

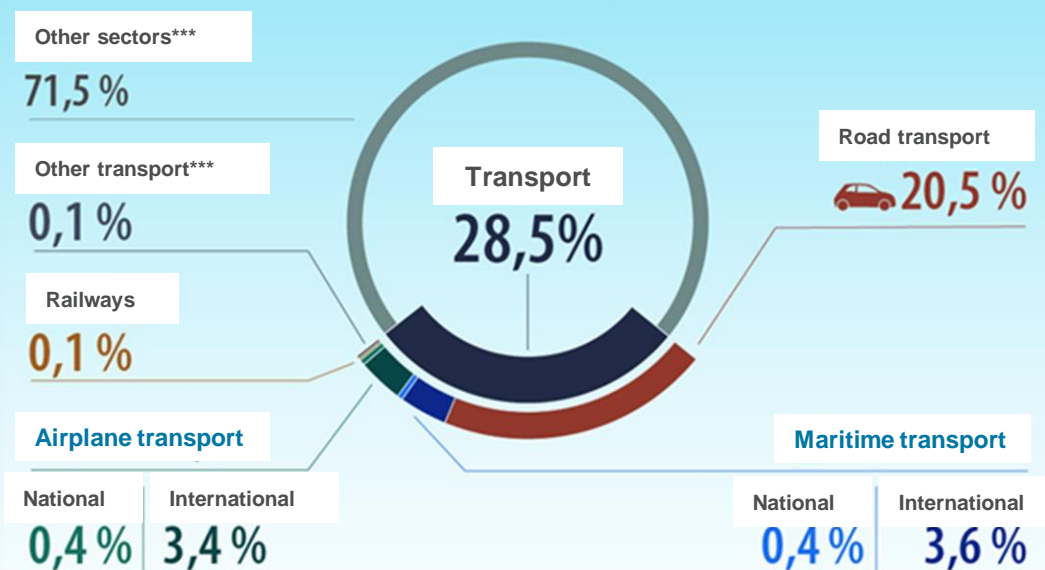


# **E-fuels, Bio fuels and other options in the Maritime and Aviation Sectors**

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# Emissions of the transport sector

## Emission From Transport Sector as a share of total greenhouse gas emissions in the EU\* (2019)\*\*



\*Excluding UK (EU - 27)

\*\*Excluding land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)

\*\*\*Energy industry residential commercial institutional agriculture forestry fishing and more

Source: Agenzia europea dell'ambiente (2022)

