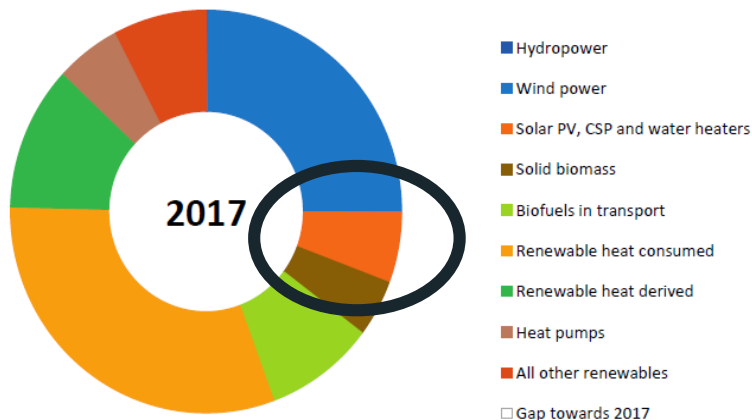
Source: Eurostat, 2019.

France



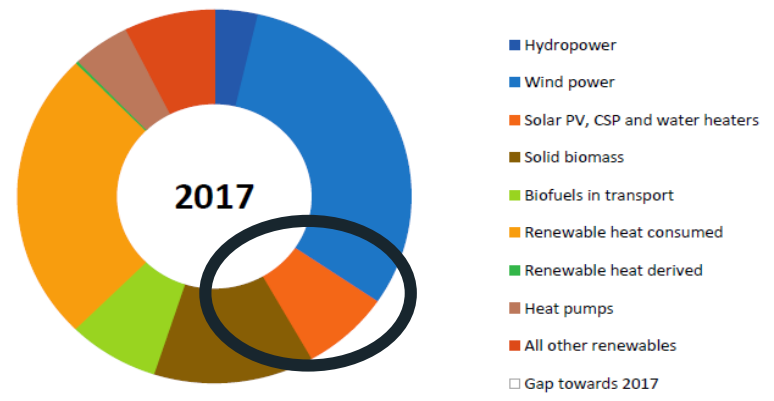
Source: Eurostat, 2019.

Netherlands



Source: Eurostat, 2019.

United Kingdom



Source: Eurostat, 2019.

2Seas - Local manufacturers

Tabl. n° 5

Main photovoltaic module manufacturers in 2018

Company	Country
Jinko Solar	China
JA Solar	China
Trina Solar	China
LONGi Solar	China
Canadian Solar	China
Hanwha Q-CELLS	Korea
Risen Energy	China
GCL-SI	China
Talesun	China
First Solar	USA

**Estimates from GlobalData. Sources: Annual reports, GlobalData.*

Over the past two years, most of the Chinese photovoltaic players have delisted from the American stock exchange, information about them has become much scarcer. This primarily applies to their annual reports.

Common challenges:

- No large local manufacturers of PV-modules and solar collectors
- Totally dependent on imports

Tabl. n° 6

Representative European solar thermal collector manufacturers

Company	Country
GREENoneTEC	Austria / China
Dimas	Greece
Bosch Thermotechnik	Germany
Solimpeks	Turkey
Thermosolar	Slovakia
Eraslanlar	Turkey
Hewalex	Poland
Vliesmann	Germany
Delpaso Solar	Spain
Ariston	Italy
Vaillant Group	Germany
Arcon-Sunmark	Denmark
Nobel	Bulgaria
Cosmosolar	Greece
BDR Thermea	Spain

Source: EurObserv'ER 2019.

2Seas - Local developers

Tabl. n° 6

Main European solar photovoltaic developers in 2018

Company	Country	Installed photovoltaic capacity (MW)
Enerparc	Germany	2 000
Lightsource BP	United-Kingdom	2 000
EDF Renouvelables	France	2 402
Juwi AG	Germany	2 500
Belectric	Germany	2 240
Voltaia	Portugal	1 800
Enel Green Power	Italy	1 553
Scatec Solar	Norway	> 1000
ENGIE Green	France	935 (France)
Source: EurObserv'ER		

Commonalities:

- No shortage on developers of PV systems
- Job creation in the same rate for the 4 countries

SWOT - 2Seas Solar energy market

- Low(er) prices components
- Reliable products (warranties)

- (Almost) No local production modules
- Expensive monitoring/control solutions

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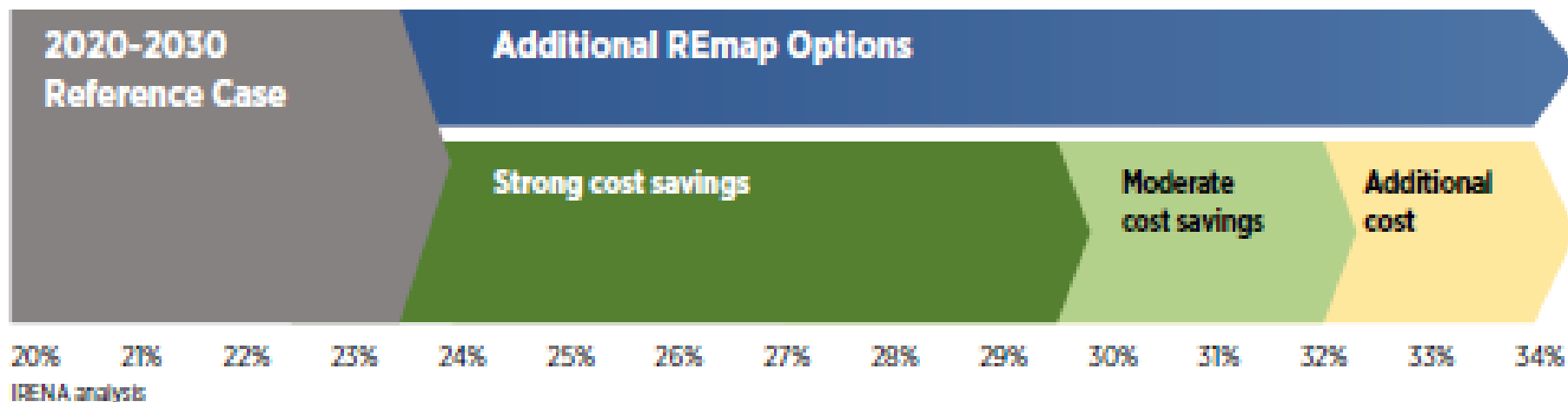
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- Innovations to be exploited: floating PV, Agrivoltaics, PV/T,

- Dependence on (PV-panels) imports
- Missing strategy to develop market more steadily

Cost savings by RE-sources



Strong cost savings

- Wind power
- Solar power
- Solar thermal in buildings
- Hydro power
- Geothermal power

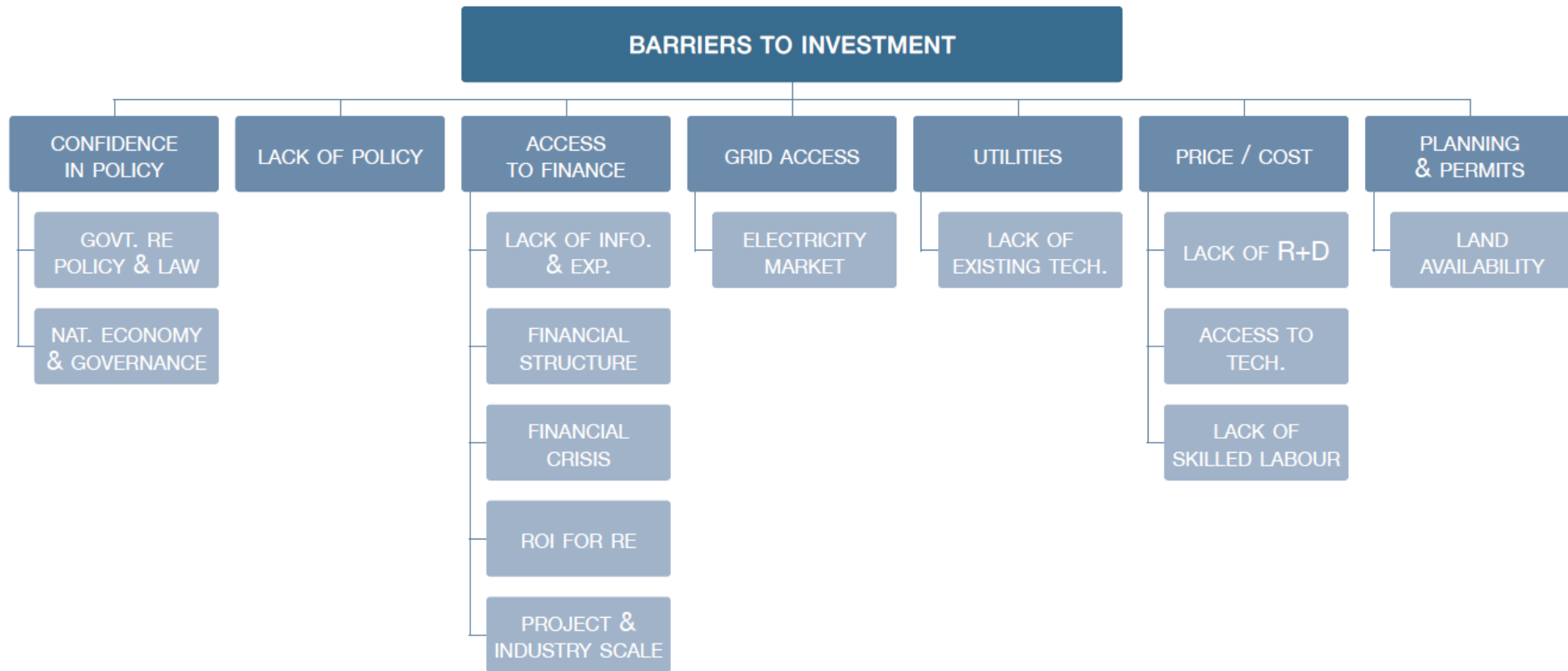
Moderate cost savings

- Heat pumps
- Electric vehicles
- Biodiesel
- Geothermal district heating
- Solar thermal in industry

