

EU 2030 Road Transport Decarbonisation Scenario Analysis

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Study aims to inform debate over long term EU road transport sector decarbonisation policy

Context

EU 2030 Energy and Climate Package released last month: 40% reduction in EU GHG emissions but no transport sector target

Implication

Governments, vehicle and fuel industries uncertain over actions needed to decarbonise road transport

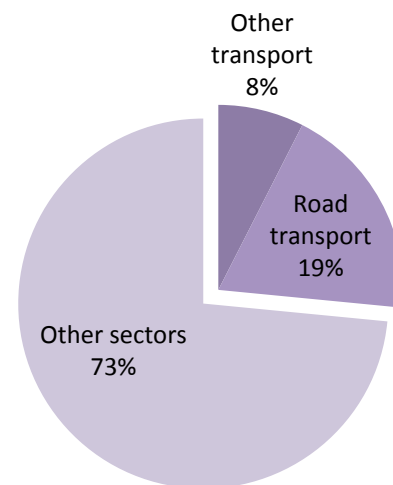
Study objective

Understand road transport decarbonisation under different scenarios to inform policy development

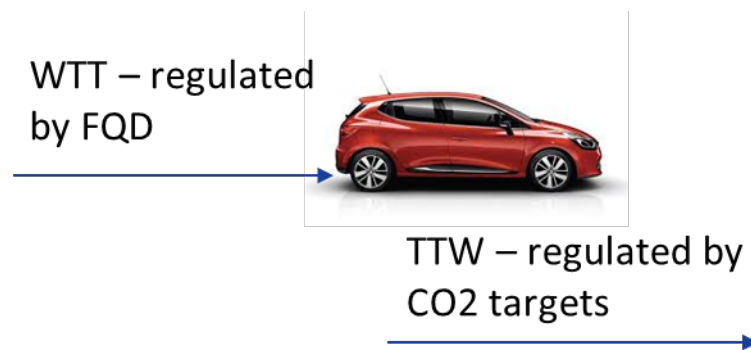
Beyond 2020 currently expected policies focus on vehicles, though liquid fuels will dominate so biofuels also relevant

- Emissions from road transport represent around 19% of total EU emissions (TTW)
- Fuel Quality Directive (FQD), Renewable Energy Directive (RED) and vehicle CO2 targets are main drivers of EU road transport sector decarbonisation to 2020
- Beyond 2020 only currently expected policy is vehicle CO2 targets (tank to wheels)
- In 2030, liquid fuels expected to represent 93% of road transport energy (236 Mtoe), despite vehicle CO2 targets
- Well to tank options such as biofuels could play a role in decarbonising liquid fuels, but role depends on policy

