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# From Energy efficiency obligation to carbon savings certificate to achieve carbon neutrality: does it fit the path?

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## Introduction – some European targets in constant evolution



Long-term strategy (2050):

- **carbon** neutrality (Green Deal)
- **decarbonisation** of the building stock (EPBD)

Mid-term strategy (2030):

- 36% of **final energy** and 39% **primary energy** savings (Climate Target Plan)
- 39% for **final energy**, 42% for **primary energy** and 55% of **renewables** (Fit for 55)
- -55% of **GHG** (Green Deal)
- **zero-emission** in new buildings (EPBD)
- -61% **GHG emission** (EU-ETS)
- 32% of **renewable** in final consumption (RES)
- After 2024, 1,5%/yr. of **final energy** savings (article 8) (EED)\*



*one target, one scheme?*

Energy Efficiency Obligation (EEO)

## European EEO scheme: where is the carbon?

*Energy efficiency incentive & tax price*

### Primary principles of an EEO scheme



#### ① Unit of savings

- Global obligation level to define the amount of savings to be achieved during a defined period
- Obligated parties (utilities – DSO or retailers) which share the target to be achieved
- Portfolio of eligible actions to be implemented
- Control process to deliver EEO certificate as a means of accounting for savings
- Penalty in case of non-compliance
- Cost recovery mechanism to finance the EEO scheme

#### ③ Calculation of savings

#### ② Calculate the allocation

# 1 Defining the unit of the EEO obligation

Unit example:



- Primary energy (toe) (Italy, Poland)
- Final energy (PJ in Denmark, TWh in France)
- Carbon dioxide like in CERT in UK
- Bill savings like in ECO in UK



UK example:




- Final energy: Energy Efficiency Standards of Performance (EESoP 1994-2002)
- Final energy with carbon weighting: Energy Efficiency Commitment (EEC 2002-2008)
- GHG: Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT 2008-2012)
- Bill savings: Energy Company Obligation (ECO 2013-2022)

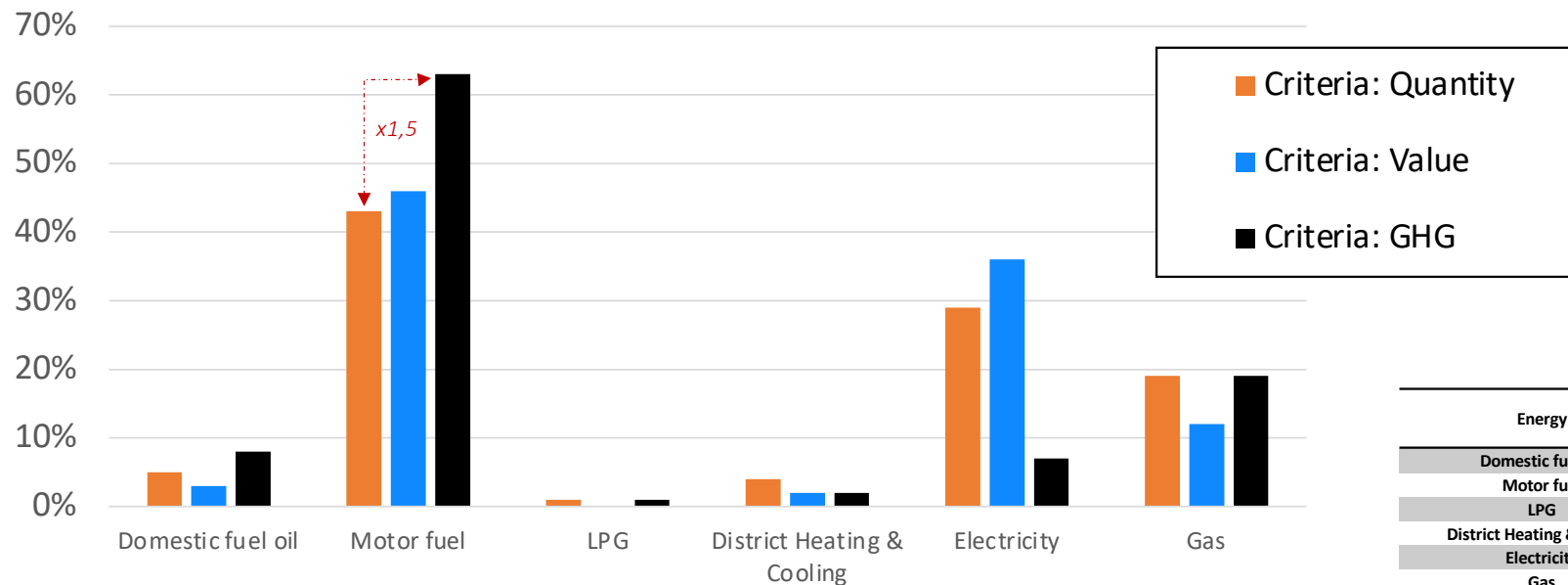
## 2 The path of least resistance: sharing the obligation

$$\% \text{ obligation} = \frac{\text{criterion}^i}{\sum_i^{\text{energy}} \text{criterion}^i}$$

with criterion:

- ✓ **Quantity** [kWh]
- ✓ **Value** [price (€/kWh)\*quantity (kWh)]
- ✓ **GHG** [quantity (kWh)\*carbon content (kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh)]

 EEO obligation sharing according to criteria in France



| Energy                     | Carbon content<br>(gCO <sub>2</sub> e/kWh) - France |
|----------------------------|---|
| Domestic fuel oil          | 324   |
| Motor fuel                 | 320   |
| LPG                        | 272   |
| District Heating & Cooling | 116   |
| Electricity                | 57*   |
| Gas                        | 227   |

