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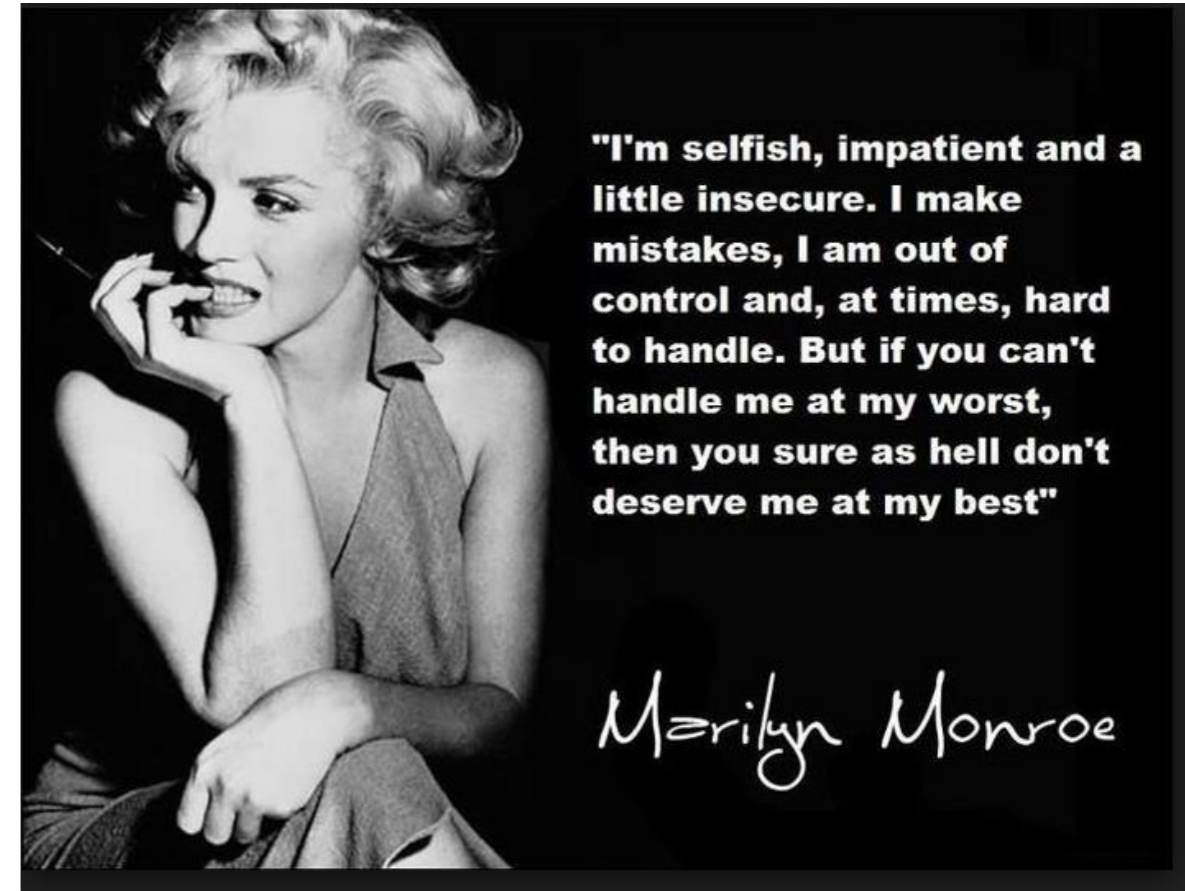


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# The Market Mechanism: Difficult to handle at times: But that is what it takes

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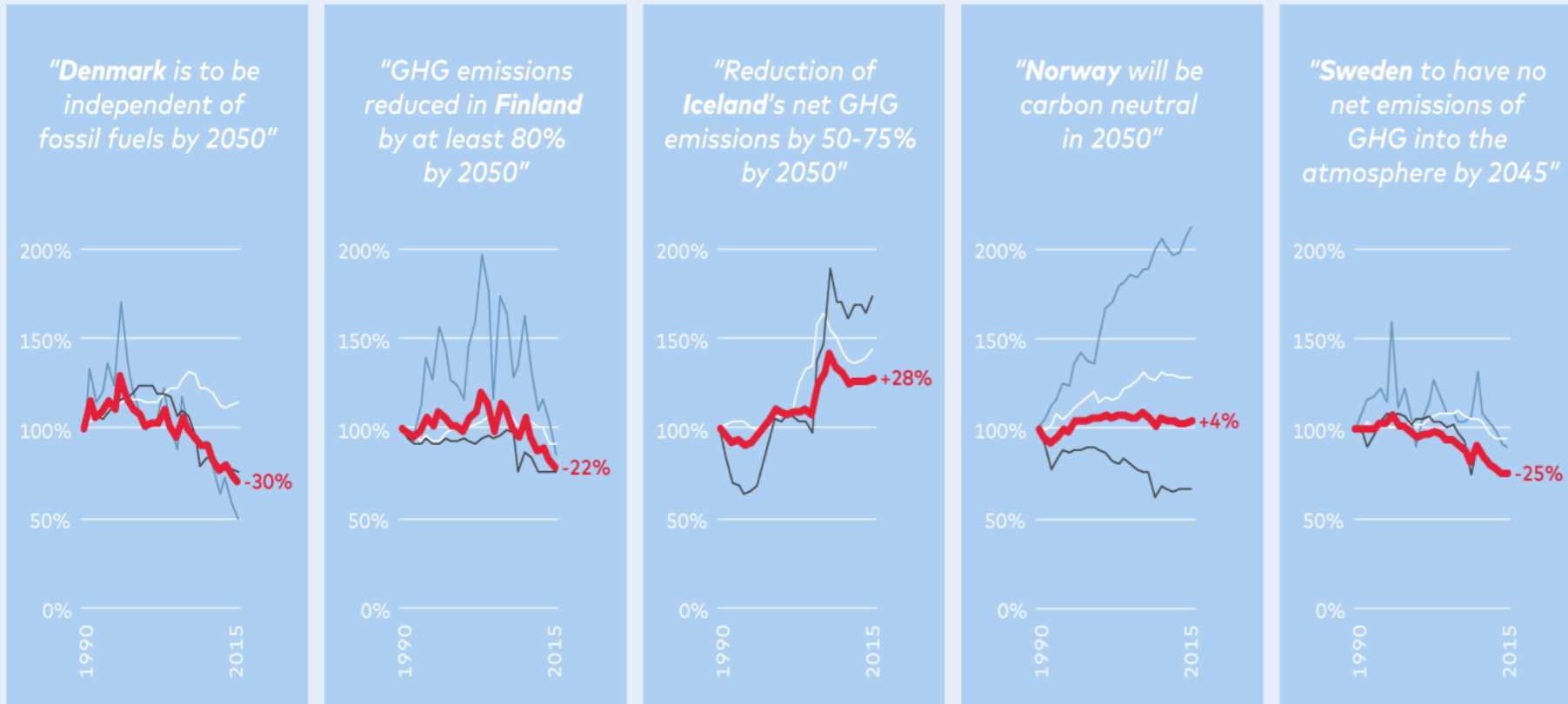


# 3.

## Low-carbon ambitions

The carbon intensity of Nordic electricity is under 60 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, compared to the global average of over 500. The world needs to match the current Nordic level by 2045 in order to realise the IEA's 2°C Scenario. An abundance of low-carbon electricity in the Nordic region provides a stepping stone to the mitigation of emissions from the more challenging sectors of transport and industry.

