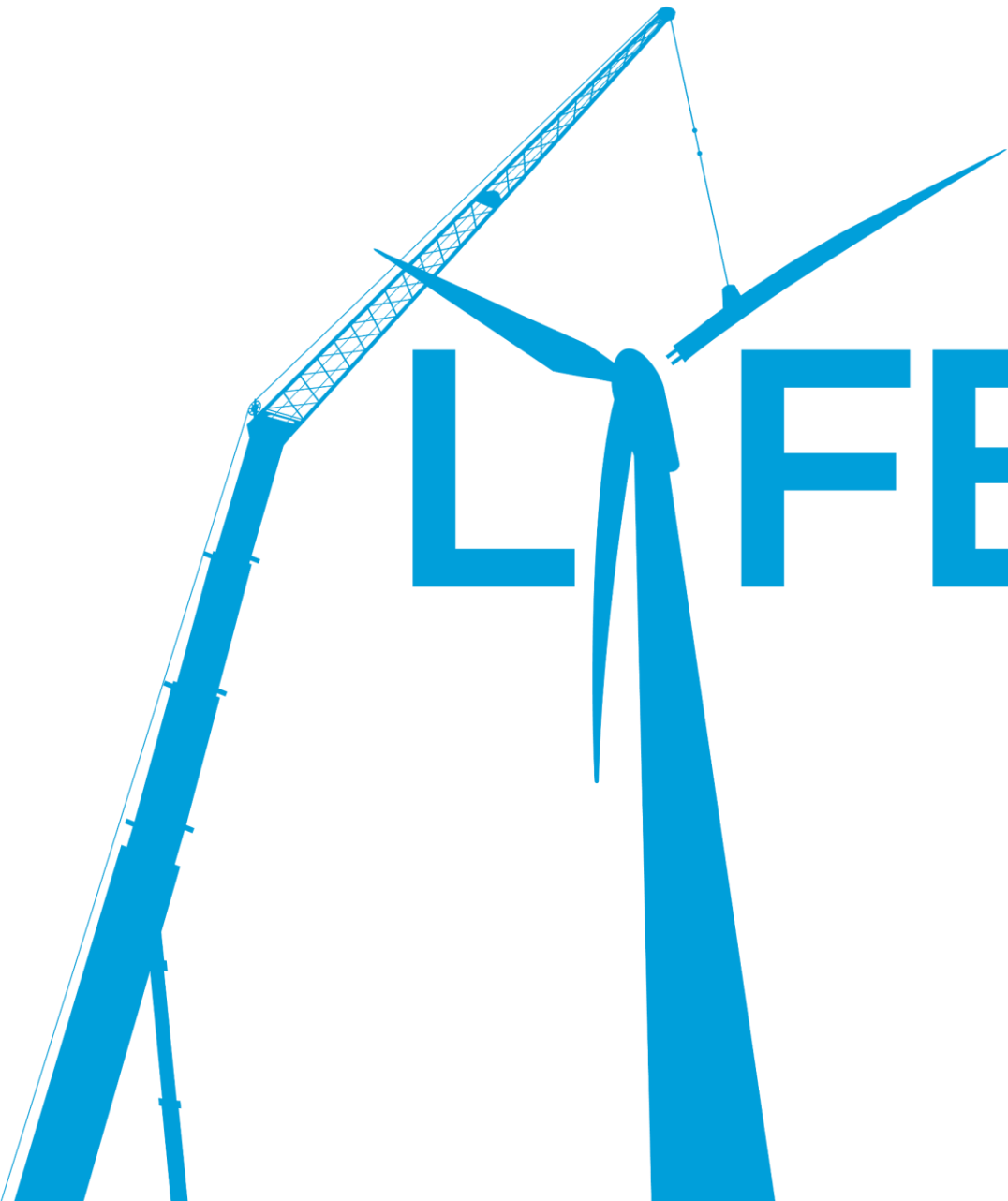




LIFEYARDS

Powering the future grid

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The ecosystem around distribution grids is on a transformational path

Macro trends

Future electricity platform (Smart Grid / DSO)

