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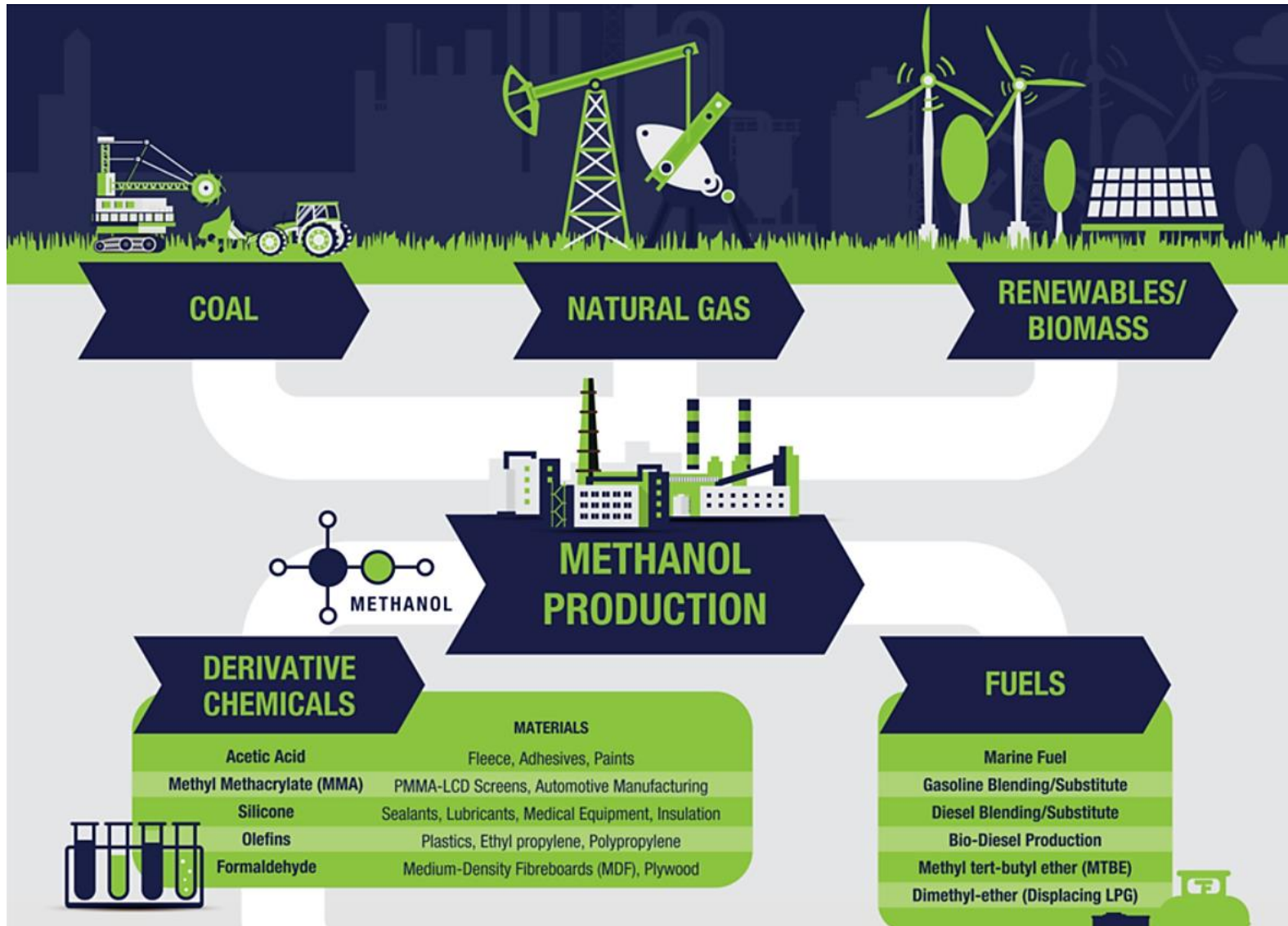
**Overcoming barriers to global  
access to low- and zero-carbon  
marine fuels**