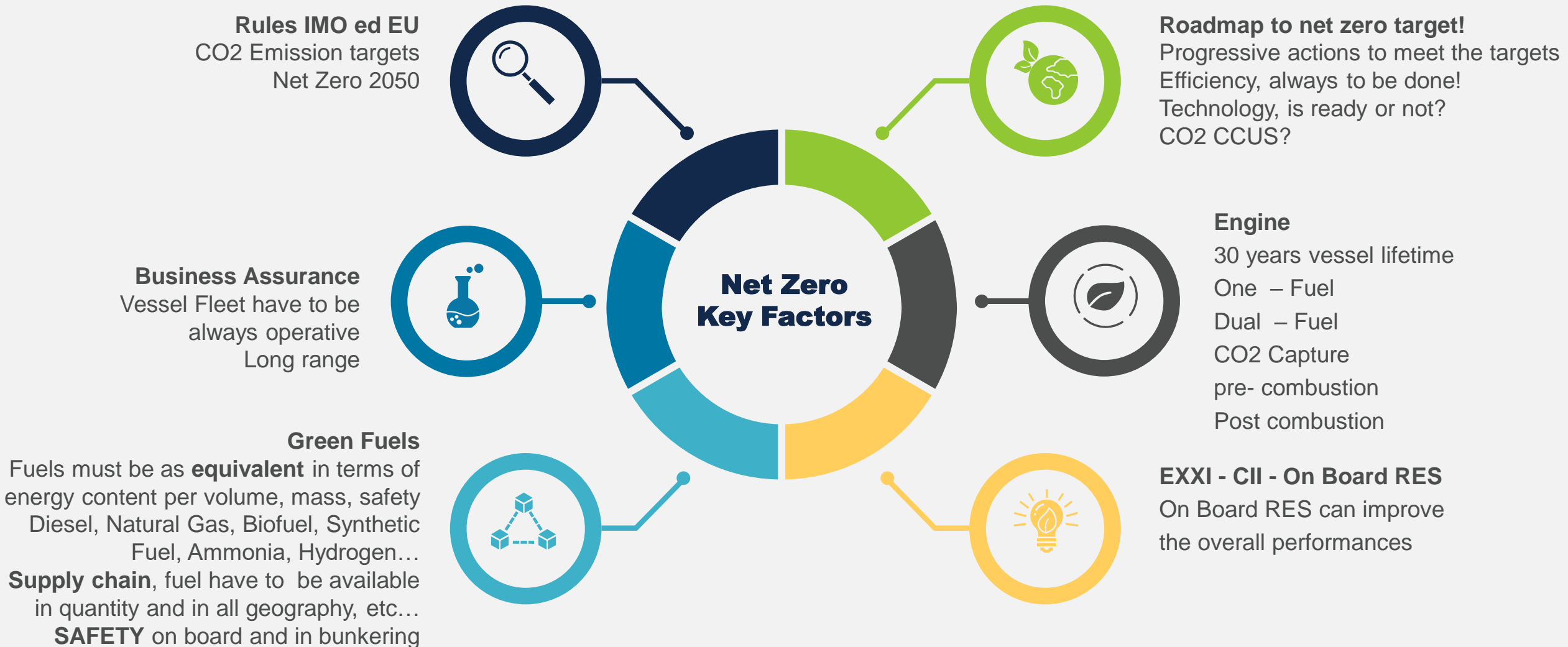




# Net Zero Maritime



# Net zero Approach - Roadmap the Actions

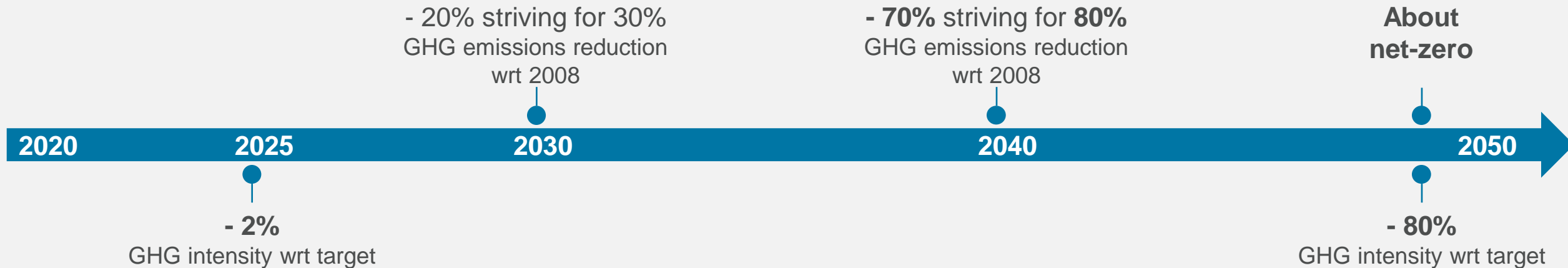




# Regulatory framework

## INTERNATIONAL

- International Maritime Organization (IMO) - Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships  
Compliance with target carbon intensity requirements is needed: non compliance, no certificate, NO SAILING



