



JRC-IDEES: the Integrated Database of the European Energy System

Overview and updates

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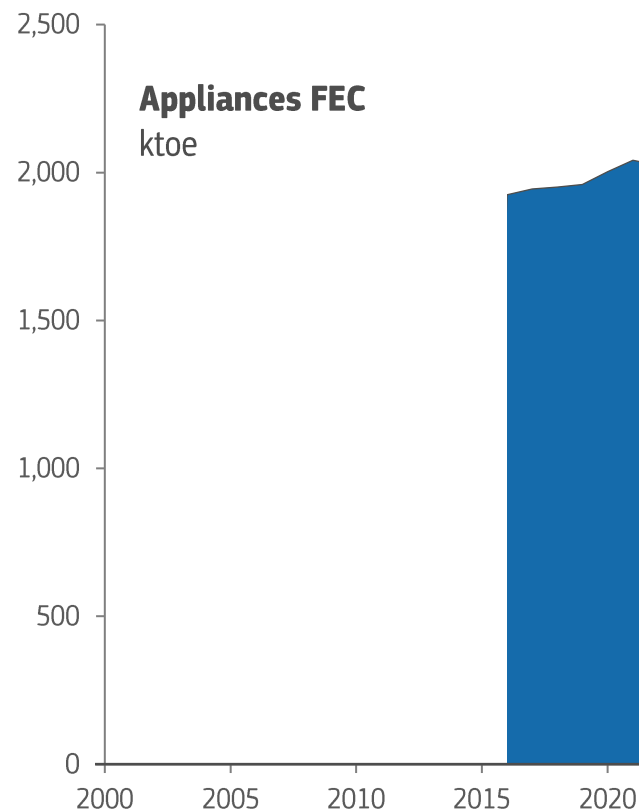
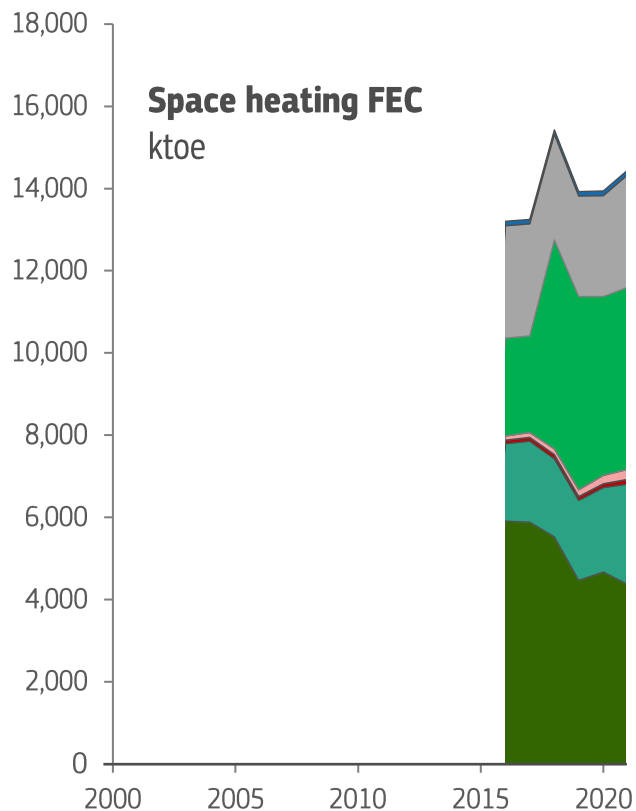
Background

- Energy modellers and policy analysts need extensive historical data to understand the evolution of the energy system
- But primary statistics may be fragmented or too aggregated to be directly usable for modelling or policy analysis
- Energy data users therefore spend much of their time processing statistics, making *ad hoc* assumptions to disaggregate available data, etc.

Typical data problem: Tracking residential energy use

Eurostat data:

Disaggregated energy consumption by end use, households [Poland]



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- Eurostat provides disaggregated FEC by end use, but time coverage may be insufficient for e.g. benchmarks for energy efficiency policies
- Data might not always match energy balances or national data on energy equipment and appliances
- **How to create a consistent starting point for modeling or policy analysis?**

