



# The one in the 100 cities – Cluj-Napoca challenge towards a carbon neutral city

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### **Energy use**

















1,5 – 15% energy bill (buildings, street lighting).





# Facts and figures



#### Cluj-Napoca – 2016



#### A city with more than 350.000 people

No.	Energy users	Electricity [MWh/yr]	%
1	Industry	66.000	9,7%
2	Private commercial buildings	50.612	7,4%
3	Water company	39.770	5,8%
4	Public universities	18.356	2,7%
5	Public buildings	88.844	13%
6	Public street lighting	10.783	1,6%
7	District Heating company	12.269	1,8%
8	Local public transportation	13.048	1,9%
9	Residential energy users & others.	453.744	54,6%
	Total	682.017	100%







#### From 3.365 GWh/year in 2011

To an energy saving of 263 GWh up to 2021,

meanwhile the highest development and population rate increase in Romania.

- √ 8% energy savings
- √ 30% CO₂ reduction

## Strategies on paper

- Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan **SECAP**;
- Integrated Urban Development Strategy IUDS;
- Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan SUMP;
- European Energy Award EEA;
- District Heating Decarbonation Strategy DHDS;
- Plan to increase the nearly zero buildings nZEBP;
- Attenuation action plan for the energy poverty EPAP;
- Smart City / Digitalization Strategy / Action Plan SmartCity
- Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Action Plan CCARAP

and others to come...





# Local and elsewhere challenges





#### Distributed energy generation

From centralized to distributed generation...

What is the impact in the local energy grids?

The owner of the energy source... is this compatible with the social equality?





#### Prosumers on large scale

Is it an opportunity for local energy markets?

When shall we have these energy communities?





#### How much Renergy can we harvest locally?

At this moment a 0,3% RES is covered directly in the public buildings.





#### nZEB on daily basis

Are we ready?

Have the local public authorities started?





# Energy planning included in the urban planning?





#### Energy poverty

Is it generalized in the present day?

When did the energy poverty occurred after the fossil fuels abundance release?

Can energy transition towards RES eradicate the energy poverty?

From the right to energy access (human dignity, education & health) to electricity as a currency...





#### District heating with low emission

Do we still believe in the future of district heating?





#### Energy storage

0,4 kWh/kg VS 11,6 kWh/kg electricity diesel fuel

How much time do we need to have an equal balance?











3002 MWh/yr. – electricity supplied for the electrical vehicles in Cluj-Napoca in 2021

#### versus

**10.990** MWh/yr. – public street lighting

#### Electrified mobility

What will be the impact on the power grid?





#### **Professionals**

Do we have the required human resources?





#### Research and innovation

Is it visible in Romania?









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### Local technology production

How much money will go in China?





# What is the impact in the building materials market?

Pumping too much EU funding in deep renovation – from **450** to more than **700** euro/sqm





#### What is the impact for the local authority?

Energy cost





#### Internal human resources in the public sector?

**EU Funding Office** 







### What is the impact on the local community?

Local economy and the public authority incomes





#### EU funding 2007 – 2013

Total EU local investments	56.445.795 euro	100%
Out of which with an impact in the energy field	2.424.231 euro	4,3%





#### EU funding 2014 – 2020

Total EU local investments	95.041.606 euro	100%
Out of which with an impact in the energy field	35.121.531 euro	37%





#### EU funding 2021 – 2027 yet to come

Total EU local investments	232.953.774 euro	100%
Out of which with an impact in the energy field	115.000.000 euro	49,4%





