



# Key challenges and future role of Distribution Network

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Key figures - 2017

32 Million  
Customers

700.000  
Prosumers

440.000  
MV/LV Substations

2.100  
HV/MV Substation

15.700  
People

1.140.000 km  
Network

227 TWh energy distributed

85% of Country's distributed energy

10 million of remote operations/year

500 million of automatic readings/year

30.000 CO<sub>2</sub> tons avoided

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# Scenario

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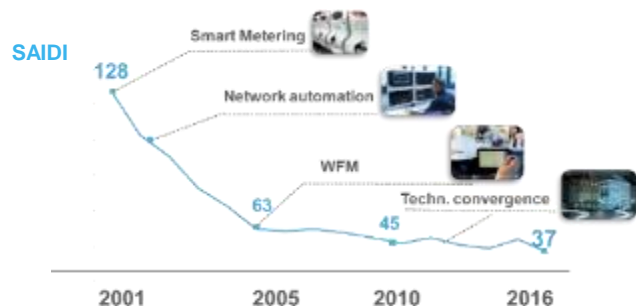


## Quality of Service

- SAIDI and SAIFI+MAIFI Target 2023

## Grid Resilience

- Reduction of risk levels vs. extreme weather events
- 3 years Resilience Plan issued



## RES and energy efficiency

- 55% electricity from RES

## Investments on network flexibility



- Open meter
- Network digitalization
- Demand Side Management



Quality of service

Resilience

Digitalization

Smart Grids

Reliability

Innovation



# Quality of Service and Resilience

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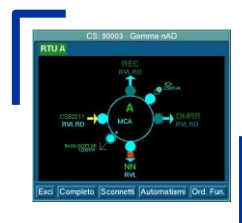
# Route to quality excellence

System Average Interruption Duration Index (min/year per LV Customer)

