

# "Energy efficiency in Buildings A business opportunity in Greece"

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#### Sir Nicholas Stern addresses at the Greek Parliament - 27 Nov. 2008



# A shifting competitive challenge for Europe and its Production (employment) Base

#### The Economist

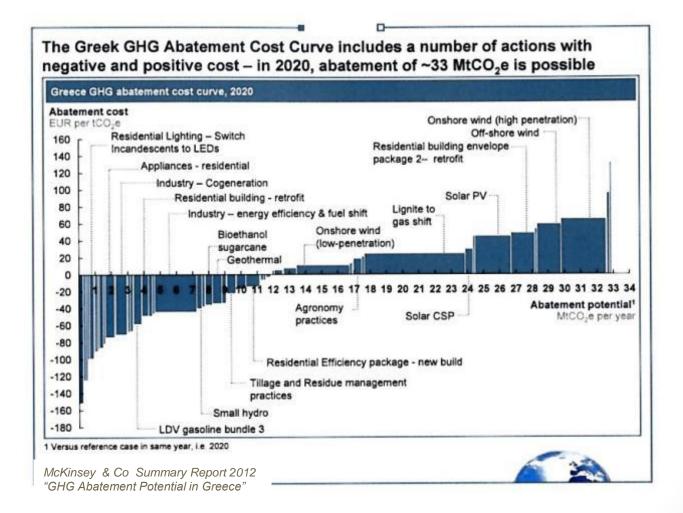
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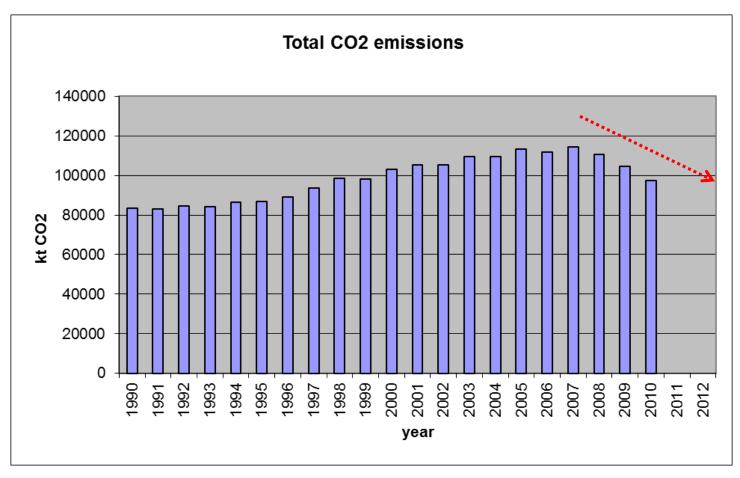
#### FINANCIAL TIMES

"US Energy is changing the world again" by Daniel Yergin Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

