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### Project relied on close cooperation with companies



Anonymous online survey with 13 questions filled out by 36 companies from Visegrad countries

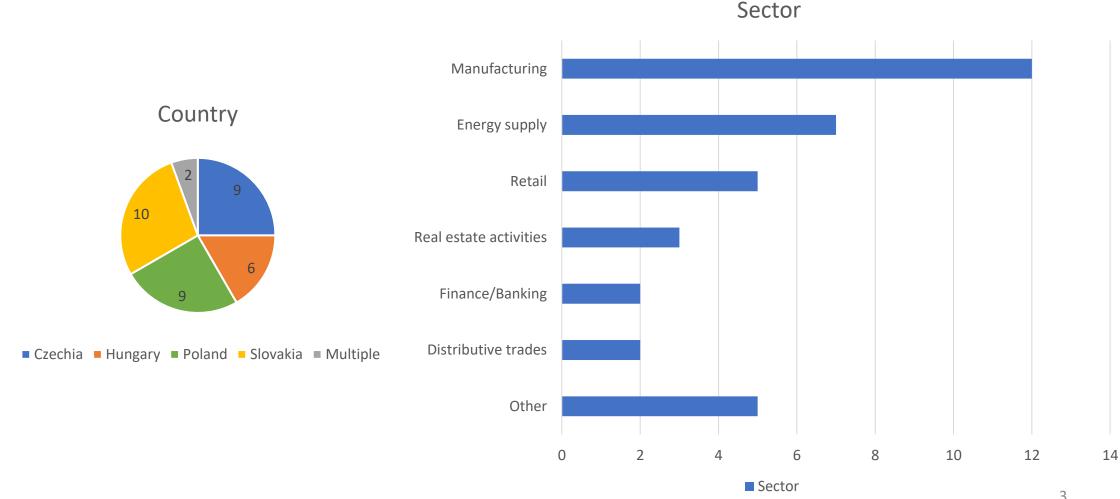
In-depth interviews with 17 companies from Visegrad countries

Discussion of results in a workshop

Briefing with policy recommendations

### Large energy consumers participated in online survey

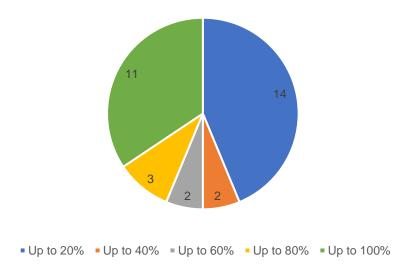




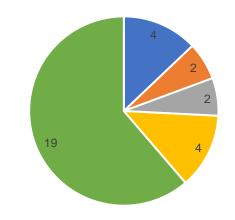
### Survey shows that companies want to go green



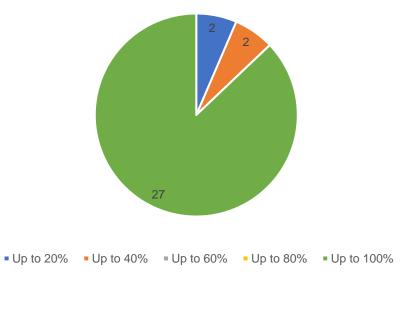
Current share of renewables in annual electricity consumption



Planned share by 2030



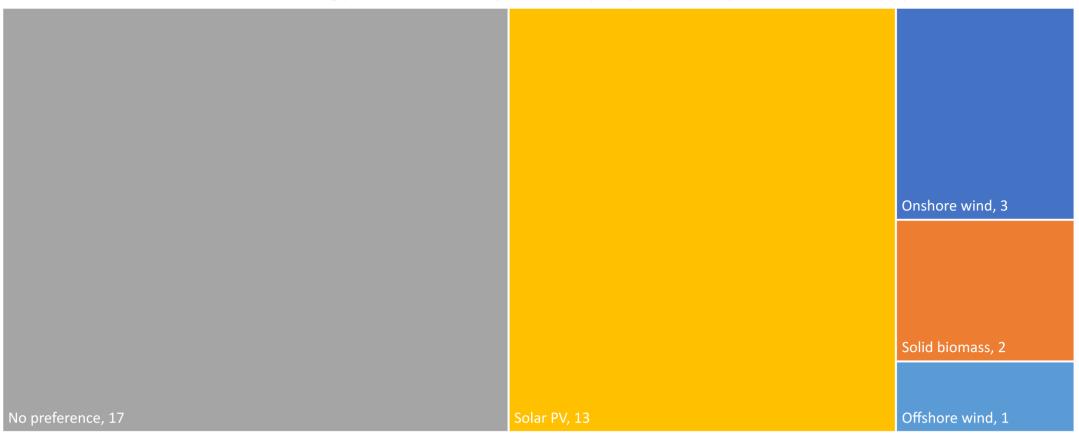
Planned share by 2050



## Broad support for all sources of renewable electricity in the survey, esp. solar



Which renewable energy sources does your company want to procure electricity from?



# Economic and reputational reasons drive renewable electricity procurement - not government policy



Most frequently mentioned reasons for procurement of renewable electricity:

Economic savings

Green company image or values

Climate targets of parent company

Independent electricity supply

## Barriers to renewable electricity procurement persist and many are political



#### Political & legislative

- Lack of long-term strategy
- Unfavourable legislation
- cPPAs with producers not possible
- Sale of surplus electricity not possible

#### **Administrative**

- Difficult authorization process
- Cumbersome grid connection process
- High complexity of PPAs
- Lack of transparency about energy sources in contract

#### **Financial**

- High investment costs
- Renewable electricity price

#### **Technological**

- Maturity
- Quality and quantity of supply
- Building type/ownership does not allow for installation or procurement of green electricity

### Companies ask national governments for financial and political support



- The EU is recognized as a helpful driver of the energy transition through legislation and funding.
- From national governments companies expect:
  - >A clear long-term perspective for renewable energy
  - > Political commitment to renewable energy
  - > Delivery of financial support schemes
  - > Reduction of administrative barriers

### Take-aways



- Companies have a strong interest in self-producing or purchasing electricity from renewable sources.
- Companies can create additional renewable energy capacity in their countries through self-production.
- Interest in renewables is driven by economic and reputational reasons and parent companies – not by national policy.
- National governments need to provide enhanced political and financial support.