

The logo for ENEA, featuring the letters 'ENEA' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a sun or energy source with rays emanating from it, set against a dark blue background with a grid pattern.

ITALIAN NATIONAL AGENCY  
FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES, ENERGY AND  
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# The role of science in SDGs

## The Technology Mechanisms

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- SOME Infos on ENEA;
- SDGs description and current data;
- The Technology Mechanisms as a mean to foster Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)
- Conclusions

# About us



- ENEA is the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development.
- It is a **public RTO (Research and Technology Organization)** operating in the fields of **energy, environment** and **new technologies** to support Country's competitiveness and sustainable development.
- ENEA's mission is to search for new technological solutions to **meet the societal challenges**, fostering transition to the Green Economy.
- The institutional mandate of the Agency is to disseminate and transfer **knowledge, innovation and technology** to industry, institutions and civil society at large.



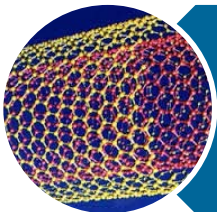
## Energy Technologies

Renewable energy sources, Energy efficiency Sustainable fossil fuels, Energy policy, Nuclear Fusion



## Environmental Technologies

Prevention and Recovery, Climate change, Eco-innovation of productive systems, Waste and water management, Air quality, Modelling



## Enabling Technologies

Nanotechnologies and new materials, biotechnologies, photonics, sensors, ICT



## Agri-food, Health and Safety Technologies

Innovation for the agro-industrial chain, Radiation biology and human health, Radiation protection and metrology

# Research facilities and staff

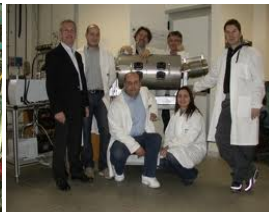


## Research facilities

- **9** Research Centres
- **5** Research Laboratories
- **43** pilot plants and test facilities
- **11** local offices
- **Brussels** Liason Office
- **Headquarters** in Rome

## Human Resources

- 2775** permanent staff (31/12/13):
- **2033** in Technical Units
  - **411** in Research Centres Directorates
  - **306** in Central Unit
  - **25** in other staff Units





# An integrated vision of sustainable development

## UN Global Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- 17 goals
- 169 targets
- 240+ indicators

### Sustainable Development Goals



# The situation we want modify

800 M live in  
extreme poverty

250 M children  
are analphabet

1,400 M don't  
have access to  
electricity

800 M are  
undernourished,  
11 M OCSE  
Countries

700 M don't have  
clean water

8% disappeared  
species, 22% at risk

50% of people  
don't have a  
secondary  
education

12 M hectares of  
desert increase  
per year

200 M are  
unemployed

600 M are  
overweight

Half of agriculture  
production is  
wasted

0,5 M control  
90% of  
resources

80% untreated  
used water

1,5 M has 5%  
world GDP

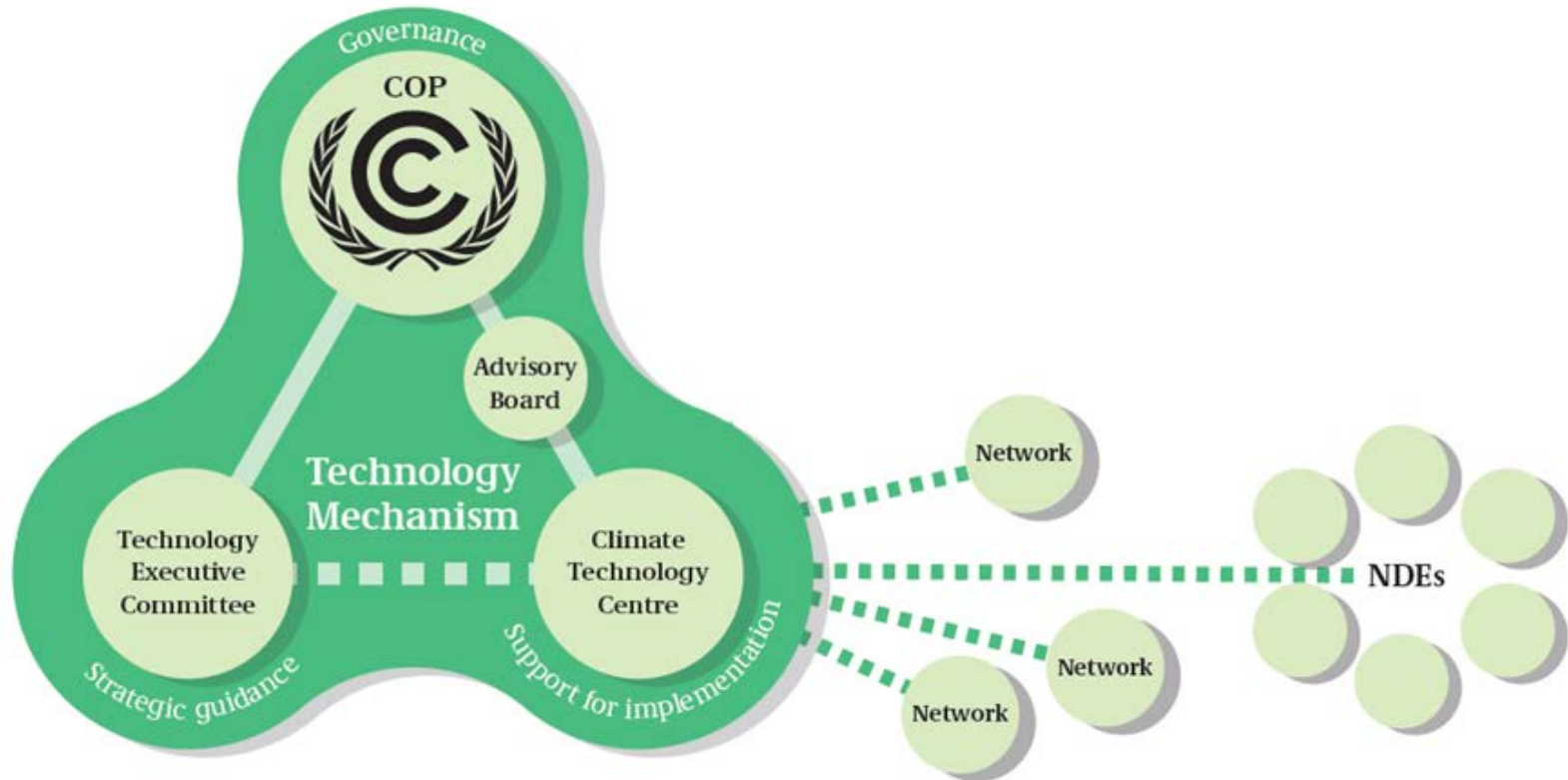
Paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and paragraph 70 of the Post 2015 Development Agenda Outcome Document called for establishing a Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