# A complete and feasible strategy for meeting our CO2 Abatement Targets is required

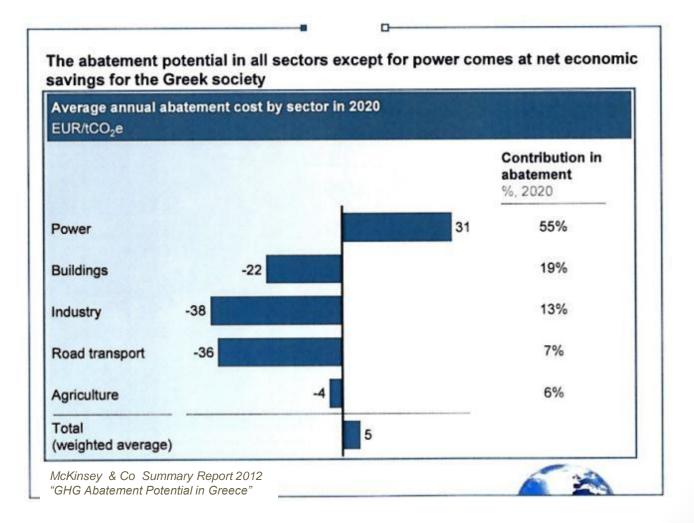


#### **CO2 Emissions in Greece in Decline**

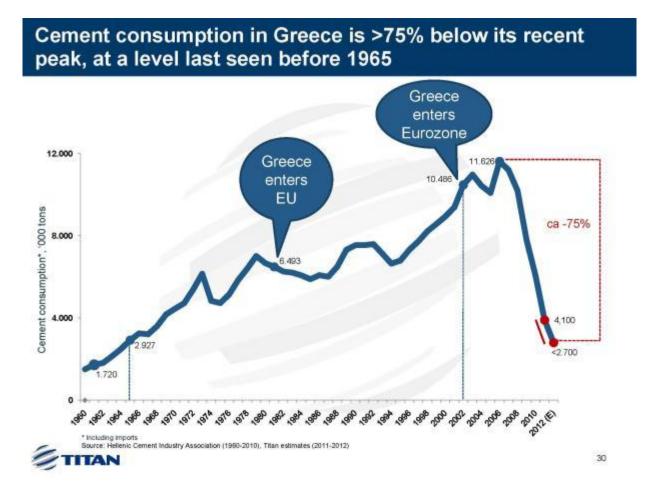


Source : YPEKA site

### The most powerful and economic lever is... Building Energy Efficiency



#### The depression in Greece has decimated construction activity



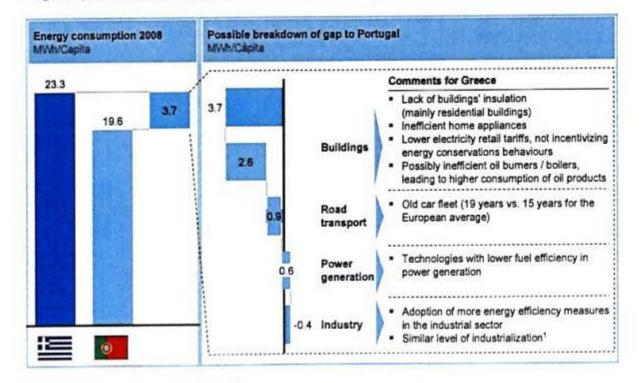
# A large energy inefficient housing stock exists



Source : Professor, Dr.-Eng Agis Papadopoulos, Aristotle University Thessaloniki

#### Energy inefficient housing stock, compared to peers

Building energy efficiency the main driver of Greece's 19% INOT EXHAUSTIVE higher per capita consumption versus Portugal



1 Approx. €16 5 bn of Real GVA in 2008 for both countries

*McKinsey* & Co *SummaryReport* 2012 "Greece 10 Years Ahead"

### The Opportunity in Greece

The refurbishment opportunity to upgrade energy performance of the Greek Housing stock exceeds 1.3mil. residential buildings and several thousands of public and commercial buildings.

Many challenges have blocked progress historically :

- Funding (particularly for remodeling)
- Disconnect between developers and building owners/users/managers
- Delays in adaptation of European energy efficiency codes
- Lack of energy efficiency certification infrastructure

#### The Opportunity in Greece

Many of these challenges addressed by the Government and YPEKA Ministry after 2009.

- Since 2009-10 and taking under consideration the economic recession, the high standards of the new energy legislation and the necessity to stimulate the building sector, a series of actions were launched to improve the energy efficiency of private and public buildings (Εξοικονομώ, Εξοικονομώ κατ' οίκον, Bioclimatic urban refurbishments, Green Educational Buildings, Green Roofs for public buildings, Green hospitals).
- The issue of certification has been addressed by the creation of a specialized body of Energy Inspectors

However, the severity of the depression and the large scale vacancies of rental properties have slowed down the implementation to a trickle.

Nevertheless, the opportunity is real and big as the Greek economy recovers, and IT WILL.

# Thank you!

