

*Navigating the Roadmap for Clean, Secure  
and Efficient Energy Innovation*



# Evaluating the EU's Energy Innovation System

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# OBJECTIVE

- To evaluate the balancedness and consistency of directed innovation activity in the EU with the priority areas set out in the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan

No.	SET Plan 6 Priorities	SET Plan 10 Action Plan
1	<b>No.1 in Renewables (RE)</b>	Performant renewable technologies integrated into the system) Reduce costs of technologies
2	<b>Smart EU Energy System with consumers at the centre (SG)</b>	New technologies & services for consumers Resilience & security of energy system
3	<b>Efficient Energy System (EE)</b>	New materials & technologies for buildings Energy efficiency for industry
4	<b>Sustainable Transport (EV, Biofuels)</b>	Competitive in global battery sector (e-mobility) Renewable fuels
5	<b>Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)</b>	Carbon Capture and Storage
6	<b>Nuclear Safety (NS)</b>	Nuclear Safety

# USE INDICATORS TO ANALYSE BALANCE IN SET PLAN PORTFOLIO

## ❖ **Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan (EC, 2008)**

- ❖ SET Plan was launched to provide strategic energy planning and coordination of energy research & innovation activities within the EU.

## ❖ **Achieving these targets requires the following changes (EC, 2015)**

- ❖ SET Plan management firmly rooted in the Energy Union
- ❖ Strengthened cooperation: opening and widening to new actors
- ❖ More joint actions
- ❖ Transparency, indicators and periodic reporting
- ❖ Monitoring and knowledge sharing



## ❖ Economics of Energy Innovation

- ❖ Well-designed environmental regulations can induce innovations that help improve firm's competitiveness (**Porter** and van der Linde, 1991).
- ❖ **Market-based regulation** creates incentives for dynamic improvement (Popp, 2003).
- ❖ Both **energy prices** and the quality of existing knowledge have strongly significant positive effects on innovation (Popp, 1999).
- ❖ An inverted-U relationship exists between **competition** and innovation (Aghion et al., 2005).
- ❖ **Policy uncertainty** negatively affects innovation activity.