The mechanism will comprise:

- a UN interagency task team on STI for SDGs;
- a collaborative annual multi-stakeholder forum on STI for SDGs;
- an online platform as a gateway for information on existing STI initiatives, mechanisms and programs.



# THE TECHNOLOGY MECHANISM UNDER UNFCCC





## Mandate

CTCN mission is “Stimulating technology cooperation and enhance the **development and transfer of technologies** to developing country Parties at their request”

## Services:

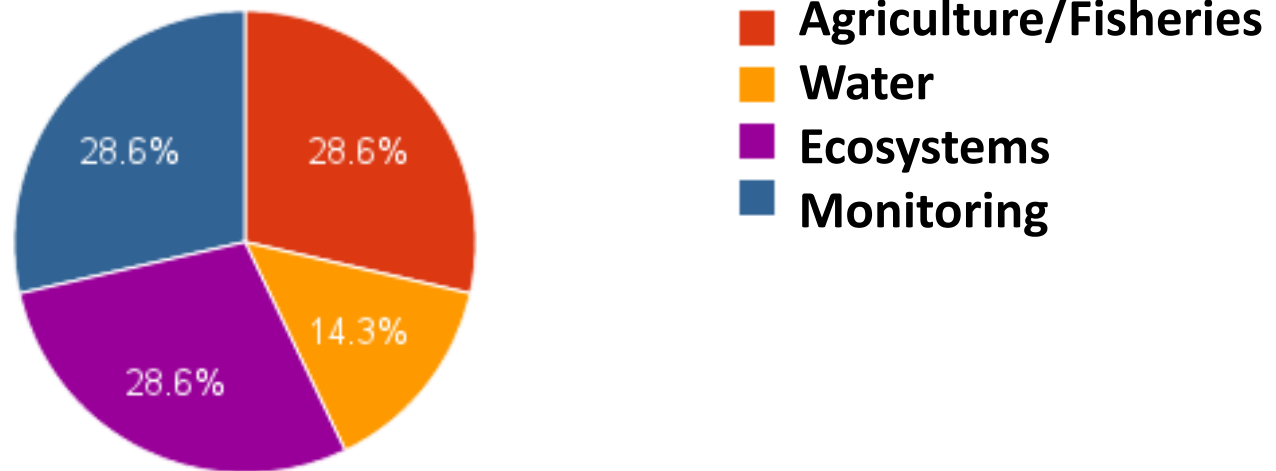
1. Technical assistance to developing countries
2. Knowledge sharing and training
3. Fostering collaboration on climate technologies (including linking climate technology projects with financing opportunity”)