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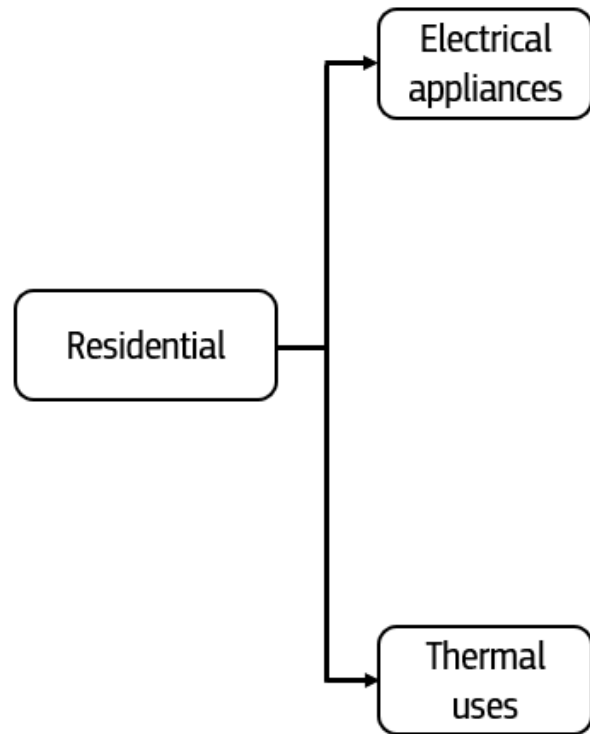
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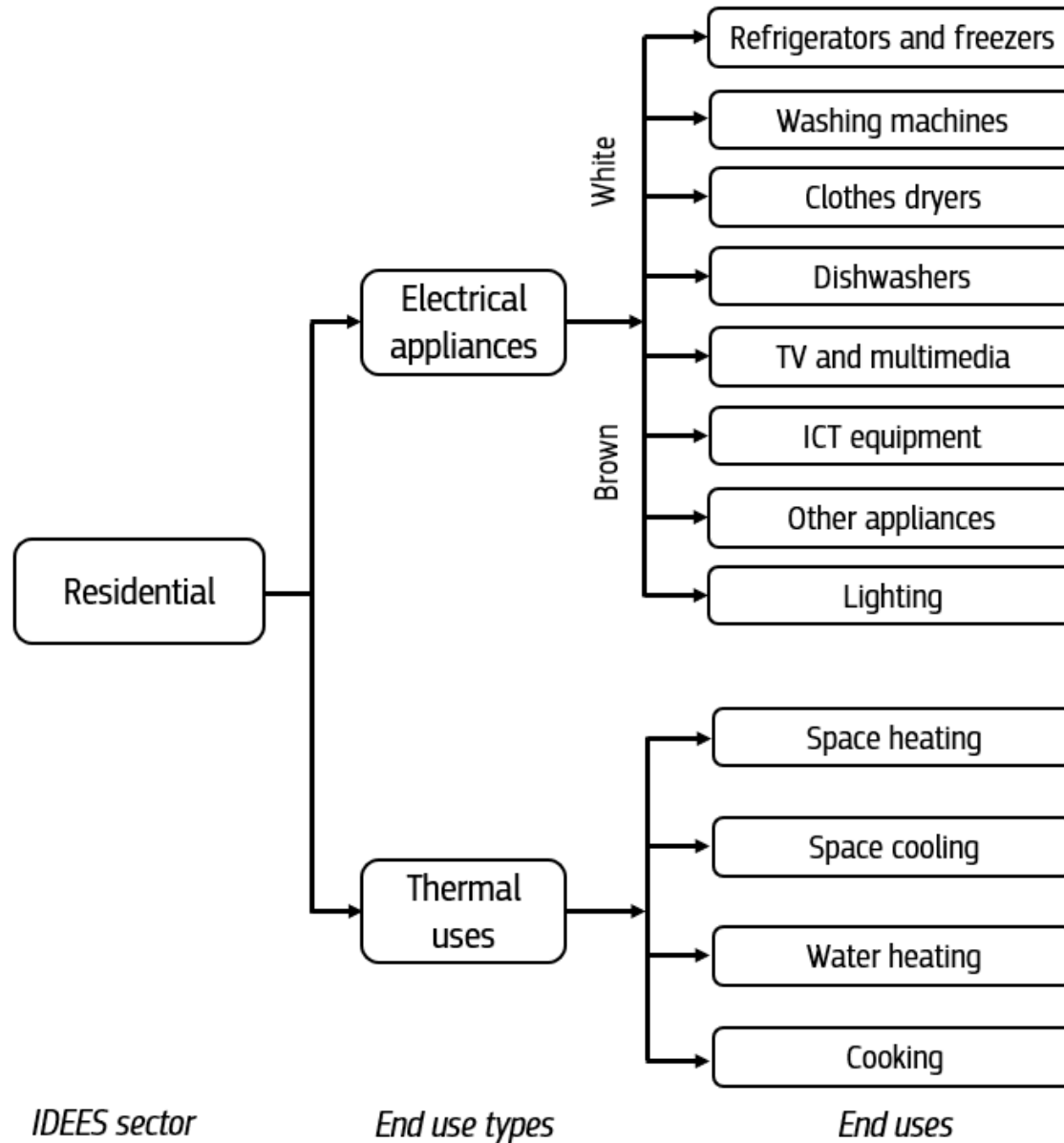
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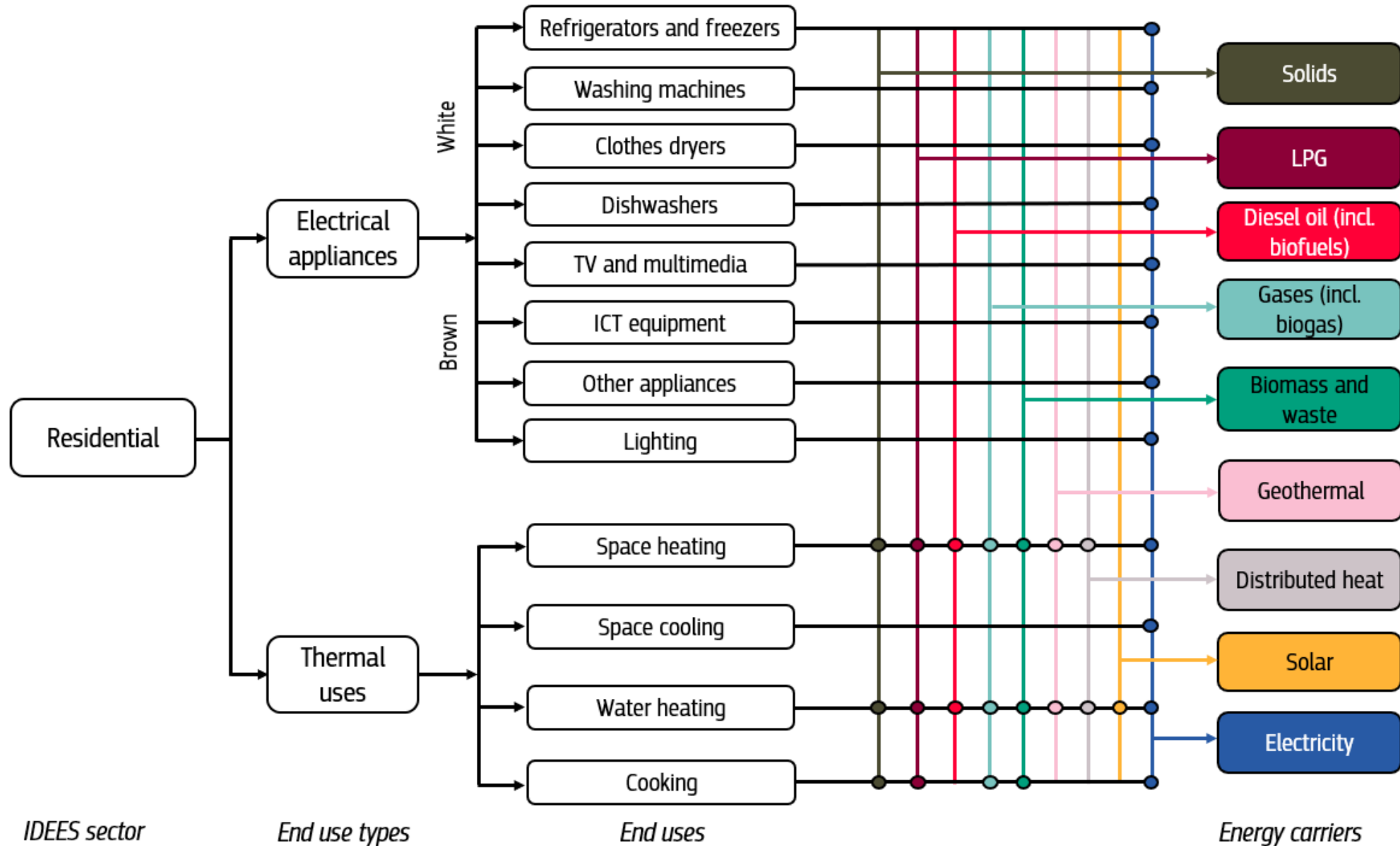
IDEES sector