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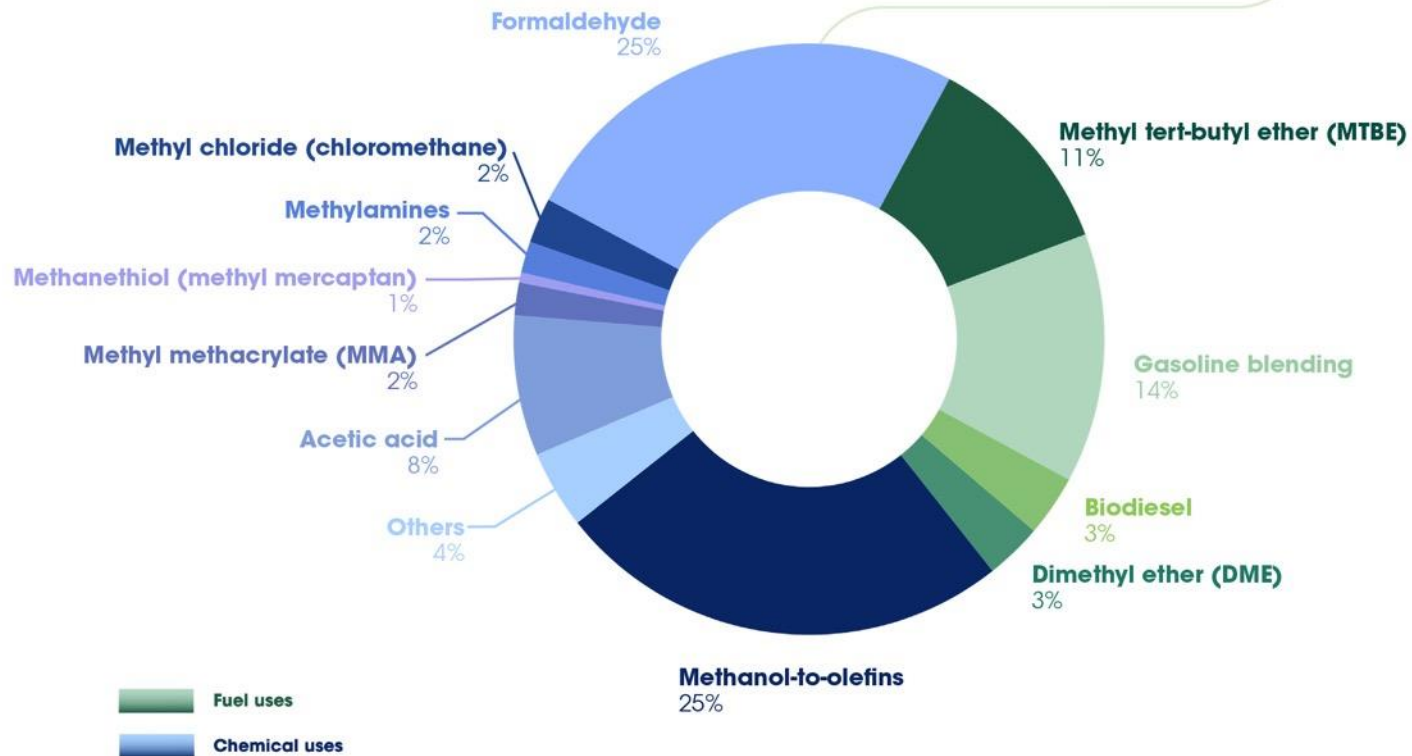
# Feedstocks & Markets



- Natural gas is still the predominant feedstock for the methanol industry ex-China
- Increasing number of projects utilize sustainable feedstocks such as captured CO<sub>2</sub> from industrial emitters and green hydrogen produced from municipal solid waste (MSW), forestry residues or agricultural waste
- Conventionally methanol goes into the production of **downstream chemicals** (~55% of global consumption)
- Increasingly, the fastest growing segment is where it is consumed as a **fuel**, in numerous applications (~45%)



