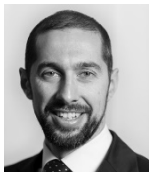


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## Agenda

13:00 - 13:30 *Welcome coffee and registration*

13:30 - 13:40 **Introduction to the workshop**

13:40 - 13:50 **Presentation of findings on Europeanization of Swiss Energy policy, a research study carried out by the University of St.Gallen for the SNSF**

13:50 - 14:30 **Guest speakers' short interventions**

14:30 - 15:10 **Panel discussion**

15:10 - 15:15 **Introduction to group work**

15:15 - 15:35 *Coffee break*

15:35 - 16:20 **Group-work in 5 parallel groups working on**

16:20 - 16:30 *Break*

16:30 - 17:30 **Presentations of findings from each group and final discussion**

## Study: Europeanization of the Swiss Energy System Preview of selected results (\*)



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### **Europeanization of the Swiss Energy System**

Complementary study

NRP 70 Energy Turnaround / NRP 71 Managing Energy  
Consumption

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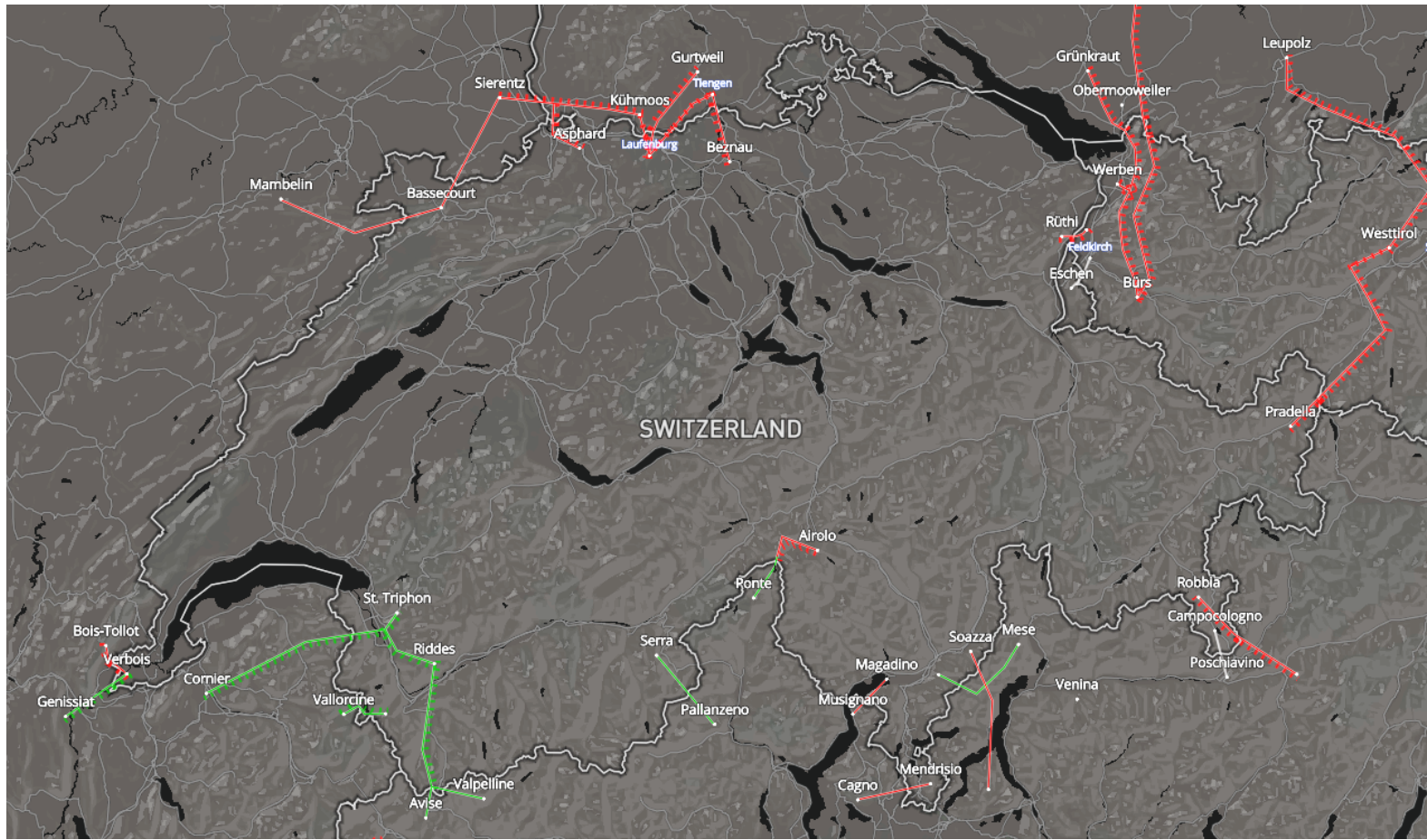
## Switzerland in the European electricity grid High-voltage electricity lines



