# The future Nordic Energy System - a plate model

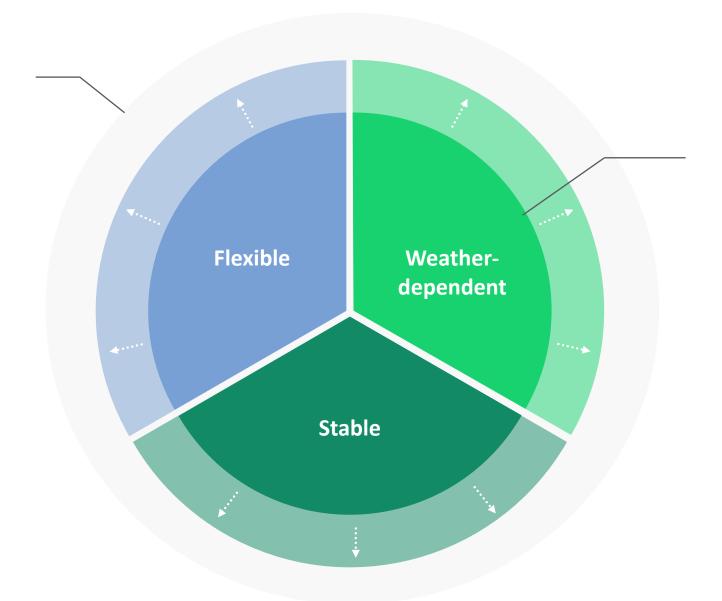
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#### How to increase the size of the plate whilst keeping it in balance?

CO2-neutral society 2035-2040



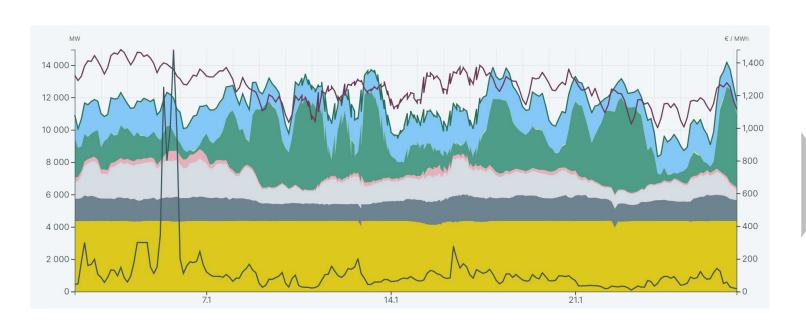
Supply in 2024 – how large is this sector already?



#### Where are we today – Example Finland with extreme price volatility

Demand

#### Finnish demand and supply, January 2024



#### Outlook

- Electrification of heating further.
  increasing the maximum demand
- Consumer and industrial flexibility is limited.
- CHP being decommissioned to reduce emissions and fuel cost.
- Hydro capacity will not increase significantly in the years to come
- Coming new production capacity is weather-dependent.
- New nuclear and pumped hydro can be in place in mid 2030s only
- Capability to import from Sweden and Estonia during constrained hours will decrease as their own capacity adequace situation deteriorates.





## The Nordic Power system is one of the cleanest around – but is it fit for the future?

- Affordably priced clean energy is an undisputed resource for the Nordics, nevertheless electrification investments are delayed
  - Increased price volatility and forecasted decreased security of supply negatively impacts the attractiveness for elecitrification investments in the Nordics
- The energy-only market does not provide sufficient incentives for investments in flexibility, which would improve SoS and decrease volatility in a sufficient manner
- According to ENTSO-e(20240823):
  - "Lower and more uncertain spot prices + decreasing running hours + no acceptability of (very high) scarcity pricing => high risk premiums for capital costs with risk of no business for back-up generation capacity needed in period of low RES generation("Dunkelflaute")"
  - "Stronger LT investment signals needed => Capacity Remuneration Mechanisms likely to be necessary in most EU countries"

