

## Session 2: Implementation, Economic Impact and Challenges

- Challenges the Power Utility is Facing - M. Ćosić (Croatian utility HEP)



# Implementation, Economic Impact and Challenges

**Challenges the power utility is facing**

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# Global Challenges



Stiff competition

Climate change

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Energy partnerships

CO2 emissions reduction

Efficient IVR systems



# Global Challenges... Climate change and energy responsibilities

## Challenge

### CO2 reduction

- Time to green full value chain
- Battery storage for EV (lithium ion) suitable for stationary power storages?

### Resiliency of the electrical system

- Incorporation of renewables into grid → price impact
- Biogas and circular economy

## Remedy

### Sustainable energy value chain

- Sustainable system of pre- and post- operational logistics → curbing emissions across the value chains for renewable and traditional energy infrastructure
- Lithium phosphate and aqueous batteries perhaps as solution

### 3 pillars: Generation, storage, efficiency

- Prosumers, client-centric solutions based on service models
- Evolution of smart cities, energy efficiency in buildings and electromobility

# Global Challenges... Digital transformation

## Challenge

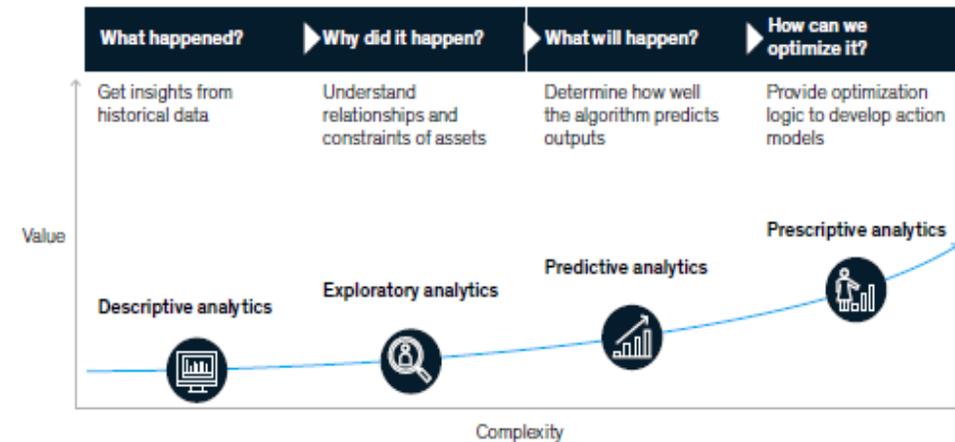
### Power Plant 4.0.

- Next-generation technologies for optimized decision making, increased flexibility
- Demand for improvement of unit efficiency and increase of optimisation resilience
- Transformation of data into actionable insights
- Fact based& data driven culture
- Cyber security

## Remedy

### ML & AI

- Machine learning solutions and artificial intelligence for optimized decision making, increased flexibility
- Data → organization's most valuable assets- 4 step approach



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# Local challenges...

## Croatian EES- current footprint

### Installed capacities in Croatia > 5.000 MW<sup>1</sup>

- HEP 4.105 MW<sup>2</sup> in Croatia
- 766 MW in RES capacities outside HEP
- 165 MW of cogeneration

### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Croatia 23 mil. m/t annually
- HEP 2,7 mil. m/t annually

## Challenges

### Climate change goals

- Change of generation capacities structure
- Increase of RES capacities
- Decrease of CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

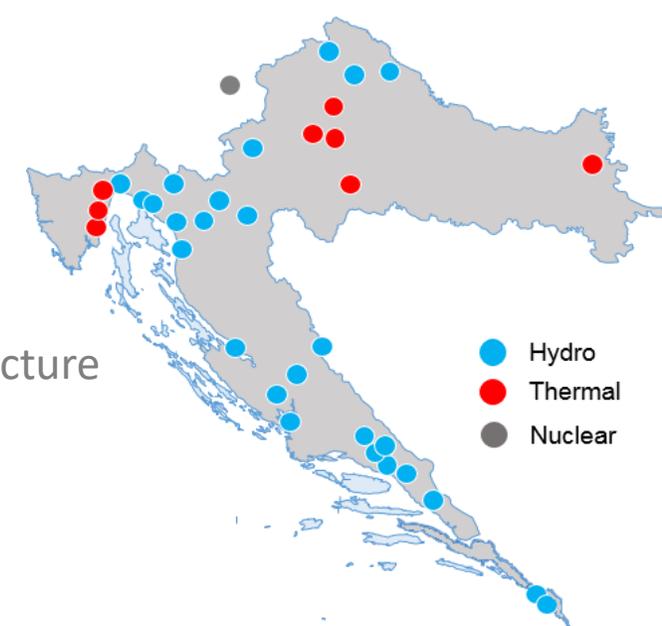
### Legal Framework

- Synchronisation of Legal Acts
- Efficient administration behind procedures

### Integration of RES into system

### Technical/Technological challenges in transportation

- Electrical vehicles



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# Financial market expectations

## Climate change imperative

- ESG rating demand
- Investors expectation of companies to analyze the impact of climate change policies on their business
- Companies' response to climate change as a part of investment strategies by investors
- Credit rating agencies are signaling that they may increasingly incorporate **climate risk into credit assessments**
- Climate change/carbon- “the top ESG [environmental, social, and governance] criterion for money managers representing \$3 trillion in assets and the third-biggest issue for institutional investors with a collective \$2.24 trillion in assets

## Capital markets supportive of climate change demand

- High liquidity limited to applicable projects
- Green and sustainable financing
- Financial institutions leaving coal & gas project financing