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EU Sustainable Lifestyles

Roadmap and Action Plan to 2050

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*** Personally speaking**



Some unsustainable trends

- **Obesity is a leading cause of premature death**
- **More than 40% of the world electricity is generated from coal with its climate change impacts**
- **A car is parked 92% of its life cycle**
- **The average speed of an international freight train in the EU is 18km/h**
- **40,000 people die each year in road traffic in the EU**
- **From Rio to Doha: from 21 to 31 Gt CO₂ emissions**

Source: D. Rossetti – Data from European Commission Communications



But... many EU local good-practices

Freiburg intermodality



Vitoria-Gasteiz green belt





***Pour sortir de la crise,
il faut "voir plus loin"***

Sylvie Goulard & Mario Monti





EC Forward Looking Activities (FLA)

- FAST and *Cellule de Prospective* / BEPA
- Multiannual Financial Perspectives and long-term planning (SF, FP)
- Europe 2020
- EU 2050 Roadmaps (low carbon economy, transport, energy)
- DG JRC (IPTS)
- DG RTD – FP7 activities including SPREAD



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Global Europe 2050



Research and
Innovation

World and European Energy and Environment Transition Outlook

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European forward-looking activities:

Building the future of 'Innovation Union' and ERA



REPORTS

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/forward-looking_en.html



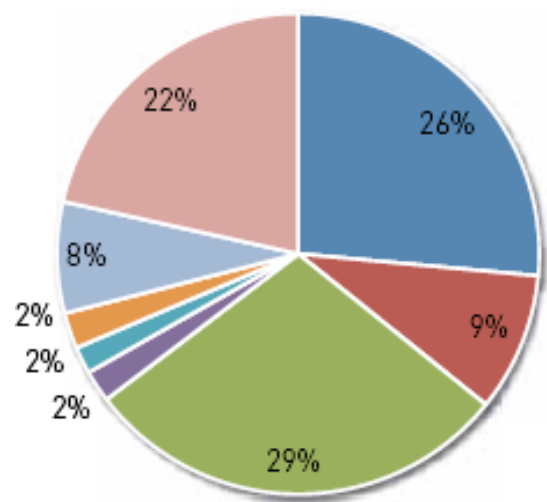
A changing world

Population 1950 – 2050 (Million)

	1950	2011	2050	Factor
India	372	1 241	1 692	~X 4.5
Brazil	54	197	223	~X 4.1
USA	158	313	403	~X 2.5
China	551	1 347	1 296	~X 2.3
EU 27	377	506	516	~X 1.3

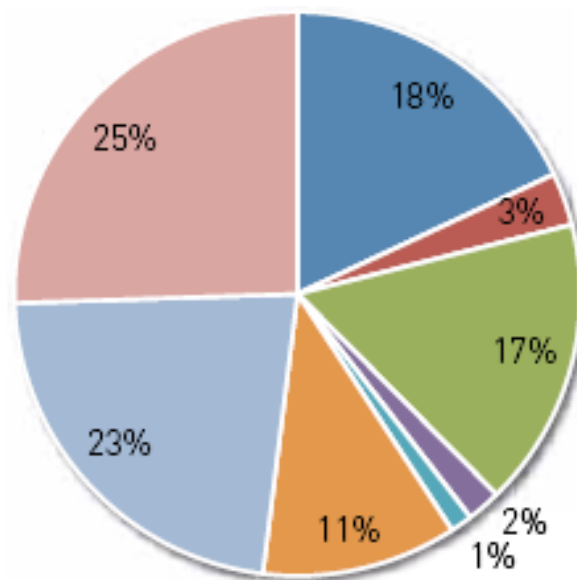
Source: UN, World Population Prospects

World and EU GDP (2010 and 2050)



2010

- United States of America
- Japan
- European Union
- Brazil
- Russian Federation
- India
- China
- Other



2050

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Megacities and concentration of needs

	1950 (millions)	2010 (millions)
Mexico	3	23
Seoul	1	23
Mumbai (Bombay)	3	20
Jakarta	1,5	16
Cairo	2,5	15
Teheran	1	12
Istanbul	1	11

