



# **The Societal Challenge on Energy in Horizon 2020**

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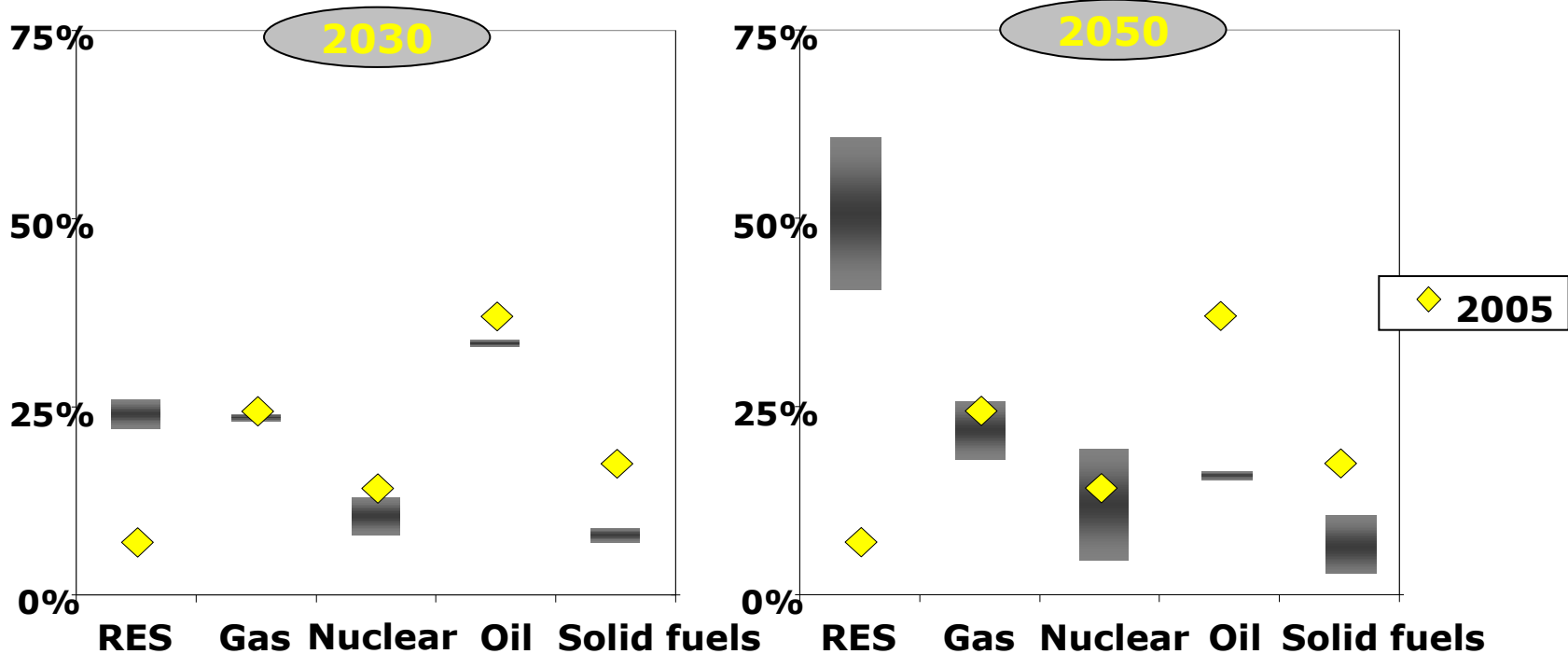
**DG Research & Innovation  
European Commission**



- ***Europe 2020 – five ambitious objectives to be reached by 2020 - employment, innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy***
- ***Energy 2020 - A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy***
  1. Achieving an **energy-efficient Europe**;
  2. Building a truly pan-European **integrated energy market**;
  3. Empowering consumers and achieving the highest level of **safety and security**;
  4. Extending Europe's leadership in energy **technology and innovation**;
  5. Strengthening the **external dimension** of the EU energy market.
- ***Energy Roadmap 2050 - a basis for developing a long-term policy framework (cutting GHG emissions by 80-95% by 2050)***

