

Terna Plants for Mediterranean HV network reinforcements

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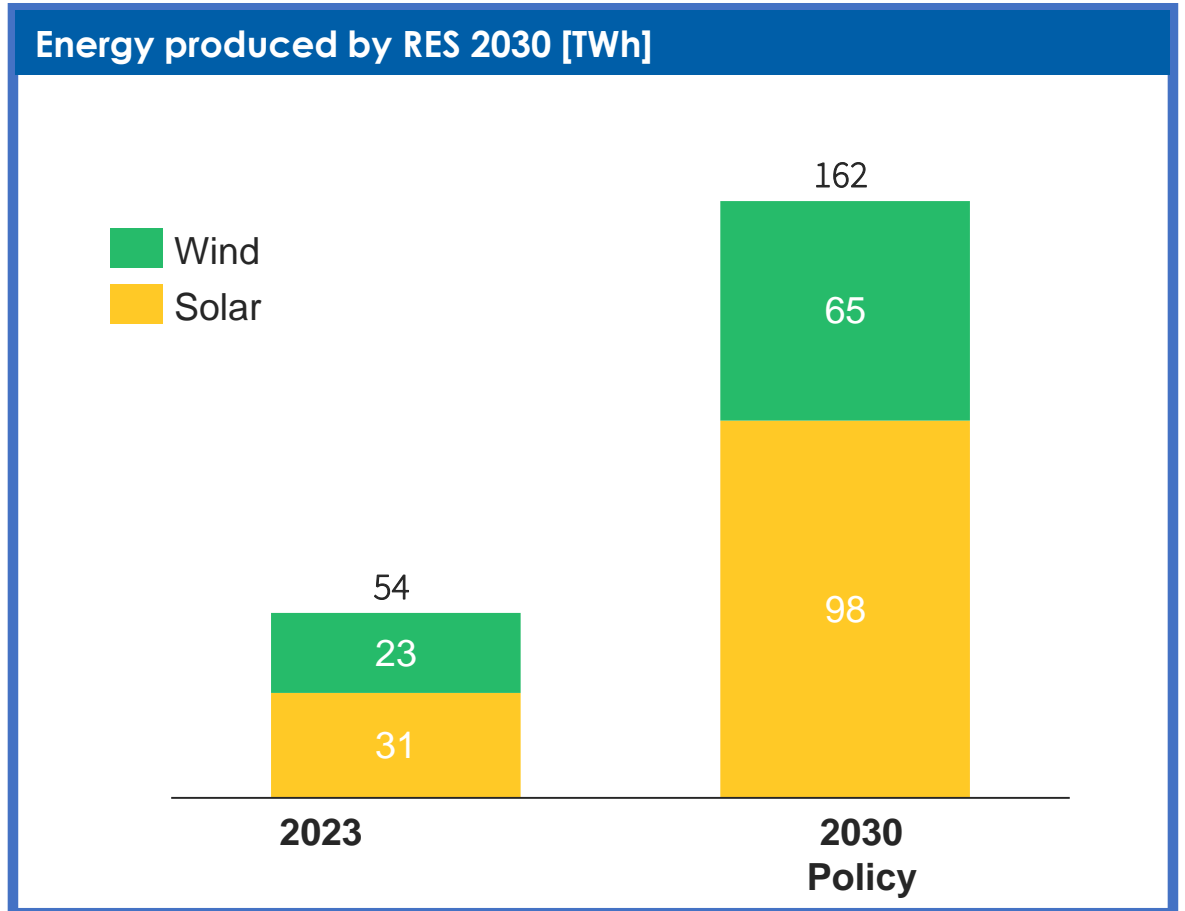
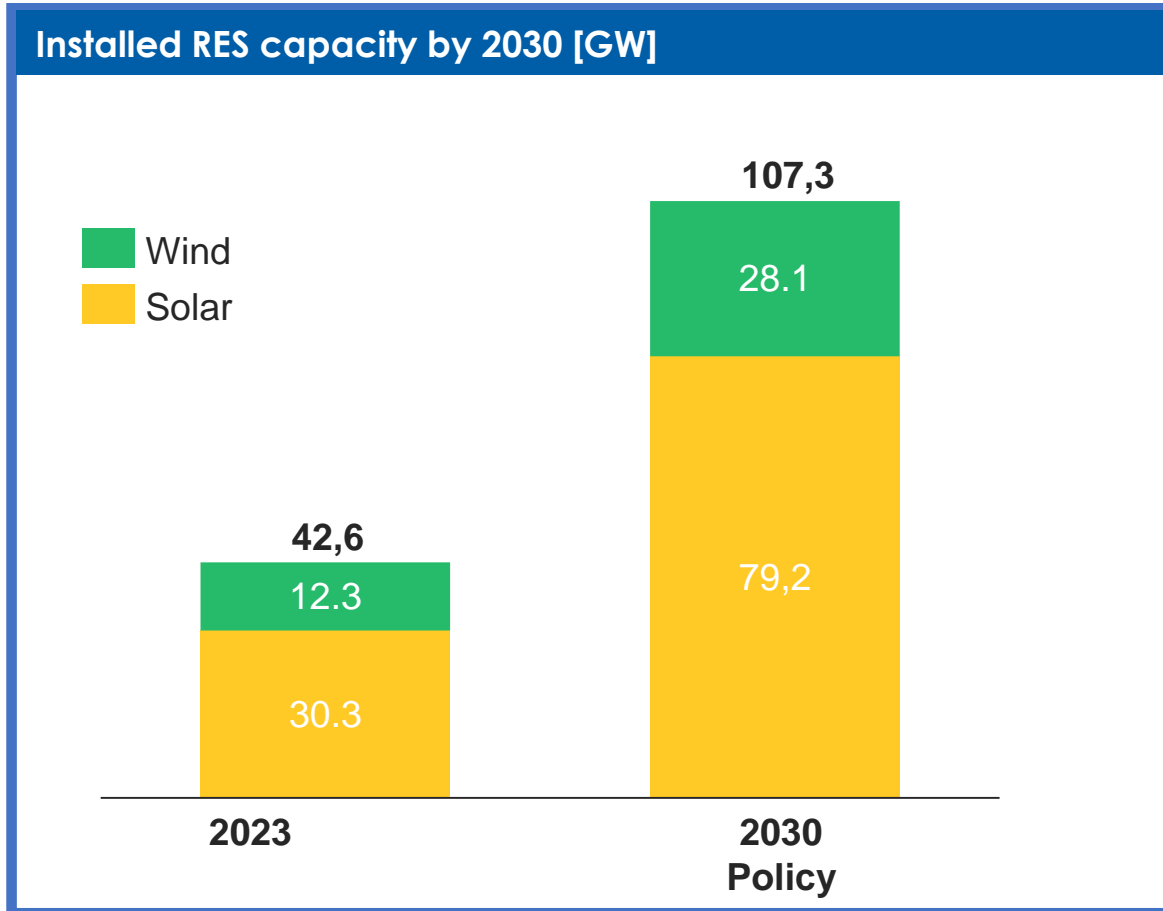
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The importance of a balanced mix of renewable technologies

