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# The Electricity Value Chain as Screened by the NEC Open-Source Metric

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Empowering investors with an  
open-source environmental metric

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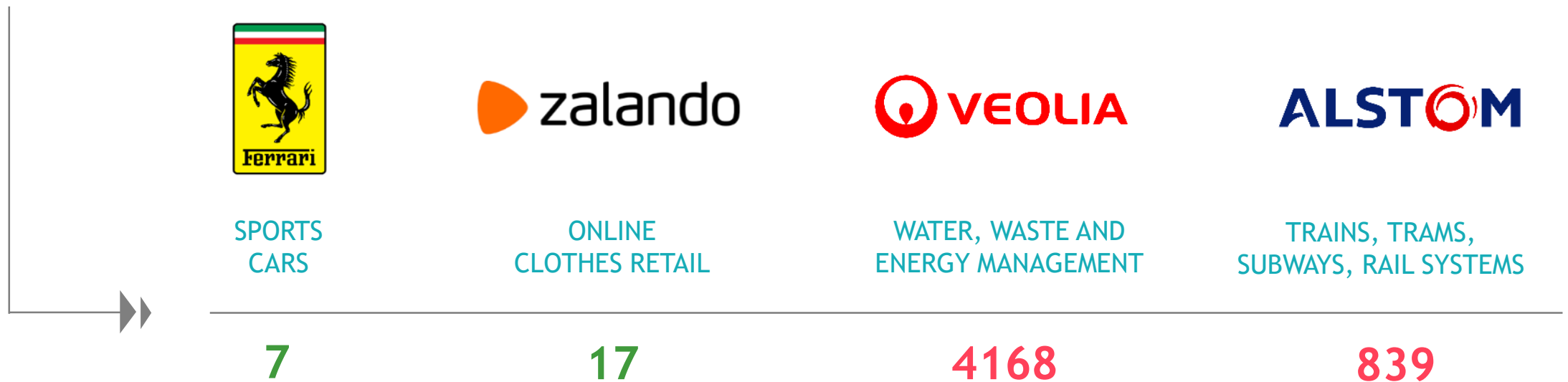
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# [ What does the carbon footprint tell us?

A question of **greenhouse gas scope**

## CARBON FOOTPRINT

TONS eq. CO<sub>2</sub>/ YEAR/ M€ invested



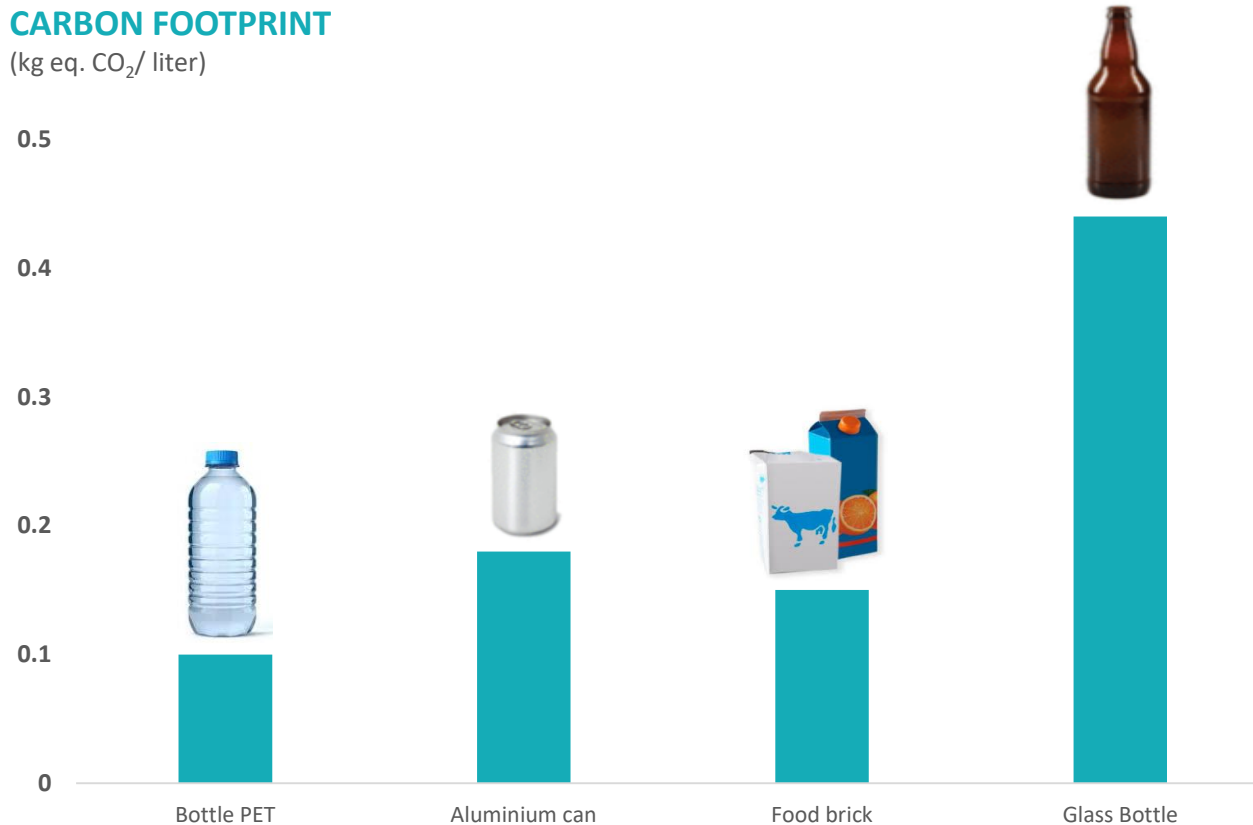
Source: Carbon footprint calculated as scope 1, scope 2 and tier one supplier scope 3 in CO<sub>2</sub> eq. / year / M€ invested as of June 2018, Trucost.