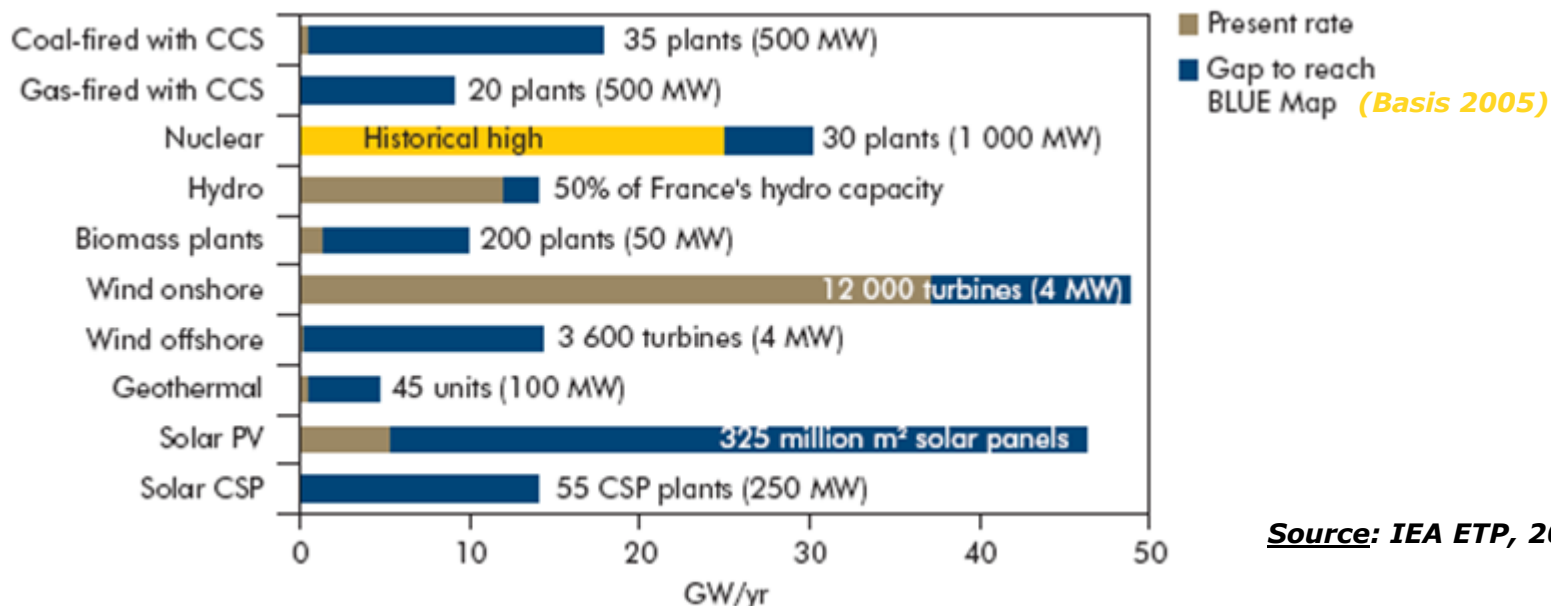
# EU Energy Roadmap 2050

Primary EU energy consumption in %



**→ need for a wide range of new generations of energy technologies to achieve the transition to a sustainable and secure energy sector**

## Need for much more annual capacities in the electricity sector to reduce global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 50% in 2050 (BLUE Map scenario):



Source: IEA ETP, 2010

→ for emerging technologies **more than 40 times** the current annual rate of investment needed at a global scale.



