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## Getting EE1st implemented

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MAKING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FIRST PRINCIPLE OPERATIONAL

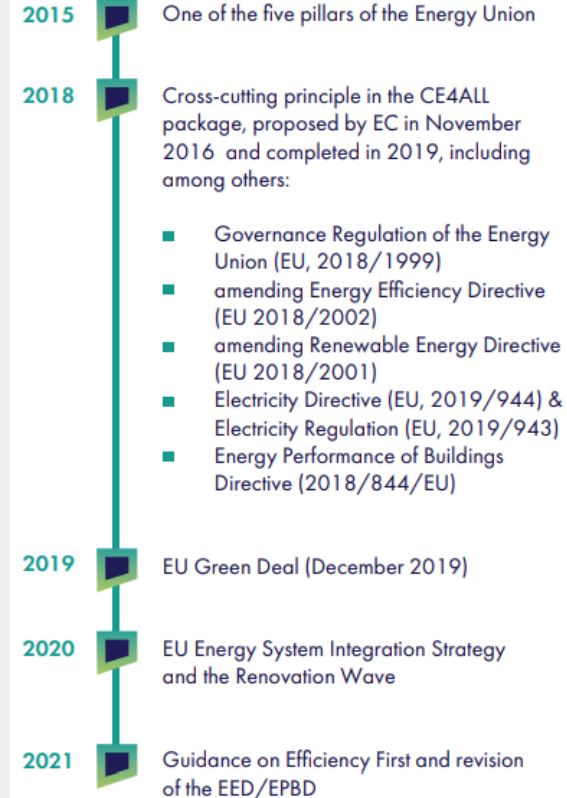


# EE1st is a crosscutting principle

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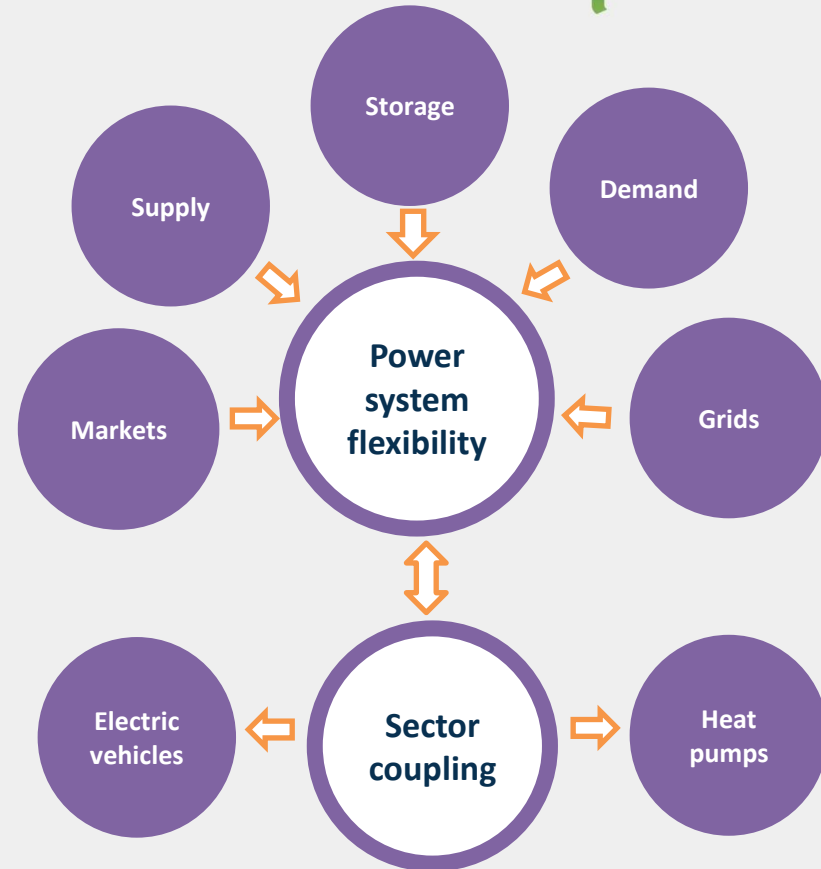
- Fit for 55
- RePowerEU