## Structure:

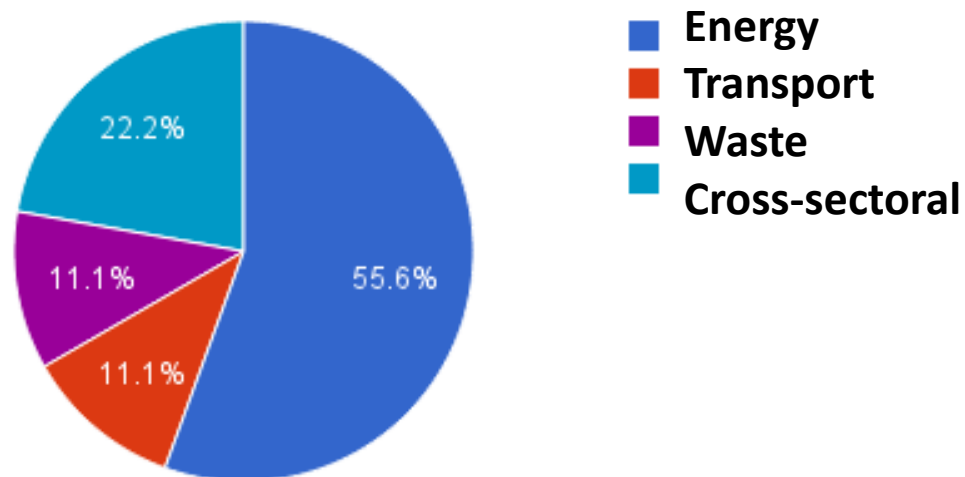
CTCN hosted by UNEP in collaboration with UNIDO and supported by 11 partner institutions with expertise in climate technologies