41-79 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh according to end-uses

### 3 Choose the eligible action and calculate the savings



- Differentiating the energy savings by energy carrier:
  - ■ in France, no difference in certificates between energies
  - ■ in Italy there are 4 different types of certification
- EEO certificate is directly proportional to GHG mitigation

« Stick and carrot » approach to fossil and low-carbon measures



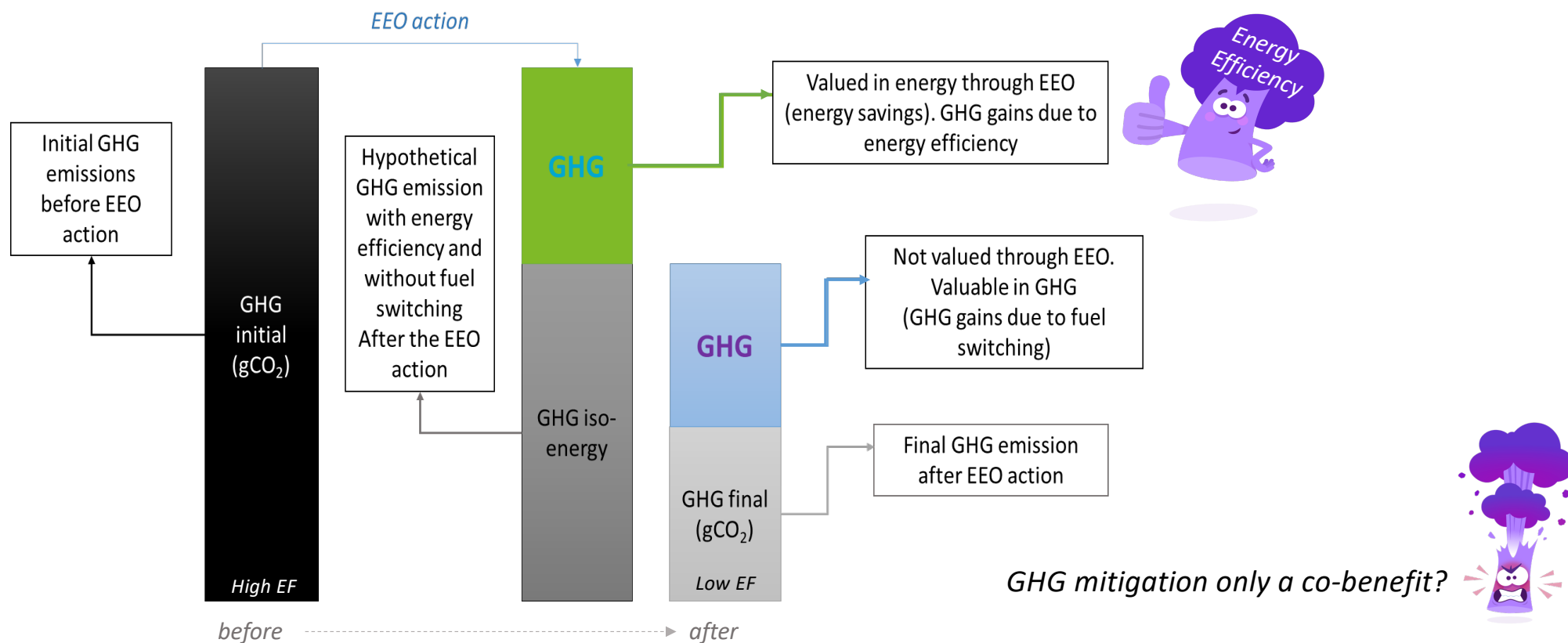
- Prohibit the eligibility of even the most efficient fossil fuel technologies
- Cap the maximum number of fossil fuel technologies

- Bonus to encourage low-carbon measures
- Minimum target of a number of measures



*Choice of actions to steer the market towards the more GHG efficient measures*

## Valuation of GHG mitigation through fuel switching and energy efficiency



## The narrow path of coherence: carbon emission certificate



From energy savings certificate to carbon emission certificate



(in gCO<sub>2</sub>)



=



+



Energy efficiency

Fuel switching



$CEC$

=

$\Delta C_{initial}^{final} * EF_{final}$

+

$C_{initial} * (\Delta EF_{initial}^{final})$

Initial EEO (energy savings)

Additional GHG savings



# Carbon emission certificate: exploitable certificate potentials in France with energy switch



## Industry:

- Electric furnaces: energy savings: 20% - 50% → carbon savings: 85 to 90%
- Heat pumps: energy savings: 75% → carbon savings: 96%
- Mechanical Vapour Compression: energy savings: 78% → carbon savings: 97%



## Transportation:

- Ship to shore connection
- Start and stop locomotive and dual mode locomotive
- Efficient vehicle (EVs)



## Buildings:

- Heat pump : energy savings: 74% → carbon savings: 94%



## Conclusion: The carbon, the energy and the EEO

- ✓ Carbon neutrality requires both a sharp reduction in energy consumption and a response to the remaining consumption with low carbon energy
- ✓ EEOs are not optimised to reduce GHG emissions but are designed to promote energy savings
- ✓ GHG mitigation appears to be a co-benefit
- ✓ several ways to integrate carbon into an EEO scheme
  - ✓ Unit of the certificate obligation
  - ✓ The sharing of the obligation
  - ✓ The eligible measures
  - ✓ Differentiate the energies according to their carbon content
- ✓ Enhancement of existing measures in buildings
- ✓ New potential not rewarded by EEO in industry and transportation



