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What can we say on energy  
consumption and efficiency in 2020?

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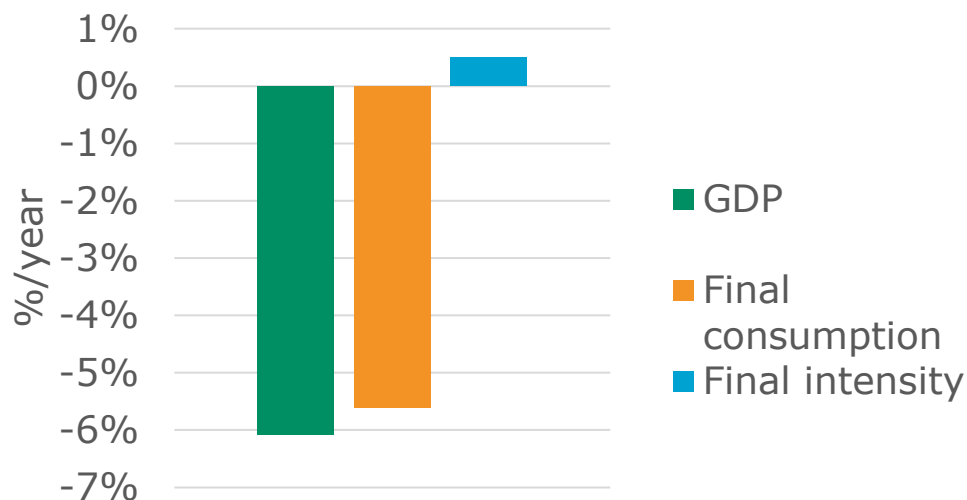
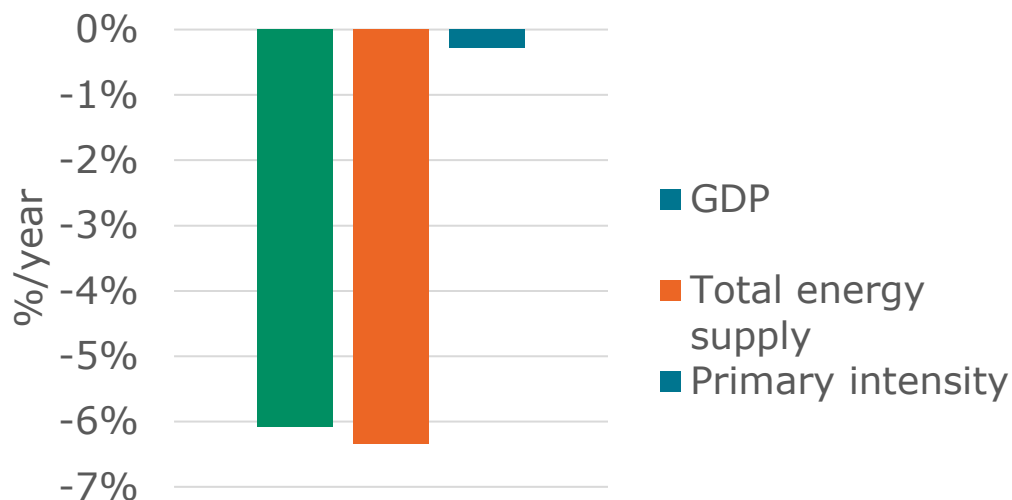