### Climate targets and GHG emissions



- Total GHG emissions (excluding LULUCF)
- Energy supply (electricity, heat, fuel extraction & refining)
- Manufacturing industry (including process emissions)
- Transport

Source: UNFCCC, national governments (targets). Note: Norway's increase in energy supply emissions is due to oil and gas extraction. Iceland's target is currently under revision, its energy supply emissions are insignificant and not shown, and its increase in industrial emissions is due to aluminium production. Fluctuations in energy supply emissions in Denmark, Finland and Sweden are primarily due to thermal generation providing seasonal balancing to hydropower (wet/dry years) and heat demand (cold/warm winters).

GHG, Nordics: Norway not impressive, yet: +4%:

- i. Growth in GDP, pop.
- ii. Growth in petroleum extraction sector
- iii. Growth in transport

Also: Iceland:

- i. Due to growth in CO<sub>2</sub> intensive manufacturing
- ii. Possibly, like Norway: comparative advantage *through* transition
- iii. Perhaps, then, CCS

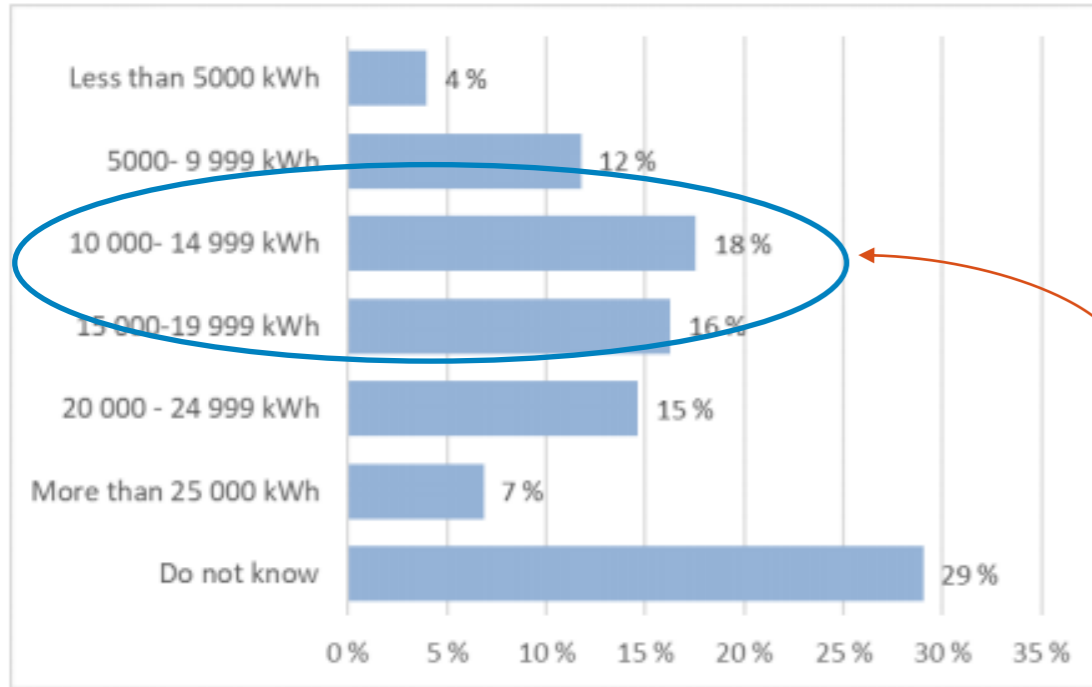


## Electricity, Nordics: Norway uses *vastly more electricity* for heating

demand in the residential and service sectors. We use Patronen et al. (2017) as our source of information and find that electricity used for space heating<sup>24</sup> in the four countries in 2013 was:

- Denmark 1.5 TWh
- Norway 62 TWh
- Sweden 22 TWh
- Finland 13 TWh

Figure 108: Approximately how many kilowatt-hours do you use each year? N=1506.



