

## Natural and renewable gas: key enablers of decarbonisation & digitalisation of the EU energy system



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#### Who is GRDF? The EU largest gas DSO



#### 200 000 km

a network that could circle the Earth almost five times!



#### 11 million

delivery points in France



82

biomethane plants injecting in the GRDF network

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#### **GRDF Vision:**

#### Past, present and future of Gas Industry in France

Manufactured gas Local production and distribution

Natural gas Centralised infrastructures

Renewable gas Decentralised and interconnected infrastructures

**Lighting .... Cooking** 

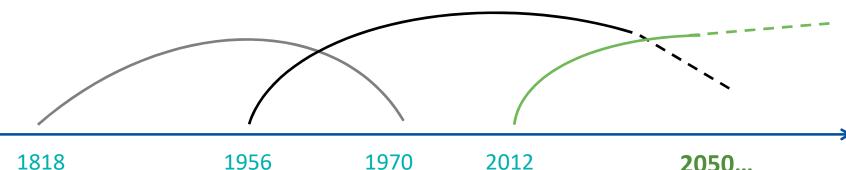


... Mobility, Power to gas, Fuel Cells...









1st city gas company

in France

Natural gas exploitation in Lacq

End of city gas

**Biomethane** injection

2050...



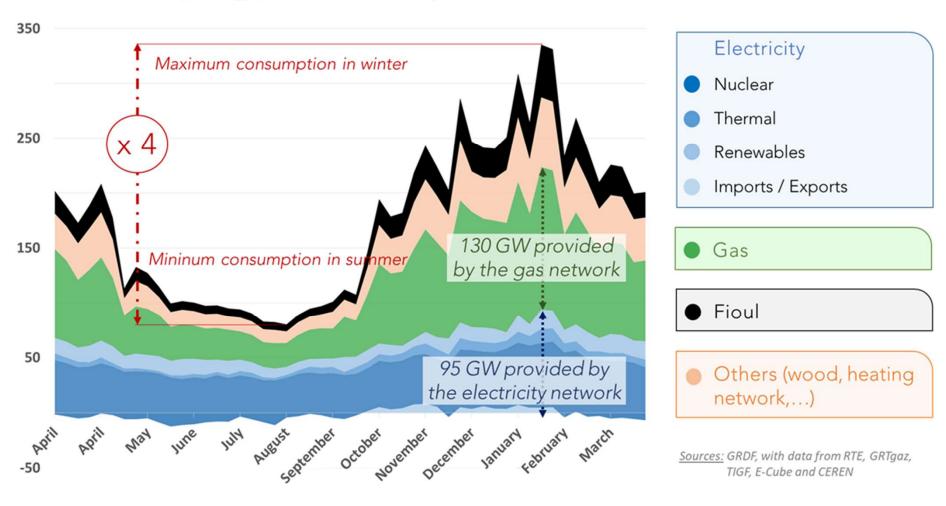
## Why gas is a key enabler of decarbonisation?

- 1/ Natural gas is the solution to manage seasonal peaks
- 2/ Gas can be renewable
- 3/ Renewable gas is a cost-efficient solution



#### 1/ Natural gas is key to manage seasonal peaks

Weekly energy peaks at 8am, starting from April 1st 2016 to March 31th 2017





### 2/ Gas can be renewable



Source : Base carbone ADEME (éolien et PV) ; Etude ENEA/Quantis, 2017 (biométhane) ; ENGIE, Rapport « Développement durable », 2011 (stockage gaz)



#### 2/ Gas can be renewable

#### Climate

Biomethane emits 23,4gCO<sub>2</sub>/KWh, compared to 18 gCO<sub>2</sub>/KWh for wind and 60,3 gCO<sub>2</sub>/KWh for PV

#### Competitiveness

Savings of € 2 billion in France by 2030 as a result of a decrease in energy imports (70TWh)