98 million tonnes



Source: Based on data from MMSA (2020)

- Demand and Supply have largely been in balance over the past 20 years
- ~32M mtpa traded internationally
  - China imports >10M mtpa
- Broad sub-vertical markets across both chemicals and fuel applications means
  - Less price volatility
  - Predictable supply
  - Consistent quality

## ESTABLISHED TRADING HUBS



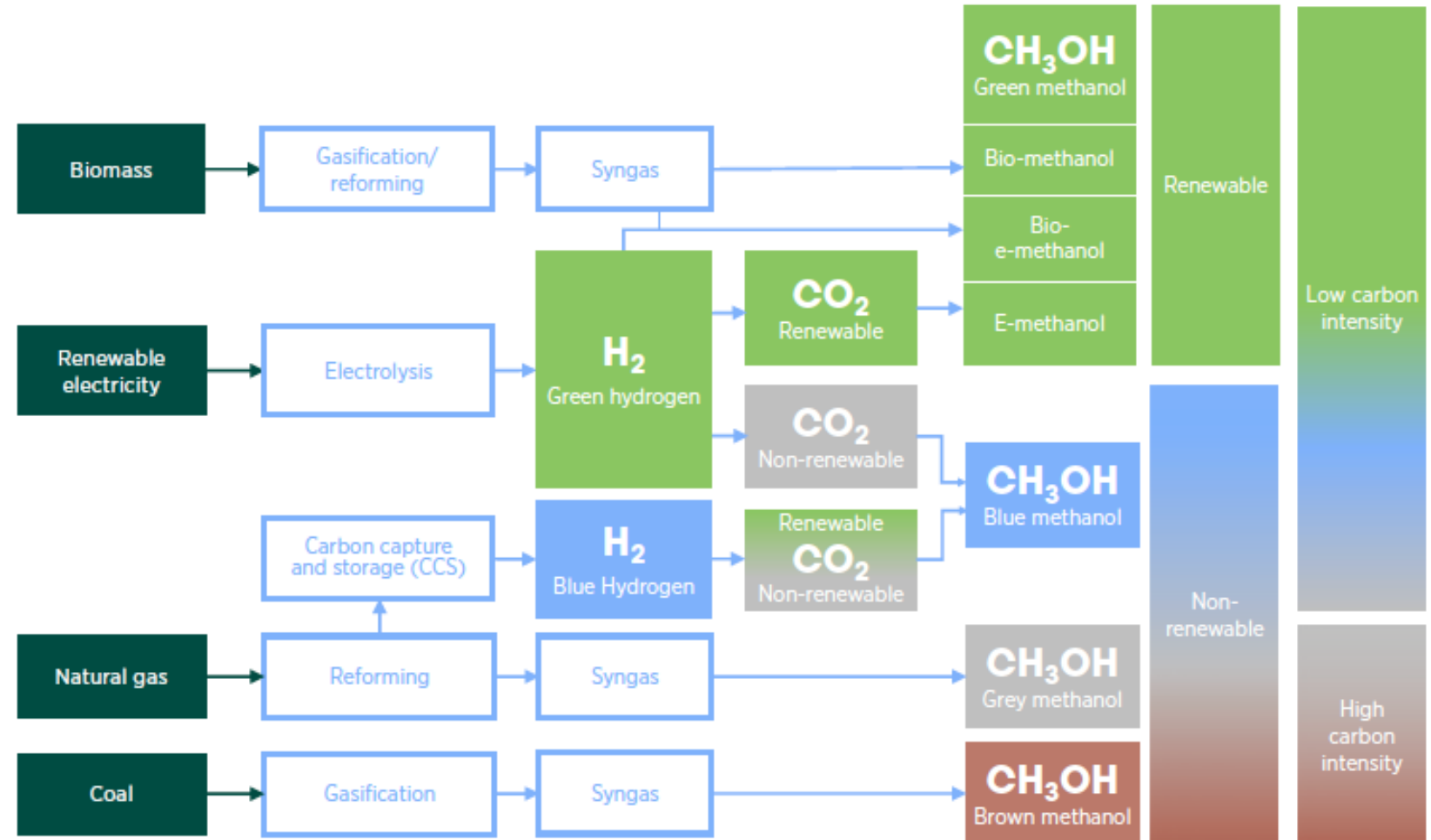
- Efficient break bulking, swaps, blending
- Transparent price assessments
- Standards and safe handling
- Lowers entry costs