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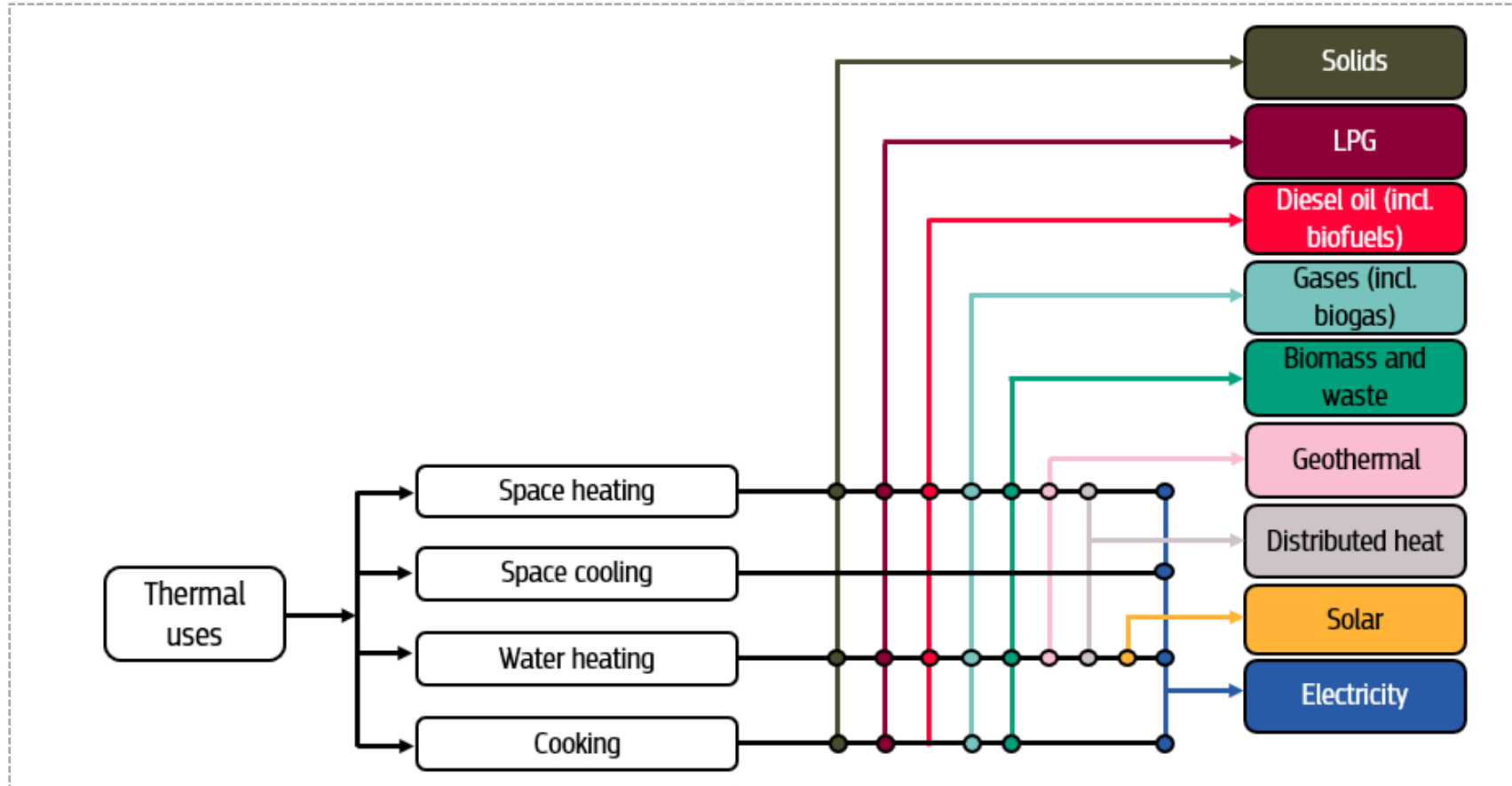
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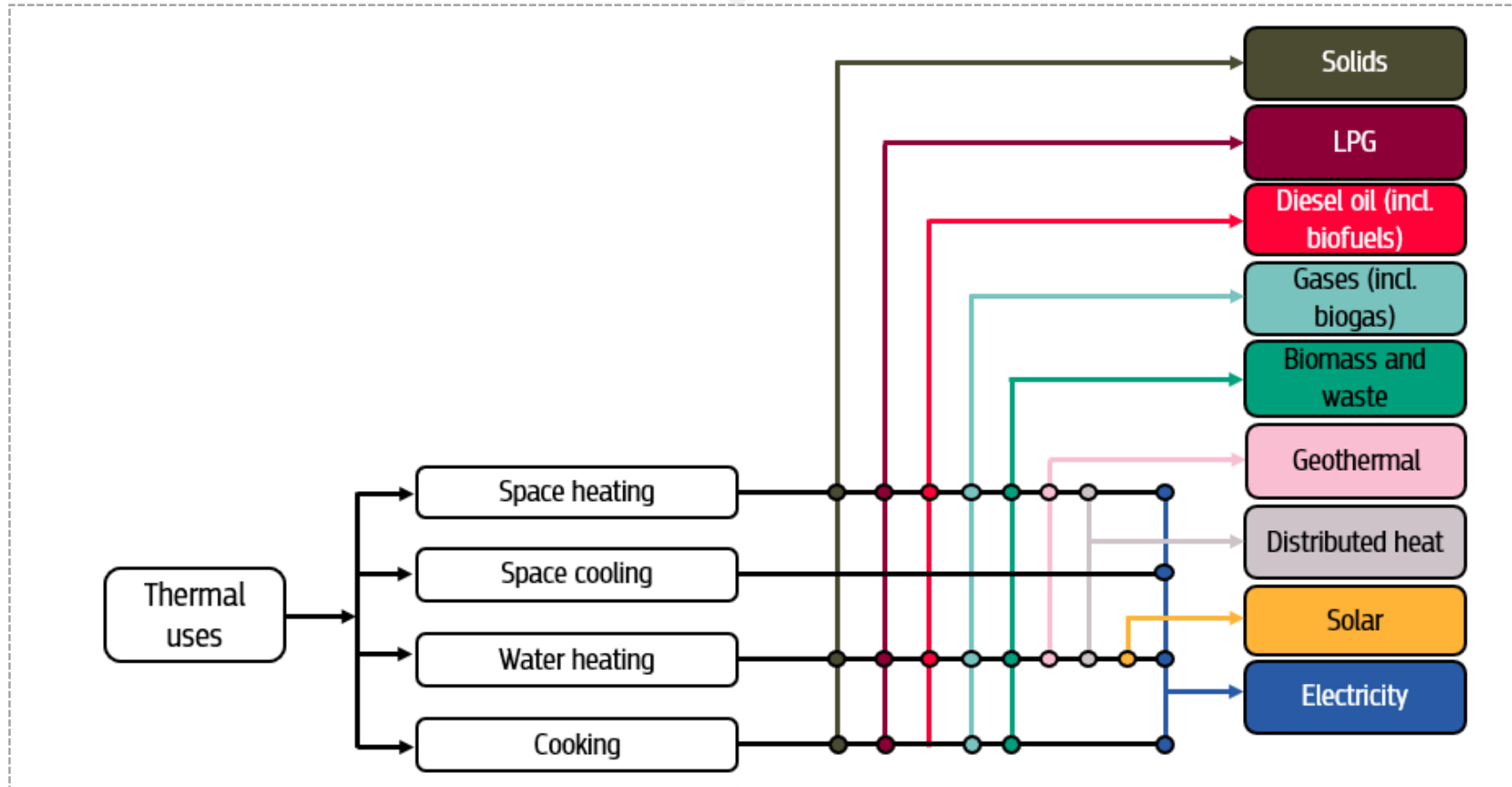