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# Energy consumption

# Total energy supply and final consumption in 2020

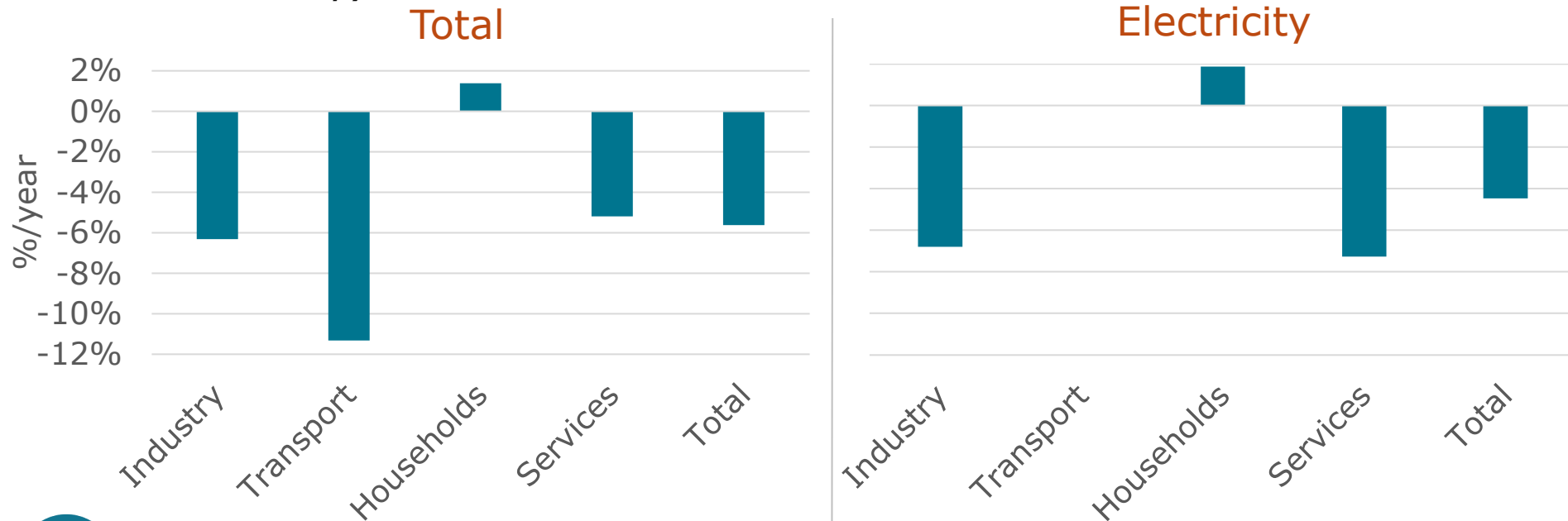


- Drop by 6% of total energy supply in 2020.
- Stronger reduction than for final consumption due to an increased penetration of hydro, solar and wind with 100% efficiency in the power mix (+ 4 points in 2020).
- Final consumption variation slightly lower than GDP contraction resulting in an increasing final intensity (+0.5%), after 6 years of regular decrease.
- Primary and final consumption are estimated to be 6% under the targets for 2020.

Consumption and intensity at normal climate.  
Source: Enerdata estimates

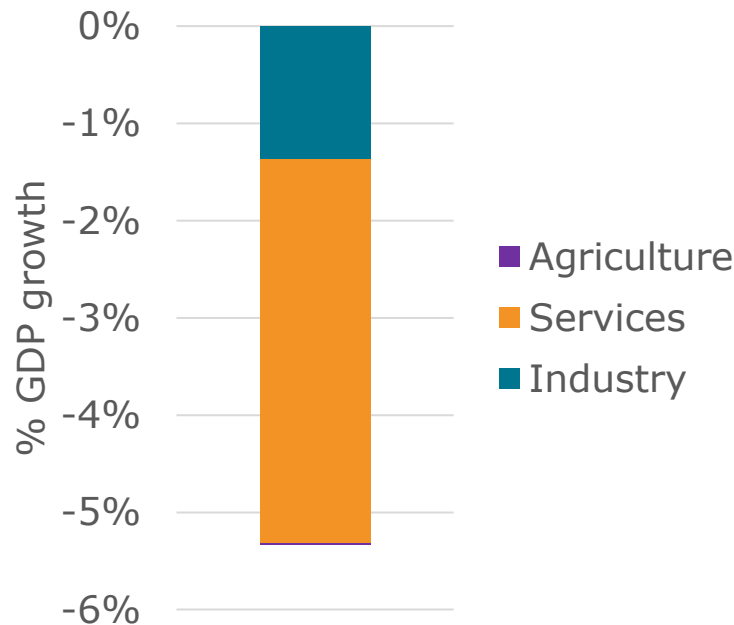
# Final energy consumption by sector in 2020

- Final consumption dropped by 5.6% in 2020 and electricity consumption by 4.5%.
- **Transport** was the **most impacted** sector, due to lock down and travel restrictions (-11%).
- **Services** registered the **highest decrease** in **electricity** consumption (-7%) due to massive teleworking and temporary closure of many public-access establishments (shops, bars, restaurants, etc.).
- **Households** was the only sector consumption with an **increase in consumption** with people staying longer at home (+1.4% for total, +1.9% for electricity).



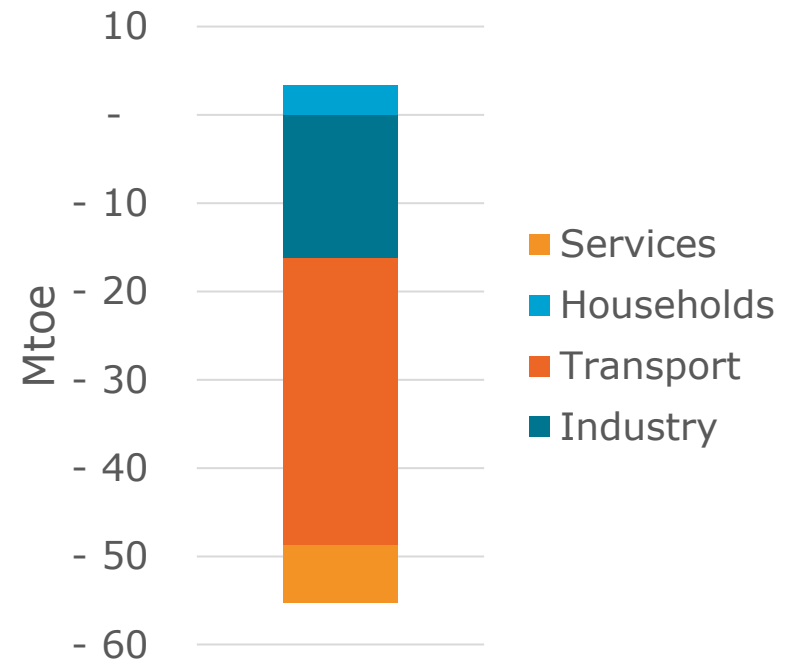
# Contribution of sectors to energy consumption and GDP variation in 2020 (EU)

- Transport is responsible for 60% of the reduction in final consumption variation.
- Services explain only 12% of the final consumption decrease while they contributed to 2/3 of the GDP contraction.
- **Contribution of sectors to GDP contraction in 2020**