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Smart meter



Network automation

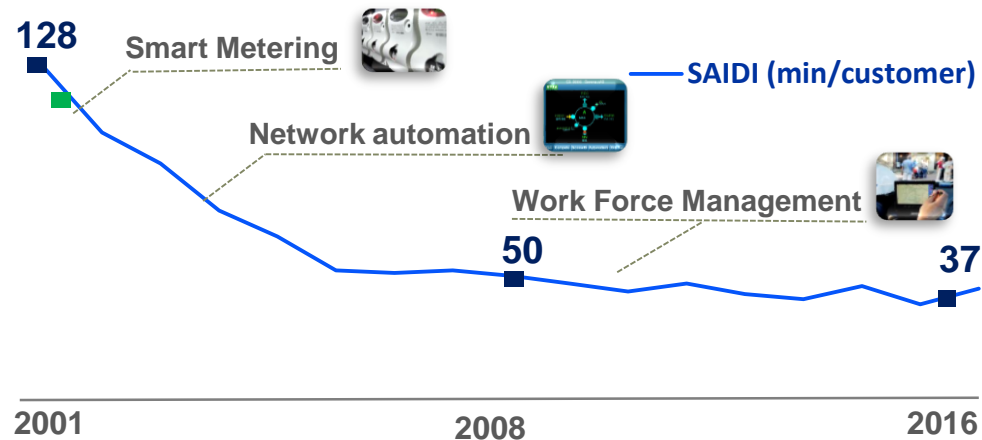


Work force management



IT integration

## Quality of Service



+ 70% Quality of Service  
- 35% Opex

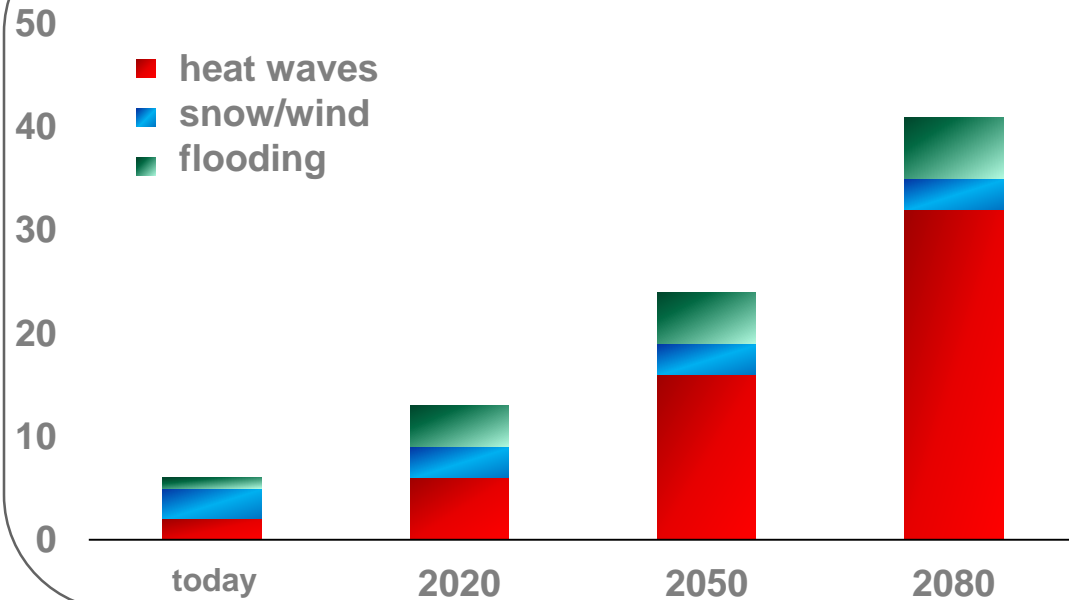
A global benchmark

# A new operating context

Climate change impact on network infrastructures

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## Impact of weather events (Bln€/year)



Evolution of climate hazard damages to critical infrastructures in the EU, JRC

## Impact on power networks



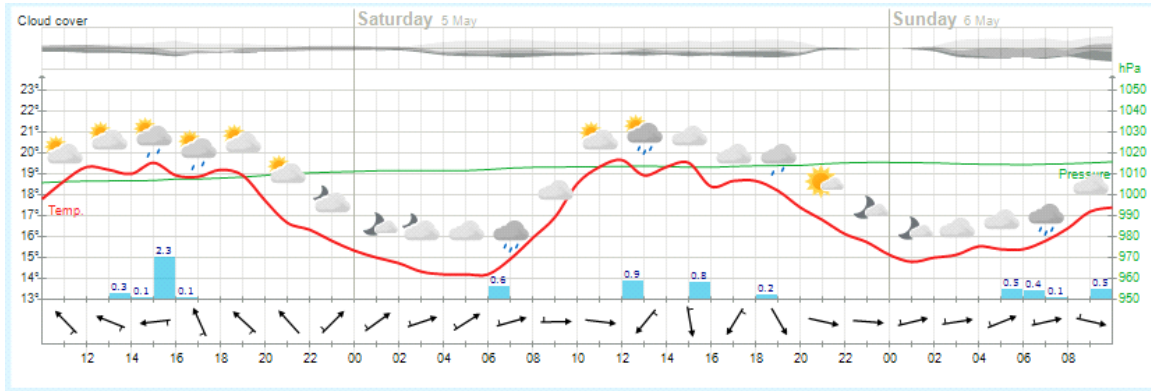
Increasing influence of extreme weather events on network infrastructures