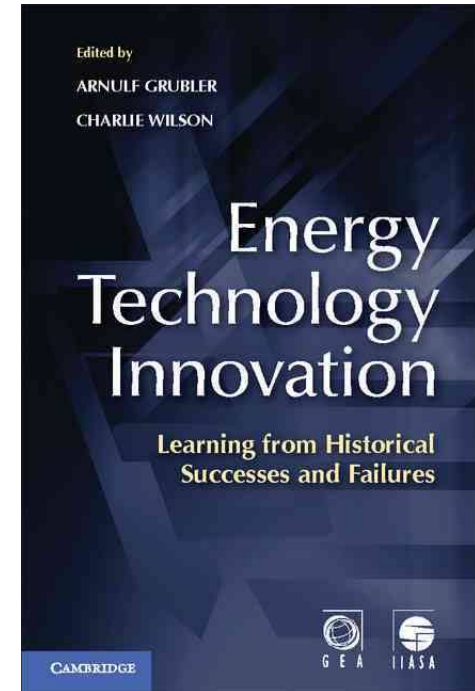
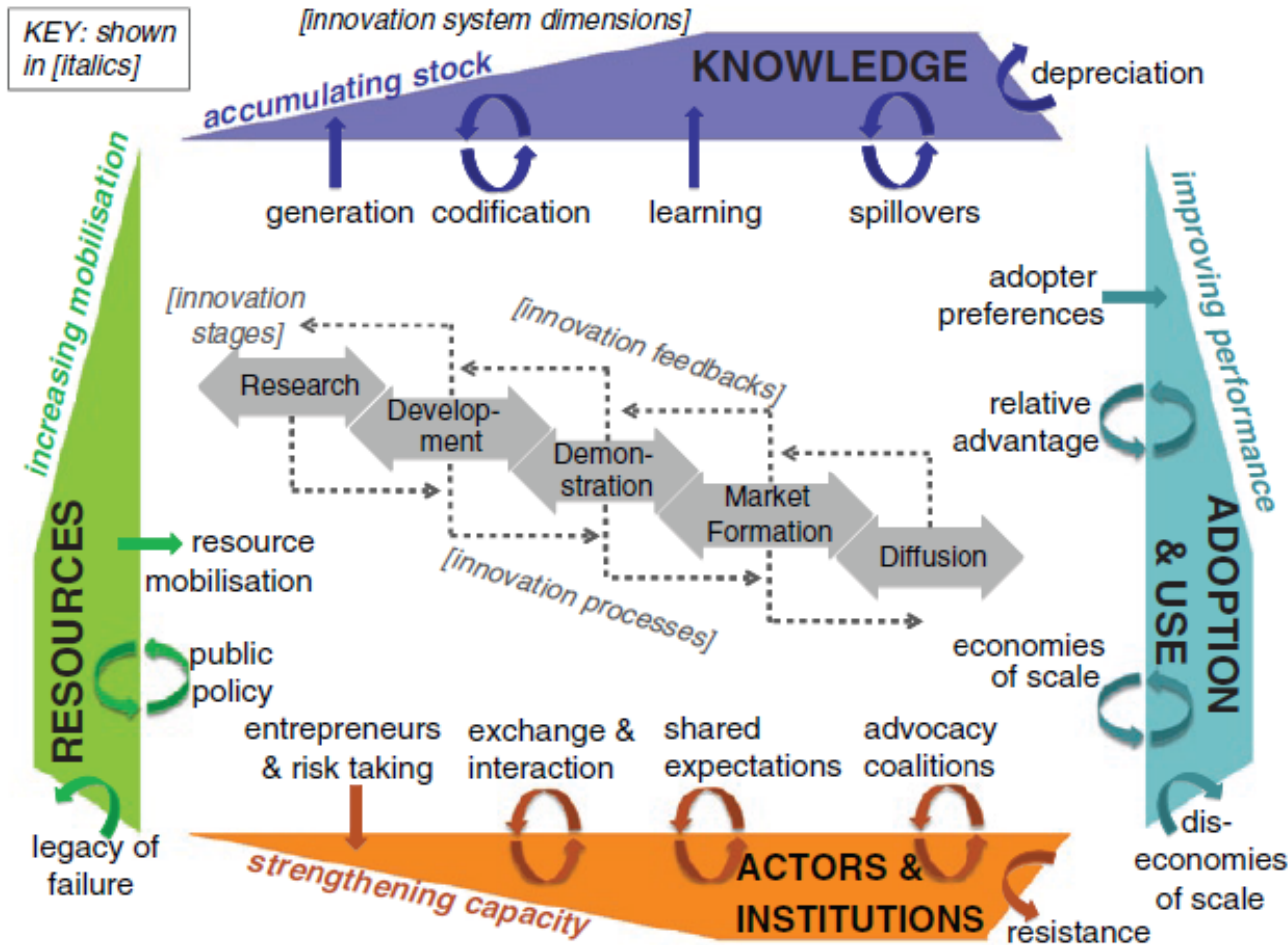


## ❖ **Systemic Perspective on Energy Innovation**

- ❖ **National Innovation System (NIS):** “ .. the network of institutions in the public and private sectors whose activities and interactions initiate, import, modify and diffuse new technologies.” (Freeman, 1987).
- ❖ **Technology Innovation System (TIS):** structural elements of innovation system and analyse actors, institutions, and networks that affect a specific technological development (Hudson, Winskel, & Allen, 2011).
- ❖ **Functional Innovation System (FIS):** “functions” of innovation system as a critical determinant of analysing processes of energy technology innovation (Hekkert & Negro, 2009; Bergek, Jacobsson, Carlsson, Lindmark, & Rickne, 2008).



# A SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE ON ENERGY INNOVATION



- **Select the most appropriate indicators from the wide variety of literature** (Borup et al., 2013; Klitkou et al., 2012; Grubler & Wilson, 2014; Cornell University, INSEAD, & WIPO, 2015; Truffer, Markard, Binz, & Jacobsson, 2012; Speirs, Pearson, & Foxon, 2008; Park, Han, Jang, Choi, & Joo, 2016; Miremadi, Saboohi, & Jacobsson, 2016; Borup, Andersen, Jacobsson, & Midttun, 2008).

