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1. Introduction



The current energy price level suggests future supply bottlenecks

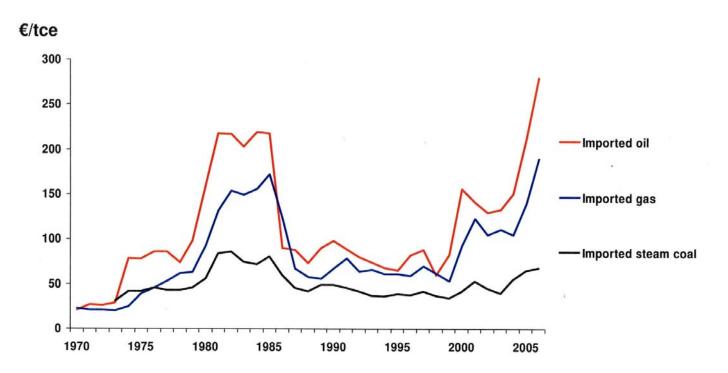


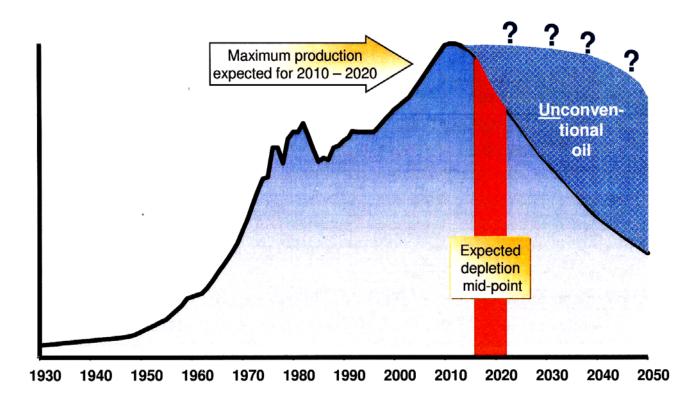
Figure 1: Price developments of imported energies free European border (Germany)





1. Introduction

Crude oil demand exceeds available production capacity



Source: Udall and Andrews, 1999 and Hiller, 1999

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Figure 2: Crude oil production capacity till 2050



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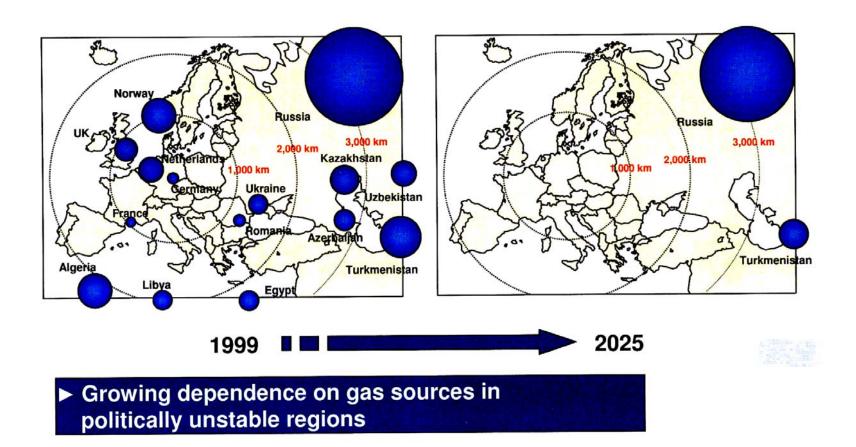


Figure 3: Gas reserves in the European area 1999/2025 (Source RWE)





2. The Role of Coal for Power Generation in the EU and for an Affordable Power Supply



2.1 Reserves

- Coal reserves are abundant
- Coal reserves are distributed more favourable than

those of gas and oil

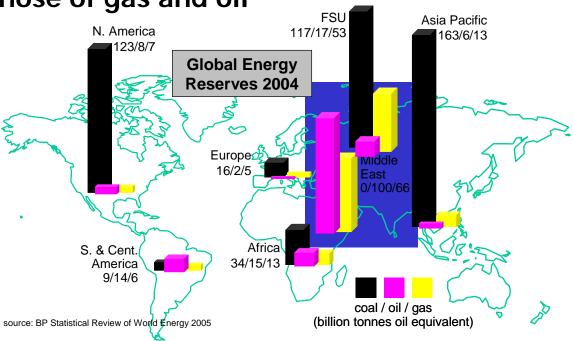


Figure 4: Distribution of fossil fuels reserves around the globe (source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2005)