Source: Eurostat

## Contribution of sectors to final consumption reduction (Mtoe)



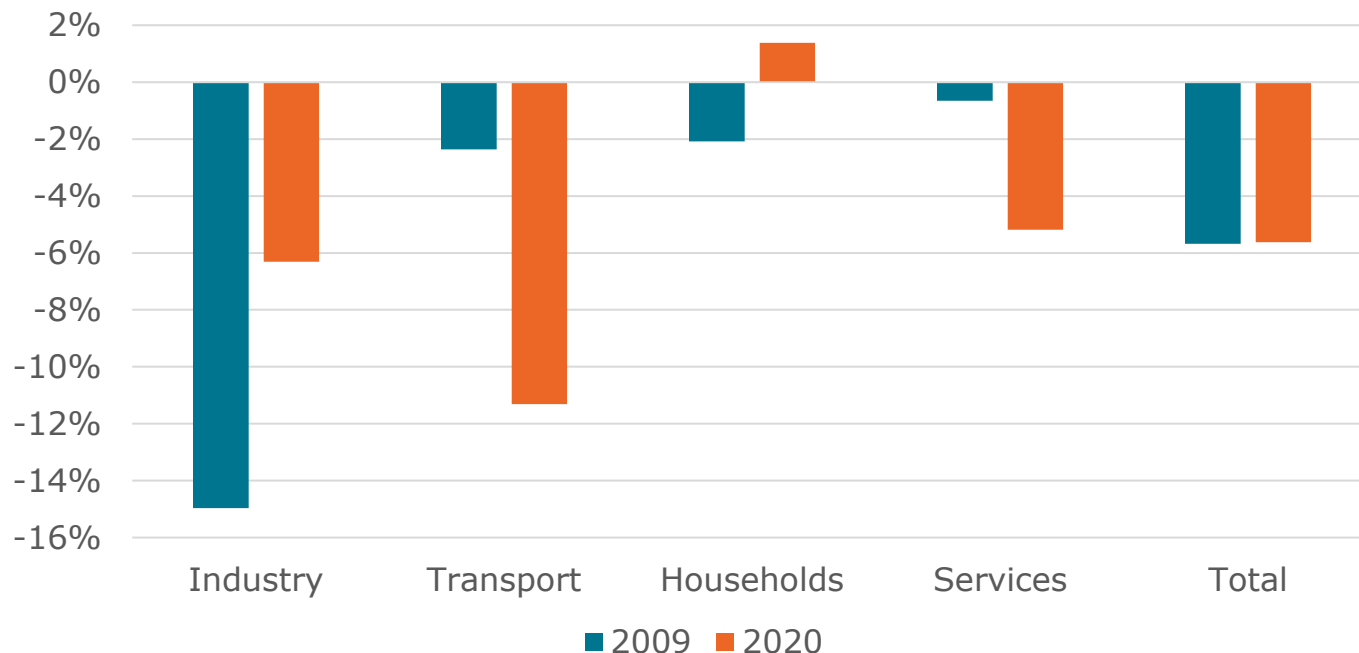
Source: Enerdata estimates; households and services at normal climate

# From one crisis to the other: 2020 vs 2009

While the **reduction in final consumption is similar to that of 2009** (-6%), the impact by sector is very different.

- **Transport** was much **more impacted** than in 2009 crisis (-11% in 2020 vs only -2% in 2009). Same for **services** consumption.
- In contrast, industry and households consumption were **less impacted**:
  - **Industry** consumption fell by only **6%** against **14% in 2009**
  - Households registered a consumption increase in 2020

## Final consumption variation by sector: 2020 vs 2009



# What can we say on energy efficiency?

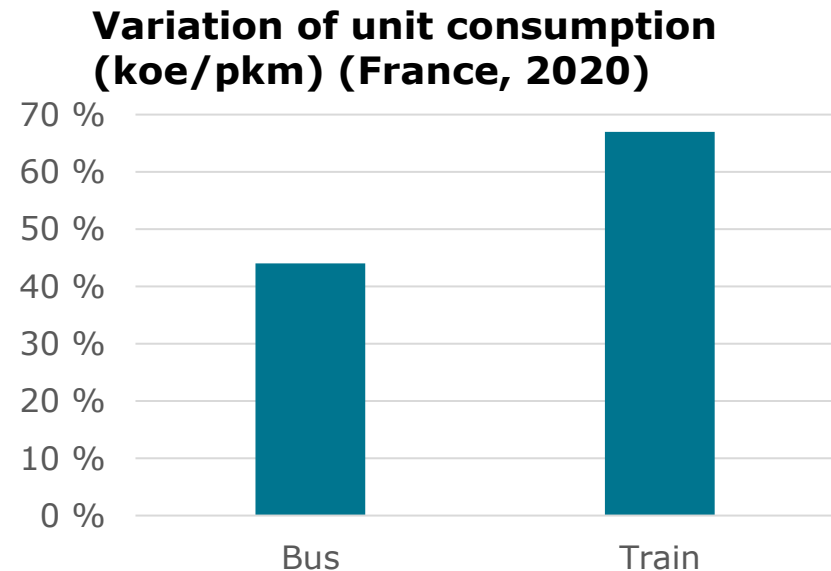
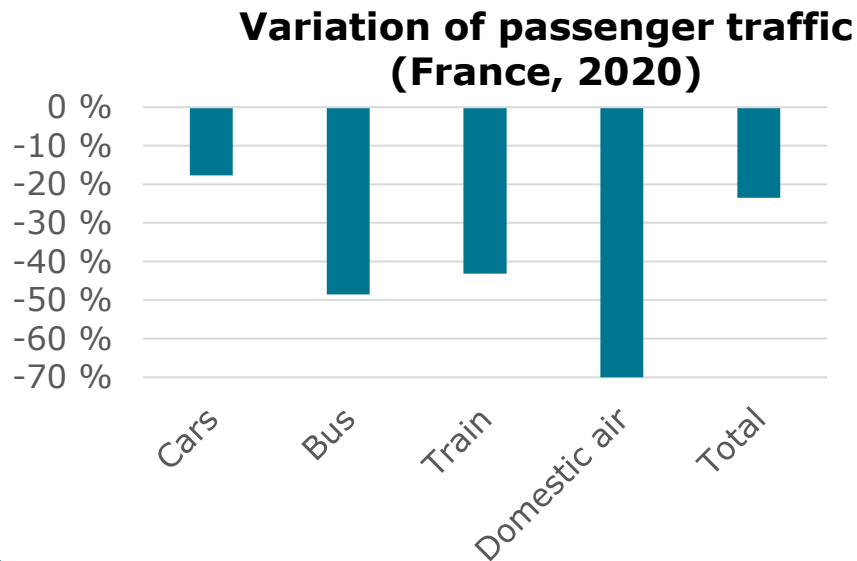


