

**Facilitation of Renewables Next Steps:
Programme for a Secure, Sustainable Power System**

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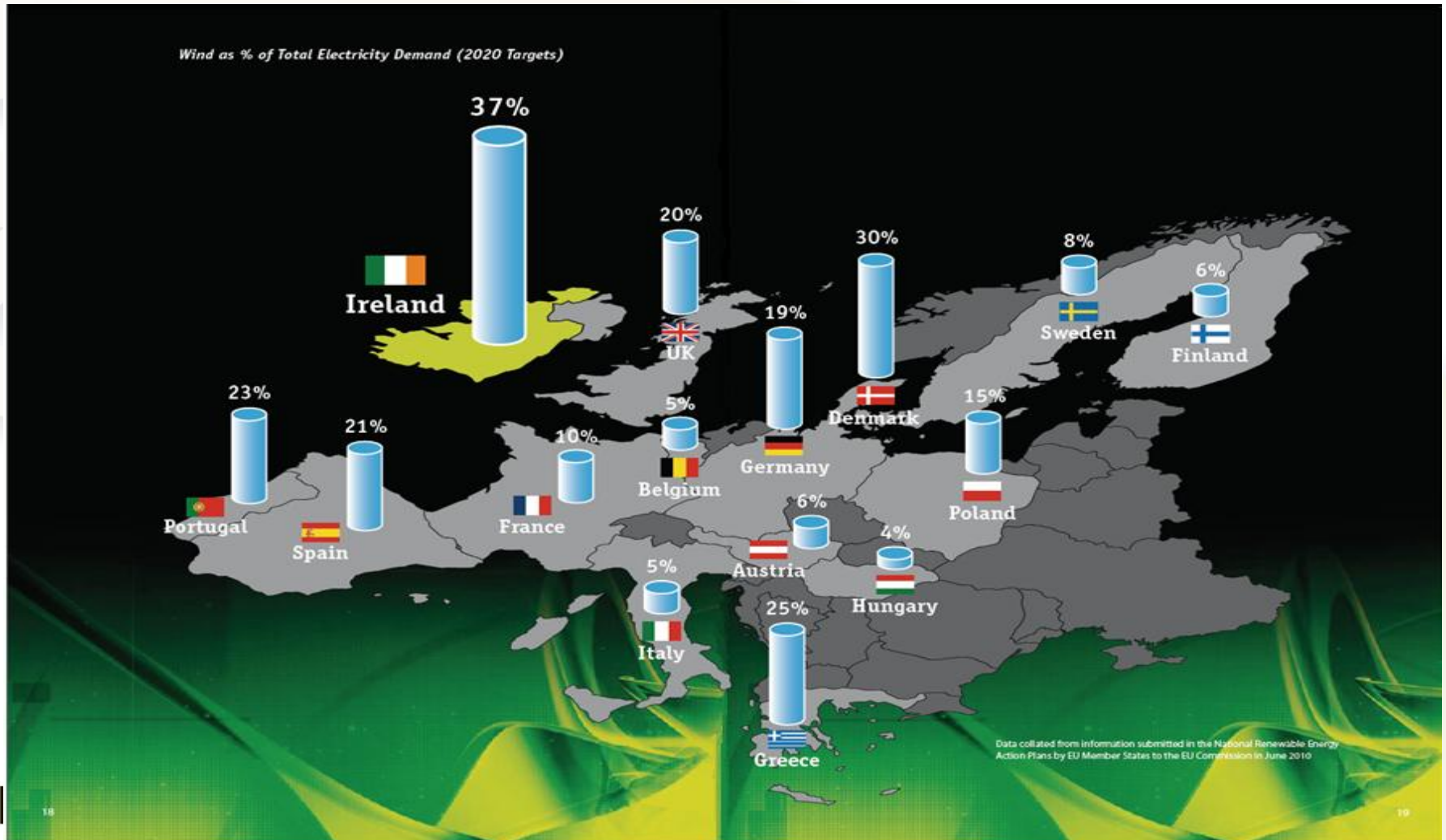
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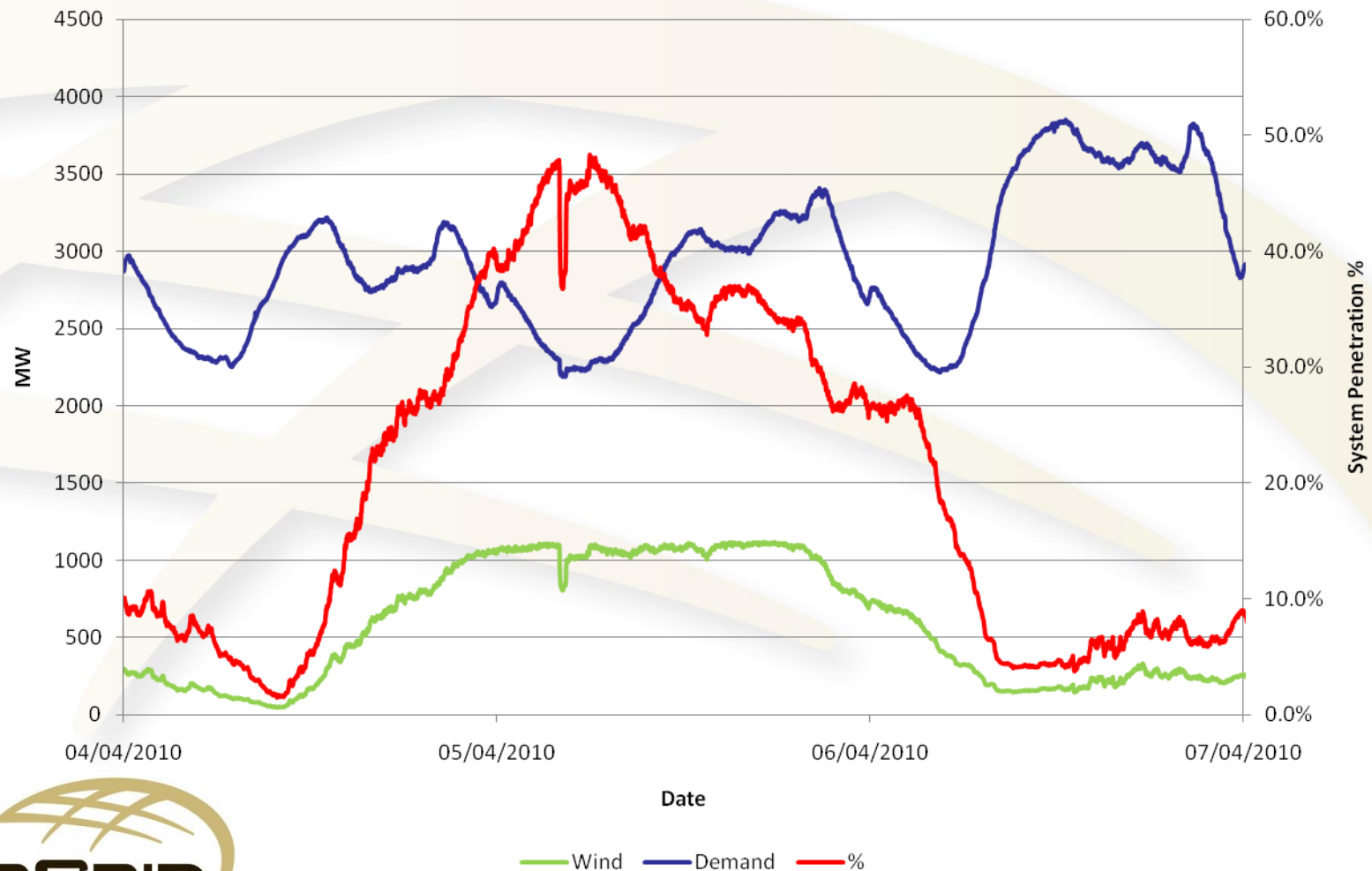
Ireland and Northern Ireland Wind Statistics

