



Long-Term Energy Scenarios and Low-Emission Development Strategies: Stocktaking and Alignment

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LTES



LT-LEDS



Introduction and scope

LTES (Long Term Energy Scenarios)

- Ensuring a secure, affordable and sustainable energy supply
- Scope: energy or power sector, over the coming 15-30 years

LT-LEDS (Long Term Low Emission Development Strategies)

- Mid-century goals for a just transition to global net zero emissions
- Scope: whole economy until 2050 or later

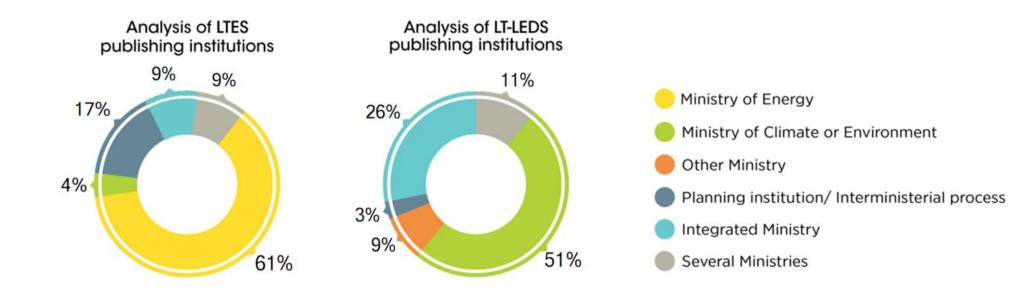
Aim: <u>comparative</u> analysis of institutional processes and technical coverage of scenario-based LTES and LT-LEDS

- 60 scenario-based documents analysed (36 LT-LEDS and 25 LTES)
- Complementing the UNFCCC's LT-LEDS synthesis report



Publishing institutions, stakeholder consultations and modelling tools

Institutional results





Stakeholder consultations

- 67% of LTES and 94% of LT-LEDS held consultations, with expert consultations being the most common (38% for LTES, 32% for LT-LEDS)
- Public consultations were often held online or through (random) selection in working groups

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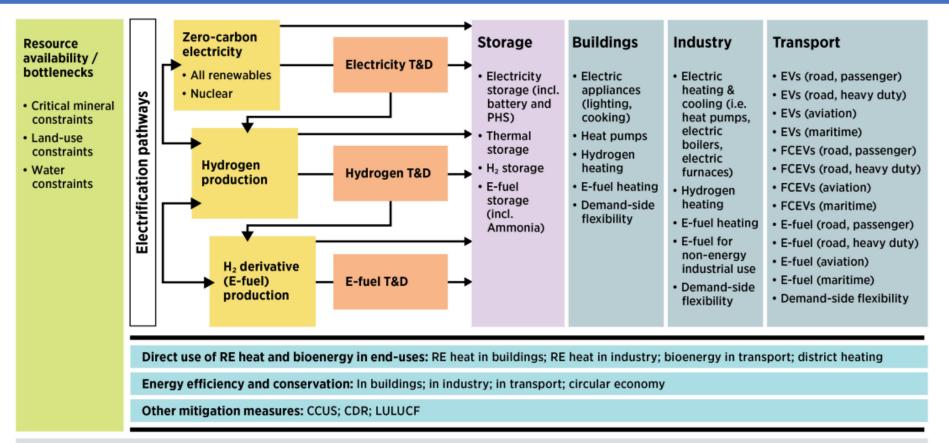
Modelling tools

- LEAP and TIMES are the most commonly used modeling tools: 44% of LTES and 27% of LT-LEDS use either of the two
- Several countries integrate their main model with models focused on sub-sectors through collaborations with external experts



