The call of the planet for a sustainable electrification

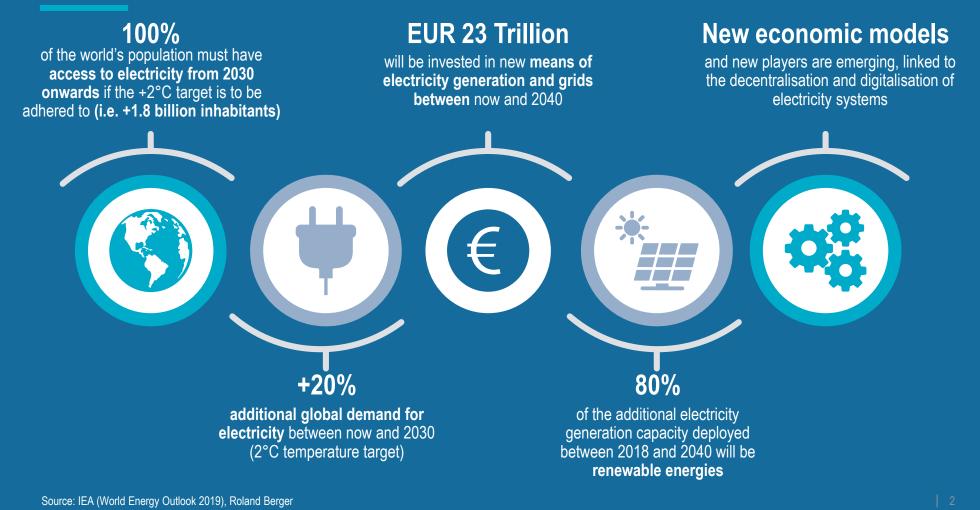
Future challenges



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# Growing demand for electricity requires major investments and the emergence of new economic models

#### Points to remember



# Electrification plays a key role in human development and in combating climate change, as its economic models are being disrupted



Driven by urbanisation and usage, electrification is playing a key role in human, social and economic development

- Driven by demographics and urbanisation, electrification is instrumental to human development
- > Moreover, demand for electricity is bolstered by:
  - A usage substitution effect (industry, construction and transport)
  - The continued expansion of digital and fully electric usages
- > To meet growing demand for electricity (+ 1.7% per year between now and 2040), there must be substantial investment in new means of generation and in grids, particularly in Africa and in Asia



Electrification has a key role to play in combating climate change, from its generation to its consumption

- Limiting global warning to 2°C means reducing greenhouse gases by half by 2050, compared with 2016 levels
- > Electrification must contribute to a fall in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the level of:
  - Generation, through the deployment of new renewable capacities to replace carbon-based sources
  - Grids and storage, thanks to sectorial coupling, making energy flows interoperable and making the most efficient use of surplus generation
  - Reduced consumption through improved energy efficiency

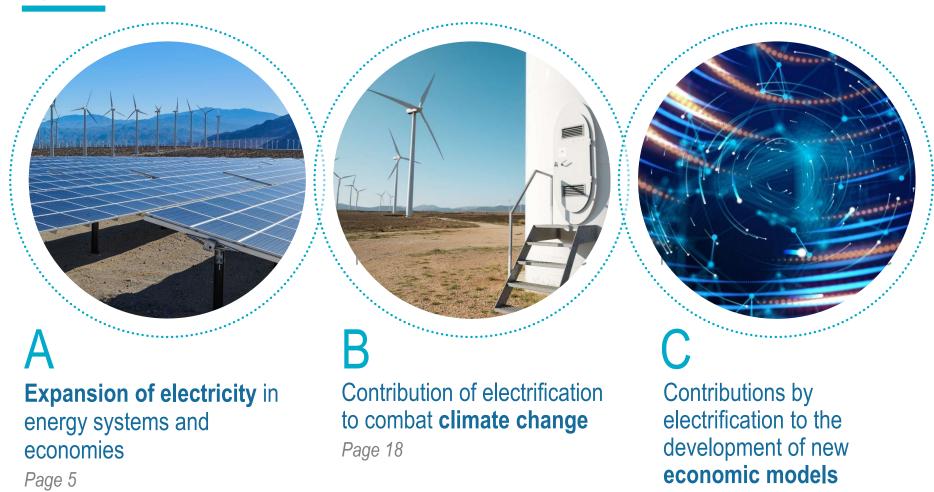


Looking beyond the established players, new economic models and players are emerging in the electricity ecosystem

- Decentralisation of electricity generation contributes to the emergence of alternative models to those of established players: generation and flexibility aggregators, peerto-peer platforms, etc.
- In addition, in line with the trend already seen in many sectors, energy is gradually switching to an 'as-a-service' model (payment for a service provided)
- > Finally, numerous digital start-ups are providing technology-based asset and energy management services and setting themselves up as new intermediaries

# This document, which organised around three themes, looks at findings on the benefits of sustainable electrification

#### Agenda



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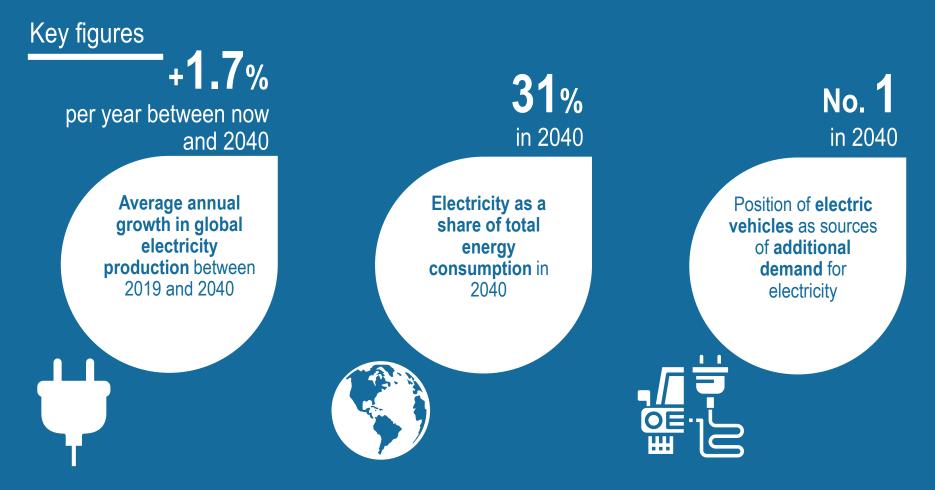
Source: Roland Berger