2.2 Coal Production and Consumption

 Europe is the third largest coal consumption region in the world <u>behind</u> China and USA

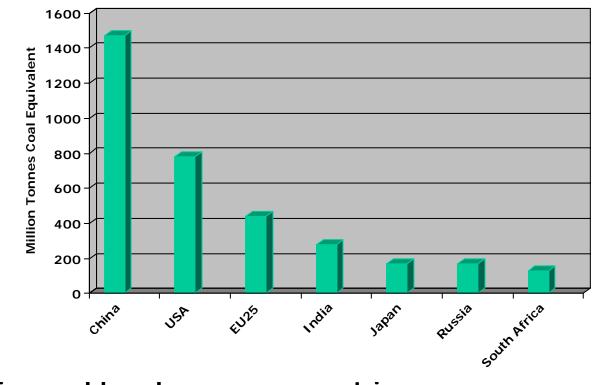
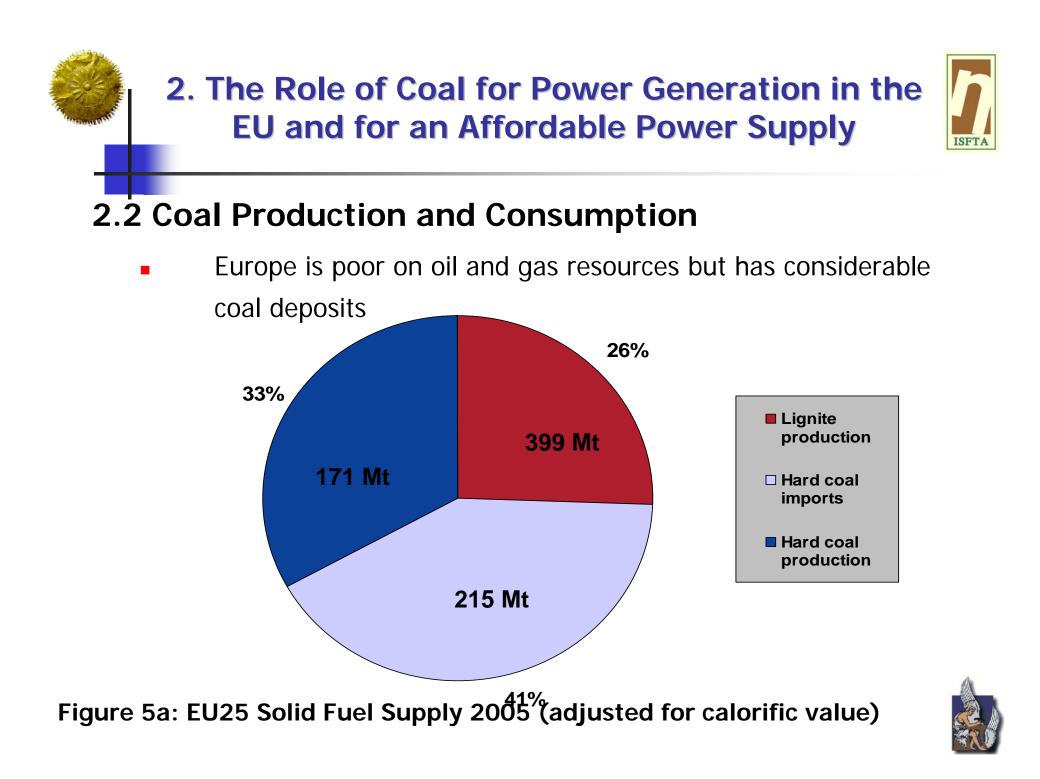