## NORWAY

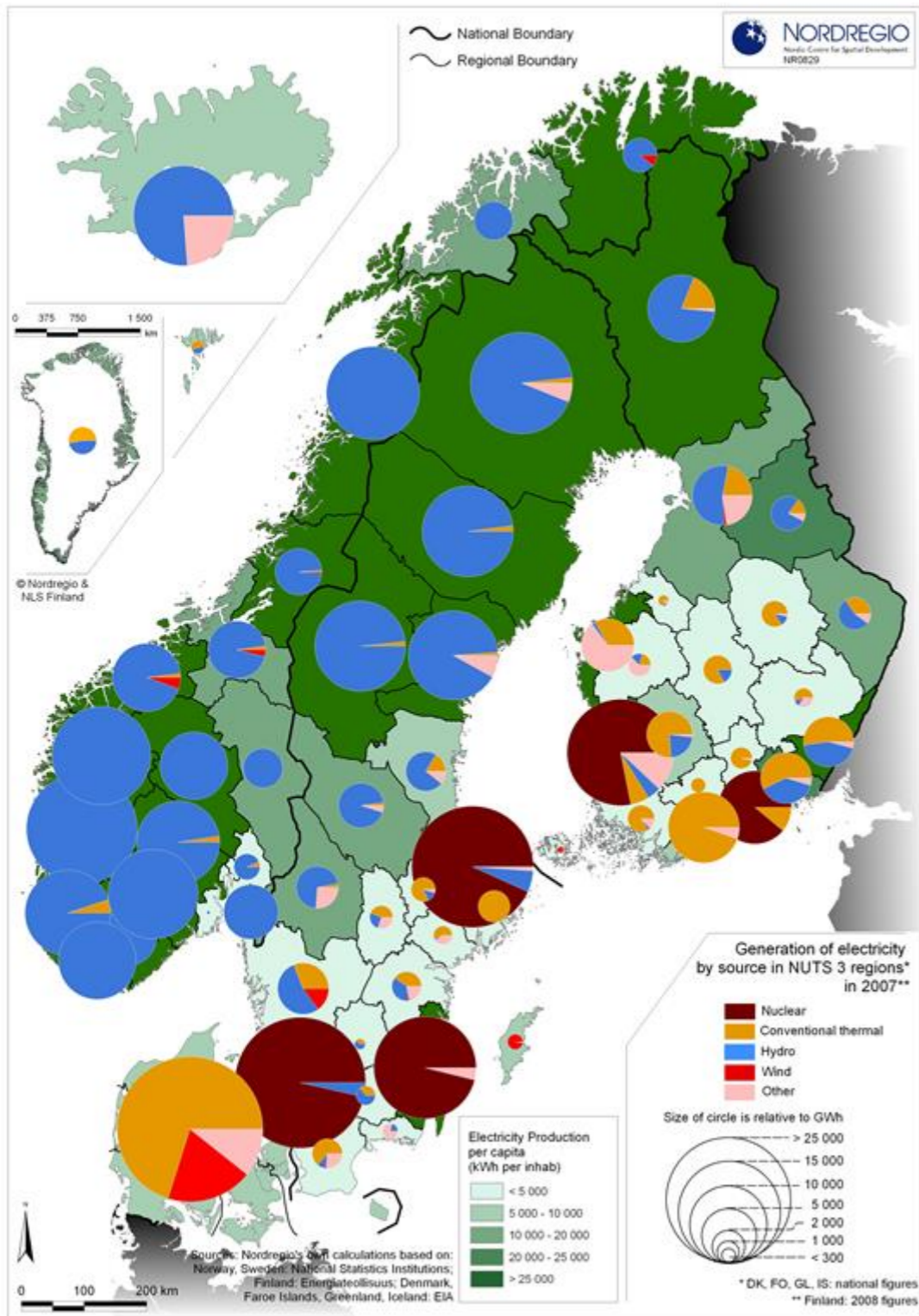
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- Households use a lot of electricity
- History of electricity: ample, fairly cheap
- Sprawl: single family homes:
  - very little district heating,
  - no gas networks
- My family, very guilty:
  - An 'excellent' 1916 wooden house (year Bergen burned)
  - > 30 thousand kwh annually, including
  - family's only car, 8 thousand miles per year, fully electric (fuel hose shown).





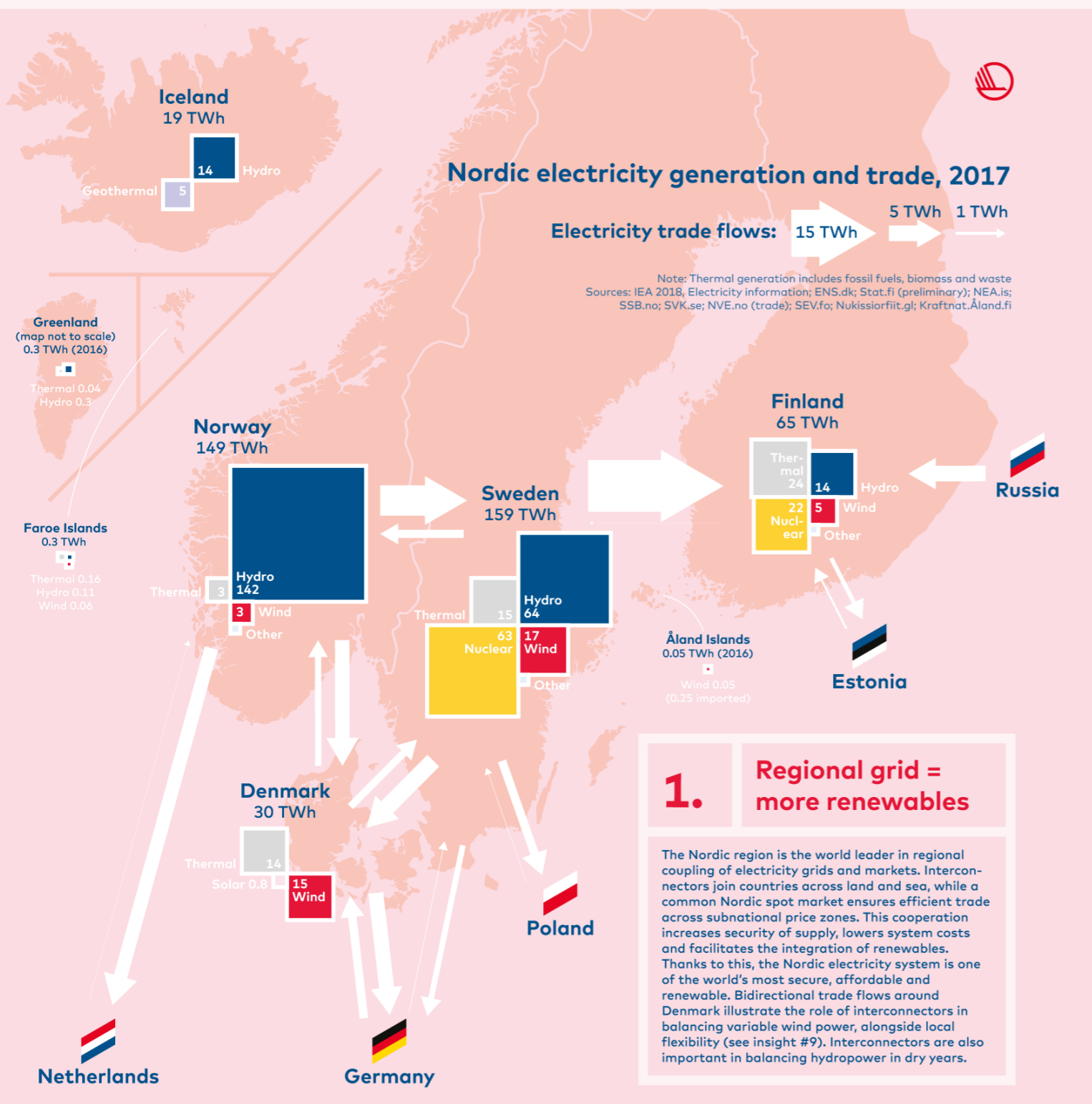


## Electricity generation:

- yes, these identical quintuplets...