**1. Usefulness:** indicators should be relevant and a strong predictor of the ETIS processes.

**2. Availability:** data should be available.

# CHARACTERISE THE EU'S ENERGY INNOVATION SYSTEM

ETIS process	Technology-specific indicators [and metrics] at the EU level	Units
<b>Knowledge</b>		
<b>Generation</b>	Public energy RD&D expenditure	€m at 2015 prices & exchange rates
	Demonstration budgets	€m at 2015 prices & exchange rates
<b>Depreciation</b>	Volatility in energy RD&D expenditure	index: coefficient of variation (COV)
<b>Spillover</b>	Knowledge spillover benefit from trade	€m: energy technology imports
<b>Codification</b>	Scientific publications	# articles
	Patents	# patents
<b>Learning</b>	Learning-by-doing	index: learning rate (LR)



# CHARACTERISE THE EU'S ENERGY INNOVATION SYSTEM

ETIS process	Technology-specific indicators [and metrics] at the EU level	Units
<b>Resources</b>		
<b>Policy Support</b>	Innovation policy density	sum: cumulative years of all instruments
	Market-based policy density	
	Regulatory policy density	
<b>Policy Durability</b>	Innovation policy durability	average: cumulative years of all instruments
	Market-based policy durability	
	Regulatory policy durability	
<b>Policy Diversity</b>	Diversity of policy mix	Shannon index: three types of policy instrument
<b>Policy Stability</b>	Stability of policy mix	average: cumulative years of all instruments adjusted by revisions
<b>Legacy of Failure</b>	Decline in public interest following failures, using Google search frequency as proxy	index: exponent fitted to decline function

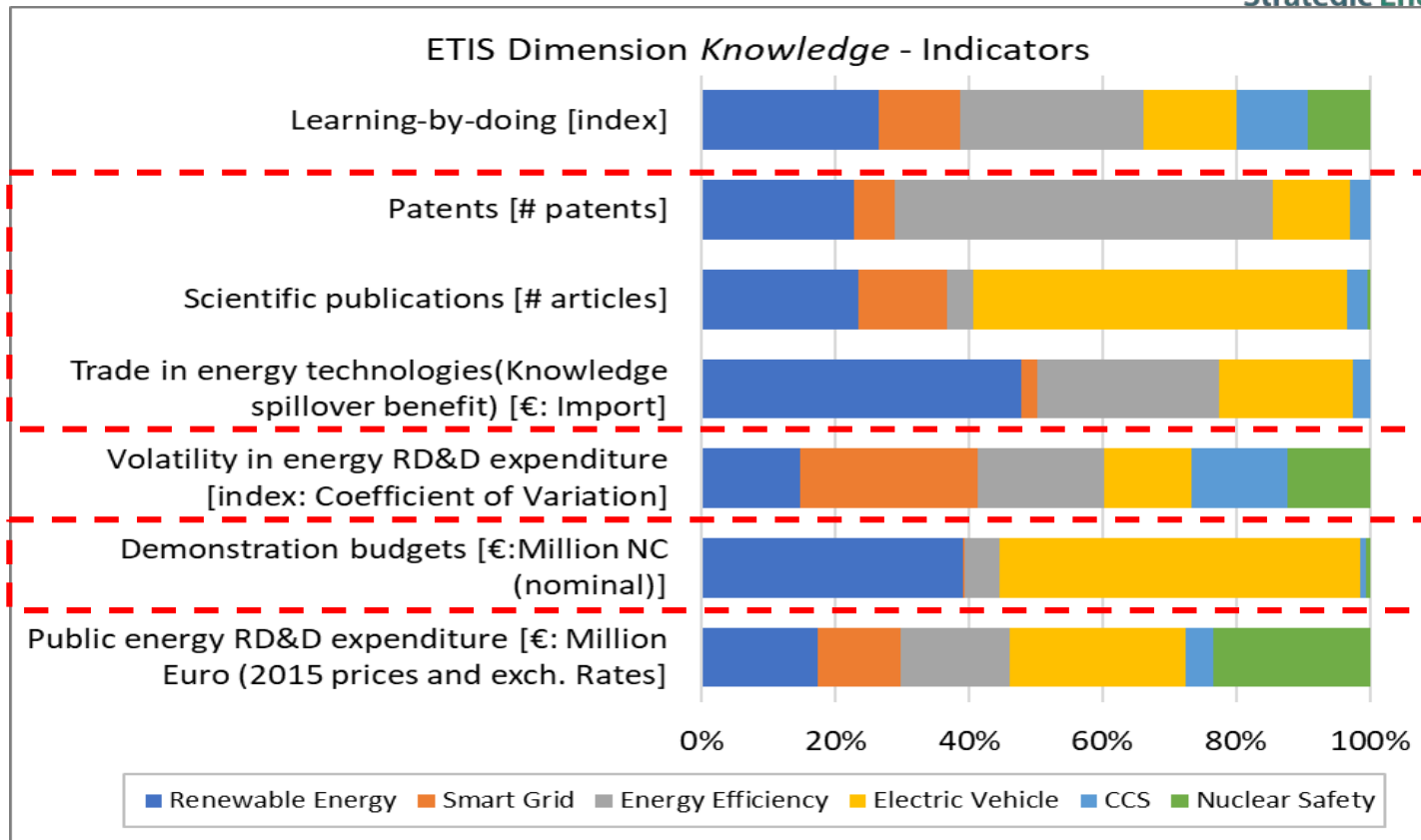
# CHARACTERISE THE EU'S ENERGY INNOVATION SYSTEM (PRELIMINARY)

