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## **THE ROLE OF FLEXIBILITY** SUPPORTING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION AND POWER SYSTEMS



# **ENABLING THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

With a deep **understanding of the energy transition** and power systems, we can help our customers find their optimal and most efficient path towards 100% renewable energy, while **future-proofing** their power system.

Our portfolio consists of **flexible power plants** and **energy storage**, backed up by a strong worldwide **service** network. Our solutions enable our customer to increasingly add renewables to their power system in a **reliable** and secure way, while **reducing emissions**.





# INCREASING RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM REQUIRES MULTIPLE FORMS OF FLEXIBILITY

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• Second and minute level balancing

handled mainly by energy storage

• Daily shifting of energy

#### WEEKLY

Longer duration energy balance and system reliability is ensured by flexible thermal generation

- Week-to-week
- Example: calm dark periods during winter, monsoon season, sand storm

#### SEASONAL

## **Fuel as a form of energy storage** to balance seasonal variation

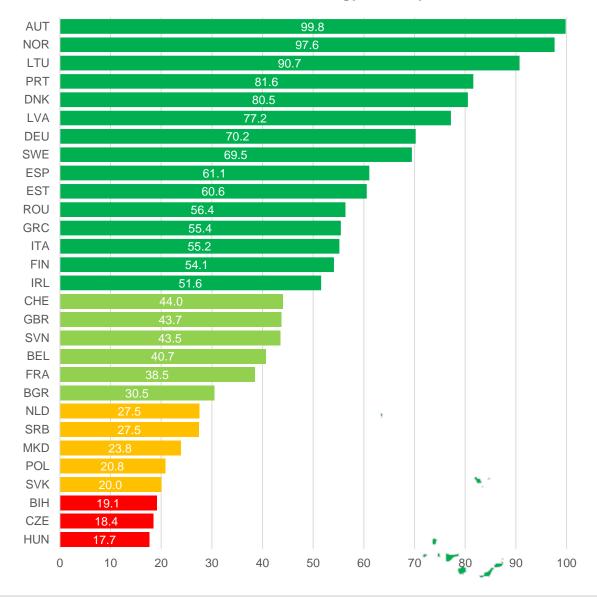
- "Shift" solar energy from summer to winter
- Power-to-gas and existing LNG infrastructure required

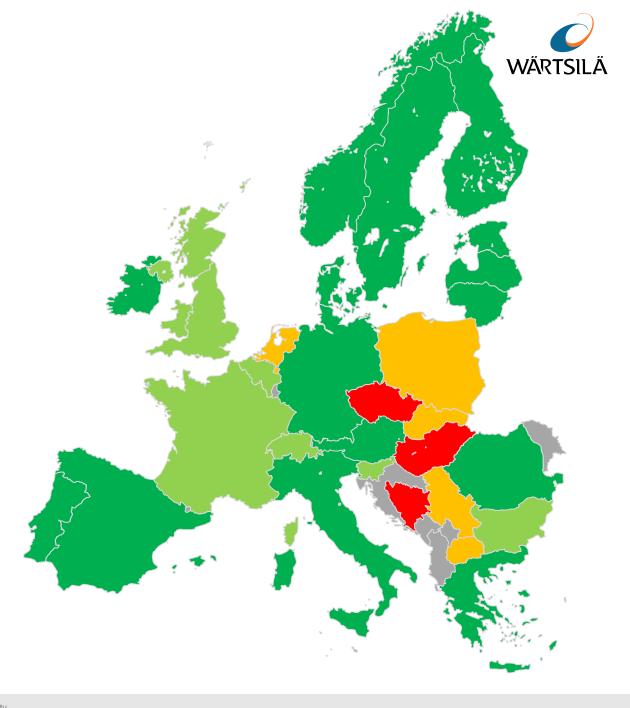




MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – RENEWABLE RECORD IN EU

Share of renewable energy on May 11th





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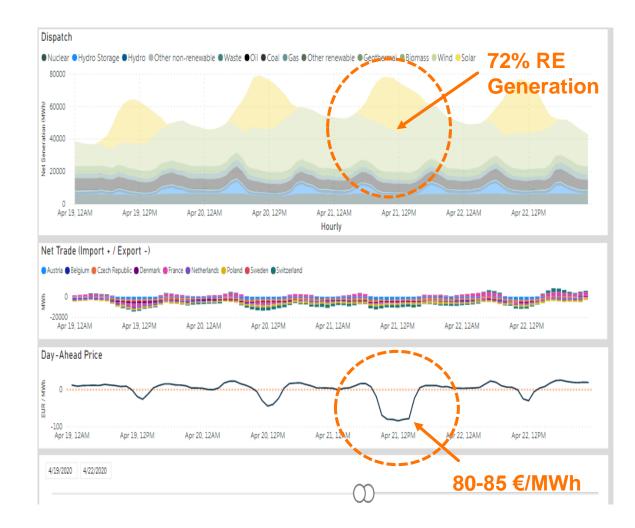


# GERMANY PAID 1 MILLION € PER HOUR TO NEIGHBORS TO TAKE THE ENERGY AWAY

Germany had to pay up to €80/MWh to export excess electricity as it was unable to shut down the baseload plants on days of strong renewable generation.