	Ireland	Northern Ireland
Installed	1416 MW	340 MW
Maximum Output	1259 MW	314 MW
Highest Instantaneous %	52.3 %	50 %
Highest Daily Energy	37%	29%
Annual Output % 2010	10%	7.2%

European NREAP 2020 Wind Figures

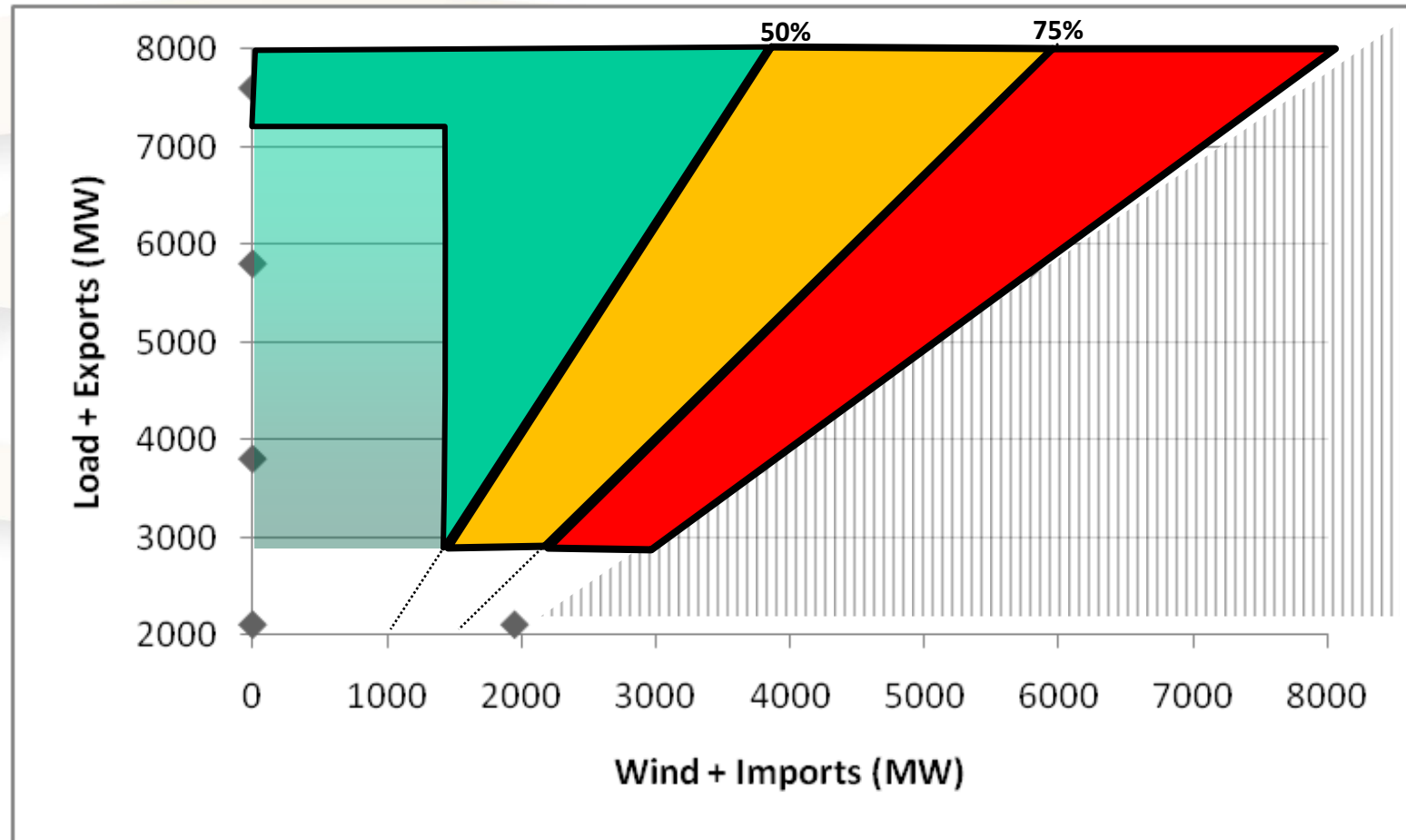


Instantaneous penetration of Wind in Real Time



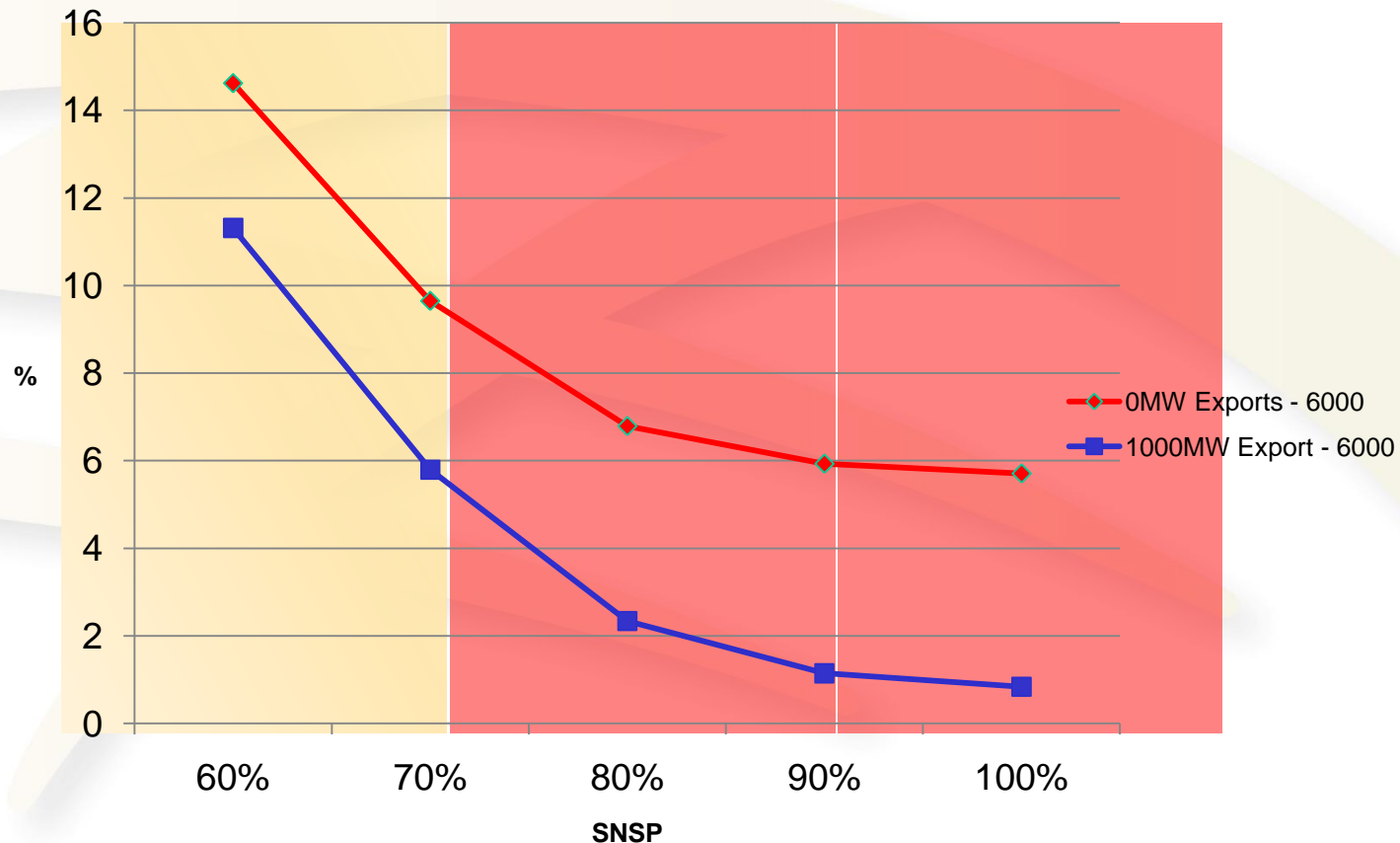
Operational Boundaries

System Non-Synchronous Penetration (SNSP)