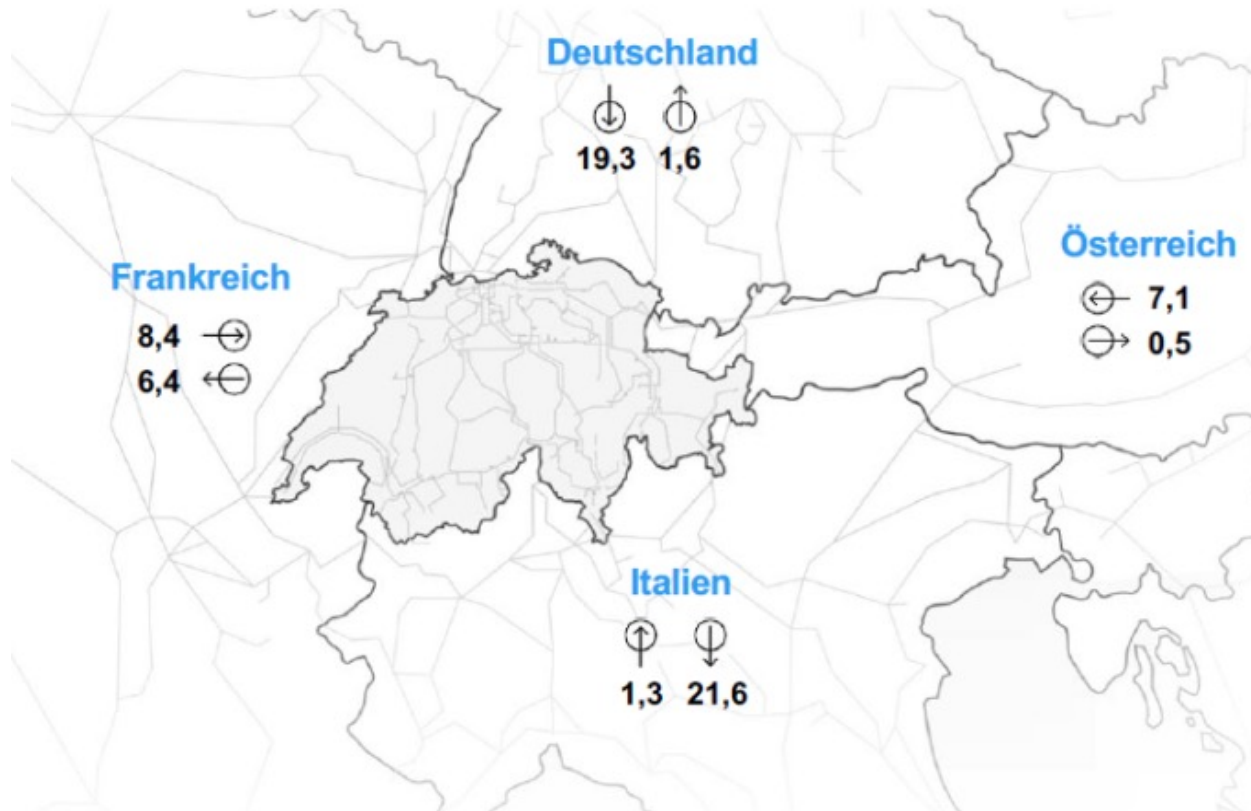
## Switzerland in the European grid Stern von Laufenburg (1958)