# [ What does the carbon footprint tell us?

A question of environmental scope

## CARBON FOOTPRINT

(kg eq. CO<sub>2</sub>/ liter)



*Existing indicators, such as the carbon footprint or environmental ratings, **do not reflect** on the **transition risk**, nor on climate risk or on issues **beyond carbon**, such as damages related to waste, air quality, water or biodiversity*

**Source:** carbon footprint of packaging according to the Ecoinvent greenhouse gas emissions factor and the ADEME FOODGES database, Quantis calculations, 2018.

# [Challenges beyond carbon...



23% of global mortality is due to environmental damage, or 12.6 million persons annually <sup>(1)</sup>

« Earth Overshoot Day has moved from late September in 2000 to August 1 in 2018. »<sup>(2)</sup>

« The sixth mass extinction of animal species is underestimated »<sup>(3)</sup>

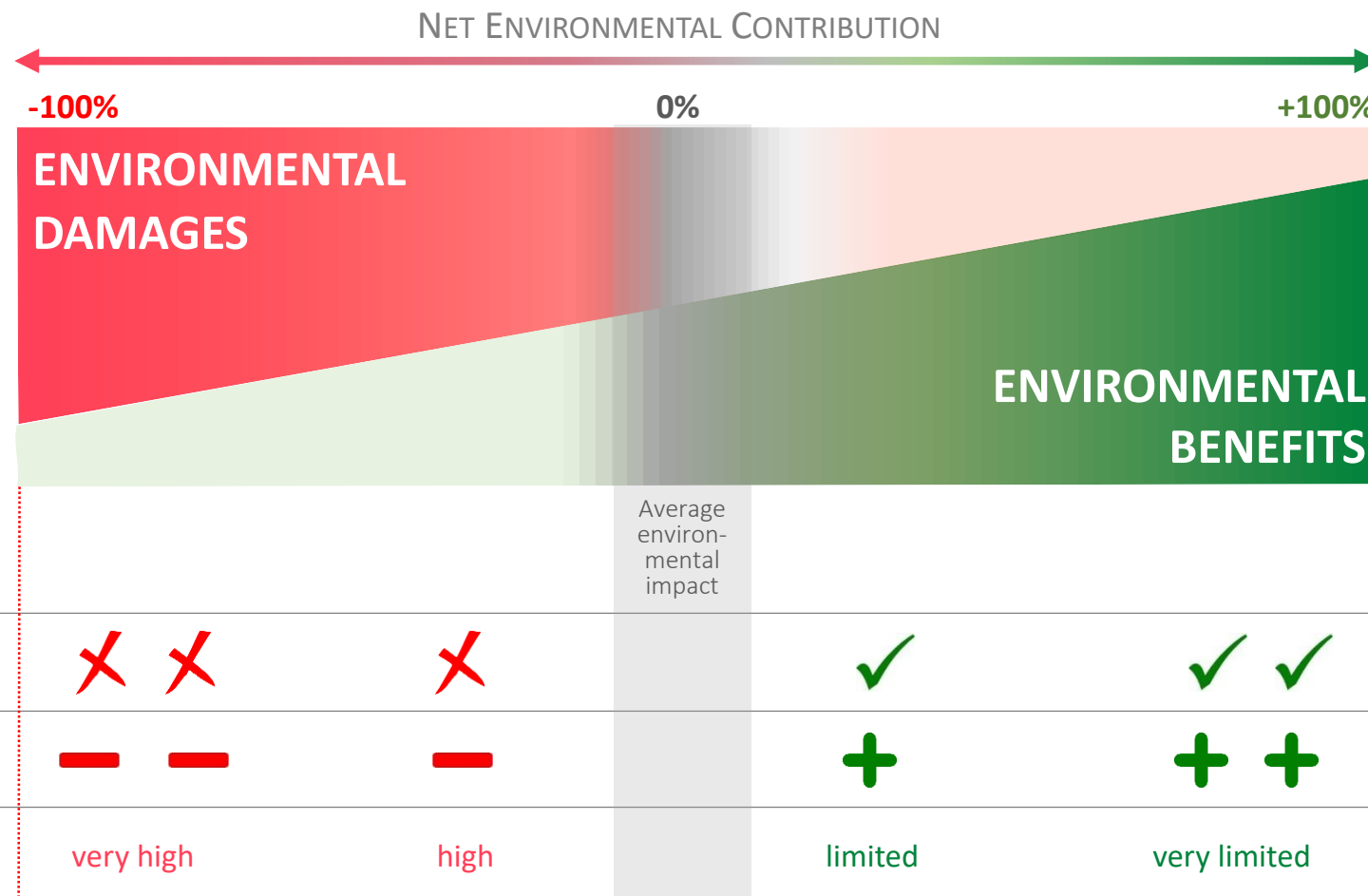
(1) World Health Organization, March 2016, 2012 figures: [http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204585/1/9789241565196\\_eng.pdf](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/204585/1/9789241565196_eng.pdf)

(2) Global Footprint Network: <https://www.overshootday.org/>

(3) IPBES, March 2018: <https://www.futura-sciences.com/planete/actualites/zoologie-sixieme-extinction-masse-animaux-sous-estimee-58704/>.