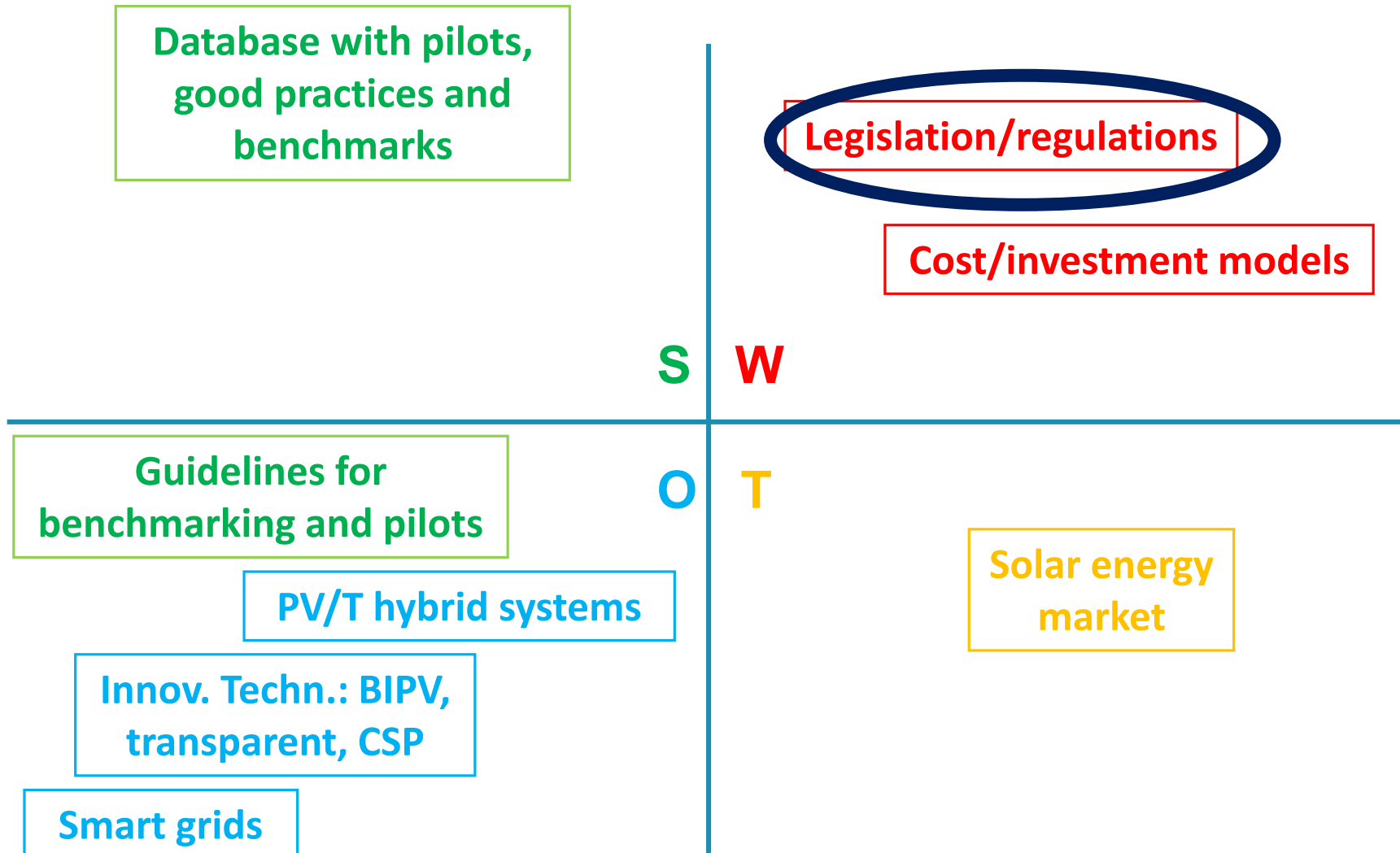
Additional cost

- Biomass in industry
- Conventional bioethanol
- Biomass in power and district heat
- Advanced bioethanol
- Biokerosene

Barriers to investments in RE-sources



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Support schemes

Source: EEA Eurostat 2019

Belgium

	REGULATORY POLICIES						FISCAL AND OTHER STATE FUNDED INCENTIVES		
	Feed-in tariffs	Feed-in premiums 1)	Tenders	Quota obligation with Tradable Green certificates	Quota obligation without Tradable Green certificates	Net-metering/ net-billing	Investment subsidies	Tax credits mechanisms	Soft loans
RES-E									
- Offshore wind		x	x	X					
- Onshore wind				X			x		
- Solar PV		x		X		x	x		

France

	REGULATORY POLICIES						FISCAL INCENTIVE AND PUBLIC FINANCES		
	Premium tariff	Feed-in tariff (for < 500 kW plants)	Tendering	Quota obligation with Tradable Green certificates	Quota obligation without Tradable Green certificates	Net-metering/ net-billing	Capital subsidy, grants (Heat Fund and)	Tax regulation mechanism (Tax credit)	Loans
RES-E									
- Offshore wind	o		o						
- Onshore wind	o		o						
- Solar	o	o	o						

Netherlands

	NON-FISCAL SUPPORT SCHEMES					FISCAL AND OTHER STATE FUNDED INCENTIVES			
	Feed-in premium (SDE+)	Tendering	Quota obligation with Tradable Green certificates	Quota obligation without Tradable Green certificates	Net-metering/ virtual net metering	Capital subsidy, grants (e.g. ISDE) ⁴	Tax regulation mechanism I (EIA)	Tax regulation mechanism II (MIA/VAMIL)	Soft loans
RES-E									
- Offshore wind	x	x					x	x	
- Onshore wind	x	x			x		x	x	x
- Solar	x	x			x		x	x	x

United Kingdom

	REGULATORY POLICIES					FISCAL INCENTIVE AND PUBLIC FINANCES			
	Feed-in tariff < 5MW	Premium tariff	Quota obligation with certificates system > 5 MW	Tendering	Net-metering/ net-billing	Capital subsidy, grants	Tax regulation mechanism	Loans	
RES-E									
- Offshore wind	o	o							
- Onshore wind	o	o							
- Solar	o	o							

