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**Flex4RES**

Flexible Nordic Energy Systems



# Flex4RES **status**

Flexibility for Variable Renewable Energy  
Integration in the Nordic Energy System

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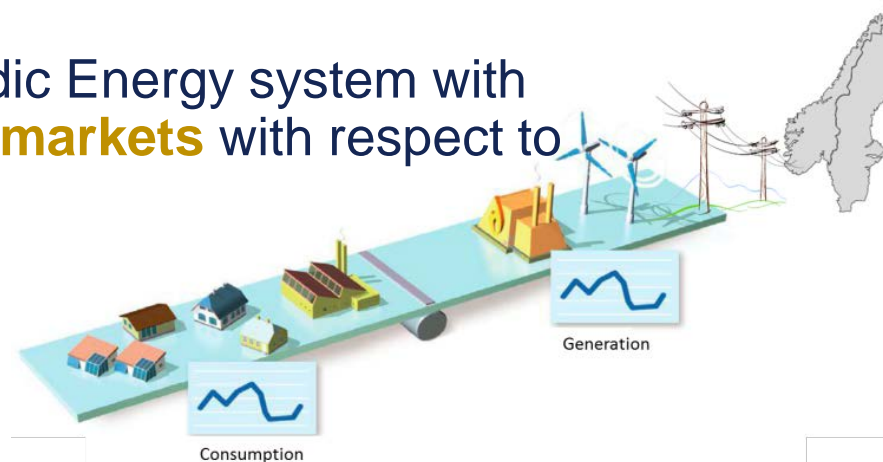
# Hypotheses

**Comparative advantages of combining different energy markets**, both with respect to flexibility, but also with respect to synergy and economics.

The Nordic power market is well functioning despite a few technical challenges.

**With the right coupling to the underlying national and local energy markets for heat, gas, and transport fuels, enough flexibility can be generated** in a cost efficient way and so embrace a larger amount of VRE.

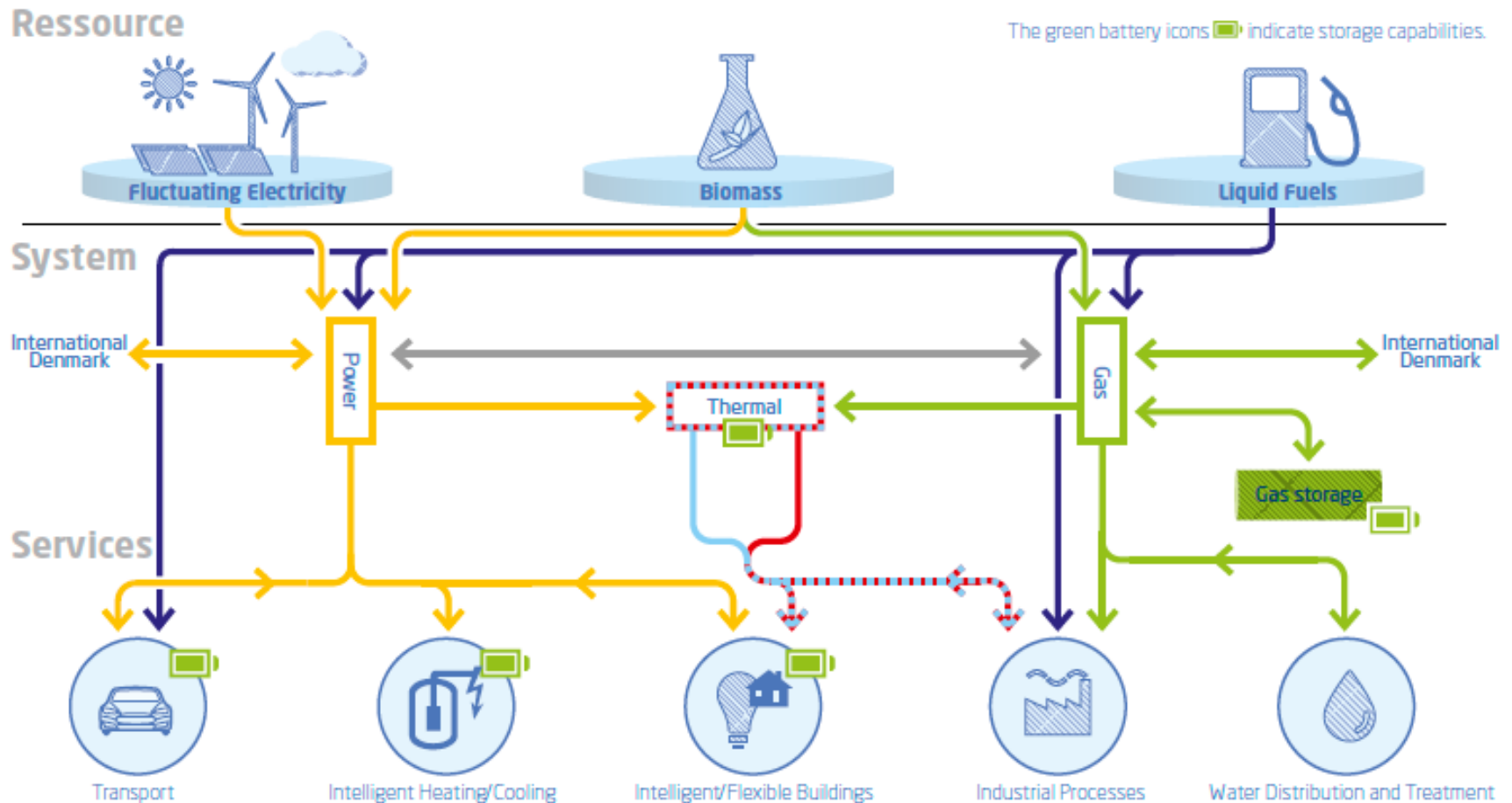
Holistic system approach to the Nordic Energy system with **flexibility obtained across energy markets** with respect to flexibility at the power markets.