DSO Trends

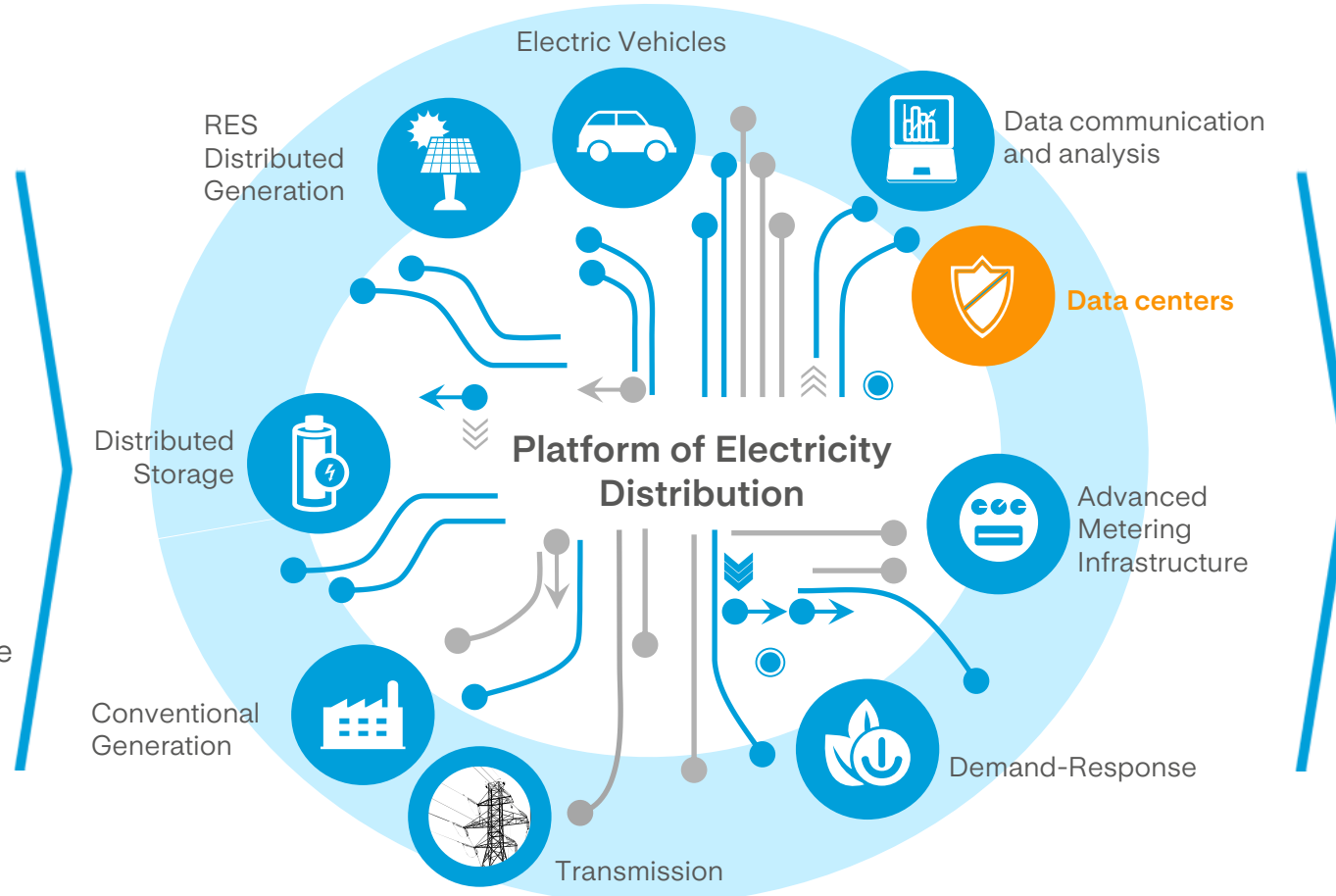
Offer

Increase of **RES generation** (industrial PV and wind, distributed generation) and storage

Demand

Electrification of mobility and residential customers, energy efficiency and Demand-Response mechanisms

