



Carbon-neutral Road Transport 2050

a technical study from a well-to-wheels
perspective

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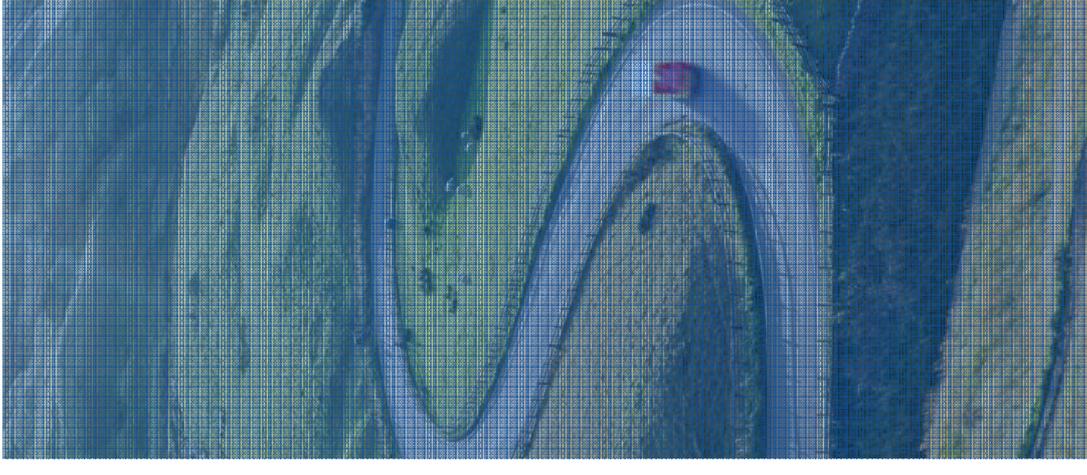
Fleet and Fuel Scenarios for 2050 Carbon Neutral Road Transport in the EU

Aim of the study:

- Explore options for carbon neutral road transport in the EU by 2050, in a WtW perspective

Relevance to EU policy:

- Examine technical options for a strong contribution of road transport to meeting the Green Deal / Climate Law objectives of carbon neutrality by 2050



Concept of the study

TTW

Which powertrains could be used in 2050?

3 Powertrain Scenarios

Which efficiency improvements are possible by 2050?

Optimistic – Pessimistic ranges

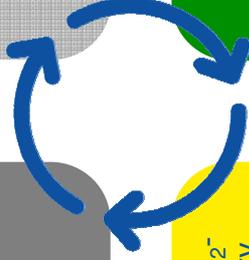
WTT

What will be the CO₂-footprint of electricity production in 2050?

**2 Electricity Scenarios:
100% Renewable (RES) & 1.5 Tech**

Which fuel production paths could be used in 2050?

**4 Fuel Scenarios:
Biofuels, e-fuels,
Mixed fuels and
Limited fossil**



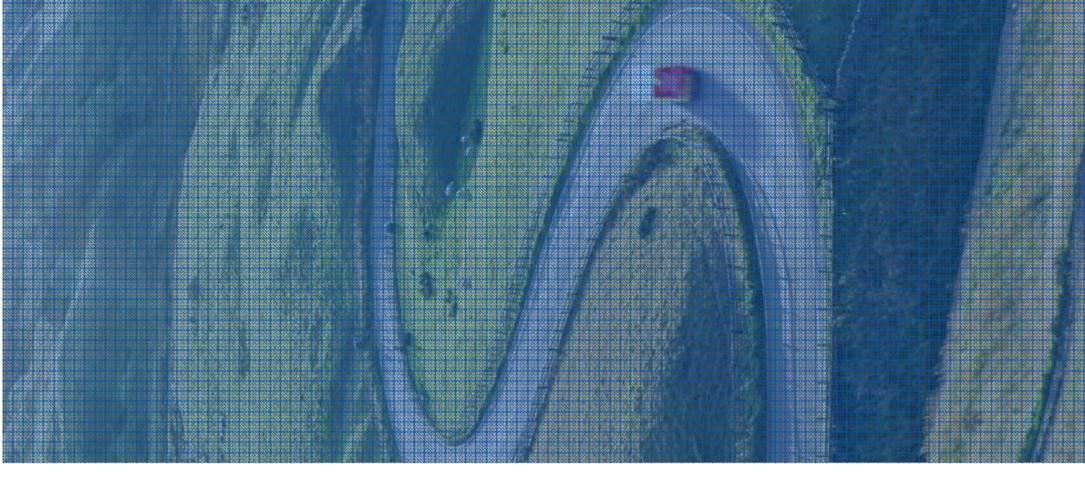
ERTRAC study I has presented fleet scenarios (published 2020)