# Energy efficiency in a period of recession: some reminders

- In general energy efficiency **deteriorates** in periods of deep recession in productive sectors (industry, services and freight transport): indeed, energy consumption does not follow the reduction in economic activities because of lower use of industrial capacities, or lower load factor for trucks, leading to an increase of indicators of specific consumption and a lower “efficiency”, **not from a technical viewpoint** but from an **operational viewpoint**.
- This led in ODYSSEE to the development of a **technical** energy efficiency index, following the first deep recession in 2009: this **technical ODEX** considers that technical energy efficiency does not deteriorate and implies freezing the indicators used to measure energy efficiency at sub-sector or end-use level, if these indicators increase.
- In 2020, specific consumption generally increased in transport and services as they were the most impacted sectors. The same applies also for households but for other reasons. This justifies well the use of the technical ODEX

# What can we say about energy efficiency in 2020: case of passenger transport in France?

- Energy efficiency in transport is measured in terms of energy consumed per unit of traffic (koe/pkm or tkm).
- For public passenger transport (train, metro, bus), lock down and sanitary measures have led to a **sharp reduction in traffic and load factors**, and thus in **unit consumption per pkm**.
- In **France, for instance**, it is estimated that the passenger traffic has dropped by 24%, i.e. 3 times faster than GDP (elasticity of 3).
- Unit consumption per pkm has increased by 44% for buses and 67% for rail.



Source: *compte des transports, bilan circulation, own estimates (preliminary)*

# What can we say about energy efficiency in 2020?

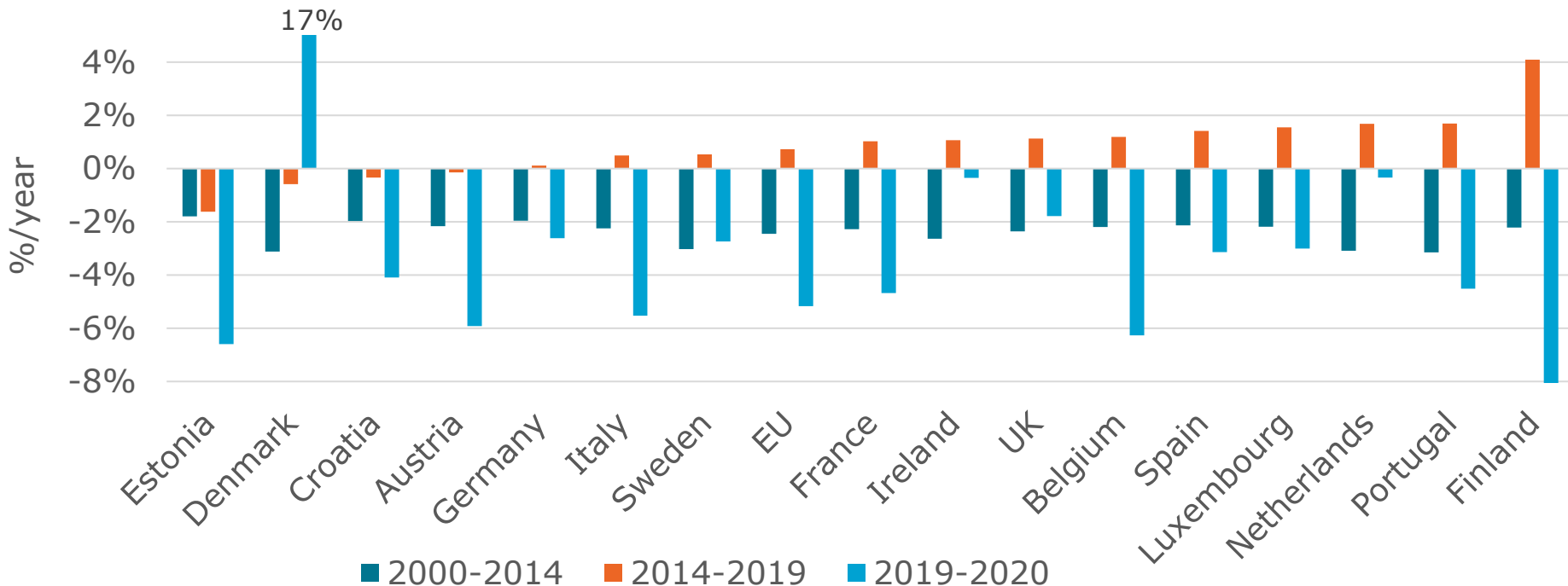
- Assuming a constant technical ODEX in a period of recession was justified until now but has **some limits**: indeed, in reality in most sectors and end-uses, **energy efficiency continues to improve** in a period of recession, such as in 2020: new equipment (cars, appliances etc..) sold in 2020 or new buildings continued to be more efficient than in 2019.
- What may have changed is the volume of new equipment and buildings in 2020 (car sales have decreased by 25%), which mechanically resulted in **lower overall energy efficiency gains** for new equipment and buildings.
- In addition, energy efficiency is also strongly linked to existing policy measures (e.g regulation for cars and appliances, support to retrofitting of buildings), which means that it is less sensitive to a crisis.
- For instance, renovation of social buildings jumped in 2020 in Denmark (x4) and France (+60%) and increased slightly in Sweden, Germany, Finland and Austria\* and new cars continue to be more efficient and

