

# EURACOAL

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## Clean Coal: a joint responsibility of industry and government

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on clean coal technologies – opportunities and innovations

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# What are the objectives?

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Cleaner

Securer

More Prosperous

EURACOAL's 3-step strategy responds to these objectives.

# Because we need more power plants like this ...



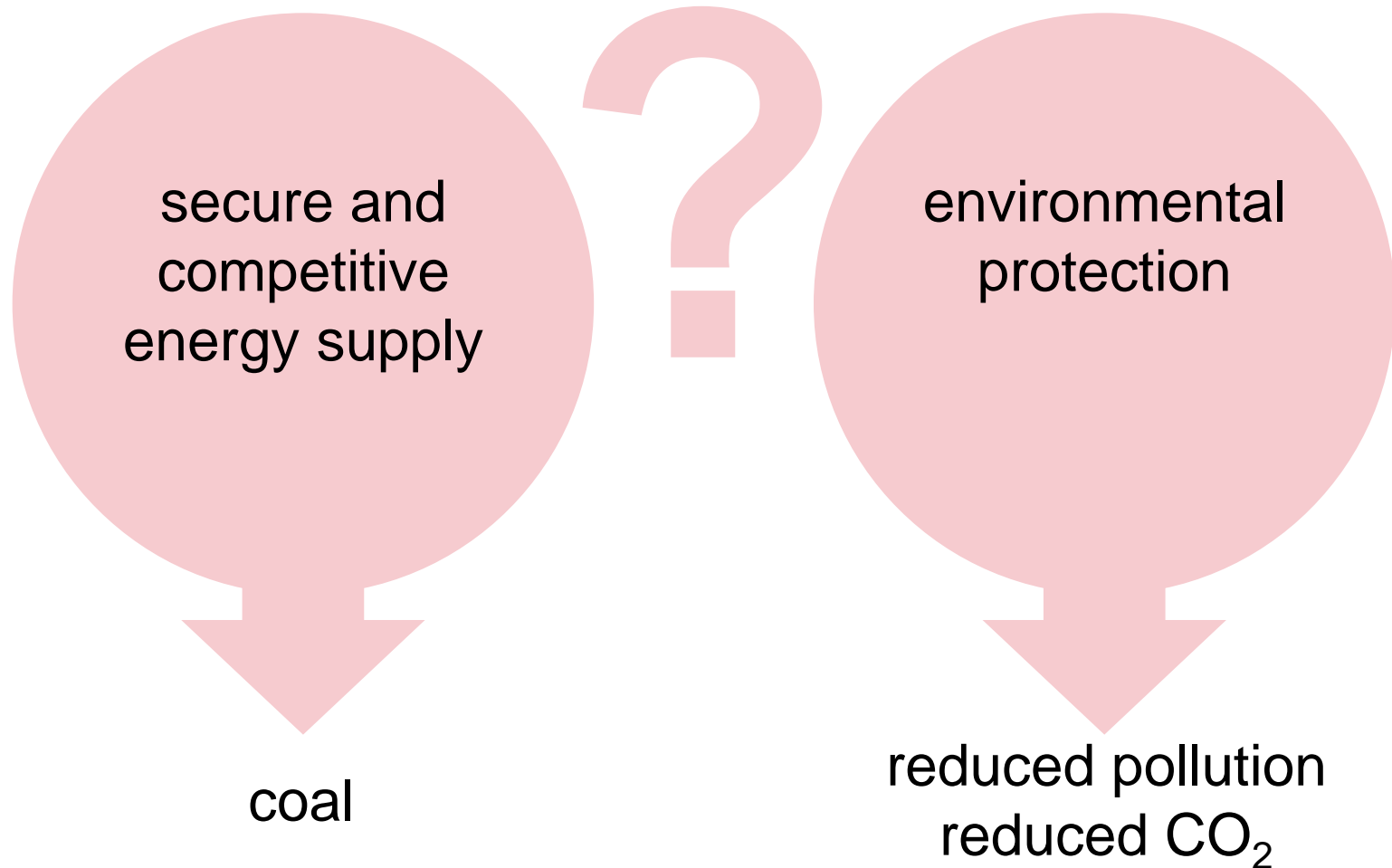
RWE BoA 2 & 3 lignite-fired power plants at Neurath in Germany

... and less like this.



Replacing old with new reduces emissions – by up to 40% for CO<sub>2</sub>

# The energy policy dilemma – is there a contradiction?



NO – the answer is “clean coal”

# The challenge for the coal industry is to show the public that:

- Clean coal technologies can minimise the environmental impact of coal use

## Clean coal is:

- a technological pathway to attain long-term acceptance of coal
- an economic solution which can be implemented step by step
- a flexible approach which can be implemented by all countries

Clean coal is a strategic approach to safeguard coal as part of the future



# A 3-step clean coal strategy

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- I. Introduce state-of-the-art technology to reduce emissions from existing plants – an ecologically friendly and economically affordable first step.
- II. Develop the next generation of high-efficiency, flexible technologies to minimise resource consumption and further reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- III. Deploy technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transport and storage as less integrated and therefore less complex activities within the context of a public CCS infrastructure open to all.