The present study adds:

- fleet and measure updates
- fuel pathways
- the requirement of carbon neutrality

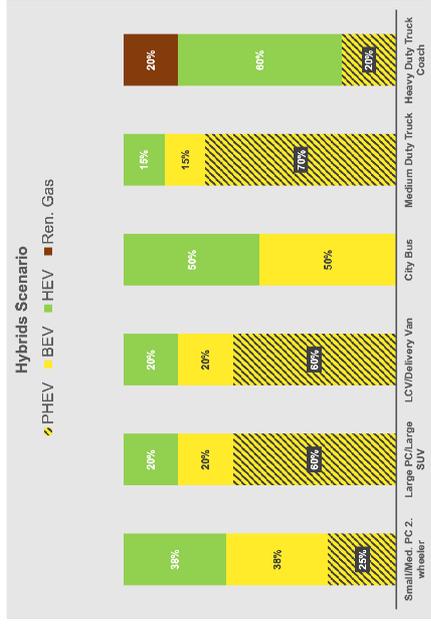
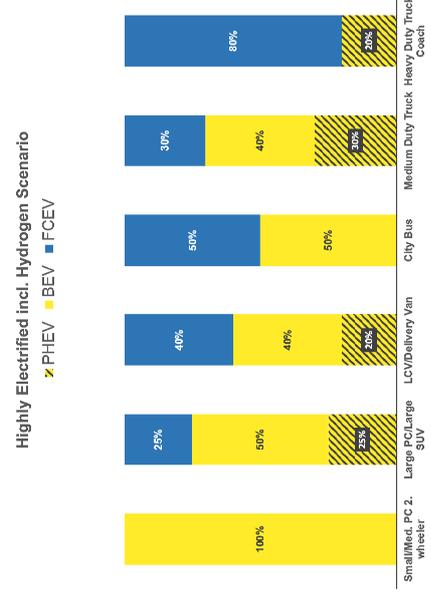
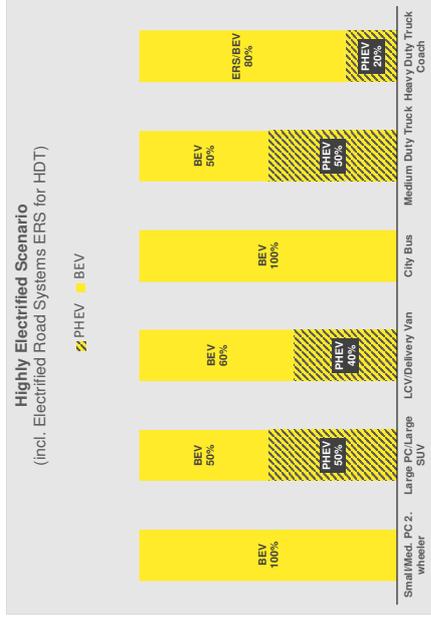
DISCLAIMER

- **The ERTRAC Carbon neutrality Study 2050 (WTW) analyses different “extreme” scenarios and compares effects.** It does not aim at giving a projection or at describing the way to achieve a carbon neutral road transport.
- The study only reflects the views of the contributing authors and is not an official European Commission position.
- **Results:**
 - This study explored different corner scenarios based on a static fuel and fleet modelling exercise.
 - The analysis does not include dynamic modelling or prediction; the results of the analysis should be considered as estimates for comparative purposes.
 - The analysis does not draw conclusions on fuel and electricity availability, competition with other sectors demand, economics, societal acceptance ...