## EU policy background



## EE1st is one of the dimension of system integration:

- across supply, demand and storage
- across energy carriers



# Possible energy efficiency targets in the Energy Efficiency Directive

		PRIMES-2007 baseline <sup>(d)</sup>	PRIMES-2020 baseline <sup>(e)</sup>	
Targeted/projected level of final energy consumption in year 2030   % difference to baseline				
Energy efficiency target for final energy consumption				
EED-2018 <sup>(a)</sup>	846 Mtoe	1,253 Mtoe   -32.5%	864 Mtoe   -2.1%	
EED-2021 <sup>(b)</sup>	787 Mtoe	1,253 Mtoe   -37.2%	864 Mtoe   -9.0%	
ENEFIRST scenarios <sup>(c)</sup>				
LOWEFF	800 Mtoe	1,253 Mtoe	-34.8%	864 Mtoe   -5.5%
MEDIUMEFF	792 Mtoe	1,253 Mtoe	-35.5%	864 Mtoe   -6.5%
HIGHEFF	786 Mtoe	1,253 Mtoe	-36.0%	864 Mtoe   -7.2%

(a) Based on amended Energy Efficiency Directive (European Union 2018a, Art. 3), excluding United Kingdom (European Union 2019) | (b) Based on Commission proposal for recast of Energy Efficiency Directive (European Commission 2021d, Art. 4) | (c) Projections for residential and tertiary sectors based on ENEFIRST project; industry and transportation sectors based on REG\_MAX scenario in Impact Assessment accompanying recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (European Commission 2021c) | (d) EU Reference Scenario 2007 (Capros et al. 2007) | (e) EU Reference Scenario 2020 (Capros et al. 2021)

## ... and electrification of heating

- Planning for a timely, efficient and equitable decommissioning of unneeded gas networks
- The coordination of the network investment and divestment by the national regulator