# [ NEC: a new advanced metric









Multi-issue analysis per functional unit (kWh, passenger.km, ton.km, m<sup>2</sup> ...) and by activity, a bottom-up product-based, life-cycle approach



- ▶ A metric designed to assess transition risk, to drive investment decisions and to report according to the TCFD recommendations, to the French “Article 173” and in line with EU sustainable finance plan’s environmental objectives

NB: article 173 of the French law on energy transition for green growth, voted in 2015 and first reporting year 2016, first disclosure deadline June 30, 2017.

# [ Integrating key environmental issues

	CLIMATE	RESOURCE WASTE	BIODIVERSITY	WATER	AIR QUALITY	EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC KPIS & CERTIFICATIONS
ECOSYSTEMS	✓		✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Type of agriculture, fishery and farming (intensive vs organic, ...)</li> <li>- GHG content and water footprint</li> <li>- Palm Oil usage (RSPO)</li> <li>- Forestry and wood certifications (PEFC, FSC, SFI)</li> <li>- APUR, Ecolabels, Blue Angel...</li> </ul>
ENERGY	✓	✓	✓		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Species depletion (Nb/MWh)</li> <li>- Type of extraction of fossil fuels</li> <li>- Carbon Tracker Initiative over 2°C budget for fossil fuels</li> <li>- gCO<sub>2</sub>e/kWh...</li> </ul>
MOBILITY	✓				✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passenger mobility: CO<sub>2</sub>e, NO<sub>x</sub> and fine particles per passenger.km</li> <li>- Freight: CO<sub>2</sub>e, NO<sub>x</sub> and fine particles per ton.km</li> </ul>
CONSTRUCTION	✓	✓			✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Energy Intensity</li> <li>- Carbon content of materials and constructive solutions</li> <li>- Construction and operation certifications, such a BREEAM, LEED, BBKA, HQE, Passiv Haus, etc....</li> </ul>
PRODUCTION	✓	✓	✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ReCiPe method with ecosystem quality endpoint from Ecoinvent</li> <li>- Share of fertilizers and pesticides in chemicals production</li> <li>- Product reliability and lifespan</li> <li>- MSI score for textile from Sustainable Apparel Coalition</li> <li>- % of input with recycled materials ...</li> </ul>



Key issues for the impact domain



Important issue, but hard to quantify (lack of reliable data)



A multi-dimensional approach for an holistic view of the net environmental impact

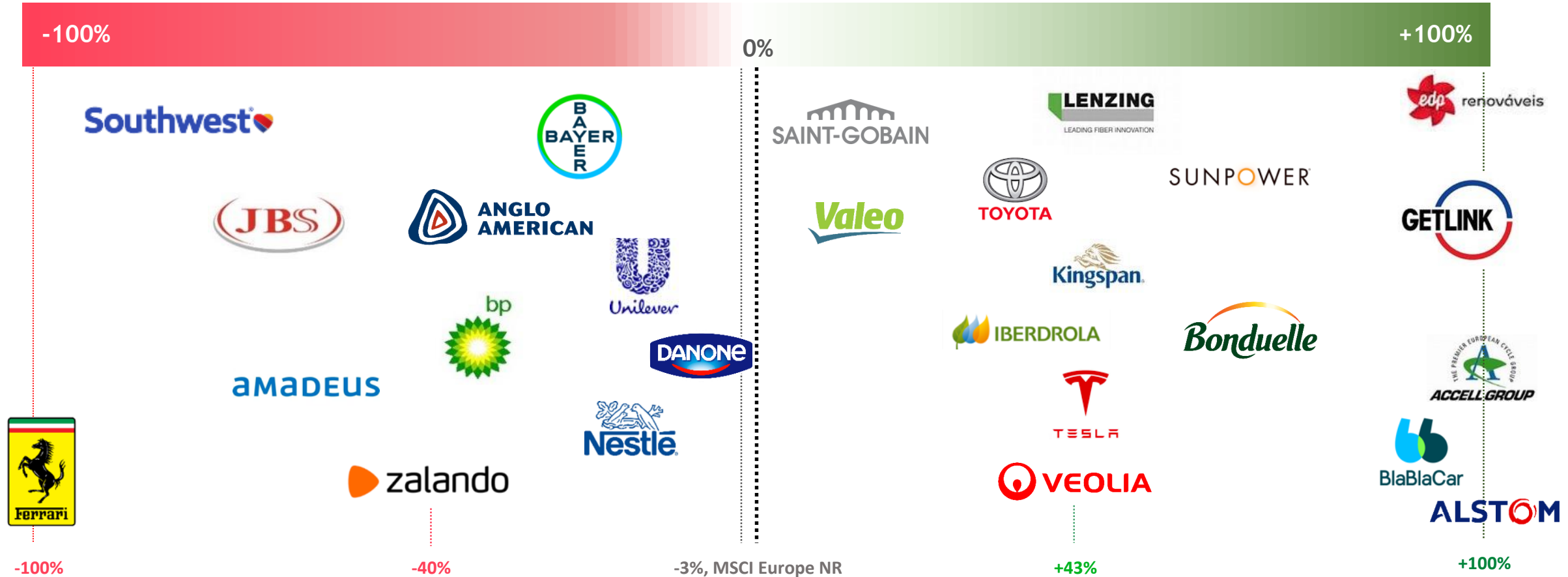
**Source:** NEC 1.0, Sycomore AM, Quantis and I Care&Consult, October 2018.

