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WORLDENERGY TRANSITIONS OUTLOOK 1.5°C Pathway

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Renewables, efficiency and electrification dominate energy transition



90% of all decarbonisation in 2050 will involve renewable energy through direct supply of low-cost power, efficiency, electrification, bioenergy with CCS and green hydrogen.



Electricity is the central energy carrier in future energy systems

2018



25% Renewable share in electricity



Renewable share in electricity

- By 2050, electricity would be the main energy carrier with more than a 50% direct share of total final energy consumption – up from 21% in 2018.
- By 2050, 90% of total electricity needs would be supplied by renewables followed by 6% from natural gas and the remainder from nuclear.
- Another 8% of final energy would come as indirect electricity in the form of e-fuels and hydrogen.

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All options are important in the mitigation effort



 In transport, 67% of emission reductions come from direct electrification and hydrogen.

- In industry, hydrogen and electrification combined contribute 27% of mitigation needs.
- In buildings, the key solutions are electrification, contributing close to half of the reduction needed, followed by energy efficiency.





Hydrogen production costs



Source: IRENA (2020)

Key assumptions electrolyser: Electricity price USD 20/MWh. Efficiency at nominal capacity: 65% in 2020 and 76% in 2050, Electrolyser investment cost (2020): USD 650-1000/kW (USD 130-307/kW as a result of 1-5 TW of capacity deployed by 2050).



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New investment priorities: renewables, efficiency and electrification







Total investment in grids and flexibility needs to increase from 275 billion USD annual average to 733 billion USD annual average.

Investment in the grid alone stands for 600 billion USD annual average under the 1.5°C Scenario



A transformed energy sector will have 122 million jobs in 2050

Energy sector jobs by technology under the PES and 1.5°C Scenario (million), global results



Energy sector jobs by segment of value chain in the PES and 1.5°C Scenario (excluding vehicles)





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Jobs in renewable energy, by technology, in the 1.5°C Scenario and PES (million)



Structure of jobs in the 1.5°C Scenario by 2050 for a subset of renewable technologies by technology, segment of value chain and occupational requirements

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Thank you!