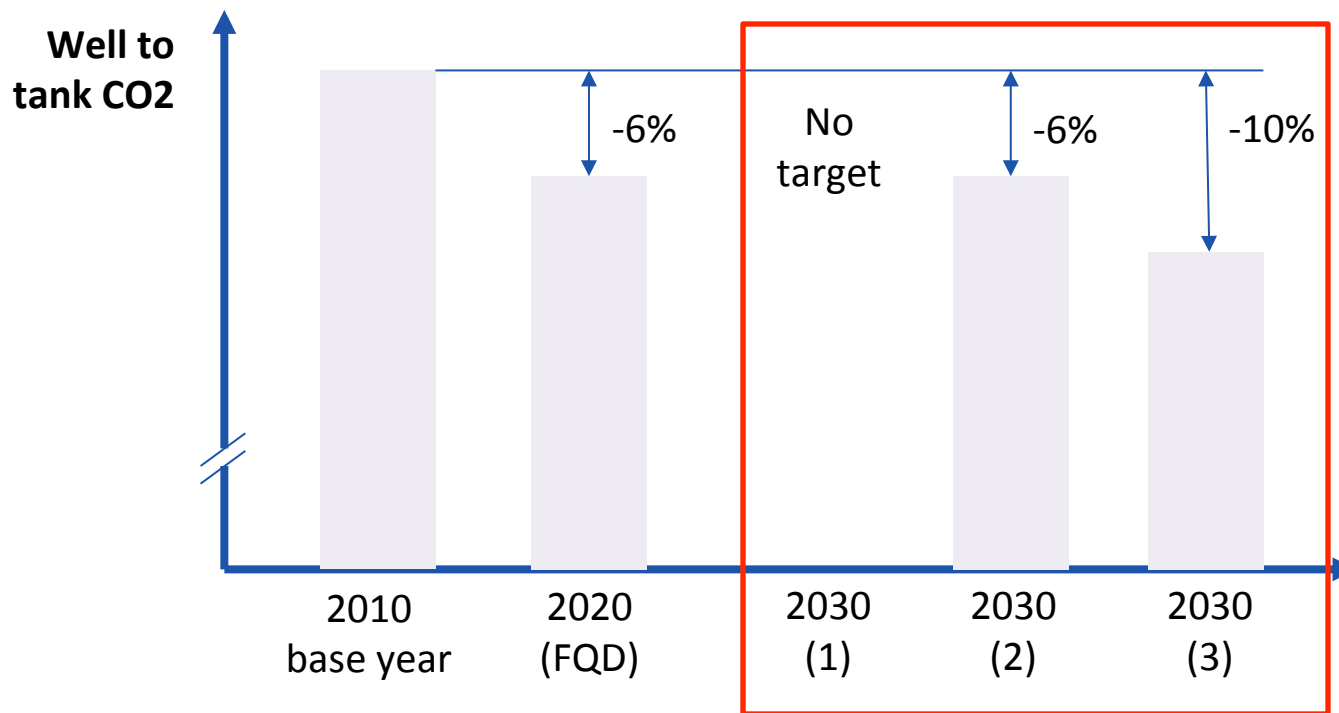
EU CO2 emissions by sector (2010)



WTT – regulated
by FQD



Three variations of an 'FQD' modelled post 2020 to understand implications of different policy scenarios



- Overall CO2 reduction in 2030
- Relative role of reduction options in 2030
- Implications beyond 2030
- Implications for policy