NEW opportunities and challenges from Data Centers



Development of grid infrastructure

Increase of grid **resiliency** and **peak capacity**

Digitalization

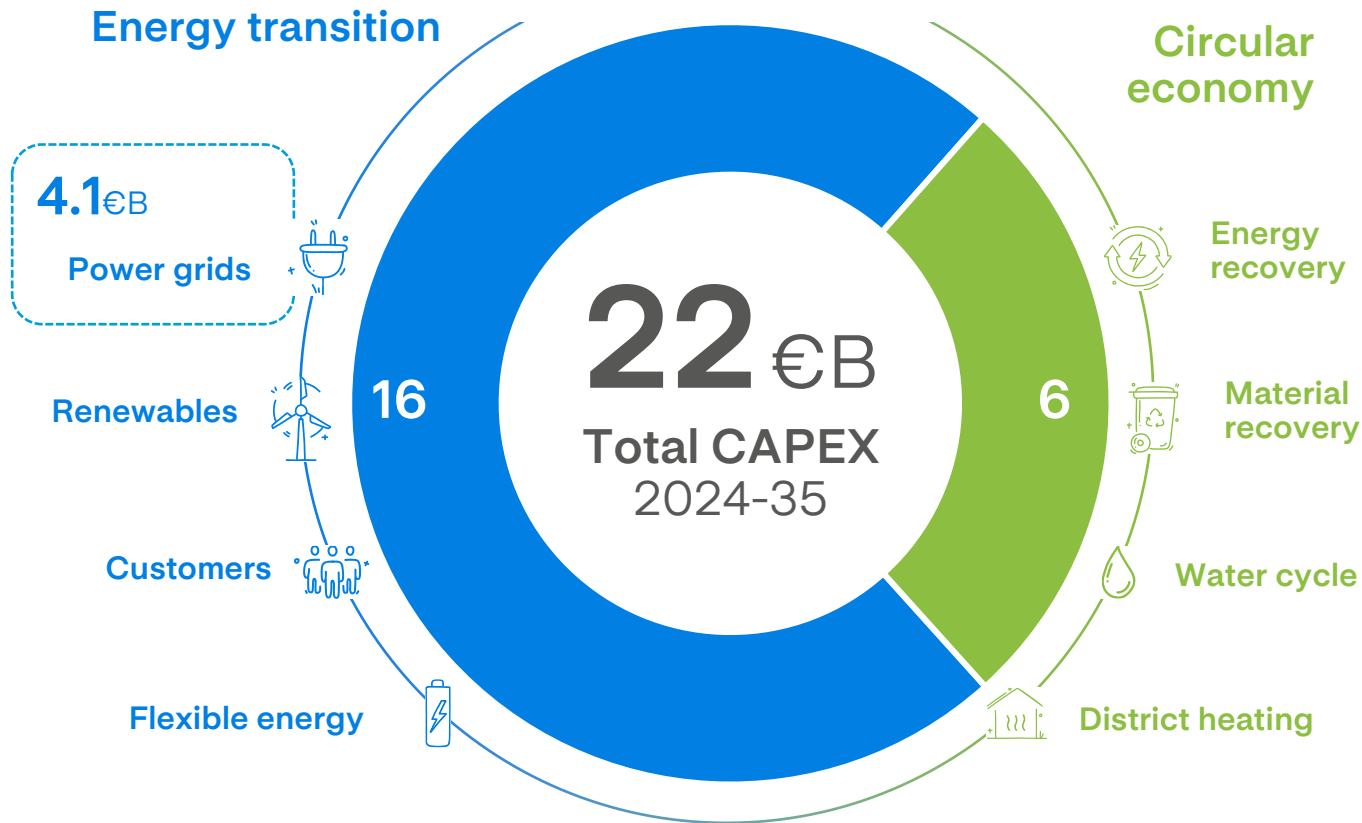
Automation and remote control systems

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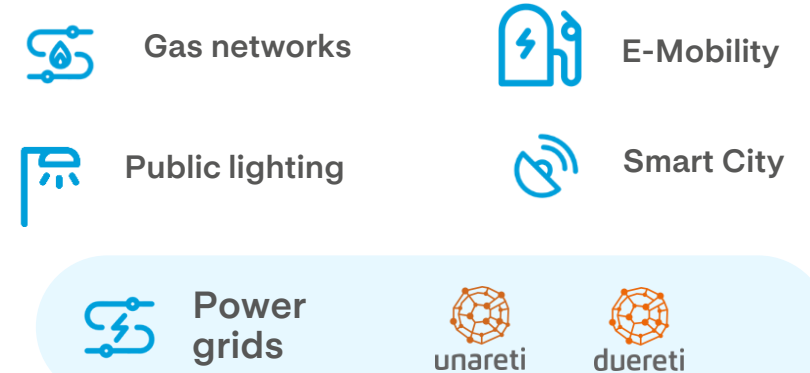
Transition to **output-based remuneration mechanisms**