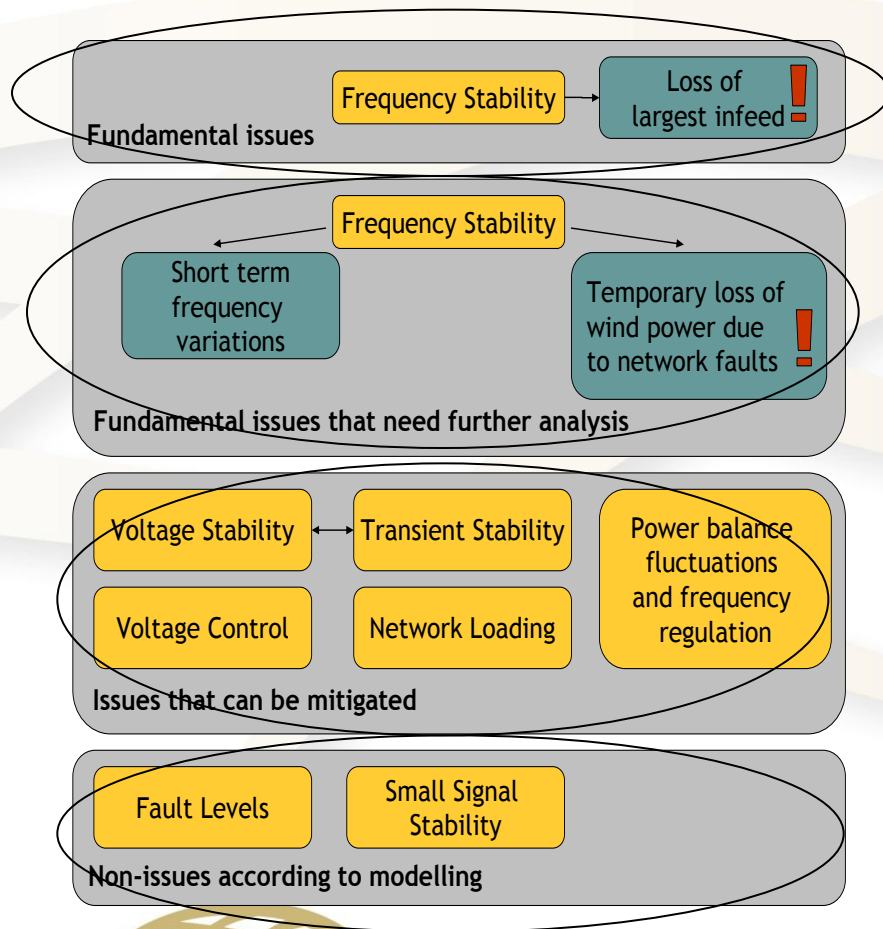


Curtailment and SNSP

Pushing the operational envelope



Key findings and actions to address each

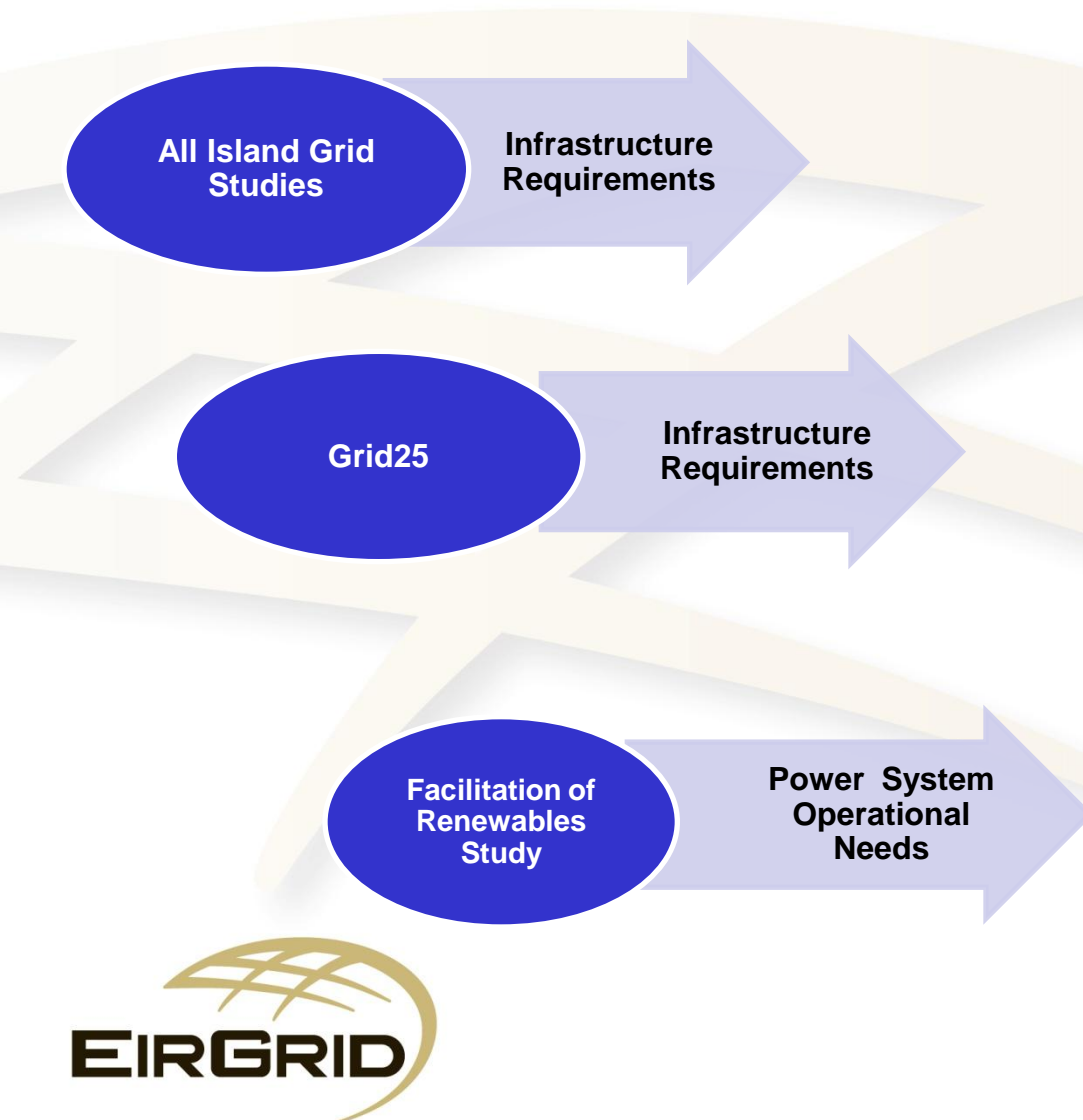


- RoCoF capability and protection
- Conventional Generator Reserve performance
- Wind farms controllability and reactive power capability
- Enhance and develop operating procedures including embedded wind farms