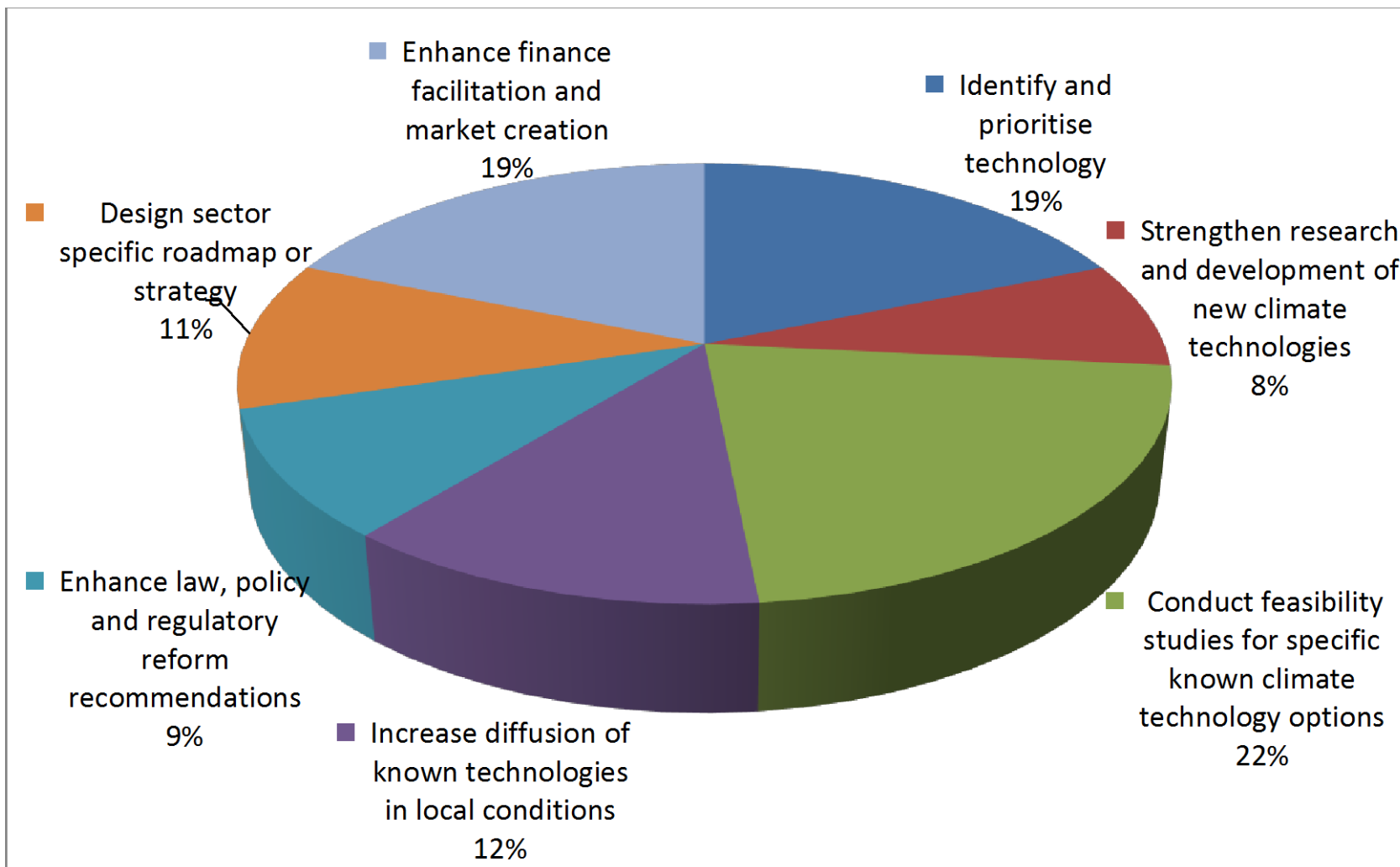
## Adaptation Requests by Sector



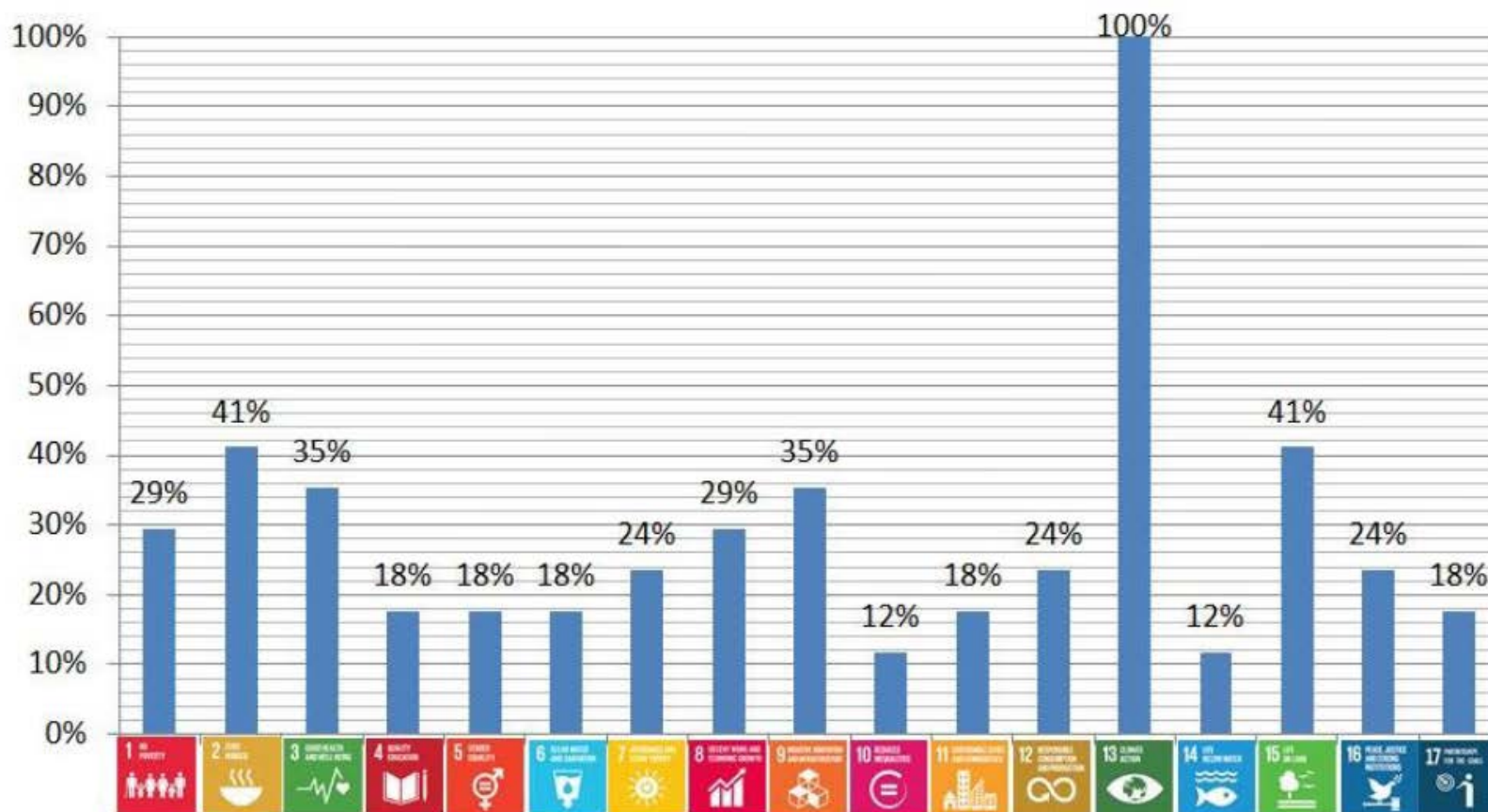
## Mitigation Requests by Sector



# WHAT PVS ARE ASKING FOR



# IMPACT ON SDGs



SOURCE: CTCN, 8° AB Meeting