A. Expansion of electricity in energy systems and economies



Key figures

For a 2°C temperature target, demand for electricity will increase by 1.7% a year, accounting for 31% of total energy consumption in 2040



Note: 2°C target corresponding to the average global temperature rise between 1850 and 2100, commonly accepted by the scientific community and enshrined in the 2016 Paris Agreement, beyond which the consequences of climate change for ecosystems (and ultimately for human activity) are deemed devastating. Source: IEA (World Energy Outlook 2019 and World Energy Investment 2020), Roland Berger

# Driven by urbanisation and usage, electrification is playing a key role in human, social and economic development

#### **Expansion of electricity**

in energy systems and economies



**Electricity plays a key role in human development**, by providing access to education, information and communication technologies, and even by improving the productivity of certain economic activities



Beyond populations' **increasing access to electricity**, growth in demand is bolstered by:

- A usage substitution effect in industry, construction and transport (e.g. electric vehicles), linked to an increasingly stringent regulatory environment concerning local pollution
- The growth of 100% electric digital tools and usages, driven for example by the electricity consumed by data centres (despite their energy efficiency improvements)



**Global demand for electricity is growing rapidly** (x1.5 between now and 2040), primarily driven by emerging countries. To adhere to the  $2^{\circ}C^{1}$  target set in the 2016 Paris Agreement, the entire world population must have access to electricity by 2030, i.e. 1.7 billion persons more than in 2018

1) Average global temperature rise between 1850 and 2100 commonly accepted by the scientific community and enshrined in the 2016 Paris Agreement, beyond which the consequences of climate change for ecosystems (and ultimately for human activity) are deemed devastating. Source: Roland Berger

# Driven by urbanisation and usage, electrification is playing a key role in human, social and economic development

Expansion of electricity in energy systems and economies – Agenda



### Role in human development and populations' increased access to electricity

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### Switch to electricity for certain uses (substitution effect)

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### **Development of new, 100% electric, usages** (such as digital)

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# Global electrification contributes directly and indirectly to 12 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Link between electrification and Sustainable Development Goals

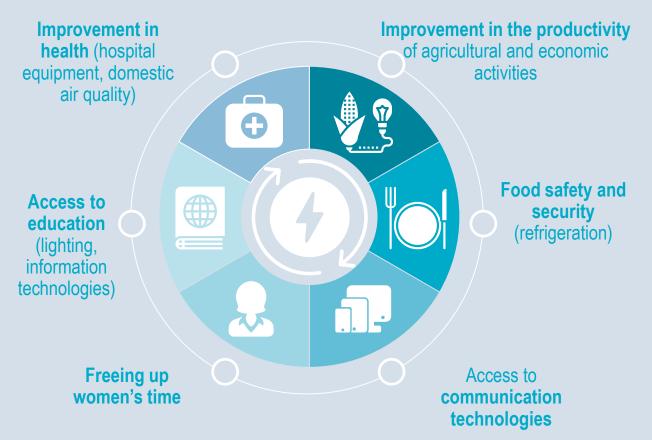


Source: United Nations Organization, Roland Berger

Direct contribution of electrification

# Electricity plays a key role in human development, the objectives of which are still far from being achieved

#### Role of electricity in human development



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Even before this unprecedented Covid-19 crisis, the world was not on track to meet key sustainable energy goals.[...] This means we must **redouble our efforts to bring affordable, reliable and clean energy to all** – especially in Sub-Saharan Africa, where the need is greatest – in order to build more prosperous and more resilient economies.

Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, May 2020



Electrification is a prerequisite for meeting the 2°C temperature target: an additional 1.8 billion people must have electricity access by 2030

Change in electricity generation capacities [GW] – 2°C target

Total electricity generation (TWh)

#### Population with access to electricity

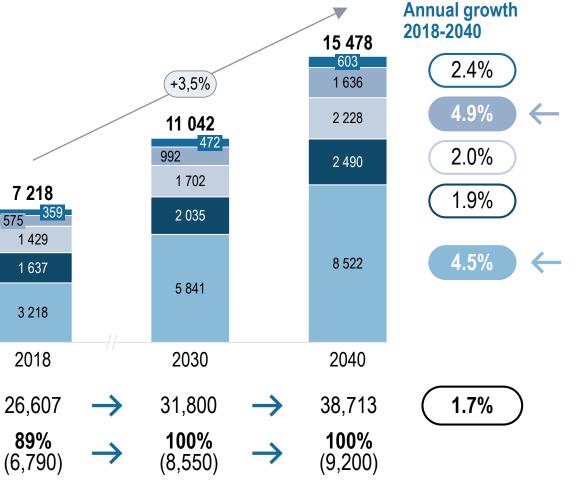
% (millions of people)

Asia & Pacific

Europe (including Russia) North America

Africa and the Middle East

Source: IEA (World Energy Outlook 2019), United Nations (Population Division - Medium variant estimate), Roland Berger



Latin America

# Between now and 2040, ~EUR 23 000 billion will be invested in new capacities (generation + grids), with a particular push in Africa

Cumulative investment between 2019 and 2040 in electricity generation capacity [EUR billion]<sup>1)</sup> – 2°C target

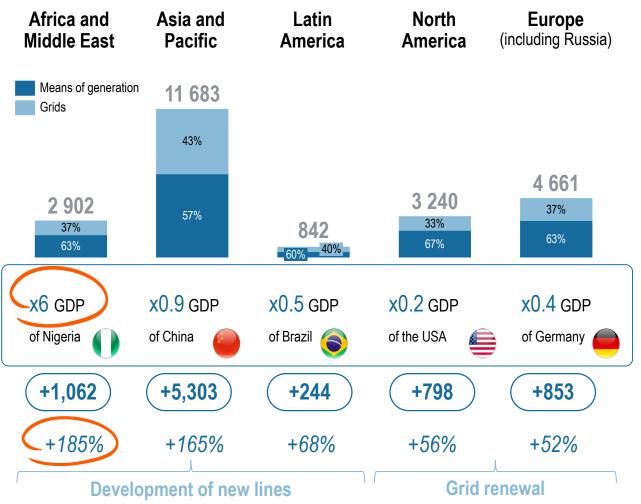


### Additional generation capacities **2019-2040**<sup>2)</sup> [GW]

As a % of capacities in 2018

#### Main growth drivers

1) Dollar to euro conversion rate: 0.89 2) Additional capacities – capacities withdrawn from the grid Source: Oxford Economics, IEA (World Energy Outlook 2019), Roland Berger