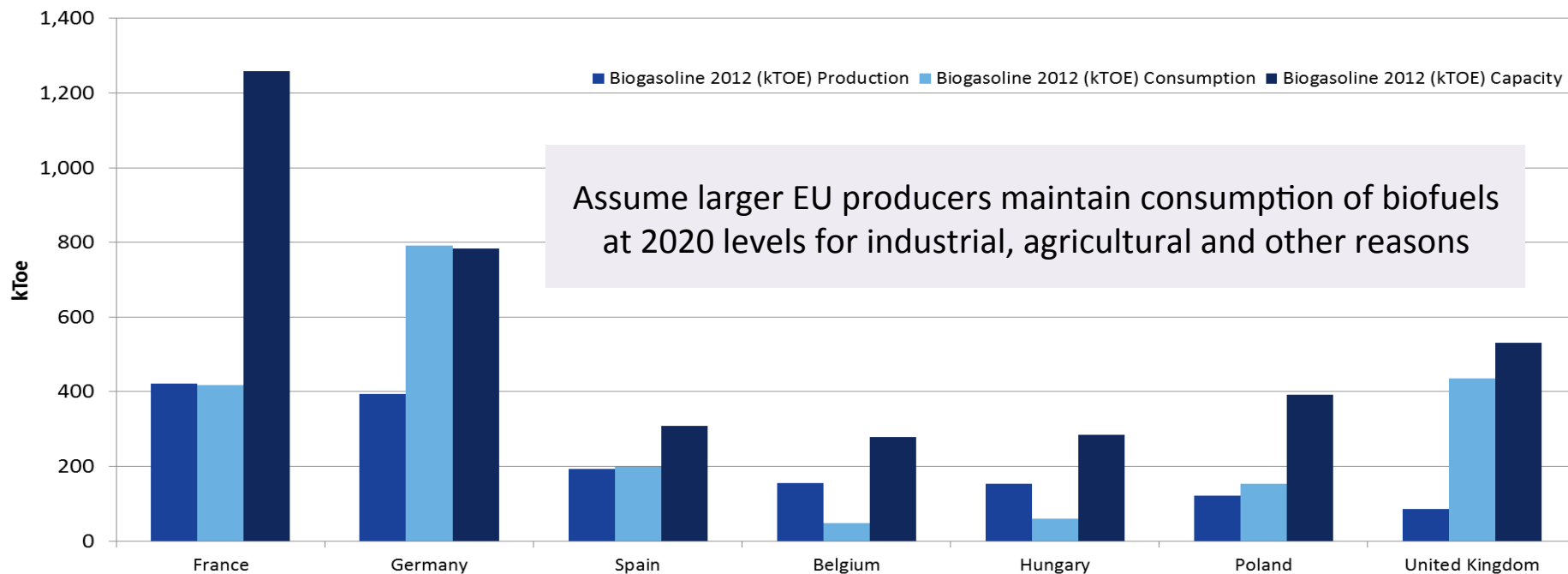
Options considered

- Biofuels
 - Other alternative fuels including electricity
 - Reduced upstream flaring/venting
 - Fuel efficiency
- Well to tank
Tank to wheels

Scenario 1: No target post 2020

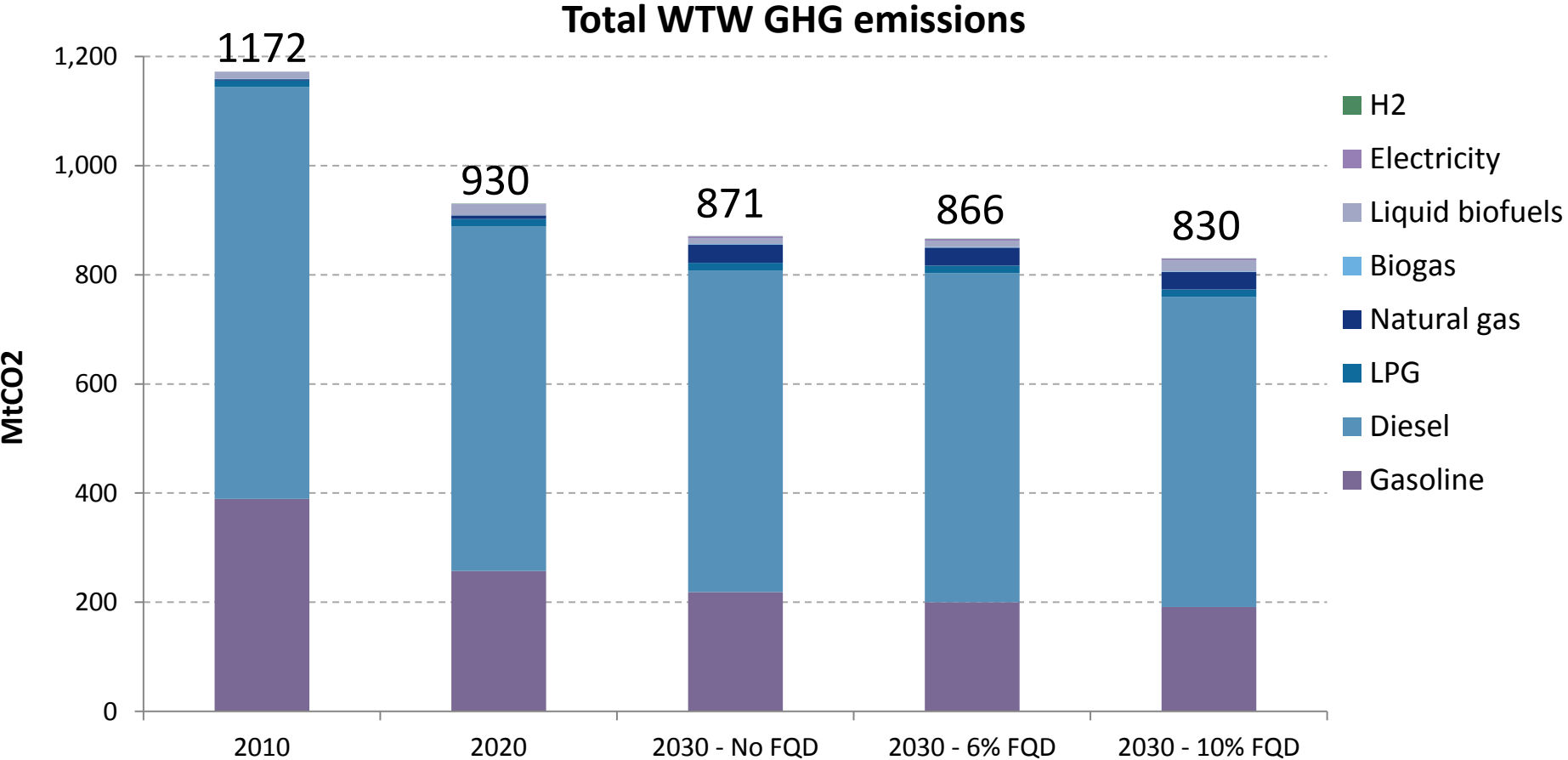
Some MS maintain biofuel consumption at 2020 levels

