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# Italian Scenario: reintroduction of new nuclear and benefits for the system

Challenging European and Italian regulation aims at reaching carbon neutrality in Italy by 2050. A scenario totally fueled by renewable sources would be compliant with this target, with strong drawbacks from economical and system security point of views.

For this reason, through a proprietary model an optimized scenario has been drafted, starting from Italian PNIEC1 energy mix at 2030. Reintroducing nuclear technology2, with the first plant in 2030-35 and one plant per year, at 2050 a pipeline of 15-20 plants would cover the 10% of production. At 2050, ~20% of programmable capacity (nuclear and decarbonized gas) will guarantee economic and adequacy sustainability of the system. This optimized mix guarantees significant investment reduction (more than 400B63).

The introduction of new nuclear leads to positive impacts for the Italian system:

- Macroeconomic: 40+ B€ GDP increase, 36+ k AWU4 during construction and 3+ k AWU in operation
- Environmental: reduced LC emissions, land occupancy and water need
- Strategic: revitalization of national industrial cluster, valorization of carbon neutral Made in Italy and boost of high-technology export in Europe (benefit enabled by the hybridization of electric and thermal applications)
  - 1. Last version published in 2023, with import hp by Terna-Snam scenario (flat 50 TWh/y)
  - 2. New nuclear technologies: SMR (commercially available after 2030) and AMR (after 2040)
  - 3. Comparison vs 100% RES Scenario over the period 2030-2050, considering key cost items: electric storage, RES, grid and nuclear development
  - 4. AWU: annual working units

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