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GIE CEE & SEE Decarbonisation WG

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Romania's NECP – updated version

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## **NECP UPDATED TARGETS (April 2020)**

Romania's NECP are changing from **WEM** scenario to **WAM** scenario.

WEM - Modelling scenario with existing measures WAM - Modelling scenario with additional measures

According with the new EC recommendations all the strategic documents\* are in an update process.

- Land Use, Land Use Change & Forestry
- Reference Level in Forestry
- National Measuring Plan for Forestry
- National GHG Inventory



## **Example of new targets' impact**







#### FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION, BY SOURCE [ktoe]





# Gas projects contributing to decarbonisation

#### CONVERSION FROM COAL TO GAS & COGENERATION



Lignite energy power plant ISALNITA



Lignite energy power plant TURCENI



## Gas projects contributing to decarbonisation

Coal-based energy units conversion to gas-based units:

- Craiova, **200 MW, cogeneration on gas** (replacing today's 2x150 MW units on lignite)
- Turceni, **400 MW, cogeneration on gas** (replacing today's 330 MW unit on lignite);
- Işalniţa, 2x400 MW, cogeneration on gas (replacing today's 315 MW unit on lignite starting with 2024 and another 315 MW unit on lignite - starting with 2025)

Additionally, there are scheduled investments for high-efficiency cogeneration capacities.



## Gas projects contributing to decarbonisation

#### HYDROGEN

The use of hydrogen is viewed as strategic for two areas:

- energy system flexibility
  - RES electricity production potential 10X bigger than the demand (estimation for 2030)
  - unused energy available for green hydrogen production
- energy transport infrastructure adaptation to energy mix with increased % of hydrogen
  - first phase (2025-2030)
  - second phase (2030-2040)
  - third phase (2040-2050)



HYDROGEN

Undergoing study: "Ways for introducing 2% hydrogen mix in the National Gas Transport System"

Working Group on Hydrogen



#### DIGITISATION

Extension of SCADA system to all the cathodic protection stations along the whole length of gas transport system:

- reducing shut down times
- reducing intervention times
- increased friability
- reduced intervention costs



#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Implemented measures:

- preventive maintenance for all energy-intensive equipment
- replacement of old, inefficient equipment with new efficient ones
- PV panels for SCADA system

Future measures:

- 2 gas expansion turbines (1 KW and 35 KW) for the recovery of expansion energy
- energy audit for all new development and modernisation project for the most energy efficient solution identification



#### METHANE EMISSIONS

Implemented measures:

- aerial monitoring of the pipes
- natural gas recovery at interventions with mobile compressors
- increased use of local electric heating of M&R stations (mostly with Reiken cable)



#### REPLACEMENT OF CONVENTIONAL WOOD HEATING SYSTEMS WITH GAS-POWERED HIGH EFFICIENCY UNITS

Opportunity study: "Extention of the transport network for broad access to natural gas"\*

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\* Finalised in May 2020





#### House heating situation in Romania:

- 8.5 million households
- 7.5 million households in use
- 2.5 million households heated with gas-powered units
- **3.5 million households heated with solid fuel** (wood mostly, less than 100.000 use coal) with an average age of over 20 years of the heating system

Gas vs. Wood as fuel:

• 45% less CO2 for the same caloric power



#### Other advantages\*:

- gas has a higher energy efficiency coefficient
- gas heaters are immensely more efficient than old wood-burning stoves
- less particulate matter (wood has 100X-1.000X higher PM10 & PM2.5 emissions in comparison with gas)
- wood exploitation has higher CO2 emissions (access roads, tree cutting vehicles, transport etc.)
- forests offer multiple environmental services (temperature, wind and rainfall moderation, biodiversity, soil stabilisation etc.)
- house comfort is higher for a gas unit vs a wood stove
- energy poverty is reduced by access to more diverse energy sources for heating

\* <u>no</u> studies available to account for all the costs and benefits of wood vs. gas in real life conditions



**VISION:** 

- **public consultations** followed by information, education, and mentalities change programs
- extension of gas transport system to over 90% coverage of the administrative units
- decentralized implementation with a finance mechanism at regional and county level
- replacement of old heating systems with last generation, high efficiency, micro-cogeneration fuel cells, capable of a 20-40% hydrogen mix intake
- reduced pressure on the electric energy system, especially during peak demand hours
- high flexibility in supply and applicability (ex. addressing similar problems in the public building stock)
- horizontal industry involvement for stronger "Circular Economy" character
- addition of smart metering and management equipment ("Digitalisation")
- parallel implementation of building stock energy efficiency programs ("Renovation Wave")

#### **REDUCTION POTENTIAL OF GHG EMISSIONS BY SHIFTING FROM WOOD TO GAS: 80%**



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