Biogasoline production, capacity and consumption in 2012 for top seven producing countries



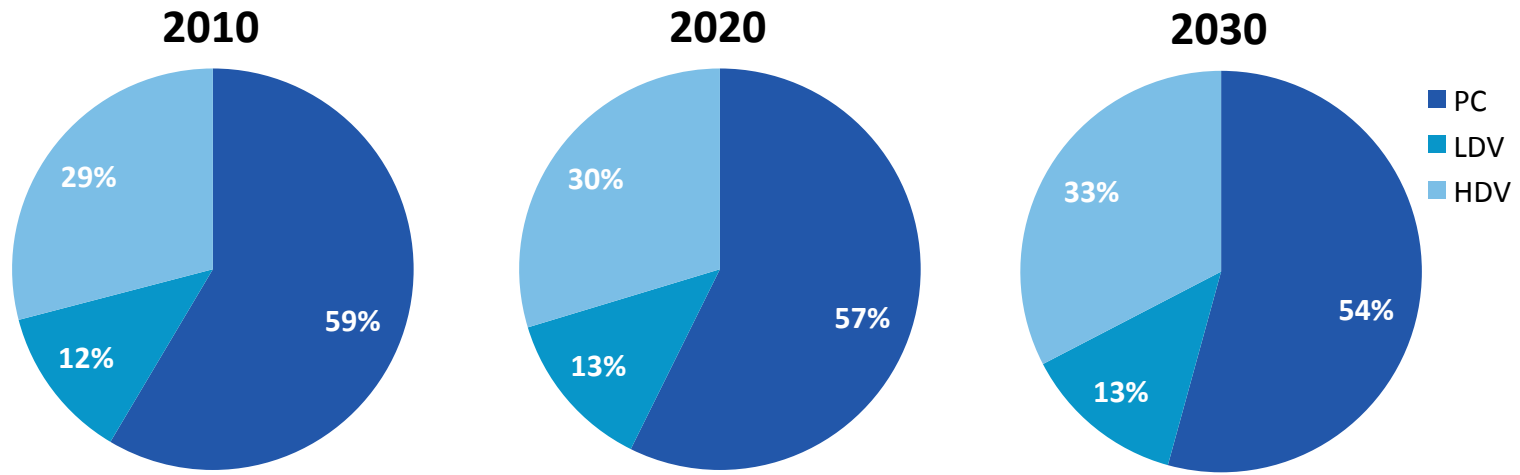
- Seven largest **bioethanol** producers assumed to maintain constant consumption at forecast 2020 levels i.e. **2.7Mtoe**.
- Applying a similar logic for **biodiesel**: France, Germany, Poland, Netherlands, Finland, Spain and Italy would maintain consumption at a level of **8.3 Mtoe**.

Liquid fuels will continue to dominate emissions despite efficiency savings, though many alternatives used by 2030



Electrification makes growing contribution, but role for energy dense liquid fuels likely to remain in long term