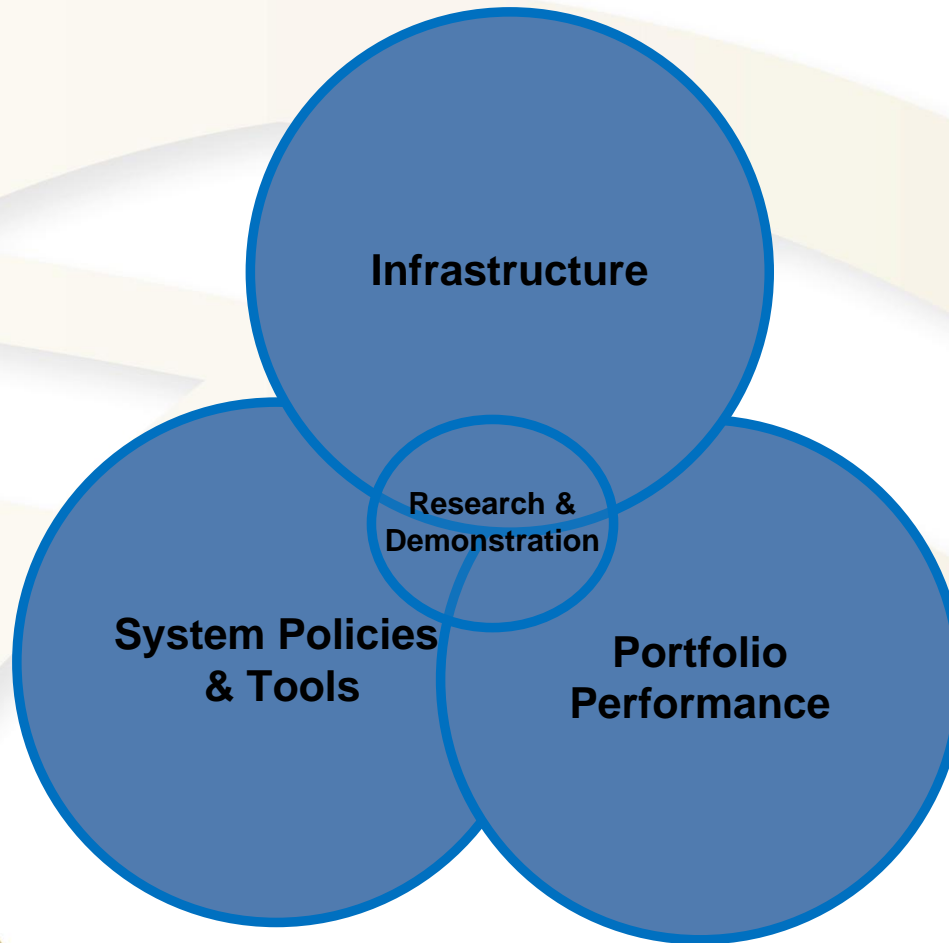
Key actions arising from FoR studies

- Review the **RoCoF capabilities** of generators and distribution protection.
- Recommend **full enforcement of all appropriate Grid Codes** standards universally.
- Recommend developing new standards where the industry currently consider standards inappropriate and enforcing those.
- Develop new **operational practices and enhance existing practices**.
- Review **market and support mechanisms**.

Programme for a Secure Sustainable Power System



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Power System Access

Transmission reinforcement
solutions

Renewable Generation
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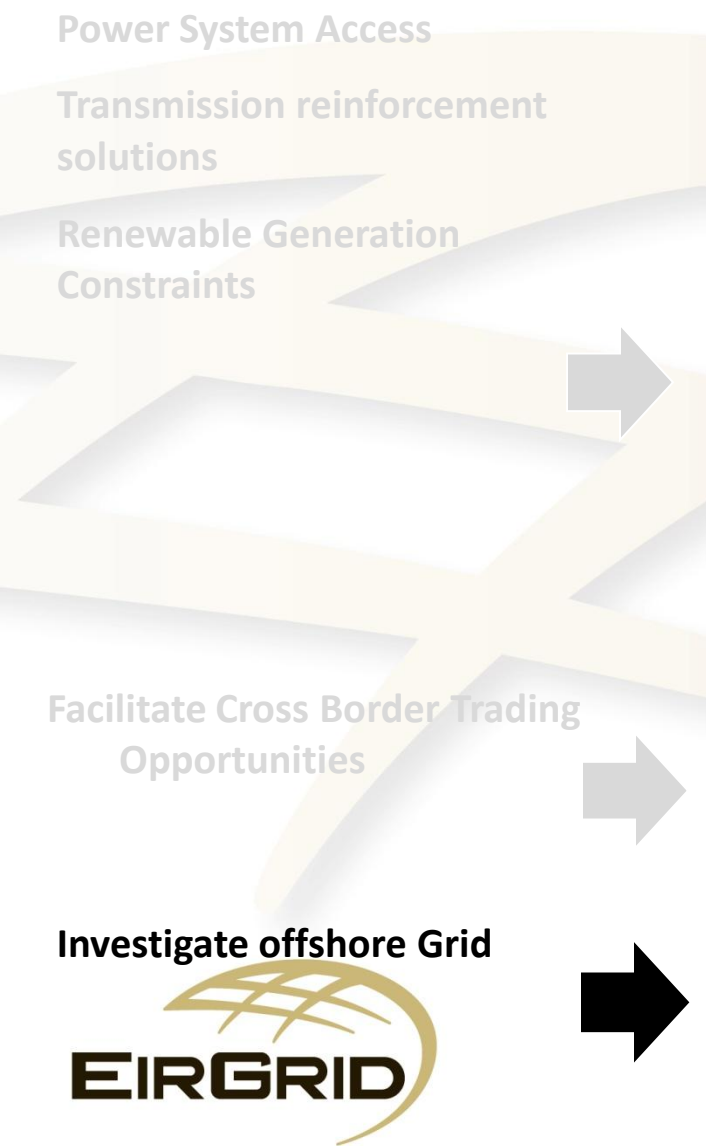
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Facilitate Cross Border Trading Opportunities