2 Seas – Solar legislation/regulations

Barriers for solar energy uptake

- **Uncertainty of incentive schemes**

Investment companies, citizen not sure whether it is worth to invest in solar

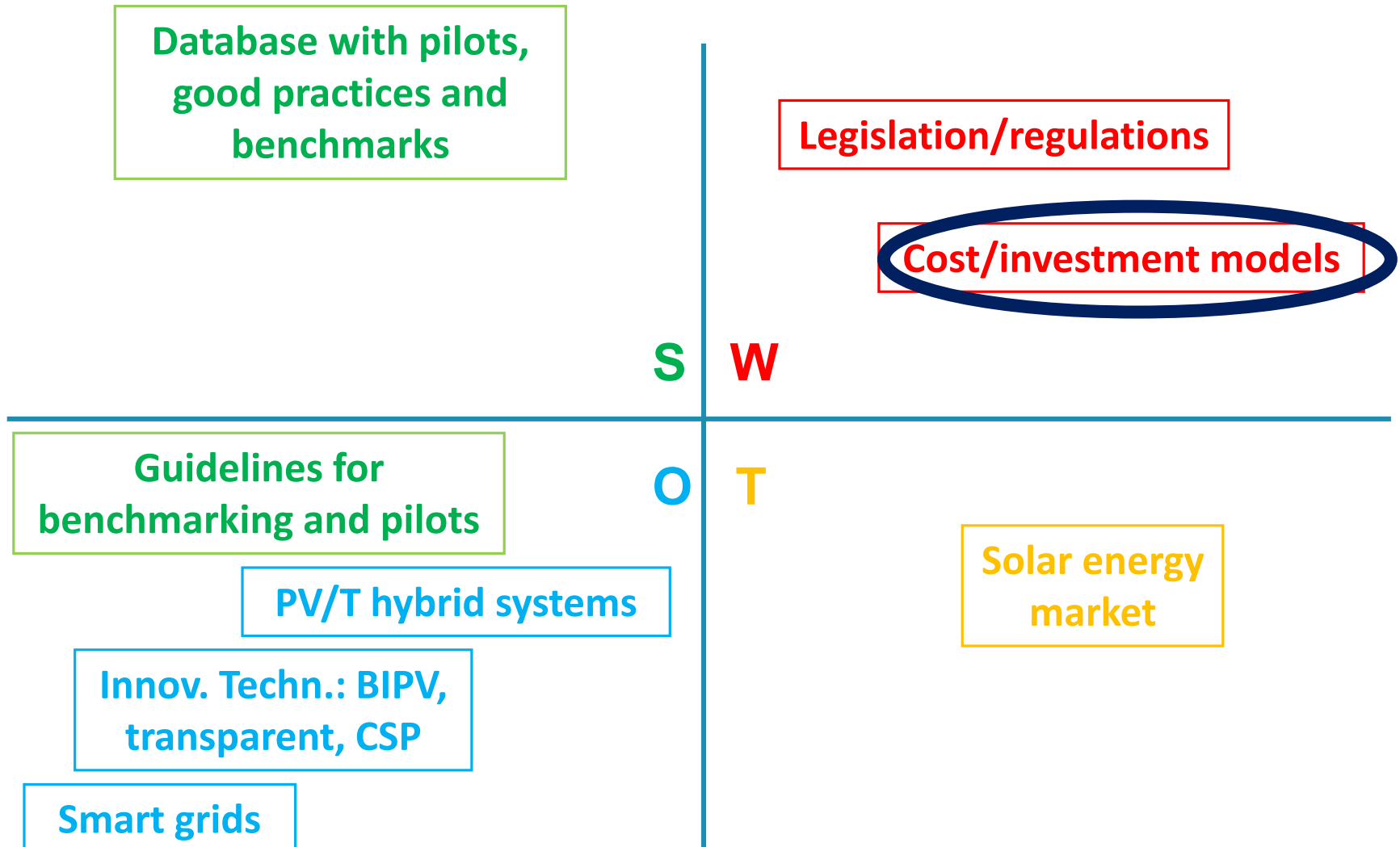
- **Environmental planning**

Specific regulations for rooftop PV systems - eg historic buildings, monuments
Environmental issues for solar farms – preservation of biodiversity, agriculture

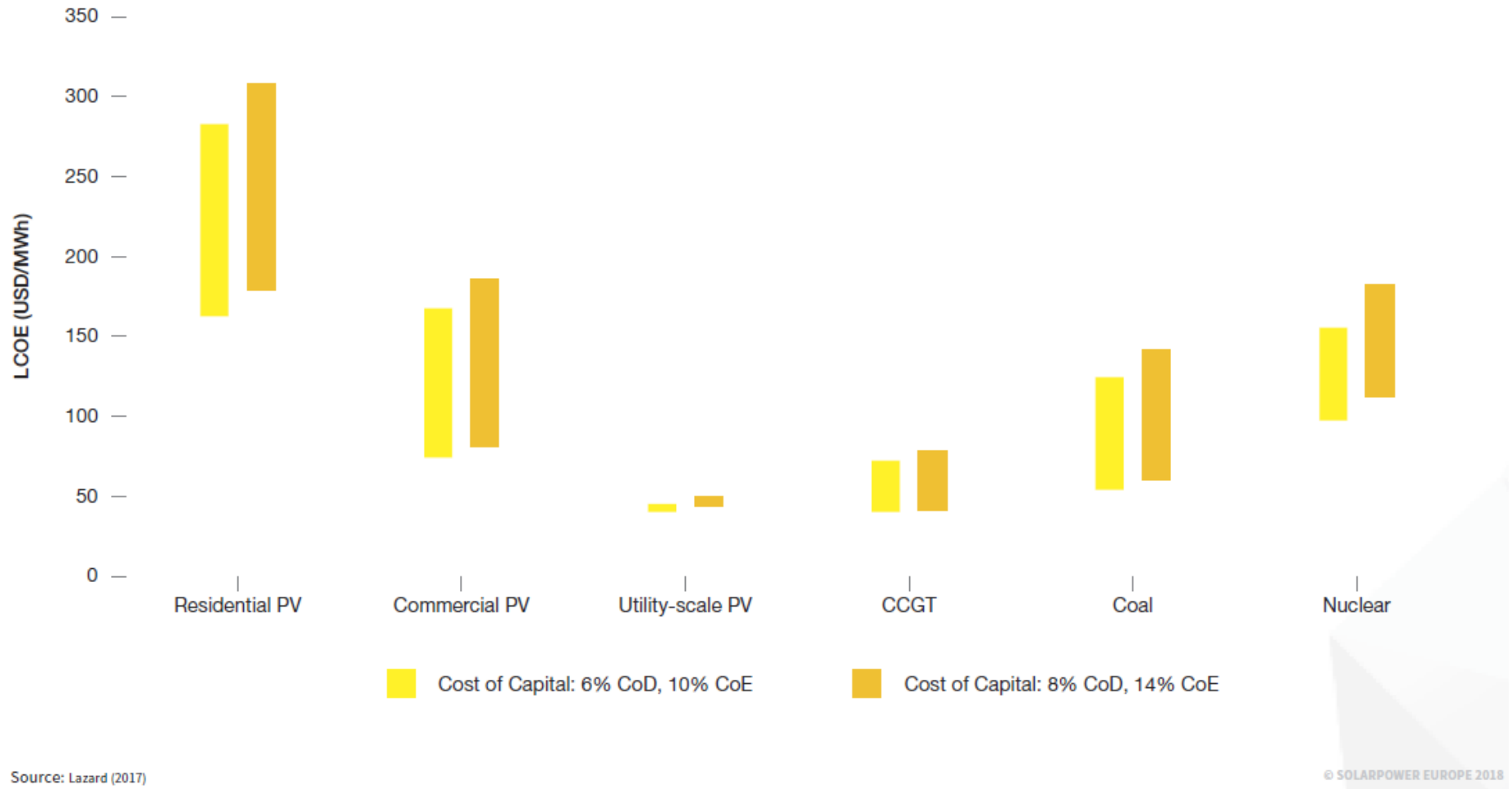
- **Lack of integrated climate policy**

Eg responsibilities are split amongst different federal, regional and local authorities in Belgium

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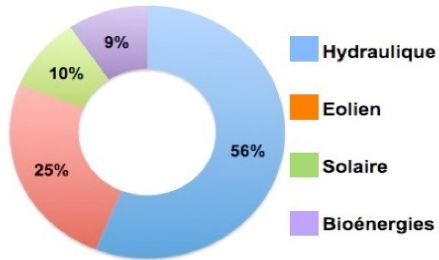
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Solar electricity generation costs in comparison with other renewables

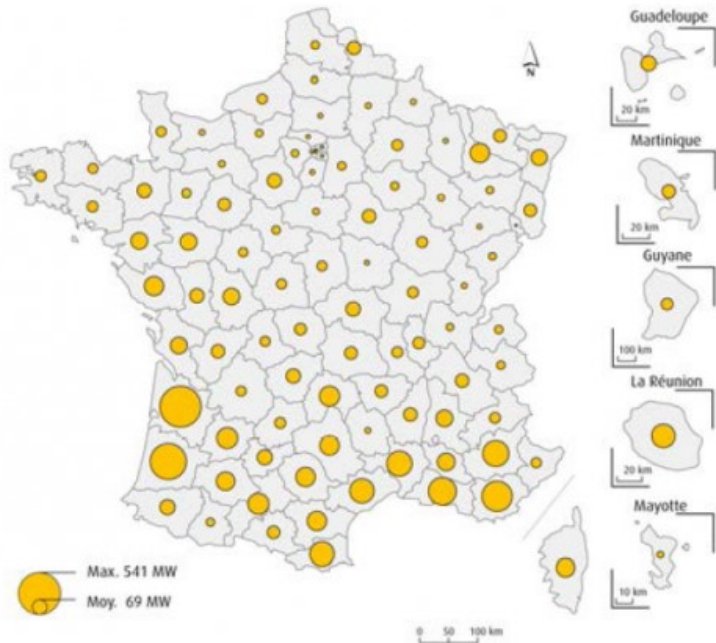
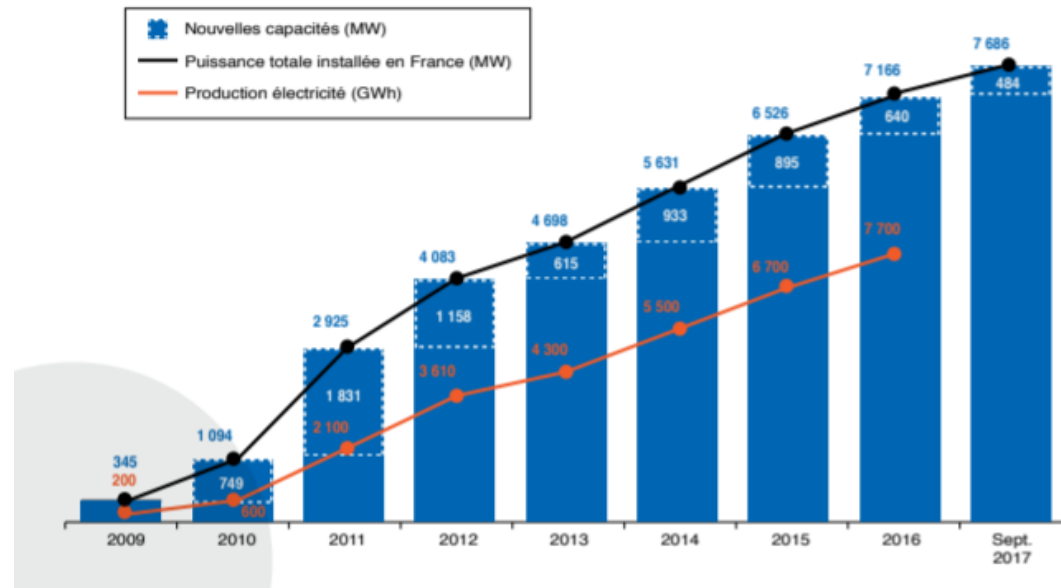
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**La production française
d'électricité renouvelable en 2017**
(Source : RTE-Bilan 2017)



According to RTE, mainland France PV production reached 8,3 TWh in 2016. PV electricity represented 1,6 % of the electric consumption of mainland France in 2015.