- **The SET-Plan** adopted in November 2007 is the technology pillar of the EU's energy and climate change policy
- **Objective:** *EU world-wide industrial leadership in breakthrough solutions that are fit for purpose to the EU 2050 vision*
- **Strategy:** *Joint efforts between EU, MSs, Industry and Research Community to accelerate the development of low carbon technologies leading to their market take-up*
  - a Research and Innovation chain approach - from ideas to market
  - and a supply chain approach - from materials to system integration and energy services

# Where are we ?



- ***European Industrial Initiatives operational on Wind, Solar, CCS, Electricity Grids, Sustainable Nuclear and Bio-energy***
- ***Joint Technology Initiative on Fuel cells and Hydrogen***
- ***13 Joint Programmes of the EERA on Wind, PV, CSP, Storage, Grids, CCS, Geothermal, Ocean, bio-energy, materials for nuclear, Advanced materials and processing, Fuel cells and Hydrogen, Smart cities***
- ***Smart Cities and Communities Initiative***
- ***Energy Education and Training Initiative***
- ***SETIS***

# Which priorities?



## Materials

## energy systems

From ideas

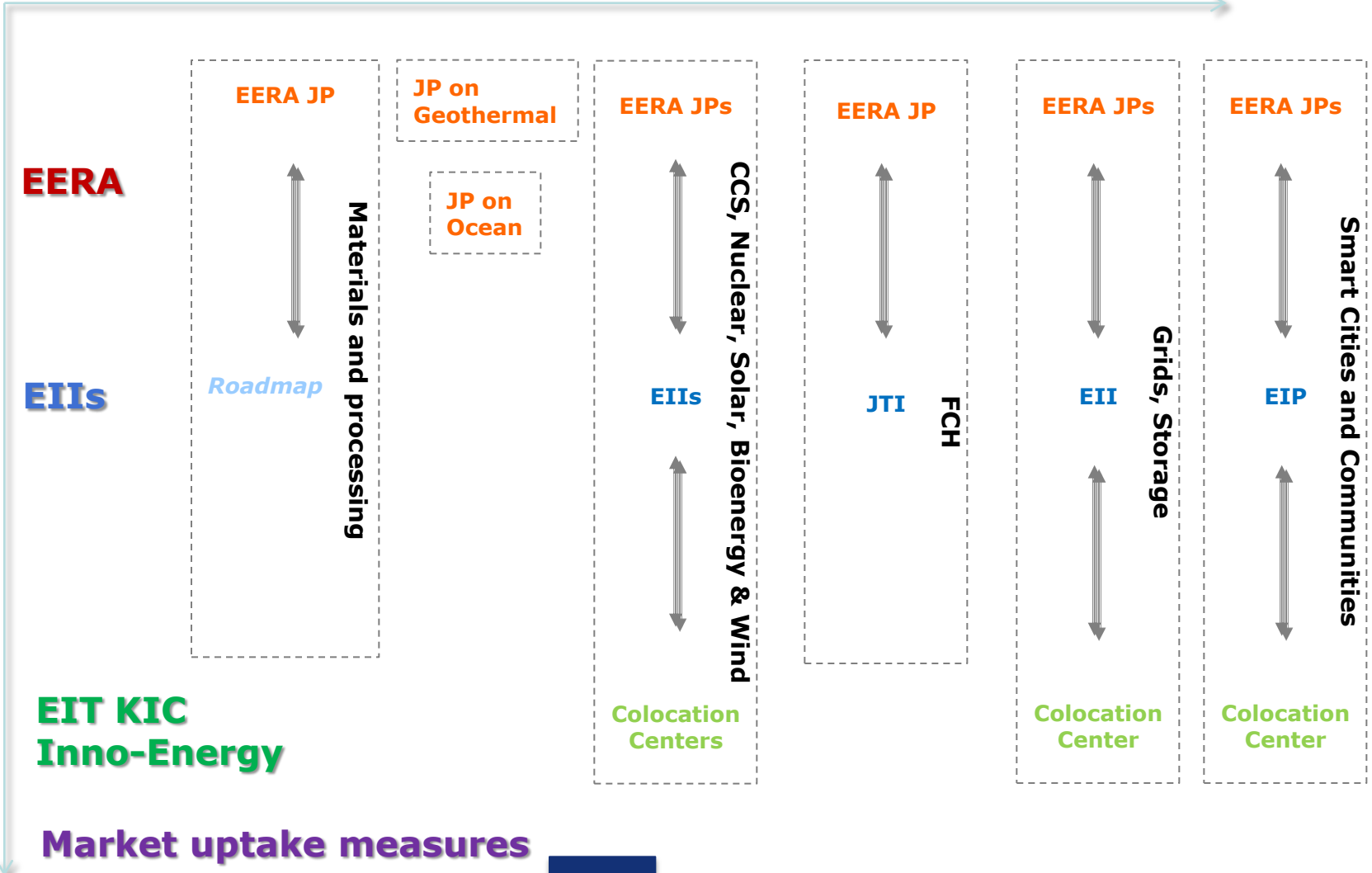
Proof of concept

Pilots

First of a kind

Innovation Services

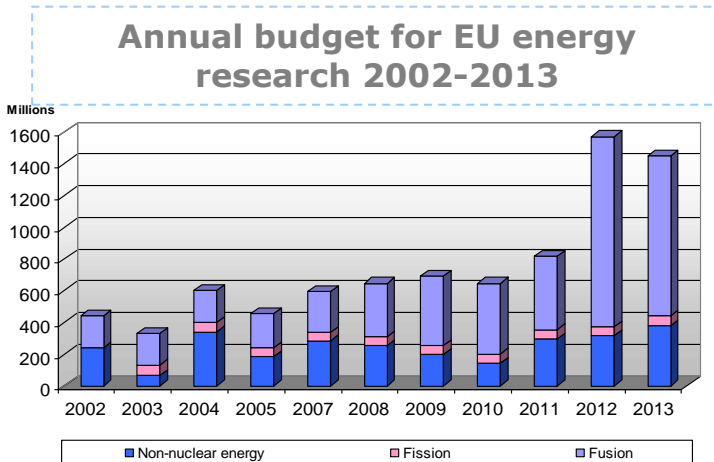
To market



# State of Play



- **The SET Plan has changed the way energy research is performed in Europe:**
  - Moving towards Joint Actions between EC and MSs such as ERA-NET+ on bioenergy, up-coming ERA-NET+ on wind, ERA-NET on solar energy.
  - MSs taking leadership to synchronise their calls 'Berlin model'.
  - Proposals in FP7 WP 2013 to support Integrated Research Programmes.
- **Increased EU support to Energy research (FP6, FP7 and Horizon 2020):**



## Horizon 2020 proposal:

- **EUR 6.5 bn** (current prices) for the challenge 'Secure, Clean, and Efficient Energy' for 2014-2020
- EUR 1 bn for fission and fusion activities + EUR 0.7 bn (JRC) for 2014-2018 (ITER financing not part of H2020)

- **But not enough... need for partnerships to pool resources (estimated from 3B€ to 8 B€/year public & private to reach the 2020 SET Plan objectives)**
- **Horizon 2020 can catalyse this change**

