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Optimized policy scenarios for EU-28

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The available scope for further measures beyond current legislation (the 'gap')



CLF and MTFR

The GAINS optimization identifies the cost-effective sets of measures to achieve different 'gap closures' between CLE and MTFR

Residual emissions

- Scope from Maximum Control Efforts
- MTFR measures

Improvement from baseline

The ambition level for PM health impacts: Comparing benefits and costs

For MTFR measures:

•Estimates of PM health impacts range from 41-250 bn € in 2025.

•Costs increase to 45 bn €/yr.





- Marginal costs equal marginal benefits at a 76.2% gap closure.
- A 75% gap closure for YOLLs is taken as a starting point for further analyses.

Considering non-PM related impacts

- Non-PM related benefits (for ecosystems, crops, etc.) are difficult to monetize
- A sole focus on the YOLL target might miss low-hanging fruits for these other impacts
- Pragmatic approach for further analyses:
 - Three combinations of additional targets for ozone, eutrophication and acidification
 - at 5%/20%/50% higher costs



Emission control costs under different baseline projections



YOLL only targets (A3):
– 4.5 bn € for TSAP-2013

- 3.9 bn € for TSAP-2012 (less PM2.5)
- A4, A5:
 -4.7-5.4 bn € for TSAP-2013
 -5.7-13.2 bn € for TSAP-2012

• A6:

- -6.7 bn € for TSAP-2013
- Not achievable for TSAP-2012 (mainly due to problems in Cyprus, Greece, Malta, etc.)

Analysis of potential regret investments

- Emission ceilings optimized for 2025 could imply 'regret' investments into long-lived infrastructure that would retire soon thereafter according to the energy scenario.
- The need for the additional emission controls required by A5 in 2025 has been checked against the vintage structure implied by the energy scenario for 2030

- For the A5 scenario, potential (marginal) regret investments have been identified, related to
 - -1.2% of SO₂, 0.5% of NO_x, 2.5% of PM2.5 reductions of the A5 scenario;
 - -0.6% of A5 costs;
 50% of costs occur in the UK where almost all coal fired power stations would retire between
 2025 and 2030 according to PRIMES-2012
- These estimates are very sensitive towards assumptions on the (rapid) speed of capital turnover in TSAP-2013



Emissions and costs of the A5 scenario



Costs (on top of CLE)



Sensitivity case: further controls for ships

The TSAP-2013 Baseline assumes the MARPOL agreement (see VITO report)

- •Two sensitivity cases:
 - A10: SECAs and NECAs in all 200nm zones (VITO Scenario #2) SO_2 -50%, NO_x -24%
 - A11: as above, but no SECA in Mediterranean (VITO #4)



• For A5 targets: A11 with scrubbing has slightly higher costs, although the chosen package is unlikely to be cost-optimal



Sensitivity case: EU-wide measures for agriculture

Three packages defined in Gothenburg Draft Annex IX:

- Low nitrogen feed
- Housing adaptation
- Covered storage of manure
- Low-emission application of manure
- Low emission application of urea

• If applied EU-wide for A5 targets, costs would increase by <1%, no impacts on other sectors

•These packages are part of cost-effective A5 portfolios in almost all countries Costs (on top of CLE)

Co-benefits on emissions of other substances

- As a side-effect, the measures of the A5 scenario also reduce other emissions of interest:
 - Particle numbers: -73%
 - Black carbon: -58%
 - Mercury: -33%



Conclusions



- In a most conservative approach, marginal PM2.5 health benefits in 2025 exceed marginal abatement costs up to a 75% gap closure (CLE-MTFR), i.e., a 50% reduction in YOLLs compared to 2005.
- At 20% additional costs, ozone impacts and eutrophication can be reduced by one third relative to 2005.
- For the TSAP-2013 Baseline, related emission ceilings would imply costs 0.04% of GDP (5.4 bn €/yr) in 2025, with only a very small chance for regret investments into long-lived equipment that would become obsolete in 2030.
- These target would be achievable also under the TSAP-2012 Baseline; robust feasibility of NECs could be secured at some extra costs.
- Emission reductions at ships and EU-wide measures for agriculture could offer practical and cost-effective means for achieving the A5 targets.