# Impact sometimes can be predicted: the technological cycle



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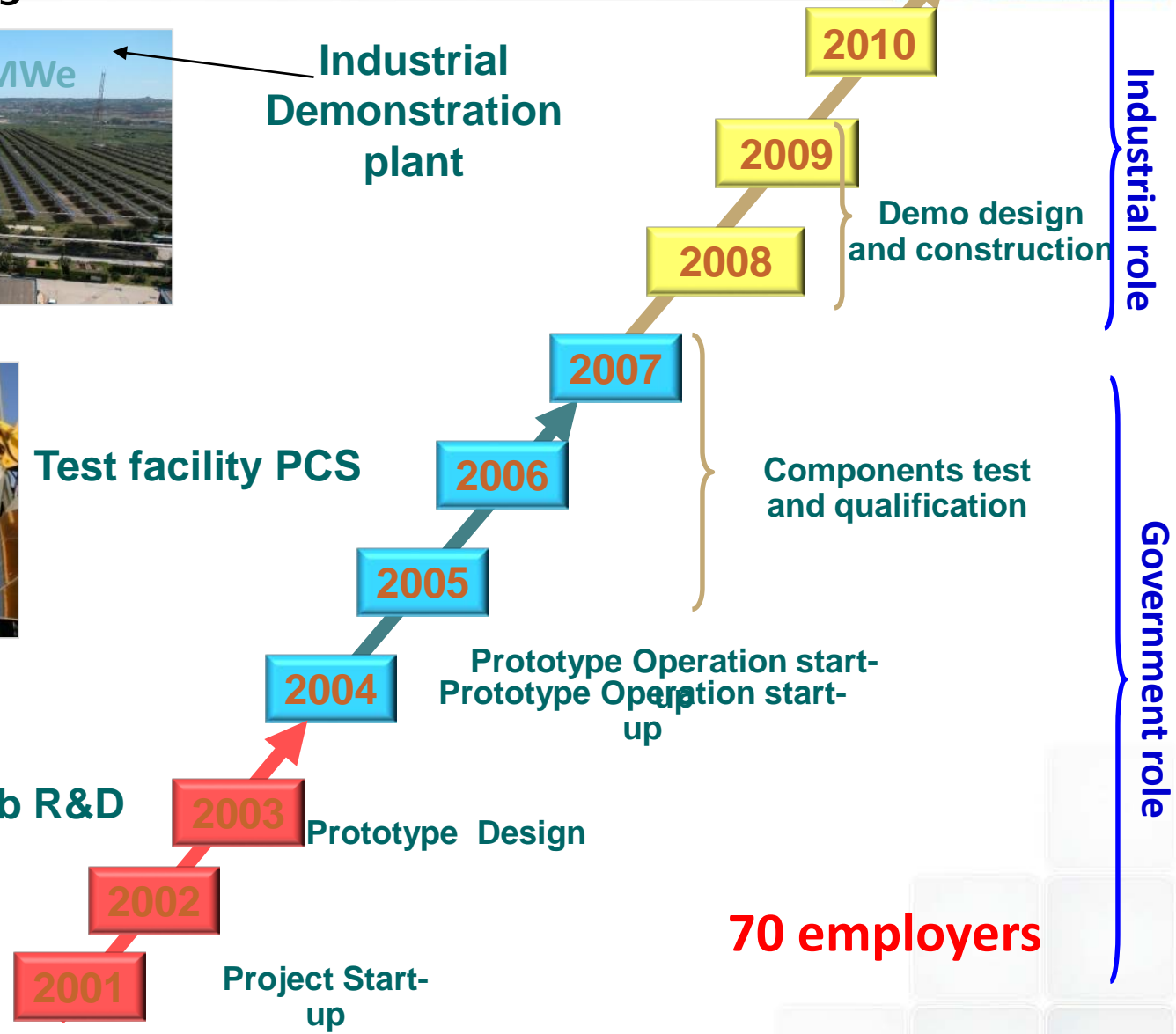
Industrial Demonstration plant