Source: Davies / Le Quément

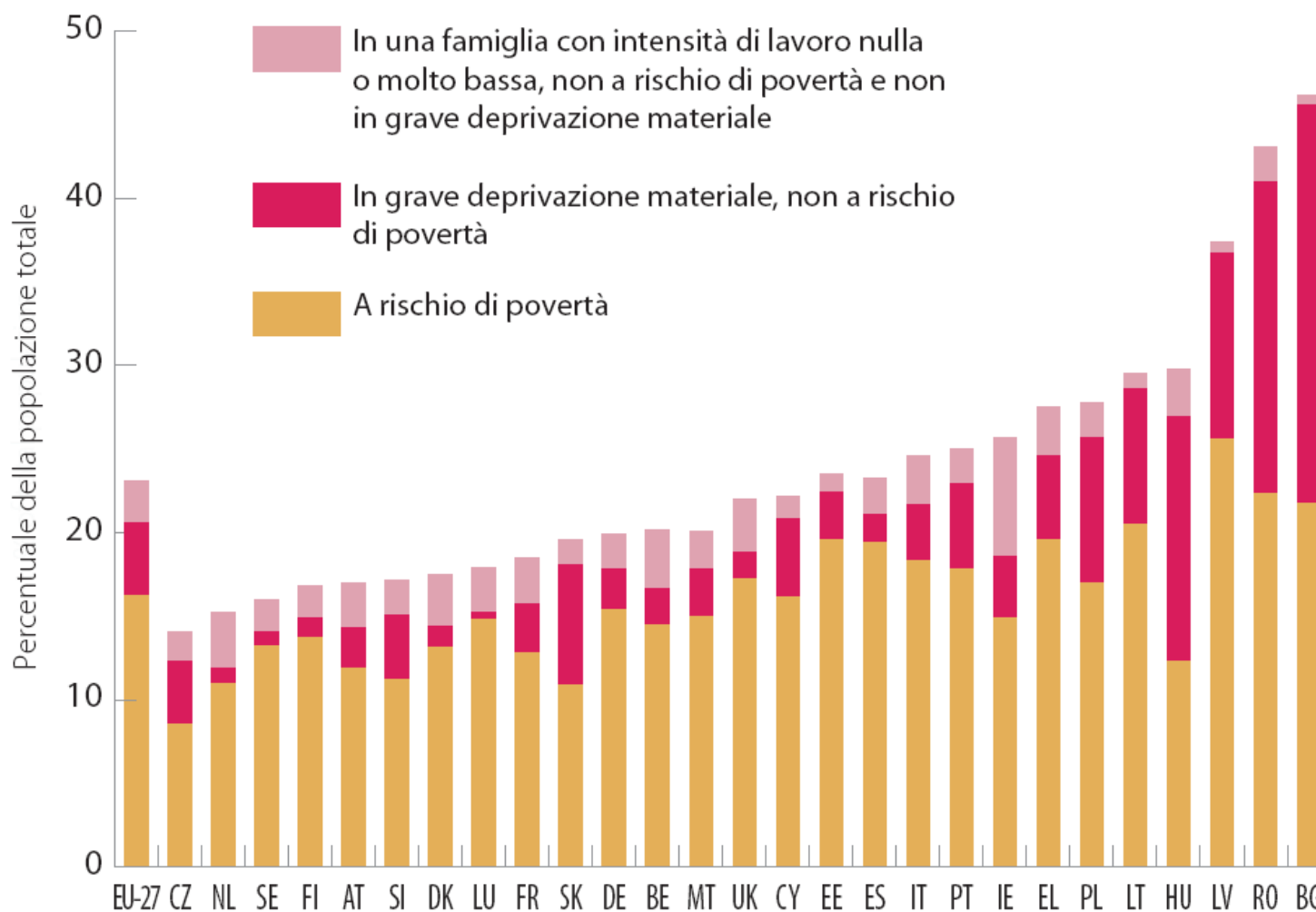


Share of urban population living in slums

Sub Saharian Africa	62
Southern Asia	43
Eastern Asia	36
South Eastern Asia	27
Latin America	27