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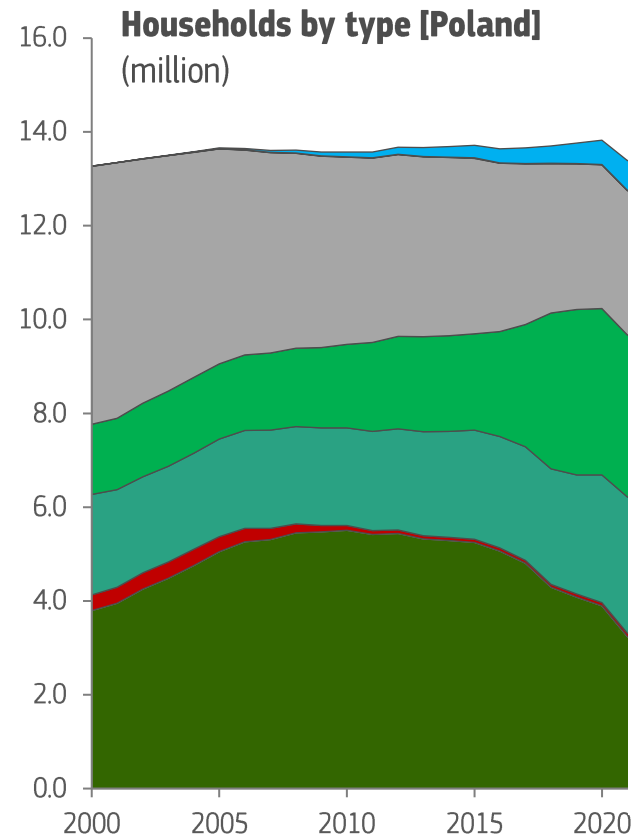
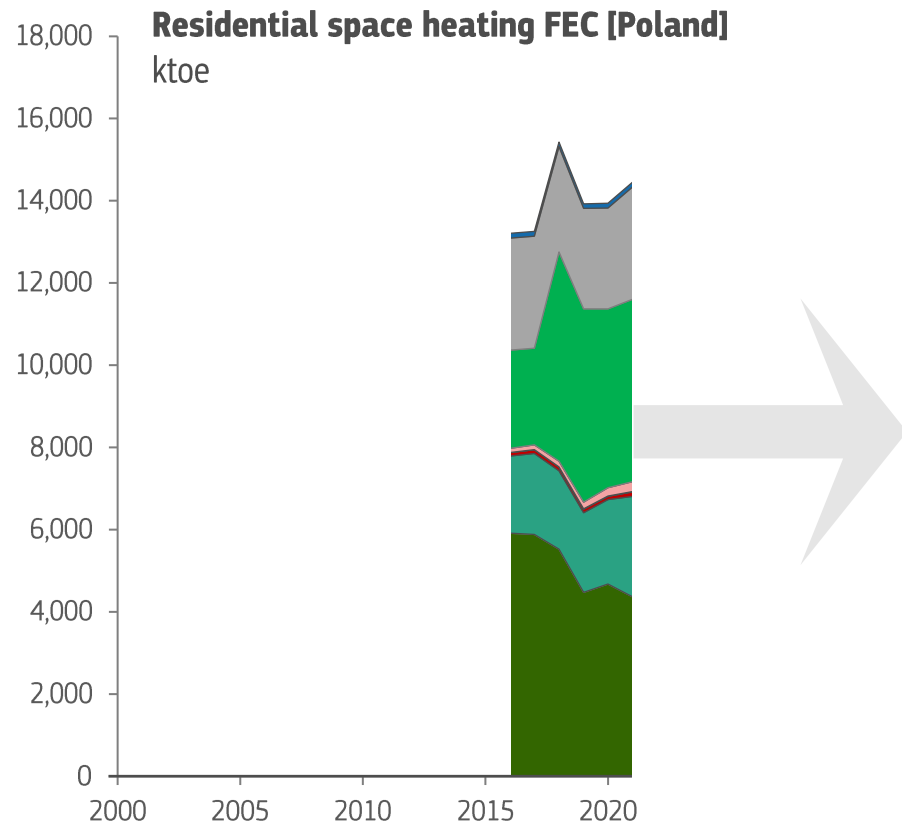
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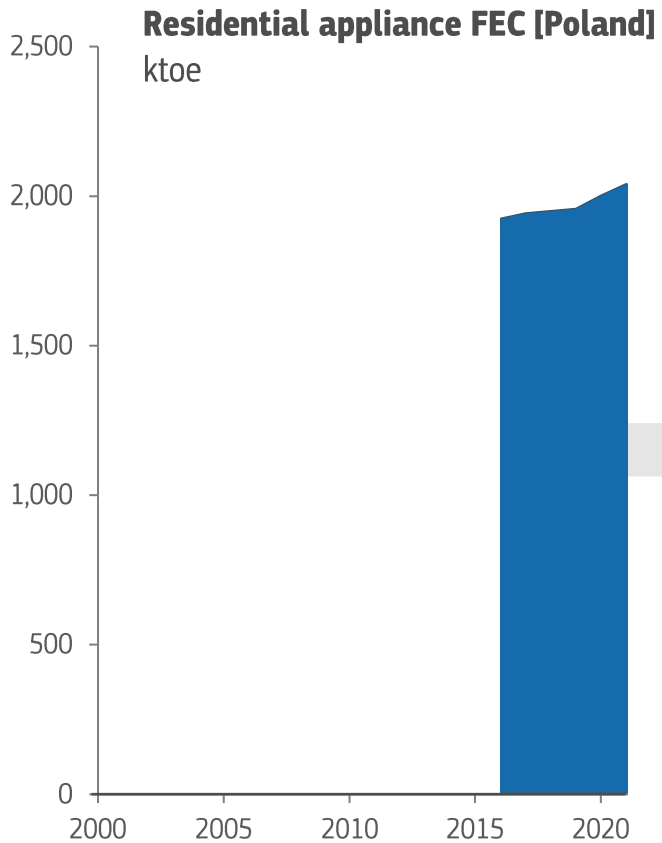