Installed capacity and production of wind and solar in 2030 scenarios

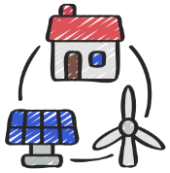


Achieving the EU and Italian decarbonization targets by 2030 requires tripling renewable capacities and addressing challenges like intermittency, congestion, and inertia loss. Coordinated investments in grid modernization, energy storage, and innovative solutions are essential to ensure a secure, resilient, and sustainable energy transition.



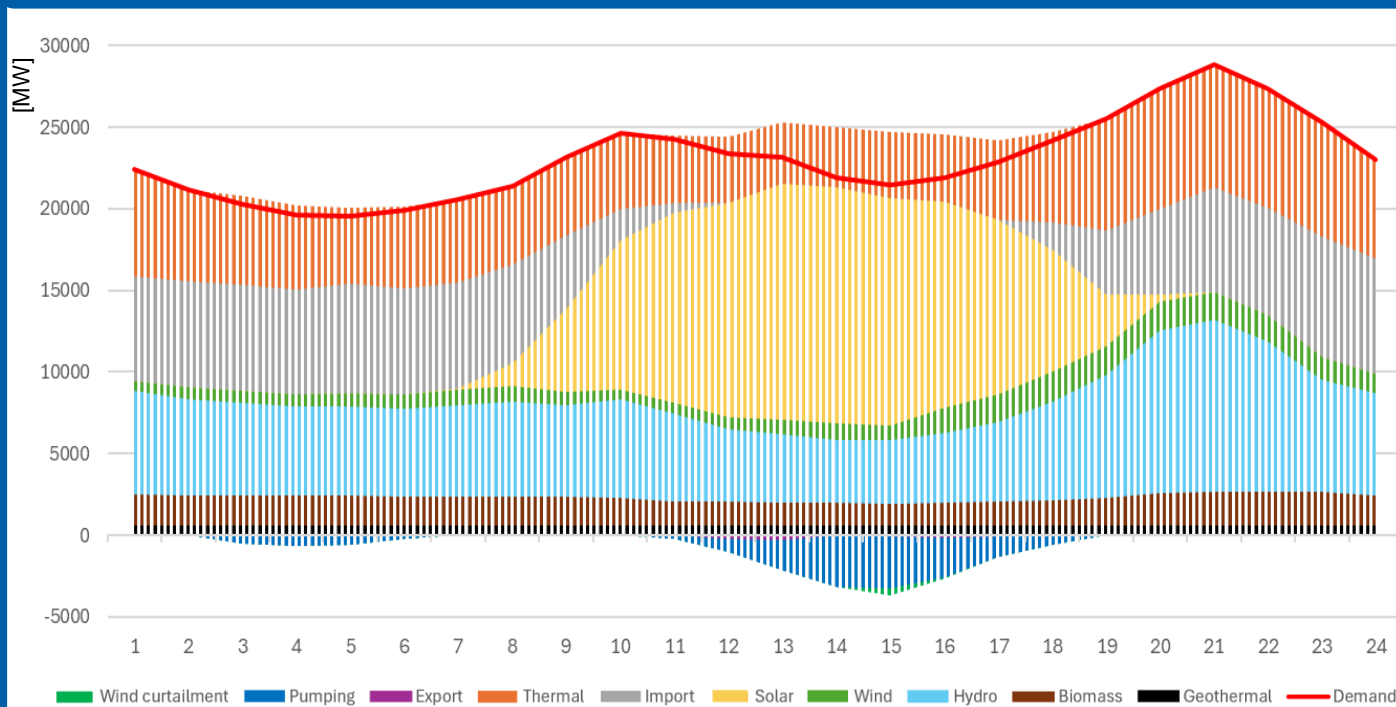
Overgeneration during «low consumption» days

Real case of «spring Sunday» - 7th of April 2024



Renewable production amounted to **74%¹** of electricity daily demand. **Peak RES share** recorded at 1 PM reaching **97%¹** of electricity demand (despite the modest contribution from wind)

ENERGY BALANCE



PV record input of 14.5 GWh¹ was recorded, a level never reached before, already net of self-consumption.



The usage of flexibility from **pumped storage plants** amounted to **13.6 GWh¹**.

