

Energy Communities in EU legislation

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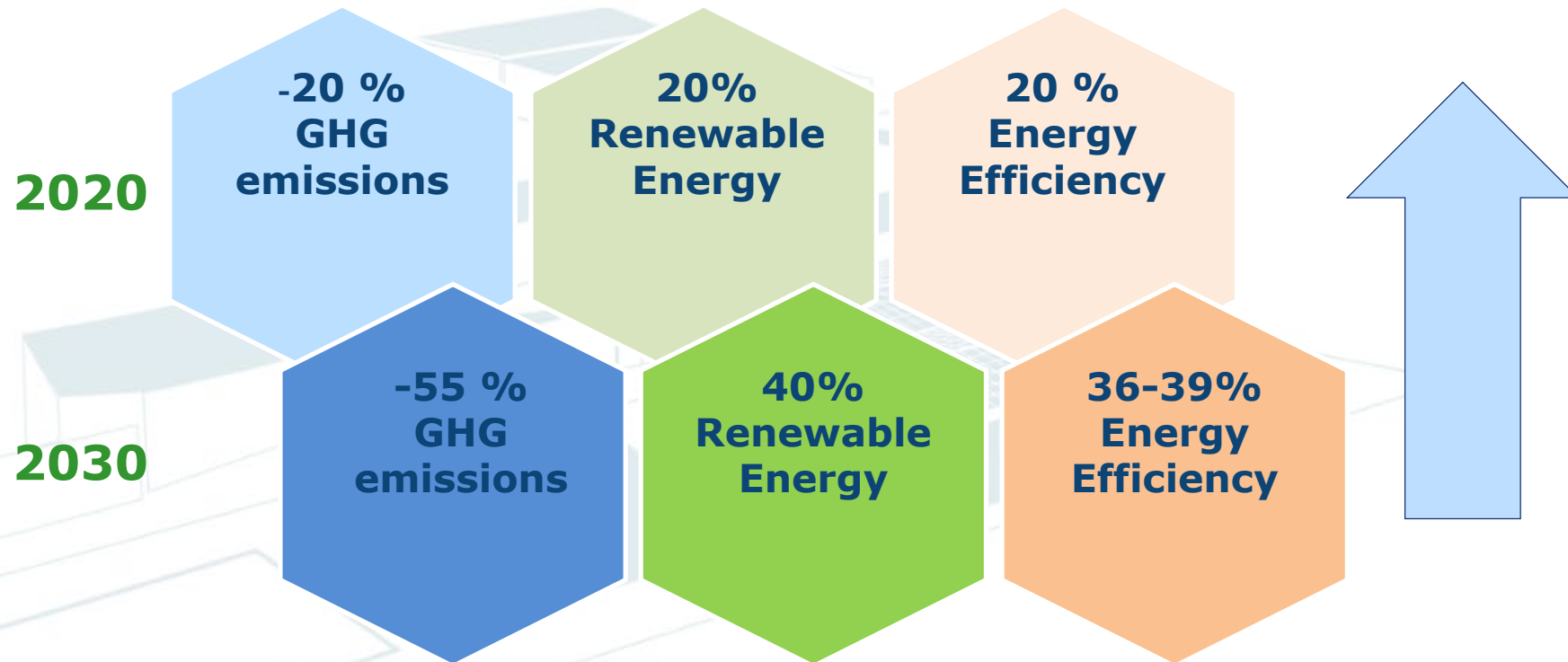
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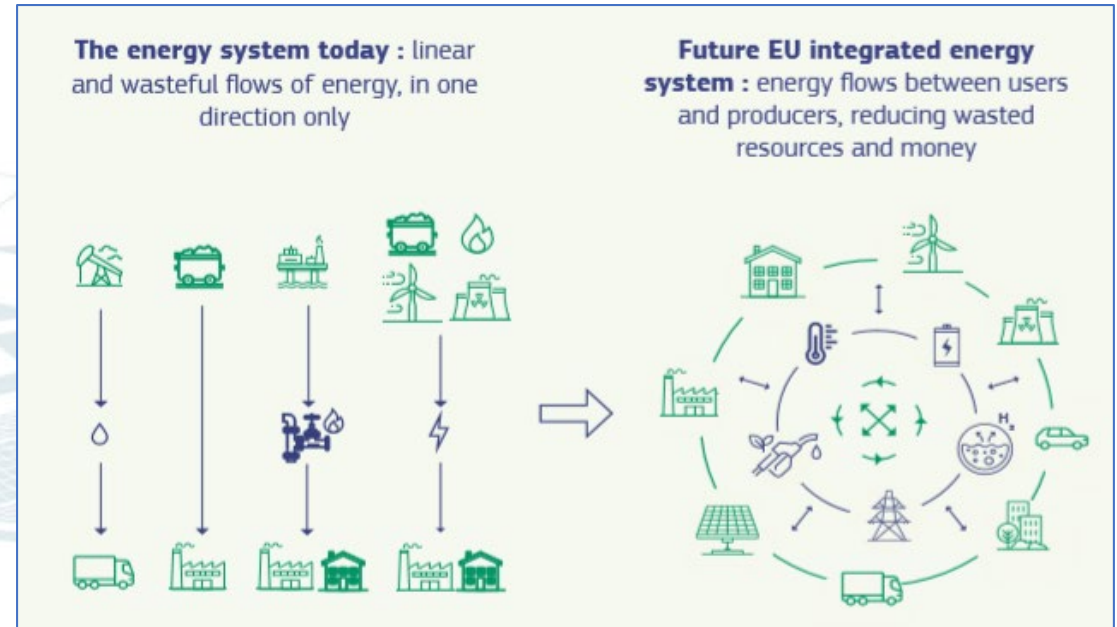
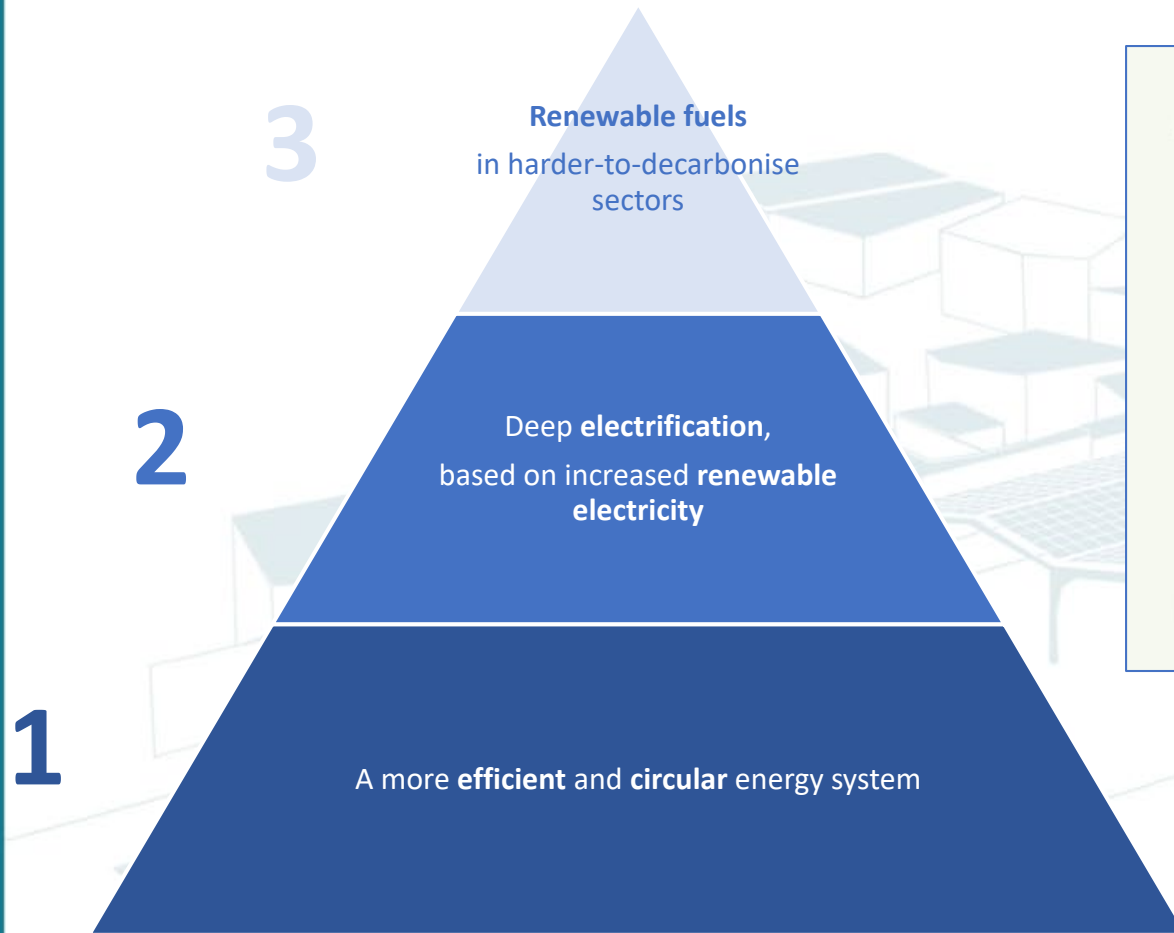
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Transforming our energy system – the vision