Figure 5: Major world coal consumer countries

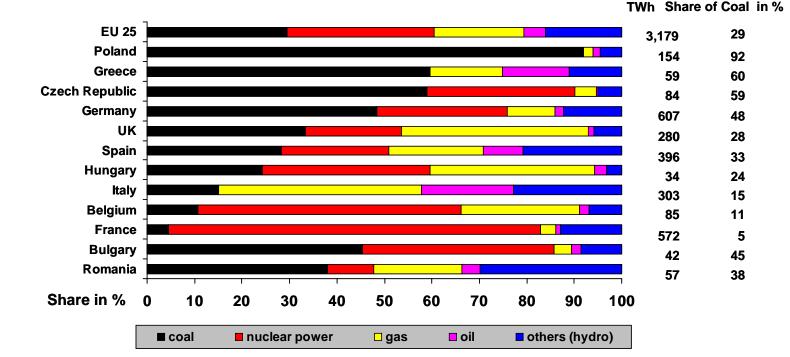






2.3 The role of coal in power generation

 Power generation structures in selected EU-27 states. Coal is important in EU power generation



Gross power generation

Figure 6: Different power generation composition in EU Member states





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The diversity of the generation mix across the EU varies from one member state to the other

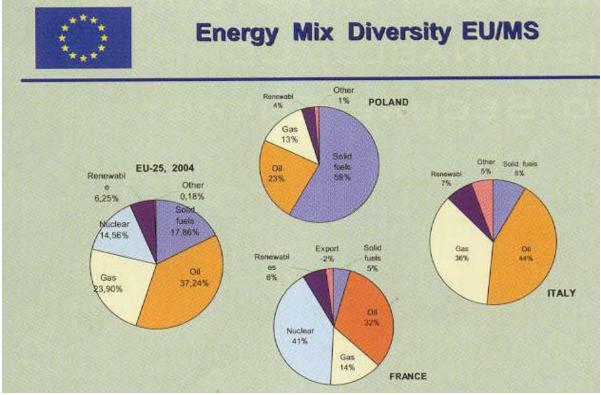




Figure 7: Energy mix diversity of EU Member States



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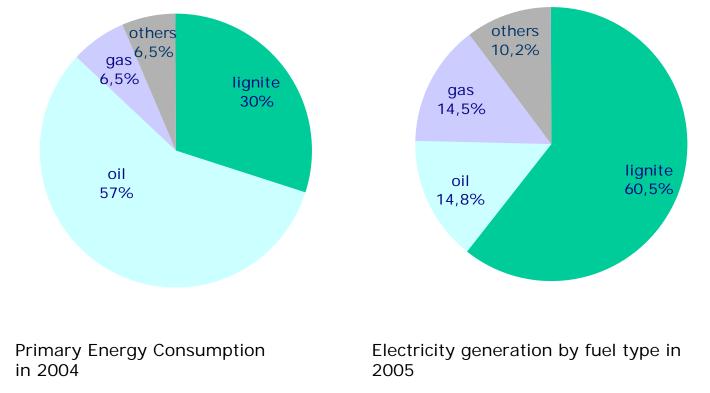


Figure 8: Greece total primary energy consumption in 2004 and electricity generation by fuel in 2005





2.4 The role of lignite in Greece's power generation

 Lignite as the base load fuel gives a competitive strength in its power generation fuel mix