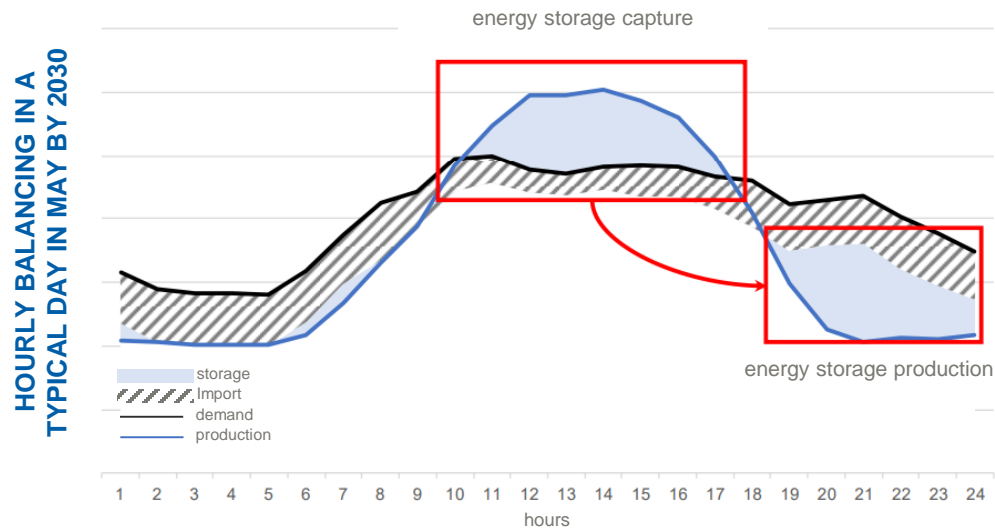


Limited overall **wind curtailment**, approximately **0.5 GWh¹**.

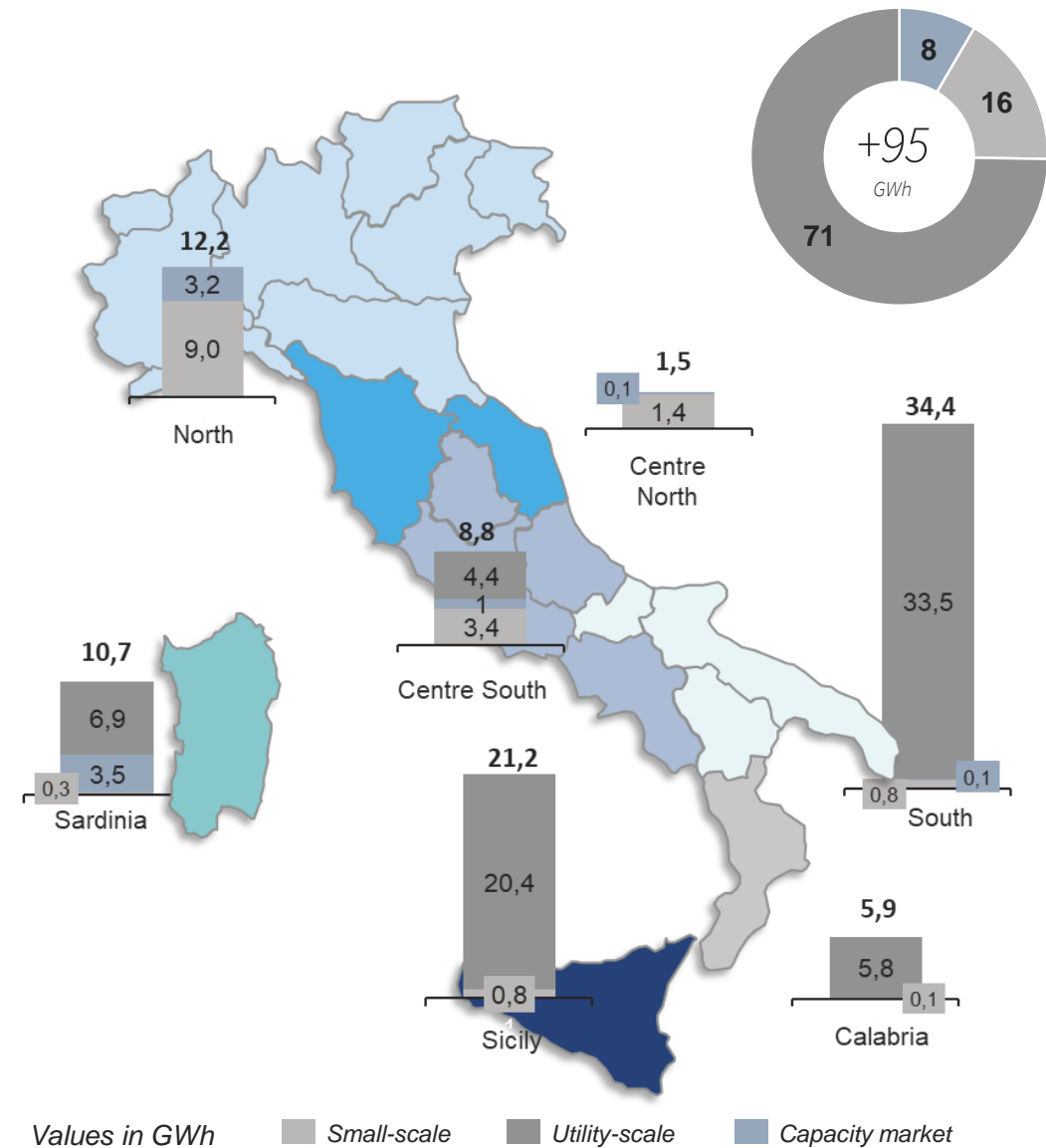
Energy Storage 2030 Scenario

Storage grid services

Storage capacity will significantly reduce RES overgeneration during surplus production hours. It enables energy shifting in time and space supports balancing demand, ensuring quality and security of supply.

