



Gas Storage Europe

# **Opening Address : Gas Storage Outlook in the Current Market Environment**

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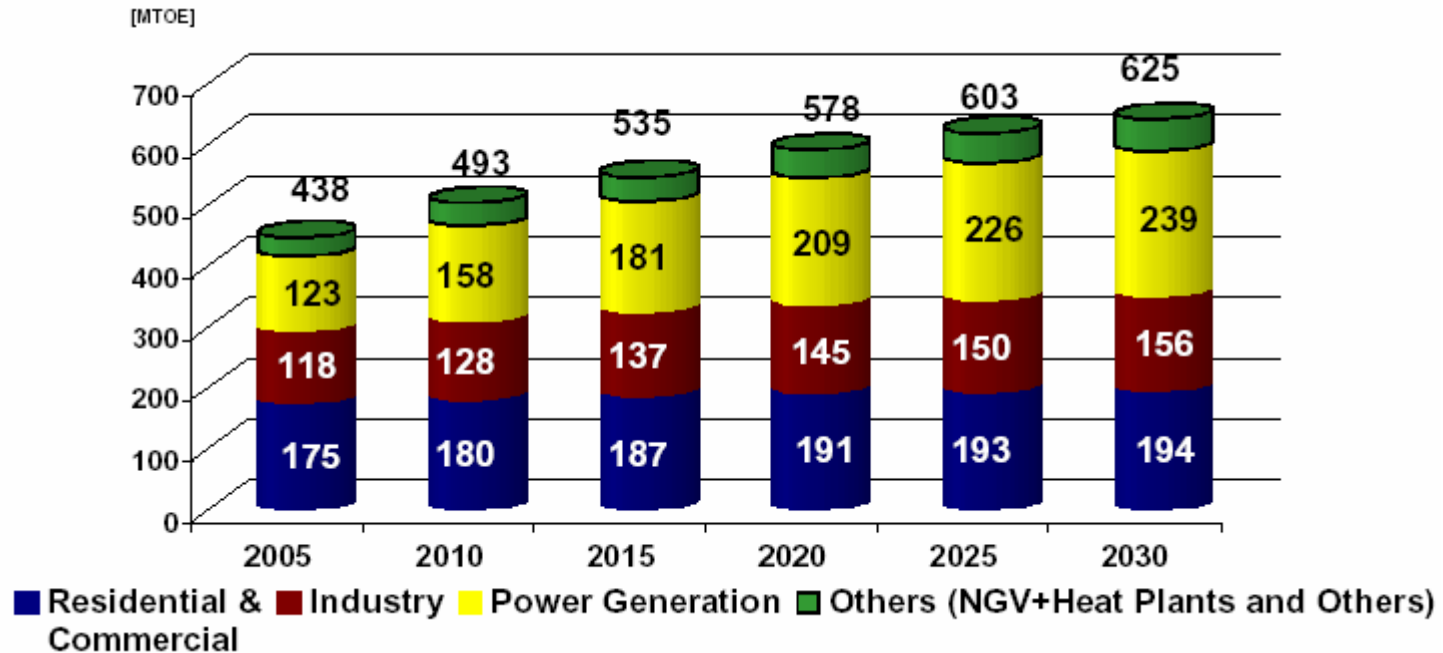
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# Agenda

- 1. A growing need of gas storage in Europe**
- 2. A new challenge : The “ever-changing” role of storage**
- 3. How to face this new challenge?**
- 4. How to maintain a stable and secured climate for investment ?**