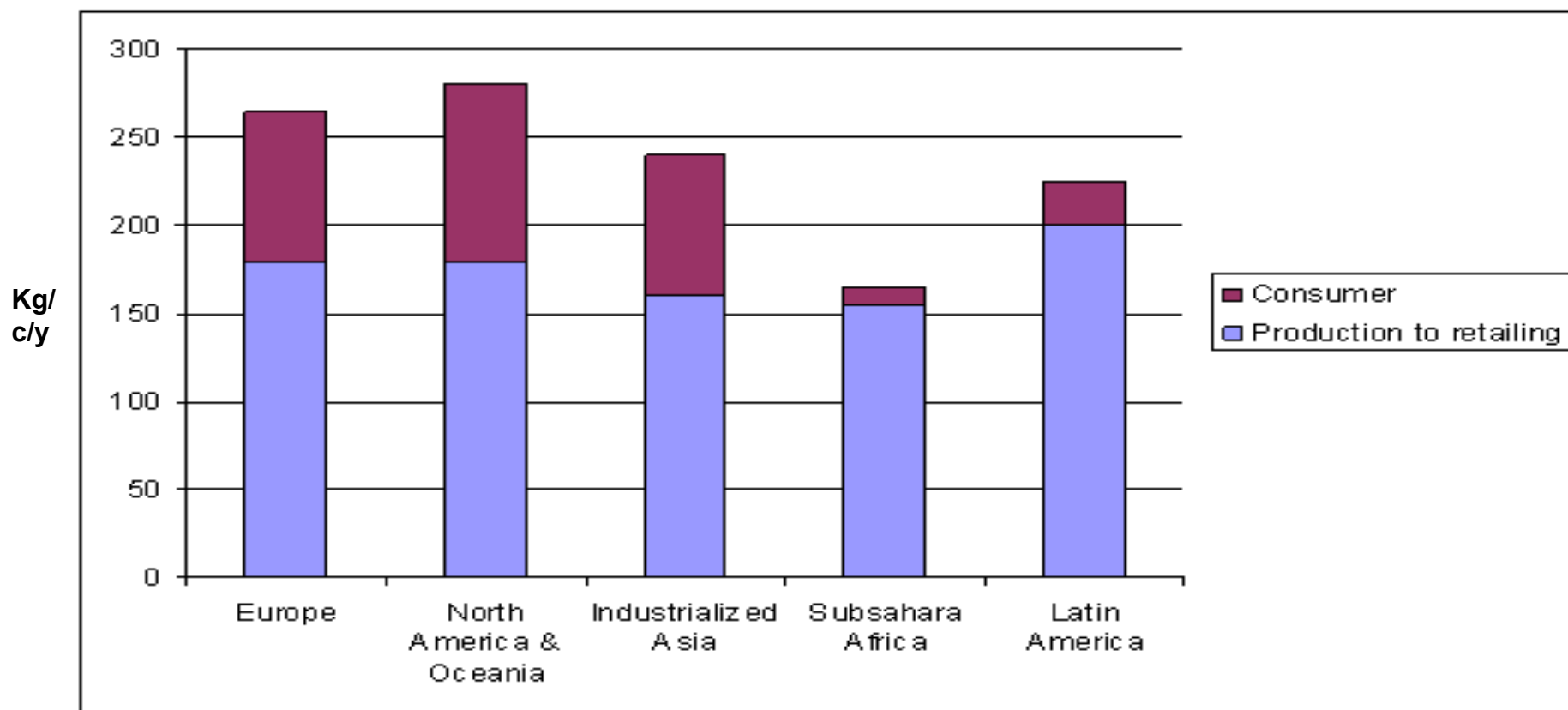


Poverty in the EU (~ 20% at risk)