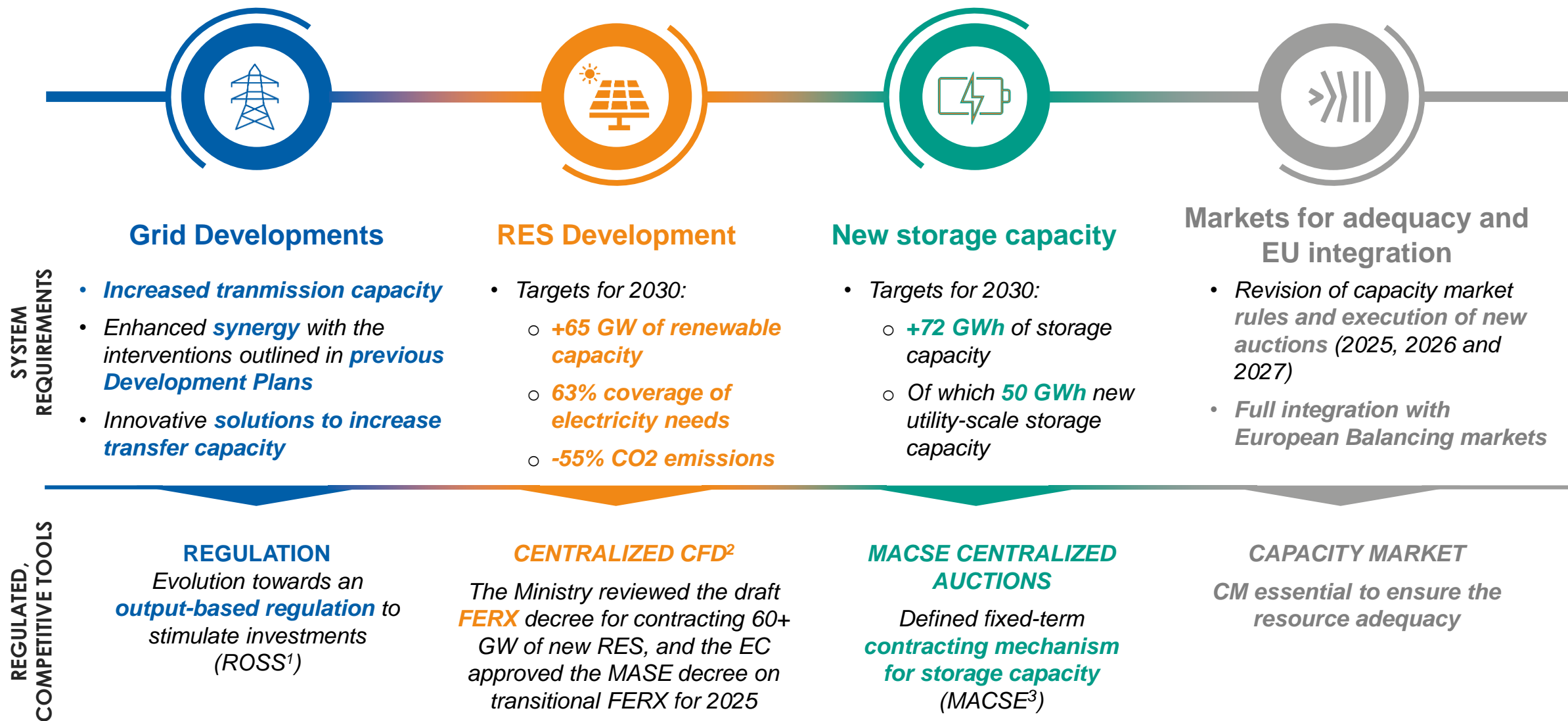


Coordinated planning of grid, RES, and storage minimizes costs. Optimal storage location and sizing depend on RES growth and grid evolution, with higher RES integration driving storage demand and vice versa.



Drivers of the energy transition in the electricity sector

System requirements and forward mechanisms to enable the financing of investments



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Grid Planning: Italian Grid Development Plan

Guidelines



Increase exchange capacity between bidding zones

Enhancing transfer capacity between market sections to efficiently transmit renewable energy from Southern Italy to Northern load centers, supported by the development of innovative infrastructure solutions



Infrastructural synergies

Maximizing synergies with planned projects by using existing asset corridors and repurposing disused sites, while minimizing the environmental impact of infrastructure development



RES integration

Adding **65 GW of new renewable capacity by 2030** to achieve a minimum **63% RES share** in gross electricity consumption and a **55% reduction in CO2 emissions**