# [How green are your investments?

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MORE TRANSITION RISKS...

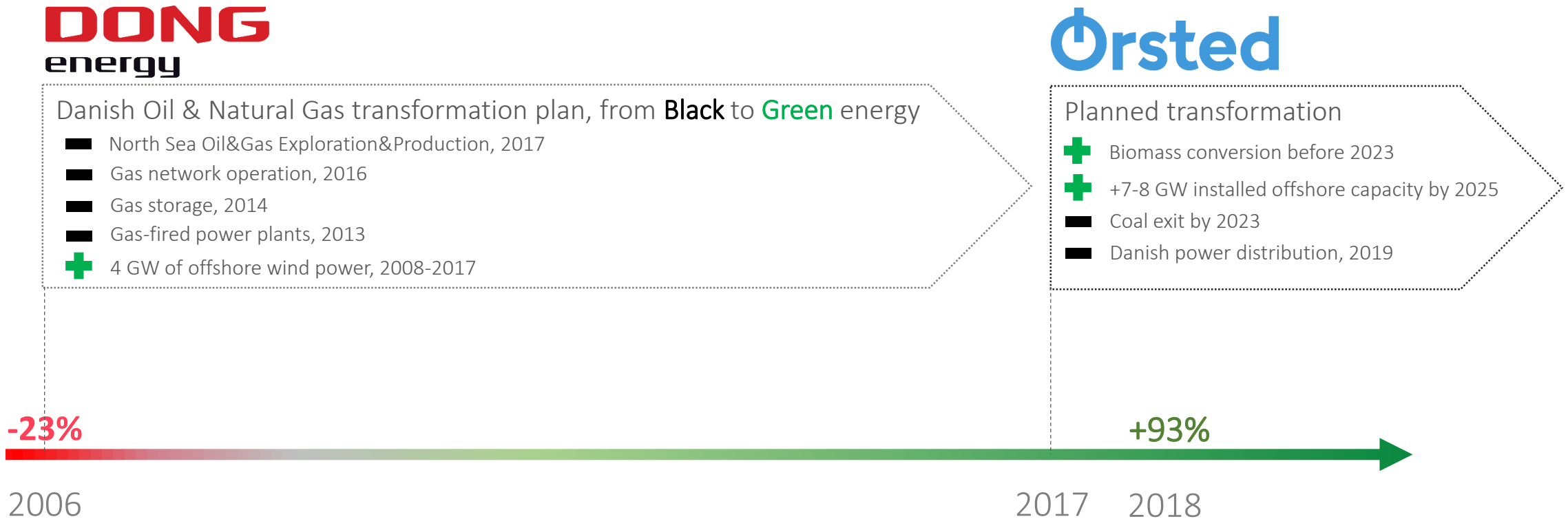
MORE RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABLE GROWTH...



Source: NEC 1.0 of a selection of listed equities and of MSCI Europe Net Return (reinvested dividends), calculated by Sycomore AM, Quantis and I Care&Consult on 2017 and 2018 data.



# [The NEC over time















- ▶ The NEC can be used over time to assess past transformations and future trajectories
- ▶ Aligning a electric utility with the environmental transition takes decades