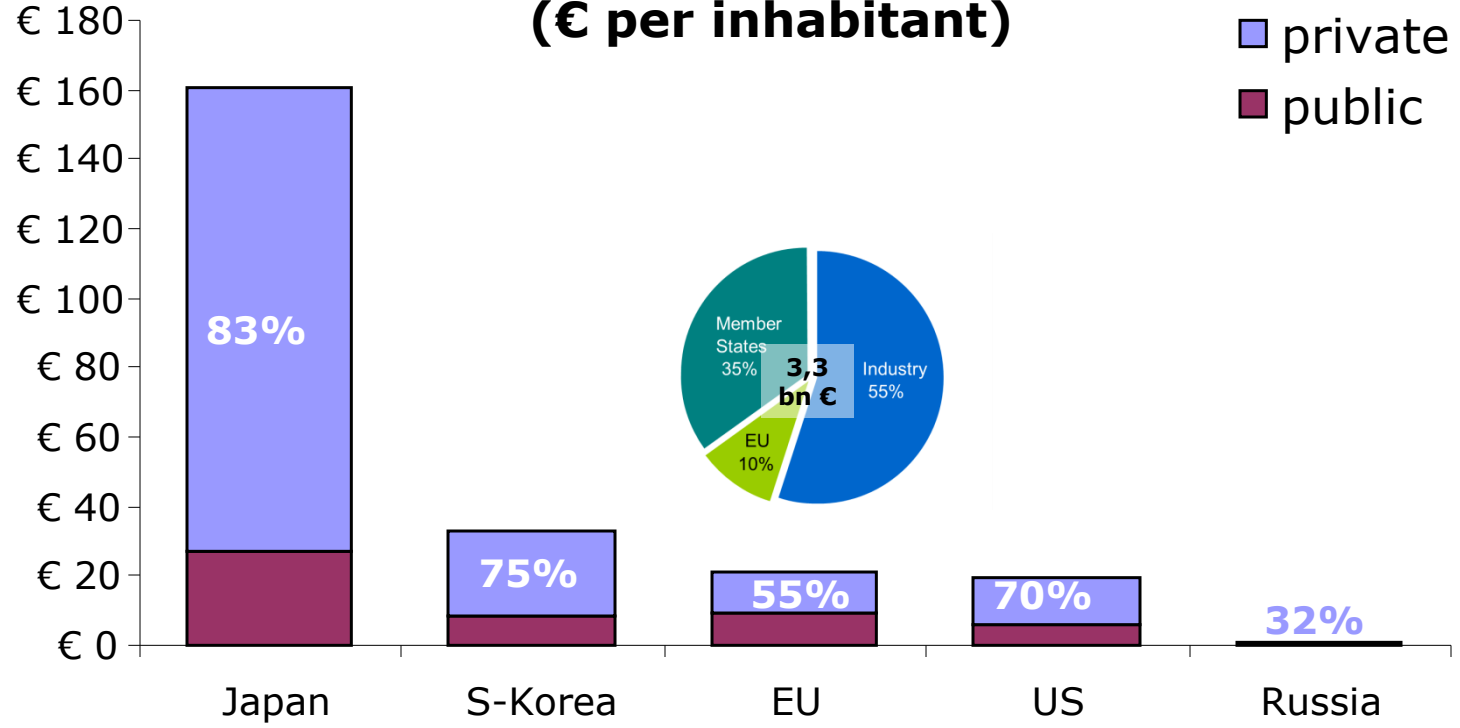


# Where are we? (3)



## EU in the international context

### R&D expenditure in energy in 2007 (€ per inhabitant)





## Key challenge '**secure, clean and efficient energy**' (1)

- **Objective:** to make the transition to a reliable, sustainable and competitive energy system, in the face of increasingly scarce resources, increasing energy needs and climate change.
- **Broad lines of activities:**
  - (1) Reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint by smart and sustainable use;
  - (2) Low-cost, low-carbon electricity supply;
  - (3) Alternative fuels and mobile energy sources;
  - (4) A single, smart European electricity grid;
  - (5) New knowledge and technologies;
  - (6) Robust decision making and public engagement;
  - (7) Market uptake of energy innovation.