## EU ambition





#### **Decarbonation**





### Decarbonation



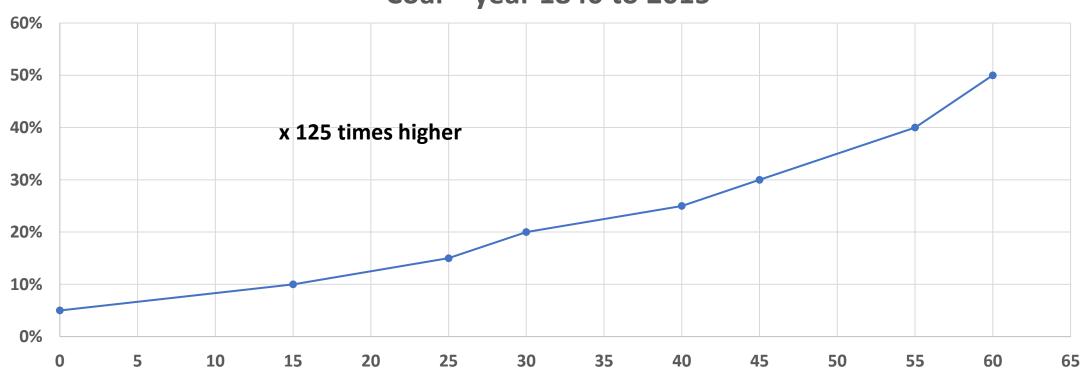


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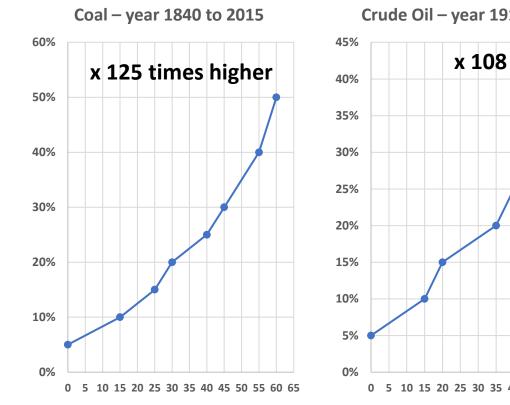


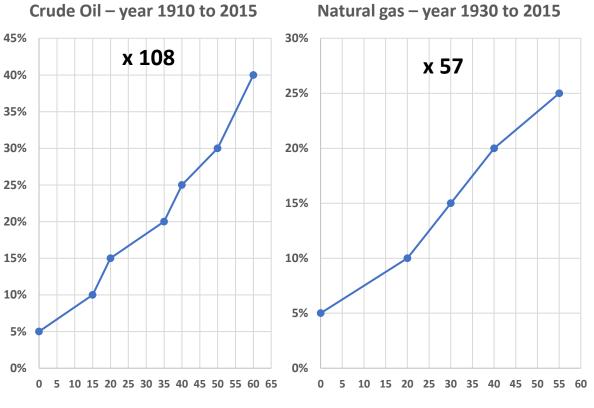
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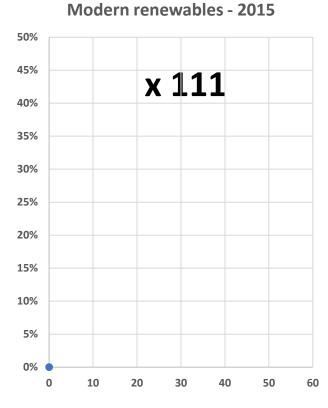
**Source**: Energy Transitions. Global and National Perspectives – Vaclav Smil, 2017











From 0,01 to 3,93 EJ in 25 years

From 1,28 to 159,7 EJ

From 1,43 to 154,6 EJ

From 2,17 to 123,8 EJ

From 3,93 to 438,1 EJ

Source: Energy Transitions. Global and National Perspectives – Vaclav Smil, 2017



#### Energy / CO2 emissions transition triggers



- Energy price
- Free money to do it
- Technology advancement
- Climate change awareness
- Energy security
- War on the horizon
- Behavior

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## Energy security Reliable, affordable access to all fuels and energy sources

Sursa: International Energy Agency - Energy Security definition





#### Energy security main objectives

1) Diversification of energy sources;

- 2) Reserve capacities;
- 3) Power / gas grid interconnections;
- 4) Stability in the energy markets.





#### **Decarbonization**

What is the price to do it?

Shall we do it with the same ambition everywhere?





# The four elements to become three

Fire, Water, Air, Earth





# What is the final frontier in REpowering cities?

Is there anything left after?





If the third energy transition (fossil fuels) brought the present-day human civilization, what the fourth energy transition (carbon neutral) will bring?

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