# In addition, electricity is likely to benefit from a substitution effect in industry, construction and transport

Sectors' electrification – Rationale and applications

#### Switch in usages

- > A regulatory environment favouring a switch of certain usages to electricity (e.g. taxing emissions, noise restrictions)
- Direct effect on the reduction in local pollution (emissions, noise, pollutants) in relation to heating technologies

#### Construction

- Accelerated development of thermal control in buildings (e.g. expansion of electric heating and more specifically of heat pumps)
- Sharp increase in renovations of old buildings (better insulation and energy efficiency)

#### Industry

- Development of betterperforming electric motors (to the detriment of combustion engines) fuelled by batteries<sup>1)</sup> or fuel cells (hydrogen)
- > Electrification of iron and steel-making processes: rapid development of electric arc furnaces as an alternative to blast furnaces
- Electrification of chemical processes: lowtemperature chemical processes

#### Transport

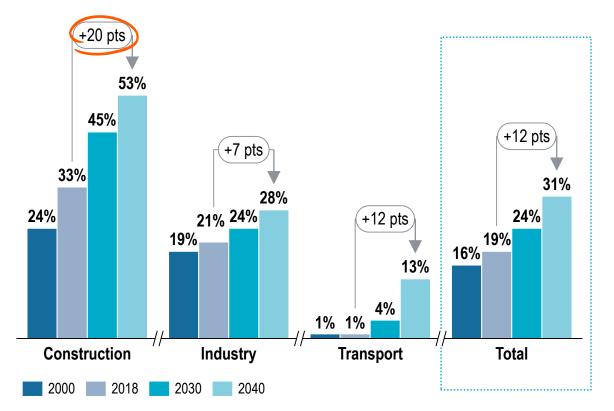
- Development of electric land vehicles: 1.9 billion electric vehicles by 2040, according to the IEA (2°C target)
- Development of electric aircraft is ongoing, for urban air taxis and for conventional airlines
- Development of regional hydrails (to replace diesel trains)



1) Provided the battery is charged by zero-carbon electricity Source: IEA (World Energy Outlook 2019), Roland Berger

The proportion of electricity in the total energy consumption of these sectors should therefore continue and its growth accelerate

Share of electricity in total energy consumption by sector – 2°C target





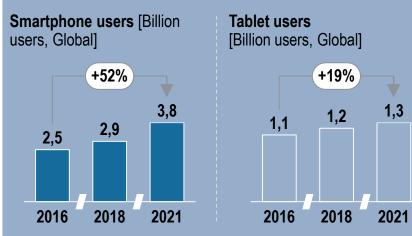
- > Usage substitution, making it possible to improve energy efficiency, for example:
  - 'Smart buildings' becoming more widespread, making it possible to reduce the total energy consumption of buildings by 10% by 2040
  - Deployment of digital solutions for truck operations and logistics, making it possible to reduce freight energy consumption by 20-25% by 2040
- Increase in the share of electrical technologies in final energy consumption, despite strong improvements in their efficiency

# 100% electric digital uses are continuing their rapid expansion

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#### Growth in digital and data uses

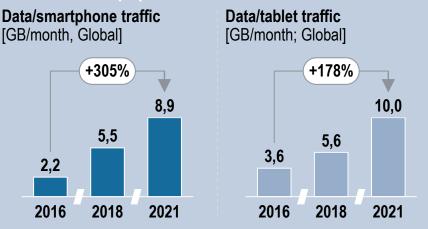
The quantity of digital devices in circulation globally is growing rapidly...



Increase in digital devices in circulation made possible by:

- > Progress in miniaturisation and processing power
- > An increase in middle-class incomes

#### ... and high-speed broadband infrastructures, bolstering the growth of data generated beyond the increase in equipment



The development and surge in new data-hungry digital usages made possible by the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure (4G, 5G, fibre optic) and geolocation technology: highdefinition video streaming, video-conferencing tools, connected objects, cryptocurrencies, etc.

Widespread use of remote working on a larger scale (as a result of Covid-19), fostering an uptick in digital uses

Source: Usine Nouvelle, Ericsson (Mobility Report 2019), eMarketer, Roland Berger

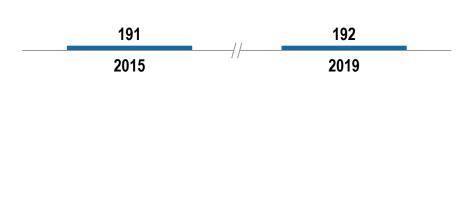
# Electrical consumption by data centres is likely to continue to grow, despite improvements in their energy efficiency

Electricity consumption by data centres

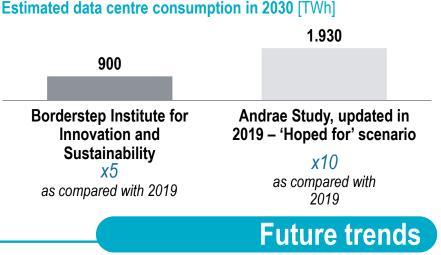
#### **Recent situation**

- > Cumulative data centre electricity consumption has been stable since 2015 and has not therefore had a significant impact on global electricity consumption, despite an increase in the number of data centres and data processed
- Stability resulting from the increased energy efficiency of data centres, made possible by the development of 'hyperscale' data centres (on a large scale – 37% of data centres in 2019)

#### Historical energy consumption of data centres [TWh]



- > Convergence of bench-line studies and key players regarding trends towards greater consumption by data centres: energy efficiency gains will no longer be enough to offset the growth in data traffic in the coming years
- > Divergence of bench-line studies on the speed of this growth



#### Source: Enedis, US Energy Information Administration, Senelec, Roland Berger

# **Dubai – United Arab Emirates**

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### Did you know?