Test facility PCS

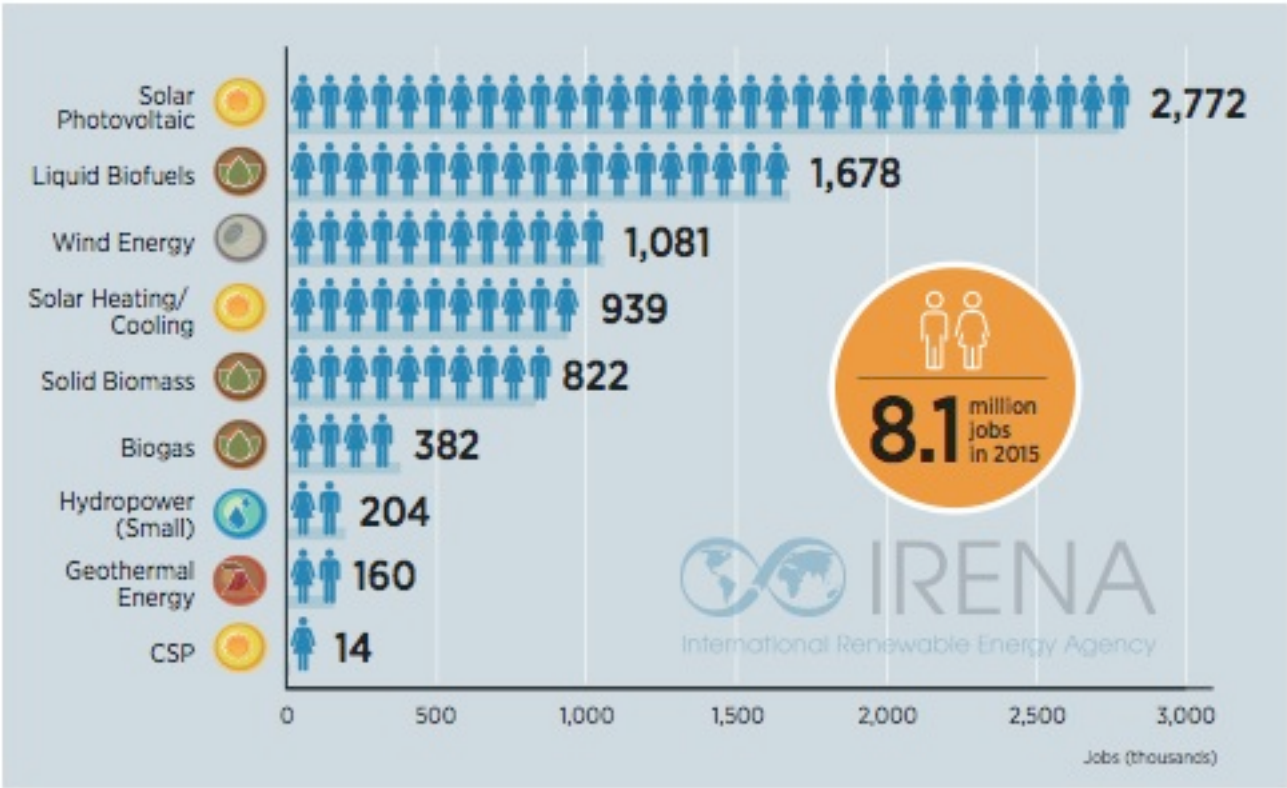


Lab R&D





# Sometimes some astonishing results of research can be observed over time: Renewable Energy Employment by Technology



# Conclusions and considerations for the roundtable



- Paris Accord has been deeply a Science based set of decisions. Needless to restate the role of science in SGDs attainment; a world without science, technologies and innovation would be a boring repetition of always the same dynamics (the contrary of what the SDGs process is asking for);
- Technology Mechanism could be a mean to foster STI but is not the silver bullet, research needs more focused financing (labs, human resources, need for a adequate and predictable level of financing);
- the STI we are looking for involves a multitude of disciplines and **their integration** (physics, chemistry, biology, medicine and pharmaceuticals, economy, statistics, social and political science) and also some transdisciplinary science – transitional science;
- A worldwide action plan on STI, adequately financed and evaluated, should be set;
- The UN interagency task team on STI for SDGs could help in drafting a program trying to match demand and offer of research

# Main issues to be treated during the round table



Why are science, technology and innovation essential for the achievement of SDGs

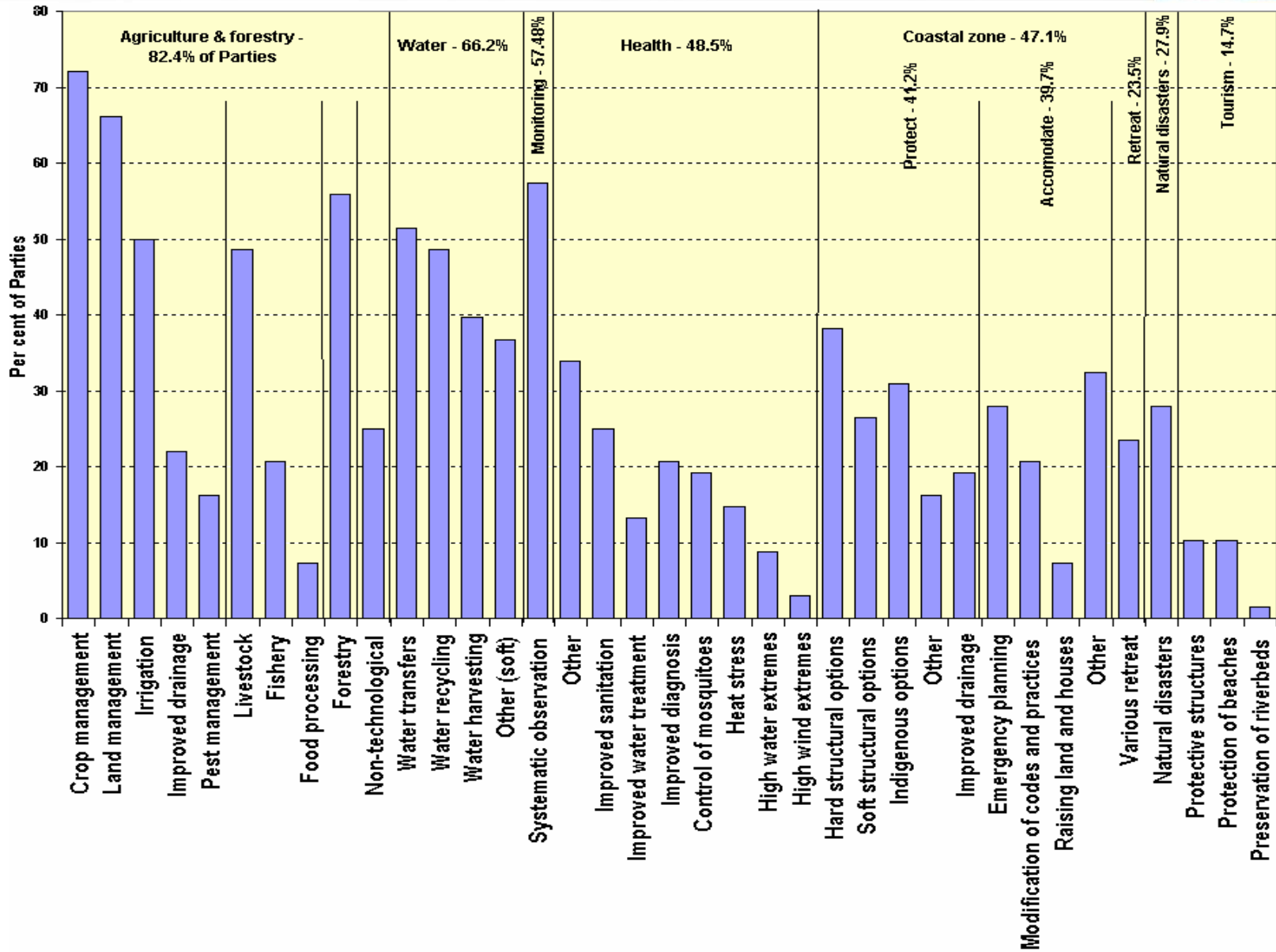
Main opportunities and challenges for maximizing the contribution of science to SDGs