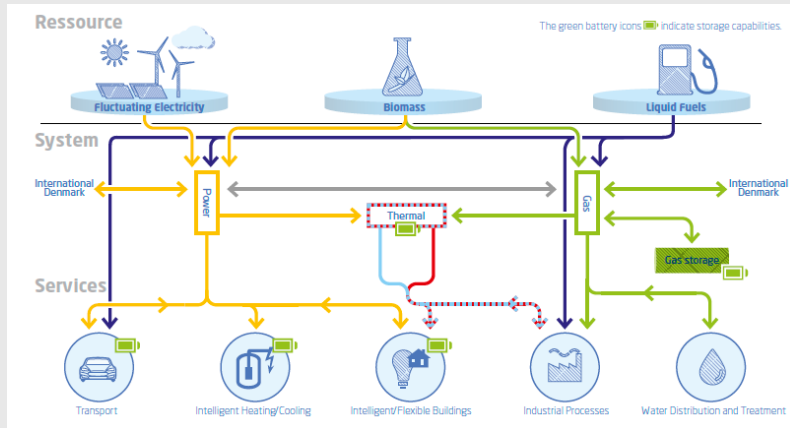
# Integrated Coherent Energy Systems



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# Challenges in a larger perspective



Energy system integration



Energy Efficiency

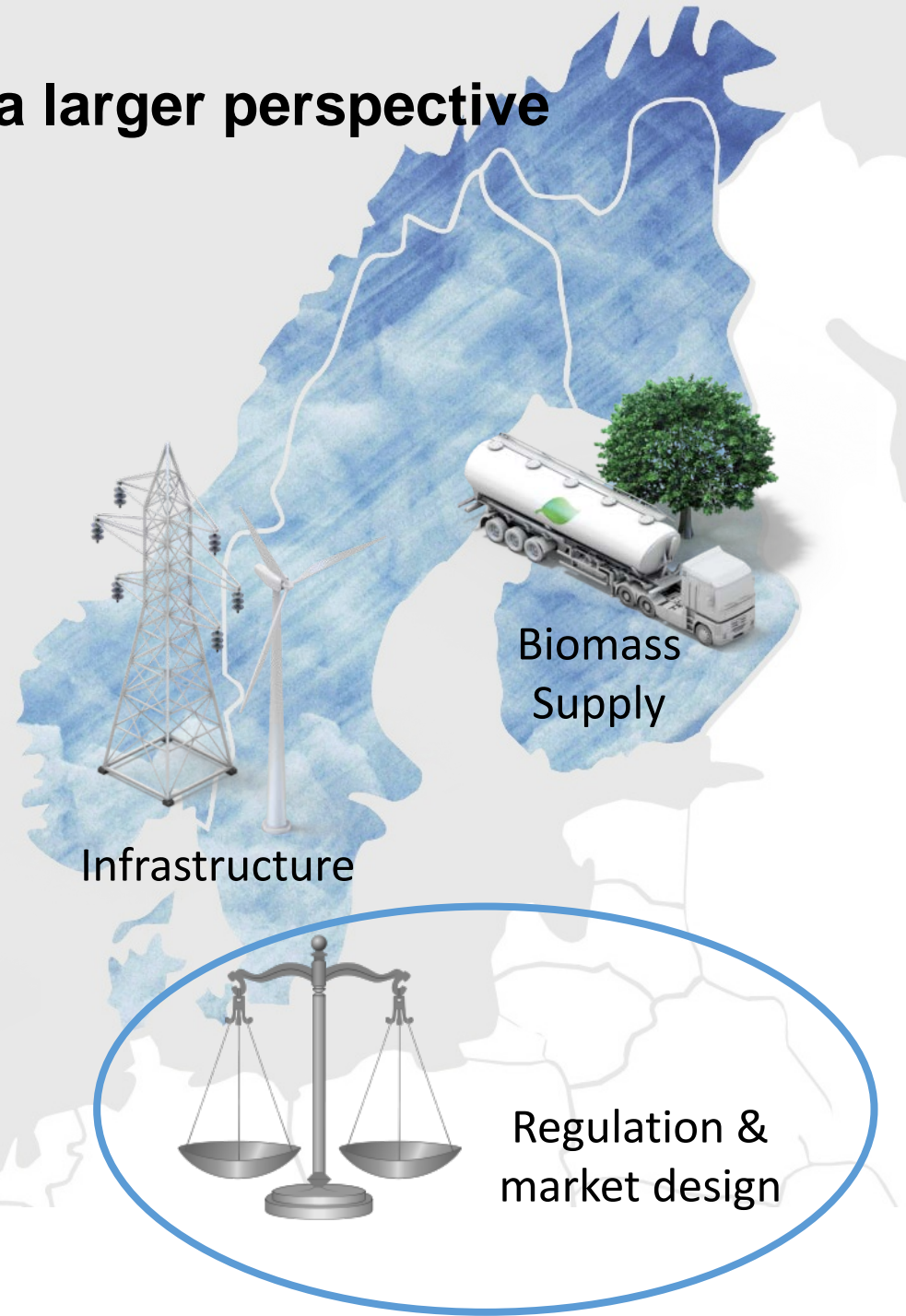


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Infrastructure



Regulation & market design





# Objectives

The primary objective of Flex4RES is to

Identify and assess regulatory and technical pathways towards coherent Nordic energy systems

The secondary objectives are to:

- a) **Estimate the potentials and costs of flexibility** in the Nordic power market created by the coupling of and increased interaction between different energy markets (electricity, heat, gas and transportation).  
Estimate the need for flexibility in the future Nordic power market.
- a) **Identify regulatory and technological barriers.**
- b) **Develop coherent regulatory frameworks and market designs** that facilitate energy market couplings that are optimal for the Nordic conditions in an EU context.
- a) **Adapt a high-resolution Nordic energy market model** covering heat, power and transport for quantification of the impacts of different market couplings, regulatory frameworks and market designs.  
**Estimate the cost and benefits** of a coherent energy system framework.