Visit the **Wärtsilä Energy Transition Lab** to access the tool:

## wartsila.com/energy/transition-lab





## COAL-BASED ELECTRICITY GENERATION IN THE UK HALTED COMPLETELY FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS (APRIL-JUNE 2020)

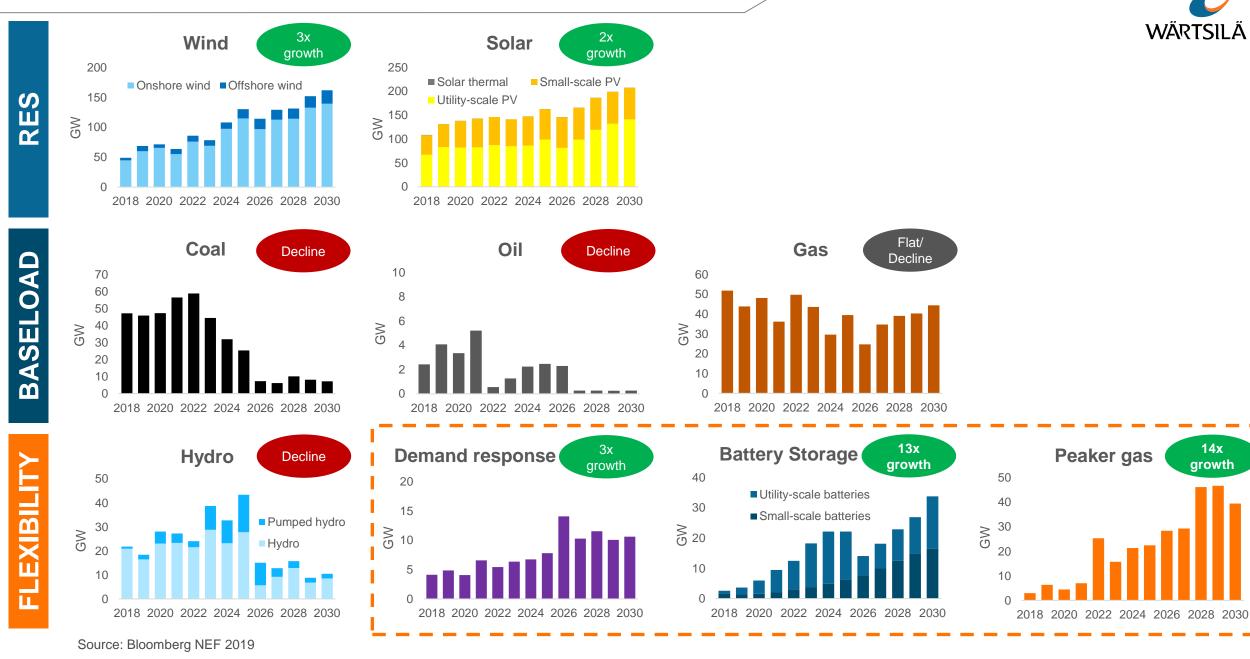
Day prices for electricity halved, affecting the country's baseload from coal & nuclear.

On some days, the UK regulator paid utility EDF to ramp down production at the Sizewell B nuclear power plant, idling reactor no. 2.





#### FLEXIBILITY IS THE FASTEST GROWING SECTOR IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION



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DYNAMIC PROPERTIES WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY



## **CHANGING POWER MIX**



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**Part load efficiency** 

Minimum stable load

Start cost

Start-up time

Minimum up & down time

Fuel consumption at start-up

## **Cycling cost**

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## FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEY FEATURE OF HIGH-RENEWABLE POWER SYSTEMS



1 FAST START	2 BASELOAD	3 LOAD FOLLOWING	4 LOW-LOAD OPERATION	5 FAST STOP
<ul> <li>Power to grid in 30 s</li> <li>2 min to full power</li> <li>Start up efficiency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highest simple cycle efficiency</li> <li>Multi unit → high firm capacity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High part load efficiency</li> <li>Very fast loading and unloading</li> <li>Run only as many units needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very fast unloading</li> <li>In multi-unit configuration less engines running needed for low load</li> </ul>	<ul><li>1 min shutdown</li><li>No minimum up time</li><li>No minimum down time</li></ul>