3 Powertrain Scenarios 2050

Scenarios assumptions as input for the study:

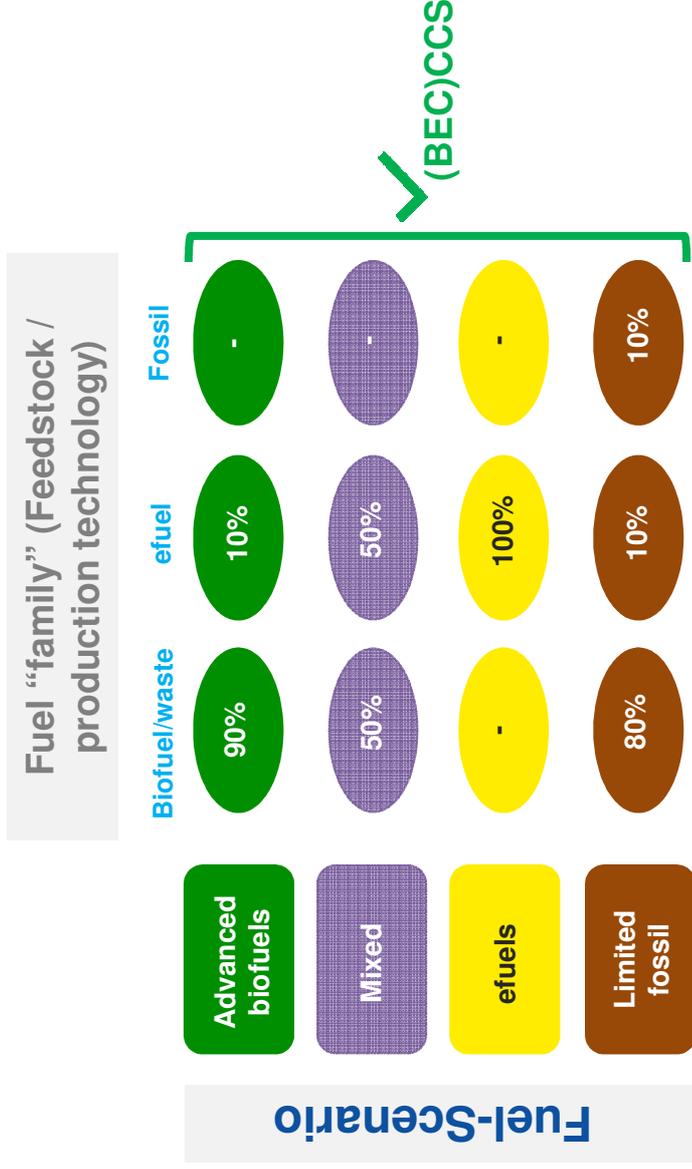


3 different powertrain scenarios analysed (corner-points):

- Highly Electrified incl. Electrified Road Systems (HE-ERS)
- Highly Electrified incl. Hydrogen (HE-H)
- Hybrids Scenario (Hyb)



4 Fuel Scenarios 2050



Note: BECCS refers to biofuel production routes coupled with CCS (allowing negative emissions)

Comparison of different fuel “family” shares being used in the different fuel scenarios (corner-points).

Fuel scenarios have been drafted independently from the powertrains scenarios.

The interactions between these two scenarios will be detailed in the WtW study.

Note:
 – Basis: JEC WTT v5 – 2030 extended towards 2050
 – Drop-in fuels compatible with existing powertrains

Results Fleet & Energy scenarios TtW



Question 1:

How much

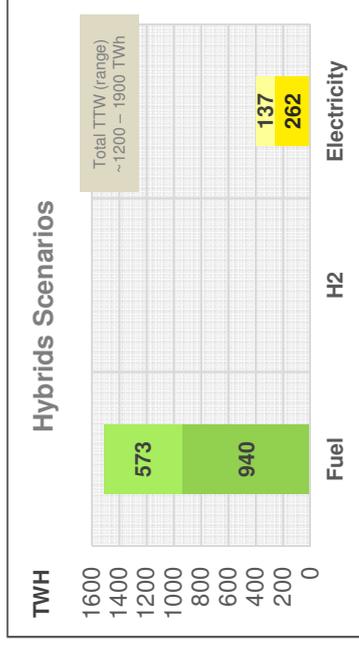
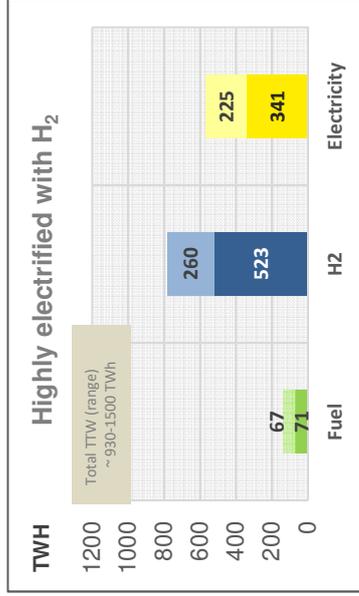
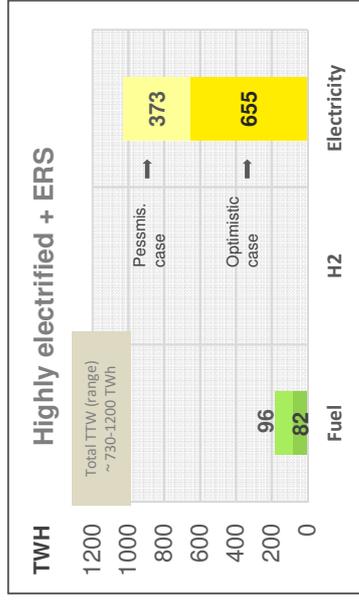
- fuel
 - hydrogen
 - electricity
- could be required (use) in EU Road Transport by 2050? (TtW, TWh).





Question 1:

How much fuel/hydrogen/electricity could be required (use) in EU Road Transport by 2050? (TtW, TWh).



Significant reduction of fleet-average TTW Energy Consumption:

The total TTW energy consumption could range between ~730 and 1900 TWh. A significant reduction is shown in all scenarios considered (45% to 80% savings) in total energy requirement versus 2015. (As a reference, 290 Mtoe consumed in the EU road transp. 2015 <-> 3400 TWh).

Fuel: Significant reduction compared to EU road transport sector in 2015.

In the highly electrified scenarios the savings in fuel consumption are up to 98%. The highest use of fuel (Hybrids-Scenario) varies between 940 and 1510 TWh → 55% to 70% savings

Hydrogen:

The use of Hydrogen ranges between 520 and 780 TWh (Highly electrified with H2 scenario).

Electricity: Road Vehicles consume directly up to 35% of total 2015 EU final electricity consumption.

The use of electricity ranges from ~260 up to 1000 TWh (the latter in the highest electrified scenario (HE + ERS scenario) which represents ~35% of total EU-wide electricity consumption in 2015).

Efficiency is paramount (Delta "Optimistic-Pessimistic")

Technical measures (A,B and C) targeting efficiency improvement

- Vehicle
- Traffic condition
- System improvements

Potential to reduce the energy consumption by ~35-40%, showing the importance of boosting R&D in these areas.