Enhancement of system strength and resilience

Increase of system strength through the implementation of planned projects



National Development Plan

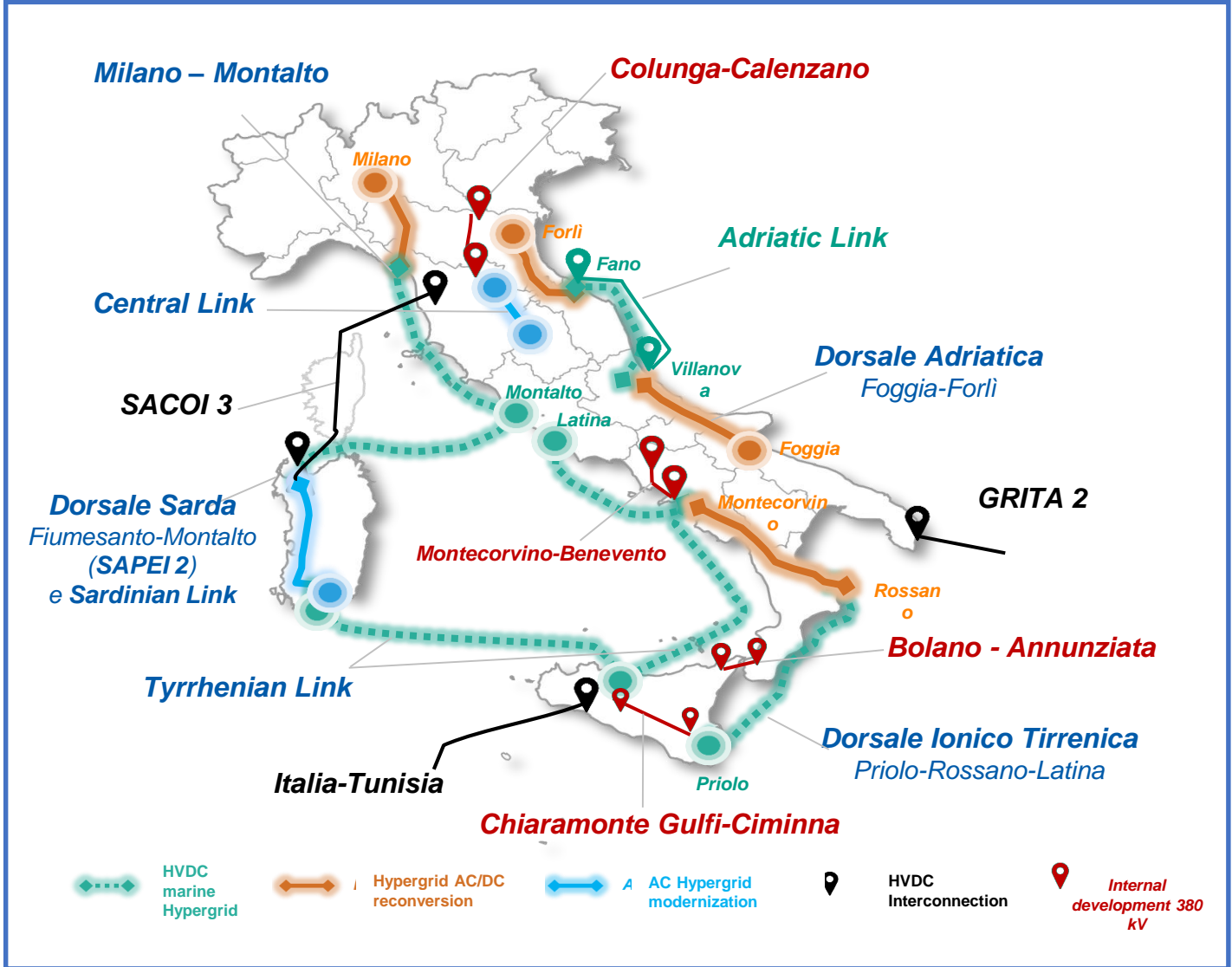
Key features of NDP 2023

+70 GW
New renewable capacity

-4.100 kt/year
CO2 reduction¹

+126 TWh
Production from renewable plants

-26,5 bcm
Savings of gas consumptions



Hypergrid is perfectly integrated with previously planned projects (i.e. Thyrrhenian Link and SACOI3)

(*) Equivalent to the CO2 emissions of 4.5 million cars, with a projected reduction of 12,000 kt/year by 2040, based on an average consumption of 90 g/km for a vehicle traveling 10,000 km annually

National Development Plan 2023

Progress of key projects

National

Among the projects nearing completion are nationally significant initiatives, including:

- Submarine HVDC connection between Sicily, Campania, and Sardinia: the **Tyrrhenian Link**
- HVDC connection between Abruzzo and Marche: the **Adriatic Link**
- 380 kV power line **Colunga-Calenzano**
- 380 kV power line **Chiaramonte Gulfi-Ciminna**

Cross border

Additionally, these interconnections reinforce Italy's role as a key energy hub for Europe and the Mediterranean:

- **HVDC** connection between **Italy and Tunisia**, a strategic project to optimize energy resources between Europe and North Africa
- **HVDC** connection between **Italy and Greece**, which will double the current interconnection capacity between the two countries and enhance energy exchange



National Development Plan

Future grid architecture



Synergy Creation

Hypergrid projects aim to synergize with planned developments and existing infrastructure, optimizing efficiency, utilizing assets, and maximizing NTC between market zones.