Technical results

Energy transition landscape



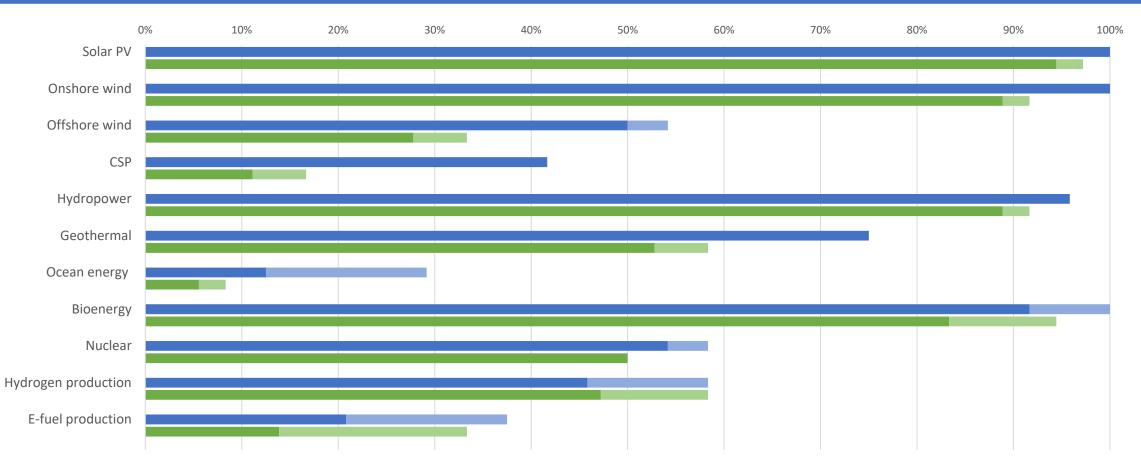
Specific policy or target constraints: CO2 target; GHG target; RE target

Socio-economic features: Access target; job impacts; behavioural change





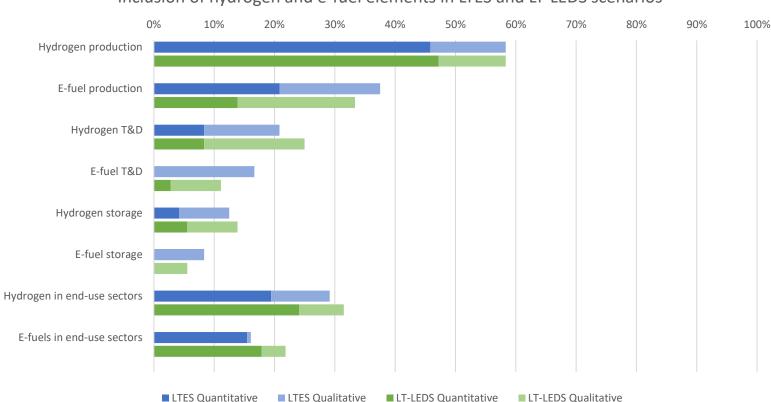
Inclusion of electricity generation in LTES and LT-LEDS scenarios







Hydrogen/e-fuel production, transmission & distribution and storage, and end-use application focus



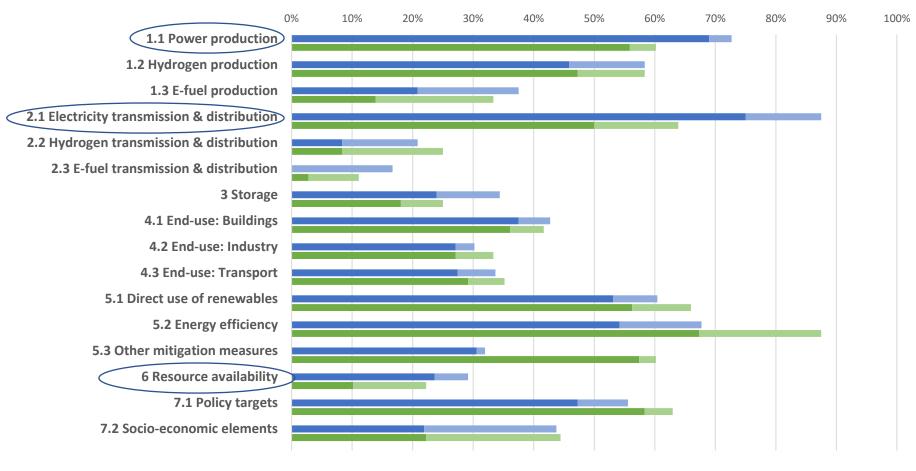
Inclusion of hydrogen and e-fuel elements in LTES and LT-LEDS scenarios

- Hydrogen and e-fuel production, infrastructure and end-use applications are underrepresented in today's official scenarios
- More extensive assessment of these sectors in future scenarios could lead to new insights regarding crucial infrastructure for the energy transition





What can LT-LEDS learn from LTES?