Results Fleet & Energy scenarios WtW



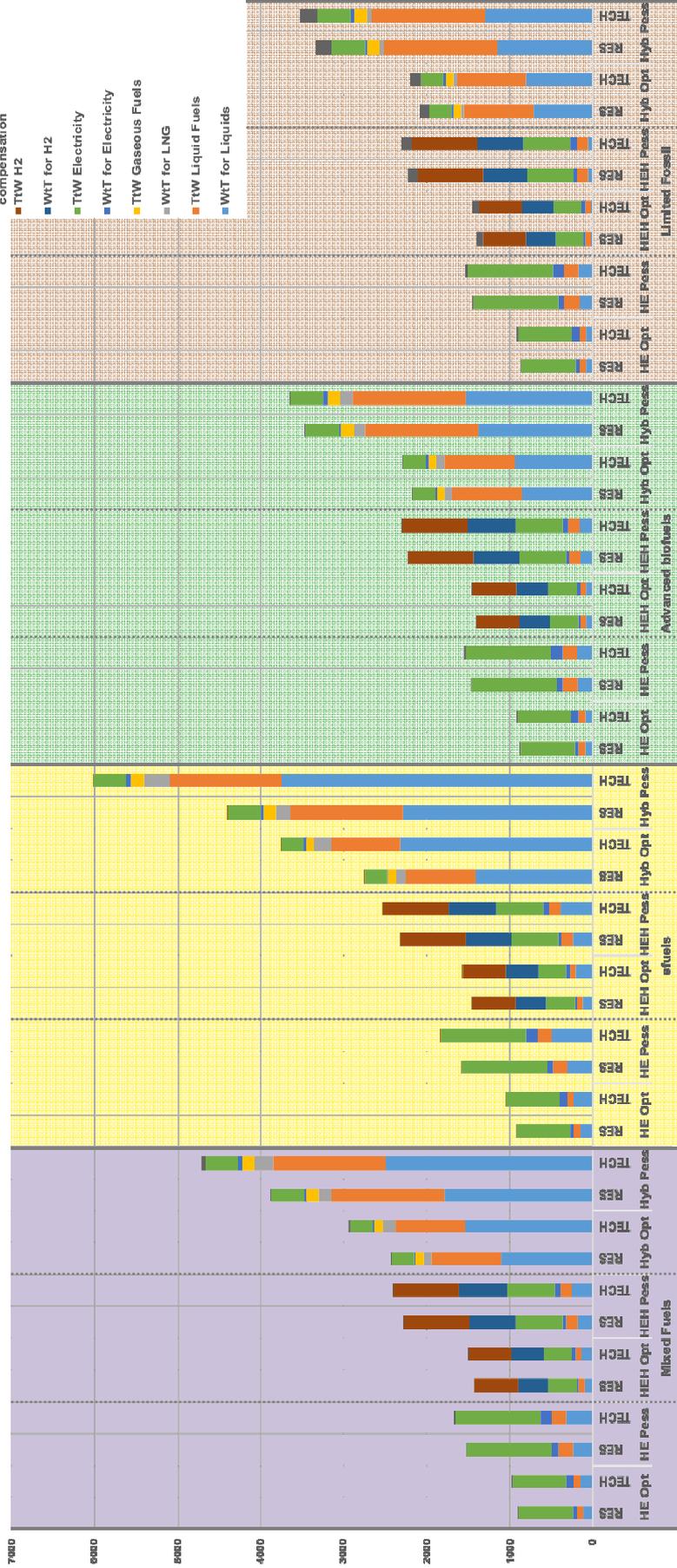
Question 2:

How much energy could be required to reach a net CO_{2eq} neutral road transport in Europe? (WtW, TWh)



Results: WTW energy consumption 2050

WTW Energy [TWh], carbon neutral



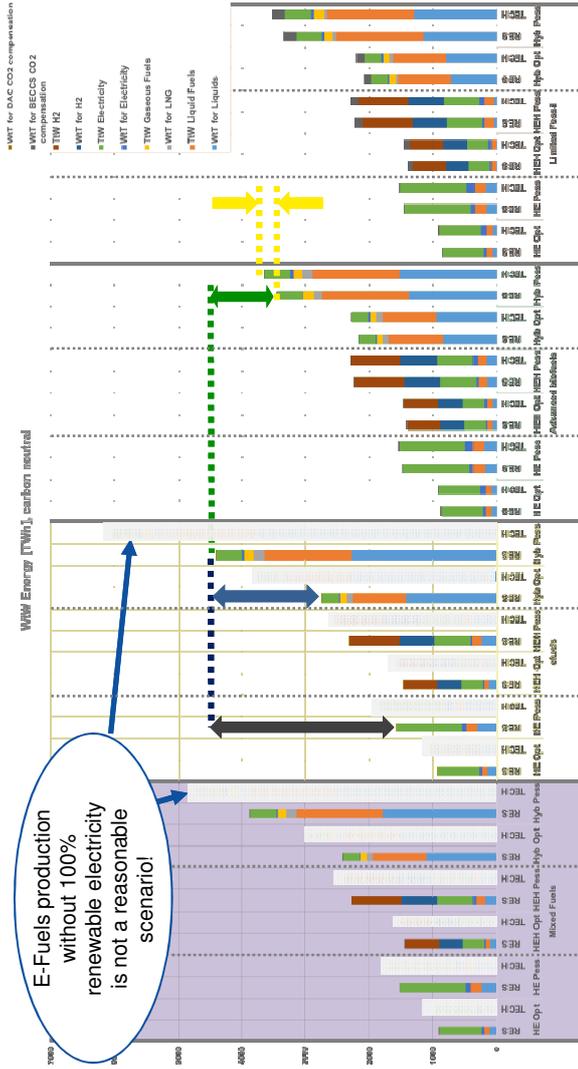
Energy consumption by fuel, WTT and TTT, shown for
 → 4 fuels scenarios
 → 3 Fleet scenarios combined with Optimistic and Pessimistic measures
 → 2 Electricity production scenarios