Source: [Efficiency First For System Decarbonisation](#), 2022

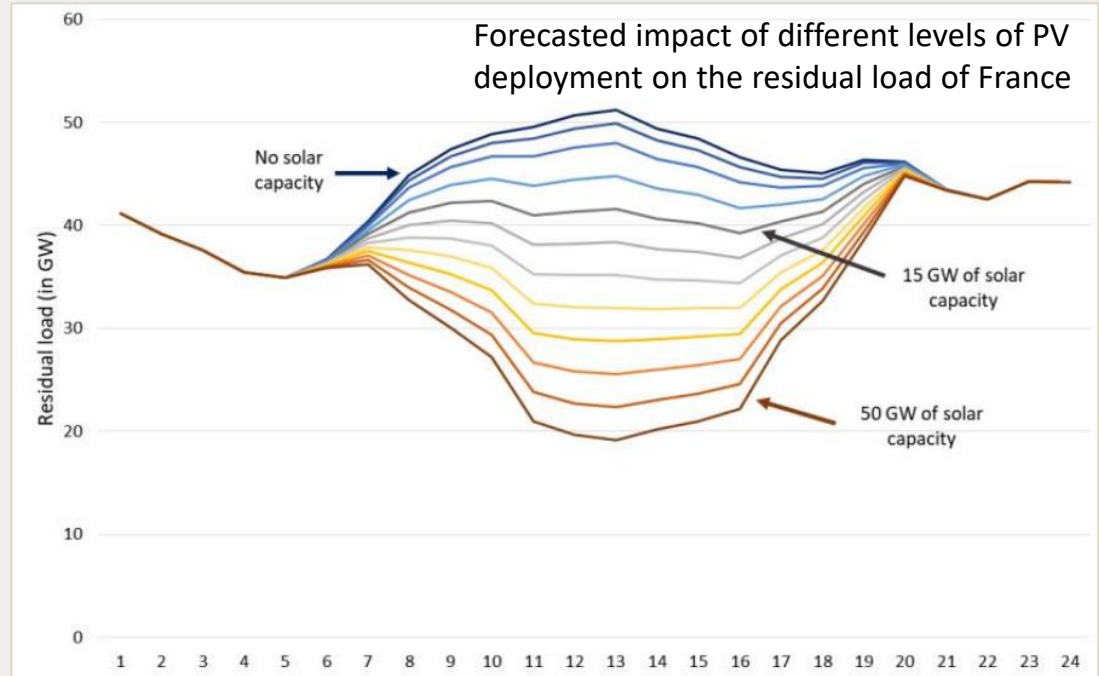


- ## Demand reduction and heat supply decarbonisation in selected studies



## EE1st in the short term: need for new thinking

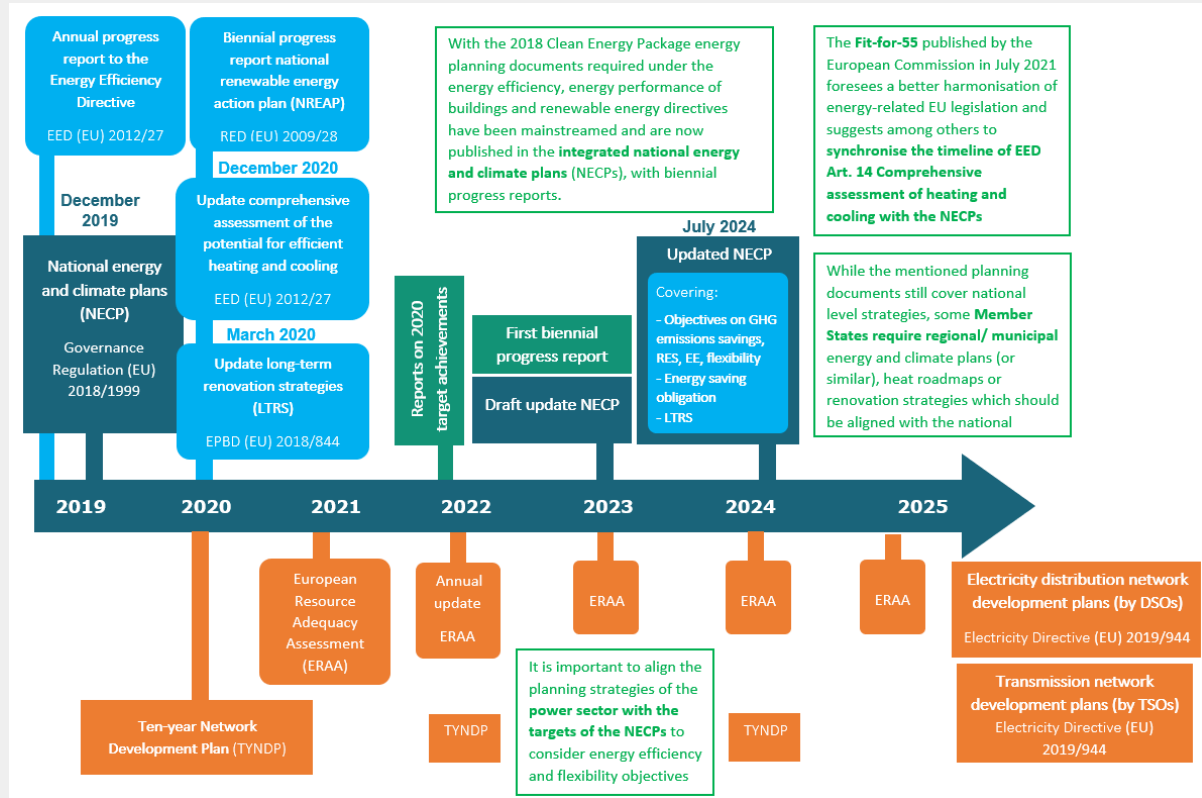
„from a world where we forecasted demand and scheduled supply to a world where we will forecast supply and schedule demand,”



[Source](#)



# EE1st in the long term: consistency across plans



## Power infrastructure planning

Transmission and distribution  
utility provision

"Sticks"

Requirement to integrate DERs in network planning

Transmission and distribution  
company incentives

"Carrots"

Providing financial incentives to DSOs/TSOs to  
consider non-wire solutions

## Transmission and distribution utility provisions

Provisions for network companies - both at transmission and distribution levels - that require the consideration of demand-side resources in grid planning and operations.

Business as usual	EE1st scenario
TSOs and DSOs planning is based on forecasted peak load and a fit-and-forget approach.	TSOs and DSOs have to assess the potential and the cost of mobilising demand-side resources and <b>use them as alternatives</b> to network investment whenever providing more net benefit.
Development plans are not public and only discussed with the NRAs.	Network planning is <b>public</b> so that the need for demand resources and their availability can be matched.