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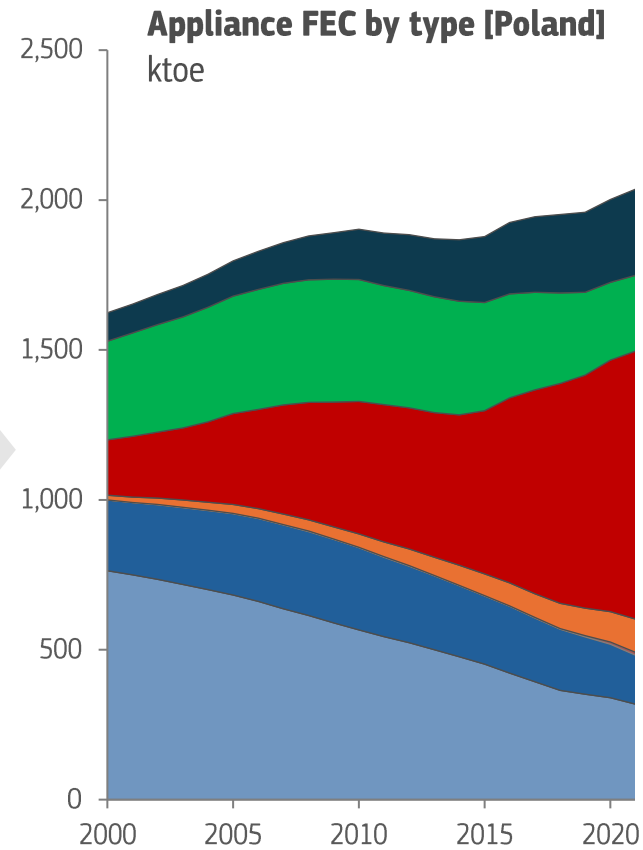
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Typical calibration result: FEC by appliance type