**Source:** calculation by Sycomore AM on 2006 and 2018 data with NEC 1.0 methodology.

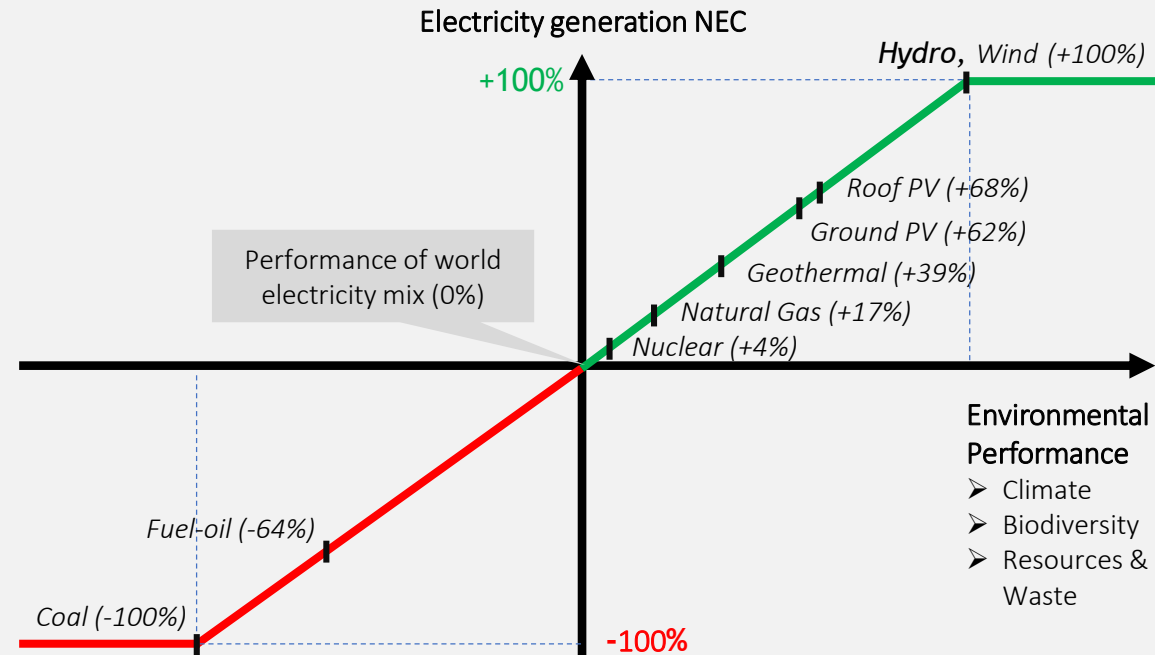
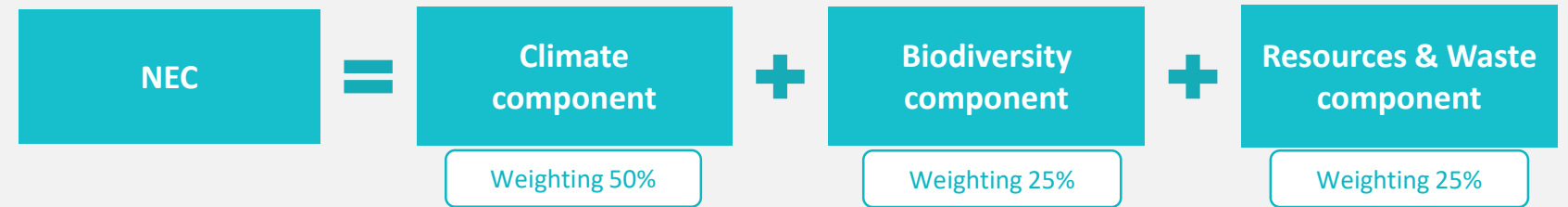
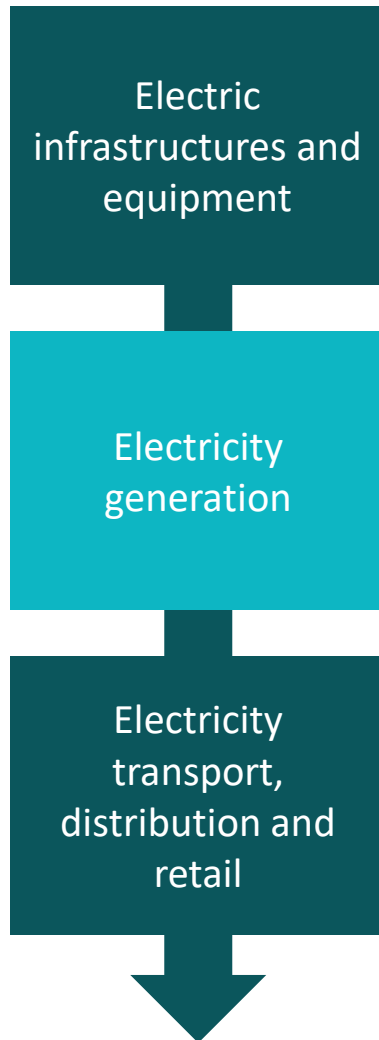


# [ NEC 1.0 = 1 method + 15 interconnected frameworks

Value chain / industry	Impact intensity	Contribution domain	Sustainable Development Goals				
Food & beverage	HIGH	ECOSYSTEMS					
Water							
Wood & paper							
Fuel		ENERGY					
Electricity							
Heat							
Mobility and transport		MOBILITY					
Building & real estate		CONSTRUCTION					
Basic materials		PRODUCTION					
Chemistry							
Waste							
Apparel & textile							
Household & personal care							
Information technology							
Appliances							
Insurance, Banks, Retail, Telecom, Furniture, ...	LIMITED (HIGH /10)	FINAL USE NEC OR NEC LIMITED TO [-10%;+10%]	ACCORDING TO FINAL USE				

Source: NEC 1.0 methodology handbook, industry framework classification, Sycomore AM, 2018.

# [Zoom on the electricity framework



Sources: I Care & Consult calculations based on EcoInvent 2015, IEA 2015, NEC 1.0.

# [ Climate component per generation technology

Production technology	Total emission factor (kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq/ MWhe)	Environmental performance of climate component
Hydroelectric, run of river	4	100%
Waste incineration co-generation powerplant	5	100%
Nuclear powerplant	23	97%
Wind turbines	28	97%
Hydroelectric, dam in mild climate	31	96%
Biomass co-generation powerplant	60	92%
Hydroelectric, dam in tropical climate	74	91%
Geothermal powerplant	80	90%
Rooftop solar PV	86	89%
Ground solar PV	88	89%
EU Green taxonomy threshold	100	87%
Natural Gas co-generation powerplant	569	23%
Natural Gas powerplant	635	15%
Fuel-oil powerplant	1 194	-61%
Coal co-generation powerplant	1 215	-64%
Coal	1 308	-77%

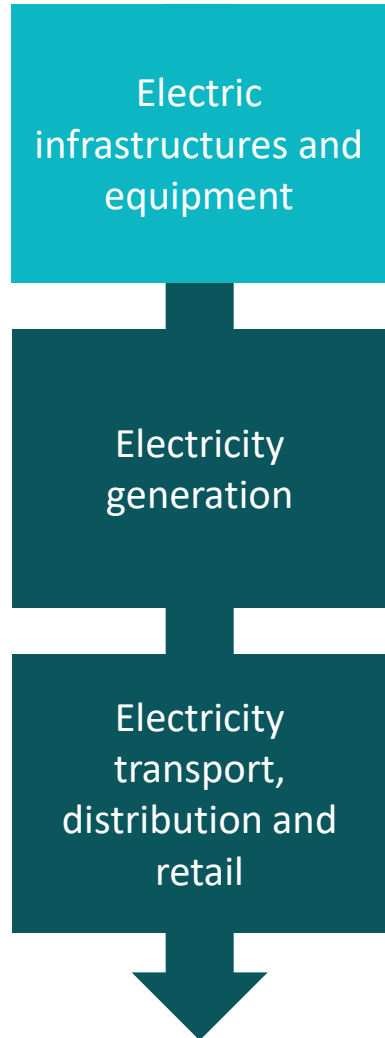
Sources: I Care & Consult calculations based on EcoInvent 2015, IEA 2015, NEC 1.0 and EU green taxonomy at [https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/sustainable-finance-taxonomy\\_en#190618](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/sustainable-finance-taxonomy_en#190618)