# Work Packages

## WP1: Flexibility need and potentials

Task 1.1 Review and Method development

Task 1.2 Flexibility potential cost curves, Technology catalogue

Task 1.3 Flexibility need, uncertainty and impact on reserve need

## WP2: Framework conditions

Task 2.1 Review of existing framework conditions

Task 2.2 The Nordic energy system designs

Task 2.3 Market integration, frameworks, and market designs

Task 2.4 Coherent market scenario set-ups

Task 2.5 Pathways to a flexible Nordic energy system

## WP3: Energy system analysis of integrating energy systems

Task 3.1 Model update / adaption

Task 3.2 Market coupling analyses

Task 3.3 Analytical results: comparison and interpretation

## WP 4: Policy recommendations

Task 4.1 Economic impact of VRE and flexibility

Task 4.2 Creating a sustainable and stable Nordic energy System

## WP 5: Dissemination and capacity building

Task 5.1 Website, LinkedIn, and Newsletter

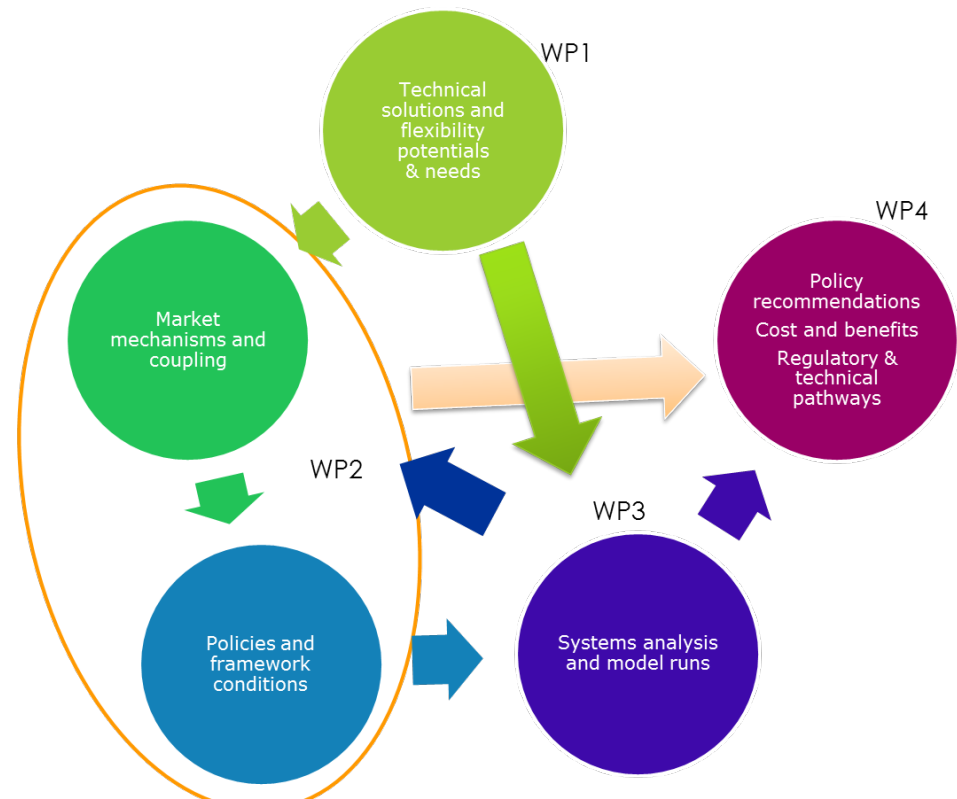
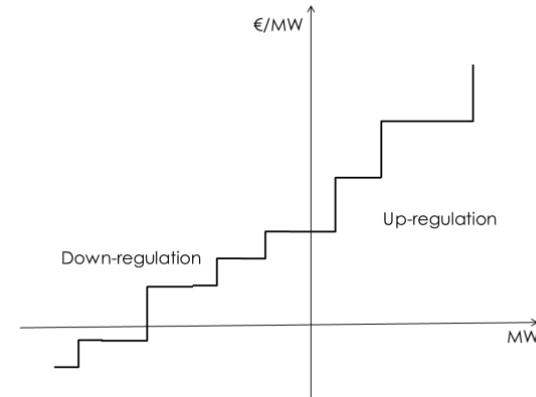
Task 5.2 Advisory board meetings