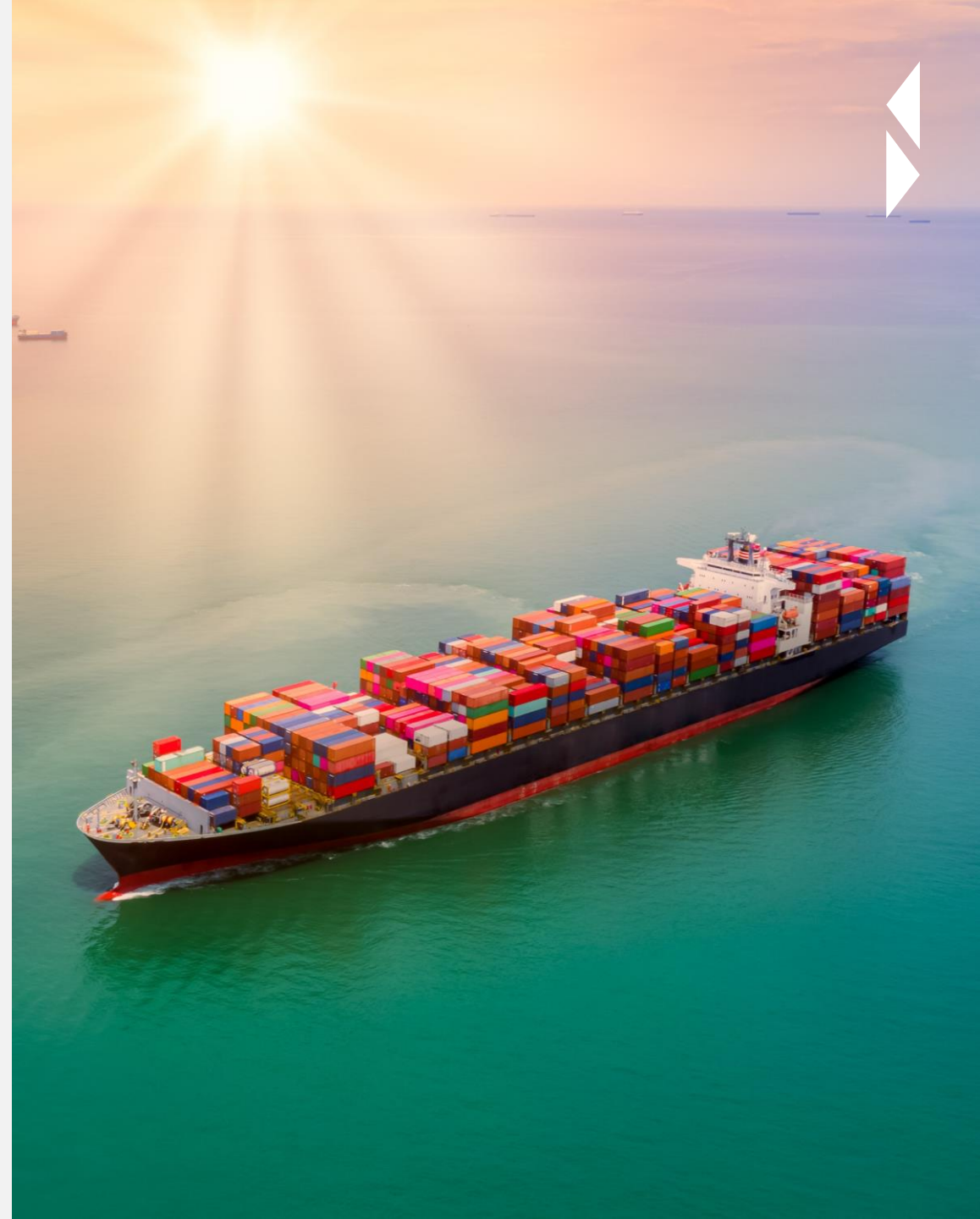
According to the IMO's Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII):

- Today** only **37%** of ships belongs to the acceptable range without further measures
- Starting from 2025**, **more than 73% of ships will be seaworthy**

