

## Distributed PV: From Sun to Roof to Grid

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## MEET THE PRESENTERS

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## 'Key Messages on Distributed PV

OVERVIEW

Address different stakeholder interests and awareness levels

### Myths

- × Distributed PV (DPV) can benefit only a lucky few customers
- × DPV must be capped at X% of load for safety or technical concerns
- × DPV causes a 'death spiral' for electric utilities

### Realities with smart program design

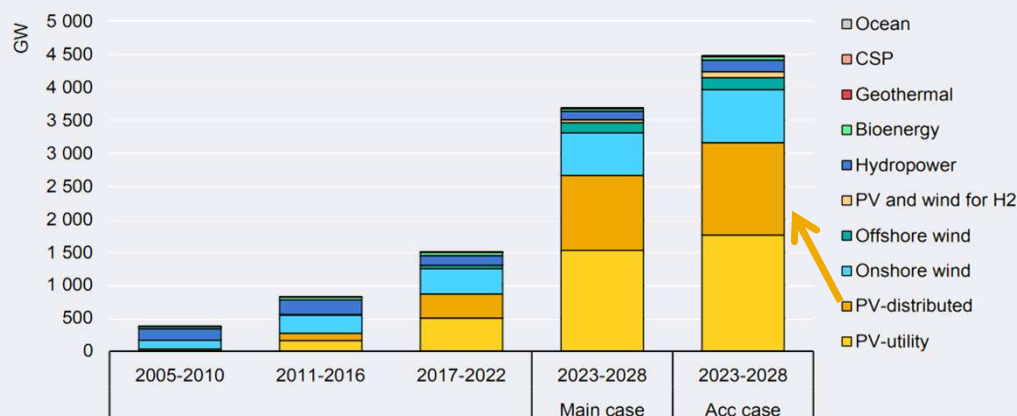
- ✓ **DPV can benefit many actors in various ways**  
including utilities, and customers without means to buy or host their own DPV system (community schemes).
- ✓ **DPV can be grid-friendly at high levels**  
Anticipate rising penetration with grid codes for inverter programming, inverter-PV ratio, strategic siting, digitized control and coordination, etc.
- ✓ **DPV can be designed for win-win outcomes**  
Price electricity and remunerate feed-in to fairly share costs and reflect value. Consider use cases that support utility financial viability (bootstrap, loss reduction).

## Fastest-growing local energy technology

DPV may reach one-third of all renewable capacity additions

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Renewable capacity growth by technology, 2005-2028



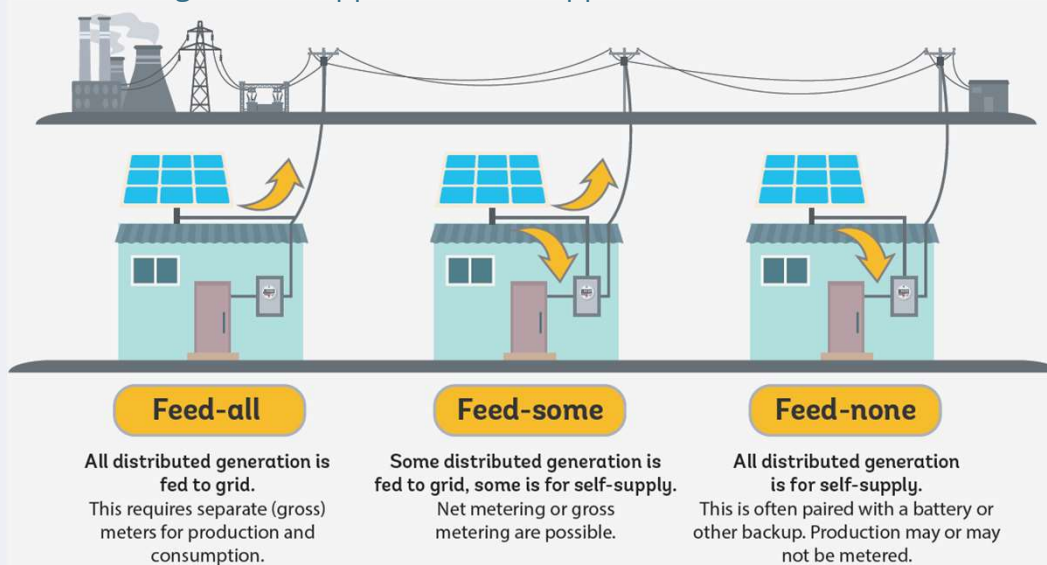
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Notes: CSP = concentrated solar power. Capacity additions refer to net additions.