Source: EU-SILC

Food loss and wastage



Source: FAO, Global Food losses and Food Waste, 2011





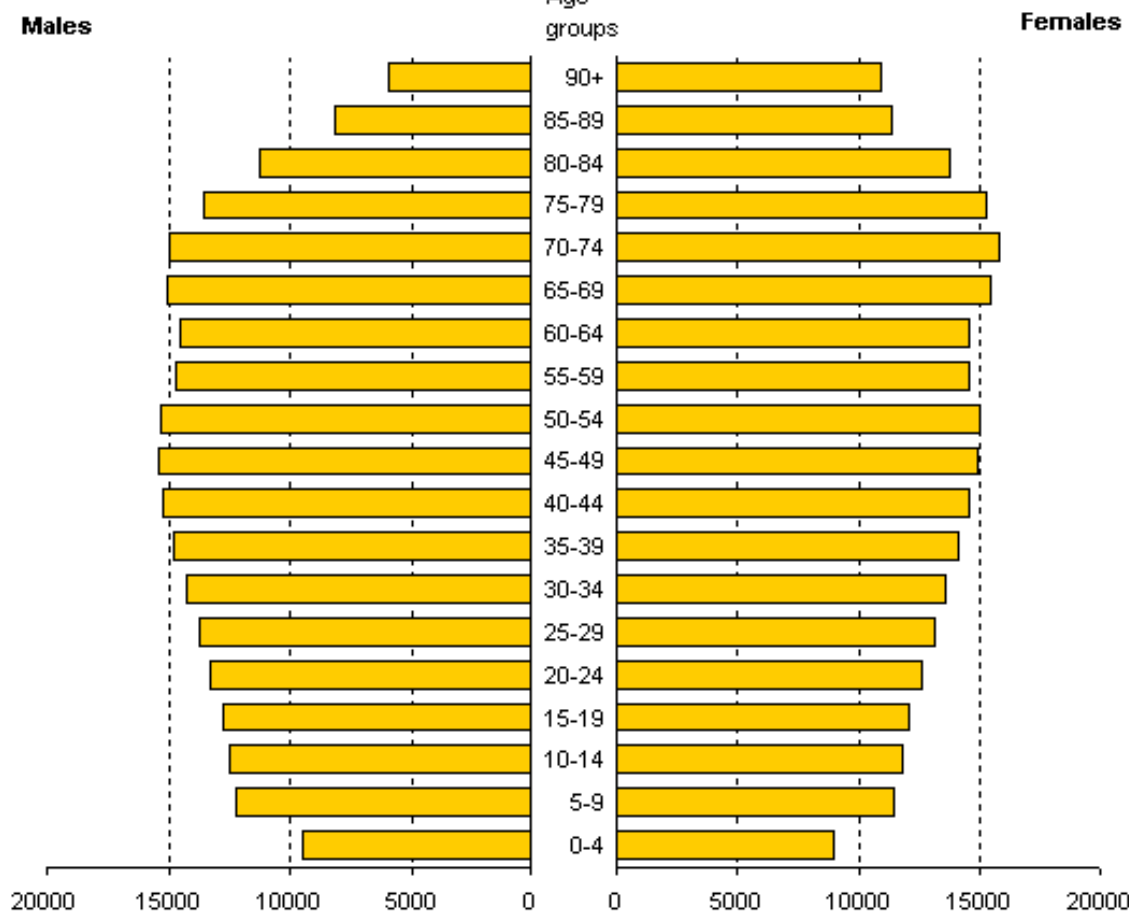
CO2 emissions – Old and new actors

	2000	2050	
49%	USA & Canada	23%	27%
	Enlarged EU	14%	
	Russia & CIS	8%	
	Japan	4%	
51%	S-E Asia - China	20%	73%
	South Asia - India	7%	
	Africa	7%	
	Latin America	7%	
	Others	10%	



Ageing EU population in 2060 (in 000)

EU27: 2060 Population by age groups and sex



The number of people over 65 will double in 50 years (from 85 million in 2008 to 151 million in 2060)

The "oldest old" (85 and over) will almost triple

The share of health expenditures in the EU is expected to increase from 8% of GDP today to 13% in 2060