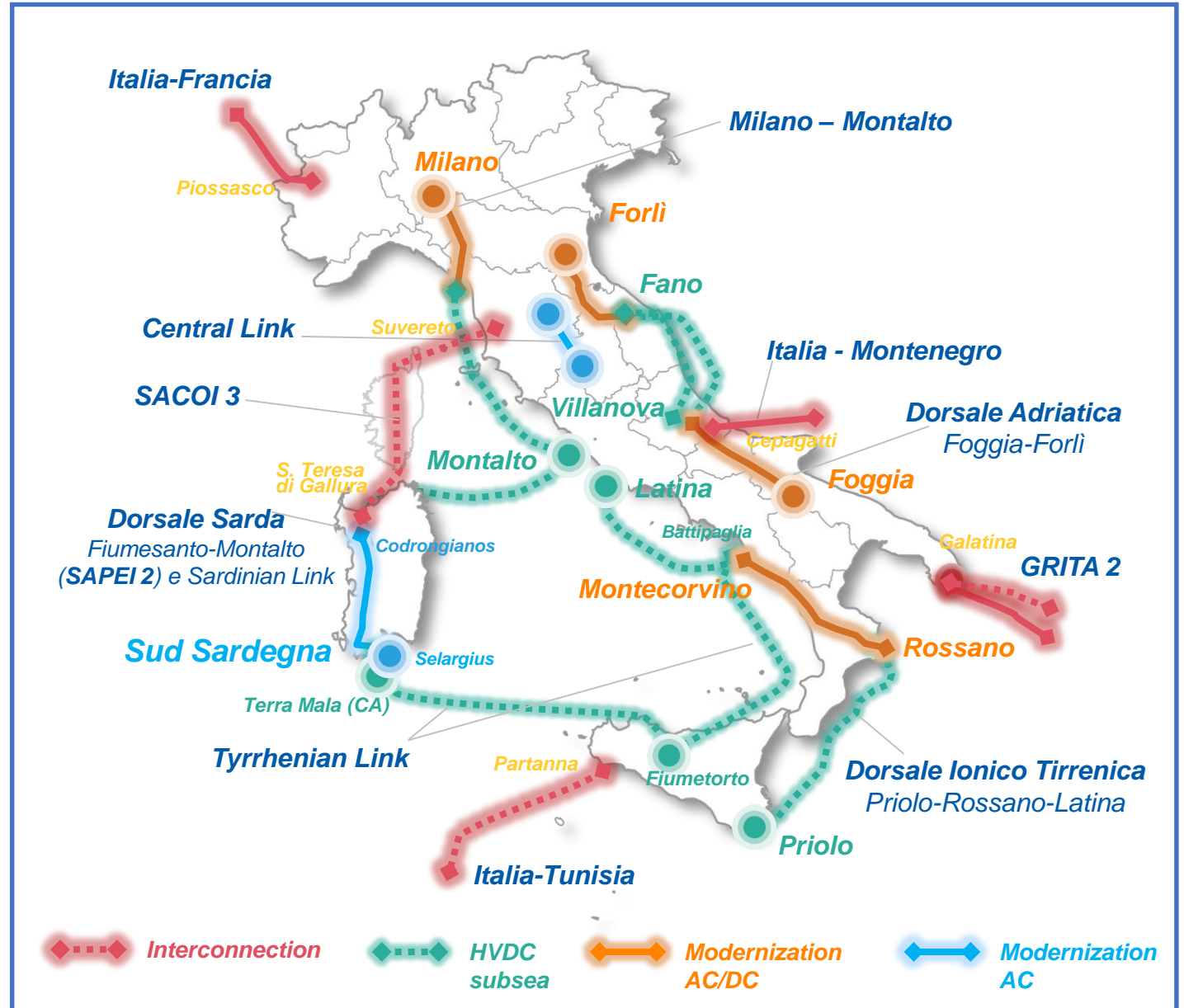
Grid Strengthening

Investments focus on strengthening the grid, boosting South-North backbones, improving island-mainland links, and enhancing resilience, efficiency, and renewable integration



Cross-Border Interconnections

Upgraded cross-border interconnections will expand exchange capacity and support renewable energy integration



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Existing and Future Interconnections

Overview

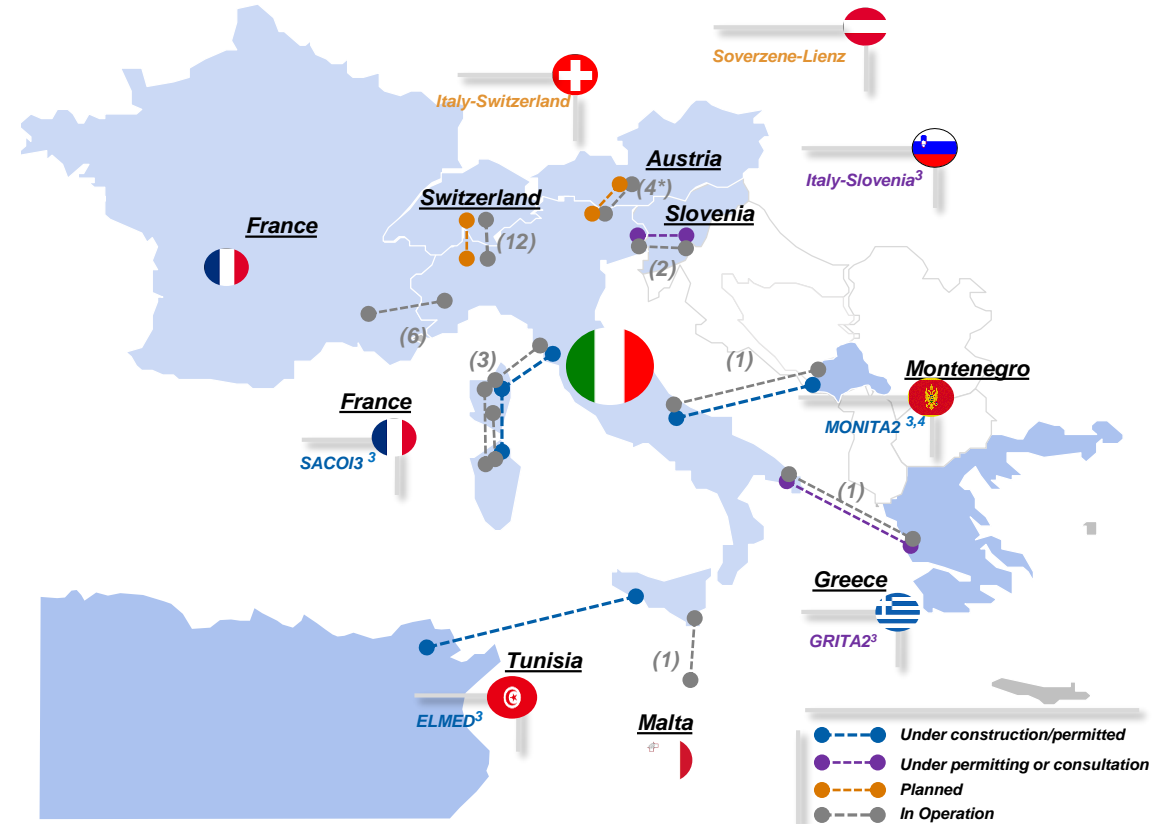
30* Existing interconnections in operation

3 Under construction or permitted

4 Projects in permitting, consultation, or planning stages

Opportunities from Interconnection Development:

- Maximize benefits for consumers and investors
- Drive price convergence and market integration
- Support RES growth and integration
- Enhance system flexibility and security
- Strengthen mid- and long-term supply security



1. Double links/poles are considered twice
2. Include main projects included in the National Development Plan
3. Project in HVDC technology
4. Second HVDC module full permitted and realization/commissioning is subject to the development of trans-Balkan corridor and electricity markets in the Balkans

Italy's strategic geographical position establishes it as a natural energy hub for the Mediterranean region.