Results Fleet & Energy scenarios



Question 2:

How much energy could be required to reach a net CO_{2eq} neutral road transport in Europe? What leverage have the different scenarios? (WtW, TWh, CO₂ neutral)



The variation in the WtW Energy demand between

- the fleet scenarios is up to ~3000 TWh
- the optimistic-pessimistic case is up to ~1500 TWh
- the fuel scenarios is about ~1000 TWh
- electricity production scenarios up to ~250 TWh



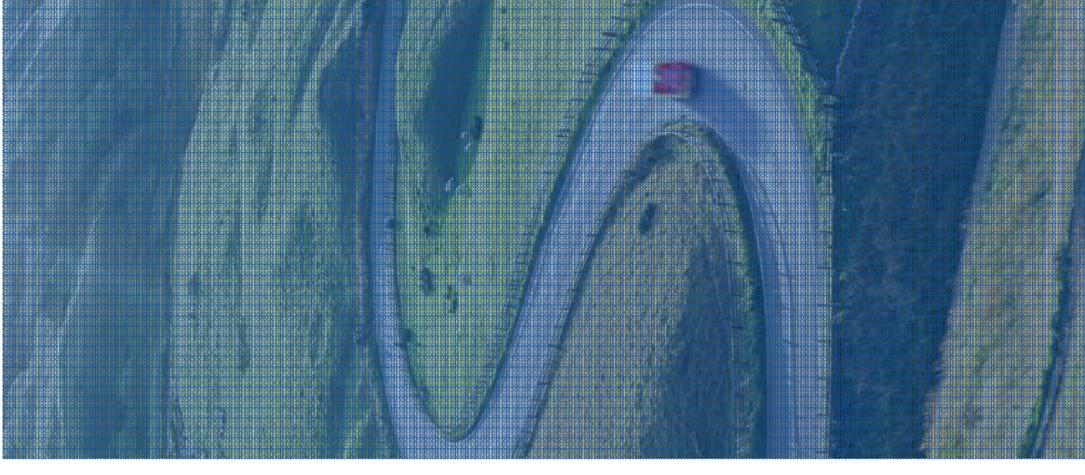
The share of TtW in the whole WtW energy consumption varies between ~50% up to 90%, increasing with the level of fleet electrification.



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RESULTS
→ E-Fuels production without 100% renewable electricity is not a reasonable scenario!
→ In the following slides we mainly focus on the 100% renewable electricity scenario (RES), combined with all fleet and fuel scenarios.

Conclusions

- **The complete and robust carbon-neutrality** of road transport could be achieved with a **mix of technologies**
- **The demand for fuels decreases massively in all scenarios** (in highly electrified scenarios up to 95% savings).
- The overall **WtW energy demand decreases drastically with fleet electrification**
- **In strongly electrified scenarios, the WtW differences in energy consumption** between the fuel scenarios are quite **small**.
- The **energy efficiency measures identified** (A, B and C) **reduce the energy / fuel consumption in all scenarios in a very significant way**.
- The total **demand for electricity** in road transport will **increase** (energy production + use in vehicle) (up to 1.6 time of total EU28 el. cons. 2019 if e-fuels are used along with a hybrid fleet)
- The largely **Carbon-Neutral production of electricity** is a prerequisite for “carbon-neutral” road transport in all fleet and fuel scenarios.