# What Fuel for Trade

## Maritime Trading features

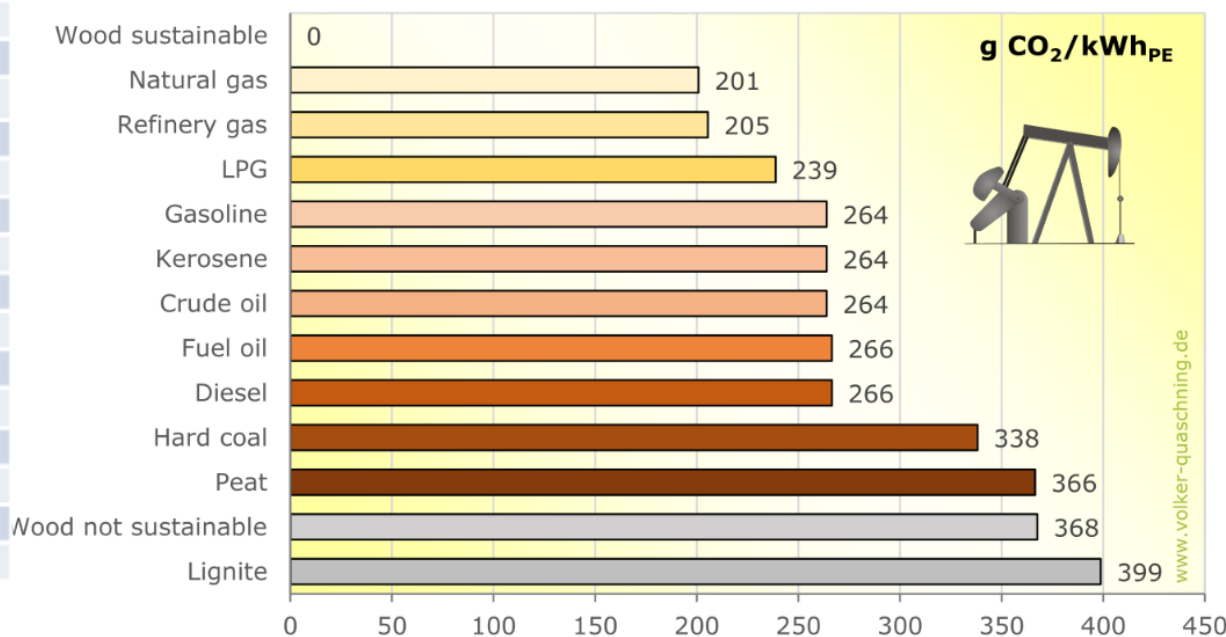
- Large capacity at lower cost
- National and international
- Versatile transport. any type of cargo.
- Competition. Maritime transport is governed by the principle of free competition
  - *Vessels can't stop ....*
  - *Long travel distances (no intermediate bunkering)*
  - *No price increase for bunker*
  - *No reduction of payload on board because of bunker storage*



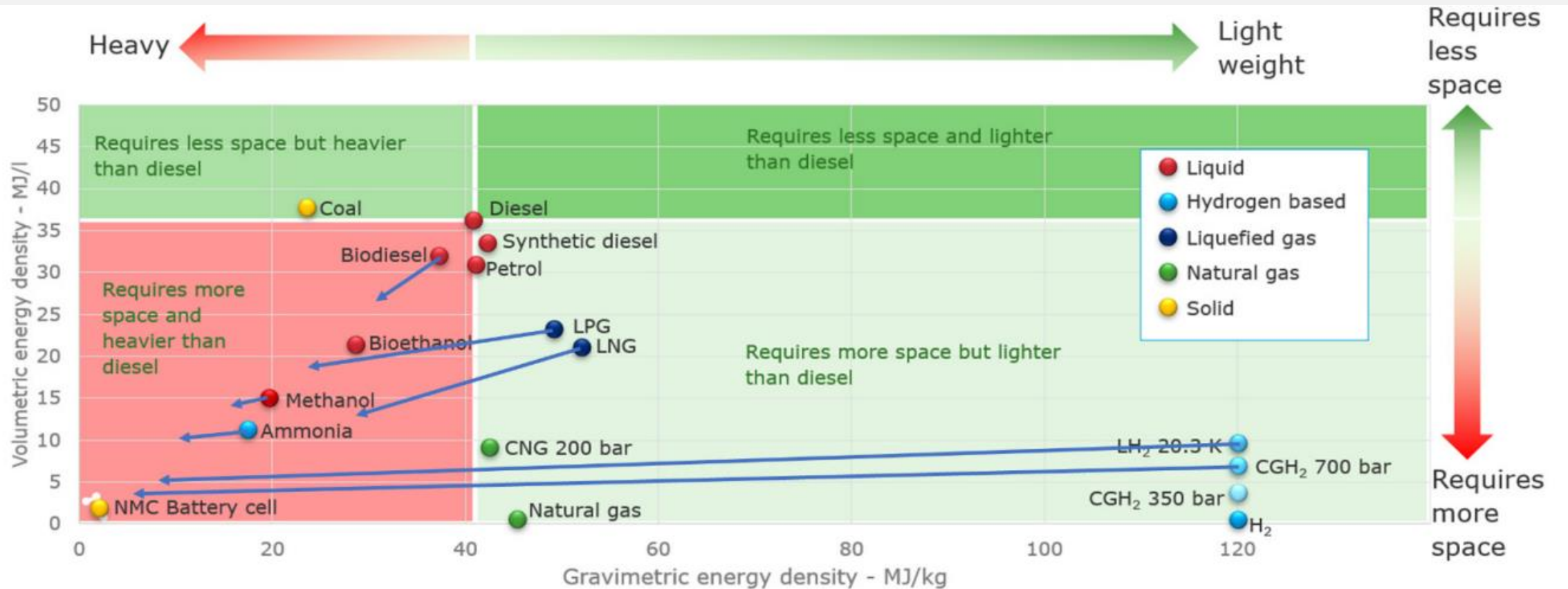
# The EU WtW approach - Fuel Classification