Energy demand by vehicle category



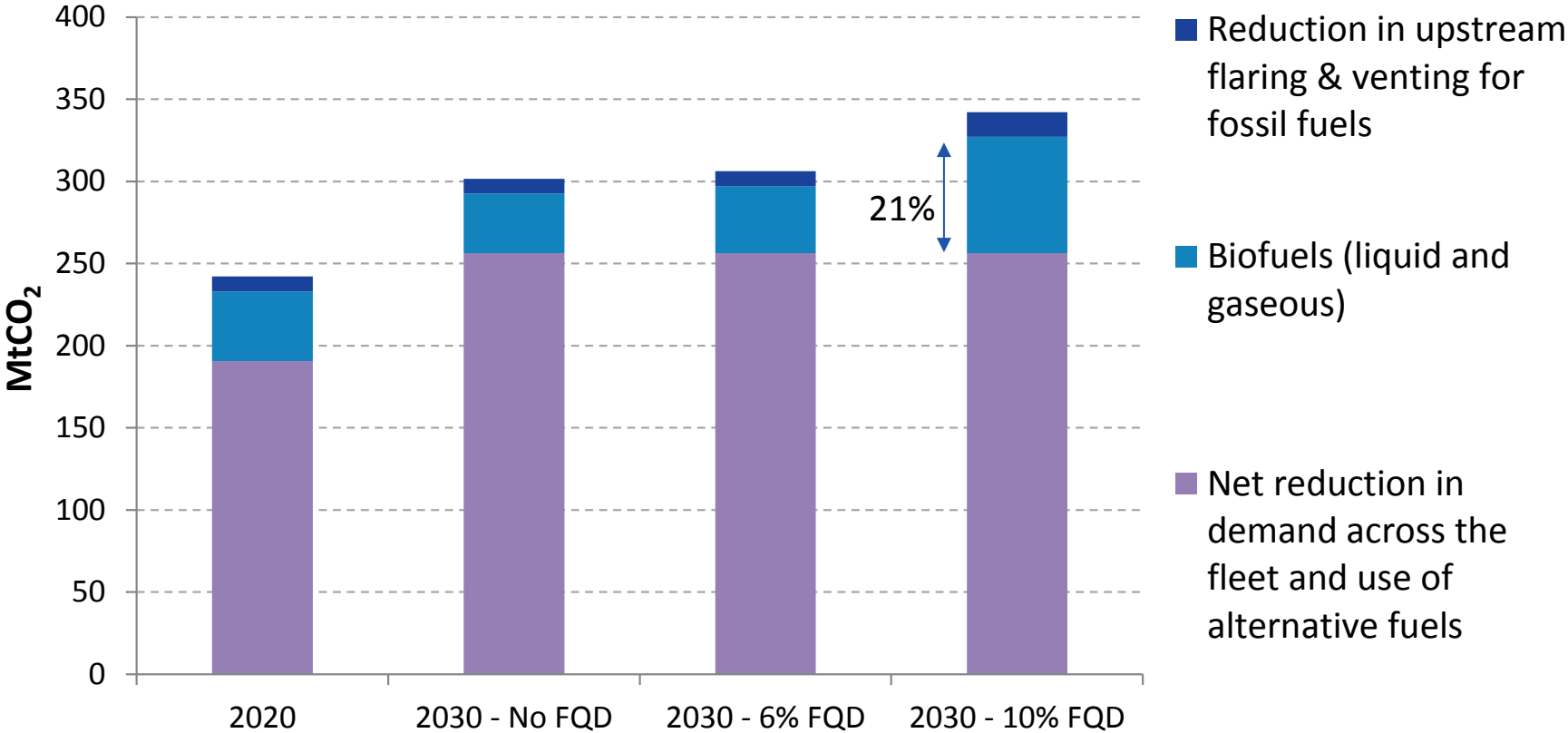
Impact of electric and H2 vehicles in PC and LDV vehicle categories