ETIS process	Technology-specific indicators [and metrics] at the EU level	Units
<b>Actors &amp; Institutions</b>		
<b>Capacity</b>	Eco-innovation R&D organisations	# organisations
	Top 100 clean-tech funds	sum: cumulative funds €
<b>Heterogeneity</b>	Diversity in energy actors	Shannon index: type of organisation in European Energy Research Alliance
<b>Quality Control</b>	EU testing centres & state labs	index
<b>Exchange &amp; Interaction</b>	European Energy Research Alliance activities involving different actors	numbers
<b>Shared Expectations</b>	Strategic goals inc. targets, roadmaps, action plans	sum: cumulative years of all goals
	Strategic goals inc. targets, roadmaps, action plans	average: cumulative years of all goals

# CHARACTERISE THE EU'S ENERGY INNOVATION SYSTEM

ETIS process	Technology-specific indicators [and metrics] at the EU level	Units
<b>Adoption &amp; Use</b>		
<b>Relative Advantage</b>	Market share	%: actual market as % of potential market
<b>Market Size</b>	Potential market size	€m: estimated as # of vehicles * €/vehicle, MW capacity * €/MW, etc.

# RESULTS (KNOWLEDGE)

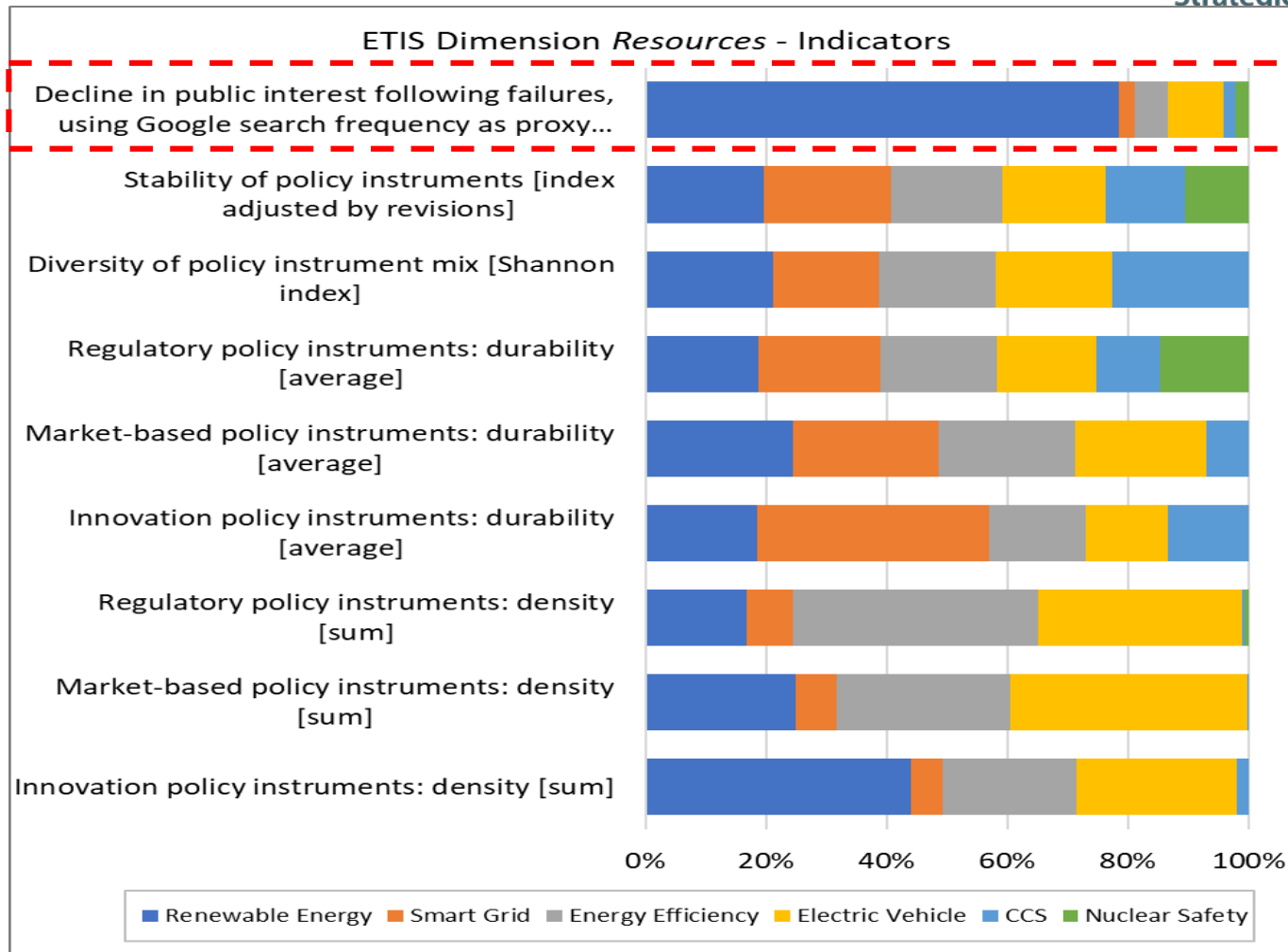


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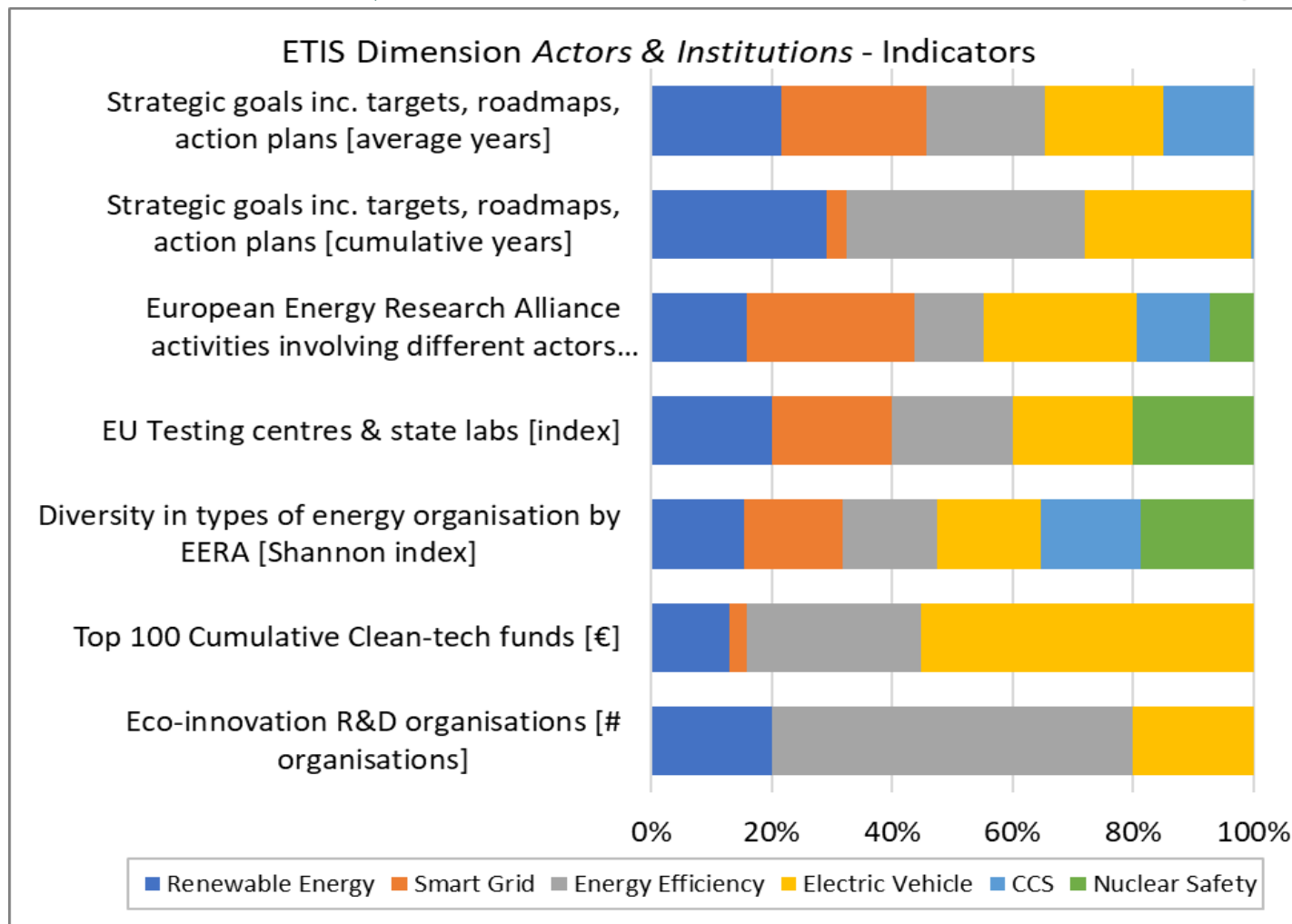
- ❖ Strong imbalance
- ❖ Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Smart Grid have the largest share