METHANOL AVAILABLE IN  
OVER 100 PORTS TODAY



# Transitional benchmarking & scaling

Year	Targeted reductions relative to reference year
2020	Reference year
2025	↓ 2%
2030	↓ 6%
2035	↓ 13%
2040	↓ 26%
2045	↓ 59%
2050	↓ 75%



Sources: IMO, IRENA



# Renewable fuels play a critical role

A 1.5° C Scenario featuring 80% decarbonisation is based on four key measures

## Renewable Fuels

1. Indirect electrification via e-fuels
  - **60% decarbonization**
2. Direct employment of advanced biofuels
  - **3% decarbonization**

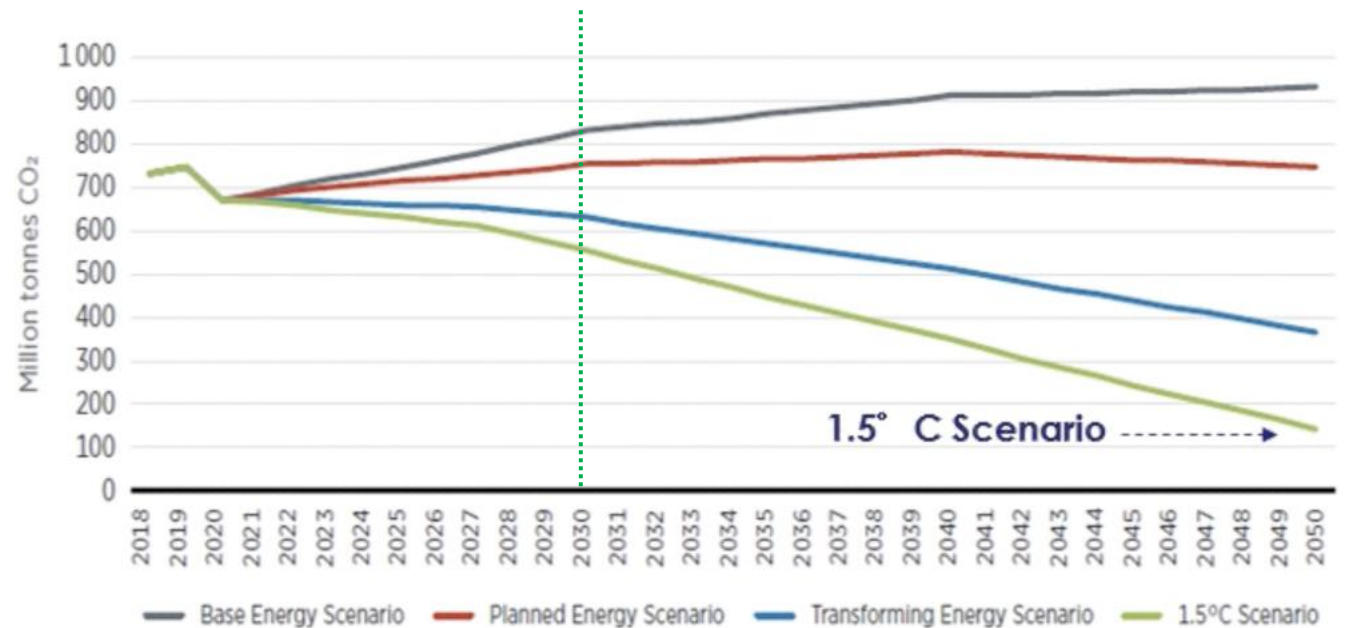
## Energy Efficiency

3. Improvement of vessels' energy efficiency
  - **20% decarbonization**

## Systemic changes in global trade dynamics

4. Reduction in final energy due to sectoral activity changes (reduced oil demand, circular economy)
  - **17% decarbonisation**