Fuel Class	Pathway name and Feedstock
Fossil	HFO
	LSFO
	ULSFO
	VLSFO
	LFO
	MDO/MGO
	LNG
	LPG
	Methane
	H2 (from natural gas / grey and blue)
	Methanol (from natural gas)
	Ethane
	NH <sub>3</sub>
Liquid biofuels	Biodiesel - Main products / wastes / feedstock mix / rapeseed
	Biodiesel - Main products / wastes / Feedstock mix
	HVO - Main products / wastes / Feedstock mix
	Bio-LNG - Main products / wastes / Feedstock mix
	Bio-Methanol and Bio-Ethanol
Gas biofuels	Bio-H <sub>2</sub> - Main products / wastes / Feedstock mix
	Bio-Natural Gas
e-fuels	e-diesel - electricity mix (such as EU el. Mix or Nat el. Mix)
	e-methanol - electricity mix (such as EU el. Mix or Nat el. Mix)
	e-LNG - electricity mix (such as EU el. Mix or Nat el. Mix)
	e-H <sub>2</sub> - electricity mix (such as EU el. Mix or Nat el. Mix)
	e-NH <sub>3</sub> - electricity mix (such as EU el. Mix or Nat el. Mix)
Others	Electricity produced on purpose – such as EU electricity mix



# Weight and volume matter in the maritime sector



**Figure 6-1: Energy densities for different energy carriers (inspired by /49/ /72/ and /73/).**  
The arrows represent the impact on density when taking into account the storage systems for the different types of fuel (indicative values only).

