# Energy transition prospects for clean electricity and hydrogen

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### Triple jump

TOWARDS CARBON-NEUTRAL ENERGY



Reliable and wellfuntioning new energy system

- Sector integration of energy
- Cooperation with the customer
- Enabling energy networks
- Developing expertise & services

Carbon neutral energy production

Fossil-free electricity and district heat generation

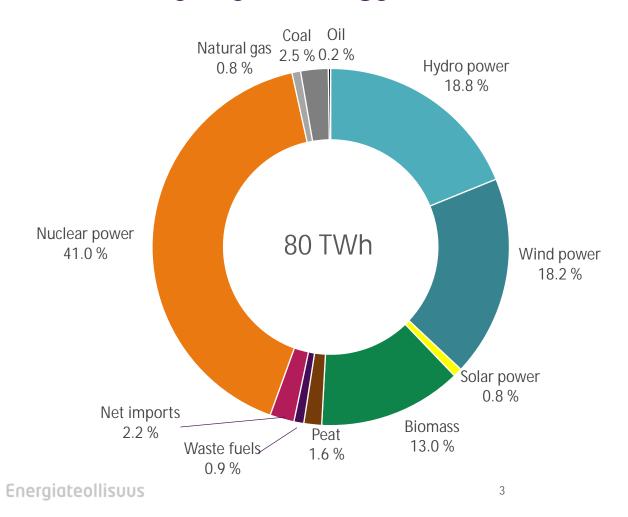
- Circular economy
- Bioeconomy
- Clean gases

Energy transition in consumption: electrification and hydrogen economy

- Industry
- Transport
- Heating

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#### Electricity by energy source and net imports 2023



Power generation in 2023:

Carbon neutral: 94 %

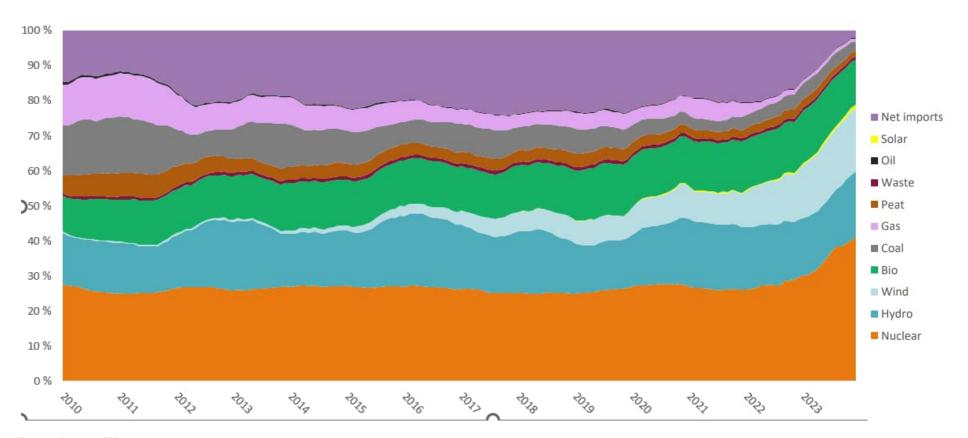
Renewables: 52 %

CO2-emissions: 33 g/kWhe
(EU average around 220 g/kWh)

