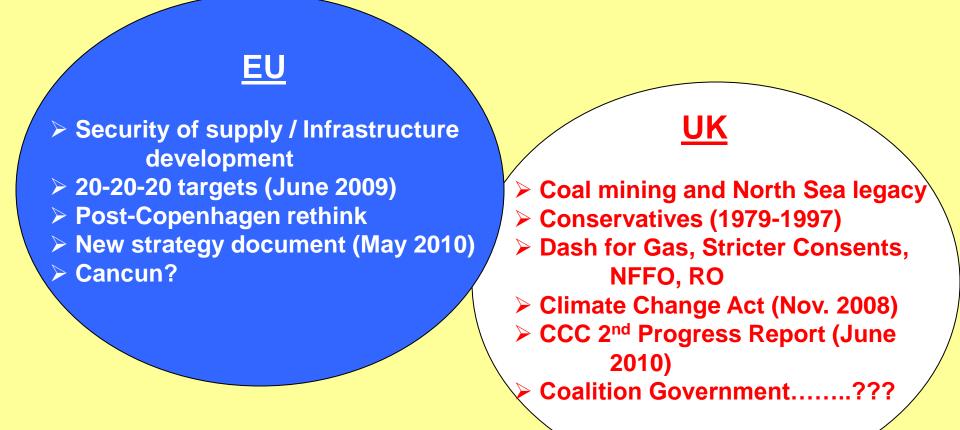
## PROSPECTS FOR LNG TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE "20-20-20" TARGETS AS A TRANSITION FUEL

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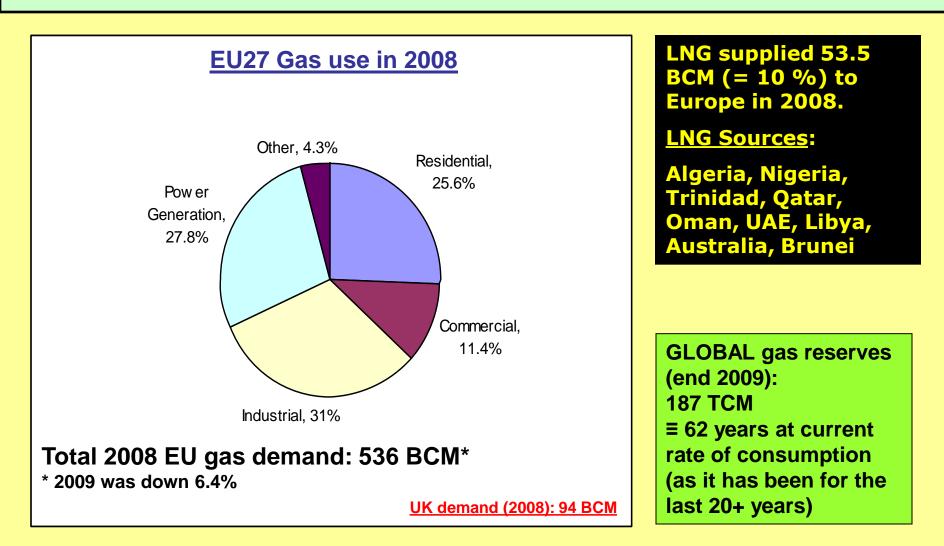
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# **POLICIES AND TARGETS**



**<u>Conclusion</u>**: Energy  $\Leftrightarrow$  Climate Change policies not yet bedded down

### GAS IN EUROPE......SOLIDLY ESTABLISHED



Info. Gas use in EU27 represents 24% of primary energy consumption

# FOSSIL FUELS – GAS – LNG

Natural resource exploitation • Large scale • Long timelines • Global pricing • Government involvement • Risks

### <u>LNG</u>

➢ 90-98% Methane

**UPSTREAM** 

Same spec. for pipeline or LNG

LIQUEFACTION

Applies to "Stranded gas"