# 1. A growing need of gas storage in Europe

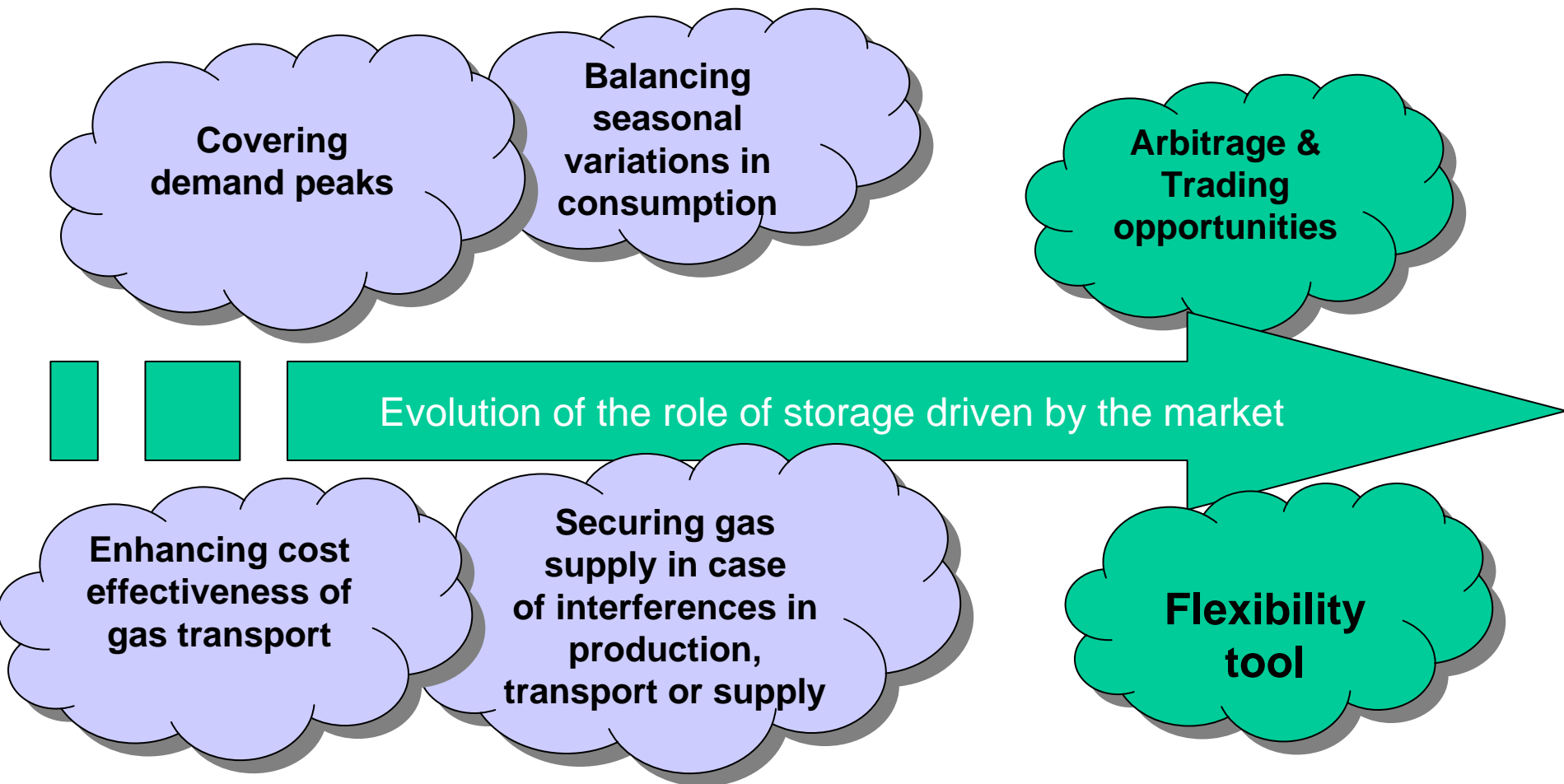
→ Expected gas demand growth ~ 1,5%/year on 2005-2030



## EU27: Natural Gas Demand outlook by sector

Source : Eurogas - Natural gas demand and supply : long term outlook to 2030, 16/11/2007

## 2. The “ever-changing” role of storage



**GAS STORAGE**

**IS “SECURE FLEXIBILITY” FOR THE MARKET!**

## 2. The “ever-changing” role of storage

### Limitations to flexibility tools competing with storage

#### → Swing on long-term contracts

- Producers less inclined to negotiate long-term contracts with high swing level

#### → Flexibility gas production

- Decrease due to expected EU production decline

#### → Gas market hub

- Limitation in terms of availability / capacity

#### → Customer interruptible contracts

- Commercial limits

#### → Linepack / LNG "peak-shaving"

- Technical limits (capacity)