# [ Resulting electricity generation NEC

Weight	50%	25%	25%		
Production technology	Climate Component	Biodiversity component	Resources & Waste component (including radioactive waste)	Environmental performance	NEC
Hydro, run of river	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Hydro dam, mild climate	96%	89%	85%	92%	100%
Hydro dam, tropical climate	91%	89%	85%	89%	100%
Waste co-generation	100%	108%	22%	83%	100%
Wind	97%	5%	14%	53%	100%
Rooftop solar	89%	-11%	-23%	36%	68%
Ground solar	89%	-23%	-22%	33%	62%
Biomass co-generation	92%	-112%	26%	25%	47%
Geothermal	90%	-75%	-22%	21%	39%
Natural Gas co-generation	23%	7%	10%	16%	30%
Natural Gas	15%	13%	-6%	9%	17%
Nuclear	97%	-41%	-145%	2%	4%
Fuel-oil	-61%	-17%	2%	-34%	-64%
Coal co-generation	-64%	-101%	14%	-54%	-100%
Coal	-77%	-112%	3%	-66%	-100%

Sources: I Care & Consult calculations based on Ecolnvent database version 3, NEC 1.0.

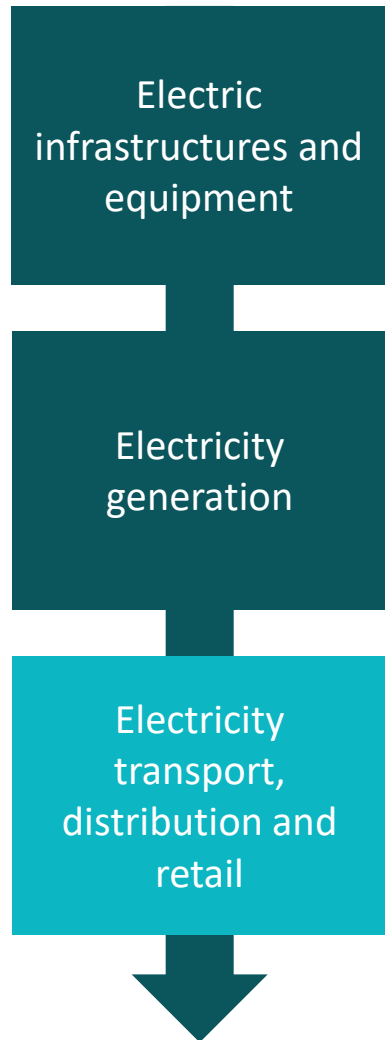
# [ Electric infrastructures and equipment NEC calculation



$$\text{NEC} = \text{Final use NEC} + \text{Incremental NEC}$$

- The **Final use NEC** is the NEC of the related electricity based on the electricity generation type or mix (gas, renewables...)
  - **Upstream wind equipment providers**, such as Vestas's wind turbines or Sif Holding NV's offshore monopiles, have the NEC of wind generation = **+100%**
- Regarding equipment for network, default values are available for undifferentiated use
  - Equipment related to **Standard Network equipment** (cables, meters, electricity management, etc.): **Incremental NEC = +10%**
  - Equipment related to **Smart Energy System**, advanced smart grids, etc.: **Incremental NEC = +15%**

# [ Electricity transport, distribution and retail NEC calculation



$$\text{NEC} = \sum \text{MWh or economic activity share by country} \times \text{NEC country}$$

Zone	EU-28	World	OECD Total	North America	South America	Africa	Middle East	Asia w/o China	Asia with China
NEC	17%	0%	10%	3%	100%	0%	5%	-28%	-32%