# Network resilience

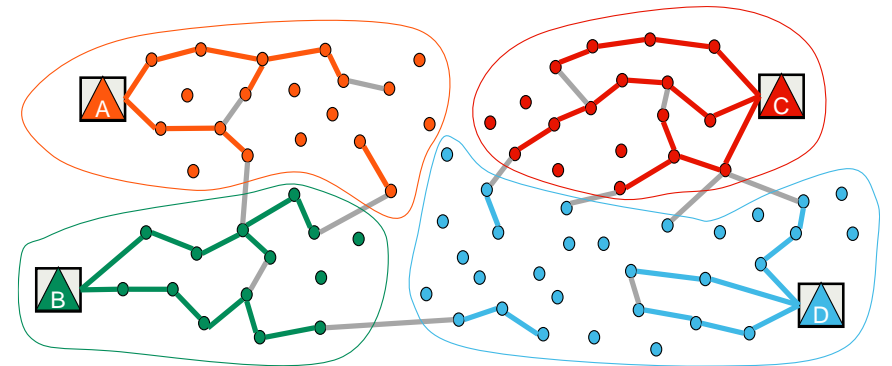
Risk evaluation methodology

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## Weather Database



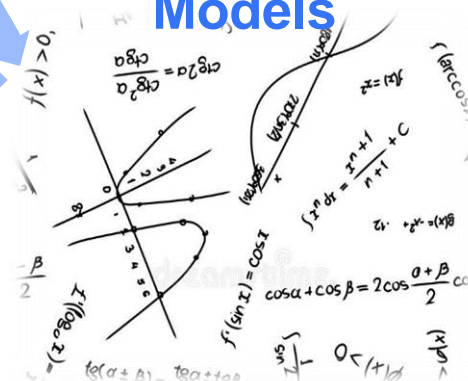
## Impact on the service



Extreme weather events



Mathematical Models



Outage Risk Index

$$I_{OR} = P \times D$$

Risk based investment allocation in Resilience Plan

# Network resilience

Technical solutions

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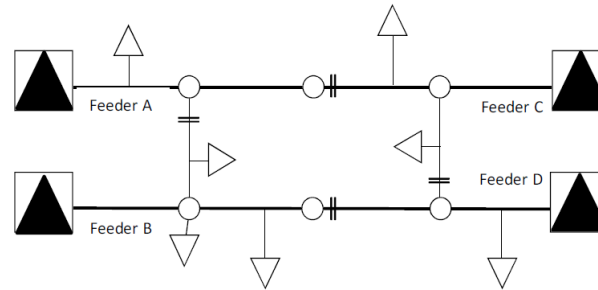
## Network reinforcement



Overhead cables  
Structural level

«P»  
Reduction

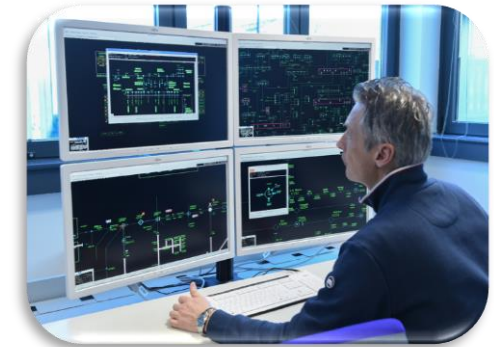
## Network structure



Meshed structure  
Backup lines

«D»  
Reduction

## Remote control



Fast fault selection  
Faster logistics

Outage Risk Index

$$I_{OR} = P \times D$$

$P = \text{probability of outage at substation}(1/T_R)$   
 $D = \text{damage (number of affected customers} = N_{AC})$