A2A launched a significant investment plan on the electricity grids

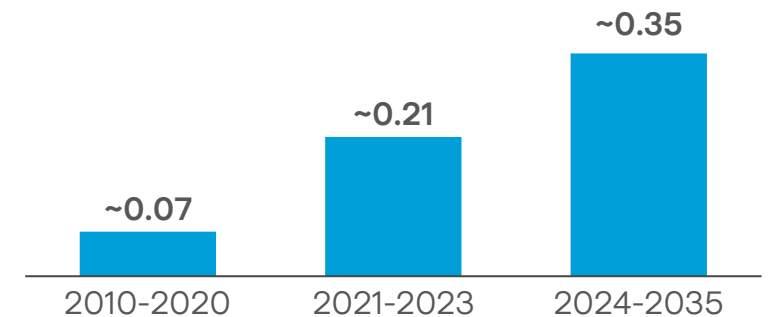
Strategic Plan – CAPEX by pillar | €B



Focus on BU Smart Infrastructures

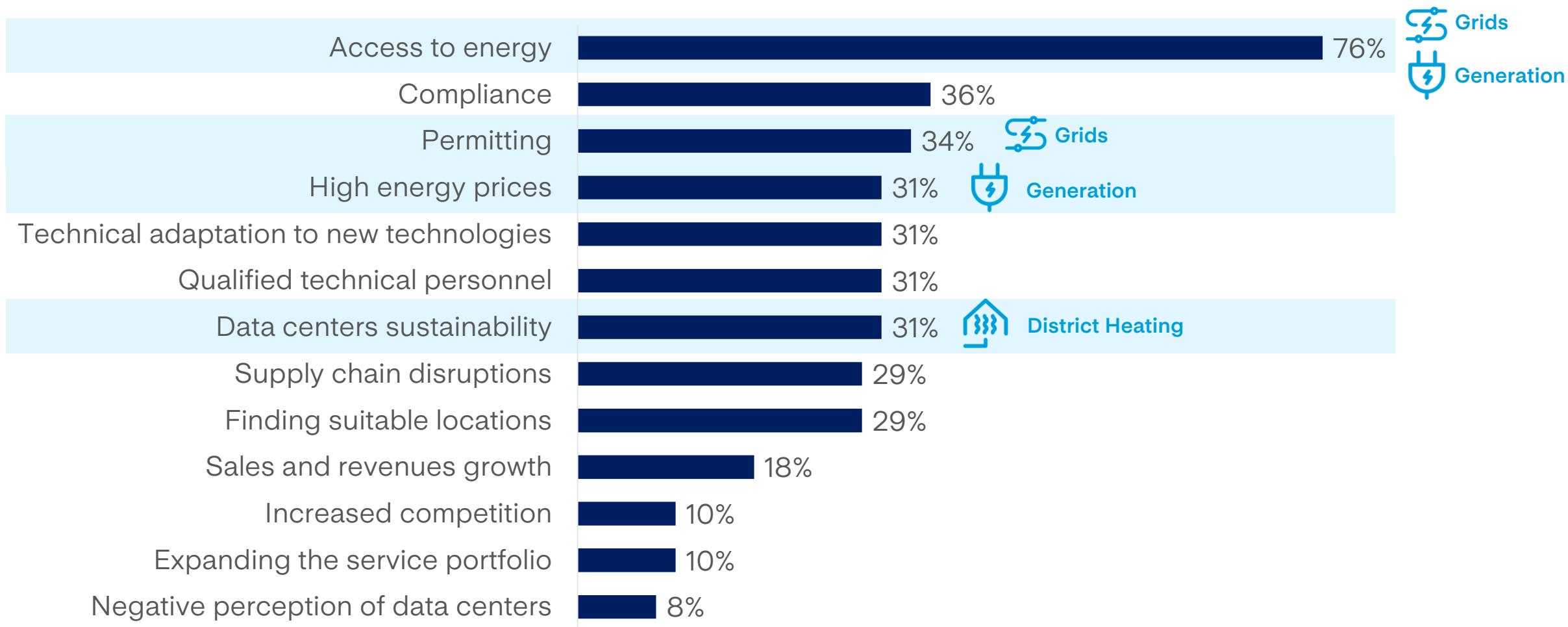


Average annual capex in power grids | €B



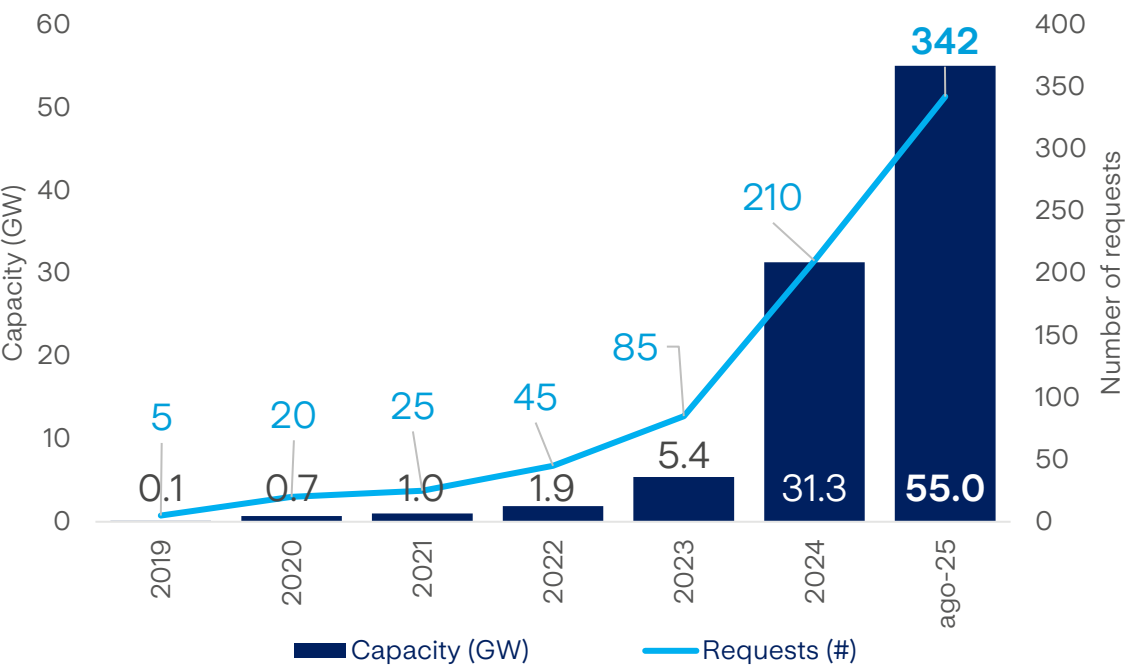
New challenges for utilities from Data Center development