# Overcoming the main barriers

## Transmission and distribution utility provisions

### I. Policy design

*Main barriers to policy design*

Stakeholders  
required to act

*Solutions to overcome the barrier*

Main barriers

Lack of DSO-TSO coordination for provision of flexibility

No transparency requirement on grid capacity/flexibility need

Exclusive use of supply-side options in network development

National  
authorities

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Formalised coordination mechanism

Definition of information requirements

Requirement to assess all options and opt for the one providing the highest net benefit

Possible legislative or other changes

Amendment of national network codes

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# Overcoming the main barriers

## Transmission and distribution utility provisions

### II. Policy implementation

*Main barriers to policy implementation*

Stakeholders  
required to act

*Solutions to overcome the barrier*

Main barriers

Priority to supply option due to doubts about the reliability of demand-side resources

Lack of adequate metering infrastructure

No guidance to assess both demand- and supply-side options

National  
authorities

DSOs

National  
authorities

Performance-based regulation for DSOs to reduce their perceived risk

Incentives for some form of smart metering infrastructure

Guidance developed by the regulator

Possible legislative or  
other changes

Change of network company remuneration rules

Rollout by DSOs or allowing aggregator devices for bill settlement

Upgraded CBA methodology and capacity building for DSOs

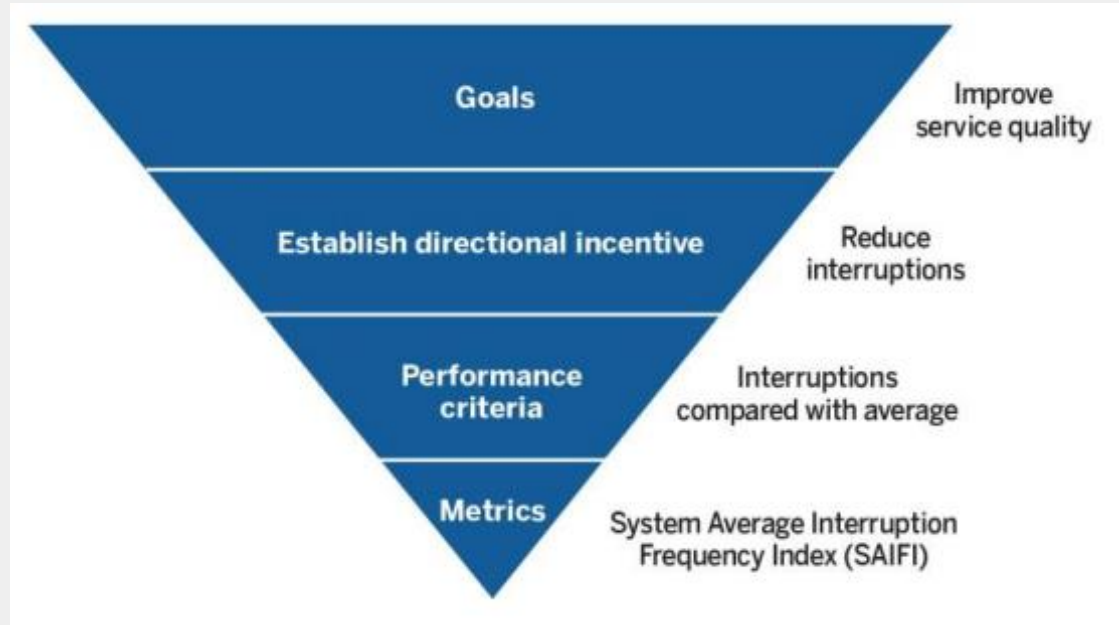
## Transmission and distribution company incentives

Financial incentives for regulated network companies (DSOs, TSOs) to consider and invest into demand resources as an alternative to building new grid capacities.

Business as usual	EE1st scenario
Network companies have an <b>incentive to invest</b> into their assets as they earn a rate of return on the investment	The same revenue can be earned on <b>all types of costs</b> incurred (capex or opex)
Network companies have <b>no incentive</b> to actively innovate and <b>align with the power system transition</b>	<b>Performance-based incentives</b> could reduce the inertia of network companies and their appetite for more risky but potentially more efficient solutions.



