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## Nordic and Finnish scenarios for a low carbon society

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#### **Two recent studies**

 Nordic Energy Technology Perspectives 2013 (NETP 2013)





#### www.iea.org/etp/nordic

www.nordicenergy.org/project/nordic-energy-technology-perspectives/

Low Carbon Finland 2050 – VTT clean energy technology strategies for society <u>www.vtt.fi/lowcfin</u>





### Nordic study gathered large group of experts from different countries and organisations

Main responsible organisations:



#### **Reference group**

#### Working group





#### Low Carbon Finland 2050 gathered large group of VTT experts

Process of creating Low Carbon Finland 2050 scenarios



- About fifty VTT researchers contributed in the project
- Project duration from summer 2010 to November 2012
- Finland's economic structure and welfare by 2050 analysed in collaboration with the Government Institute for Economic Research (VATT)
- Scenario illustrations by Jutta Suksi
- low carbon finland 2050



#### At least 80% greenhouse gas mitigation by 2050 as a starting point in both of the studies (compared to 1990 level)





#### **NETP: Finland's challenges in the Nordic context** Finland's CO<sub>2</sub> emissisions are high compared with other Nordic countires



Nordic Energy Technology Perspectives Pathways to a Carbon Neutral Energy Future



#### **NETP: Finland's opportunities in the Nordic context** The renewable production in Finland is dominated by biomass





#### The scenario set-ups were different

- NETP 2013:
  - Nordic scenarios were based on the global ETP 2012 definitions, i.e. 4DS and 2DS (6DS was left out)
  - In addition, carbon neutral scenario (CNS) was created for Nordic region with two variants, i.e. with higher bio (CBNS) and higher electricity (CENS)
  - The economy, community, industrial structures were assumed to be about the same as today but some moderate growths were assumed in transport and industrial volumes, building areas, etc.
- Low Carbon Finland 2050:
  - Three alternative low carbon scenarios were created with different assumptions on economy, industrial, and community structures.



#### Tonni-Finland 2050 (comparable with NETP 2013 2DS)

No significant changes in industrial, regional or urban forms, moderate new technology RD&D





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#### **Inno-Finland 2050**

Fast technical RD&D, new industrial products and processes, centralized urban structure, "smart-economy"





#### **Onni\*-Finland 2050**

Less energy-intensive industries and more service enteprices, decentralized regional structure





\* Onni is a Finnish word, which means happiness

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#### How we live and move in low carbon Finland?

- In Tonni, Inno and Onni the building stock and transport demands follow the assumed economic and community structures
- Both urban and decentralized community structures feasible due to new technical solutions. Intelligent transport systems (ITS) and use of telecommunication services (ICT) reduces the need for and volume of transport.
- Challenge: buildings we construct now will be with us for 50-100 years, transport needs will be increasing due to increasing commerce and other services





#### Passenger transport increases or stagnates after 2020



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#### Freight transport increases CNS also assumes strong modal shift from road to rail



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#### The future entails an increased variety of energy sources for the transport sector and increased energy efficiency





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#### **Key findings**

- The transport sector remains dependent on high-energy-dense liquid fuels but **biofuels** will play a significant role in the future transport sector.
- All Nordic countries have ambitious long-term targets to reduce ghg emissions from transport but current policies are insufficient to meet the low carbon target. However, policies are very different in each Nordic country.
- Transport and industry sectors seem to be the most difficult sectors to decarbonize
  - New technologies are needed
  - Behavioural changes are needed
  - International climate agreement is needed



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