Main challenges in the next 3 years* (%), 2023

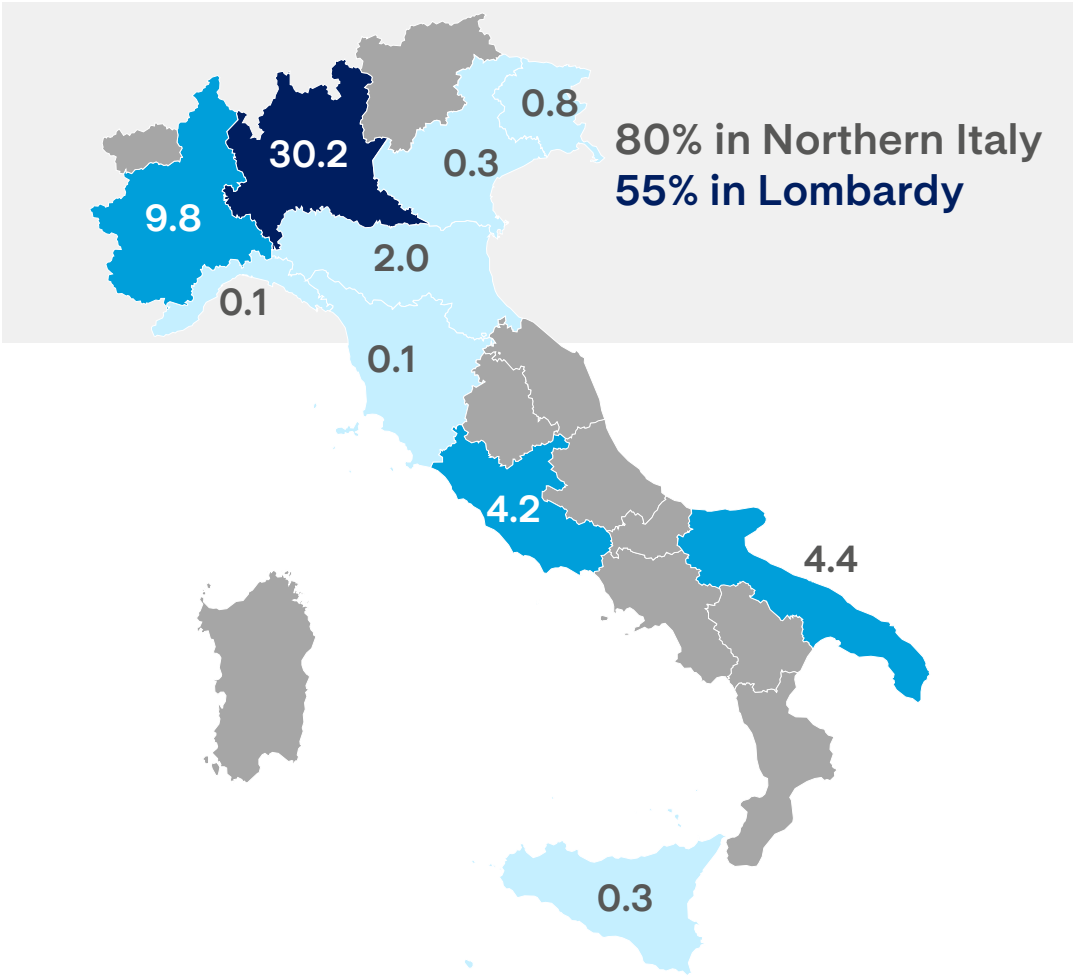


CHALLENGE #1: Connection to the electricity grid...

Requests for connection of high-voltage data centers in Italy
(GW, number of requests), August 2025

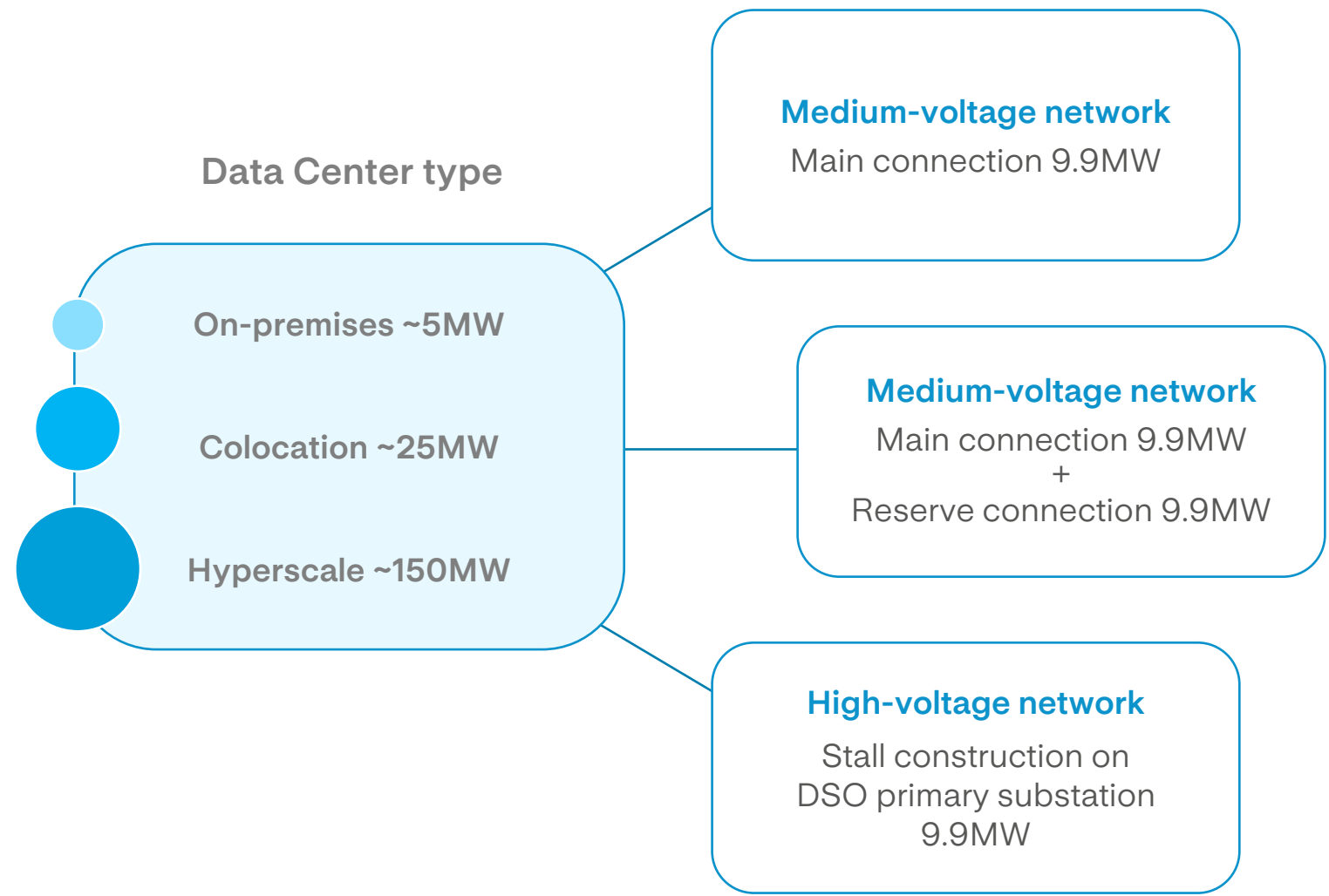


Requests for connection by region
(GW), August 2025



55 GW high-voltage connection requests to Terna
In February-August 2025 requests >15 GW, a value 60% higher than those submitted in 2019-2023