Parc total photovoltaïque et production d'électricité annuelle en France
Source : Observ'ER d'après les chiffres du SDES



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BELGIUM:

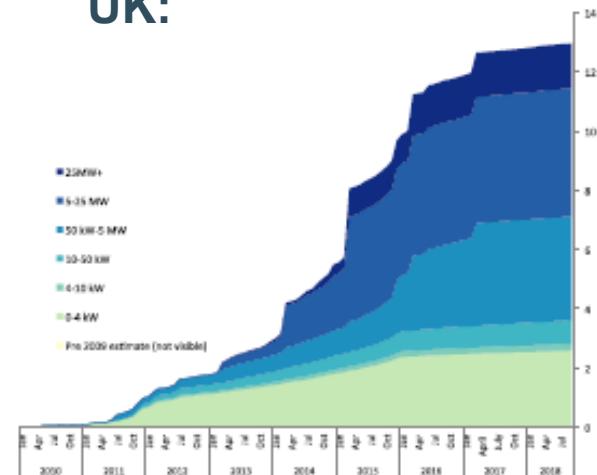
	2017 Numbers
Number of PV systems in operation in your country (a split per market segment is interesting)	<p>≤ 10 kVA: 459.854 systems</p> <p>> 10 kVA et ≤ 250 kVA : 7.009 systems</p> <p>> 250 kVA : 1.004 systems</p> <p>TOTAL : 467.867</p>

- Many small installations
- Residential/commercial
- No fancy technologies

FRANCE:

	2017		
	Peak Power range	Installations (number)	Power (MW)
Number of PV systems in operation in your country	0 – 3 kW	289 494	779
	3 kW – 9 kW	73 224	467
	9 kW – 36 kW	17 522	438
	36 kW – 100 kW	13 213	1 070
	100 kW – 250 kW	6 071	1 072
	> 250 kW	1 415	4 219
	Total	400 939	8 044
	Total Off-grid		30

UK:



2Seas – cost/investment models

Encouraging measures/support schemes:

- Feed-in tariffs (FITs)
- Net metering
- Smart metering
- Green/white certificates

Elements for successful renewable energy support schemes/measures:

- a clear, bankable pricing system
- priority access to grid: clear identification of responsible for connection and incentivized
- clear, simple administrative and planning permission procedures.
- public acceptance/support.

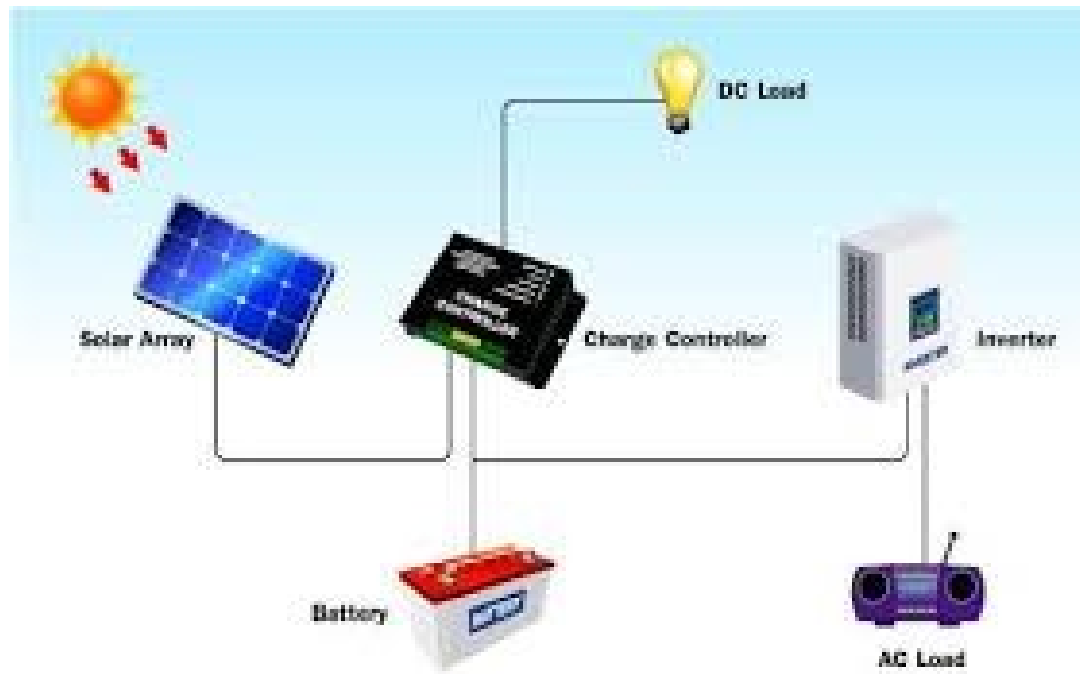
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Risks factors to consider when investing in renewable energy assets:

- **Regulatory risks:** adverse changes in laws and regulations, unfavorable tariff setting and changes or breaches of contracts.
- **Construction risks:** delayed or costly delivery of an asset, default of a contracting party, or an engineering/design failure.
- **Financing risks:** inadequate use of debt in the financial structure of the asset. (abusive use of leverage, exposure to interest rate volatility, and need to refinance at less favorable terms, etc.)
- **Operational risks:** equipment failure, counterparty default, reduced availability of the solar energy source.

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Costs(expenditures) and income PV-installations