Task 5.3 Workshops/Seminars

Flexibility potentials



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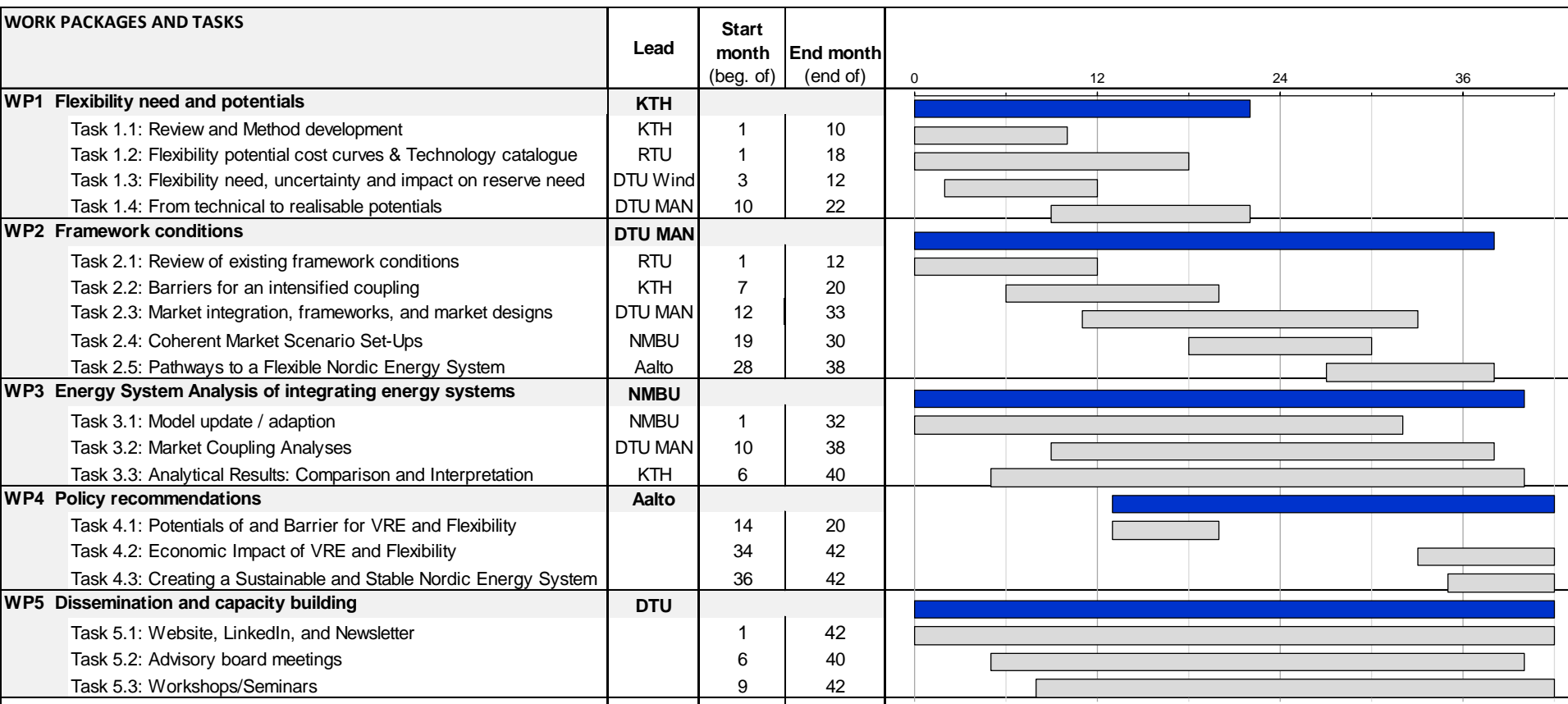


# Gantt chart



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3,5 years - September 2015 - March 2019







# Status 29/3 -2015

WP1: Case: District heating

- **Initial district heating data:** Obtained from S, SF, Dk, Ee, Lt, Li
- **Initial Technology report = available reports:** Obtained from S, Ee, Dk
- **Initial Flexibility potentials = estimated levels in available reports:** Obtained from S, Should be delivered, end of March-16

This work will be finished within a month.

WP2:

- Survey of District heating frameworks in Nordics + Baltic  
Comparative study of the surveys will be finished within the next 2 weeks  
Report for DH finished within a month
- 3 abstracts + 1 paper have been submitted to conferences

WP3:

- PhD course - Balmorel model
- Model versions at NMBU, DTU and RamLØSE is currently being harmonized (completed by mid April)  
Prepared implementation of version control (training session for all WP-participants to be organized April 1st)
- Next steps (Q2-16)
  - Add new and better data for Baltic region (April/May)
  - Add new and better heat market data
  - Conduct test model runs for discussion with other WPs

WP5 - dissemination

- several abstracts and 1 conference papers have been submitted from WP2
- Newsletter no 2 is planned to mid April.
- LinkedIn page
- Web site - ?????