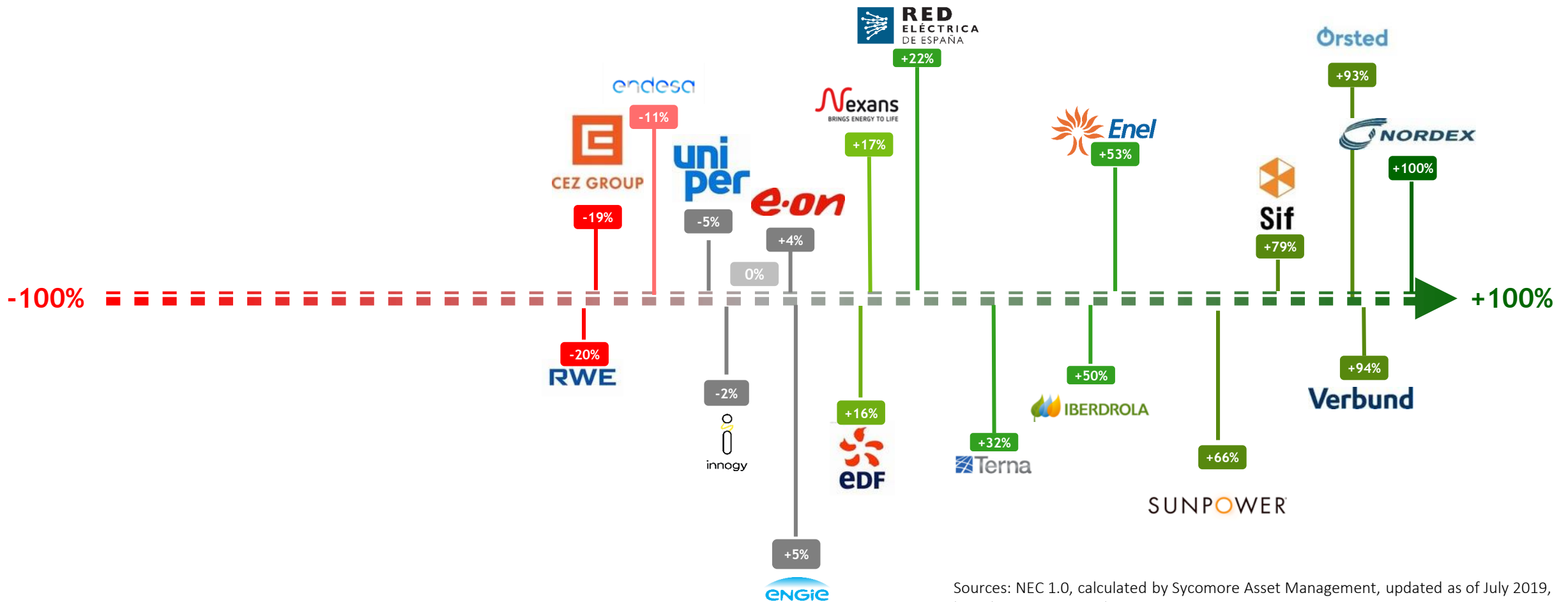
Energy Mix	NEC
Austria	100%
Belgium	24%
Denmark	38%
Estonia	-44%
Finland	45%
France	26%
Germany	-18%
Iceland	100%
Ireland	12%
Italy	35%

Energy Mix	NEC
Kosovo	-100%
Luxembourg	100%
Netherlands	-19%
Norway	100%
Poland	-78%
Portugal	33%
Spain	22%
Sweden	99%
United Kingdom	7%
Switzerland	100%

Energy Mix	NEC
China	-44%
India	-62%
Russia	25%
Brazil	100%
United States	-20%
Australia	-51%
Canada	98%

Sources: NEC 1.0 derived from IEA 2015, I Care & Consult calculation.