Source: DNV



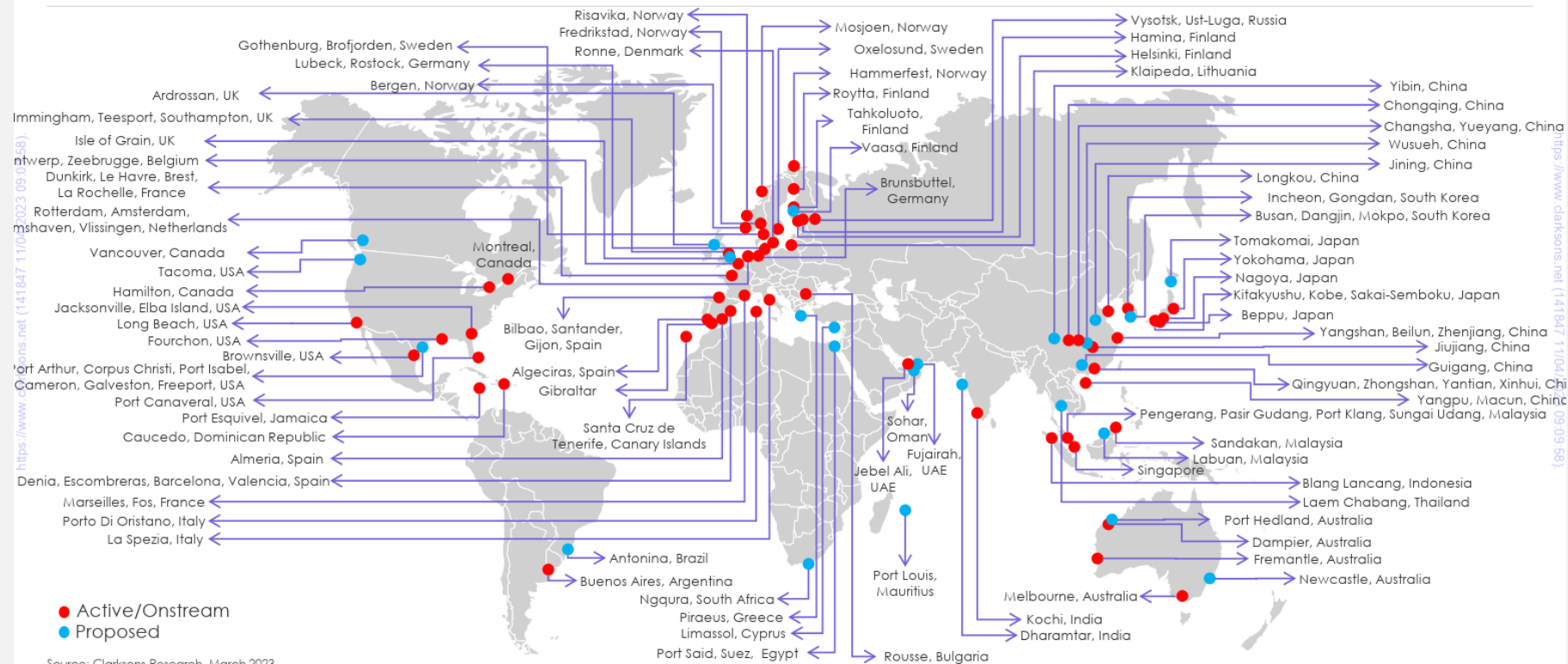
# Supply chain

## GNL & bio GNL

An infrastructure for storage has been developing in the last decade

### LNG: Overview of Selected Bunkering Facilities

Projects still concentrated in Europe but developments in Asia are increasing



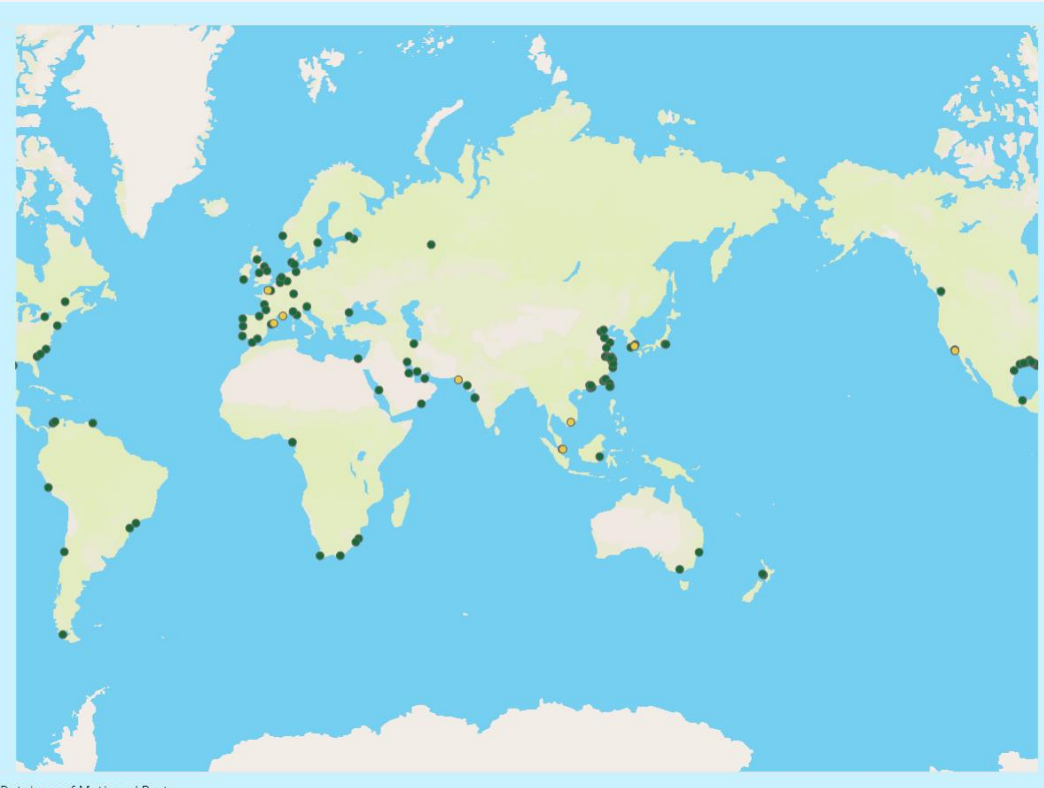
Projects are mainly in Europe but new developments are expected in Asia