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Investment needs
up to EUR 400 bn per annum
to deliver on 55%

Energy supply and use responsible for 75% of emissions

Putting the consumer at the centre of the energy transition

- Energy communities are a key tool to increase public acceptance of new projects
- Energy communities are important to mobilise private capital for the energy transition
- Energy communities could increase flexibility in the market



EU legislation on energy communities

- “*Citizen Energy Communities*” (CECs), Art. 16 of the Directive on the Internal Market for Electricity Directive : recognizes them as new actors in the electricity system
- “*Renewable Energy Communities*” (RECs), Art. 22 of the Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (REDII): new incentives for citizen-driven transition to renewable energies; rights and obligations of RECs
- REDII, Art. 2 on definitions: makes clear that renewable energy communities are a social concept, rather than for financial profits
- Both concepts overlap when an energy community is active in 100% renewable electricity



Next steps on Promoting Energy Communities

- In order to help Member States with the transposition of the REDII (Deadline 30 June 2021) provisions, the Commission has already funded several studies that provide clear-cut recommendations, building on existing practices at national level, such as the [BRIDGE project](#) and [ASSET study](#).
- To further progress in the development of energy communities, the Commission is in the process of setting up an **Energy Community Repository** in order to capture best practices and advance energy community projects across Europe in the different energy sectors and building renovation context by providing technical support.
- In the spirit of “leaving nobody behind”, the Commission will also set up a dedicated **European Advisory Hub** to provide technical support to **energy communities in rural areas**.



A 3D architectural rendering of a modern building complex, featuring various rectangular and hexagonal structures with flat roofs, arranged in a cluster. The buildings are shown in a light blue and white color scheme, with some roofs having a grid pattern. The rendering is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be seen through it.

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