

Outline feedback

- Overall, many of you are off to an excellent start with your final assignment. You have successfully identified an energy sector to analyse for the scenario, provided a well-researched list of academic, peer reviewed sources that you have identified as important for the assignment. Many also reflected on the material from lectures and the Energy Forum.
- A number of students struggled to identify **one** main energy sector to de-carbonize, some identified anywhere from 1-4 areas to decarbonize, while the weakest outlines did not identify one single area. Please keep in mind the word limit of the assignment. You have to convincingly argue why this specific sector is critical for decarbonisation.
- Some also included many sectors because of intersectoral linkages. Such linkages can be reflected in the discussion (and are also reflected in the assignment text), but please do choose one sector as the main focus.
- Focusing on a single energy vector, as opposed to sector, problematic: Immediately many sectors covered, sector wide transition turns into a question of replacing one vector with another etc

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- Getting a 5 doesn't automatically mean you can just continue as before
 - Many things central to the final work were generally quite undeveloped and focus was on existing system, sector identification => in the final report the qualitative scenario narrative, embedding the discussion on barriers, drivers etc should be **the** central piece of the final work
 - Marking is lenient, we've tried to interpret everything to your benefit, e.g. as long as at least a clear placeholder of some kind is there for the scenario to take a central role, the outline hasn't been marked down.
 - If your future scenario work is **not** mentioned or reflected in any way, can't get a 5, no matter how good the rest of the outline is

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- Reasons for picking a specific country: There's no need to justify the country, just the sector (but you were not penalised for explaining your reasons)
- If you are not sure what a scenario is: there are resources on what is a scenario and examples of how this should look like (e.g. journal articles in the reading list, now also the “skeleton summary” examples from last year)
- Some students did not identify an energy sector that requires decarbonisation. For example, a focus on biodiversity loss due to biomass production for power plants is not what is being asked in the assignment. Please make sure to carefully read the assignment prompt and Q&A documentation!

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- Do remember not to write the report on Finland or the country you're from. Hasn't affected your outline grade if you did – but may well for the final report
- If you received 0/5: you did not provide an outline adequately demonstrating early research on the topic and the country. Bibliography alone will not do this, if the outline itself has nothing.
 - In some cases the 0 reflects not lack of research, but lack of consideration of most of the requests and constraints of the final report (e.g. choosing a sector based on own interest, rather than from the point described in the assignment text)
- Wikipedia is not a reputable source and you should refrain from citing it; this has been made clear in the assignment prompt to not use non-peer reviewed literature.

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- Newspaper articles (Times, Financial Times, BBC, New York Times) are also not peer reviewed academic literature, and you should not cite them in a university-level assignment.
- Some have developed even quite nice summaries and justifications for what they'll do for the project – but this is not in an outline format (i.e. with section headings etc), nor structured like that.