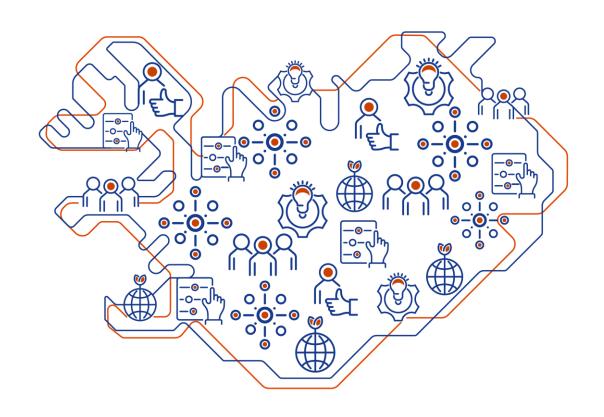
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#### Value Creation in the Icelandic Economy

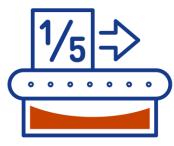
Industry plays an important role in the economy



Industry creates 30% of export revenues



One in five works in industry



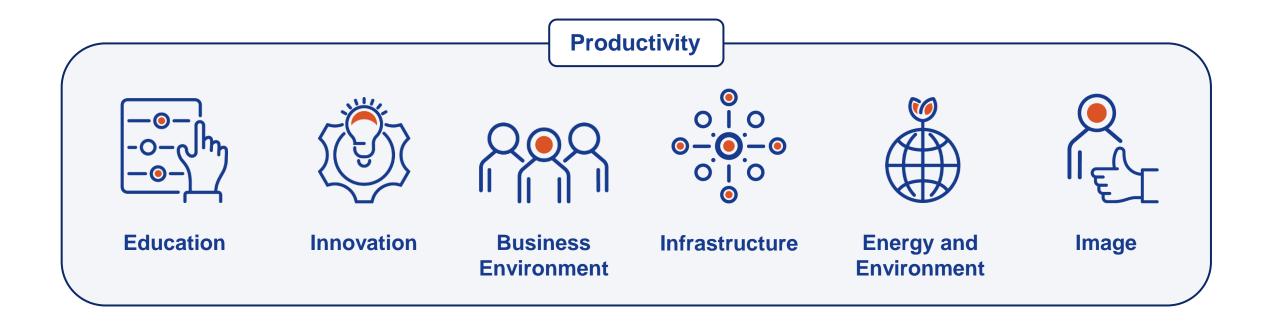
Industry creates 25% of GDP

SI is the largest group of Icelandic businesses, consisting of 1.400 member companies who work in different sectors and are very different in terms of size