... not only a 'TSO-job'



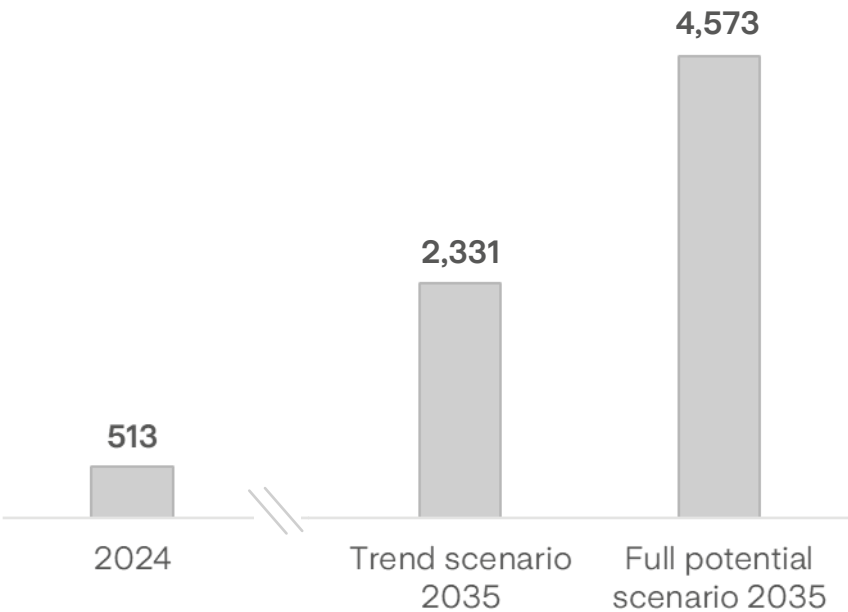
DSO role

Serving all DC types with main and backup lines up to 10 MW

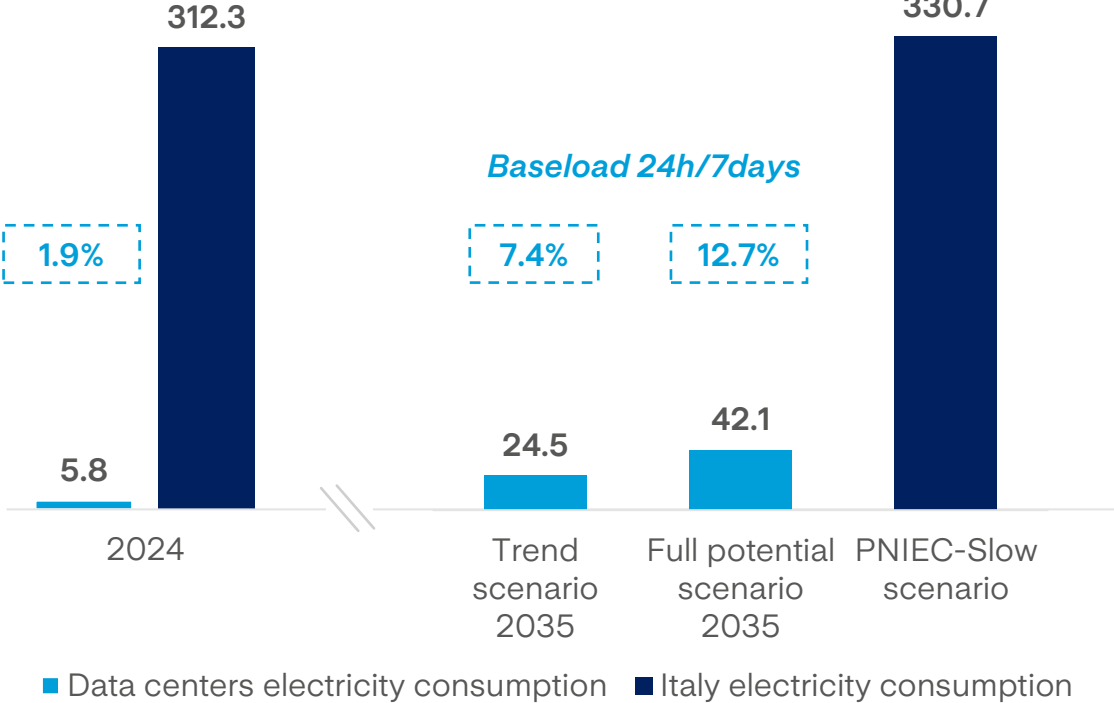
Currently the HV connection times estimated by Terna are at least 3 years

CHALLENGE #2: matching a growing electricity demand...

Nominal energy capacity of data centers in Italy
(MW IT)



Italy's national and data center electricity consumption
(TWh)



The nominal energy capacity of data centers in Italy could grow up to almost **4.6 GW**...