EU oil consumption and production



Source: Grande Reportagem





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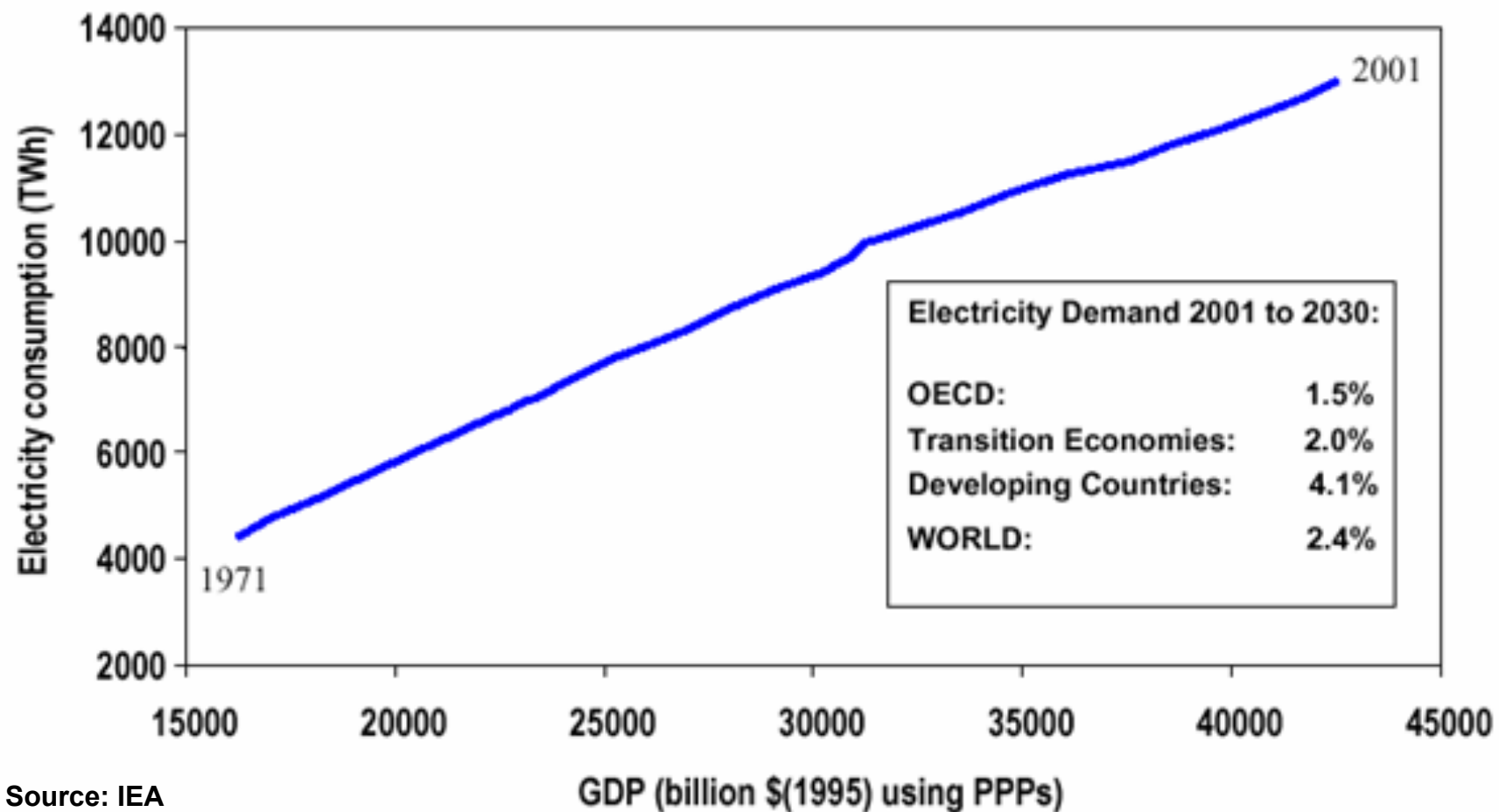
The Power of Science

Economic research and European decision-making:
The case of energy and environment policies

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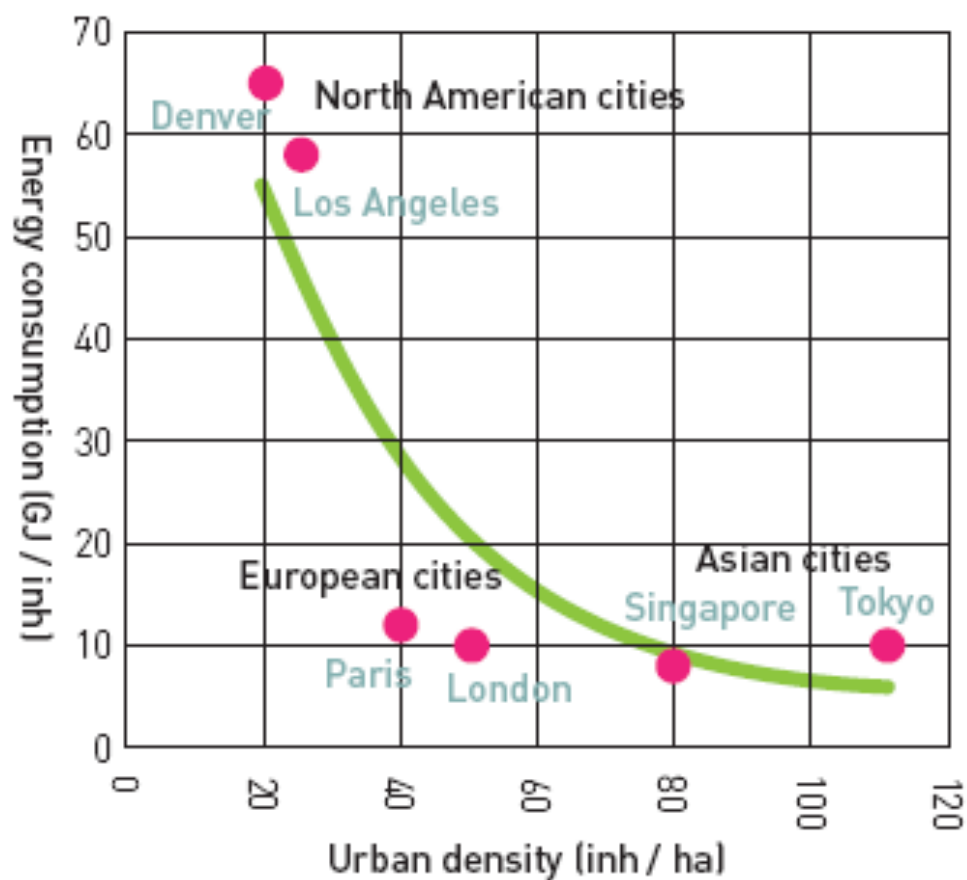
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Decoupling energy and wealth