# [ Outcome for electricity

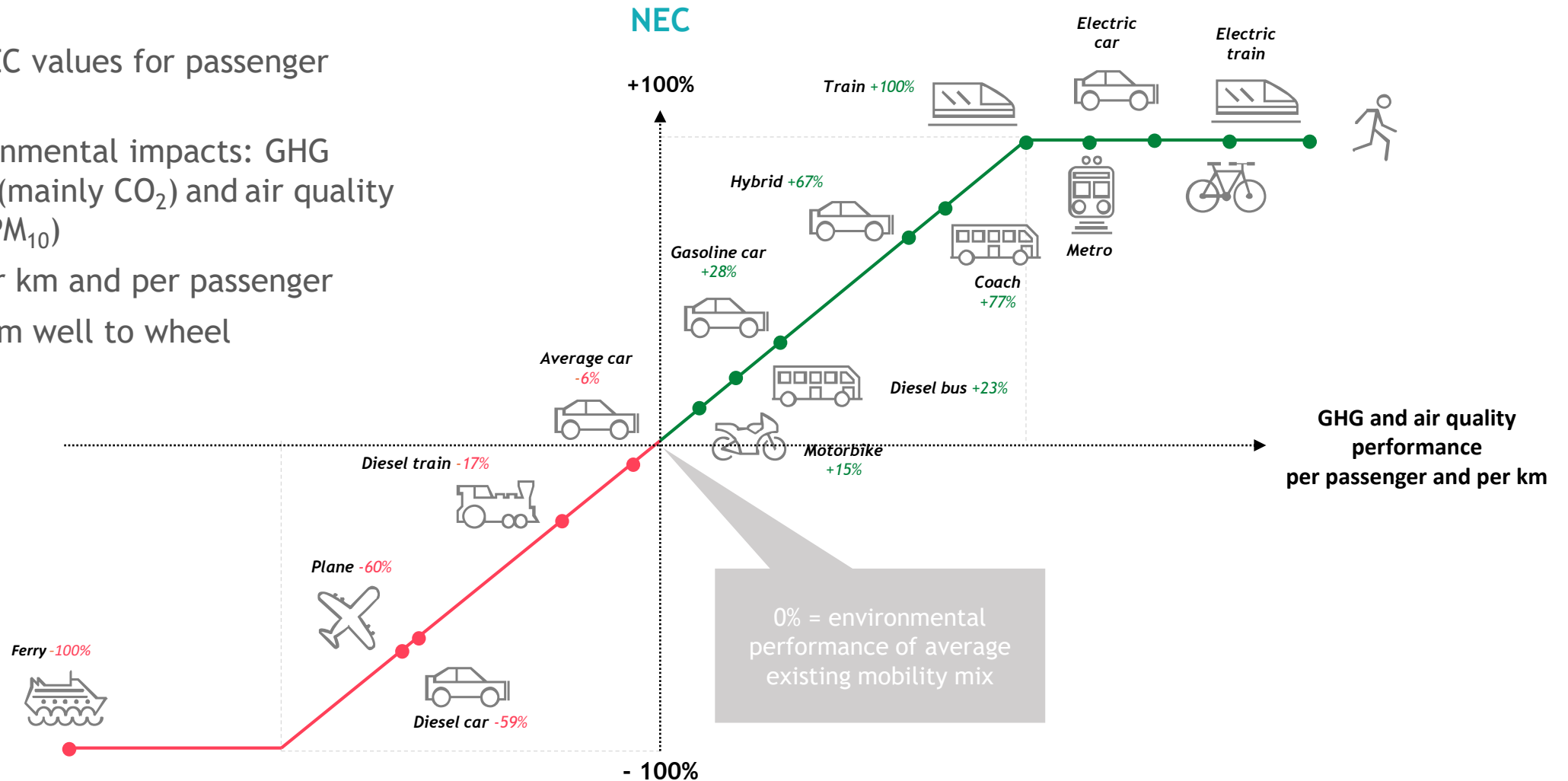


Sources: NEC 1.0, calculated by Sycomore Asset Management, updated as of July 2019, based on 2017-2018 data



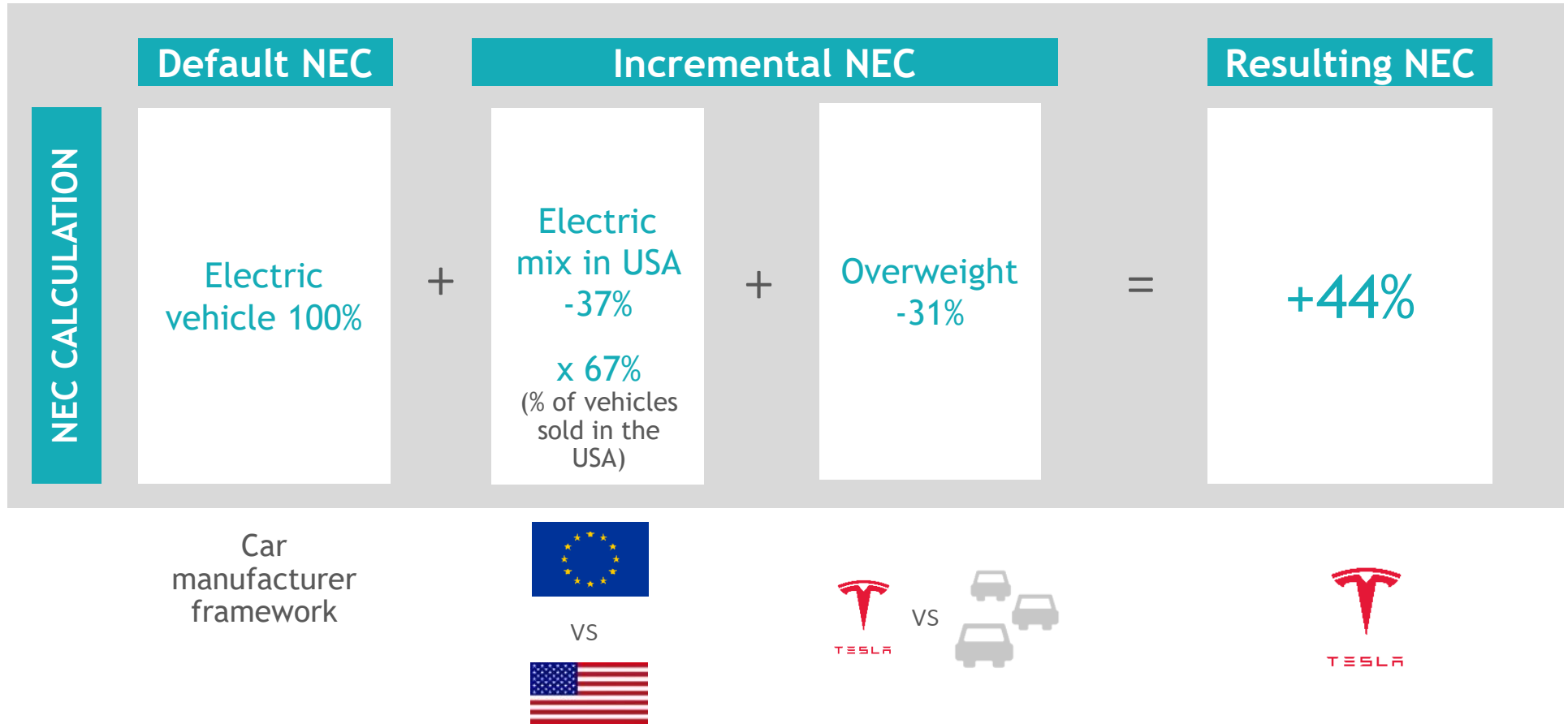
# [ Connection to mobility & transport framework

- Default NEC values for passenger transport
- Key environmental impacts: GHG emissions (mainly CO<sub>2</sub>) and air quality (NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>)
- Impact per km and per passenger
- Scope: from well to wheel



Sources: I Care & Consult 2017 calculations, NEC 1.0 transportation framework, based on IEA, Eur. Env. Agency, IUC, ICCT, ADEME, transportenvironment.org, etc.

# [ What is Tesla's NEC, as a car manufacturer?



Source: NEC 1.0, Tesla's data 2018, calculation by Sycomore AM, 2019.

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