... with an **impact** on **national electricity consumption up to 13%** in a full potential scenario.

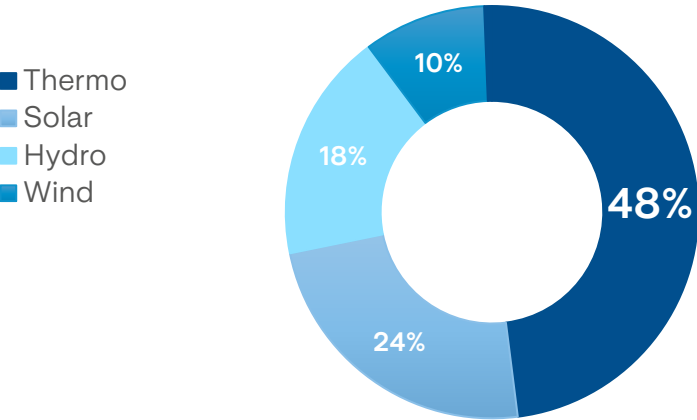
N.B.

- The trend scenario was calculated on the basis of projects currently under construction or at an advanced stage of design.
- The Full Potential Scenario is calculated by applying parameters related to the economic density and urban intensity of the individual market areas.
- The projections of electricity consumption to 2035 are taken from the PNIEC-Slow scenario of Terna and SNAM for 2024. Data center consumption projections have been temporarily calculated assuming a constant average rated power for the national data center fleet.

Source: TEHA Group elaboration on data from the Politecnico di Milano and Terna Data Center Observatory, 2025

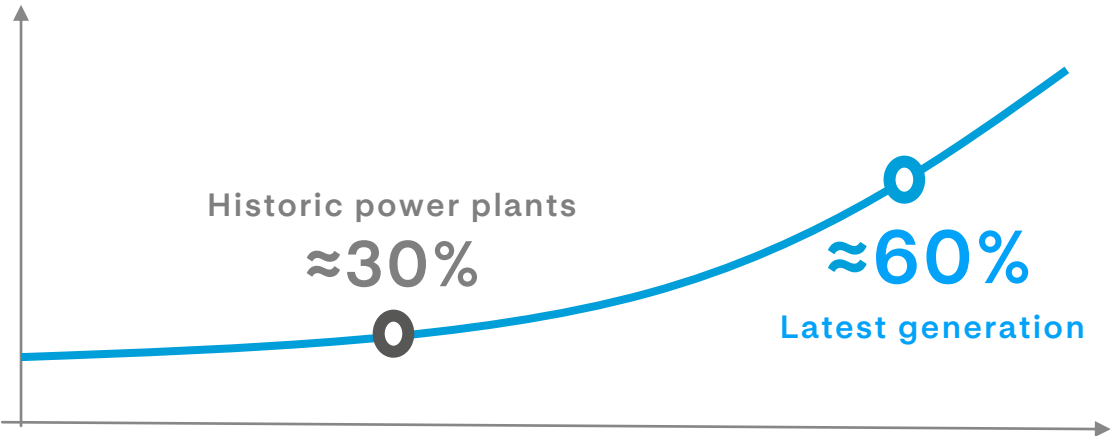
...through an evolving energy mix and an enhanced role of CCGTs

Net efficient installed capacity by source in Italy (value%), 2023



In Italy **56 CCGT plants** active as of 2023, with more than **70%** of the installed capacity **not exploited**

CCGT Power plant efficiency

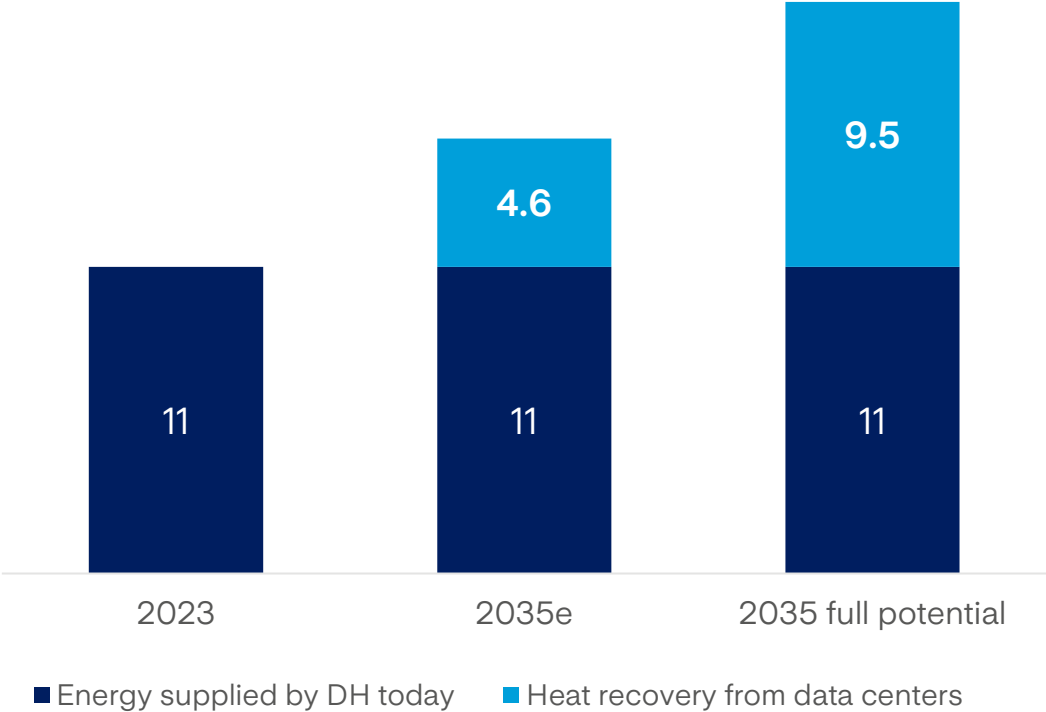


3 new CCGTs recently built and **construction of further 3 new planned**: a total capacity of **almost 5 GW**, corresponding to almost all of Spain's nuclear power