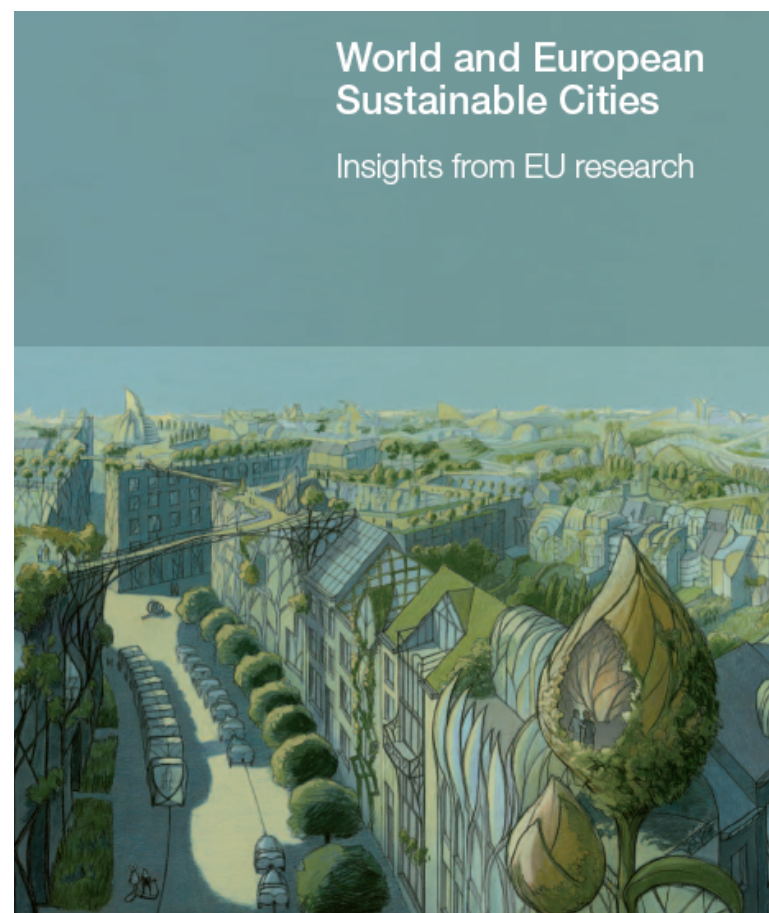


Source: IEA

Building sustainable cities



Source: Newman and Kenworthy



Source: EC, DG RTD (cover from L. Schuiten)