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- Refrigerators and freezers
- Washing machine
- Clothes dryer
- Dishwasher
- TV and ICT
- Lighting
- Other

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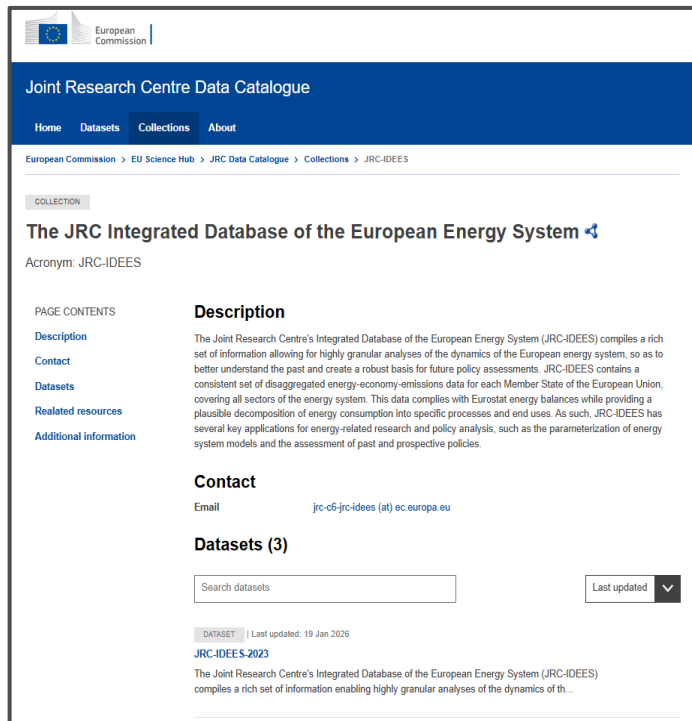
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	Penetration factor (appliances per household)
	Power per appliance and per new appliance (in average operating mode)
	Installed electrical capacity
	Operating hours
	Total FEC; FEC by electrical appliance