> Atmospheric pressure / -160° C. => 1/600<sup>th</sup> volume

Special materials + insulation needed

Value chain concept

REGASIFICATION



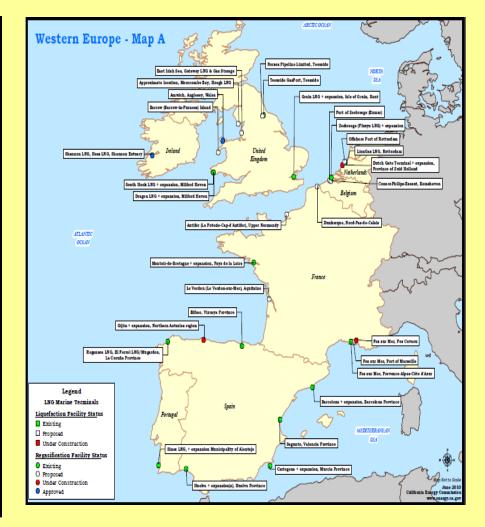
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**GAS MARKETING** 

**Observation:** Total LNG value chain investment can be >\$25 Billion

# LNG STATUS

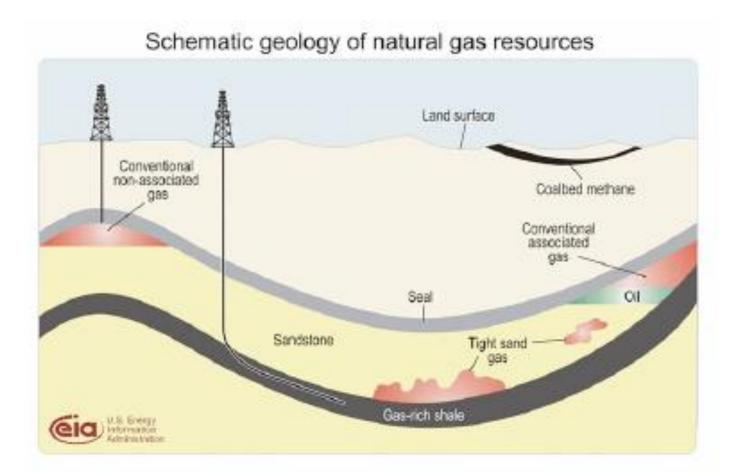
- Trade dates from 1960s from Algeria to UK and France
- UK ceased importing in 1990, restarting in 2005, now expanding – despite several gas import pipelines
- US *imported* in 1970s -1980s then again from 2000, peaking in 2007
- US *exported* LNG from Alaska to Japan since 1969 till at least 2011
- Current European importers: UK, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, others coming
- Spain: LNG supplies 74% of its gas demand. Gas used for 35% of power generation (vs. 15% from coal)
- LNG started from Qatar in 1997



#### **<u>Conclusion</u>: LNG – proven, convenient, safe, fungible**

## **UNCONVENTIONAL AND SHALE GAS**

#### Horizontal Drilling and Hydraulic Fraccing have released the opportunity



<u>Shale gas in EU</u>: Lower overall potential, land access issues, rig availability, drilling costs, water handling (supply and disposal).....viability to be proven

## Wrap-up......Prospects for LNG

- Gas <u>networks</u> continue to be expanded, integrated
- <u>Security</u> of gas supply to Europe continues to be an issue
- Gas glut and LNG glut = <u>buyers market</u> / may not clear for 5 years
- More LNG projects underway = a lot of <u>sunk assets</u>
- LNG imports increasingly important to meeting UK's gas demand
- Gas CCS holds promise (should be cheaper than coal CCS)
- Gas has < half coal's <u>carbon coefficient</u>
- <u>CCGT power gen.</u> is the economic choice for generators until gas price rises and/or carbon prices reach high levels (€60-€80/tonne)

Prospects: LNG is more than a transition fuel – it is here to stay well beyond 2020

Material interests will prevail in the free market; capital assets will be utilised to maximum efficiency – unless prohibited or if they become uneconomic to operate.