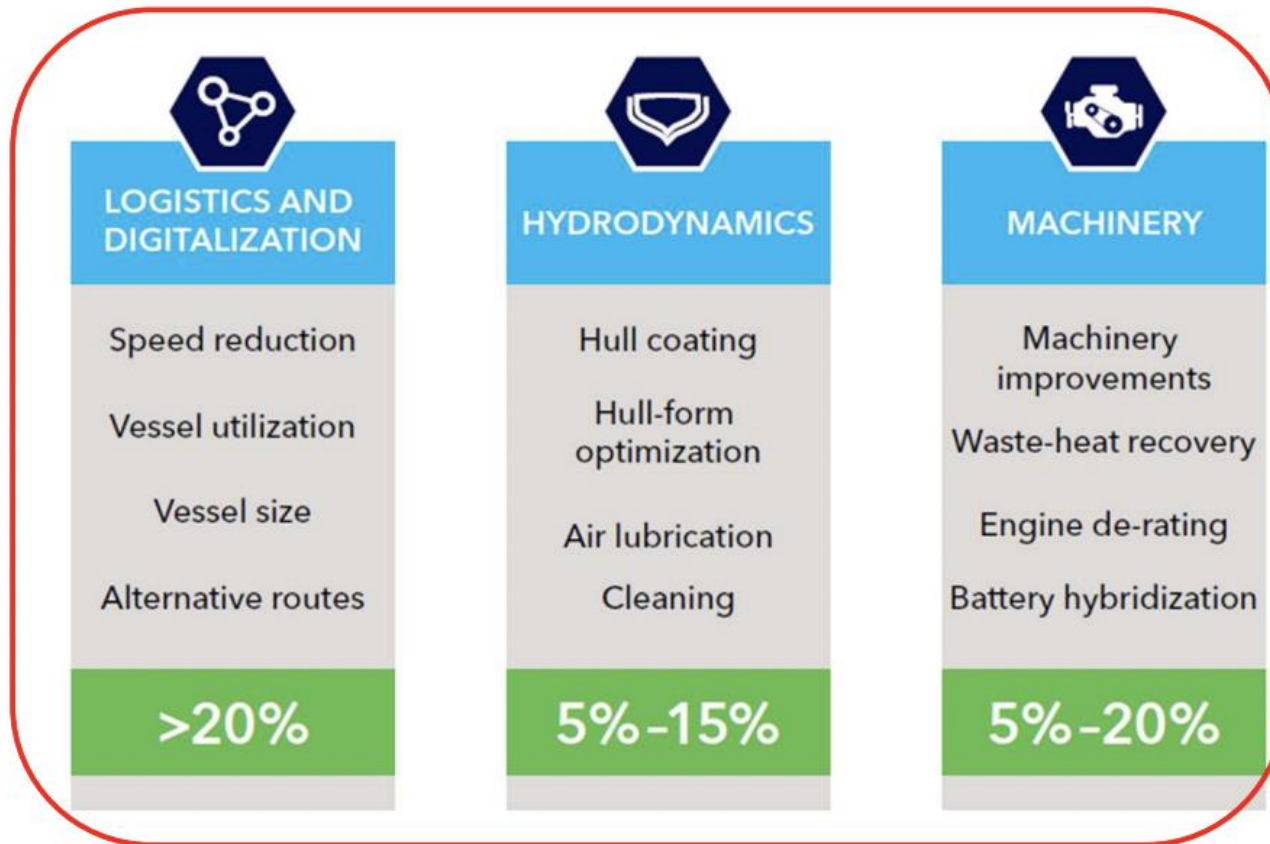
Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with each scenario, 2018-2050



