

# **Energy System Integration**

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## The energy system of today





# The interlinkages of the "smartly integrated" energy system





### What do we mean by "system integration"?

In the broad sense:

*In more details, sector integration encompasses several concepts:* 

Energy System Integration is the coordinated planning and operation of the energy system, across multiple energy carriers (electricity, gas, liquids, heat, cold), infrastructures, and consumption sectors. (buildings, mobility, industry, agriculture).

It is the strategy for an effective, affordable and deep decarbonisation of the European economy.





# Why do we need energy system integration?

An integrated energy system will be at the heart of Europe's economic recovery post-COVID19

Energy system integration is the most cost-effective pathway to a deep decarbonisation of the energy system. Indeed:

- 1. It helps reduce emissions in sectors with limited abatement options (buildings, transport, industry, agriculture)
- 2. It helps speeding up the deployment of clean energy in the electricity sector by providing flexibility/storage
- 3. It helps make the best use of existing infrastructure and avoid over-investment

Additionally, energy system integration can support EU leadership in the development of new clean technologies and business models

## The Clean Energy Package as the starting point

#### **Renewables Directive (REDII)**

#### Heating and Cooling (HC)

- Indicative target 1.3 pp a year for HC & 1 pp a year for district heating and cooling (DHC)
- Inclusion of waste heat and cold

renewable hydrogen)

- Electricity DSOs to assess DHC potential for balancing and storage
- Regulatory principles on DHC and increased rights for consumers

Transport

• 14 % target including biofuels, electrification and Renewable Fuels of non-biological origin (e.g.

• 3.5% sub-target advanced biofuels and biogas

#### The wider Clean Energy Package

#### EPBD/EED

- Electro mobility and deployment of recharging infrastructure
- Assessments of high efficiency cogeneration and efficient heat generation options

#### Electricity Reg. & Dir.

- Electricity Market design fit for Renewables
- Definition of energy storage (incl. P-to-X)

#### Governance

Energy Efficiency First principleNational Energy and Climate Plans



#### European Commission

# The Strategy for Energy System Integration





Transversal enablers: e.g. digitalisation and innovation framework



# Thank you



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