Main elements for action plans and roadmaps for science for SDGs

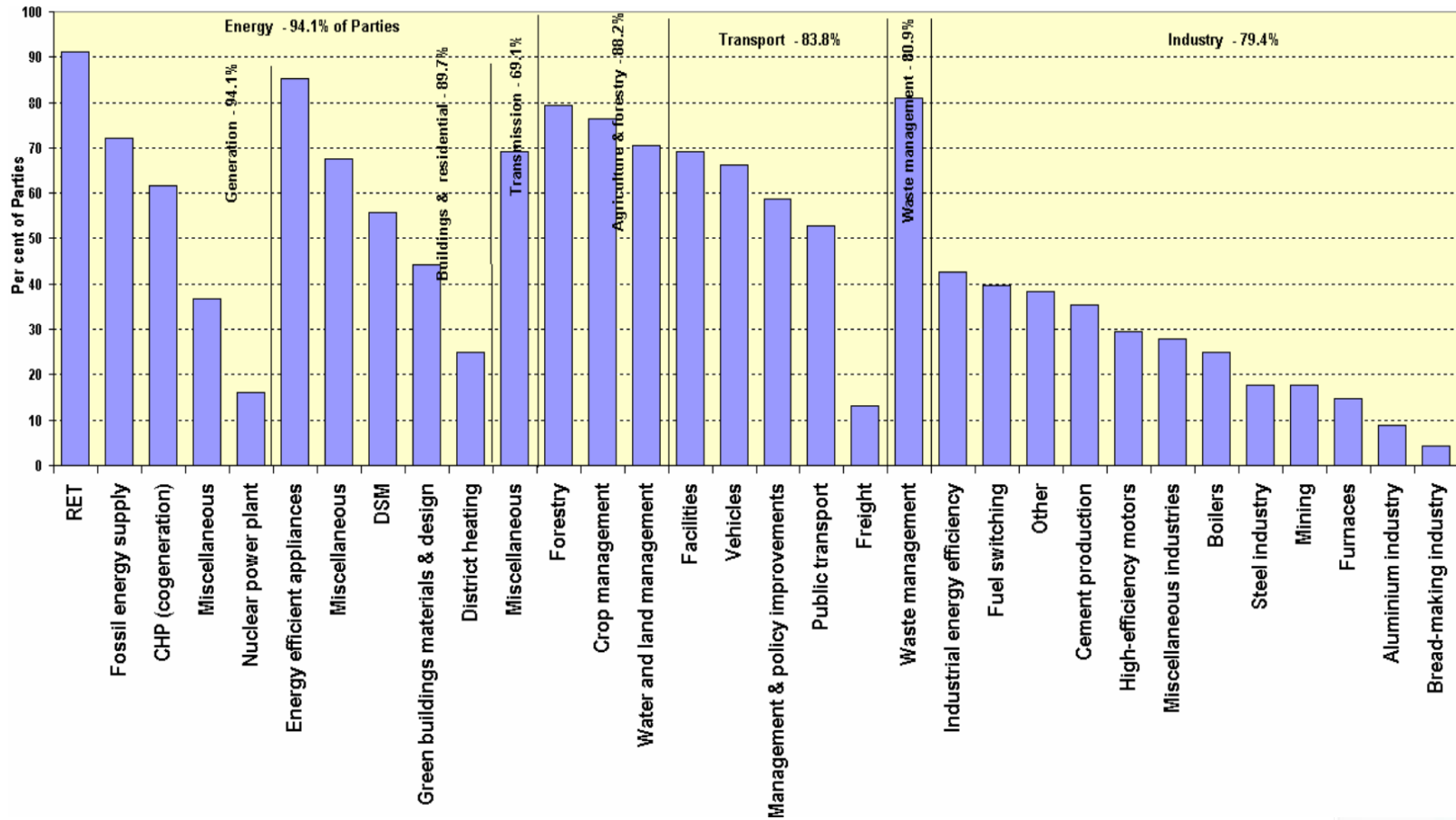
Deployment of existing and new solutions