* Including Brennero-Steinach, where works have been completed, and the system is now entering definitive operation.

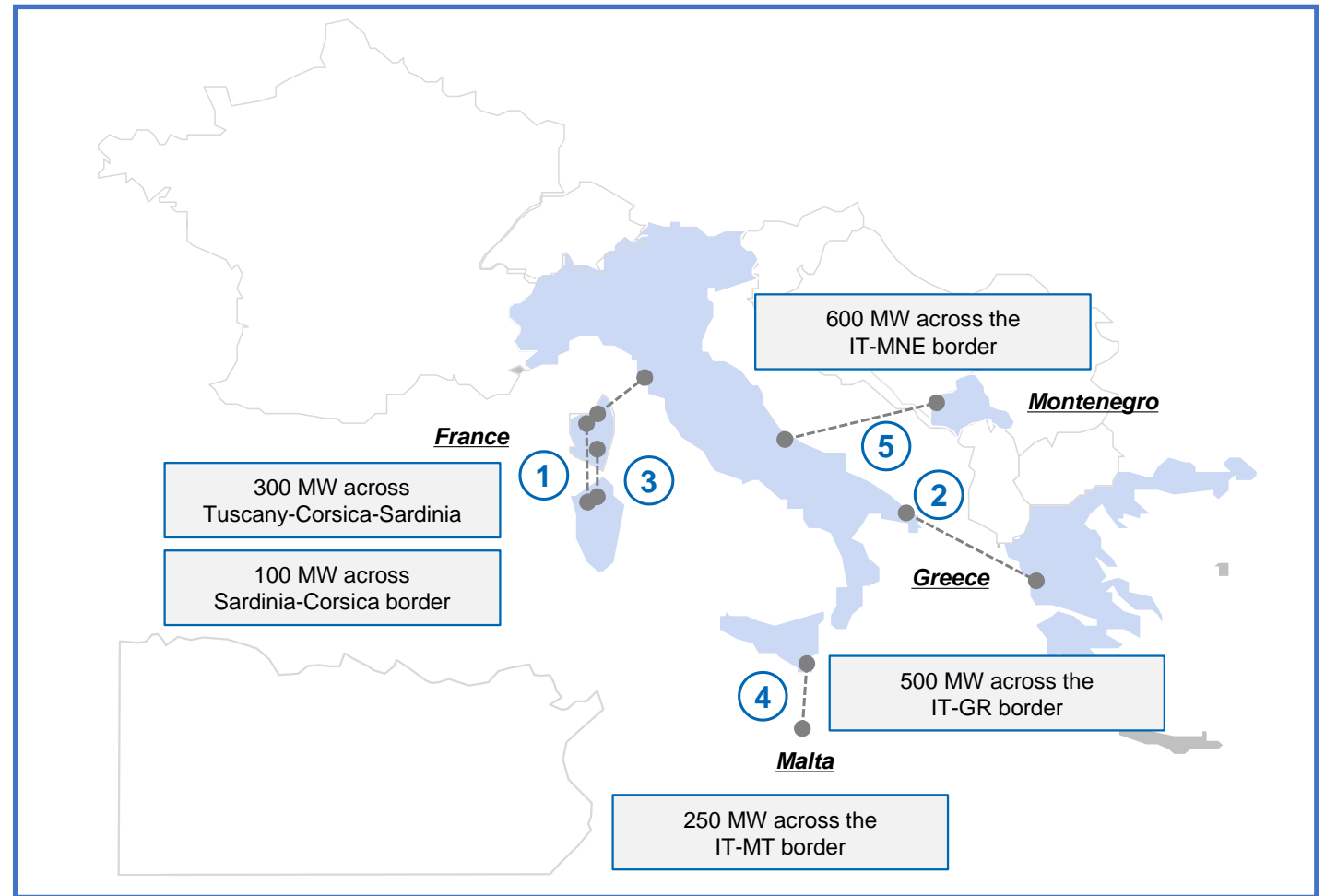
Existing Interconnections in the Mediterranean

01 - SACOI

In 1987, the plant became the world's first tri-terminal system, known as SACOI-1 (Sardinia-Corsica-Italy), with the addition of the conversion station in Lucciana, Corsica.

05 - MONITA

A 445 km project, the longest ever undertaken by Terna, connecting the Cepagatti substation in Pescara, Italy, to the Lastva substation in the municipality of Kotor, Montenegro.