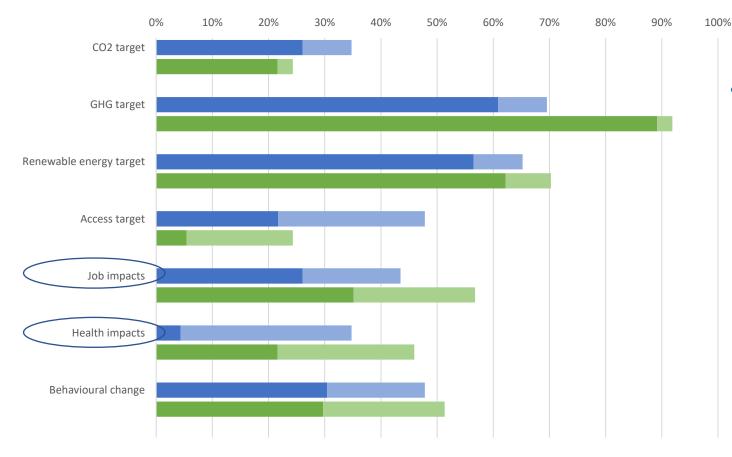


- LTES have better representation of generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure
- LTES have also been better at representing more recent storage solutions
- On natural resource availability, LTES are more comprehensive than LT-LEDS, but there is room for improvement for both





What can LTES learn from LT-LEDS?

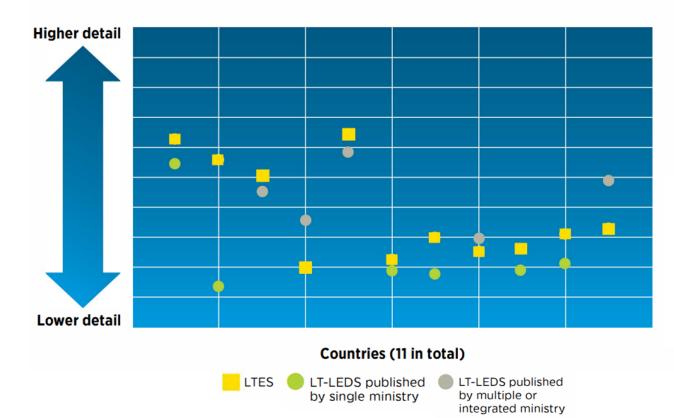


- LT-LEDS have a better representation of many variables in the wider transition landscape:
 - Mitigation measures
 - GHG, not just CO2 targets
 - Job and health impacts
 - Circular economy



Focus on countries with both an LT-LEDS and LTES

Alignment in the development process leads to more comprehensive planning documents



Comprehensiveness LTES vs LT-LEDS - Inclusion of energy production and infrastructure variables

- Chart shows comprehensiveness of variables relating to energy production and infrastructure to show where LT-LEDS can learn from LTES
- LT-LEDS that have interdisciplinary publishing institutions perform relatively well or even better than their respective LTES
- Alignment between LTES and LT-LEDS or being published by an interdisciplinary institution can lead to more comprehensive planning documents