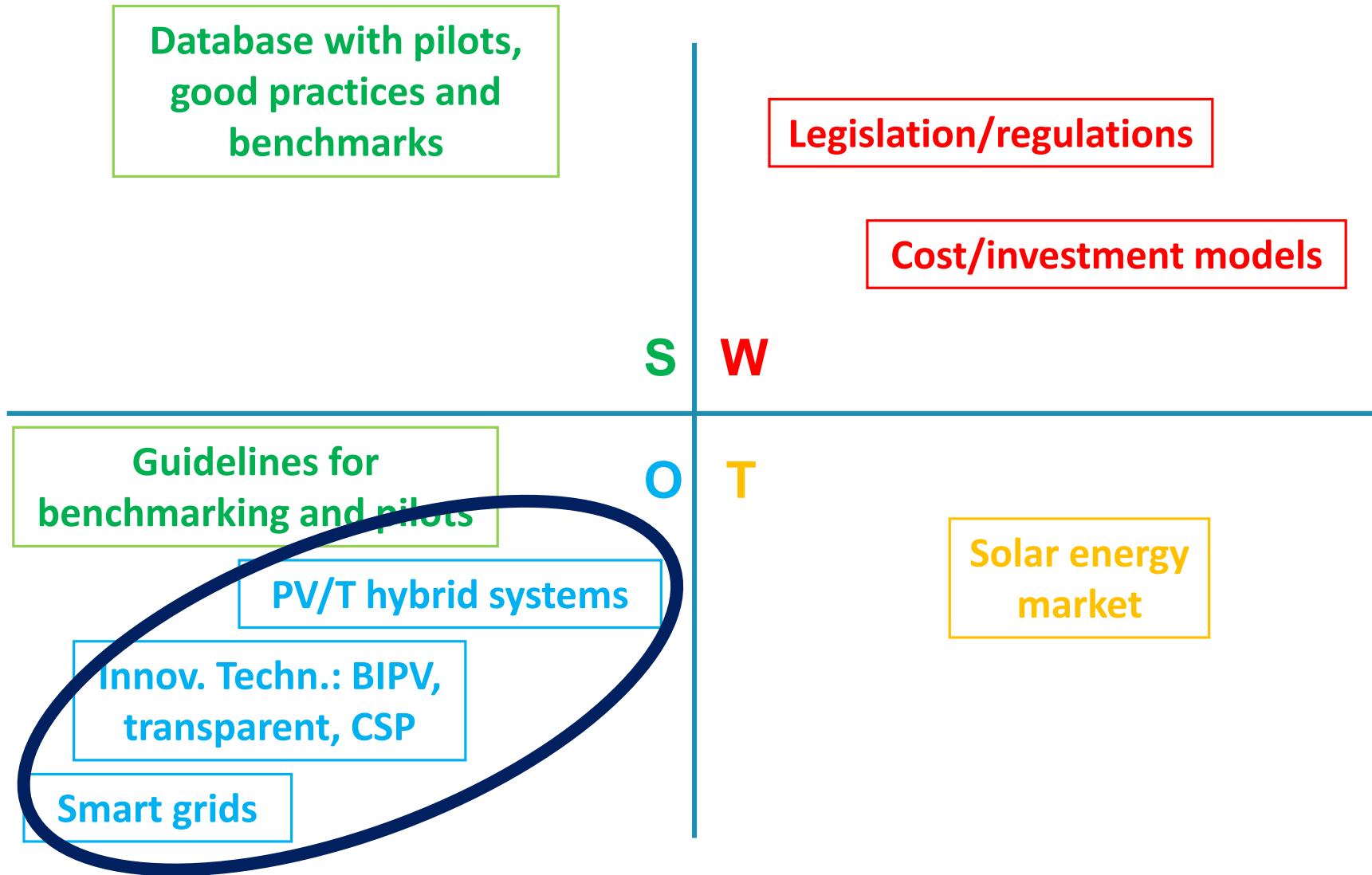


Initial costs + O&M + recycling +

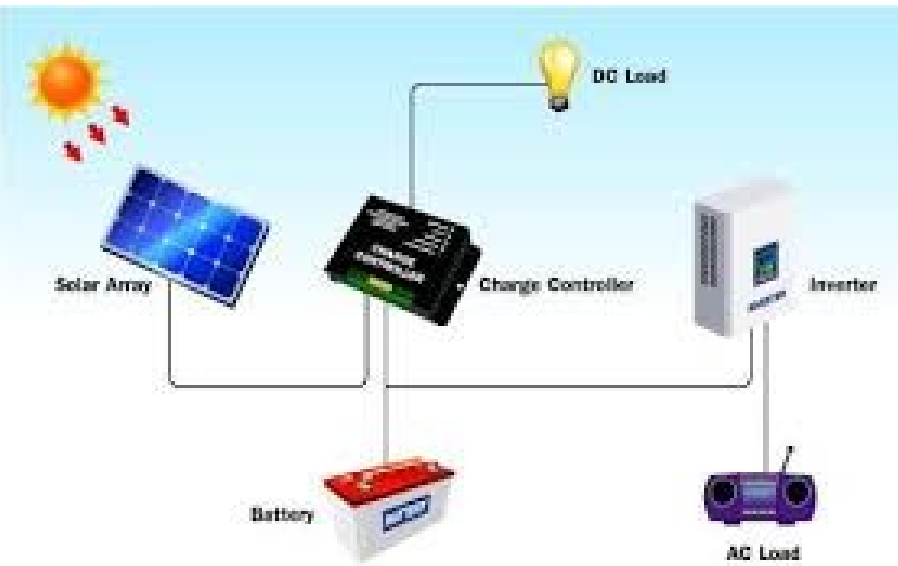
+ land purchase (Solar farms)

+ roof reinforcement/renovation

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2Seas – Solar technology innovations

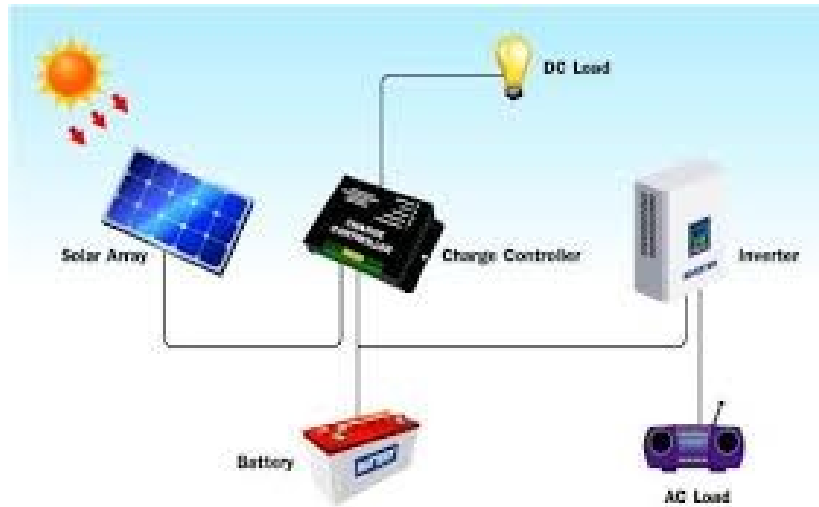


PV-modules(panels) 50 % of total system costs

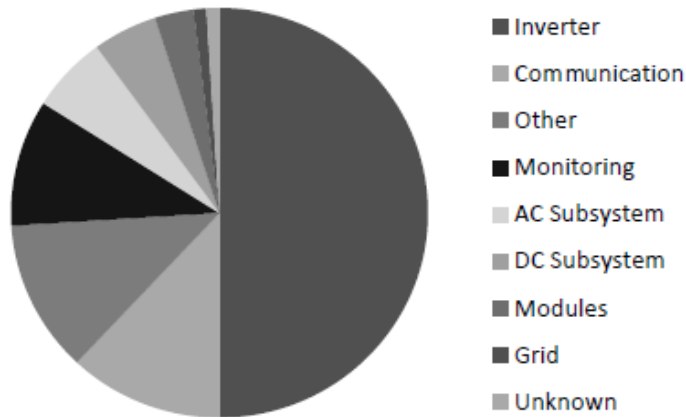


Technology	Drawbacks to future use
Crystalline-silicon	Efficiency, materials
Thin-film	Efficiency, stability, toxicity, lifetime
Concentrating PV	Stability, complexity, high cost
Organic PV	Efficiency, stability, lifetime
Third Generation PV	Efficiency, proof of concept only

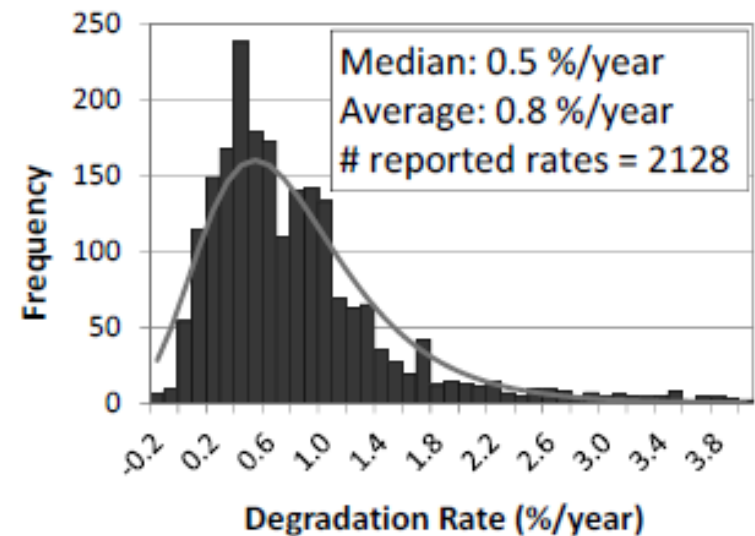
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Replacement costs (failure % in PV-installations)



Degradation of PV-panels



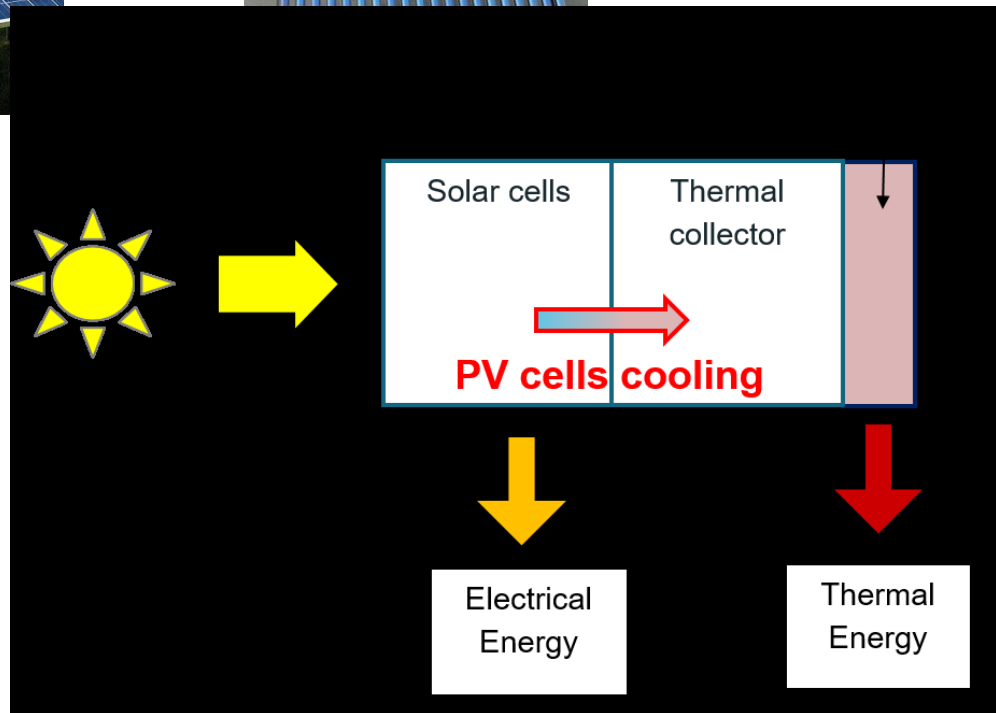
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PV/T: working principle