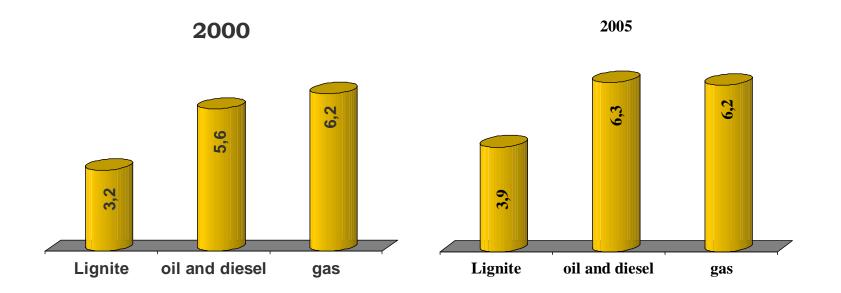
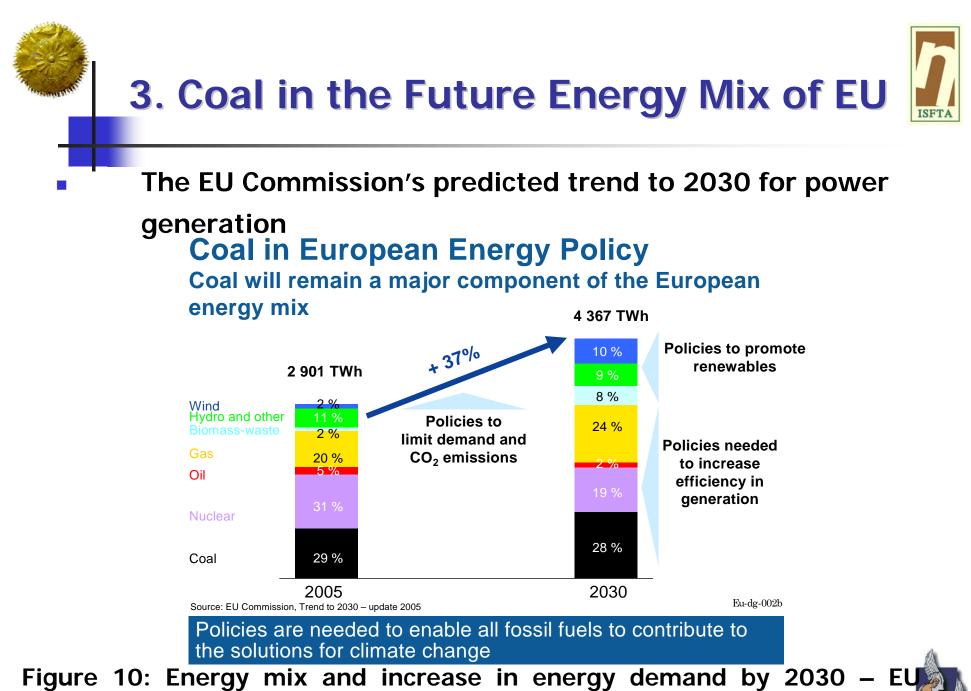


Figure 9: Generation cost per fuel type (€c/KWh) in the years 2000 and 2005





Commission's scenario





- The major objective of the latest EU Energy Package recently adopted by the Commission
 - 20% share of renewables, even more in electricity production
 - 20% energy increase (1990 to 2020)
 - 13% less energy use from now to 2020
 - Greenhouse gas reduction in EU-27 by 20% (2020 compared to 1990). Objective of 30% to be proposed in international negotiation. Aim to 50% reduction by 2050.





 Based on a simplified assumption with a lifetime of 40a for coal-based and nuclear power plants and of 30a for oil and gas-based power plants

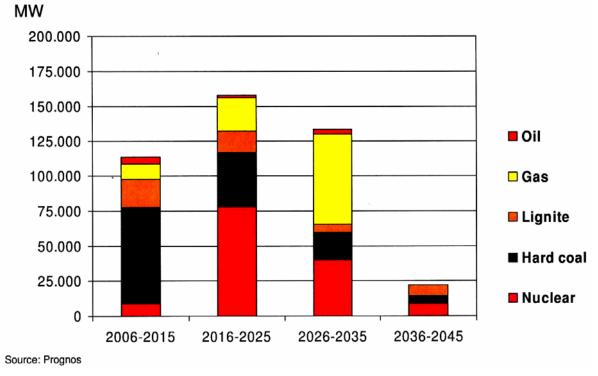


Figure 11: Power generation capacity to be replaced in the EU-25 in the short to medium term





 Lignite mining and lignite-based power generation will continue to meet sustainability criteria

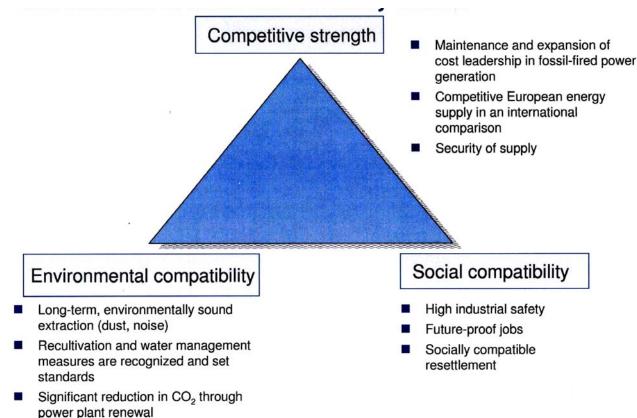




Figure 12: Principles of EU energy policy





- In EU coal sector face great challenges which are as follow:
 - Security of supply must be underpinned in the long term
 - Efficients actions must be taken to prevent climate changes
 - Investment in replacement and new generations plant and