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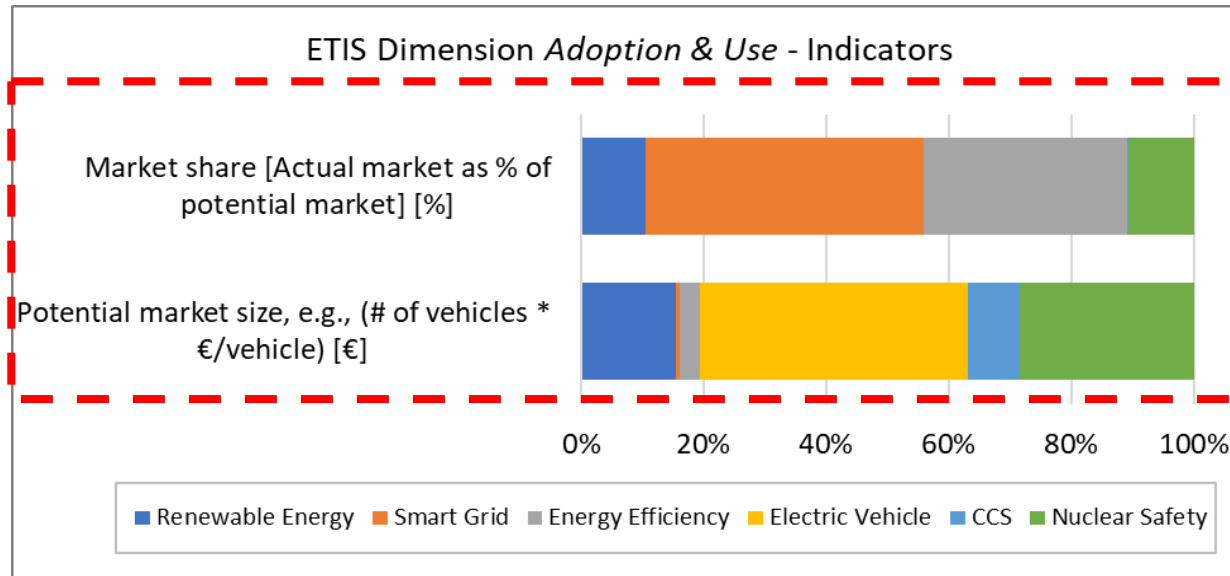