Growth of renewables is a systemic prerequisite, but...
...CCGT plants are key assets to meet the rapid growth in baseload demand

CHALLENGE #3: Resource recovery and environmental benefits

Energy supplied by district heating in Italy to date vs. theoretical maximum potential of the *data center development scenario* (TWh), 2023, 2035 and full potential

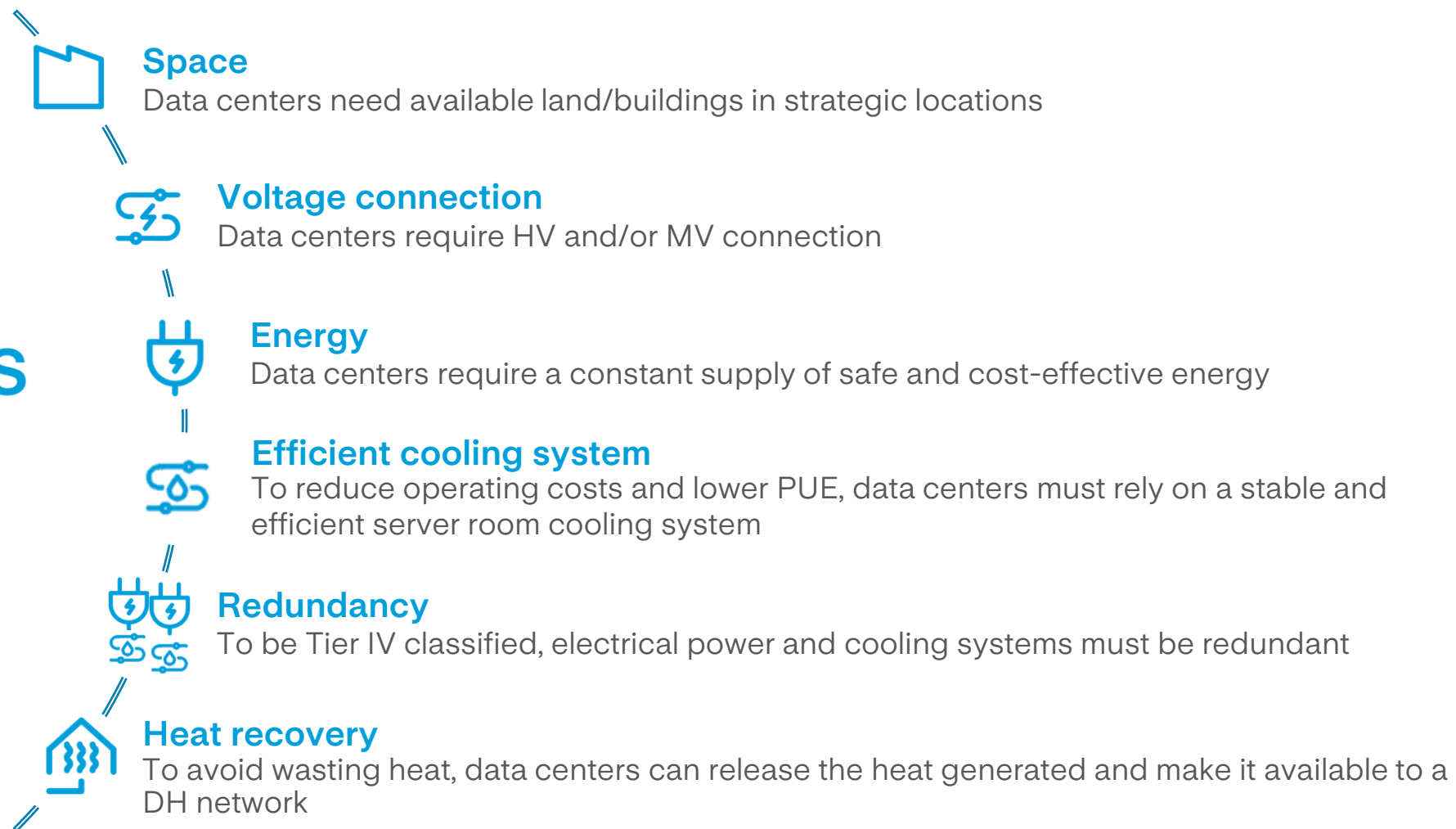


Maximum **9.5 TWh of thermal energy recoverable** from installed DCs suitable for DH connection

This could meet the thermal needs of up to **800k families** , of which **~530k in the Metropolitan City of Milan...**

...and **avoid emissions** of **2Mton of CO₂ eq.**, >5% of the emissions of current residential consumption

From Megabytes to Megawatts: new opportunities for utilities



A2A: the industrial partner capable to meet **the needs** of data centers

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