# Options: Compliancy vs Competitiveness

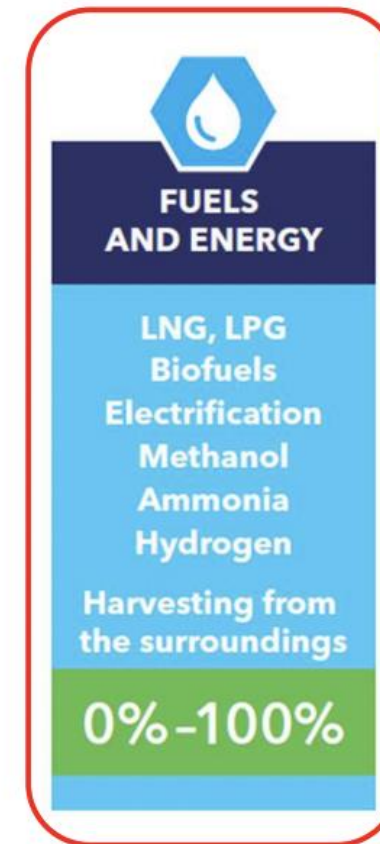
## EVOLVING POLICY

Reduce energy consumption



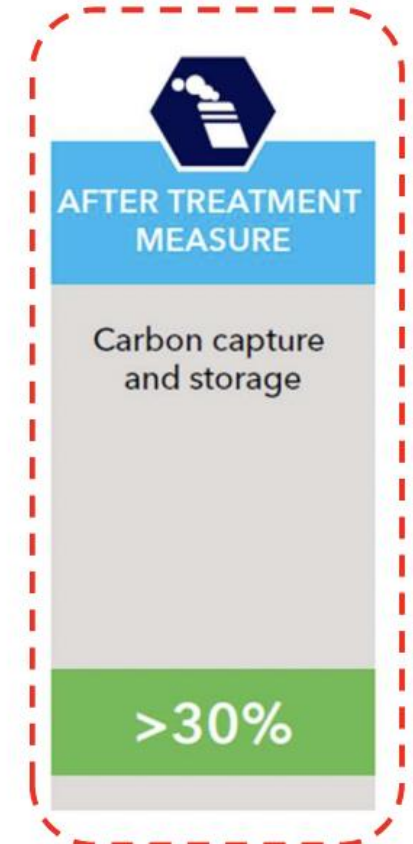
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Low-carbon energy



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Clean up exhaust



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Source: DNV



# Potential pathway ahead

**Focus: Present**  
Energy Efficiency

**Focus: Short-Term**  
Biofuels

**Focus: Mid- to Long-Term**  
Carbon neutral, “hydrogen dense” fuels are pivotal to maritime decarbonisation

By 2050, shipping will require a total of **46 MMT of carbon neutral hydrogen** for e-fuels production