- Should not be left: HOME ALONE!
- Complementary, perhaps: need each other



# Nordics: El-market Integration

- i) Transmission
- ii) Market

## Integration importance

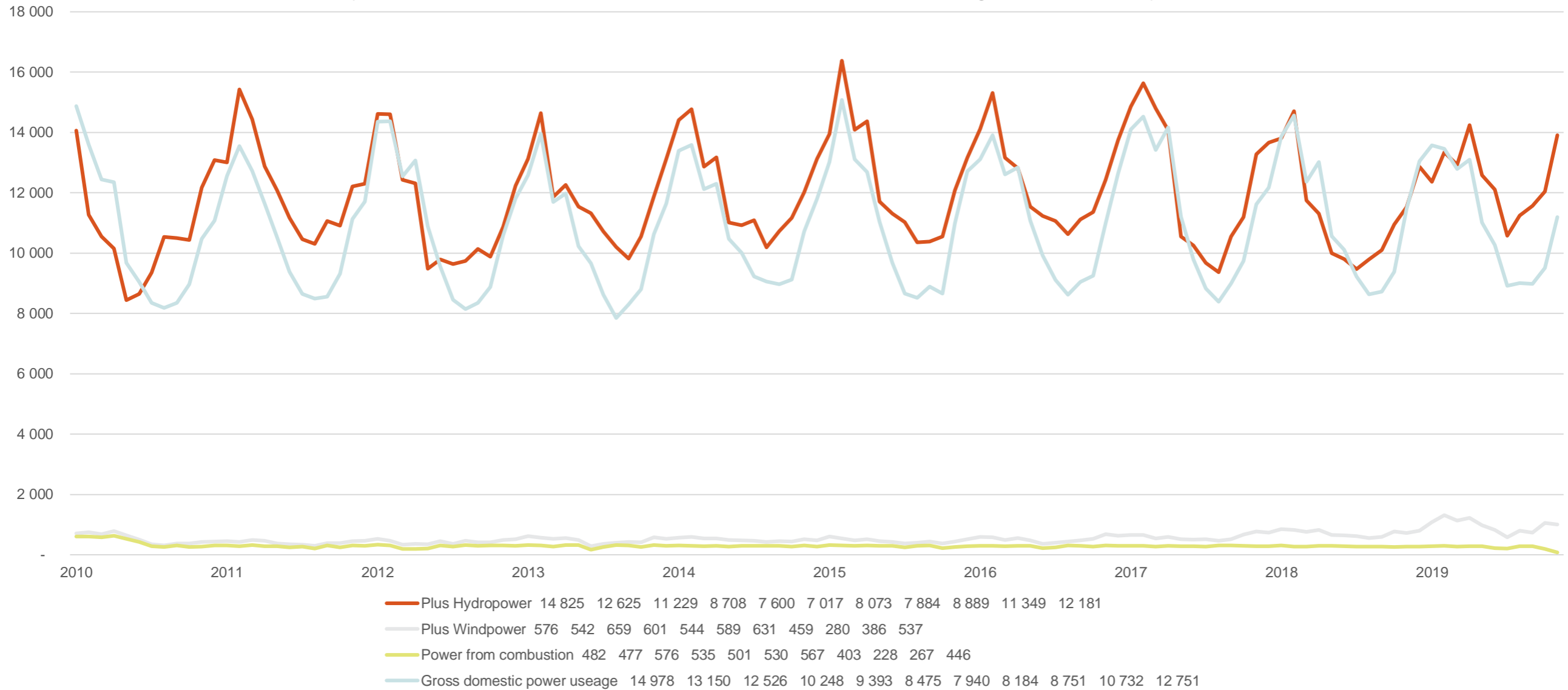
- a) weather and seasons affect demand *and* supply;
- b) unfaithful lovers: wind, sun;
- c) Differences: reservoirs, heating;
- d) Danish wind seen in Norwegian reservoirs.

**1. Regional grid = more renewables**

The Nordic region is the world leader in regional coupling of electricity grids and markets. Interconnectors join countries across land and sea, while a common Nordic spot market ensures efficient trade across subnational price zones. This cooperation increases security of supply, lowers system costs and facilitates the integration of renewables. Thanks to this, the Nordic electricity system is one of the world's most secure, affordable and renewable. Bidirectional trade flows around Denmark illustrate the role of interconnectors in balancing variable wind power, alongside local flexibility (see insight #9). Interconnectors are also important in balancing hydropower in dry years.

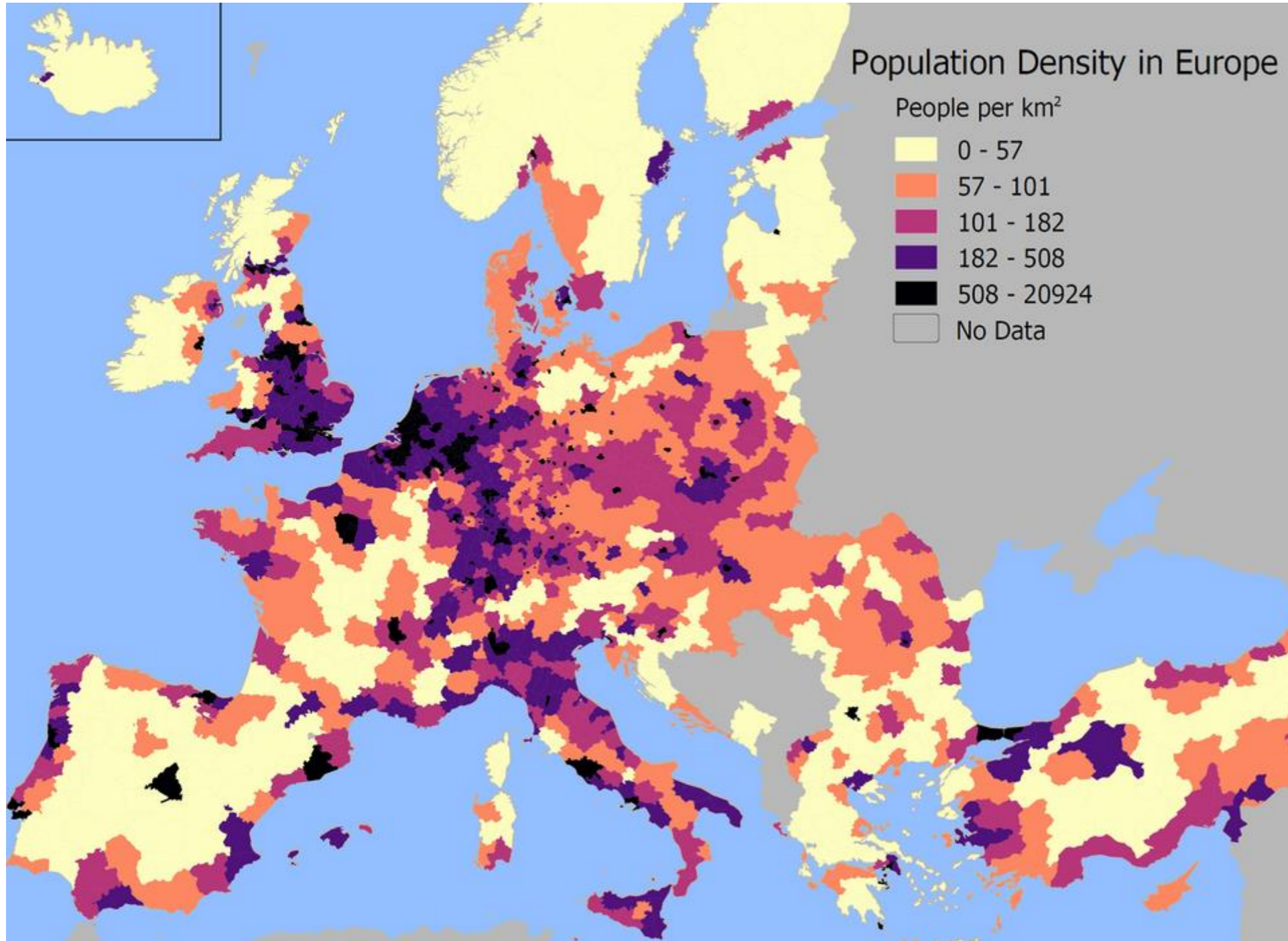
## Norway: Electricity Generation and Use