#### The Industry's Driving Forces

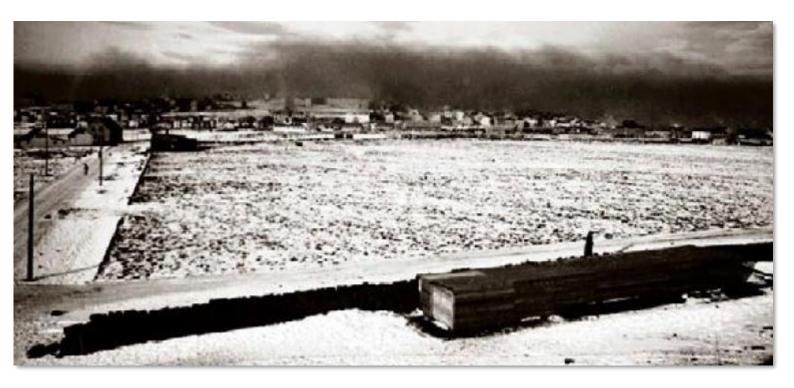
Policy revolves around six pillars





## **Energy Transition in Iceland**



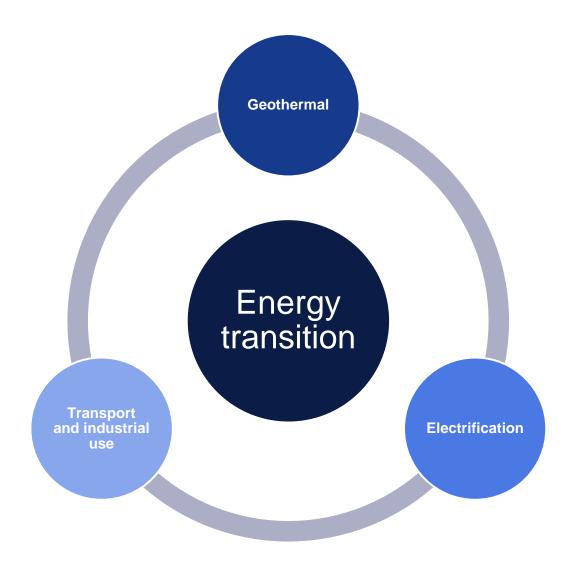


Coal smog in Reykjavík - 1940

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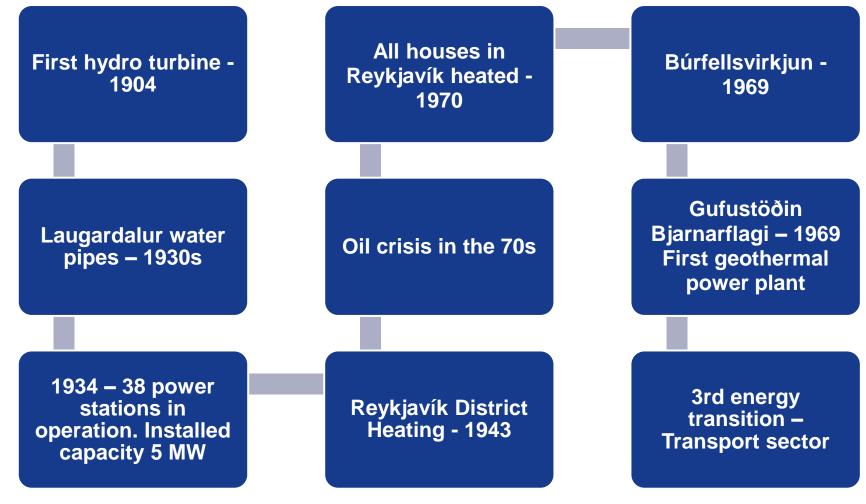


# Energy Transition in Iceland – 3 Pillars



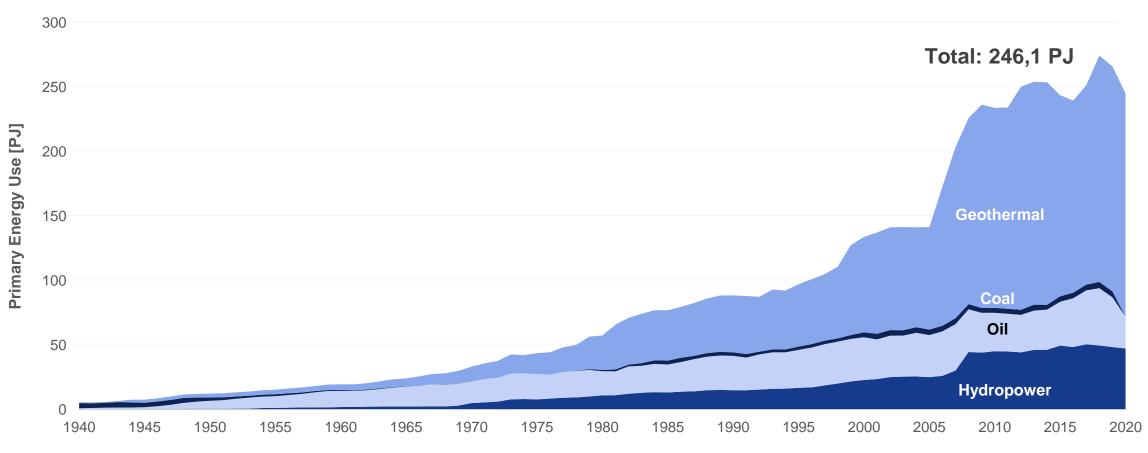


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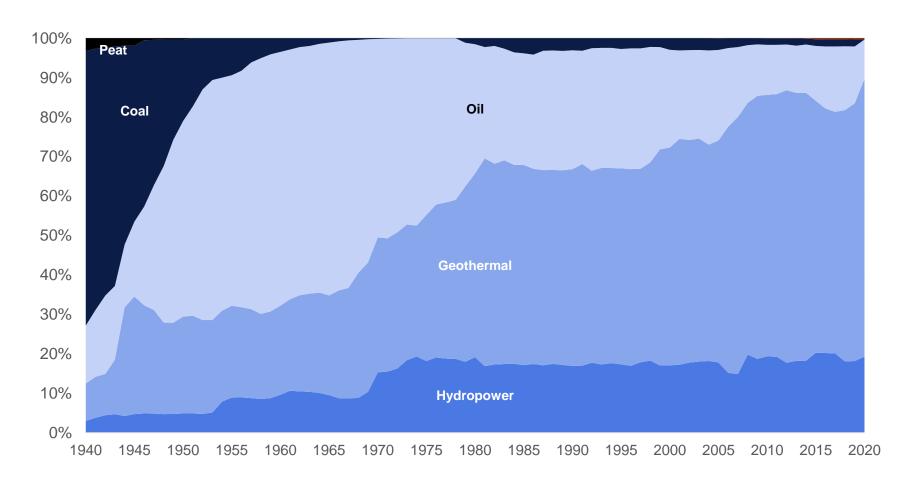
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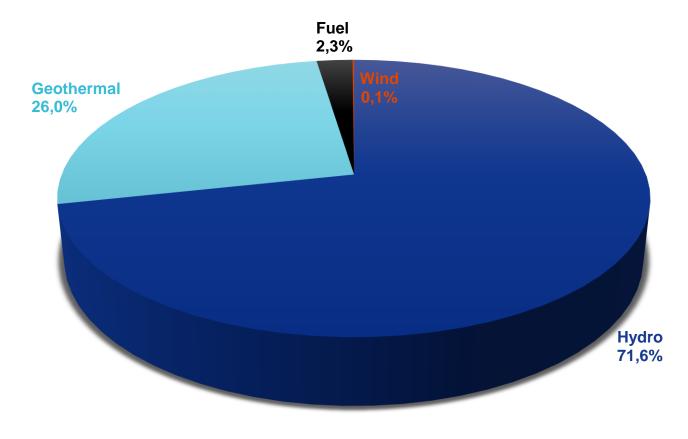
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# **Energy statistics**