# Supply chain

## METHANOL & AMMONIA

The existing infrastructure is not enough for bunkering

Ports with available methanol storage capacity



Database of Methanol Ports

Source: Methanol Institute <https://www.methanol.org/>

**Figure 11** Ammonia shipping infrastructure, including a heat map of liquid ammonia carriers, as well as the ammonia loading and unloading facilities



*Disclaimer: This map is provided for illustration purposes only. Boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply any endorsement or acceptance by IRENA.*

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# On Board RES Wind Assisted Propulsion and Solar Panels AiP

ECONOWIND

WATTLAB

AURELIA  
| Green Ship Concept Design |

Vertom

**Vertom front runner in evaluating combined technologies**

## *MV ANNA Ship Features*

- *5,097 T DWT General Cargo*
- *Wattlab PV Technology*
- *Batteries*
- *2x Econowind Ventofails*
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# A possible roadmap

## Short term

## Medium term

## Long term

### LOW EMISSIONS FUELS:

- Efficiency improvement
- Available in the market
- Use of the traditional logistic infrastructure and bunkering
- Use in the current operative engines in a pure form or in blending
- Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and biodiesel (FAME - Fatty Acid Methyl Esters): with different performances

### GNL:

- The infrastructure is under development
- Fossil GNL guarantees a 25% emissions reduction while a Bio GNL would bring to about zero emissions

### E-FUELS – AMMONIA – METHANOL

- E-fuels would use the existing infrastructure but today are expensive and not available
- Ammonia and methanol would require the development of proper infrastructure and logistics








# Net Zero Aviation





# Aviation emission reduction options

Aviation is considered a hard-to-decarbonise sector due to the long lifespan of the airplanes and the complexity involved. EU commission target to is to achieve net zero by 2050

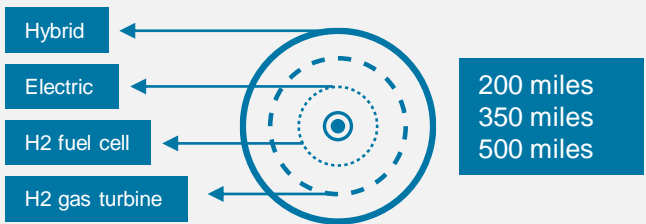
Decarbonisation option	Description	Sector perspective on decarbonisation impact before 2050	Applicability	Sentiment (before 2050 perspective)
 <b>Efficiency gains</b>	Design and operations improvements to reduce fuel burn	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>55%35%10%</div>	All flights	Important option but <b>impact diminishing over time</b>
 <b>Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)</b>	Fuels from sustainable resources to substitute fossil-based kerosene	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>78%20%2%</div>	All flights	<b>Main decarbonisation option</b> in the next 30 years; ability to <b>use with existing aircraft</b>
 <b>Offsets</b>	Investment in out-of-sector emission reductions or removal	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>50%29%21%</div>	All flights	Important to bridge the timing gap as other options are scaled up
<b>H<sub>2</sub></b> <b>Hydrogen</b>	Combustion of (low-emission) hydrogen and/or conversion to electricity through fuel cell	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>14%32%55%</div>	Short- / medium-haul	Requires cryogenic storage and new airframe designs. <b>Long time</b> to develop, ensure safety, certify and deploy at scale
 <b>Battery</b>	Electric propulsion with zero emissions if charged with green electricity	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>12%14%73%</div>	Short-haul	Because of battery weight and size, only applicable on <b>very short-haul routes</b>
 <b>Behavioural change</b>	Reduction of demand resulting from remote working and modal shift	<div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <div>15%25%60%</div>	All flights	<b>Any behavioural change</b> likely to be outpaced by <b>overall population and economic growth</b>