The average outage time per customer in the USA was almost twice that of France in 2019, excluding exceptional events









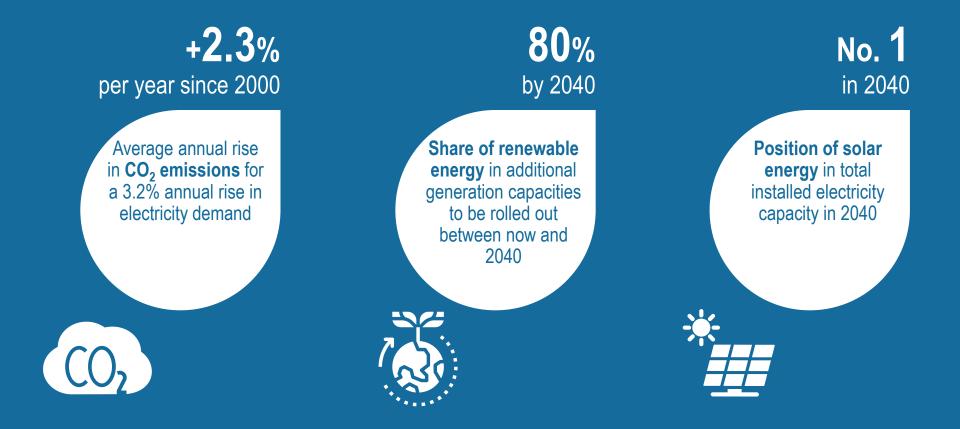
### B. Contribution of electrification to combat climate change



Key figures

# Electrification reduces $CO_2$ emissions, notably through the development of renewables

Contribution of electrification to combat climate change – Key figures



# Electrification will play a key role in combating climate change in terms of generation, grids and consumption

## Contribution of electrification to **combat climate change**



For generation, renewable energies should make it possible to significantly reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with electricity generation. Between 2018 and 2040, renewable energies will therefore account for ~80% of additional generation capacity deployed for adherence to the 2°C target

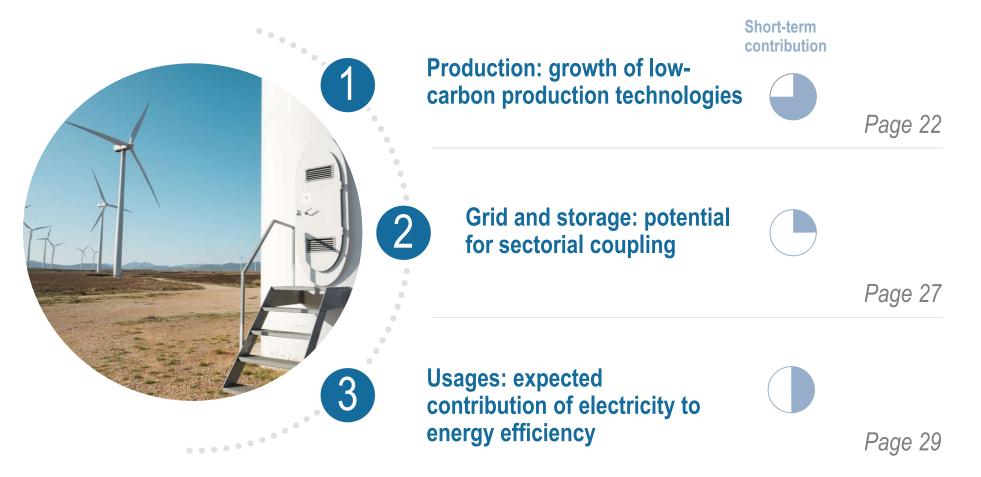
'Sectorial coupling', leveraging different energy generation technologies, which is heavily reliant on electricity grid storage, will ultimately contribute to climate targets by bolstering the interoperability of all energy inputs, so that more efficient use can be made of surplus or unavoidable generation<sup>1)</sup> (renewable energy, heat, etc.)

For consumption, electrification improves energy efficiency in several ways: the greater intrinsic energy efficiency of electric motors as compared with combustion engines, deployment of sensors making it possible to manage and reduce electricity consumption, gradual reduction in electricity consumption in numerous day-to-day uses (computers, household devices, etc.)

1) Unavoidable energy: quantity of energy lost since it is not recovered or re-purposed during the energy generation process, of which it is not the primary object Source: Roland Berger

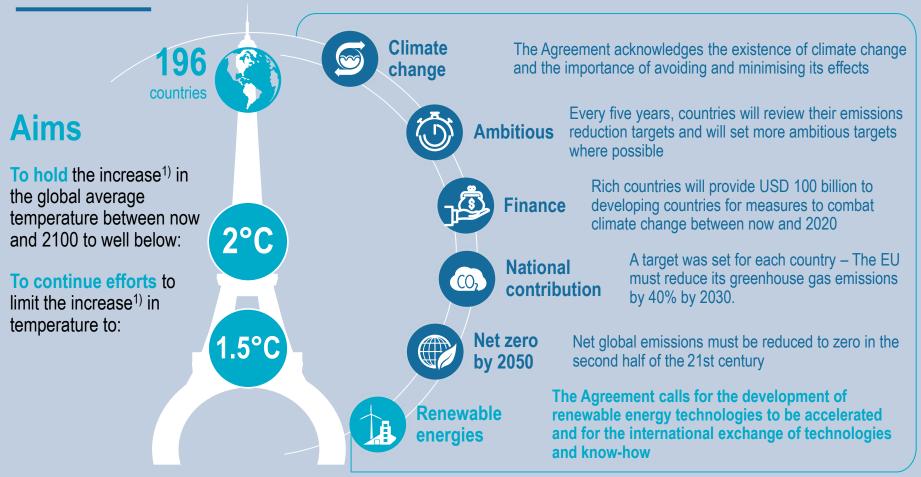
# Electrification will play a key role in combating climate change, from its generation, the grid and its usage