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JRC-IDEES-2023

- **JRC-IDEES-2023 v1.0** (January 2026): coverage extended to 2000-2023 with new data sources and improved calibration
- Dataset and documentation in open access from JRC Data Catalogue: <https://data.jrc.ec.europa.eu/collection/id-0110>



The screenshot shows the JRC Data Catalogue interface. At the top, there are logos for the European Commission and the Joint Research Centre. The main header reads "Joint Research Centre Data Catalogue" with navigation links for Home, Datasets, Collections, and About. Below this, a breadcrumb trail indicates the path: European Commission > EU Science Hub > JRC Data Catalogue > Collections > JRC-IDEES. The main content area is titled "The JRC Integrated Database of the European Energy System" with a left sidebar containing links for Description, Contact, Datasets, Realated resources, and Additional information. The "Description" section provides a detailed overview of the database's scope and purpose. The "Contact" section lists an email address: jrc-c6-jrc-idees (at) ec.europa.eu. The "Datasets (3)" section includes a search bar and a "Last updated" dropdown menu. At the bottom, a "DATASET" entry for "JRC-IDEES-2023" is shown, with a "Last updated: 19 Jan 2026" date and a brief description of the dataset's content.



The cover of the JRC-IDEES-2023 report features the European Commission and Joint Research Centre logos at the top. The title "JRC-IDEES-2023" is prominently displayed in large white font, followed by the subtitle "the Integrated Database of the European Energy System". Below the title, it states "Data update and technical documentation". The authors' names are listed: Rózsai, M., Java-Rozen, M., Salvucci, R., Sikora, P., Gea Bermudez, J., Neuwahl, F. The year "2026" is also present. The background is a dark blue with an illustration of a person standing next to a large stack of white and blue data blocks, symbolizing data management and analysis.



The cover of the report titled "Aligning historical international aviation and maritime transport data to the scope of EU climate policies" features the European Commission logo at the top. The title is written in white text on a dark blue background. Below the title, it states "A methodology to estimate activity, energy use, and emissions occurring within the boundaries of the European Union and European Economic Area". The authors' names are listed: Java-Rozen, M., Rózsai, M., Neuwahl, F. The year "2026" is also present. The background is a dark blue with an illustration of a person standing next to a large stack of white and blue data blocks, symbolizing data management and analysis.

Conclusion

- JRC-IDEES can help
 - Identify past drivers of energy system change
 - Quantify the scope for future policy actions at a granular level
 - Set a common reference for energy policy modelling and assessment
- But keep in mind JRC-IDEES is mostly **processed data**, rather than a pure statistical database
- Work already started on next updates and geographic enlargement to Energy Community countries

Thank you

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- https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/scientific-tools-databases/potencia-policy-oriented-tool-energy-and-climate-change-impact-assessment_en

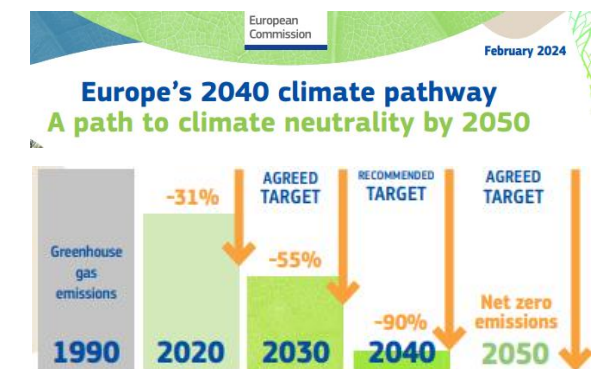


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JRC POTEnCIA energy system model