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Research Recommendations and Priorities:

1. Enable fleet mix change by

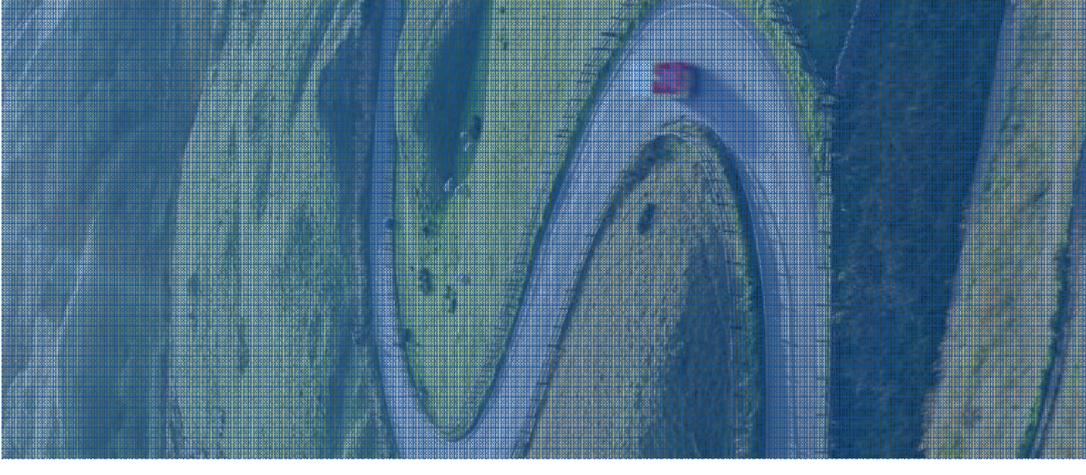
- Improving powertrain technology: cost, range, functionality, ...
- Adapting infrastructure technology and concepts

2. Efficiency improvements by

- Measure A: Vehicle
- Measure B: Traffic conditions
- Measure C: Traffic Reduction Technologies

Beside Road Transport:

- Renewable electricity generation capacity (inside and outside of Europe)
- Net carbon-neutral H2 and fuel production (inside and outside of Europe)
- Technology and capacity of CCS and DAC
- Availability of raw materials and sustainable feedstocks (appraised in a life-cycle analysis perspective)

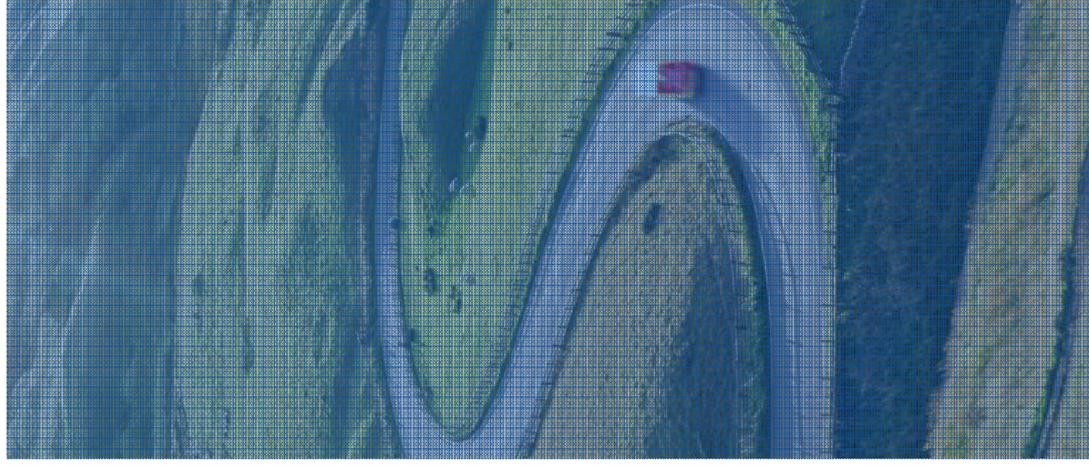


Next steps

→ Stay tuned for the detailed presentation to ERTRAC members (tentative date: 29th April)

→ The publication is under finalization.

In the meantime, you can find the previous publication online: [EU road vehicle energy consumption and CO2 emissions by 2050 – Expert-based scenarios](#)



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Thank you!