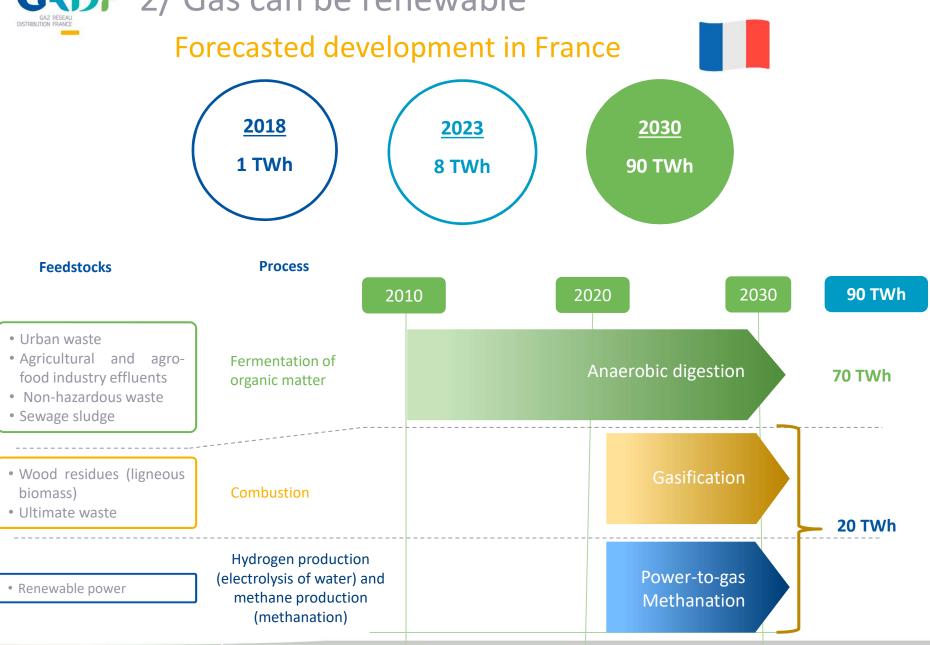
#### Job creation

7 to 10 jobs created for each unit of biomethane production





## GRDF 2/ Gas can be renewable

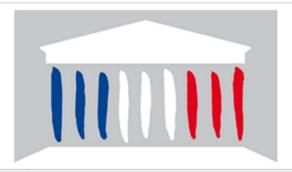




# 2/ Gas can be renewableThe right to inject

« The right to inject » has been adopted in France recently:

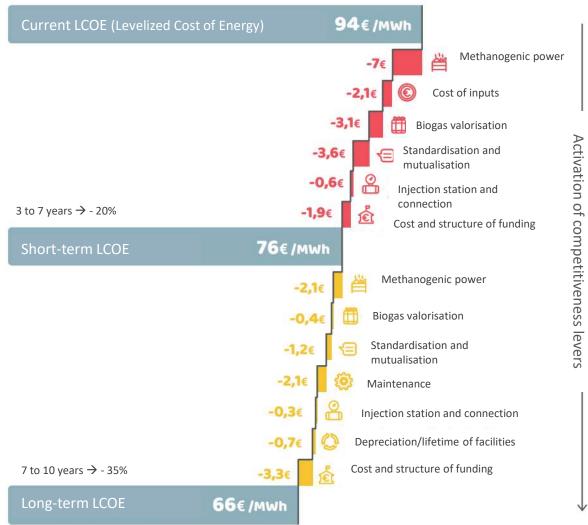
- What does it mean?
  - The right for any biomethane producers to inject into the gas grid
- How will it be implemented?
  - ➤ Gas DSO will be allowed to develop meshing, reverse flows or any other needed network reinforcements
  - A decree is expected to detail the technical and economical criteria that will be applied





#### GRDF 3/ Renewable gas is a cost-efficient solution

Evolution of the cost of biomethane production in the industrial and territorial case at short and medium-term by competitivity leverage

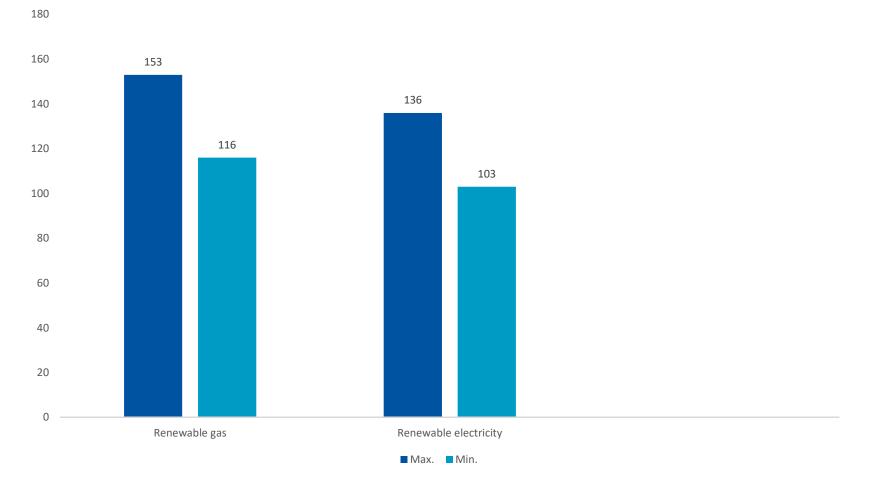


Source: « Reinforcing competitiveness of French biomethane production - Synthesis », October 2018, Enea



# GROF 3/ Renewable gas is a cost-effecient solution

Total costs of renewable electricity and renewable gas by 2050 in France (in €/MWh)



Sources: Un mix électrique 100% renouvelable ? (Ademe, 2016), Mix de gaz 100 % renouvelable en 2050 ? (Ademe, 2018)



# Thank you!







This is a heating potatoe.

If your child doesn't eat all his broccolis, we will do it for him!

Our gas is now produced from manure...which ironically makes it considerably cleaner!