Contribution of electrification to combat climate change – Agenda



# In 2015, 196 countries agreed to limit global warming to 2°C under the Paris Agreement by the year 2100

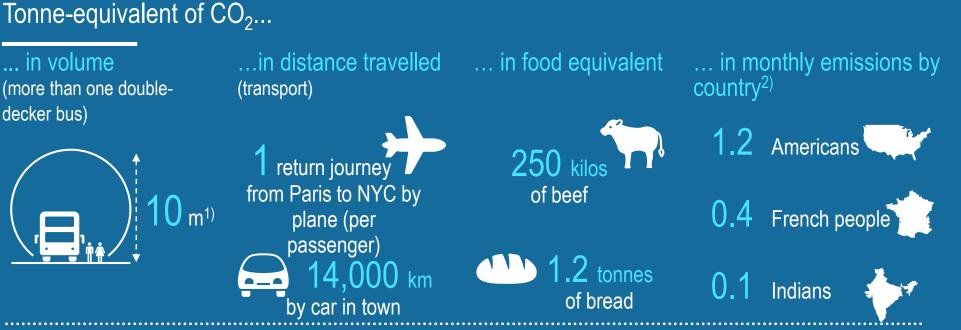
#### **Paris Agreement**



1) Average global temperature rise between 1850 and 2100 beyond which the consequences of climate change FOR ecosystems are deemed devastating. Source: United Nations Organization, Roland Berger

# The tonne-equivalent of CO<sub>2</sub> is used as a benchmark for climate policies

**N.B.:** 1Gt = 1 billion tonnes



...in electricity generation time (for a plant operating at full capacity)

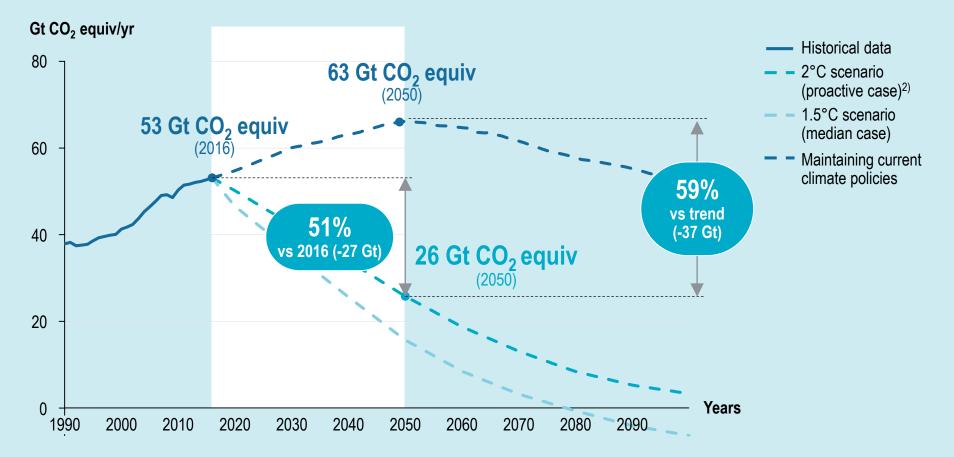




1) Bubble at atmospheric pressure and ambient temperature 2) Total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the country expressed as per inhabitant per month 3) Assumptions: electric power of 750 MW, 820 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> issued per MWh generated 4) Assumptions: 750 MW electrical power, 490 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> issued per MWh generated Source: ConsoGlobe, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), EDF, Roland Berger

# Limiting global warning to 2°C means reducing greenhouse gases by half by 2050, compared with 2016 levels

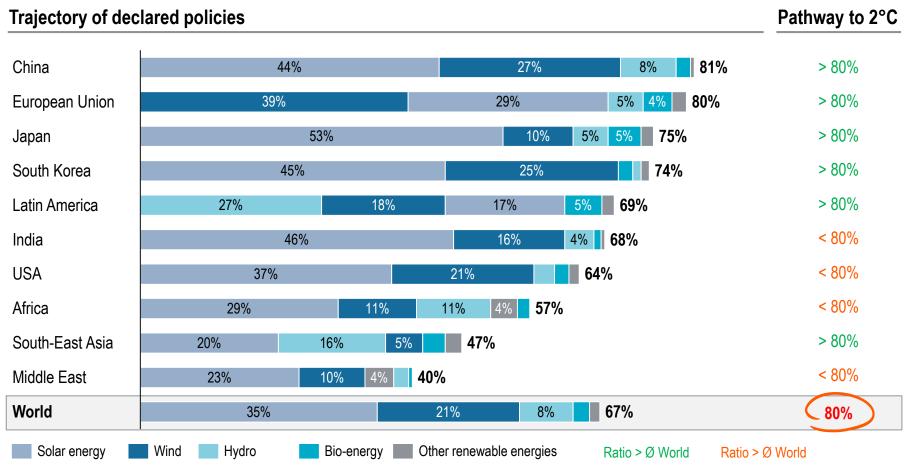
Gross global greenhouse gas emissions of anthropogenic origin<sup>1</sup> [Gt CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent/year]



1) Historical data available up to and including 2014 (projected data for 2015-2020 re-processed 2) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – Median scenario 2°C Source: Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (EDGAR) database, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Roland Berger

# For the 2°C target, ~80% of additional generation capacities deployed between now and 2040 will be renewable energies

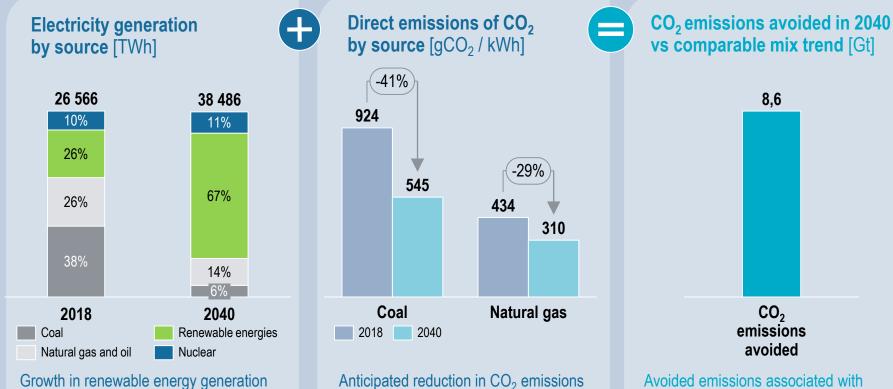
Share of renewables in additional generation capacities [2019-2040]