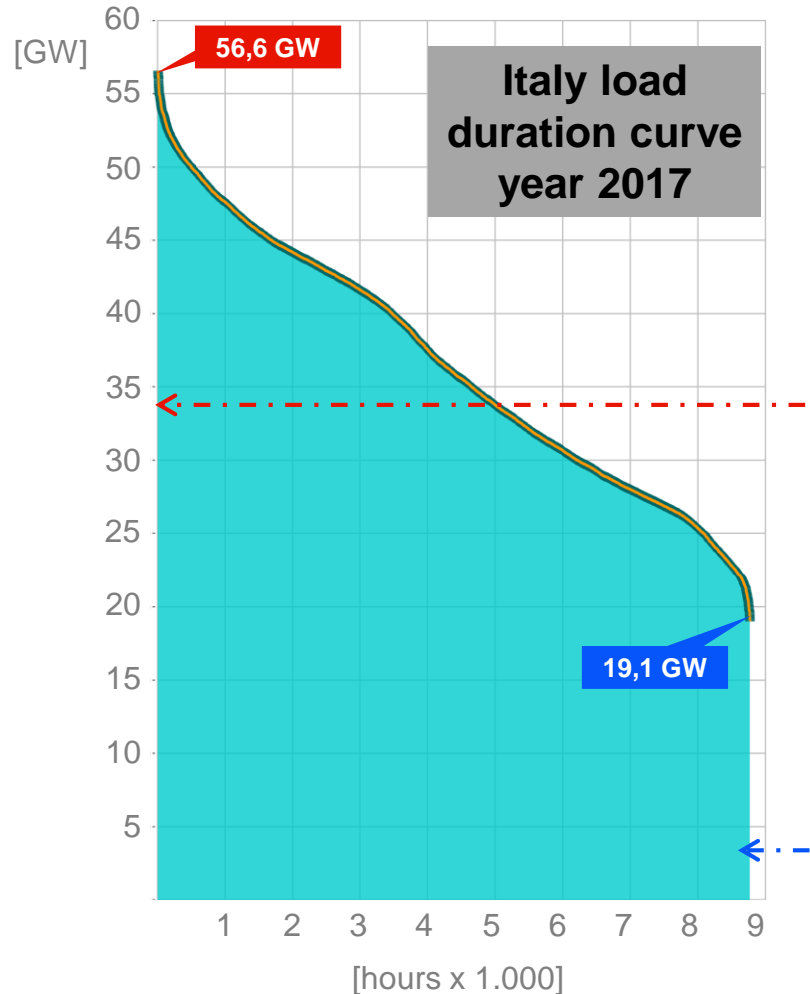
# RES Integration

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Load duration and RES connections

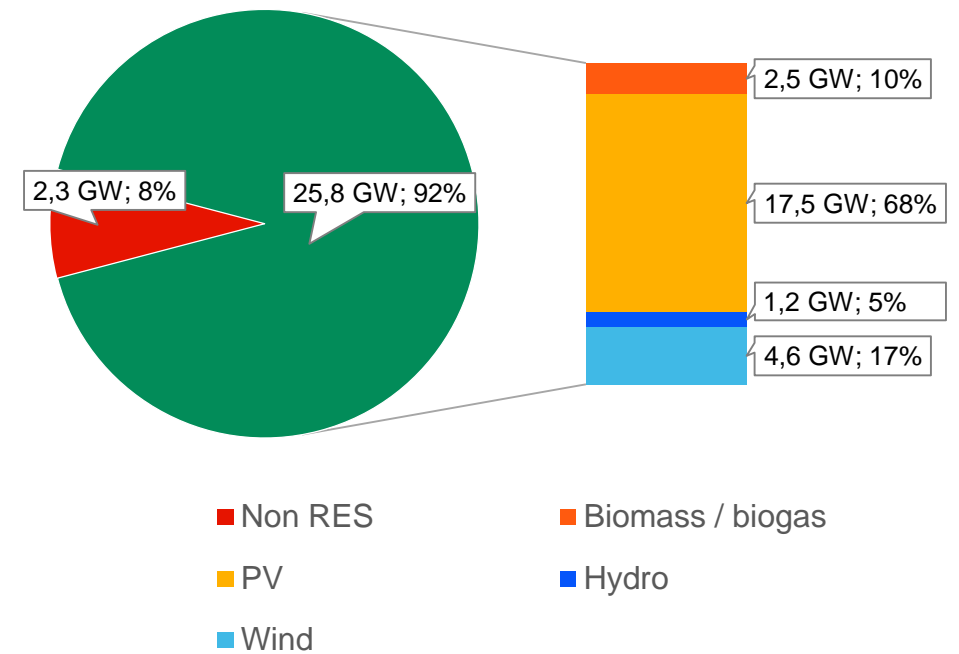
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Maximum power on e-distribuzione network: **34 GW**

Minimum power on e-distribuzione network: **3,4 GW**

Power connected to e-distribuzione network – Year 2017



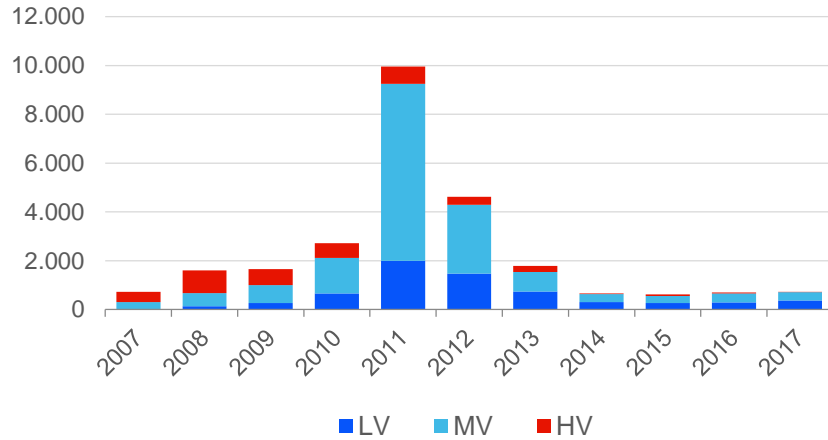
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High flexibility of distribution network and RES integration