## Switzerland in the European grid 41 interconnectors with neighboring countries



## Electricity flows through Switzerland Hub or copper plate?



For comparison:  
Swiss total electricity  
production 2017:  
**62,9 TWh**

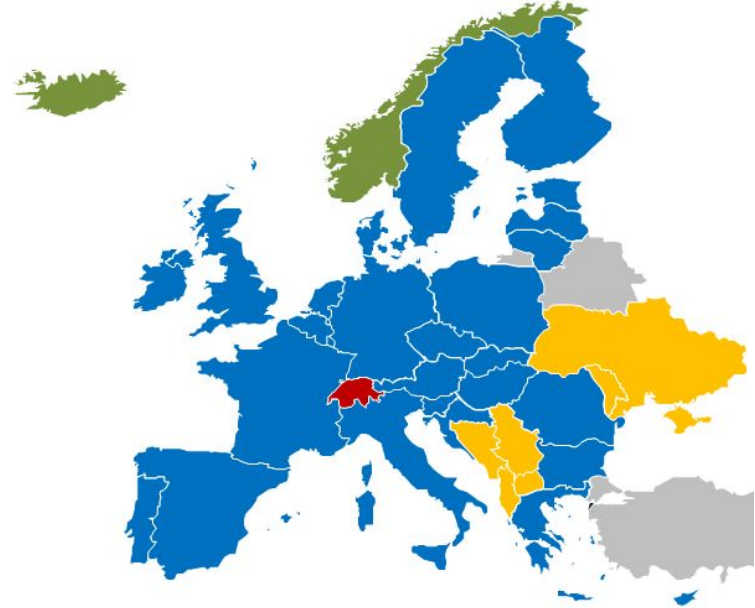
Electricity imports and  
exports 2017 in TWh

- ⊖ imports
- ⊕ exports

## The Swiss 'special' case



Switzerland is physically **fully integrated** in the European electricity system



But stark **regulatory differences** exist

Despite regulatory gaps, are there channels of coordination and influence?

And how will these channels evolve with or without an electricity agreement?



## Preliminary conclusions (\*)

- Currently, Switzerland has access technical and political as well as formal and informal European channels of energy policy coordination
- With an electricity agreement, some of these channels will be strengthened. Switzerland will benefit from increased access, formalized coordination and/or an upgraded status
- With an electricity agreement, some of these channels will deteriorate. Switzerland will potentially have less access and/or a downgraded status

## Impact on Swiss RE mix - Preliminary conclusions(\*)

What changes with/without electricity agreement?

- An electricity agreement could impact the Swiss RE mix by affecting three factors:
  - the choice of support schemes for large-scale RE producers
  - the ease of cross-border trade
  - the incentive for specialization of the Swiss domestic generation and flexibility mix

## EU Clean Energy Package

An inspiration for implementing the Energy Strategy 2050? Preliminary conclusions (\*)

1. Streamlining permitting
2. Explicit regulatory predictability

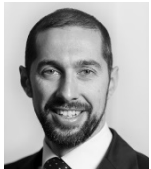
Reduce policy risk

3. P2P trading and PAA for prosumers
4. Network tariffs not discriminating storage
5. Widening self-consumption definition

Promote distributed renewables

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## How much is the achievement of Switzerland's Energy Strategy 2050 conditional on a successful electricity agreement with the EU?



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Given the new European Commission and Brexit negotiations, what kind of energy relationship can we expect between the EU and Switzerland?



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## Does the fragmentation of energy transition policies challenge the achievement of a world wide energy transition?



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## How would an ideal investment environment for renewables look for you?



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**No electricity agreement means most likely more stress on the Swiss grid: could this physically limit the expansion of Swiss renewables and/or scare off renewable energy investors?**



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with: I. Lübbecke
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with: C.J. Füg
- GROUP 3: What do we need to enable investment in large-scale renewables, and hydropower in particular?**  
with: E. Röhm-Malcotti
- GROUP 4: What do we need to have a power grid fit for the energy transition?**  
with: J. Spicker
- GROUP 5: What kind of coordination do we need between Switzerland and the EU to make the energy transition happen?**  
with: O. Koch

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