An “infrastructure-first” approach will ensure that CCS is widely deployed.

# A joint responsibility of industry & government

## I. What we can do today

- power plant modernisation
- construction of new CCS-ready power plants

## II. What is possible tomorrow

- further technology development: power plant efficiency >50%
- refine low-carbon CCS power plant designs based on results from successful pilot plants already built

## III. For the day after tomorrow

- widespread demonstration and deployment of CCS
- coal & lignite as chemical feedstock to replace oil and gas
- CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation

## → Invest in state-of-the-art

- investment by industry
- state provides stable framework

## → Enhance efficiency / plan for CCS

- materials research, new components
- plan for a public CCS infrastructure that connects power AND industrial plants to CO<sub>2</sub> storage sites
- regulatory framework development

## → Low-carbon power generation / coal as feedstock for chemicals

- development of CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure
- development and demonstration of new coal utilisation concepts

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# EURACOAL calls for a 3-step clean coal strategy

DAY AFTER TOMORROW

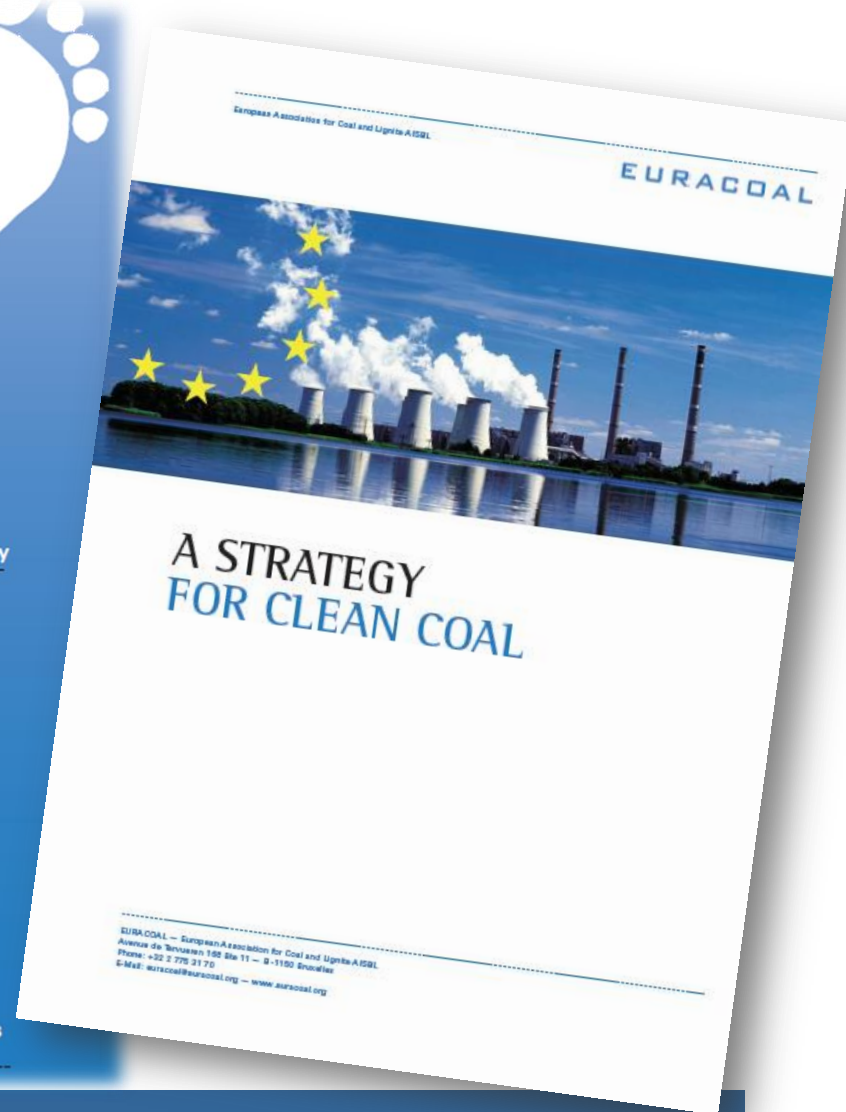
CO<sub>2</sub> capture & storage demonstration  
Public CO<sub>2</sub> infrastructure

TOMORROW

R&D for high efficiency & flexibility

TODAY

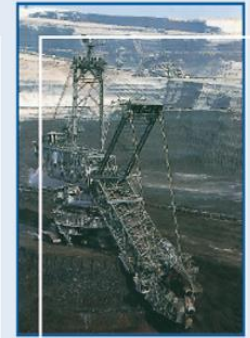
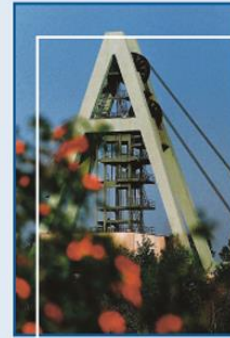
Replace old power plants  
with new plants



17% of EU primary energy and 27% of EU electricity come from coal.

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## Thank you!



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