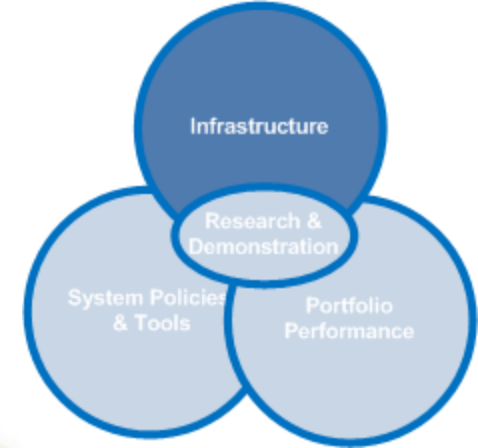
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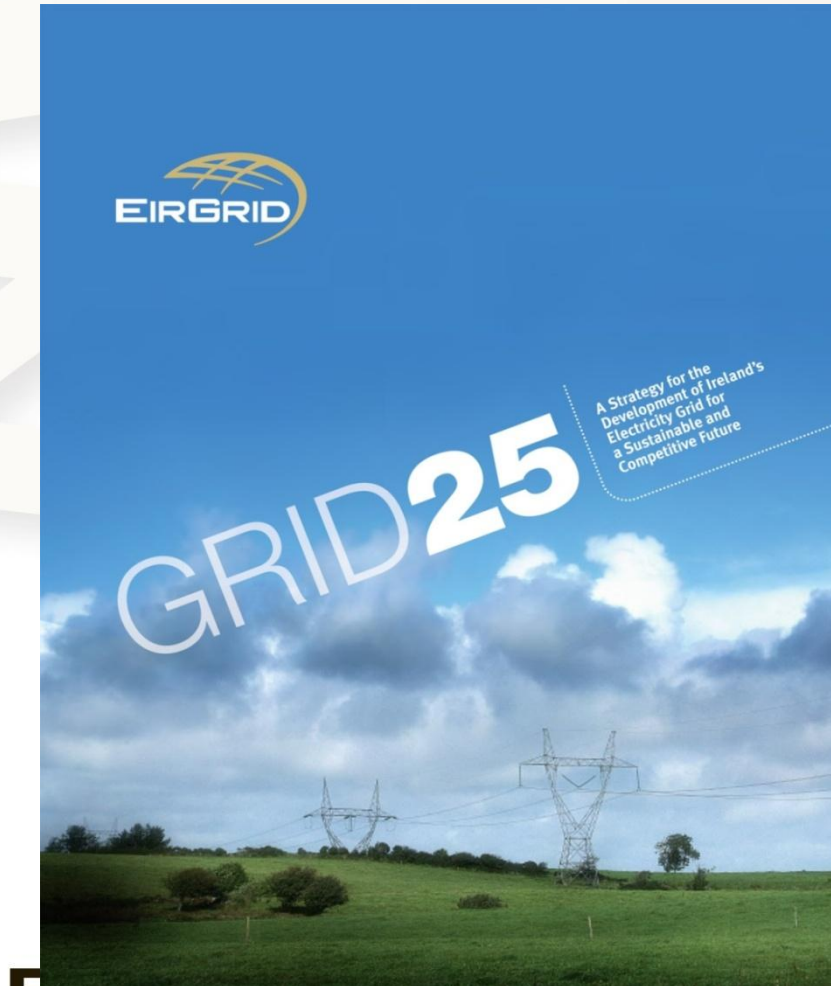
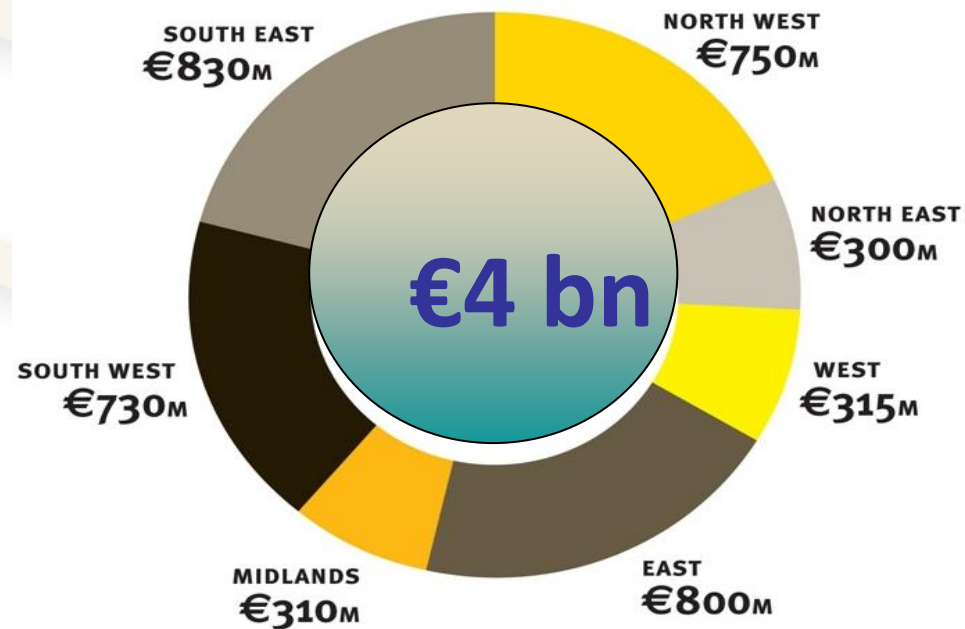
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Offshore Grids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input into various Offshore Grid Initiatives

Developing the Grid



2,200 km Upgrades

1,150 km New Build



Report is available for download at <http://www.eirgrid.com/aboutus/publications/>

System Policies

Frequency Stability/Transient Stability

RoCoF protection relays

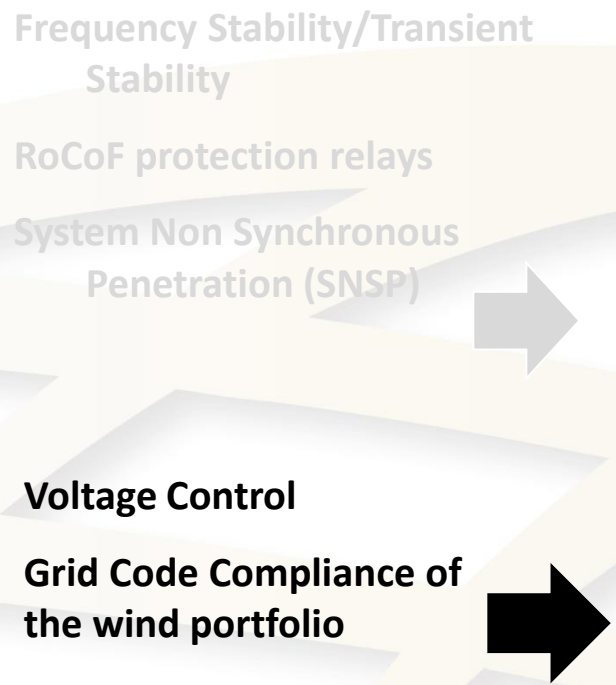
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Reactive Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Derive and implement an all island Reactive Power Management Strategy for both transmission and distribution connected plant. Includes clarification of existing standards.