i) mostly, we produce a little more than we use; ii) Wind inching upwards lately



iii) Our reservoirs are highly dispatchable: A facility rising in value, in Europe's in transition?





Norway: How can wind power be hard to place?

Who has more windy land area (to spare)?

# Agricultural land: %: Evolving institutions

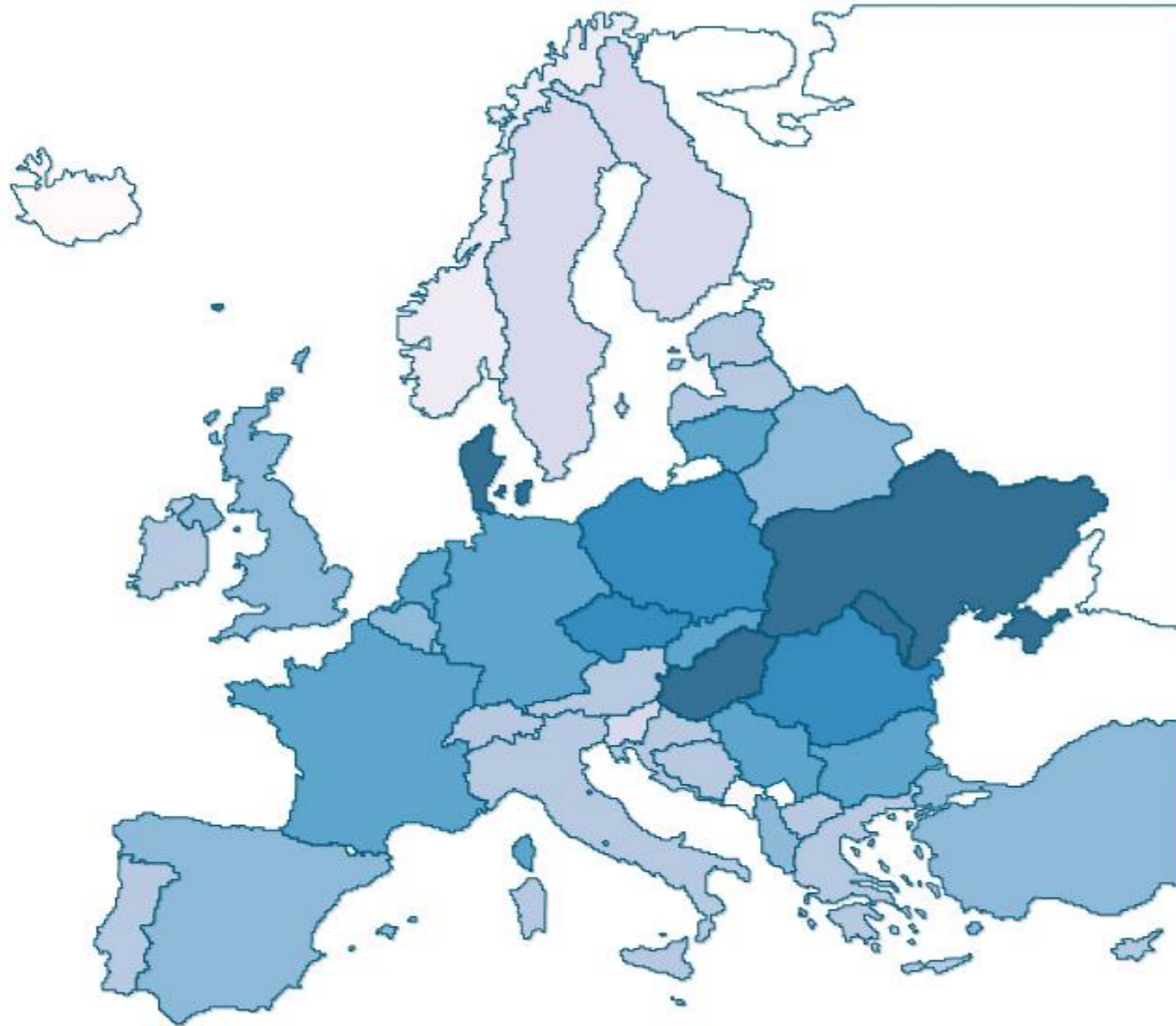


Norway is largely

- *Uncultivated (97%)*

Resulting in

- *public access institutions,*
- *social control* rights to land.



Build windmill in Denmark:

- talk to just one farmer.