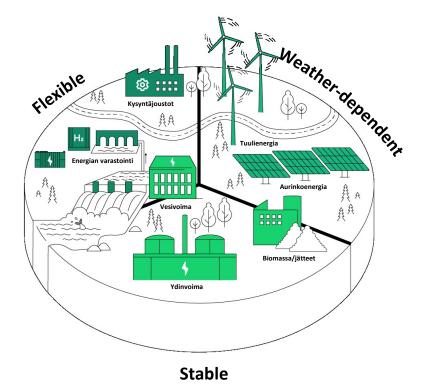


#### Decarbonisation of society requires a flexible and balanced power system

## Power markets need to provide more long-term visibility and stability

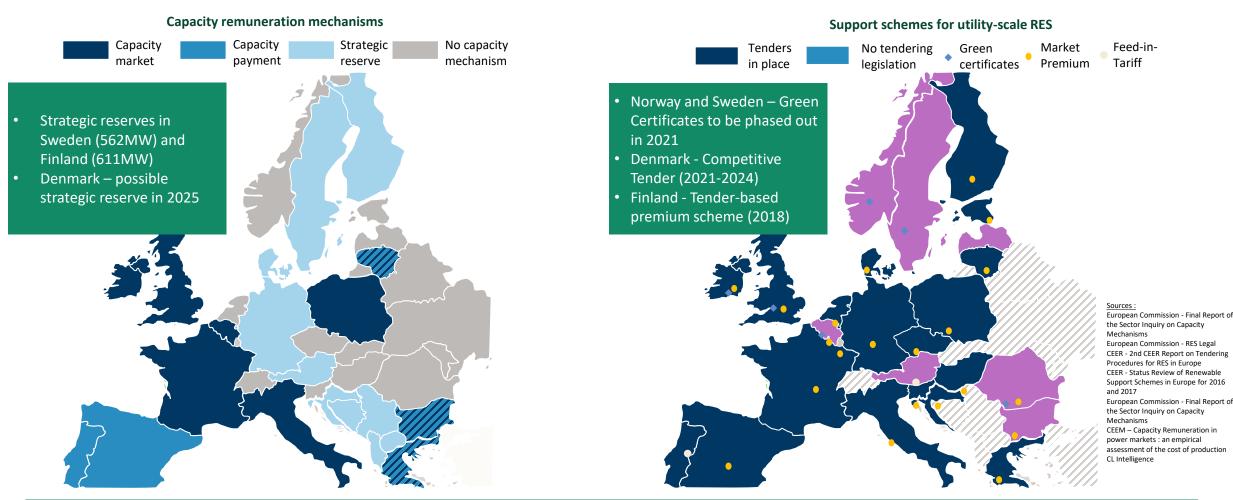
- Uncertainty impacts both supply and demand and delays broad investments into electrification of society which are needed to reach decarbonisation targets
- Power companies are willing to invest but society will need to play its part if we want to attract demand-side investments, jobs, GVA by doubling power generation.
- Investments do not happen in a vacuum, the right tools and mechanisms are needed to make investments bankable.

A system which has a proper balance between capabilities delivers the best results for the customers





## Example of missing coordination in investment support leading to distortions: national Capacity Mechanisms and RES support schemes



In practice most countries have put in place some form of tendering and/or long term contracts to support investment in clean technologies and/or conventional plants.

## Relevant EU policy instruments enabling a power system which attracts investments in electrification

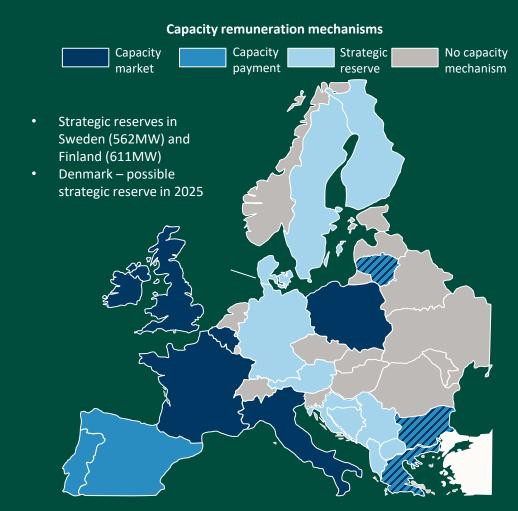
Whv How What Enable cost-efficient supply of flexibility in the power Organise technology-neutral market-wide capacity Capacity adequacy increasing flexibility auctions(capacity tickets, no RO) with up to 20 year system with competition between technologies, new in the system to cope and existing assets contract periods with SoS and Fast-track the investments in flexibility with a dedicated Use non-fossile flexibility support scheme(NFFSS) as a delivery acceptable scheme for non-fossile flexibility additions price levels fast track to tackle capacity adequacy Bi-lateral contracting likely to require changes to retail Utilize the national TSO as a central buyer for capacity market design – which would delay Coordinate regionally when this does not hamper Sharing flexibility across national borders would lead to implementation a lower-cost system Distribute cost to consumers based on power Secure that competitiveness of flexible demand is consumption during peak demand time periods preserved Actively promote electrification with a well-designed Affordable energy -Public credit guarantees for PPA's which support enable large scale risk-sharing mechanism without direct budgetary electrification investments in TWh impact needed for Enable policy-driven build-out of selected technologies electrification Tailored solutions for nuclear and offshore wind with tailored solutions such as CfD, RAB, loans or credit

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#### **Summary**

- Investments in both demand and supply require stability, and the current market model does not provide this.
- Price volatility will increase over the coming years, and we will need large scale flexibility to the deal with this. Only demand-side flexibility will not be sufficient for security of supply.
- Dunkelflaute periods are especially important to consider when designing flexibility mechanisms
- Long-term we need a power market which provides bankable price signals for all the capabilities that are needed to maintain and develop a stable, clean and affordable power system.
- => New mechanisms are likely to be implemented in several Nordic countries to deal with the aforementioned challenges. Sufficient capacity / flexibility will safeguard consumers from price spikes. Improve security of supply and is likely to attract more demand-side investments.
- With a power system in balance scarcity pricing will deliver publicly accepted prices.





## Thank you

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