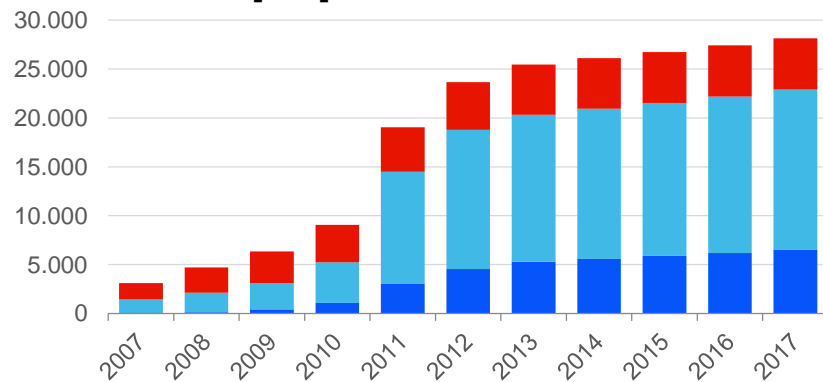
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## Connections

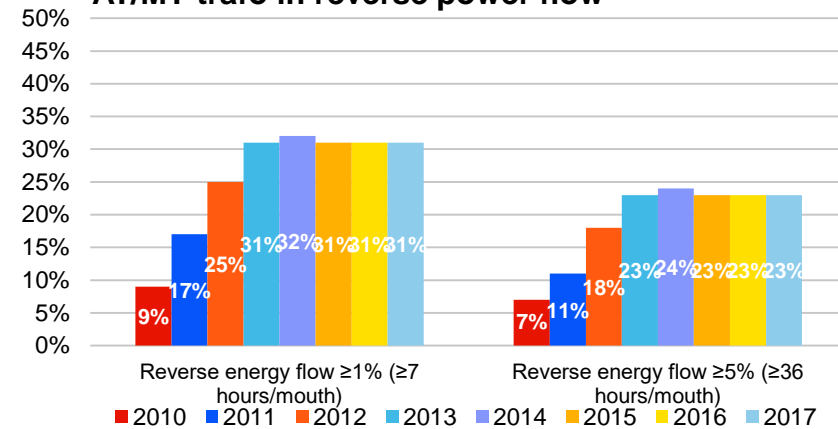
Power connected [MW] – Annual data



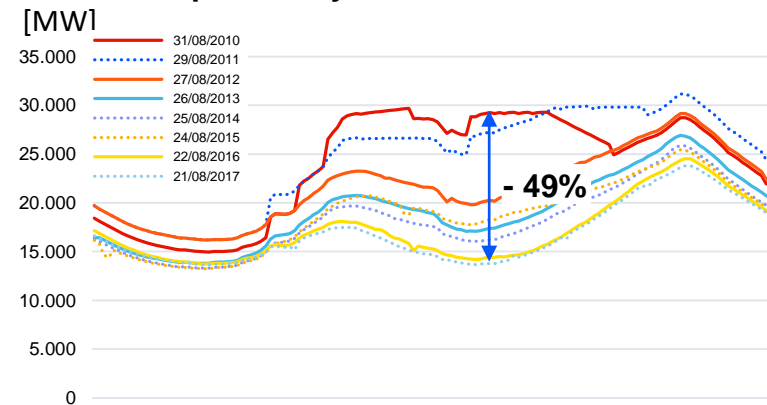
Power connected [MW] – Cumulative data



AT/MT trafo in reverse power flow



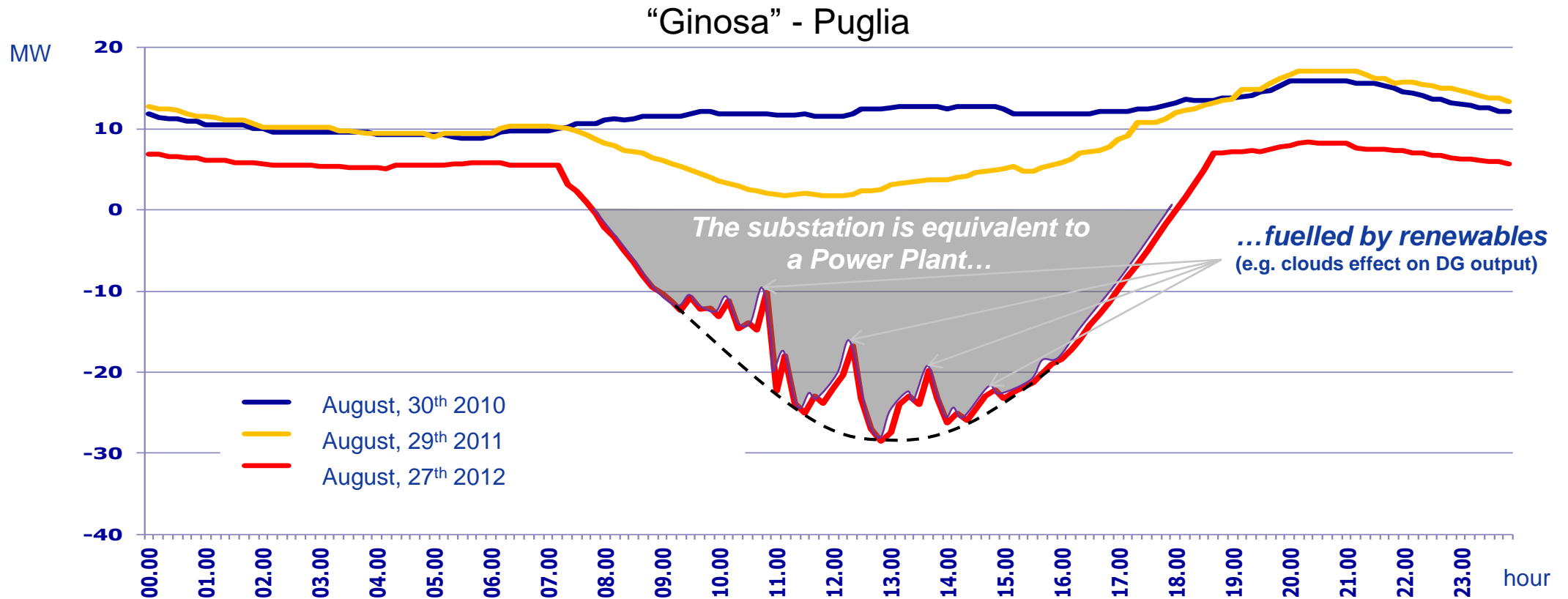
Net load requested by distribution network



28 GW of RES connected on distribution network

# RES Integration

HV/MV substation with RES – reverse power flow



Increased flexibility of network plants

# How to deal with this without jeopardizing system's security

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## Monitoring

- enhanced RES remote control capabilities
- automatic optimal network configuration
- real-time data exchange with RES and TSO

## Planning

- renewable DG modeling and prediction
- probabilistic vs. deterministic approach
- Demand Response

## Dispatching

- from *fit-and-forget* to *smart integration* of RES
- local activation of RES (e.g. voltage regulation and congestions management)
- ancillary services provisioning



# DSO-TSO interoperability

Regulation and innovation

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- **28 GW of Distributed Generation**, mainly RES, are today connected to **MV and LV networks**
- This **capacity will double** to meet **EU targets** (55%-62% generation from RES by 2030)
- The **Distribution Network will be a strategic asset** to change the paradigm of energy consumption (renewables, prosumers, electric vehicle, demand response, etc)
- The **DSO must supervise and coordinate the activation of distributed resources connected on its network** in order to provide ***safe, secure and reliable energy*** to all customers
- Moreover, EU and local policies foresee the **possibility for DSO to buy “local flexibility services”** from **Aggregators, BSPs and Distributed Resources** (load, prosumers, distributed generators, etc)
- **Data exchange and cooperation between DSO and TSO** must be transparent and open, **with respect to *reciprocal roles and responsibilities***