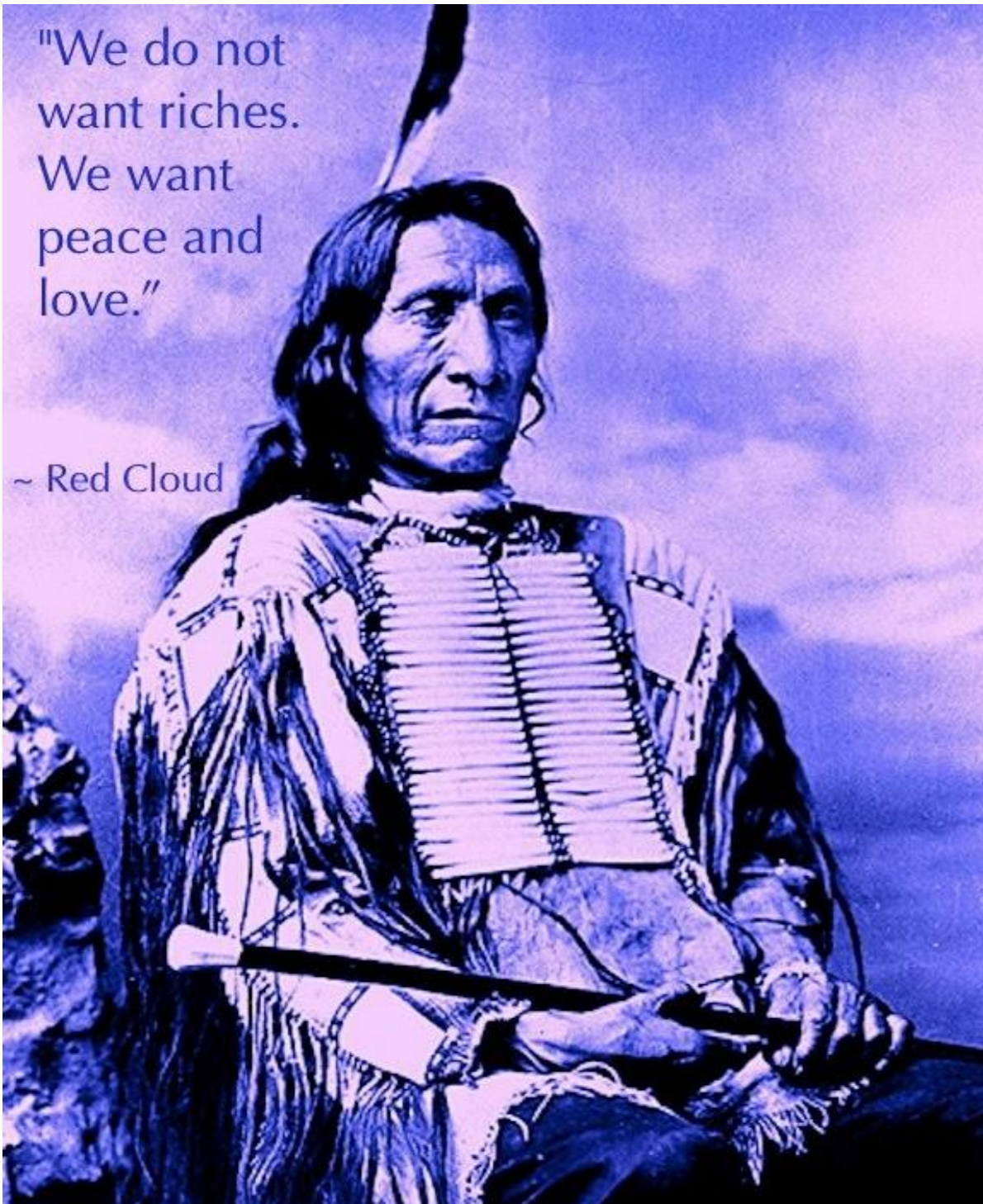
In Norway:

- talk to whole town, even if land is privately owned



"We do not  
want riches.  
We want  
peace and  
love."

~ Red Cloud



*White man made me many promises.*

*He never kept but one.*

*He promised to take my land and he took it.*

Red Cloud of the Oglala Sioux

Land that is Uncultivated or Nomadically used has widely distributed control rights.

How these control rights comprise or accommodate decisionmaking is still in the mold?.

Do lessons translate to ocean and space, planets?

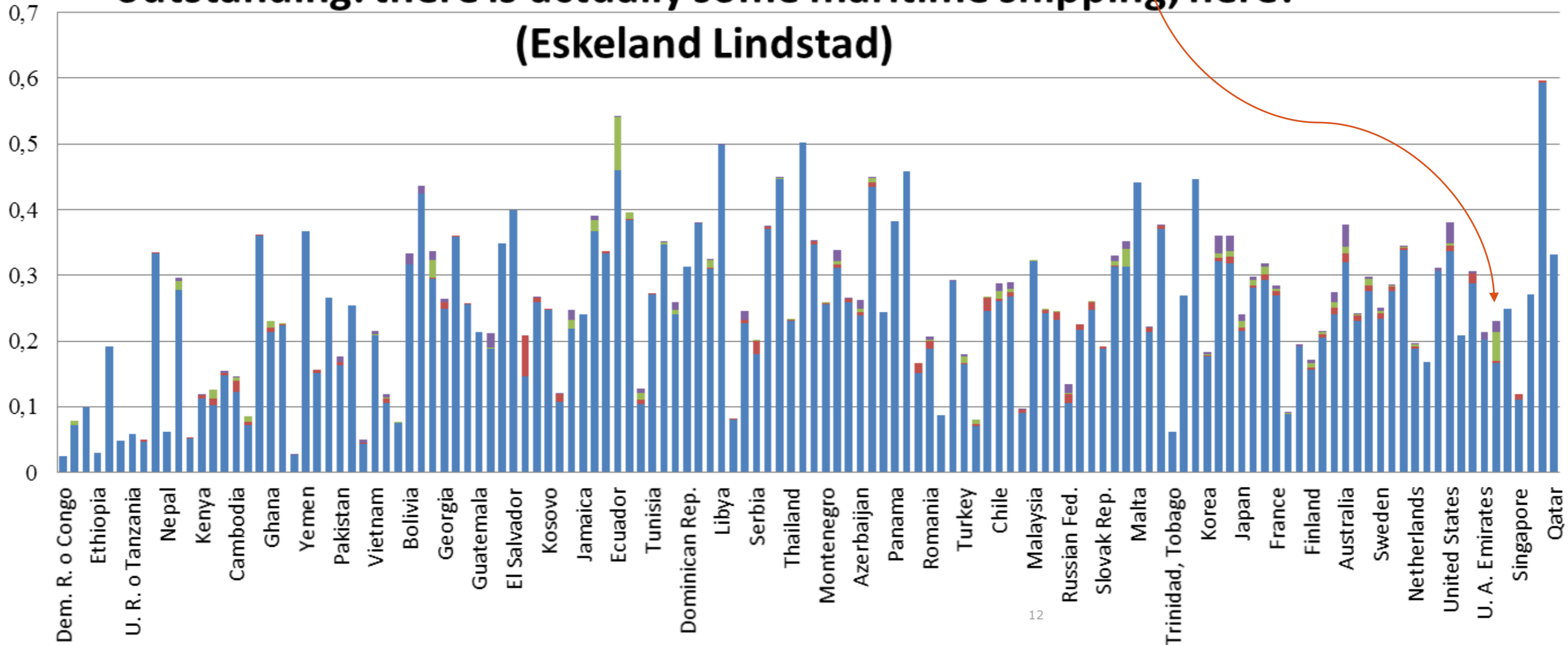
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# Domestic transport's share in country's energy use: Norway outstanding: there is actually some maritime shipping, here!

General: Domestic transport: 20-25% of domestic energy use (38% in US). Mostly road.