System Tools

Management variable renewable
generation in real time



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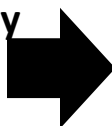
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Model Refinement

**System Frequency Stability, Frequency
Response & Voltage Stability**



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Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to study the response of the power system with significant renewable penetration levels. Improve the accuracy of modelling of all plant and carry out further investigations on the SNSP levels

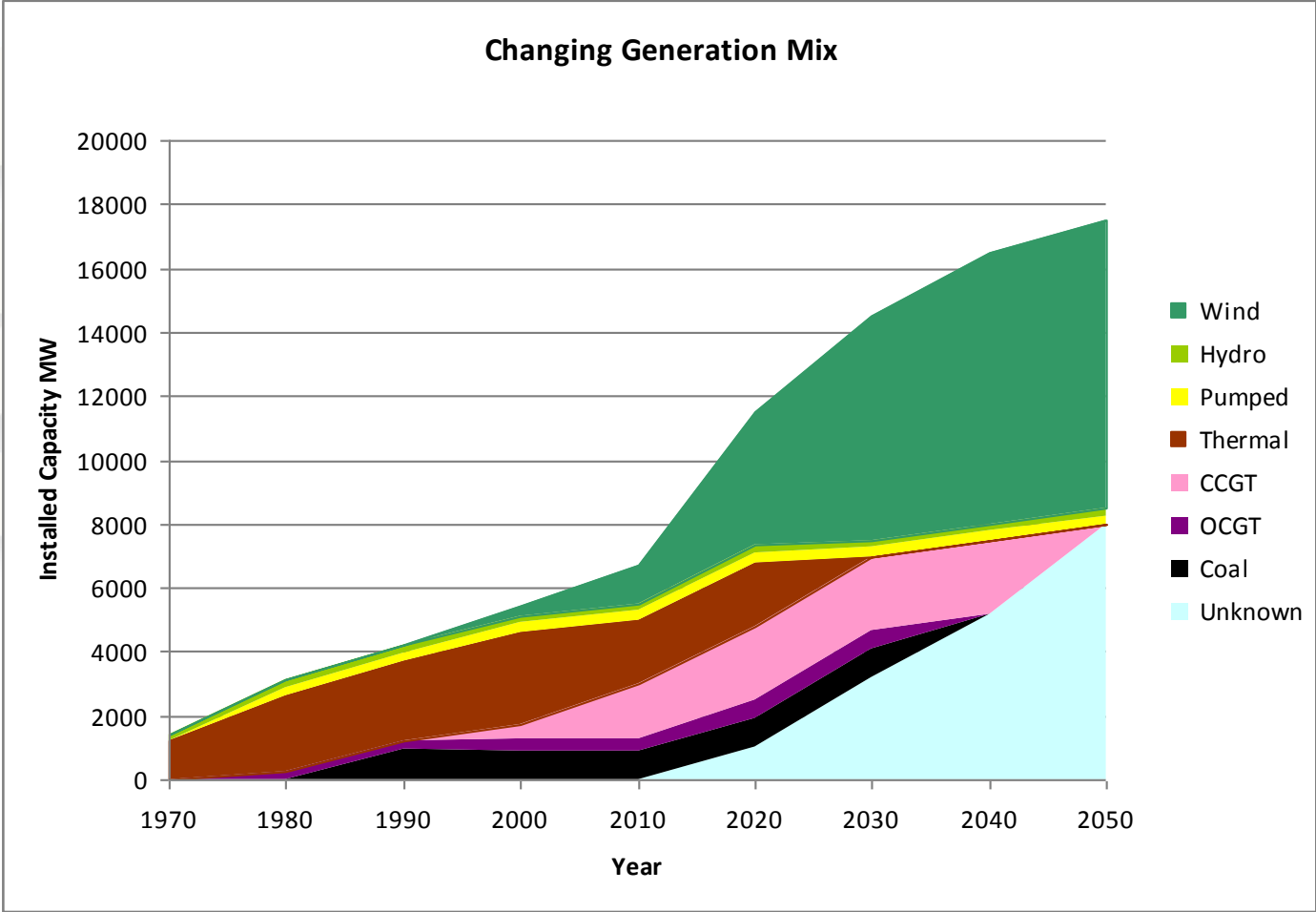
System Policies & Tools

Pushing the operational envelope



- Real-time status and analysis of system stability and integrity
- On-line dispatch of wind farms
- Remote control facilities across critical transmission assets
- Advanced forecasting and commitment support tools
- Identification of secure SNSP operational levels

Portfolio Performance: Changing Portfolio



Source: O’Riordan, Government White paper and assumptions on plant life length

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System Policies



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Credible Grid Code Compliance of the entire plant portfolio

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Plan

Performance Standards

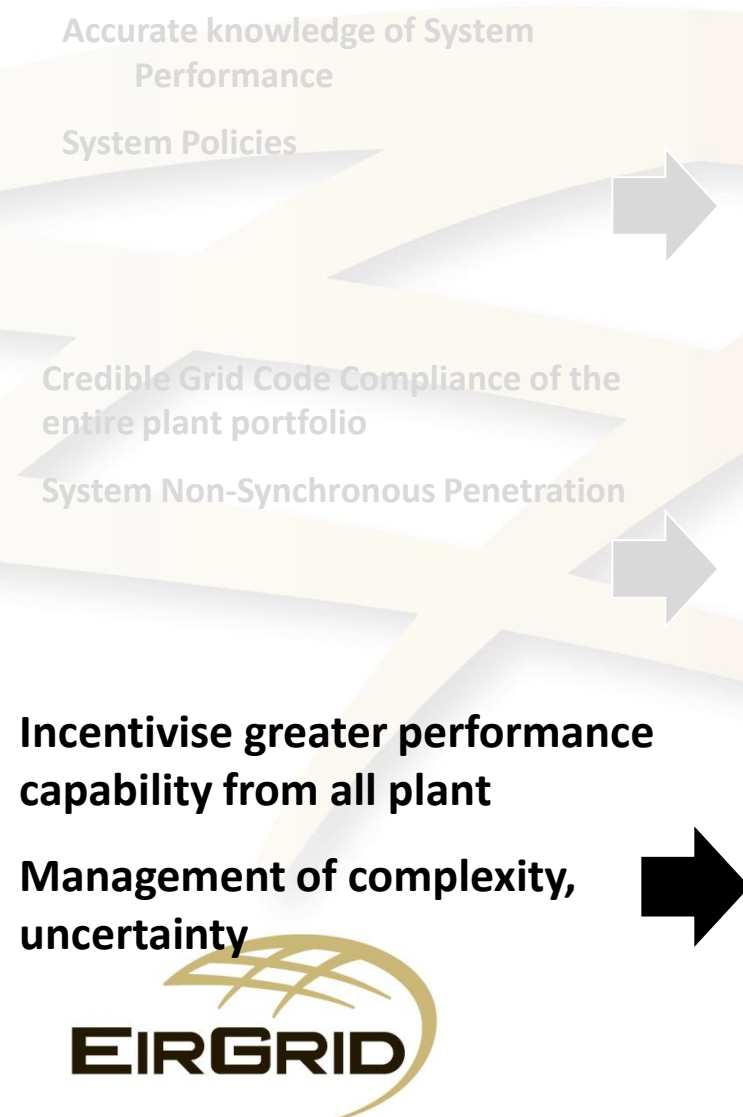
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Grid Code