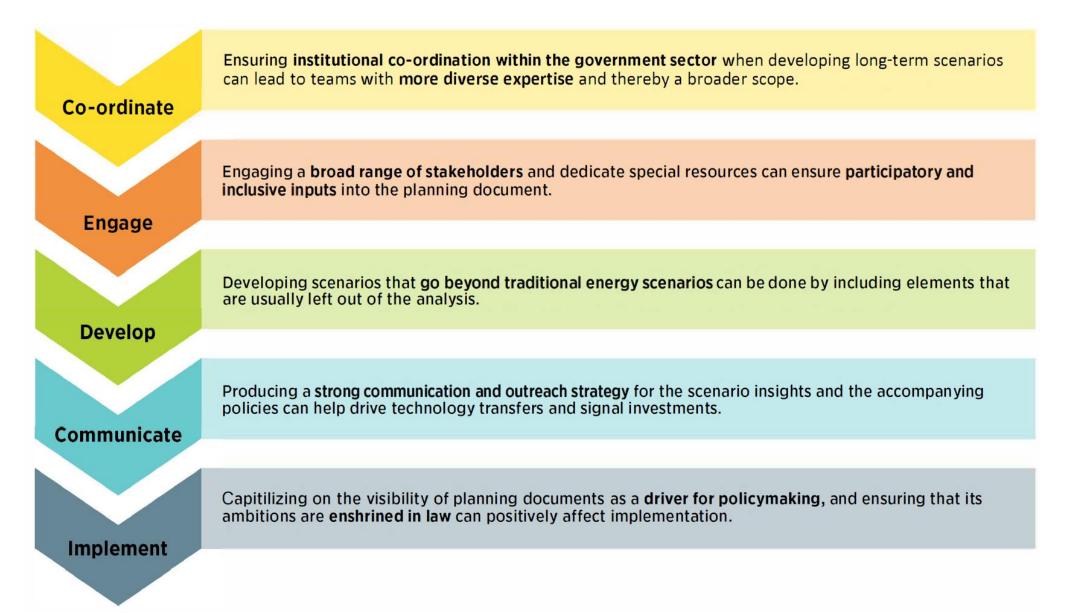




- LT-LEDS present **opportunities for energy, climate, and development policymaking** to come closer and communicate mutual objectives and targets
- The analysis in this report shows a generally good level of alignment between LTES and LT-LEDS scenarios
- Wider adoption of scenario-based planning approaches for LT-LEDS can lead to robust strategies, as it leads to further stakeholder engagement and data-based dialogue, that can result in greater buy-in from sectors beyond energy and climate
- Common observations with LT-LEDS Synthesis report, including the crucial role of renewable energy, electrification, and energy efficiency as crucial for GHG neutrality targets
- Socio-economic elements such as job impacts and health are usually not present in scenarios but still feature in the majority of the LT-LEDS text
- Aligned processes (through dedicated institutions, ministries, steering committees, etc.) can allow for aligned trustworthy scenarios that can send an important signal to policymakers, investors, technology developer and open opportunities for cooperation



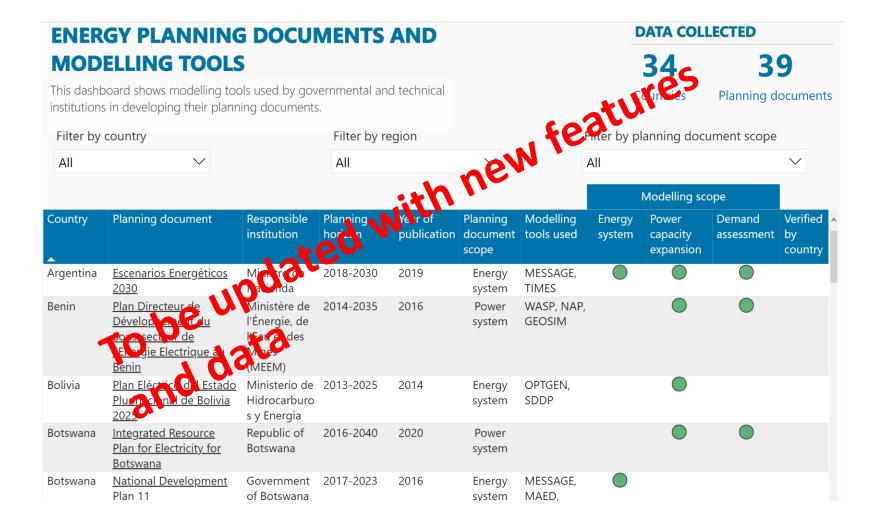
Recommendations for LT-LEDS development







Energy planning dashboard







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