Installed capacity 2019

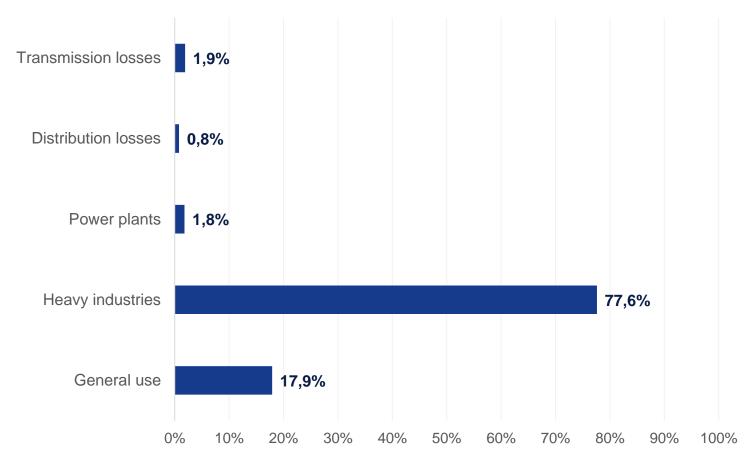


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#### Electricity consumption in Iceland

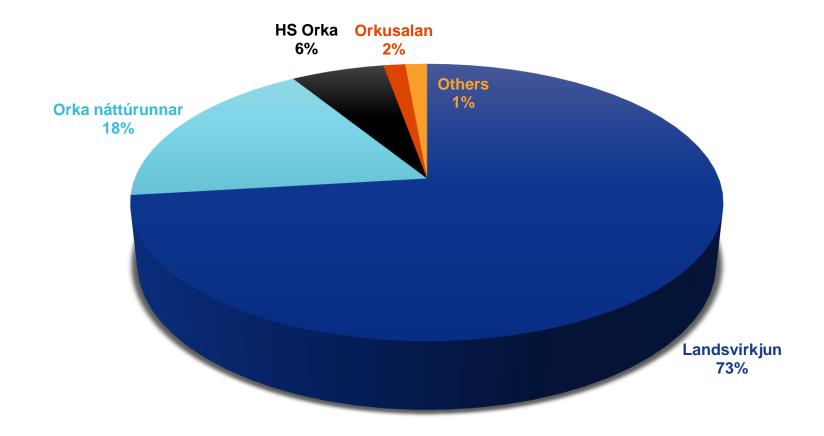


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# **Energy statistics**

Electricity generation





#### The Icelandic electricity market

#### Market conditions of the domestic market

- Based on the European el-market model EEA legislation
- Few participants and relatively small market
- Isolated system
- One producer with predominantly market position
- Majority of electricity tied in a long-term contracts
- Long term contracts partly connected with product prices
- Load fluctuations are minor, both within a day or the year
- No spot market



## Energy Policy to the year 2050

A Sustainable Energy Future





#### Energy Policy to the year 2050

Main objectives of the policy



Efficient and competitive energy market



Infrastructure sound and resilient



**Energy system** diversified



**Energy transition** 



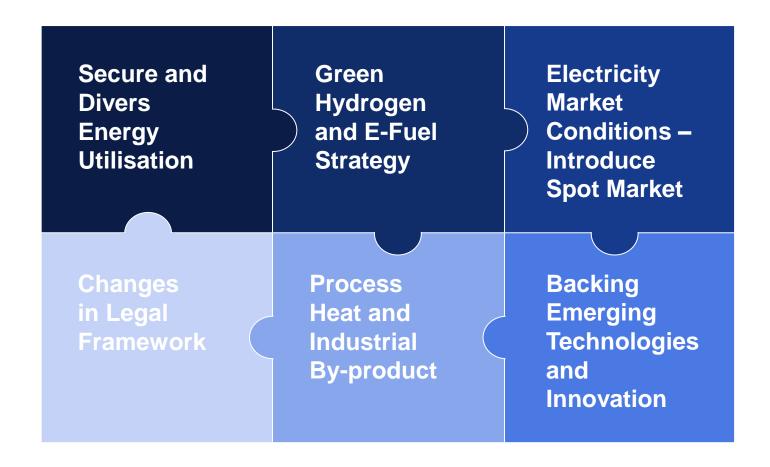
Sustainable use of energy resources



Minimisation of environmental impact



#### Key Challenges and Opportunities





#### Thank you