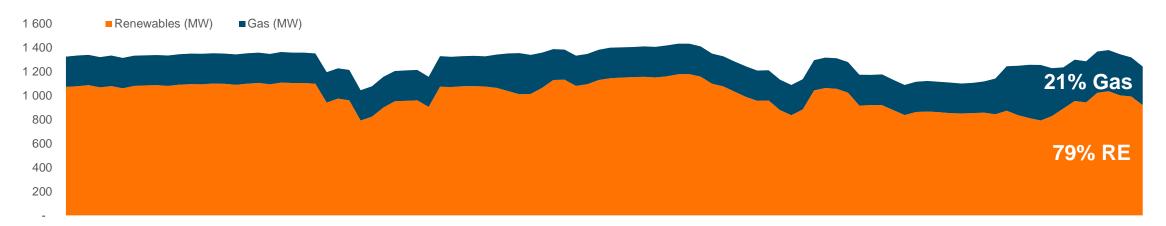
## **CASE STUDY FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

# 211 MW BARKER INLET POWER STATION



## **BALANCING INTERMITTENCY OF RENEWABLES – WHY FLEXIBILITY MATTERS** HIGH RENEWABLE DAYS

#### South Australia generation: 14-15.3.2020



#### Gas generation split by power plant: 14-15.3.2020



On days with very high renewable generation the ability to respond quickly with flexible gas generation is important – state interconnection may not always be optimal

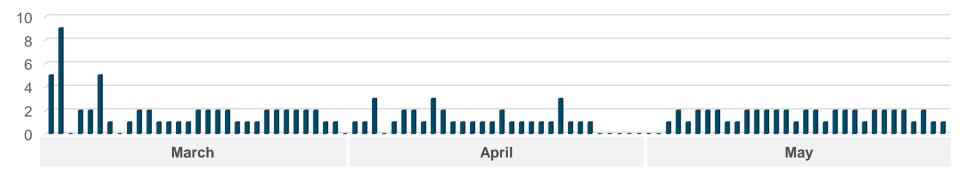
Flexible peaking capacity is crucial for integrating high amounts of RE

#### Source: NEM Station All data

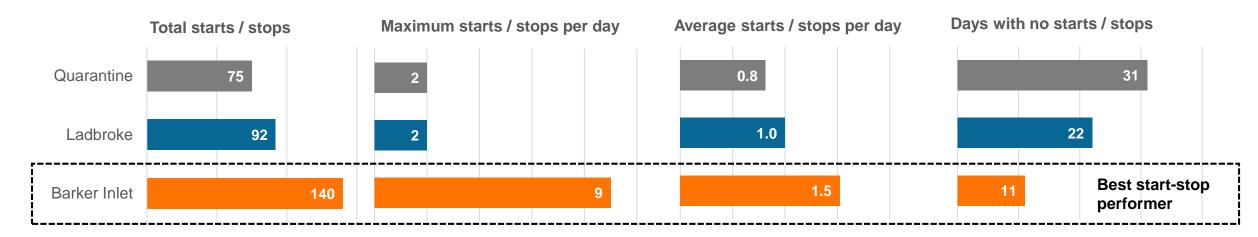


# FREQUENT STARTING AND STOPPING IS NECESSARY WHEN SHARE OF RENEWABLES INCREASES

#### Barker Inlet daily starts and stops during March-May 2020 period



#### Comparison of Start – Stop statistics of Peaker gas plants in South Australia (during March-May 2020)





#### FLEXIBLE SOLUTIONS PROVIDE BASELOAD FOR ENERGY DEMAND AND BALANCING CAPACITY TO INTEGRATE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Wärtsilä's fast track delivery of a 200 MW engine power plant will help meet Cambodia's rapidly growing electricity demand

Wärtsilä Corporation, Press release, 1 July 2019 at 5:00 AM E. Europe Standard Time

Wärtsilä awarded energy storage system order totalling 90 MW / 90MWh from South East Asia

Wärtsilä Corporation, Press release, 19 October 2020 at 10:00 AM E. Europe Standard Time



Wärtsilä delivers 40 MW engineered equipment for MCM Power to meet Myanmar's increasing energy demand

Wärtsilä Corporation, Press release, 25 November 2019 at 11:30 AM E. Europe Standard Time

## Two projects with Wärtsilä engines delivering 292 MW will alleviate Myanmar's power shortages

Wärtsilä Corporation, Press release, 6 February 2020 at 9:00 AM E. Europe Standard Time



Utility-scale energy storage system supplied by Wärtsilä helps move Singapore towards a low-carbon energy future

Wärtsilä Corporation, Trade press release, 27 October 2020 at 10:00 AM E. Europe Standard Time