*\*Source: France: ANAH; other countries :State of housing in eu 2021;  
Housing europe (association of social housing)*

# Energy efficiency of new thermal cars improved in 2020

- The specific consumption of new diesel and gasoline cars has decreased again in 2020 in most countries, and quite significantly in some of them.
- This marked a net reversal of the trend 2014-2019, when this specific consumption increased in most countries and at EU level, due to two main factors: a **decrease in diesel** shares (from 56% in 2012 to 34% in 2019 at EU level) and a growing share of SUV (from 25 to ~40%).

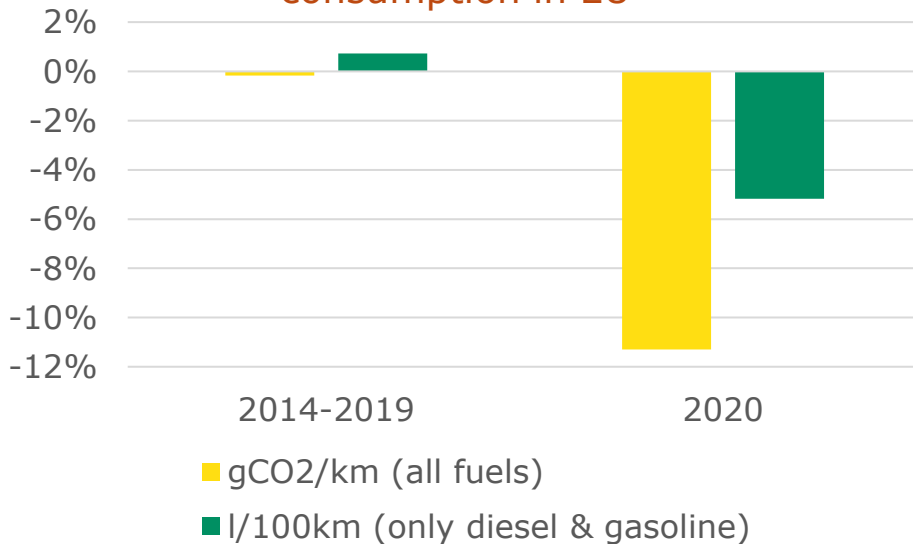
**Test-cycle values for diesel and gasoline cars (l/100 km)\***



\*Source: ODYSSEE from EEA data corresponding to NEDC cycles to avoid a break in time series; only countries with data since 2000 are shown.

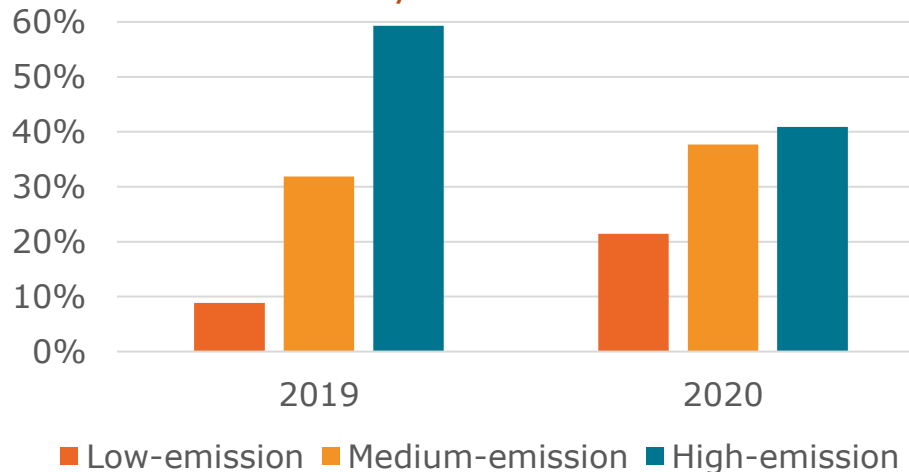
# Specific emissions of new cars decreased sharply in 2020

Trends on specific CO2 emissions and specific consumption in EU



- Specific CO2 emissions of new cars fell by more than 11% in 2020 due to higher share of low-emission vehicles in cars' sales.
- Indeed, even if cars' sales decreased by 25% in 2020 due to COVID-19 crisis, the sales of electric and hybrid cars more than doubled in 2020.

Sales of new cars by CO2-emission band in EU



- Despite this, the 2021 target will probably not be reached (108 gCO2/km in 2020 vs target of 95g).