SACOI
HVDC LCC
116 km



1 1965
(tri-terminal in 1987)

GRITA
HVDC LCC
161 km



2 2002

SARCO
HVAC
15 km



3 2006

ITALY-MALTA
HVAC
120 km



4 2015

MONITA 1
HVDC LCC
445 km



5 2019



Planned Interconnections in the Mediterranean

01 - SACOI3

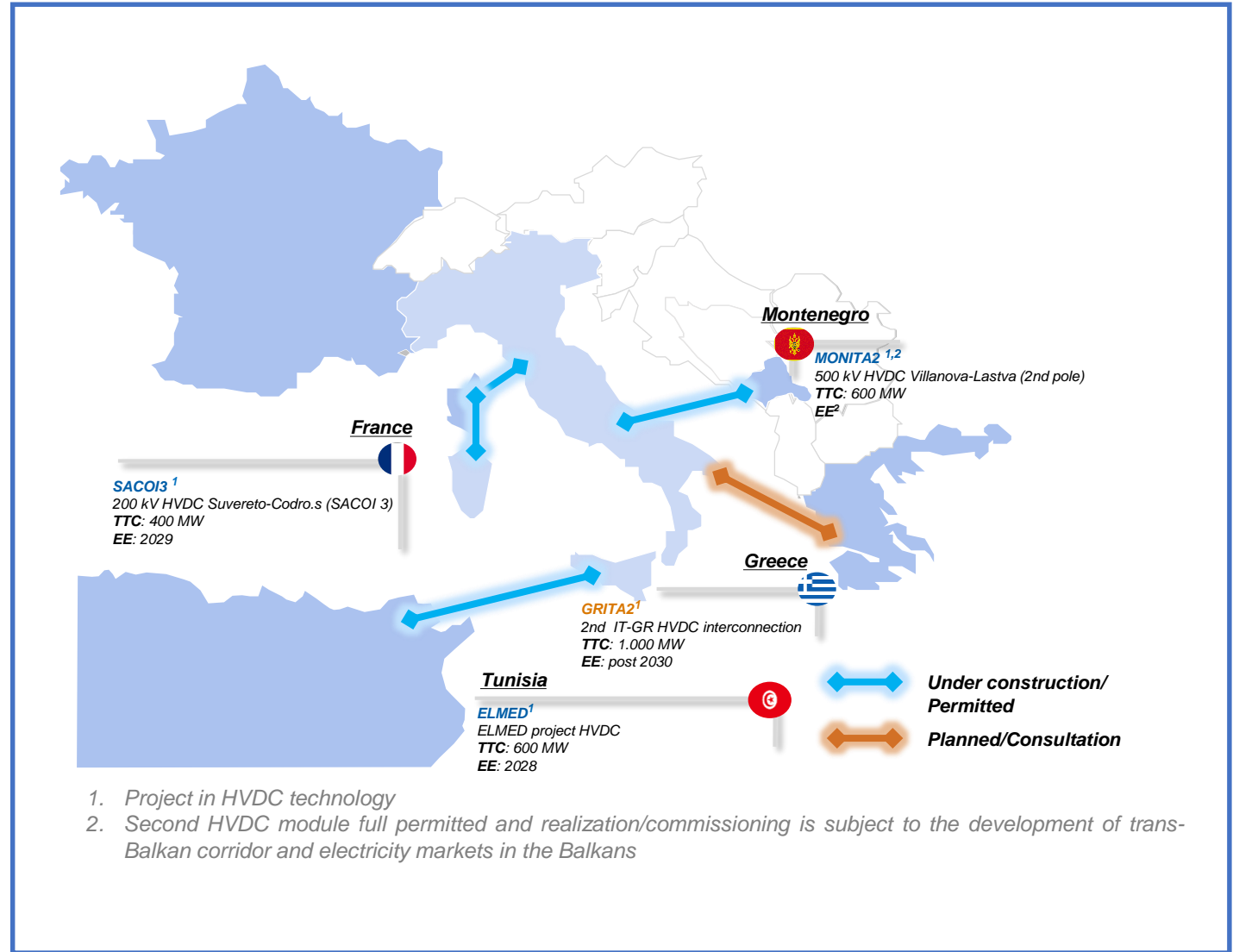
SACOI 3, by EDF and Terna, upgrades the 200 kV, 400 MW Sardinia-Corsica-Italy HVDC link with 120 km submarine and 20 km underground cables, plus new converter stations in Codrongianus (Sardinia), Lucciana (Corsica), and Suvereto (Tuscany).

02 - MONITA2

A ±500 kV HVDC link (423 km, 600 MW), connects Italy and Montenegro. The first pole has been operational since 2019. It enhances energy security, integrates renewables, and supports Balkans market connectivity.

03 - TUNITA

A 600 MW, ±500 kV HVDC link spanning 220 km, with submarine cables (800 m depth) and terrestrial sections from Castelvetro (Italy) to Mlaabi (Tunisia). The €850M project, (€307M EU-funded), boosts EU-North Africa ties, renewables, and energy security.



Decarbonization 

System security 

Market efficiency €

Sustainability 



Under study projects and private Merchant Lines (ML)



Merchant Lines

	Project	Promoter	MW
🇹🇷	TuNur Italy	TuNur Ltd	2000
🇬🇪	Med-Link 1	Medlinks B.V. (Zhero)	2000
🇹🇷	Med-Link 2		2000
🇫🇷	Cesana Briançon	Enel produzione SpA	150
🇨🇭	Mese Castasegna	Repower, MERA SRL	200
🇨🇭	Greenconnector	Worldenergy SA	1000
🇦🇹	MEMC	MEMC/Tinetz	100
🇦🇹	Somplago-Wurmlach	Alpe Adria Energia Srl (Enel)	300
🇸🇮	Dekani-Zaule	Adria Link Srl (Enel)	125
🇸🇮	Vrtojba-Redipuglia	Adria Link Srl (Enel)	125
🇲🇹	Malta-Italy Cable 2	Interconnector Malta	225
🇪🇸	Apollo Link	OMNIA	2000

Thank you



Overview



Italian power system is splitted in **seven bidding zones**: North, Centre-North, Centre-South, South, Calabria, Sardinia and Sicily

Under review in view of New National Development Plan 2025



30 **interconnections with 7 countries** (France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Malta, Montenegro, Greece)

HVDC submarine connections with Corsica, Sardinia, Greece and Montenegro, and one HVDC underground cable with France



>21 Mld€ investment planned in the 2023 Network Development Plan

+17% as compared to the previous 2021 Network Development Plan