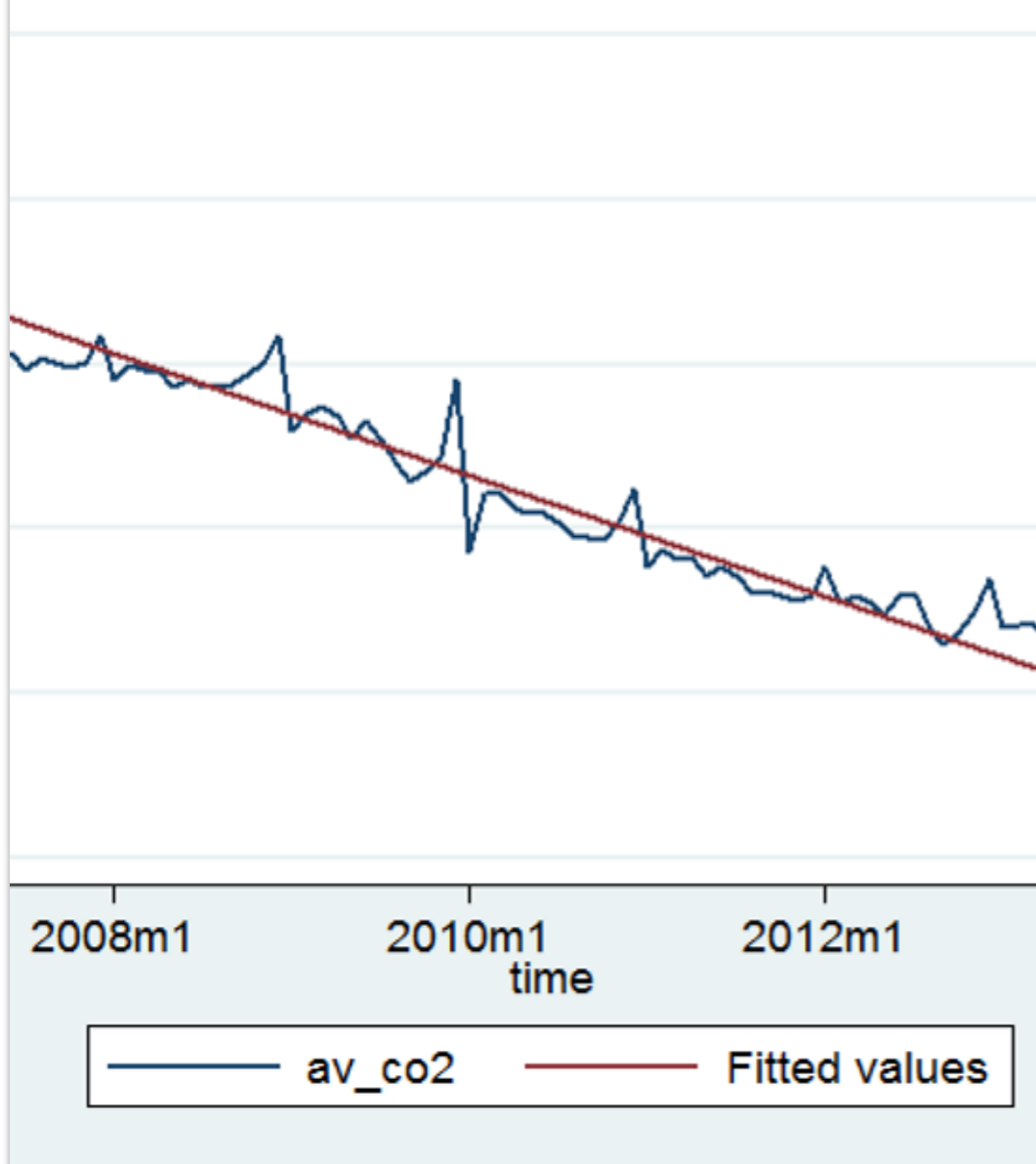
(Eskeland Lindstad)



■ Road ■ Rail ■ Dom Navig ■ Dom Avia



## 'HOMO ECONOMICUS SQUARED'



(apropos trunkerte akser)

Study of tax schemes used to change car fleet

- a) Yes, CO2 intensity coming down
- b) Some funny jumps: if you want carbon intensive, buy end of year



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Electricity wins: Norway aggressively pulling electricity into transport.

Why:

we are early out with emission free generation

i) international oceangoing shipping can barely buy solutions that are very expensive.

ii) in our coastal shipping, tests and demonstration of zero emission solutions are not out of the question, incl port electricity,

A Trumpian critique would be; **paint Ampere green:**

Boasting of yourself IS

- a) *a purpose and*
- b) *an acid test*



# ESG: Is hearts and minds going to be a driver, from owners, from NHH financiers?



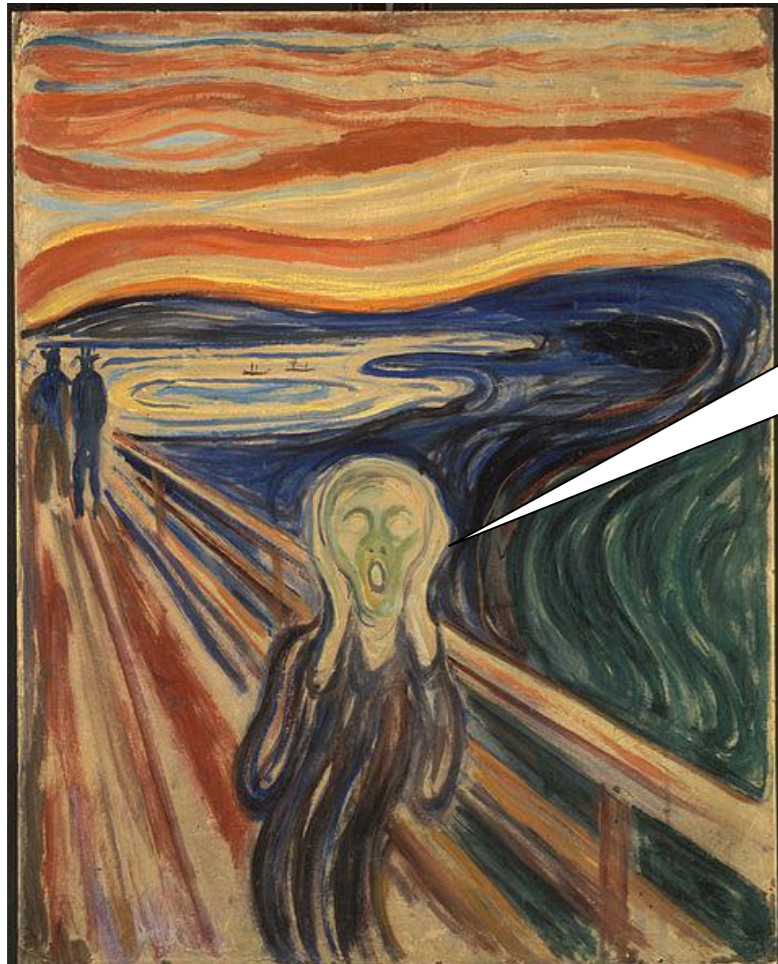
Three foundations,  
amongst financiers

- Let us understand new risks and opportunities (old fashioned, but new)
- This is expected of us: from customers, suppliers, regulators (nudge?)
- Right thing to do. Hearts, temple, grandkids