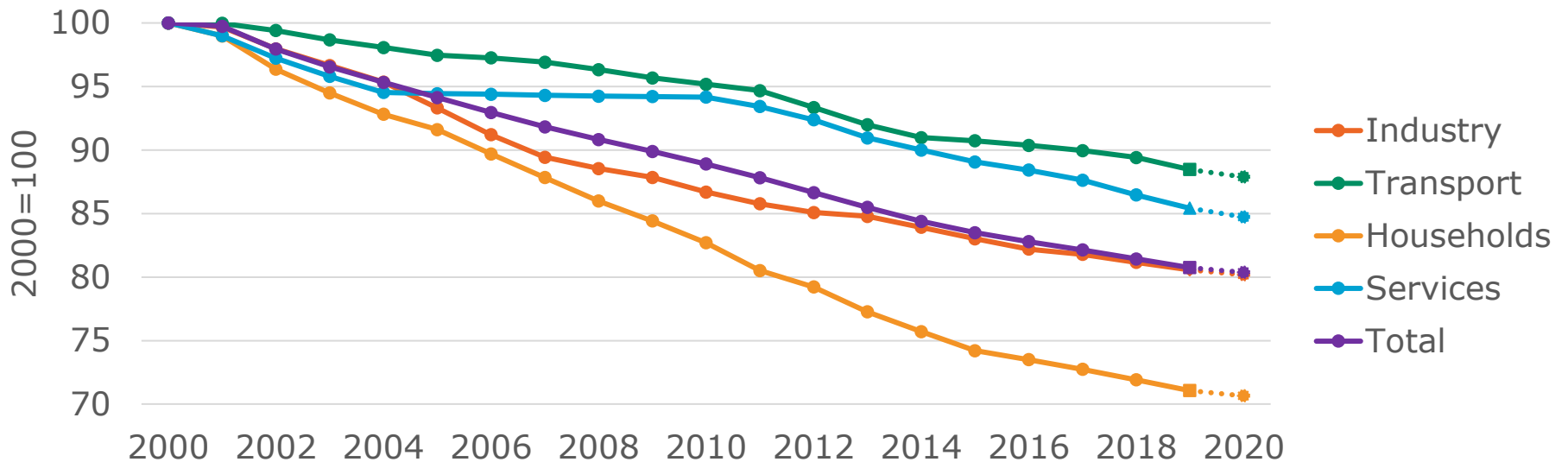
# What can we say about energy savings and the drivers of the variation of consumption in 2020?

- The methodology developed for estimating the energy efficiency index (ODEX) and consumption decomposition for year  $n-1$  (i.e. 2020 in 2019) is mainly based on trend extrapolation, which means that it works well if the most recent year follows past trends, which is far from being the case in 2020, especially in transport.
- It is possible to adapt the methodology on a **case-by-case basis**, provided that some data are available for calibration, but this is **very time-consuming** and goes beyond what could be spent for this task.
- We have done it for the EU only.

# Energy efficiency slowed down again in 2020 according to preliminary estimates

Efficiency of final consumers **increased by around 0.5% in 2020** (compared to 0.7%/yr over 2014-2019), of which 0.4% for industry and 0.6% for households and transport.

### Energy efficiency improvements for final consumers (EU)

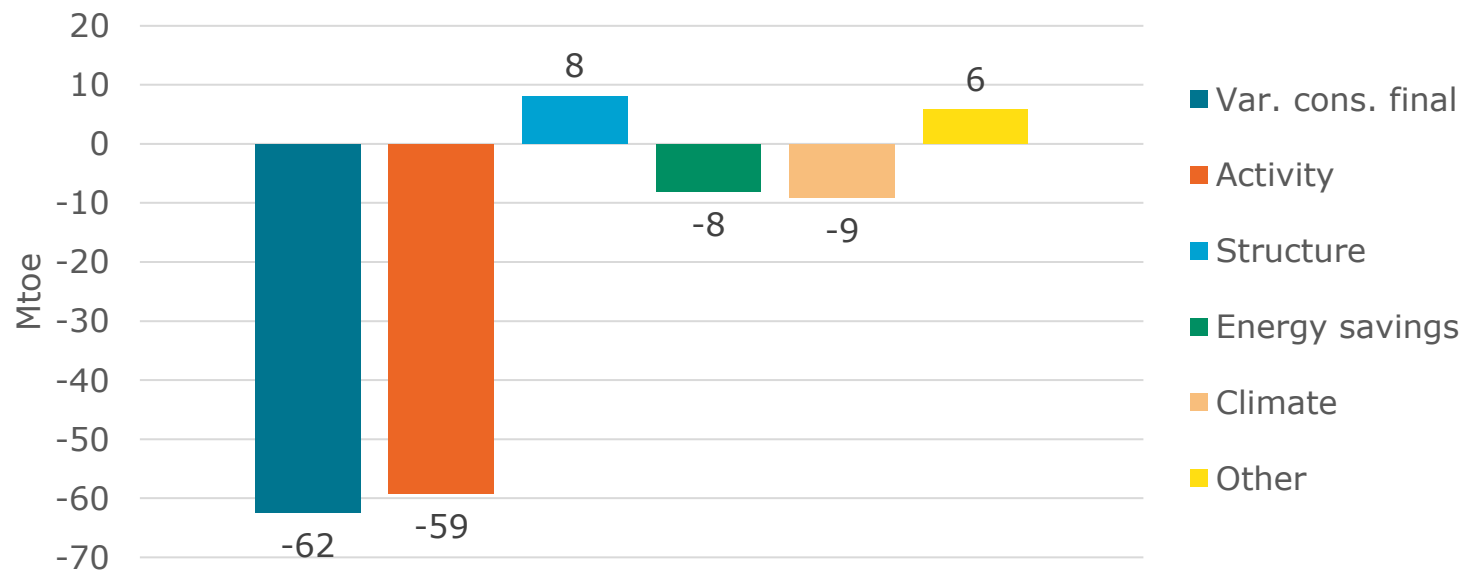


Source: Enerdata preliminary estimates based on "Early estimates" from ODYSSEE  
(<https://www.odyssee-mure.eu/private/methodology-early-estimates.pdf>)

# First estimates of the drivers of final consumption variation in 2020 at EU level

- In 2020, final consumption decreased by 62 Mtoe.
- Almost all of this decrease is due to the contraction of activity related to the COVID pandemic.
- Energy savings contributed to a reduction in consumption of 8 Mtoe.