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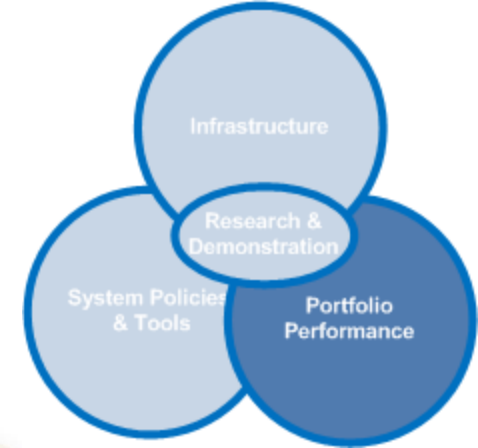
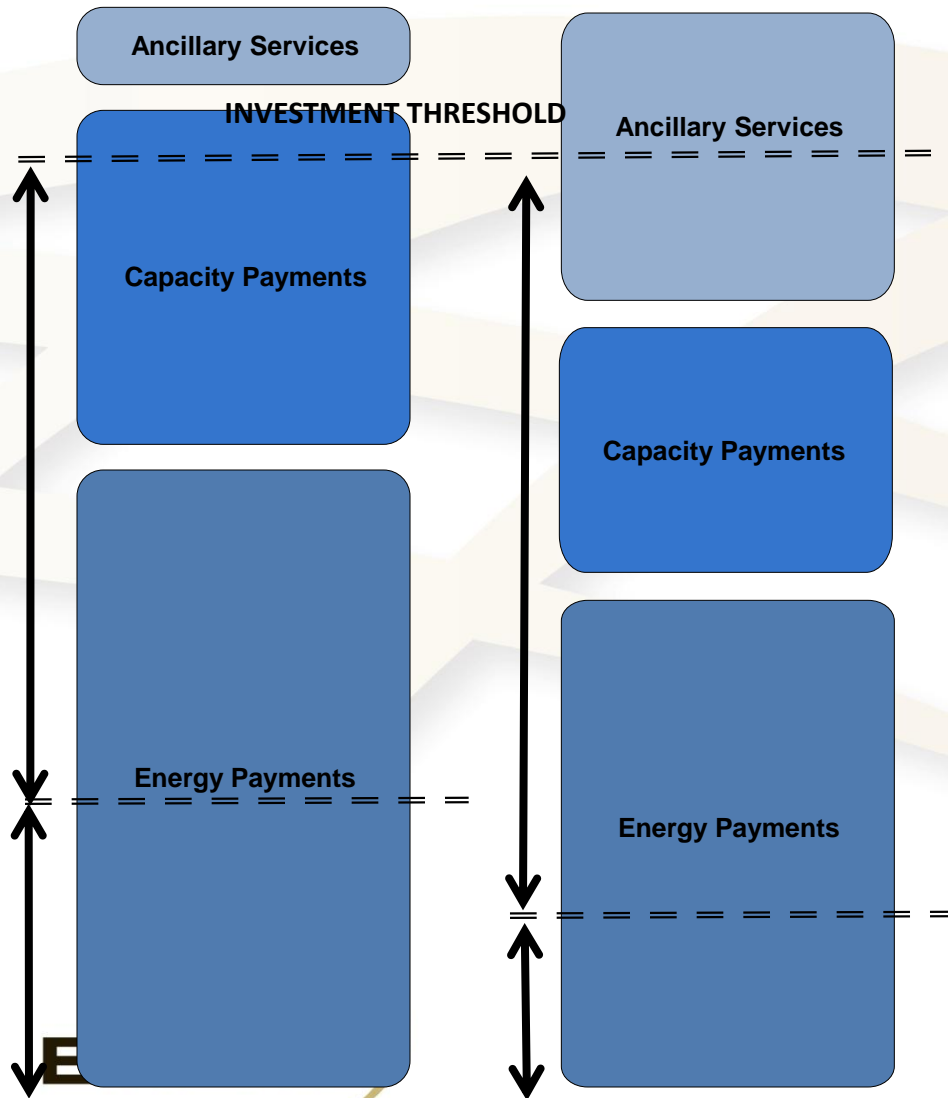


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Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide the necessary commercial incentives/mechanisms to ensure the delivery of a sustainable and efficient plant portfolio that meets the needs of the system

Incentivising Portfolio Performance



- Financial Mix will move to higher capital lower variable cost technologies
- Obtaining the plant mix that matches the system requirements and achieves the policy objectives

Research & Demonstration



- Engage with universities on research areas of interest
- Steer research projects based on experience
- Identify opportunities for demonstration of concepts/new policies

Stakeholder Map

EirGrid are committed to Stakeholder Engagement

Regular Information Sessions

Public Reports & Papers

Annual Renewable Report

**EirGrid
Internal Staff**

SEAI

DCENR,
DETI &
Ministers

Generators

CAUR,
Committee

IBEC/ISM

ESB

IWEA

Third Level
Colleges



Questions and Answers