grid installation must be made

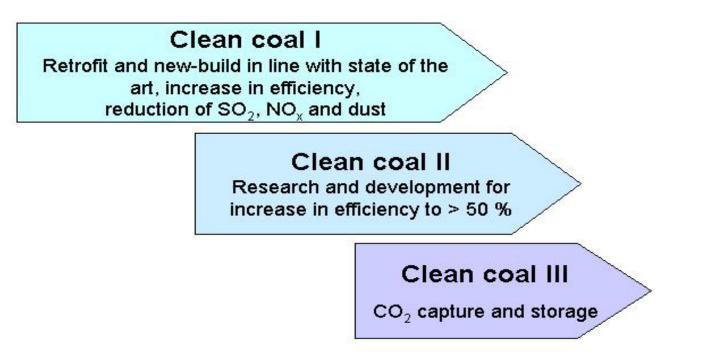




4. Challenges to cleaner coal power



Clean Coal concept



Investment in ultra-modern technology

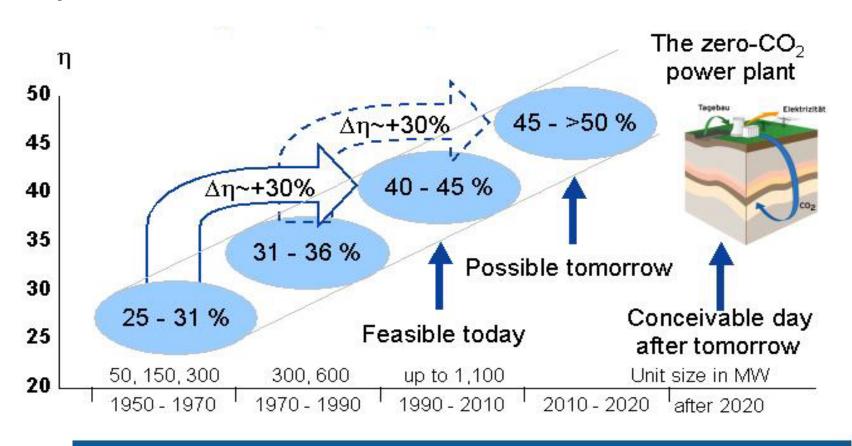


Figure 13: Clean coal comes in three stages





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The right approach: continuous power plant modernization/renewal

Figure 14: Evolution of power plants increase in efficiency and future targets



4. Challenges to cleaner coal power





Lignite-fired power plant "Lippendorf" Installed: 1999/2000 Capacity: 1,874 MW Net efficiency: approx. 43% Investment: some € 2 billion CO₂ reduction: ~ 6 mill. t/a ~ -30%

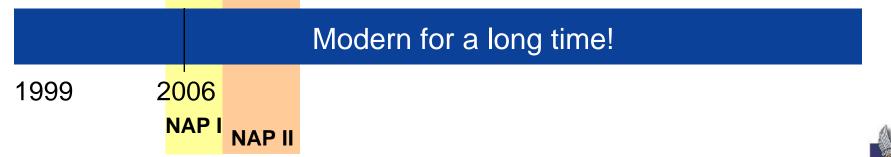


Figure 14a: Lignite-fired power plant "Lippendorf"







5.1 Emission Trading Scheme (ETs)

- EU ETs can only drive investment if there is longer term certainty
- CO₂ reduction through fuel switching has become increasingly expensive and risks jeopardizing European competitiveness
- Significant CO₂ reductions can be achieved in the meantime with more efficient capacity replacing life-expired plants
- The ETs is the main reason for a lack of investment in coal-fired plants in many EU Member States