What LCS-Rnet can do to help the process

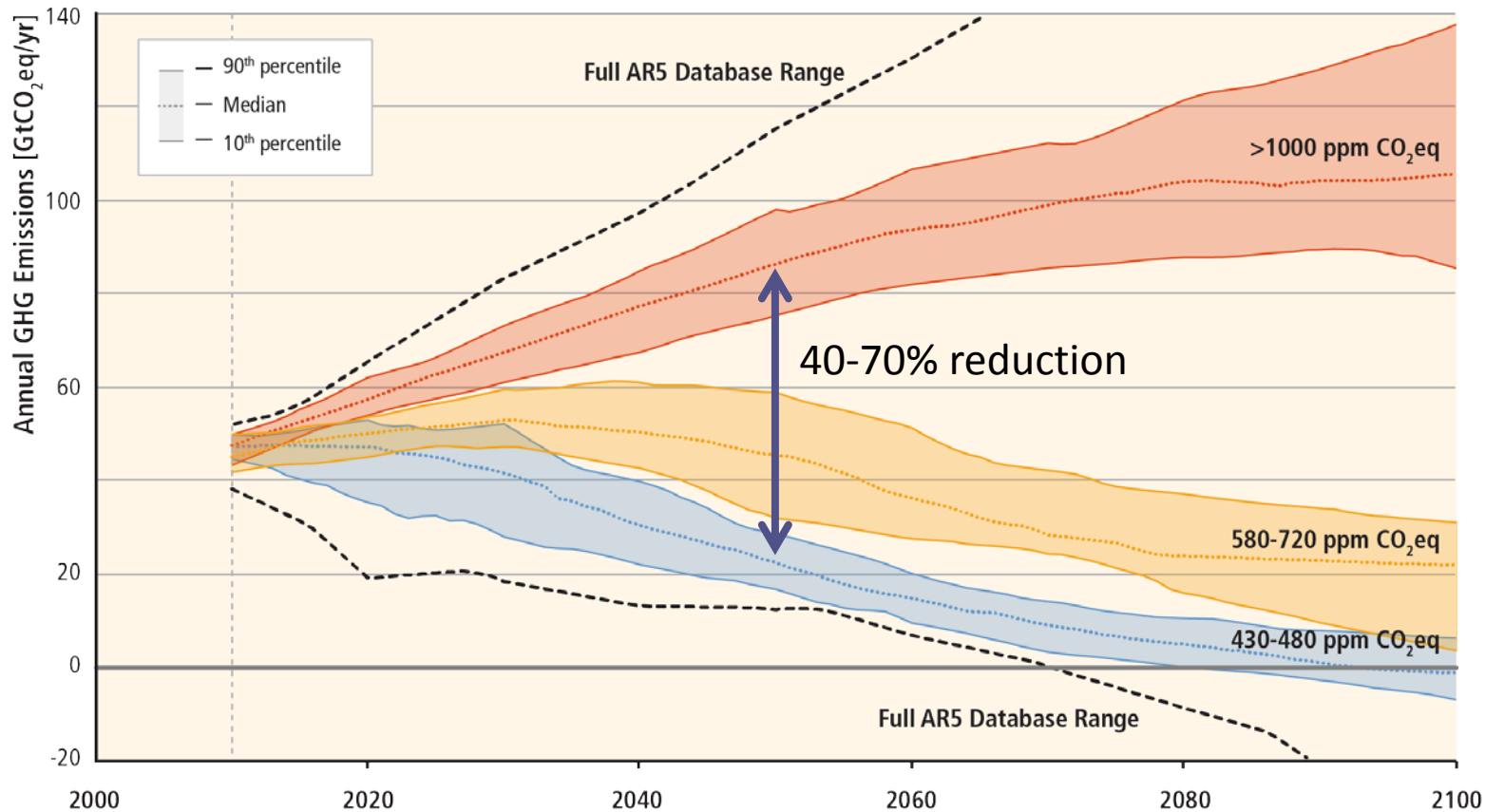
# Technologies considered in TNAs in relation to adaptation



# Technologies considered in TNAs in relation to mitigation



# Research Community as a MAP MAKER



Baseline Range

~2°C



# Ex-ante impact of research almost unpredictable



Charles  
Townes