# Active Demand

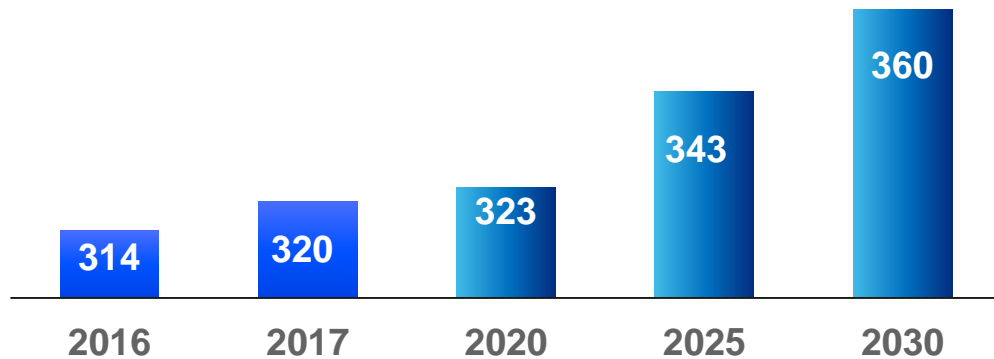
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# New market scenarios

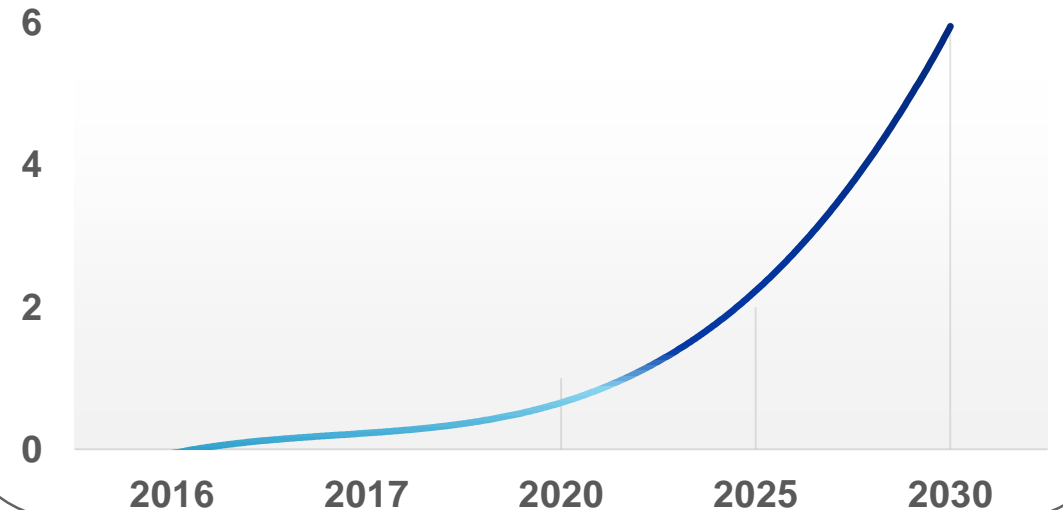
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Distributed energy (TWh)



SEN forecast

Electric Vehicles forecast (million)



Scenarios description document – Terna 2018

***Demand increase and electric mobility impact***



# Second generation Digital Meter

4,1 Billion investment in 2017-24

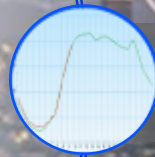
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Open protocol for meter informations access



Support to dynamic prices based market models



Availability of daily load curves



Enabling new value-added services



Support to advanced network management

***Open technology for Active Demand***

# Future role of distribution network

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## 2G Electronic Meter

- Enabling new value-added services, open protocol
- 15 minutes daily load curves
- advanced network management

## Resilience

- Probabilistic analysis of network risk
- Impact evaluation of extreme events
- response capacity in emergency conditions

## Optical Fiber

- Improved TLC performance
- Advanced Automation (IoT, Smart Fault Selection)

## Electric Mobility

- Vehicle-to-Grid
- Fast-Charge
- Distributed Storage

## Secondary substation as data hub

- Sensors network
- IoT Hub
- Multi-metering

## Renewables Integration

- RES Dispatching
- Monitoring and Remote control
- Ancillary Services for TOTEX

## Active Demand

- Flexibility management
- Demand Response
- Smart Grid management



*Resilient platform for a smarter world*

# Thank you