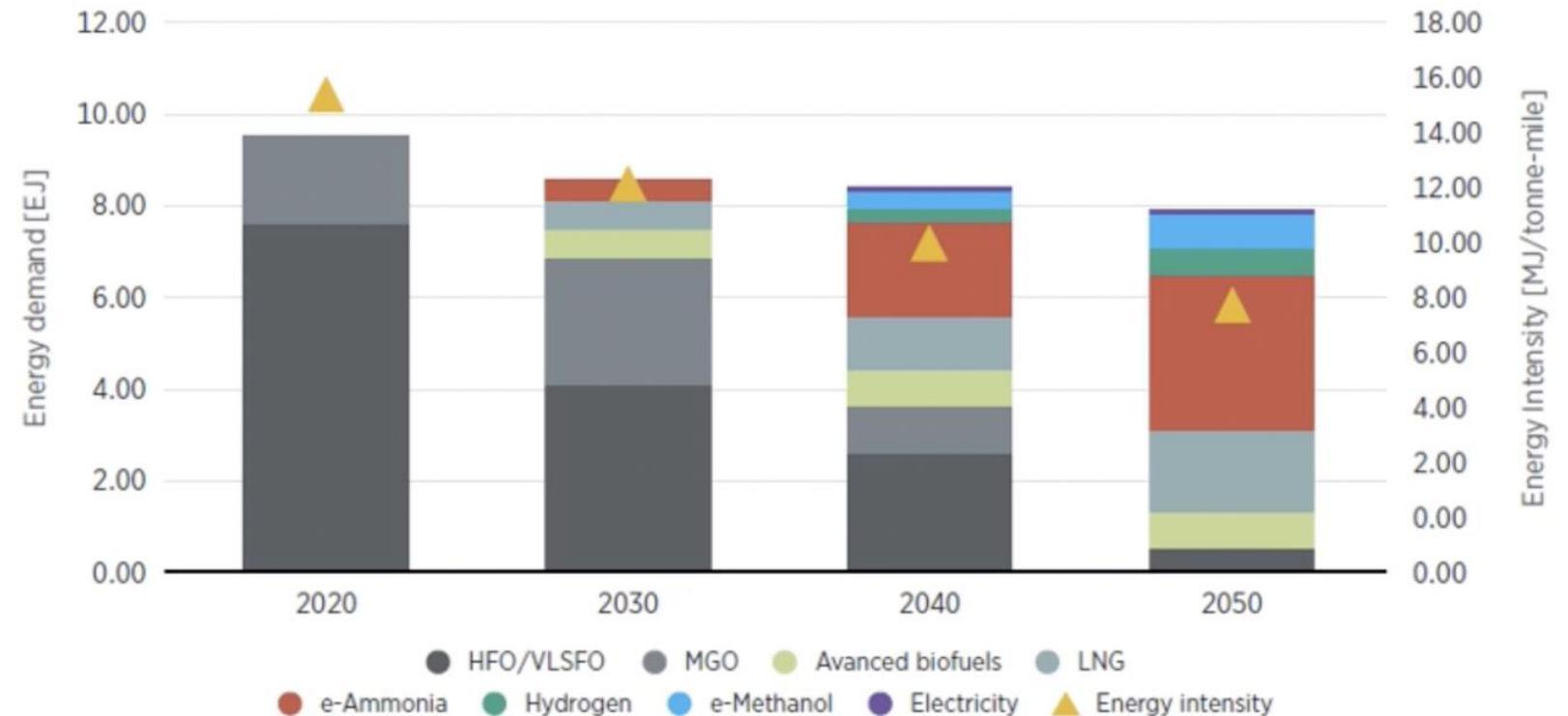
- 73% e-ammonia
- 17% e-methanol
- 10% liquid H<sub>2</sub>

Based on current technology, this equates to **500GW of electrolyser and 1,000 GW\* of renewable electricity capacity**

IRENA 2022

**\*1GW** = 3.125 million PV panels (based on a silicon model panel size of 320 watts) or;  
333 Utility-Scale Wind Turbines (based on the average utility-scale wind turbine size of 3MW installed)

1.5° C scenario energy pathway, 2018-2050





# Cost scenario

		Estimated Costs in USD		
		2015 – 2018	2030	2050
Cost of green H <sub>2</sub> (\$/t H <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>(a)</sup>		4000 – 8000	1800 – 3200	900 – 2000
Cost of CO <sub>2</sub> (\$/t CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>(c)</sup>		50 – 100	50 – 100	50 – 100
Cost of Methanol (\$/t MeOH) <sup>(b)</sup>	No Carbon Credit	870 – 1690	460 – 790	290 – 560
	Carbon Credit of \$50/t CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(d)</sup>	780 – 1610	370 – 700	200 – 480
	Carbon Credit of \$100/t CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>(d)</sup>	700 – 1520	290 – 620	120 – 390

(a) Source: (IRENA, 2020)