## Performance-based regulation (PBR): from goal to metrics

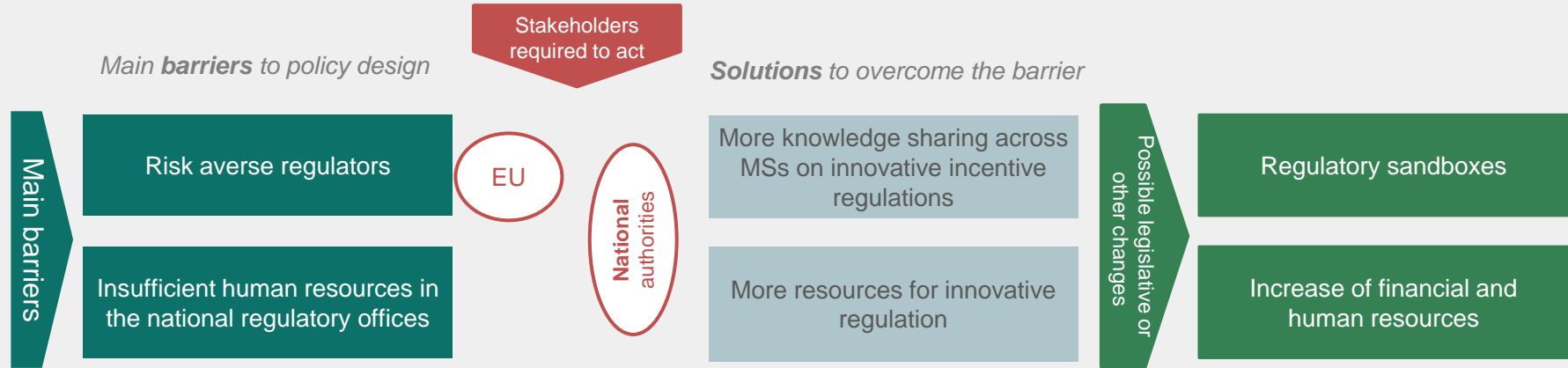


Source: [RAP, 2019](#)

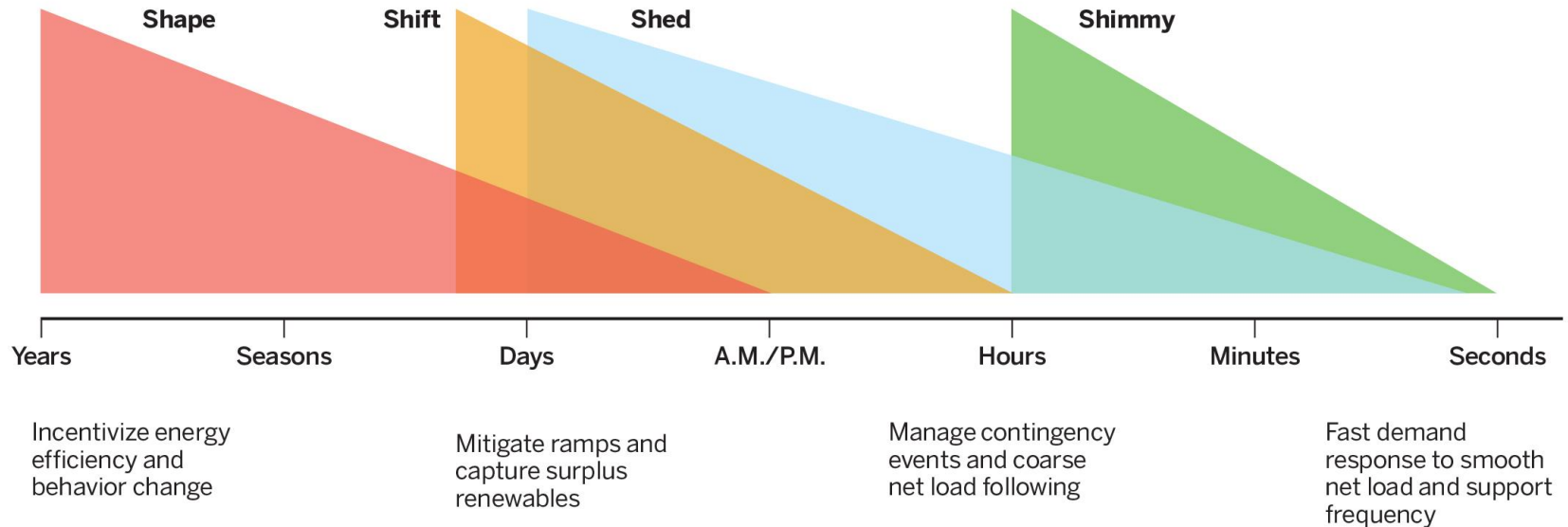
# Overcoming the main barriers to the design and implementation of EE1st

## Transmission and distribution company incentives

### I. Policy design and implementation



# Consumers are power system resources



Source: Alstone, P., et al. (2017). *2025 California Demand Response Potential Study — Charting California's Demand Response Future: Final Report on Phase 2 Results*



# Thank you

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