### 3. How to face this new challenge?

## Investment is Key!

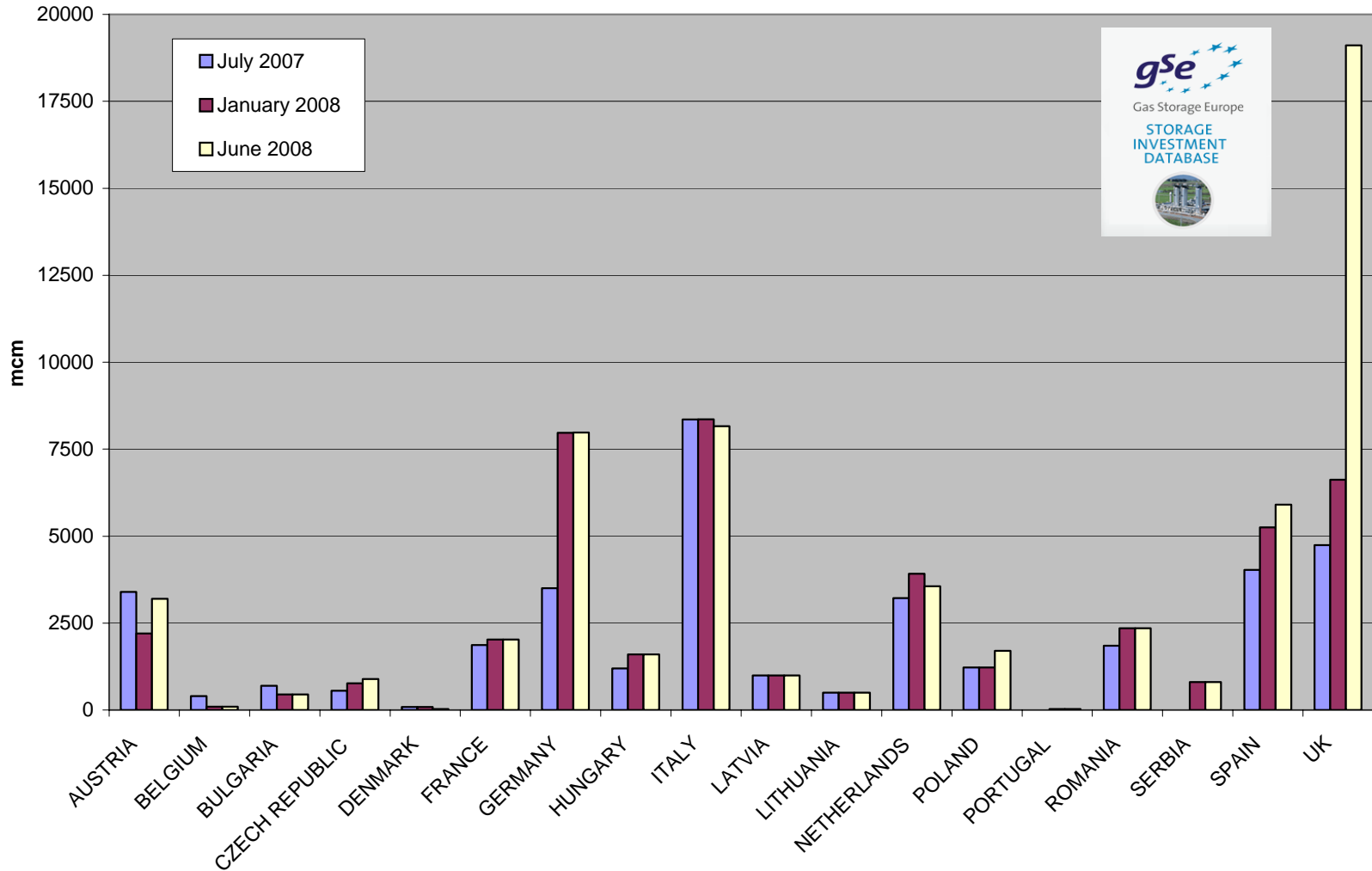
### Investment specificities for underground gas storage

- ❖ Long lead-time between investment decision and the start of operation (also including permitting requirements)
- ❖ Risk associated with exploration (underground), technical and realization tasks
- ❖ High capital immobilisations
- ❖ Long operational lives

The current estimates indicate that Europe will need an additional **60 bcm** of storage capacity by 2025. The GSE Investment Database shows that **43 bcm** of storage volumes are planned to be developed by 2015.