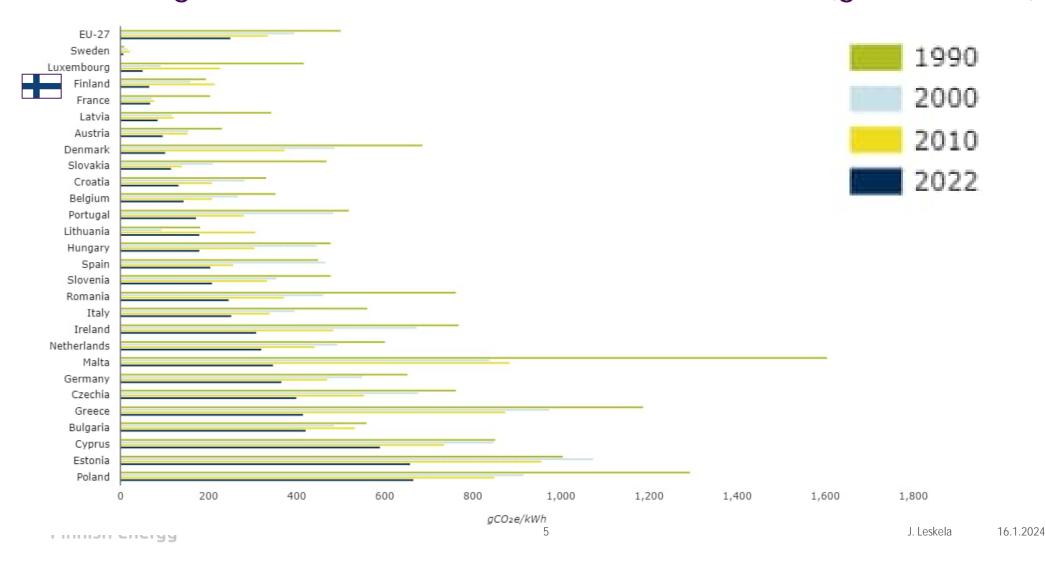
• -87 % since 2010

Finland used to be the EU's biggest importer of electricity but has now replaced the net imports.

### Fossil fuels and net imports have been replaced with carbon neutral generation



#### Power generation emissions in EU countries (gCO2/kWh)



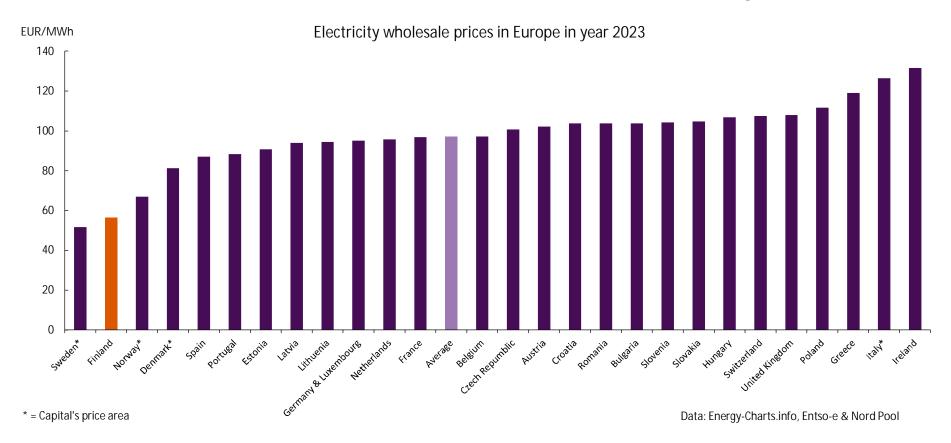
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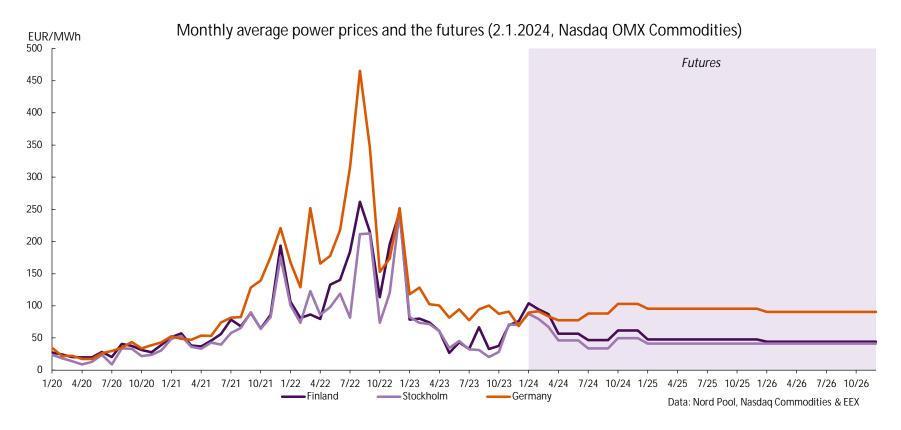
CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions of power generation:

- 2.5 Mt in year 2023
- 4.1 Mt in year 2022
- 7.5 Mt in year 2016
- 19 Mt in year 2010
- → 2023 vs. 2022 -38 %
- → Emissions -65 % in last 5 years
- → Emissions -87 % vs 2010

### Finland has the second lowest electricity wholesale prices in the European electricity market



### The power prices in Finland and Sweden seem to remain lower than in Central Europe



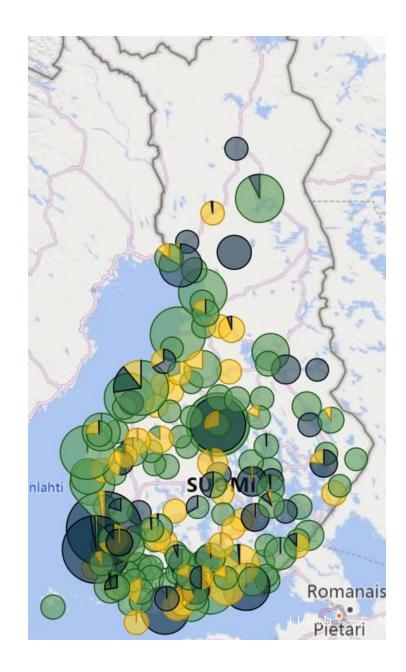
# Tremendous opportunities to increase carbon neutral capacity

- Huge amount of wind and solar power projects
  - On-shore wind projects under development alone could double or triple Finnish power generation
  - Multiple off-shore wind power projects
  - Industrial scale solar power emerging, tens of GWs in pipeline
- Nuclear power outlook very good
  - "Old" NPPs lifetime extensions agreed
  - Olkiluoto 3 on production
  - Large interest on small modular reactors by energy companies and industrial users



## Huge interest for industrial investments based on clean electricity and hydrogen

- There are investment plans for more than 220 billion euros in clean energy, hydrogen and carbon neutral industry in Finland alone.
  - Confederation of Finnish Industries keeps up a data dashboard
    - https://ek.fi/en/current/news/th e-data-dashboard-tracksfinlands-green-investments/
- This development is business-driven
  - Technology, customers, financers,...



#### Large potential for utilisation of hydrogen

\*As ammonia or methanol \*\*As e-fuel or PBTL \*\*\*As hybrid system

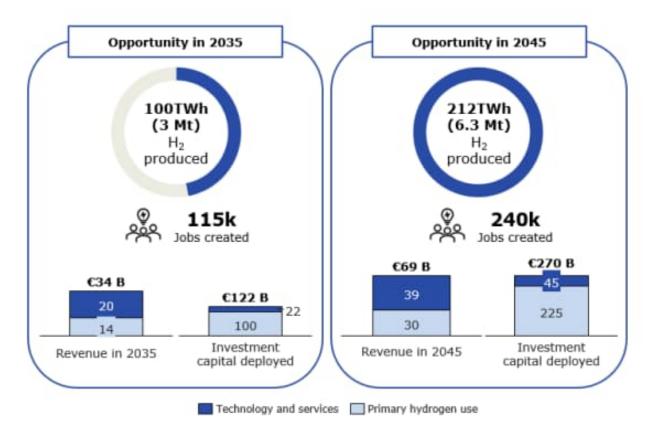
Competetiveness and probability is not equal for different purposes



The Hydrogen Ladder, Version 5.0

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### Opportunities for Finland according to Finnish H2 Cluster's hydrogen strategy



#### How to reach the goals of the strategy?



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