Source: IEA (World Energy Outlook 2019), Roland Berger

# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions should therefore fall by 8.6 Gt in 2040, compared with an emissions trend with a comparable generation mix

Estimate of  $CO_2$  emissions avoided in 2040 – 2°C target



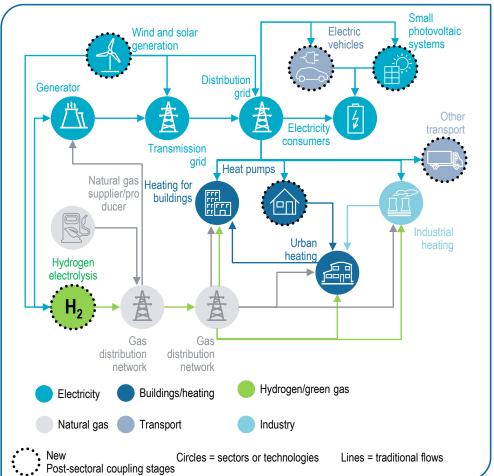
Growth in renewable energy generation resulting directly from an increase in installed capacities Anticipated reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from generation sources thanks to technological progress

Avoided emissions associated with electricity generation, compared with an emissions trend with a comparable generation mix

# By making energy flows interoperable, sectoral coupling will make it possible to make the most efficient use of surplus production

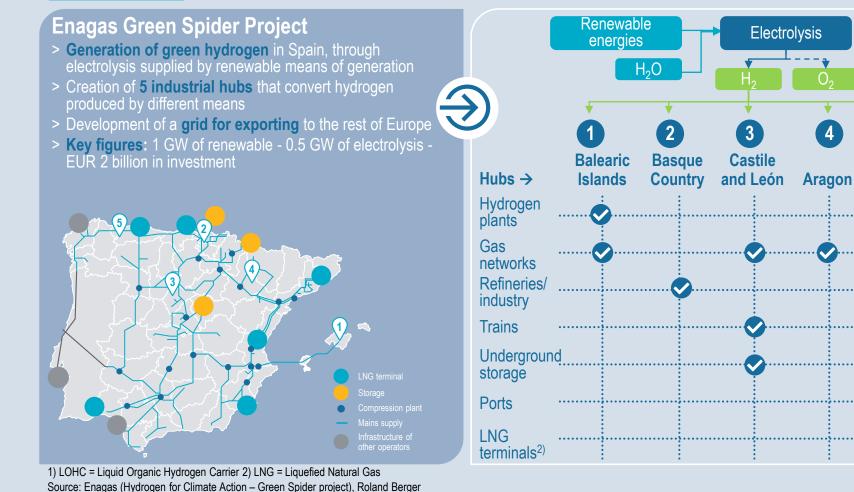
Sectoral coupling – Overview of the concept

- > Principle: efficiency by combining different energy flows that had previously been separate, on complex sites
- Source of value: recovery of unavoidable energy that was previously lost
- > Technical means: energy storage in the form of electricity (battery), heat or hydrogen (synthesis through electricity)
- > Outlook: development, through technological progress, of digital (real-time/algorithmic management), renewables and storage (fall in costs)



# By way of example, the Green Spider project aims to interconnect electricity, hydrogen and natural gas on a large scale in Spain

#### Case study – Enagas Green Spider Project



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**Asturias** 

# Electrification makes it possible to progressively and significantly improve the energy efficiency of numerous usages

Link between electricity and improved energy efficiency



Increased efficiency of electric motors as compared with combustion engines (transport, industry) Page 30

- > Greater intrinsic efficiency of the electric motor as compared with a combustion engine, together with less local pollution, leading to progressive substitution in transport (electric vehicles) and industry
- Possibility of equipping electric motors with variable speed drives, making it possible to adjust speed as needed in real time, to significantly reduce the associated energy consumption



Development of smart sensors and meters to optimise consumption

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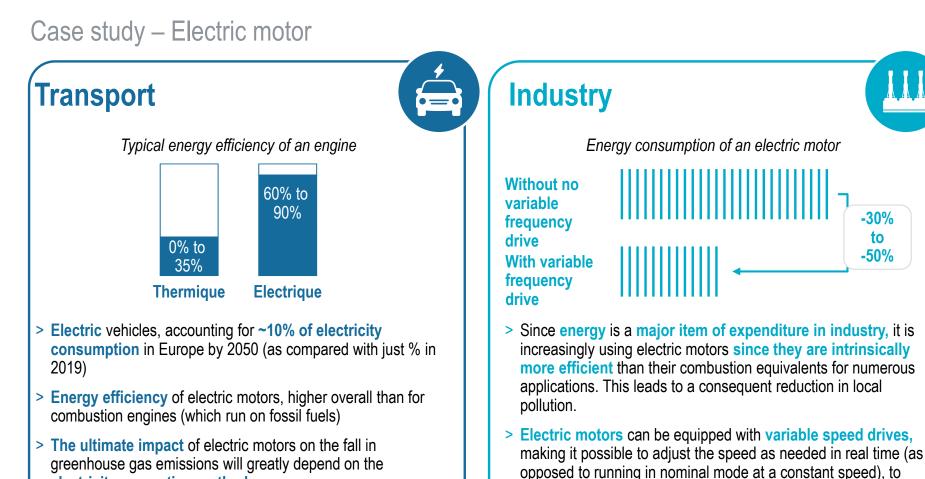
- > Development of **smart sensors/meters**:
  - Providing a detailed and real-time picture of the consumption of a building (industrial, commercial, residential) or even of a specific piece of equipment
  - Making it possible to adjust and optimise electricity consumption based on the data received
  - Facilitating the switch between grid and own consumption

Continuous improvement of the energy efficiency of electricity usage

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- Fall in average electricity consumption of domestic electrical appliances, thanks to:
  - Technological progress and improved performance
  - Consumers who are more aware of their environmental impact
  - Thermal renovation of old buildings