Acting on lifestyles - Transport



Acting on lifestyles - Households



Source: Google images



Acting on lifestyles - Buildings



Source: Google images



Valuing the time



Source: Google image



Reflecting on price



€ 30-150



€ 150-350

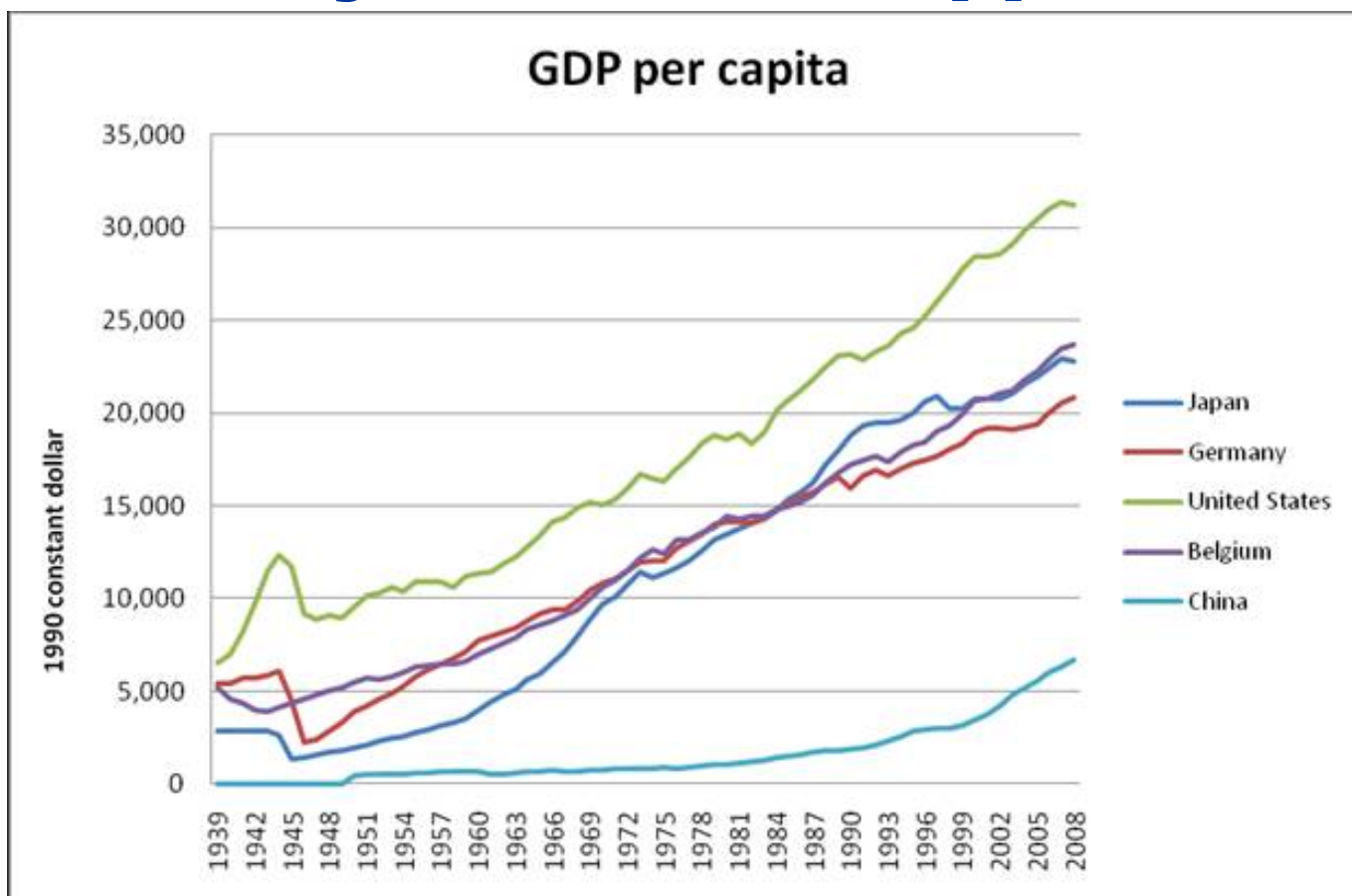


€ 200,000-300,000

Source: Energy-future.com

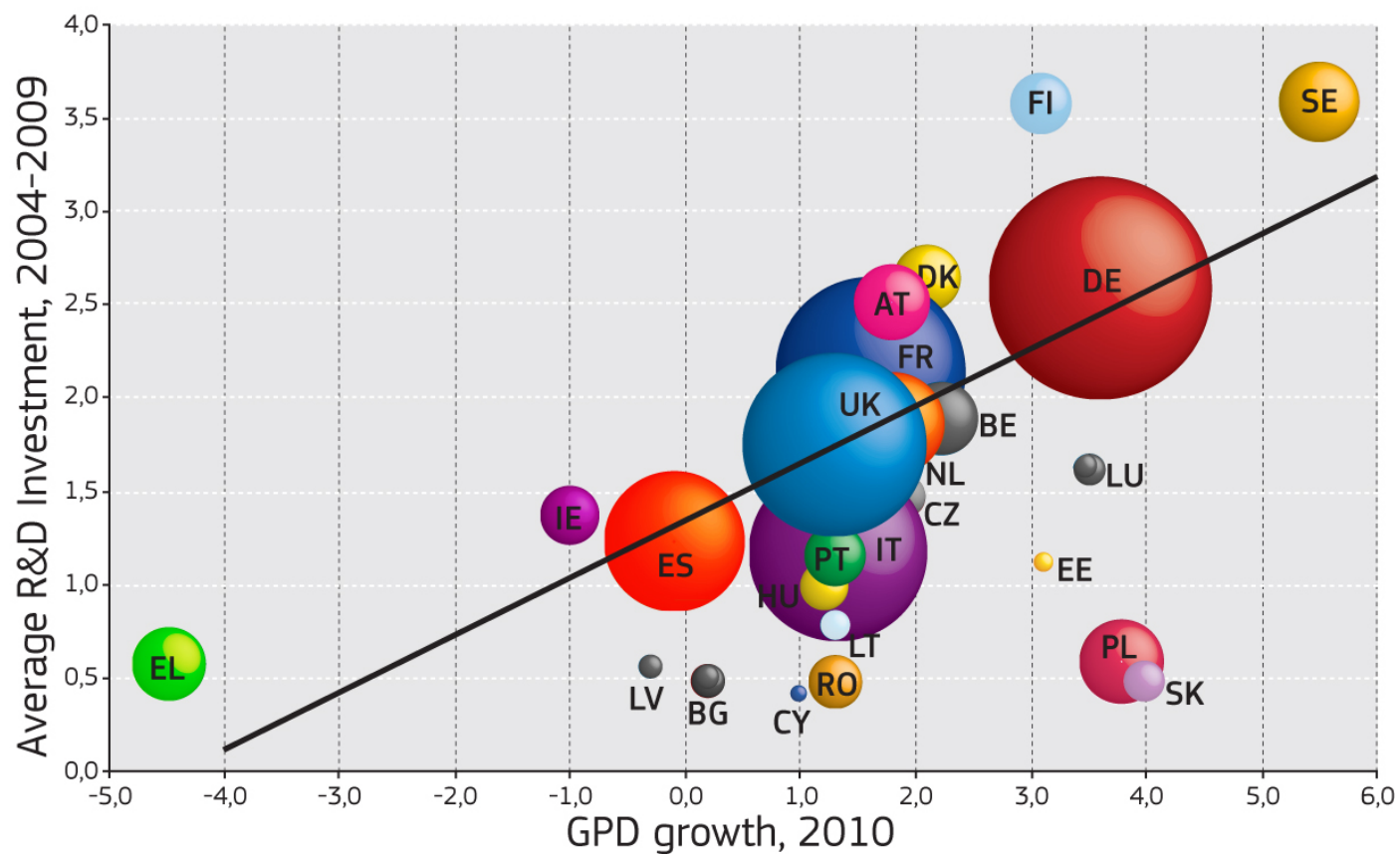


Growth, wealth and quality of life Beyond GDP? Happiness?



Source: Angus Maddison, 2010

Innovation and (exit of) the crisis





EU FP7 research activities – 2013

FP7-SSH-2013

- **Obstacles and prospects for sustainable lifestyles and green economy in Europe**
- **Post carbon cities in Europe: A long term outlook**

FP7-ENV-2013

- **Transition to sustainable, low carbon societies**
- **Network for forward looking activities and assessment of research and innovation prospects**





Conclusions – New interactions

- **Tangible & intangible assets**
- **Human & technology**
- **Industry & services**
- **Technology & social innovation**
- **Business in the broad sense (CSR, social entrepreneurship, third sector)**
- **Energy – Environment – Transport – Water - Food**



Conclusions – Many opportunities

- **Austerity vs. Growth: a false alternative - Towards a new path of socio-ecological development**
- ***Inconvenient truth*: fossil fuels will continue to dominate energy supplies but a lot can be done from the demand-side**
- ***Eloge de la densité* in urban planning**
- **Large potential from ICT: "sharing" is easy**
- **Social welfare and collective well-being need strong individual efforts**



Debout l'Europe!
Voor Europa!

Guy Verhofstadt & Daniel Cohn-Bendit





EC relevant SSH research projects

- **SPREAD: Social Platform identifying research and policy needs for sustainable lifestyles**
- **PACT: Pathways for carbon transitions**
- **GILDED: Governance, infrastructure, lifestyle dynamics and energy demand: European post-carbon communities**
- **PASHMINA: Paradigm Shifts Modelling and Innovative Approaches**
- **SUSTAINCITY: Micro-simulation for the prospective of sustainable cities in Europe**
- **POLINARES: Policy for natural resources**
- **GLOBAL-IQ: Impact Quantification of global changes**