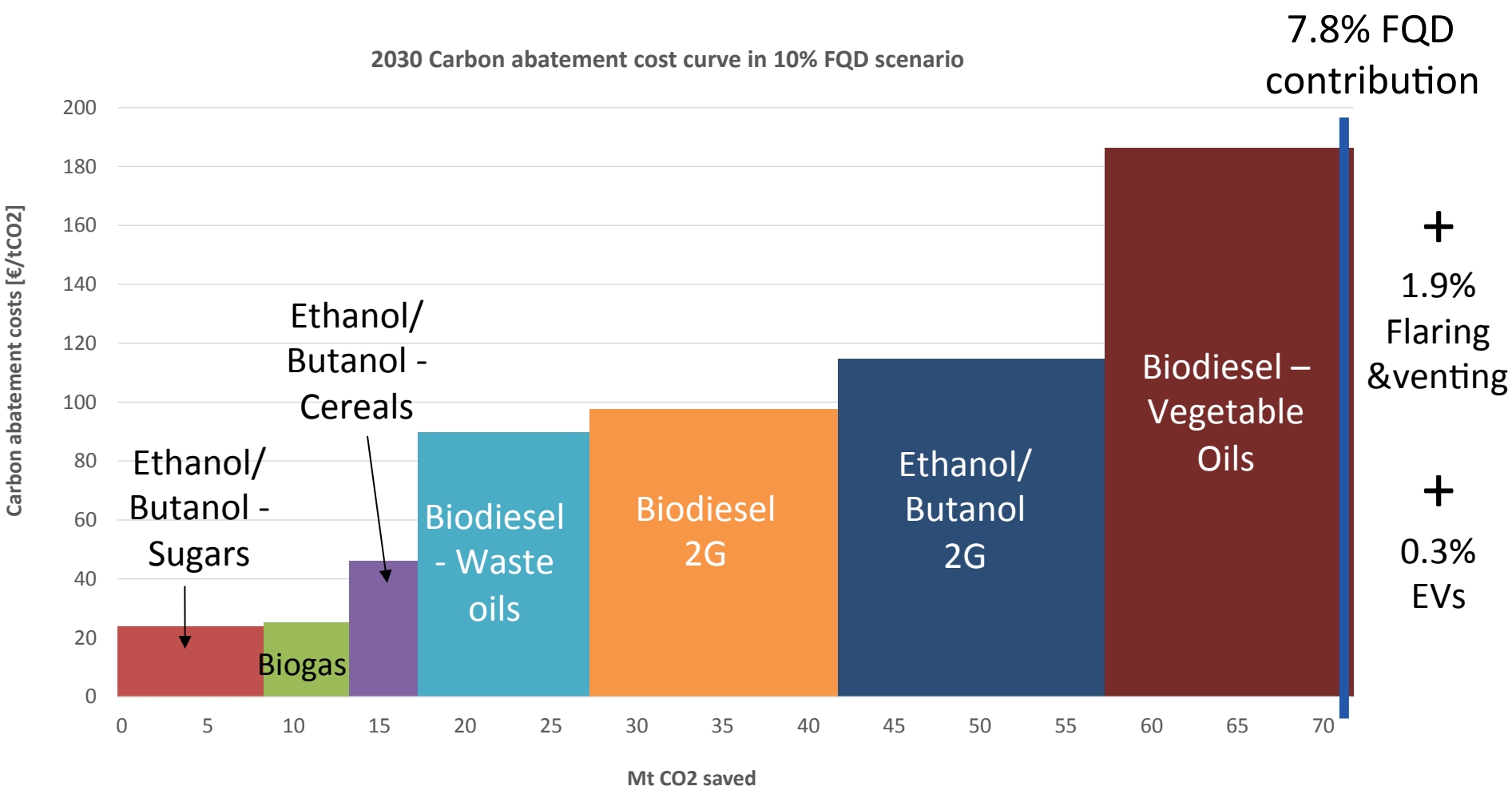
| Share in: | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Final energy consumption | 0.002% | 0.057% | 0.904% |
| WTW CO2 Emissions | 0.005% | 0.103% | 1.096% |
| Total vehicle km | 0.010% | 0.238% | 3.776% |

Overall savings led by efficiency in all scenarios, but biofuels could contribute around 21% of savings

GHG savings compared to 2010



A wide range of sustainable 1G and 2G biofuels are utilised by 2030 in a '10% FQD' scenario



A higher 'FQD' contributes significantly to GHG savings and maintains biofuels as an option for deep decarbonisation

- Under a 'no FQD' or '6% FQD' scenario to 2030, biofuels could continue to contribute 12-13% of total road transport emission savings in 2030.
- Under a '10% FQD' scenario biofuels could contribute 21% savings, resulting in an additional 30MtCO₂ emissions savings compared to a '6% FQD'.
- A higher FQD target could be achieved by a shift to lower GHG and more sustainable biofuels, with 2G biofuels representing 36% of biofuels in 2030.
- Liquid fuels are likely to provide a significant share of road transport energy beyond 2030 because of HDVs and possible limits to full electrification of LDV/PCs.
- Therefore, biofuels could remain an essential component of achieving deep emissions savings in road transport in the longer term, and be used in other transport sectors.
- A continued 'FQD' policy could provide the signal necessary to encourage further road transport emissions reductions beyond efficiency gains.