Solyndra  
bankruptcy  
in 2011

# RESULTS (ACTORS & INSTITUTIONS) (PRELIMINARY)



# RESULTS(ADOPTION & USE)



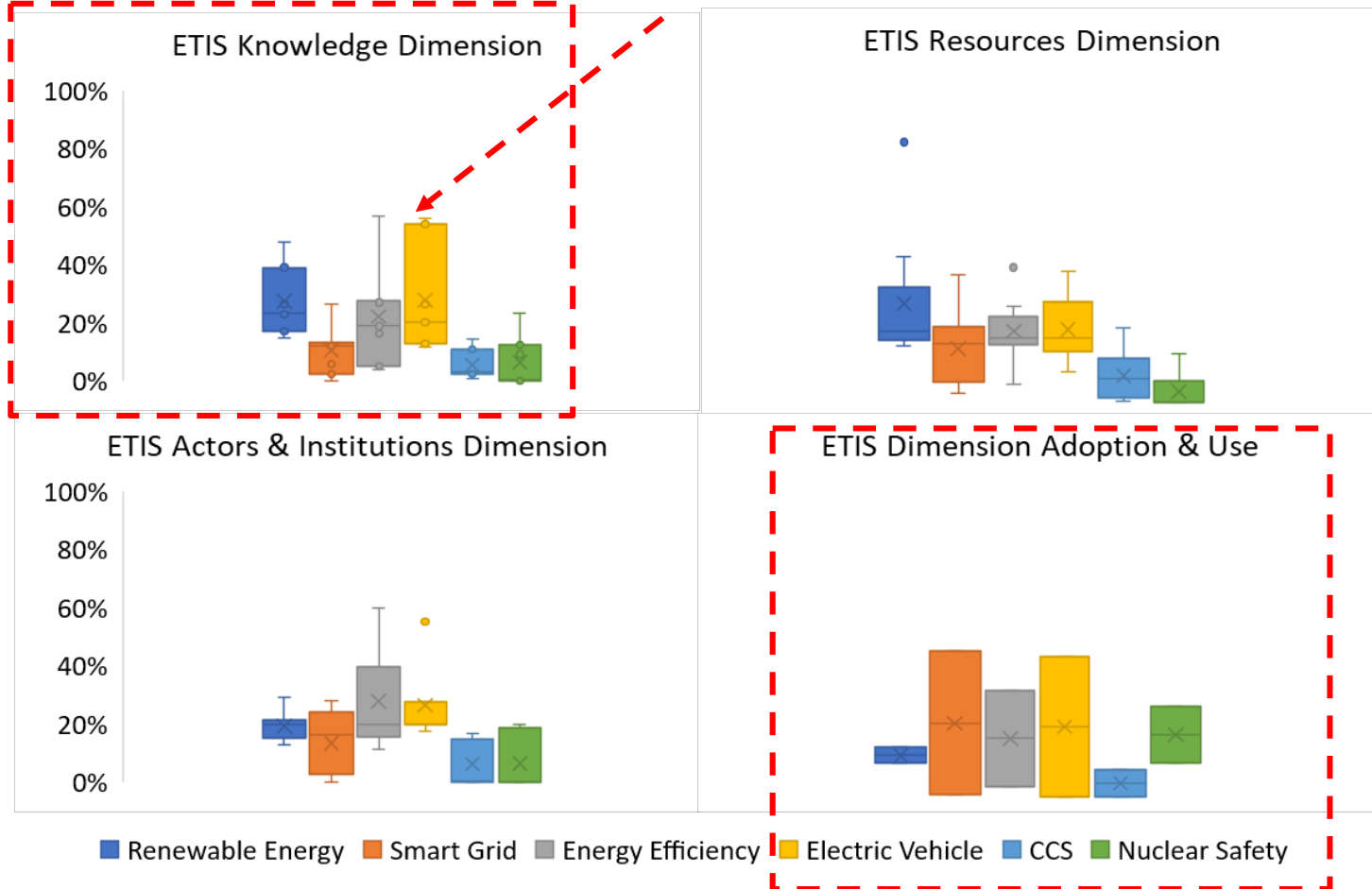
**Imbalance**

- ❖ Market share (Mature technologies): smart grid, energy efficiency)
- ❖ Potential market share: electric vehicles, renewable energy, and nuclear safety(already matured field)

# RESULTS (ALL ETIS DIMENSIONS)

**Inconsistency**

**Electric Vehicles**



**Inconsistency**



## CONCLUSIONS

### ❖ Overall Findings

- ❖ We found relatively strong progress and evidence of innovation system functioning in **renewable, electric vehicles and energy efficiency**.
- ❖ We found that **nuclear safety** and **CCS** are less emphasised.
- ❖ We also found relatively **diverse actors and organisations** in the EU energy innovation system (**preliminary**).
- ❖ An indicator describing early stage innovation processes would be expected to favor **electric vehicles**. However, indicators describing the late stage of innovation processes would be expected to favor **nuclear safety** and **energy efficiency**.

### ❖ Future Works

- ❖ A **dynamic analysis** of the time series is the area of the future research.
- ❖ A more rigorous approach would be required to test a **causal relationship** between EU-level innovation system activity on innovation outcomes.