 Major impact
  Moderate impact
  Limited impact

Source: Deloitte - Shell, 2021: Decarbonising Aviation: Cleared For Take-off



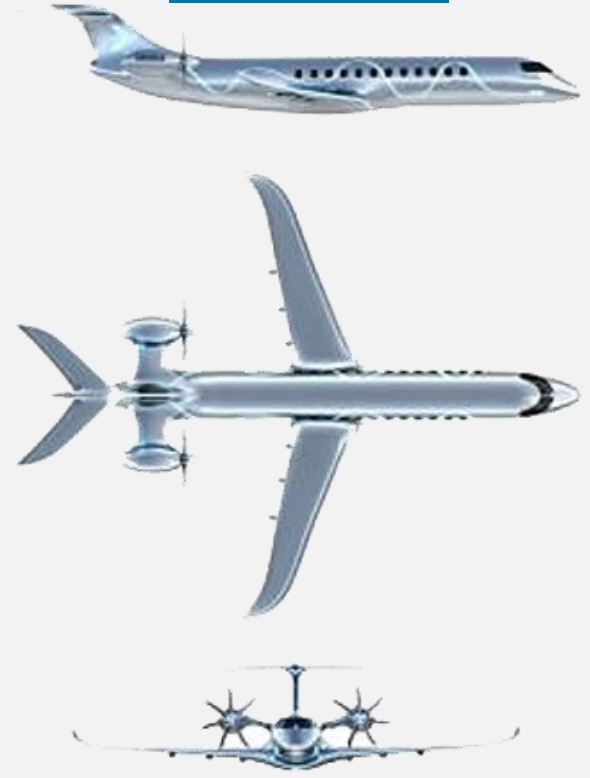
# Future aircrafts exploring new propulsion systems



**H2 gas turbine**

H2 /SAF/Jet fuel  
2 gas turbines

35 – 50 seats  
2040



**H2 fuel cell**

H2 fuel cells  
2 electric motors

19 seats  
2035



**Electric**

Full electric  
1 electric motor

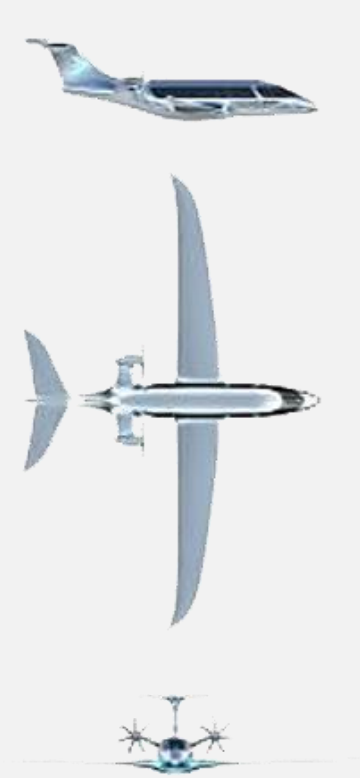
9 seats  
2035



**Hybrid**

Diesel engine +  
2 electric motors

9 seats  
2030





# Conclusions



- Today, the maritime and aviation sectors heavily rely on fossil fuels. The decarbonization of these hard-to-abate mobility sectors is a challenging task. Achieving emissions target is possible through a **concerted effort involving all available solutions and technologies**. No single solution, whether it be fuel, engine type or supply chain, will be sufficient on its own.
- The decarbonization progress in the maritime and aviation sectors differs, with the **maritime industry being ahead**.
- **Biofuels represent an immediate decarbonization solution**. However, the limited production capacity and speculative factors affecting pricing pose limitations.
- **E-fuels generally have the potential to be valuable alternatives**, once available at a competitive cost.
- Both biofuels and e-fuels can be utilized in their pure form or blended with conventional fuels in existing engines, Additionally, they can **leverage the existing infrastructure**, including assets, storage facilities, bunkering systems, and engines. This adaptability ensures a smoother transition towards decarbonization.
- **Hydrogen and its derivatives** are expected to play a significant role in decarbonizing both the maritime and aviation sectors. However, the lack of **dedicated infrastructure** hinders the competitiveness of alternative fuels like **methanol, hydrogen, and ammonia**
- **Carbon Capture** can serve as a transition option for the maritime industry, it is not a viable solution for aviation.



**Thank you for  
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