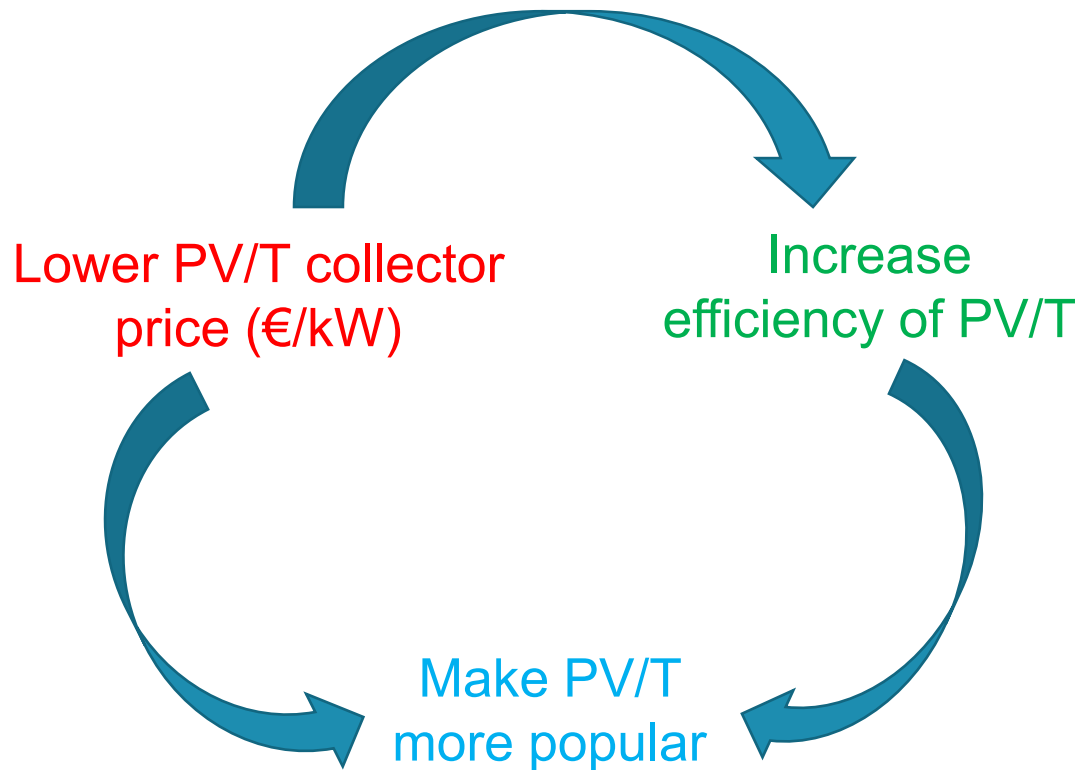
PV-array



Solar thermal collectors

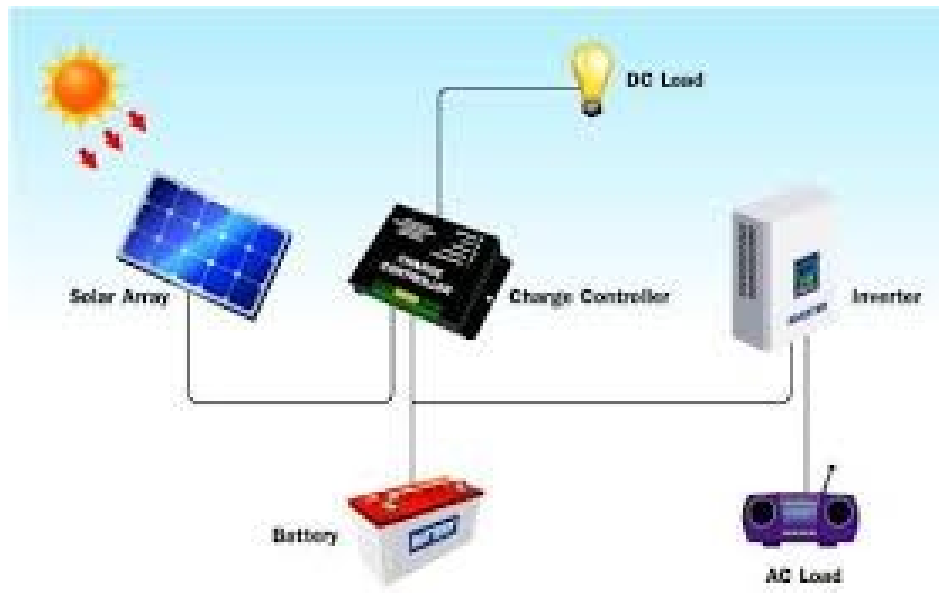


PV/T uptake: challenges



Are these actually **opportunities** not challenges?

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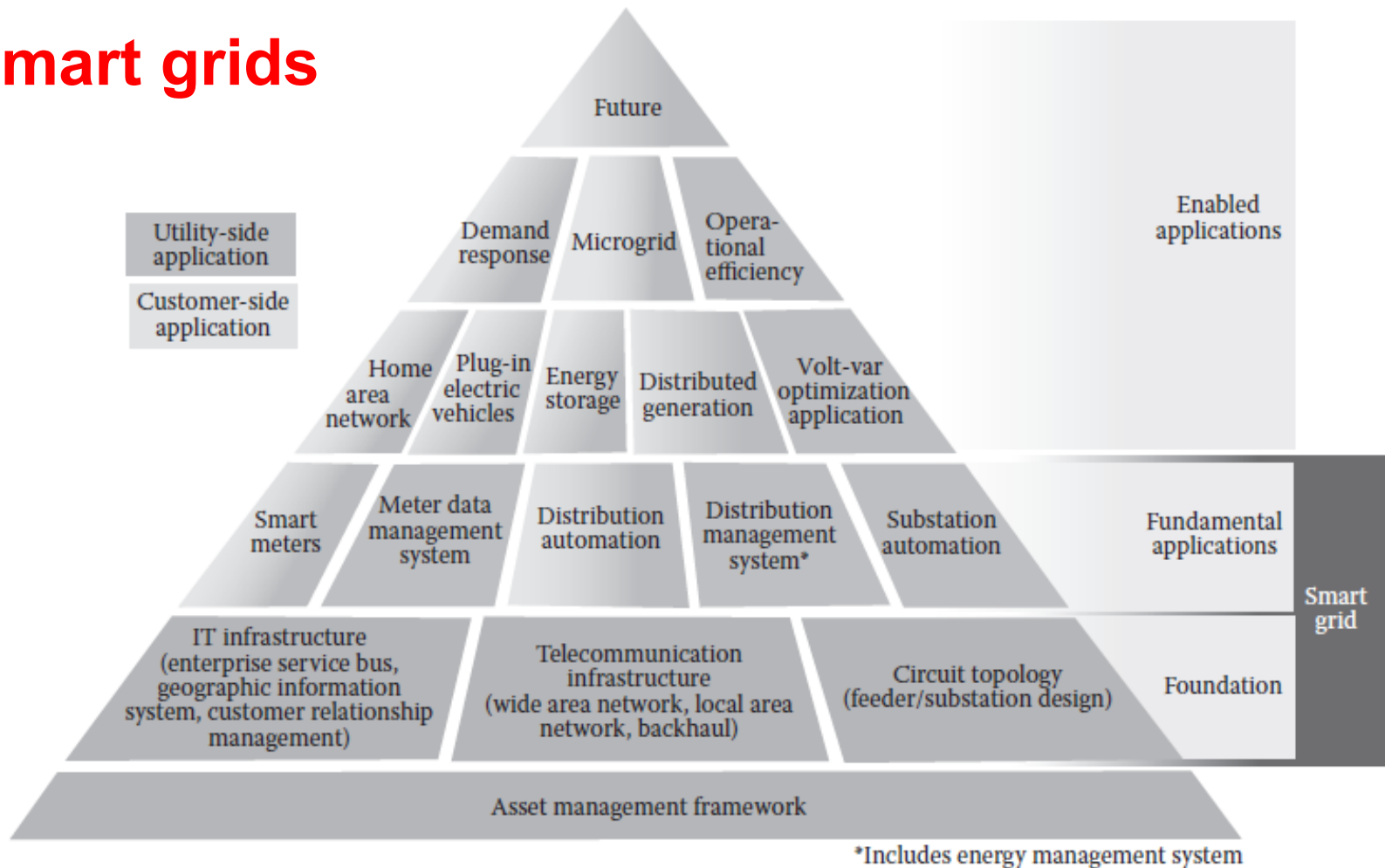


Reducing costs (EUR/kWh) means:

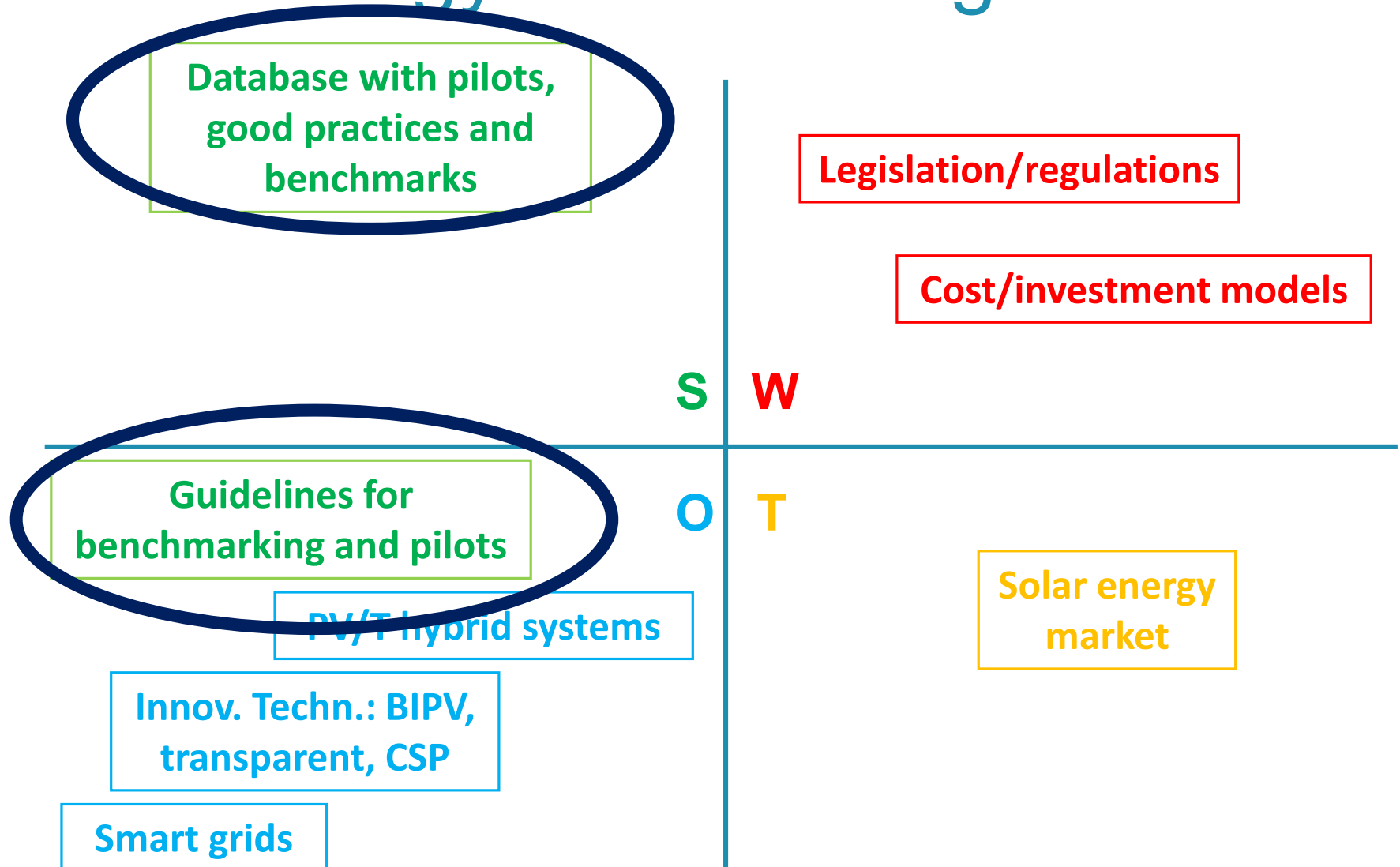
- reduce the balance of system costs (system components and installation costs);
- increase the energy **yields, stability and lifetime of the system**;
- increase the **inverter lifetime and reliability of system components**;
- not combine modules of different specifications in the same system;
- match the inverters to the modules and load profiles.

2Seas – solar technology innovations

Smart grids



Solar energy in 2Seas region



Guidelines for benchmarking
and pilots

Database with pilots,
good practices and benchmarks

Do we (still) need these in 2Seas region?



YES because

- Stakeholders are still not aware of existent knowledge/knowhow/innovations
- Various stakeholders with various backgrounds still co-exist
- Not enough (best practices) examples close to 'your door'

2Seas – existent solar projects, best practices, ...

Obstacles to consumers – households, businesses and industry:

- **Lack of appropriate information** on costs/consumption, or **limited transparency** in offers
- Increasing proportion of **network charges/taxes/levies** in average final electricity bill.
- **Insufficient competition** in many retail markets, a lack of reward for active participation, and difficulties in switching act as disincentives.
- **Insufficiently developed markets for residential energy services and demand response**
- **Preventing self-generation and self-consumption** reduces potential gains.
- **Unequal access to information** and **high entry barriers for new competitors** slow down the adoption of available advanced technologies and practices such as **smart metering, smart appliances, distributed energy sources and energy efficiency improvements.**

Solarise database

SOLARISE benchmarking and pilots. The main information below has to be obtained **from trustable sources, be anonymized and still able to preserve some characteristics that make it country/region specific.**

1. Name of the project
 2. Start year of operation
 3. Address of the project
 4. Type (Houses / Commercial / Industrial building / Residential Building / Public building / Solar farm)
 5. Installation Type (Rooftop flat / Rooftop inclined / Wall / Ground)
 6. ...
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20. How is the produced energy measured /accounted in the energy bills (Net metering or Smart metering)
 21. Type of solar inverters (Central Inverter, 1 for all the panels / String Inverters, 1 per string of panels with or without DC optimizers / Micro – Inverters, 1 micro-inverter per panel)

Initial Costs of the installation (EUR)

1. Solar PV installation
2. Renovation of building roofing/wall

Operation and management (O&M) and annual costs during first year and base year (EUR)

1. Annual Grid-related costs (transport & other)
2. Annual Maintenance and planned replacements.....

Subsidies and revenues (EUR)

1. Subsidies at installation
2. Other incentives and subsidies (cumulative since operation date)
3. Revenues (cumulative since operation date)

Solarise database

Link	Functions	Access Option
https://navigator.irena.org/index.htm	Provide a quantitative overview of solar PV installations without any qualitative way. But it gives the link to several interesting tools.	Free access
http://www.polis-solar.eu/	Provide a strategic approach by the municipality can enhance the expanding integration of small-scale, decentralized energy applications into the built environment.	Free access
https://solargis.com/	Provide reliable and accurate solar, weather and solar electricity data that are used in the whole lifecycle of solar power plants, from prospection to development and operation	Free trial version; software should be purchased.
https://www.energysage.com/solar/solar-operations-and-maintenance/solar-monitoring-systems/	An interesting tool that gives an deep economic analysis of a future solar installation. However, it is only valid for USA.	Free access
https://www.renewables.ninja/#/country	Provide the potential of solar energy of a location in a global way	Free access
https://open-power-system-data.org/background/	Provides an open platform for data required by energy system	Free access
https://www.data.gouv.fr	Provides global data of the installed PV and wind power in France	Free access
http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvg_tools/en/tools.html	This tool allows evaluating performance of grid-connected PV plant.	Free access

Table Useful tools for solar installations post-evaluation

Solarise – collected best practices

Governance and participation of stakeholders (citizens, end-users)

- General information about the project
- Participative governance
- (Participative) development

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PV Best practices
Criterion : Governance, participation
Title : Local Energy Strategy (LES)



General information about the solar installation :
Country : the Netherlands
City : Heerhugowaard
Owner : -
Date (works, putting in service, investiture...) : in progress
Price : -
Type of solar energy : -

Governance and participation at developing the LES
While Heerhugowaard, with the Suncities «Stad van de Zon» solar-energy project is already performing well, the new local energy strategy (LES) also is focusing on solar energy as one of the main components. Governing the increase of solar-energy capacity, a so-called solar-ladder is applied, which basically names approx. 140 MWp of roof-top solar-PV capacity as base that needs to be harvested first and may be at a later point followed by solar-PV projects around infrastructural facilities or even a new solar-PV farm. Hybrid solar-PV-warmth project are named possibilities for individual houses. This solar-ladder aims to prevent using valuable and limited farm-lands for solar-installations. Further, different scenarios for meeting the future energy-demand are developed within the LES, which are scored along a scoring matrix that aids in governing the energy-transition in Heerhugowaard and making good and informed choices. However, aiming at fully meeting local demand from wind and solar-energy, large scale installations are named as being inevitable in the city since this provides the biggest potential capacity. Given the high importance of citizens in the energy transition is the LES painting the general picture while the concrete realization that also includes participation of citizens is following the LES in a roadmap that is to be developed once the LES is finalized. Finally, the important step of storage will be also picked up in this roadmap.



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Architectural integration of rooftop PV-installations at building or neighborhood scale

- General information about the project
- Innovative elements

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PV Best practices
Criterion : Architectural Integration solar PV
Title : Kuijpers Helmond

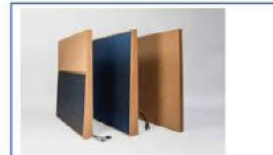


General information about the solar installation :

Country : The Netherlands
City : Helmond
Owner : Kuijpers Installatie BV
Date : 2018
Price : undisclosed
Type of solar energy : Esthetical façade with integrated photovoltaics and programmable LED

Description of the installation :

In this project an attempt was made to fully design a façade that combines multiple functionalities. Number one functionality is the façade design itself. Besides meeting all building regulations and standards and protecting the building from the weather and environment, a façade gives a building a certain identity. Design freedom for architects is of crucial importance. By embedding programmable LEDs in the façade the building can be illuminated in a color matching the seasons. Finally, PV is embedded to generate electricity. By primarily focusing on the other functionalities of the façade, the PV itself is a last 'add-on' to the façade that can be integrated with little additional costs.



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Solarise – collected best practices

Self-consumption and smart systems to reduce peaks and overproduction

- General information about the project
- Technical details smart systems

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PV Best practices

Criterion : Self-consumption

Title : PV installation on a private company combined with charging of electric vehicles

Map : location of the installation in the 2 seas region (location in West-Flanders, Belgium)



General information about the solar installation :

Country : Belgium

City : Roeselare

Owner : Private company

Date (works, putting in service, investiture...) : to be installed

Price : 145.340 Euro TVA excluded

Type of solar energy : PV panels

Description of the installation :

Technical details :

A PV installation of 134 kWp can be installed on the roof. The auto self consumption is estimated to be 59%. The electricity produced by the solar panels is only 36% of the total electricity use of the company.