# More energy efficient than their combustion equivalents, there are now more electric motors in industry and transport



electricity generation method

significantly reduce the associated energy consumption

# Through the use of smart objects and data processing, electrification can also improve energy efficiency

The example of electricity sensors and meters – Main advantages

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Measurement of electricity consumption in real time, segmented by usage





#### Individuals

- > Greater sense of responsibility and awareness among consumers: better direct control of consumption, making it possible to achieve energy savings over time
- > Billing based on actual consumption



#### Industry

- > Virtually instant readjustment (for example, based on the price of electricity)
- > Targeting of energy savings over time (for example, operating smart industrial facilities at their maximum efficiency, alerts about consumption by certain equipment)



#### **Tertiary sector**

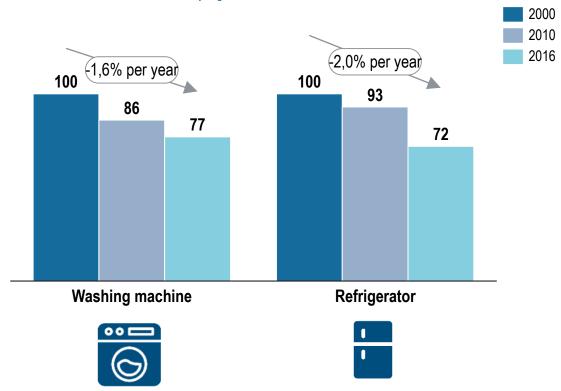
Facilitation of selfgenerated energy consumption: switch in real time from own consumption of renewable energy to exchanges with the national grid when supply is intermittent

Finally, less need for new power plants: better management of electricity consumption, making it possible to limit greenhouse gas emissions

# Finally, the energy efficiency of electricity usage is being continuously improved

#### Case study – Electricity usage

### Average electricity consumption of domestic appliances [Baseline 100 in 2000; Europe]





- > Main factors contributing to a fall in the average energy consumption of household electrical appliances
  - Technological progress: new appliances intrinsically more efficient and less energy-intensive
  - More responsible user behaviour
  - Thermal renovation of housing: better insulation, reducing electricity consumption associated with heating or air conditioning
- > Gradual expansion of the housing stock, contributing to an increase in consumption that does not undermine energy efficiency gains

Source: European Environment Agency (Progress on Energy Efficiency in Europe), Roland Berger

### If economic deceleration becomes necessary, electrification will be all the more essential

Impact of a scenario of deliberate economic deceleration on electrification

#### Electricity remains essential to human development

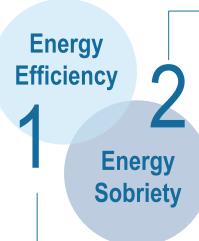
The entire global population must have access to electricity from 2030 onwards, to ensure adherence to the +2°C target

Examples of impact on human development:

- > Better access to education
- > Further expansion of the healthcare system

2 conditions are necessary, but are not sufficient in themselves (more far-reaching lifestyle changes are required), for achieving a scenario of deliberate economic deceleration

Technical condition Continuous improvement of usage efficiency across all sectors (construction, industry, transport) Substitution effect: switch from highly polluting usages to electricity



Behavioural condition

Promotion of certain alternative sectors (lowimpact transport) Promotion of new behaviours (remote working) and acceptance of a reduction in comfort level (air conditioning)

Source: The Global Carbon Project, Roland Berger

### Did you know?

While the fall in global fossil fuel-based  $CO_2$  emissions during the Covid-19 pandemic was impressive, it was merely equal to the average level in 2010

Daily average fossil-fuel-based CO<sub>2</sub> emissions [Mt CO/day]





C. Contribution by electrification to the development of new economic models



Looking beyond the established players, new economic models and players are emerging in the electricity ecosystem

Impact of electrification on economic models – Summary



# Looking beyond the established players, new economic models and players are emerging in the electricity ecosystem

# Contributions by electrification to the development of **new** economic models



The **decentralisation of electricity generation** has contributed to the emergence of new players alongside the established players: generation and flexibility aggregators, energy brokers, *peer-to-peer* platforms that connect producers with consumers



In line with the trend already seen in many sectors, **energy is gradually switching to an 'as-a-service' model**, repositioning players in the value chain: e.g. increasing flexibility of uses, payment for services provided, and no longer for the infrastructure



Numerous **digital start-ups** are providing technology-based asset and energy management **services and** setting themselves up as **new intermediaries** 

# These models are mainly associated with the decentralisation of generation and the development of new services

Impact of electrification on economic models – Agenda



### Development of new models linked to the decentralisation of generation

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Switch from the provision of a commodity to an *Energy-as-a-Service* model

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Emergence of new digital intermediaries combining equipment, software and data analysis

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### The decentralisation of energy generation has contributed to the emergence of alternative models to those of established players

#### Economic models and activities associated with energy decentralisation

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#### (Flexibility) aggregators

- > Intermediaries facilitating access to the capacity market for 'small players' (including consumers): aggregation and capitalisation on the flexibility of these players, paid on the basis of the availability of their load management response
- > Solution enabling customers to reject the load management **response** as they choose (risk assumed by the aggregators)

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#### **Energy brokers**

- > Marketplaces that ensure supply matches demand between the commodity price agreements and the main suppliers
- > Peer-to-peer marketplaces for **flexibility services**



#### (Generation) aggregators & developers



- > Aggregators of supply (capacities) and demand (needs) through the creation of virtual power plants (VPPs) that can be managed remotely and in real time
- > Solution replacing **power purchase obligation agreements** and enabling small producers to access the electricity market







#### 'Peer-to-peer' matching players

- > Direct matching of consumers with producers (disintermediation)
- > A solution aimed primarily at providing green and own production energies and to making the pricing policy transparent and easy to understand
- > 100% digital subscription pathway