# The Investor Pays Principle

## Evolving Institutions and the Coase Theorem



Houston,  
we've got a  
problem

9.1.2020



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Innlegg: Norsk gass  
trenger nok fangst  
og lagring også

Innlegg



- An environmental problem must *arise* for protective institutions to emerge
- *Obligations* move upstream.
- *Rights* strengthen downstream (a nonCoasean idea)
- Grunnlovens paragraf 112, 2014: rett til rent miljø

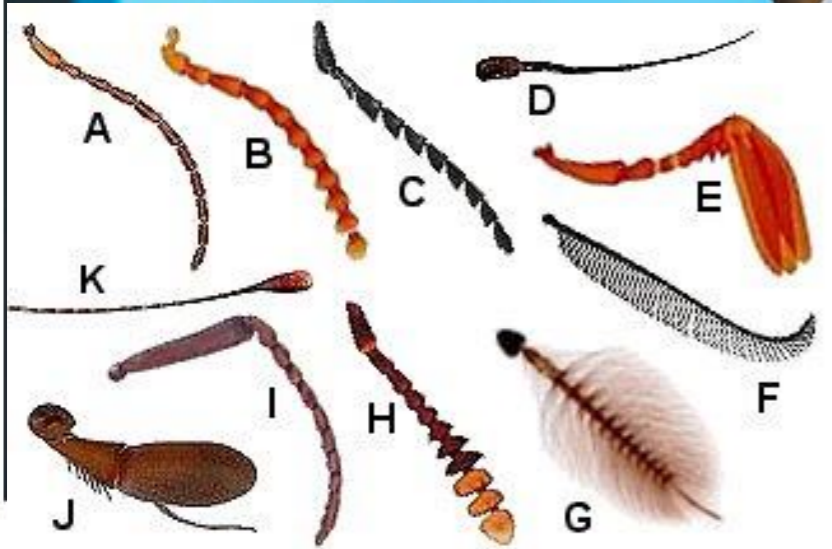






An Upstream Theory:  
Could it be that those who take the  
longest term decisions have the longest  
antennae?

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**Oljefondet skal ut  
av råolieproduksjon**





## Hearts and minds: Could financiers, owners, *care* about climate change, emissions, lies, ESG? Could they not?

The studies of 'sin portfolio' might so indicate

Picture, called 'the seven dwarfs' portray the CEOs in USA's largest tobacco companies. Under oath in Senate Waxman hearings (1994):  
'I believe nicotine is not addictive, yes'





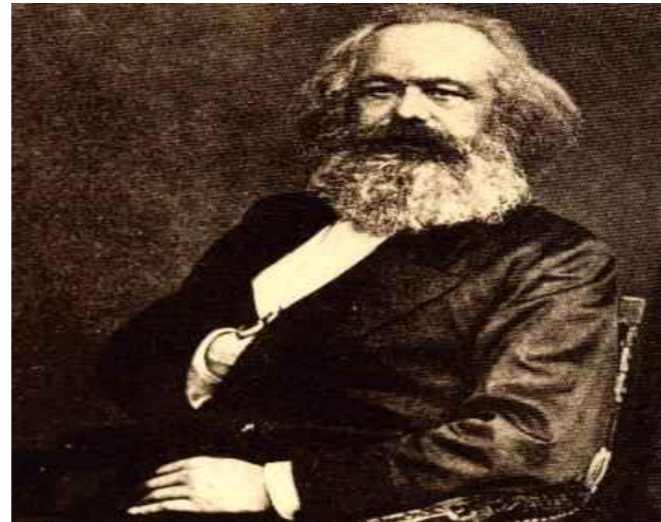
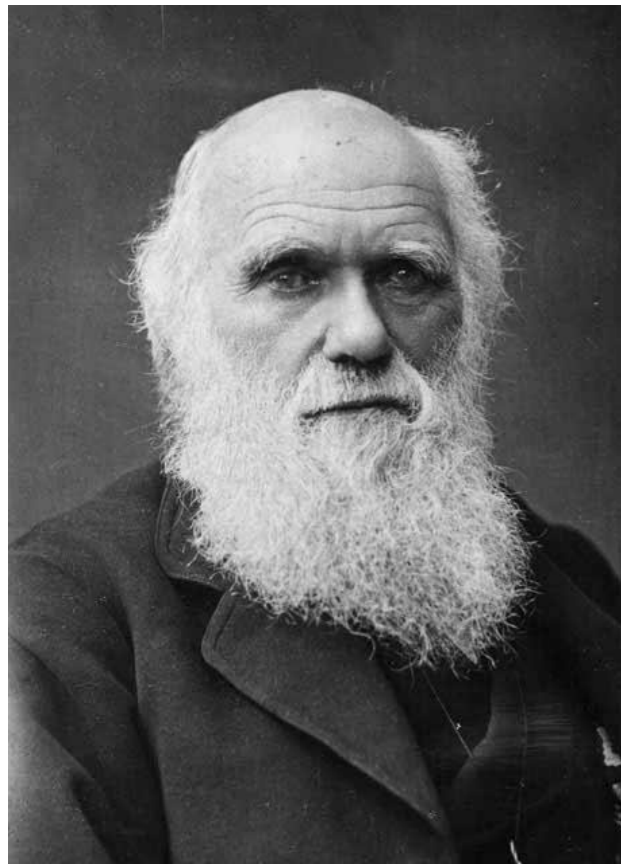


# ESG: As our field of economics evolves

We are pulled from neoclassical back towards the classicists, especially these three Charles:

- i. Darwin
- ii. Claus, or St. Niclaus
- iii. Marx

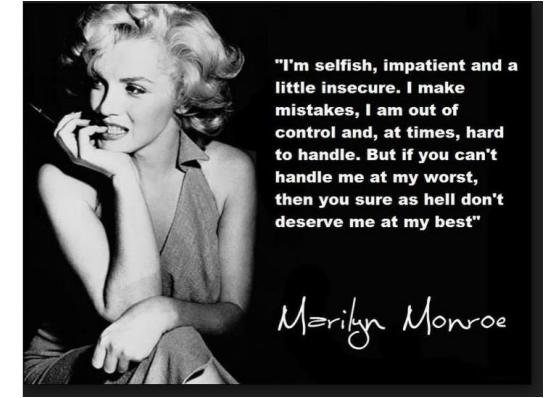
Theirs is world in which distribution and *ownership counts*: There is no 'efficiency' not related directly to who gets what.



# Thanks for the invitation!

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