# Key challenge 'secure, clean and efficient energy' (2)

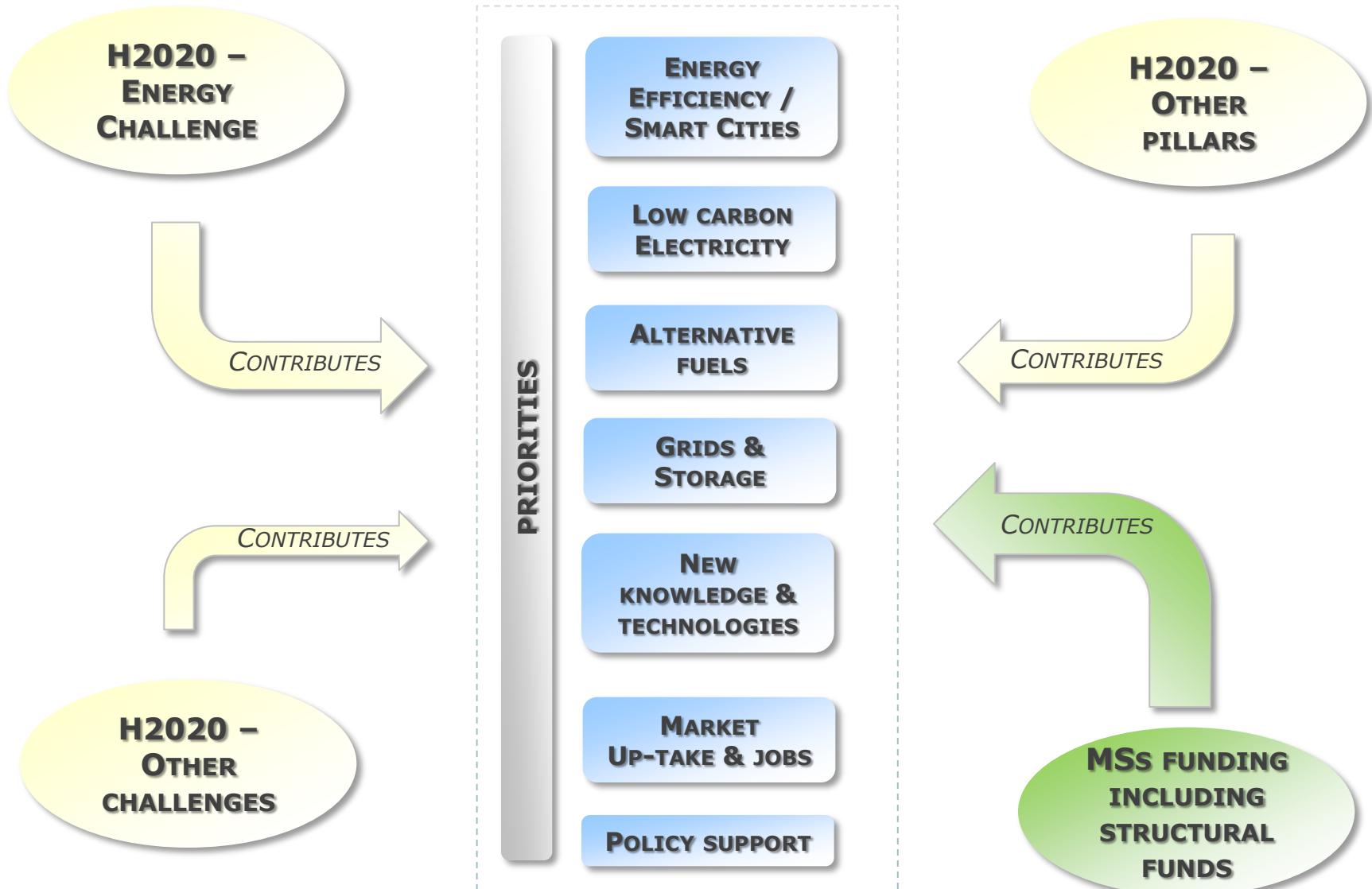
- **Support the implementation of the SET-Plan:**
  - SET-Plan roadmaps, implementation plans and governance structure
- **Partnering with European stakeholders important to share resources and implement jointly:**
  - Existing EIIs may be turned into formalised PPP (case by case basis)
  - Support may be given, including with MSs, to alliances of public research performers, in particular, the EERA (IRP)
  - International coordination actions shall support the SET-Plan
- **SETIS mobilised to develop, together with stakeholders, KPIs**
- **Improve coordination of relevant Union Programmes, initiatives and policies** (e.g. Cohesion policy and the ETS mechanisms)

# Key challenge 'secure, clean and efficient energy' (3)

## Complementarities and cross-cutting actions:

- Energy research and innovation to be implemented across the Horizon 2020
- Strong synergies needed with the other societal challenges as well as with the other parts of Horizon 2020 such as 'Excellence Science' and 'Industrial leadership'
- A strong link with the EIT needed to expand the knowledge, competence and innovation base and to accelerate the diffusion of low-carbon technologies into national research, education and innovation systems

# Which resources?



# Summary



## Key messages

- Importance of research to meet the Energy Challenge (new technologies, system integration, large-scale demos)
- Importance of an efficient & solid organisation at EU level (SET-Plan, partnerships, international cooperation)
- Pool resources and decrease fragmentation
- Need to reach a critical mass of **public resources (MS + EC)** and **industrial investments** to match the effort made by Europe's major competitors

**Thank you for  
your attention!**