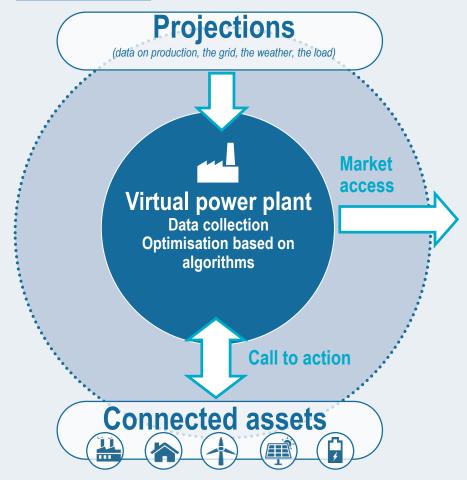


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An aggregator manages and makes the most efficient use of decentralised capacities on the energy markets using high-performance information systems

Case study – Aggregator: 'virtual power plant' value chain



### Concept of the virtual power plant (VPP)

**Portfolio of power generation assets** used by an assets manager to **pool and optimise market access** for decentralised players, sometimes with small-scale storage

Operating generation units grouped together as a single resource

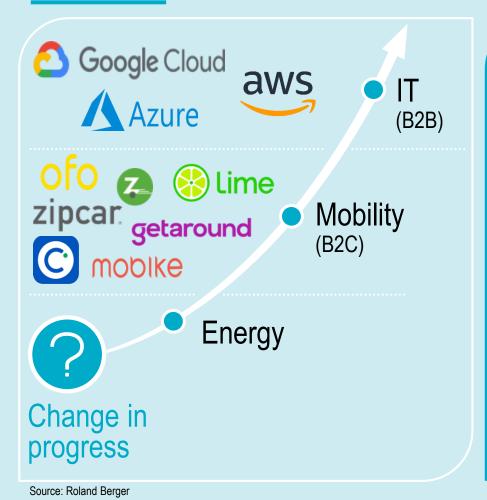
Optimisation of the virtual power plant by adding it to **the grid** 

Association with the concept of the 'Internet of Energy':

a grid equipped with numerous **information technologies** making it possible to **control remotely and in real time** the means of generation (for example, based on the weather, changes in electricity prices, etc.)

# In line with the trend already seen in many sectors, energy is gradually switching to an 'as-a-service' model

Energy as a Service (EaaS) – Explanation of the concept



# The **5** distinctive features of *Energy as a Service*



**New offering**: grouping together multiple services with a guaranteed minimum level, concentration of the supply on the customer experience



Infrastructure financed by the services (and no longer by the commodity): billing customers based on the quantity of services used



**Flexible contracts**: change in the types of B2B contracts (not aligned with the life cycle of the infrastructure – 10, 20, 40 years)



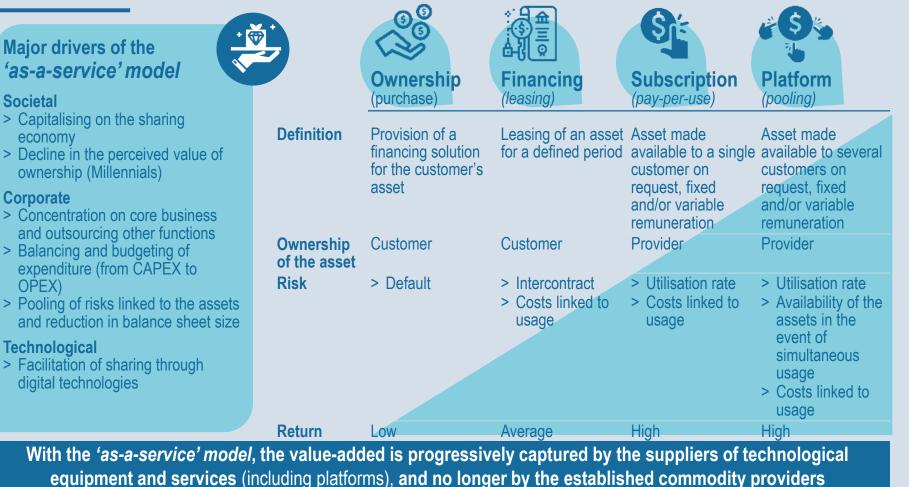
**Broad customer base**: offsetting the shorter contract term with a broader customer base to ensure sufficient income

**More direct market**: standardisation of direct sales using digitalisation, in contrast to the historical model (wholesale sales + B2B retail sales - bypassing intermediaries)

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# Several 'as-a-service' models are possible and can be combined – Players who capture increased value are evolving

#### Economic models and activities linked to energy services



Source: Roland Berger

# Digital start-ups, as new intermediaries, provide technological services (sensors, data, software)

Economic models associated with 'smart buildings' and 'smart grids'

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#### Categories **Proposed solutions** Start-ups > Software solutions facilitating the work of grid planners **Planning of grid** investments > Examples: digital twinning, investment planning solution SENSEWAVES TOPPLAI Grid management > Data-based solutions enabling predictive maintenance, evaluation of grid performance and energy losses, as well as Odit real-time monitoring and historical analysis of load and congestion (dynamic management) intesens > Examples: real-time overview of grid status, assistance in exploiting smart meter data Screenbird Screenbird > Monitoring cable status and fault detection through signal and wave-based Monitoring cable status technologies OB > Examples: close monitoring of cable status across the grid, reduction in the risks of cable faults > Use of data from existing sensors/owners **Management of** to be able to offer software solutions that optimise energy consumption energy .... (primarily used in buildings) consumption > Examples: optimisation of energy consumption in buildings using Internet of data DCbrain opinum Things (IoT) devices (connected objects) made available from a data hub to smappee the data analysis service energĭsme

### Did you know?

Cities around the world

that have declared their

**Smart City ambitions** 

Cities that have

drawn up **plans** 

demonstrating a

global strategic

approach

Cities that have

achieved an

advanced stage

of

implementation

The Smart City concept is nothing new, but very few towns and cities have yet managed to put it into practical effect over a given area

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- > Lines of action (e.g. changes in mobility, e-services)
- > **Planning** (e.g. dedicated budget and personnel, measurable targets)
- Infrastructure and policies (e.g. legislation and regulations, high-speed broadband)

To assess the implementation of the Smart City concept, **4** factors are examined

- > Appointment of **project managers**
- > Quantity of lines of action actually covered
- > Progress of the project as a whole
- > Establishment of a **monitoring framework**





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