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## APPENDIX

❖ **Knowledge Generation.** Public energy RD&D expenditure including demonstration budgets (International Energy Agency (IEA) RD&D database).

❖ **Knowledge Depreciation**

$$PV_{i,t} = \frac{1}{\text{Coefficient of Variation}_{i,t}} = \frac{1}{\text{Policy Volatility}_{i,t}} = \frac{\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^4 RD\&D_{i,t-k}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^4 \left[ RD\&D_{i,t-k} - \left( \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=0}^4 RD\&D_{i,t-k} \right) \right]^2}}$$

With  $i$  as a country,  $t$  as a year, and  $k=0-4$  (lagged year).

❖ **Knowledge Spillover.** Knowledge spillover benefit was measured by the total import in energy technologies (EU trade data since 1988 by Harmonised System (HS)).

❖ **Knowledge Codification. Publication(Web of Science Core Collection), Patents(USPTO)**

❖ **Learning** (Nilsson & Nykvist, 2016; Rubin, Azevedo, Jaramillo, & Yeh, 2015; Weiss, Junginger, Patel, & Blok, 2010).

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- ❖ **Policy Support.** (International Energy Agency (IEA)'s policies and measures databases).

$$Density_{p,s} = \sum_{i=1}^n (Endyear_i - Startyear_i)$$

With  $i$  as one policy instrument ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ),  $p$  as types of policy instrument ( $p$ =innovation, market-based and regulatory) and  $s$  as SET Plan priority area ( $s=1, \dots, 6$ ).

$$Durability_{p,s} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Endyear_i - Startyear_i)}{n}$$

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$$H_s = - \sum_i p_i \ln p_i$$

With  $p_i$  as share of a type of policy instrument in the SET Plan priority area. The higher the value of  $H$ , the more diverse the mix of policy instruments.

- ❖ **Policy Stability.** (International Energy Agency (IEA)'s policies and measures databases).

$$Stability_s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Endyear_i - Startyear_i)}{n \times No.of\ Changes}$$

With  $i$  as one policy instrument ( $i=1, \dots, n$ ) and  $s$  as SET Plan priority area ( $s=1, \dots, 6$ ).

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### ❖ Legacy of Failure (Google Search Data)

$$Y_{t,s} = A \times e^{-b_s \times t}$$

$$\ln(Y_{s,t}) = -b_s \times t$$

$$\text{Coeff}_s = \frac{1}{b_s}$$

With  $t$  as year and  $s$  SET Plan priority area ( $s=1, \dots, 6$ ).

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- ❖ **Capacity of Actors & Institutions.** (a survey of the top 100 clean-tech R&D organisations, the European Commission).
- ❖ **Heterogeneity of Actors & Institutions**

$$E_s = -\sum_s q_s \ln q_s$$

With  $q_s$  as the share of SET Plans in the entire SET Plan.

Higher scores on E indicate a more heterogeneous mix of actors in the energy innovation system.

- ❖ **Quality Control** (European Commission's science and knowledge service)
- ❖ **Exchange & Interaction** (European Energy Research Alliance)
- ❖ **Shared Expectations** (Policy database)

# APPENDIX

## ❖ Market size and share

	SET Plan	Potential Market Size (physical units)	Actual Market Size (physical units)	Market Share	Unit Cost	Potential Market Size (economic value)
[1]	Renewable Energy (RE)	1,144,025 MW	120,716 MW	10.55%	1,995,123 €/MW	2,282 €billion
[2]	Smart Grid (SG)	241,662,532 homes	110,000,000 homes	46%	422 €/home	102 €billion
[3]	Energy Efficiency (EE)			33.34%		492 €billion
	Energy Efficiency-Buildings	241,662,532 homes	16,898 homes	0.01%	3,800 €/home	918 €billion
	Energy Efficiency Appliances	535,587,700 appliances	357,076,320 appliances	66.67%	121 €/appliance	65 €billion
[4]	Electric Vehicle (EV)	198,376,808 numbers	149,500 numbers	0.08%	32,500 €/numbers	6,447 €billion
[5]	Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)	481,916 MW	600 MW	0.12%	2,561,875 €/MW	1,235 €billion
[6]	Nuclear Safety (NS)	1,144,025 MW	121,957 MW	10.66%	3,653,490 €/MW	4,180 €billion