## Drivers of final consumption variation between 2019 and 2020



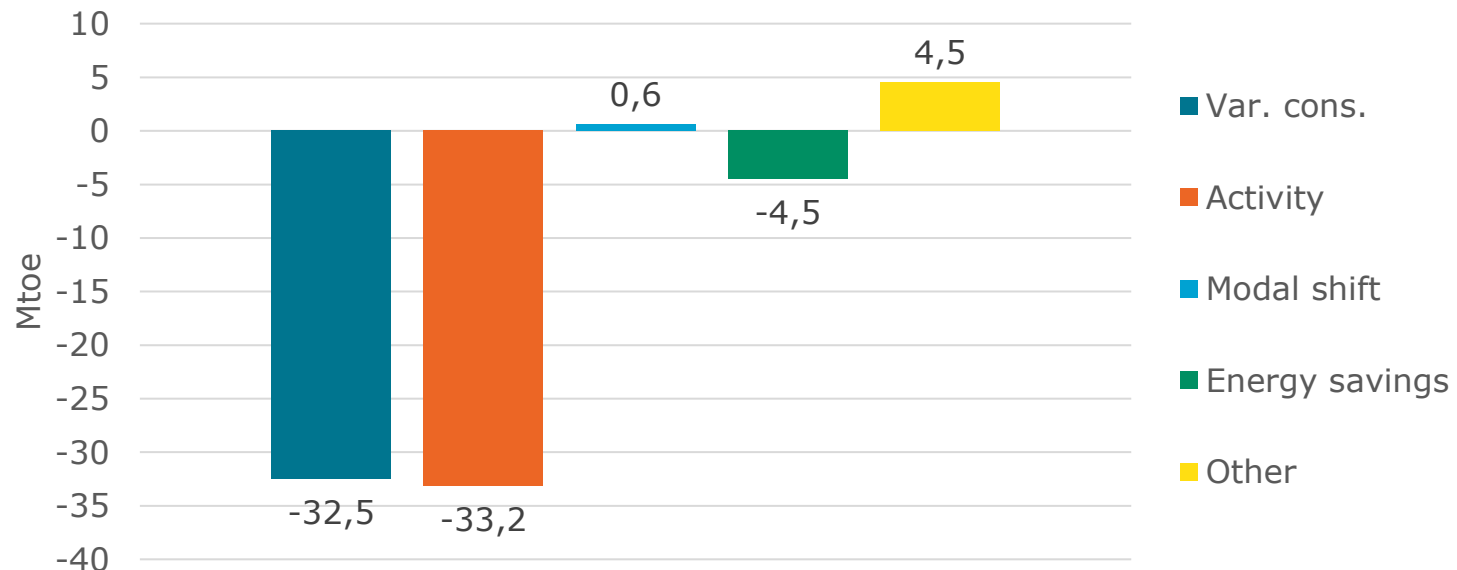
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# First estimates of the drivers of transport consumption variation at EU level

- In 2020, transport consumption decreased by 33 Mtoe, which is mostly due to the drop in traffic, especially passenger traffic, which in a normal year represent around 60% of the consumption .
- Energy savings is estimated to have contributed to a reduction in consumption of 4.5 Mtoe.
- “Others” factor correspond mainly to increase in specific consumption per unit of traffic due to the reduction in the rate of occupancy in public transport .