Financial details :

- Investment cost : 145.340 Euro TVA excluded
- Project-IRR : 9,8%
- Benefit after 20 years : 165.277 Euro TVA excluded

Smart system to reduce peaks and overproduction :

The company has 2 charging stations for electric cars. In total 3 employees use them to charge their electric car. The charging stations can also be used by 1 one visitor. Eventual overproduction can be used to charge the electric cars.

General placement of installation



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Solarise – collected best practices

Economic, not speculative, profitability of solar energy

- General information about the project
- Economic/financial and technical details systems

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PV Best practices

Criterion: Smart, Grid connected

Title: Future solar photovoltaic installation at the campus of the University of Picardie Jules Verne (UPJV)

Map: location of the installation in the 2 seas region



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General information about the solar installation:

Country: France

City: Amiens

Owner: UPIV

Date: Installation will start in 2020

Estimated Price: € 163 685

Type of solar energy: PV Solar Panels

Description of the installation:

Technical Details:

Installed Capacity: 111 KWp

SMA Inverters: 7x20 KW

Type: building integrated

Solar Panels Surface: 715 m²

Orientation of Panels: South Facing

Number of panels: 427

Expected Annual Energy Production: 103.9 kWh

Income: €15,00K per year expected

CO₂ Emission Reduction: 6.7 Tons expected

Return on Investment time: 16 years

Smart Systems:

1. The installation can reduce the peak load on local grid in Amiens.
2. Battery storage system can also be used.
3. The installation allows self-consumption and power export to grid.
4. Possibility to get subsidies from the French local authority.

General pictures of the future installation



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Solarise – collected best practices

Visibility of PV-systems in public spaces and in education

- General information about the project
- Technical details systems
- Use for education purposes

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PV Best practices
Criterion : Visibility PV-installations public spaces and in education
Title : Future Solarise living-lab at KU Leuven – TC Ghent
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General information about the solar installation :

Country : Belgium
City : Ghent
Owner : KU Leuven – Technology campus Ghent
Date : to operate starting on 2020
Price :
Type of solar energy : various kinds of small PV-installations

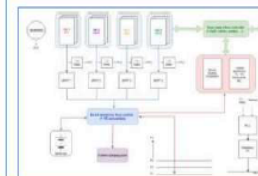
Description of the installation :

This Solarise living lab at KU Leuven TC Ghent is meant to be a **sociotechnical imaginary** where state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice solar technologies can be shown, demonstrated, experimented and learned (theoretically and practically) by various stakeholders : students, installers, policymakers, general public.

Specific features :

- **small installations with 2-3 panels per system** to allow combination of hybrid PV/T, transparent, bifacial PV-panels, etc. with various inverters (Solax, SMA, ...)
- **accurate metering and monitoring** of all parameters with own metrology
- **easy access** on roof, possible use of walls for BIPV and flexible control of installations
- **visualisations through educational tools**
- **grid-connected** system of max. 5 kWp
- **rain water collection and use** for building heating through hybrid PV/T solar panels
- **education facilities** for hands-on trainings and tests

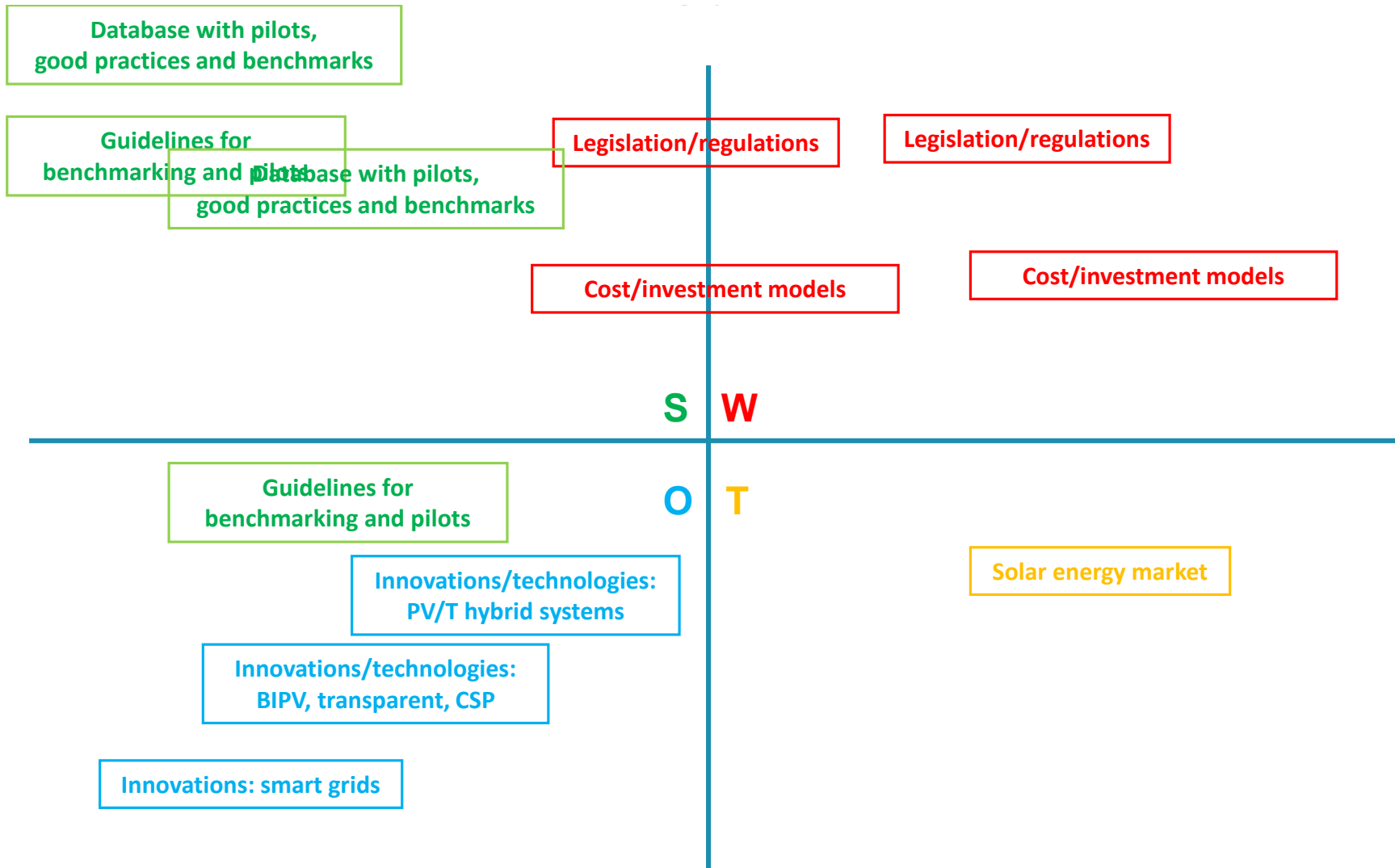
The temporary building hosting the living-lab (**living units from recycled sea containers**) will be replaced by a **modular, flexible building** developed in CBICI - 2Seas project (Circular Bio-based Construction Industry) using with new construction materials and techniques.



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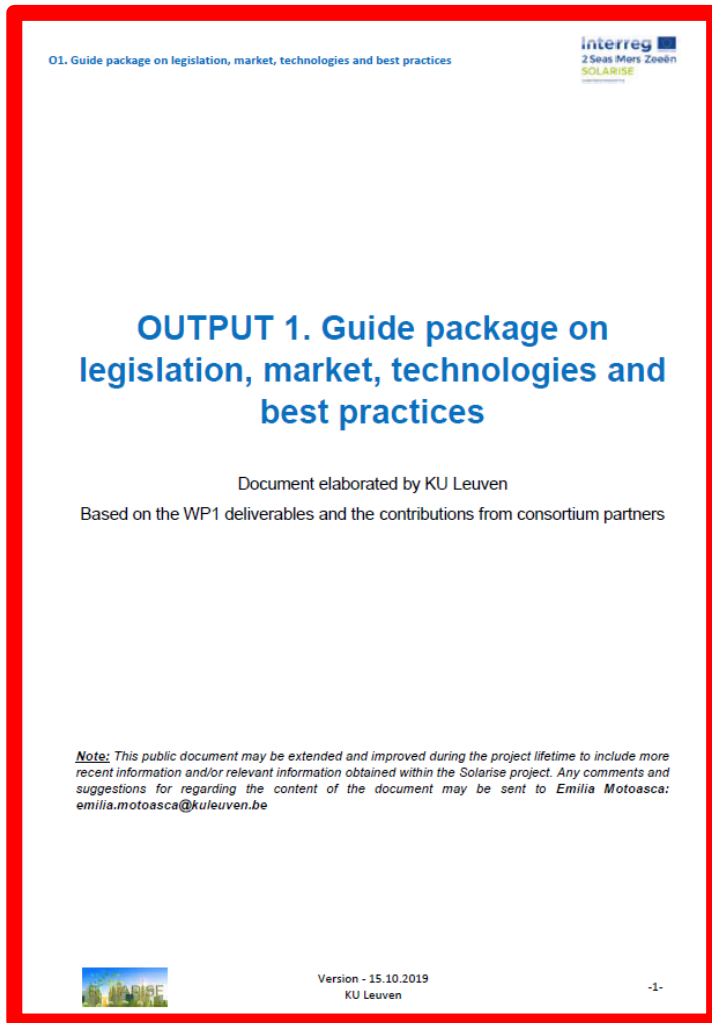
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SWOT – Solar energy after Solarise



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