- POTEnCIA: developed since 2011 by the JRC to build in-house capacity to run detailed scenarios for climate and energy policy analysis
- Initial review phase in close collaboration with Commission, MS and academia experts
- Operational since 2019 with the publication of the Central Scenario
- Model extensions since Central scenario: Focussed on representing energy transition/deep decarbonisation
- Application in 2040 Climate Target's Impact Assessment, in the context of a multi-model analysis

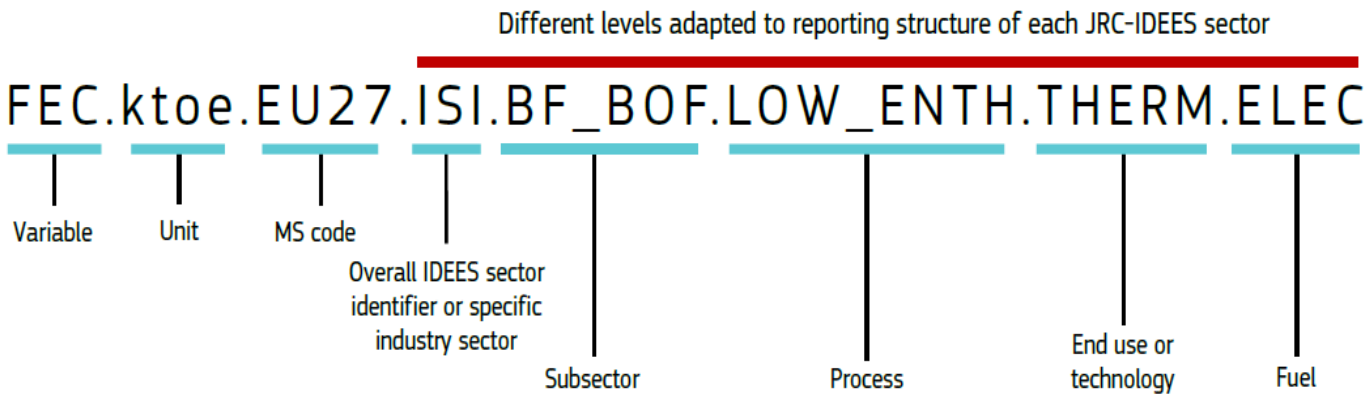


JRC-IDEES-2023

<i>Sector</i>	<i>Summary of changes</i>
<i>Industry</i>	The calibration of (sub-)sector-level activity using Eurostat Structural Business Statistics (24) now incorporates dataset <i>sbs_ovw_act</i> (Enterprises by detailed NACE Rev. 2 activity and special aggregates, 2021-2023). During calibration, this dataset was assessed to be generally consistent with the earlier <i>sbs_na_ind_r2</i> dataset (2005-2020) for the purposes of JRC-IDEES, but the combination of the two datasets could create breaks in reported time series for value added.
<i>Residential</i>	The calibration of residential thermal uses now incorporates Eurostat dataset <i>nrg_inf_hptc</i> (Heat pumps - technical characteristics by technologies) (25) and the updated Ecodesign Impact Accounting 2024 reports (26). The latter reference is also used in the calibration of appliances.
<i>Tertiary and agriculture</i>	Consistently with the residential sector, the calibration of thermal uses in services now uses Eurostat dataset <i>nrg_inf_hptc</i> (Heat pumps - technical characteristics by technologies) (25) and the updated Ecodesign Impact Accounting 2024 reports (26). The calibration of appliances has been further adapted to represent the increasing importance of data centres (section 3.3.1.3).
<i>Transport</i>	The methodology used to calibrate aviation and maritime transport has been detailed in a separate report (27). This calibration methodology has been slightly adapted for JRC-IDEES-2023 to better reflect the contribution of ships below 5,000 gross tonnage to intra-EU emissions. For the overall transport sector, Ref. (28) now further discusses sources and calibration.
<i>Power & heat generation</i>	The calibration of generation capacities was additionally verified using the National Energy and Climate Plans of the EU Member States (29) and the ENTSO-E Transparency Platform (30). A simplified dispatch optimization model was used to ensure that calibrated capacities, efficiencies, and generation are technically feasible and consistent with plausible dispatch decisions at the level of individual power plant types reported in JRC-IDEES.

JRC-IDEES-2023

- For easier processing of the data files in Python, R, etc., rows in col. DA of the Excel data files now each have a unique identifier



MS code	Industry sector	Subsector	Process	End use	Fuel	2000	...	2021
EU27	ISI	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	34962.264098	...	24254.125065
					NONCOKE_SOLIDS	1438.147902	...	1395.715232
					COKE	3902.243336	...	1213.662511
					RFG	0.000000	...	0.320292
					LPG	397.085297	...	218.310727
...
SK	OIS	OIS	PROC_COOL_STEAM	STEAM	BIOMASS_WASTE	1.313050	...	0.179430
					STEAM_DISTR	0.033227	...	0.000000
			PROC_COOL_ELEC	ELEC	ELEC	1.187538	...	3.541869
			MOTOR	MECH	DIESEL_LIQBIO	13.795061	...	9.153116
			GENERIC	MECH	ELEC	38.542176	...	75.900344