## Drivers of transport consumption variation between 2019 and 2020



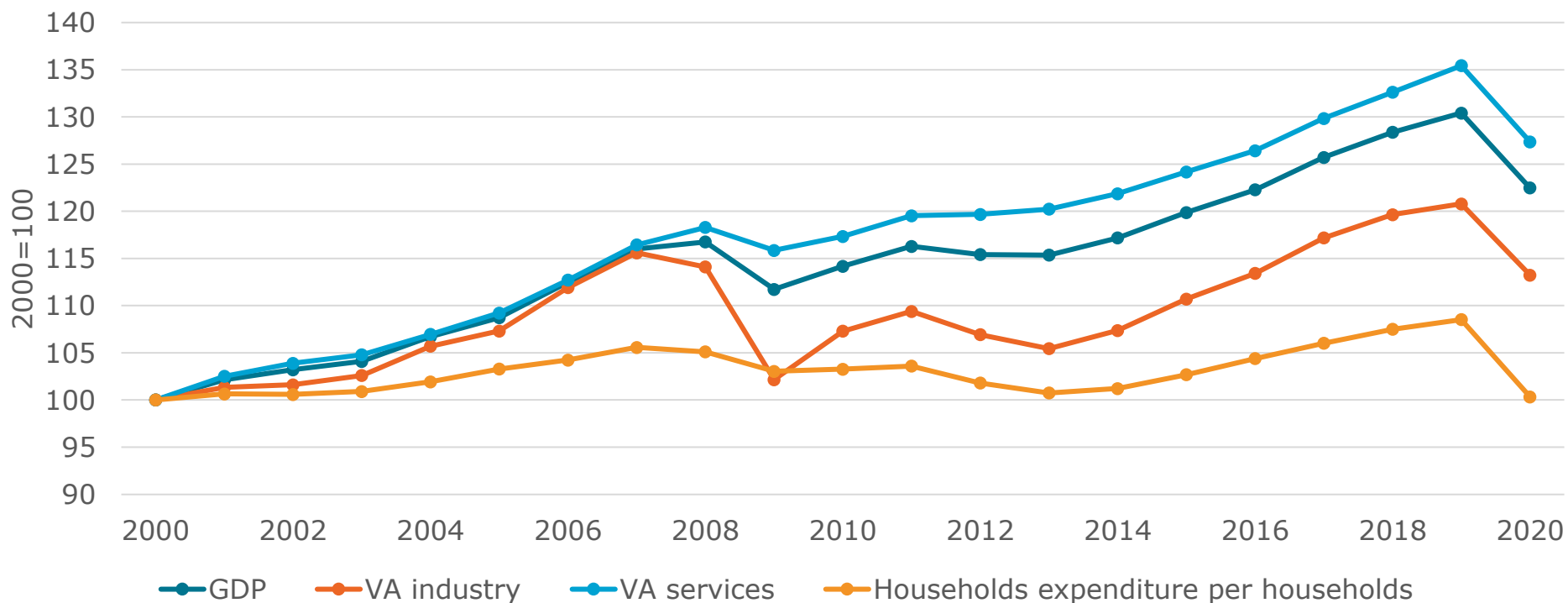
# Conclusions

- It is too early to draw conclusions on the impact of the COVID pandemic on energy efficiency in 2020.
- Part of the usual energy efficiency indicators have increased, mainly for non-technical reasons (load factors, operational reasons), which may not be well corrected .
- Indeed, the technical ODEX corrects for this effect but freezes technical efficiency, implying no progress and no additional savings...which is not satisfactory, as it does not correspond to what we can observe for cars, trucks or for dwellings.
- Strong structural effects , especially in transport and services, limited the quality of early estimates that relied mainly on extrapolation.
- Further methodological effort should be devoted in the next project to address this issue, i.e. how to account for technical efficiency in period of recessions, and to improve the early estimates.

# Annex: GDP variation by sector in 2020

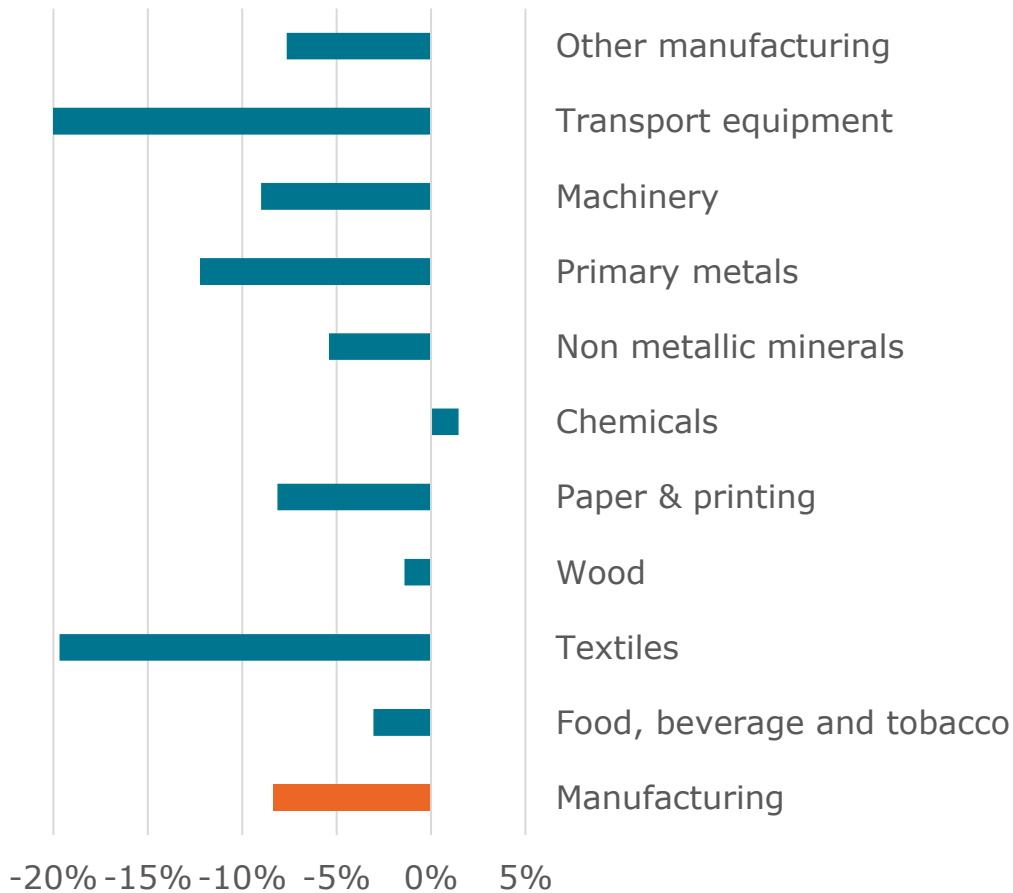
# Macro-economic impact

- GDP fell by 6% with similar impact on VA of industry and services
- The recession was 2 points stronger than in 2009 but impacted differently the sectors because of lockdowns : lower impact for industry (-6% in 2020 vs -11% in 2009) while services suffered more (-6% vs -2%) .
- Households expenditures per household decreased by 8% due to lower expenditures on entertainment and transport (lock-down).



# Manufacturing production impact

## 2020 trend on Industry Production Index by branch



- Manufacturing production index decreased by 8% in 2020 (against 16% in 2009).
- The impact has been very heterogeneous across the manufacturing branches.
- The most impacted branches were transport equipment, textiles (-20% both), and primary metals (-12%).
- Chemicals was the only branch that increased its production (+2%) due to the pharmaceutical industry (+6%)