...provided that proper investment climate is in place....

# Investment : SSOs are responding to market needs

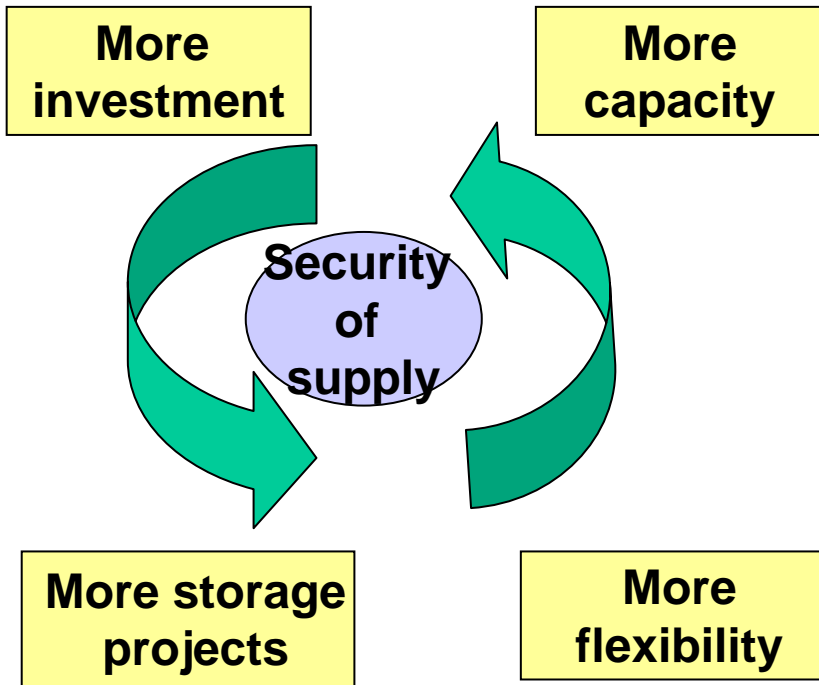


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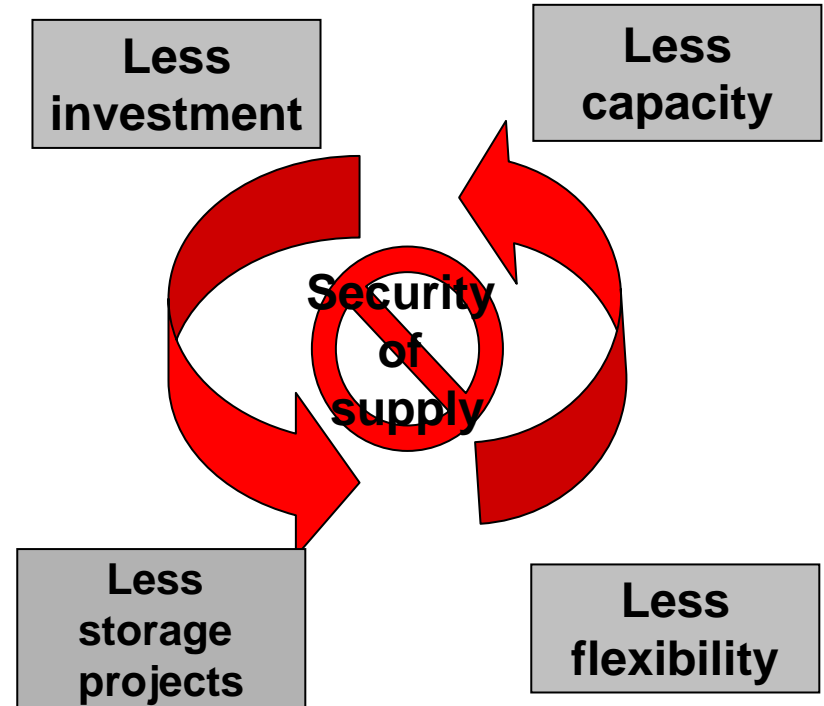


# 4. How to maintain a stable and secured climate for investment ?

Proper & incentive-driven regulatory framework



Excessive regulation



**Transparency and Non-discriminatory treatment is also ensured – as required by Guidelines for Good Practice for Storage System Operators (GGPSSO)**

**Thank you for your attention !**

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