5.1 Emission Trading Scheme (ETs)

Emissions Trading – Burden Sharing

EU-Greenhouse Gas Emissions

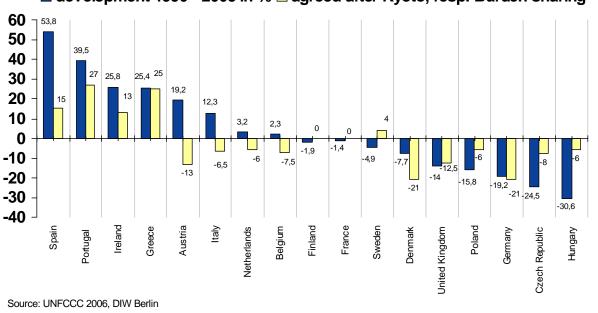


Figure 15: Changes in Greenhouse Gas Emissions since 1990 comparison to the Kyoto commitments-Burden sharing





5.2 The Status of CO₂ capture and storage

CO₂ Capture

- Pre-combustion at gasification plants (IGCC)
- By combustion of oxygen (Oxyfuel)
- Post-combustion at conventional power plants

CO₂ Storage

- In depleted oil and gas fields
- In aquifers
- In coal seams
- By mineralisation

Research in both areas with the same effort. Without possibilities for storage and acceptance, no zero-CO₂ power plant.







5.2 Storage of CO₂

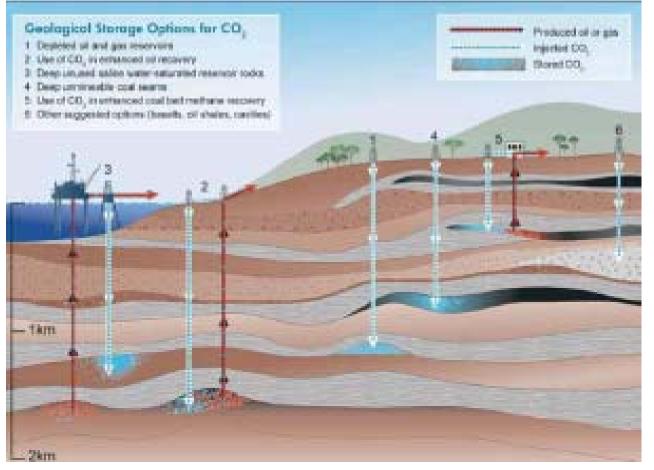


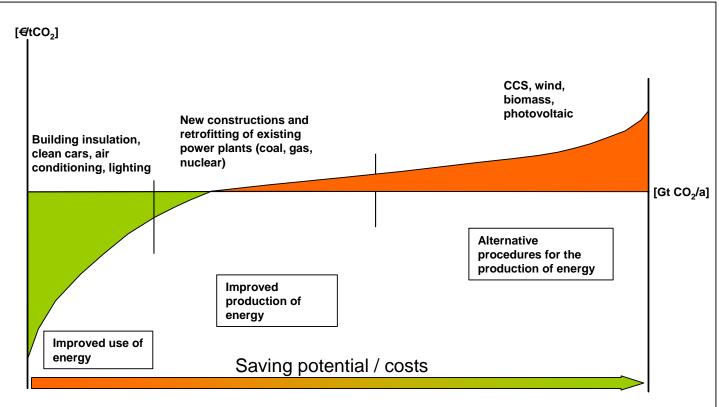


Figure 16: Geological Storage of CO₂





5.2 Cost of CO₂ reduction



Source: simplified description McKinsey Studiy

Use all potential available. Provide incentives in order to achieve what can already be done





6. Conclusions



- Coal provides a unique contribution to security of supply
- Reasonable and relatively stable prices of coal help competitiveness
- Coal already has a fully functioning market aiding competitiveness
- Coal also responds well to the Green Paper priorities
 - The Coal Industry backs the ZEP and SMK Technology Platforms









- Coal Industry welcomes planned coal-based pilot and demonstration plants with CO2 Capture and Storage
- Continues modernisation and efficiency improvements help to reduce CO2 emissions in the short and medium term
- Technological as well as Political action is needed to make CCS and cleaner power from coal a reality
 - An efficiency of more than 50% in coal fire power plant still needs research and development









- The EU ETs regime must ensure that investment in coal-fired power plants in the medium term as well as in the long term are supported
- CCS is a promising technology route an upgrade to the commercial scale is the challenge but realistic timeframes are required



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Coal is a sustainable part of EU energy mix