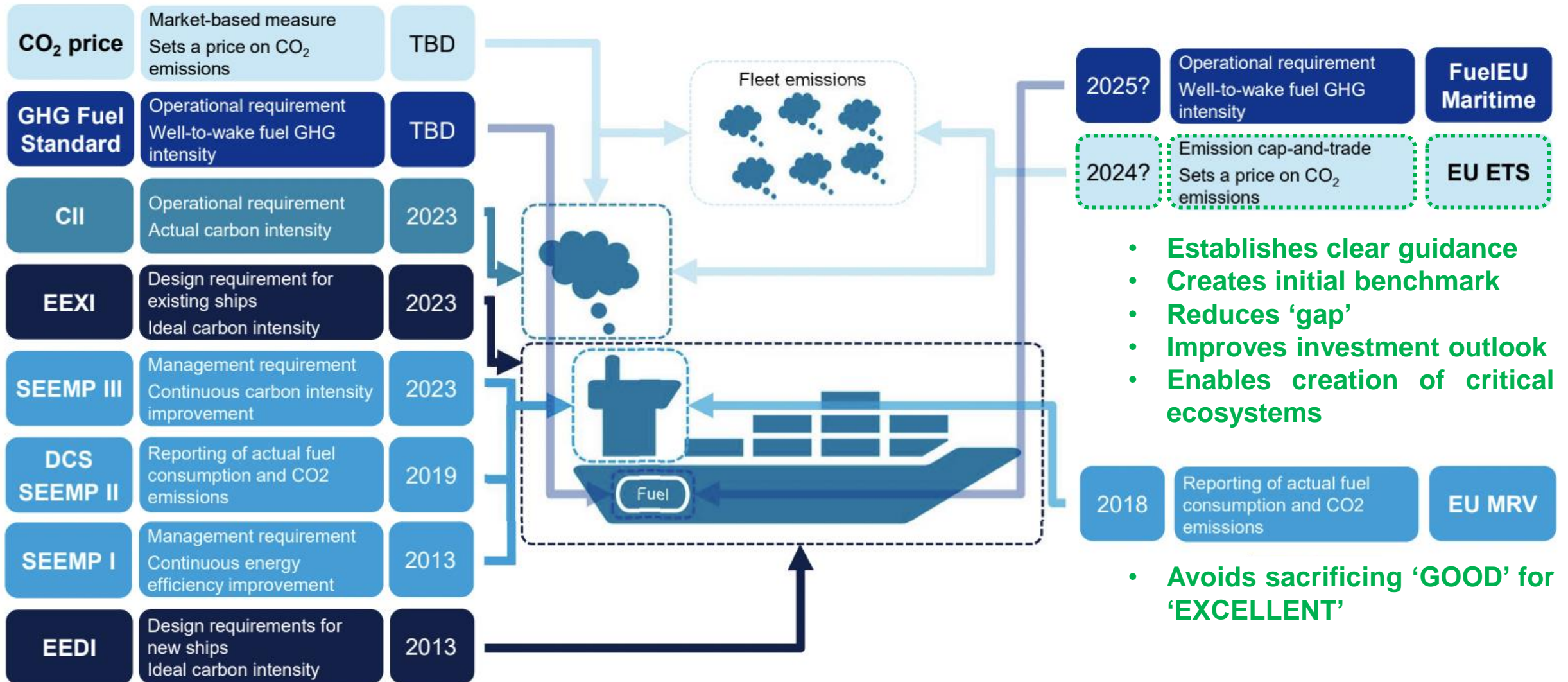
(b) assuming \$50 per ton synthesis cost for e-methanol once the raw material, H<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> are provided

(c) Origin of the CO<sub>2</sub> will change over time as volumes increase

(d) The carbon credit per ton of e-methanol is based on the difference between the average CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions from methanol production from natural gas (95.2 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ) and average CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions from e-methanol production from renewable CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> (8.645 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/MJ). Considering a LHV of 19.9 MJ/kg for methanol, this corresponds to a 1.72 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq of emission avoided per ton of e-methanol, compared to traditional natural gas based methanol.



# Policy & Timing



Source: DNV