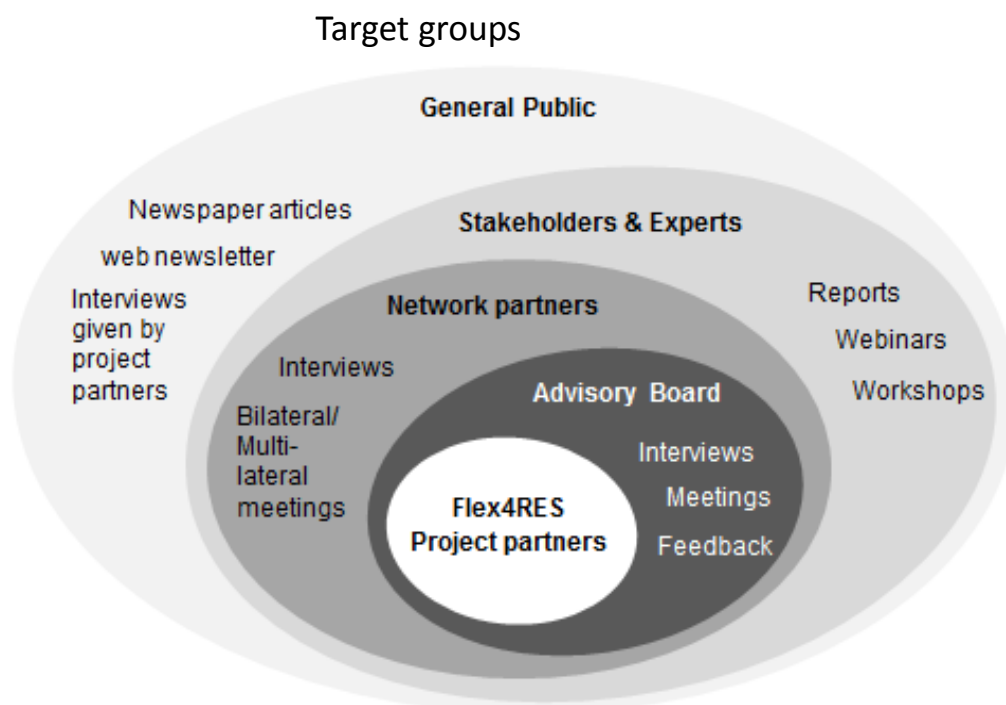
**Thumbs up for Balmorel**  
*12 PhD students giving the Balmorel  
model in Flex4RES top score!*



*Kick-off at DTU in November*

# Stakeholder involvement & Dissemination

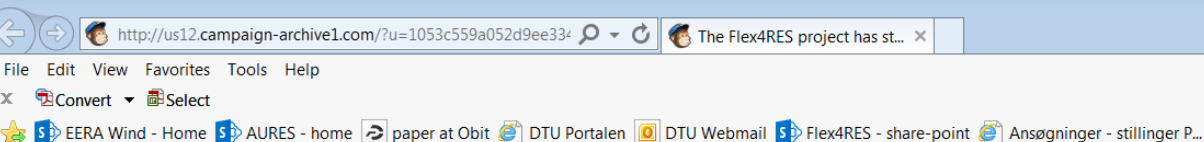
Science-policy approach involving key Nordic stakeholders



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## Flex4RES

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### The flagship project Flex4RES has set sail

Dear Klaus Skytte,

Welcome to this first newsletter from the Flex4RES project.

The Flex4RES project investigates how an intensified interaction between coupled energy markets, supported by coherent regulatory frameworks, can facilitate the integration of variable renewable energy (VRE). This may in turn ensure stable, sustainable and cost-efficient Nordic energy systems.

There is a comparative advantage of combining different energy markets, both with respect to flexibility, but also with respect to synergy and economics.

# Research partners



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Organisation / Institution	Country
DTU, Management Engineering, Systems Analysis	Denmark
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Tallinn University of Technology	Estonia



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Enova	N
AGORA Energiewende	D
Energimyndigheten, Swedish Energy Agency	SE
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GASUM	FIN

Thank you for your interest



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