## DPV can feed all, some or none to grid

Three feed arrangements support different applications

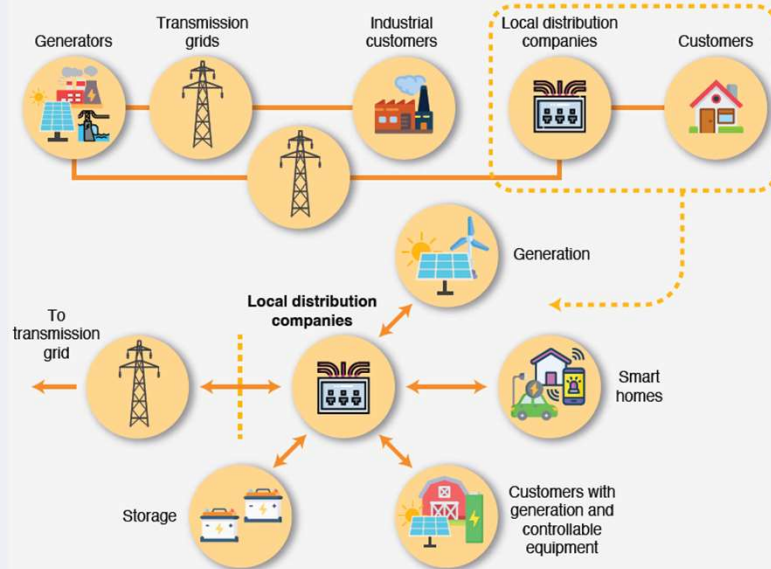
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## Power systems undergoing radical changes

with Distributed Energy Resources (DER) and digitization

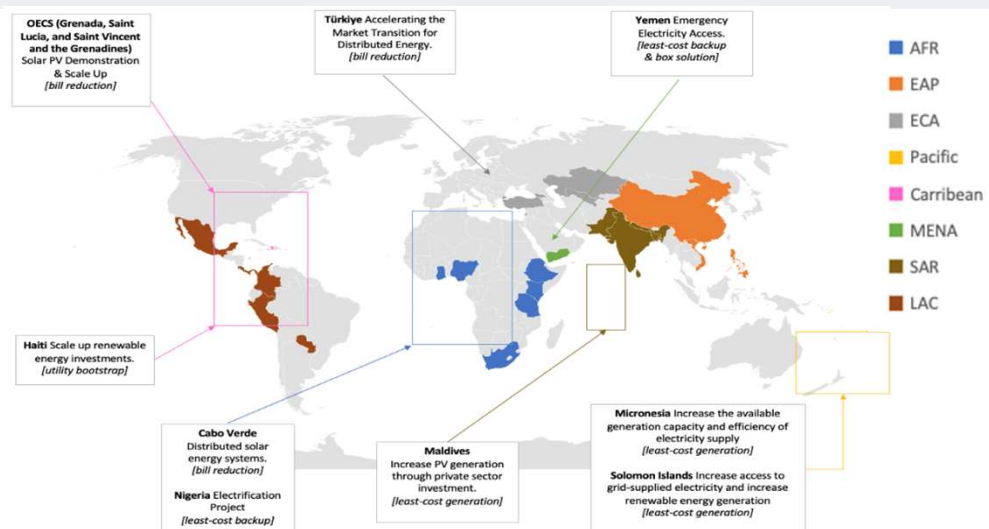
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## DPV is growing in countries the world over

Many with World Bank finance and ESMAP technical assistance

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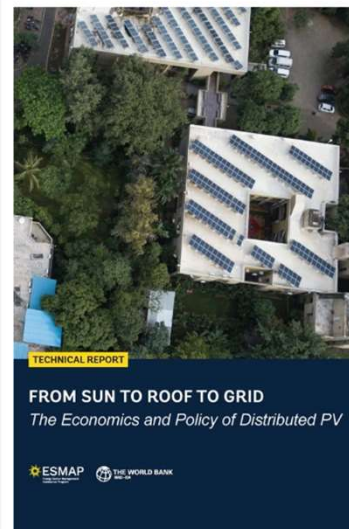
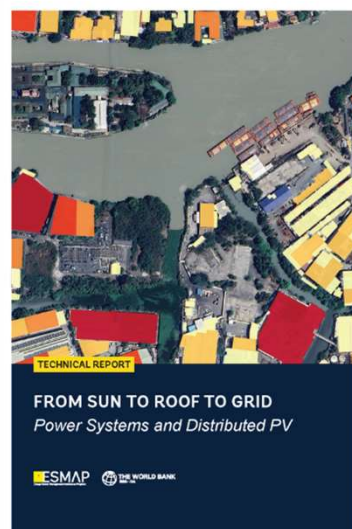
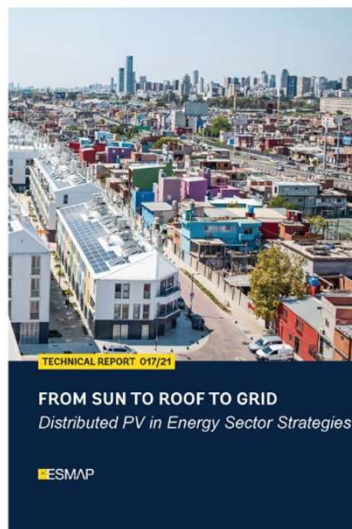




## New ESMAP reports offer a menu of ideas

Approaches for strategy, power systems, and policy packages

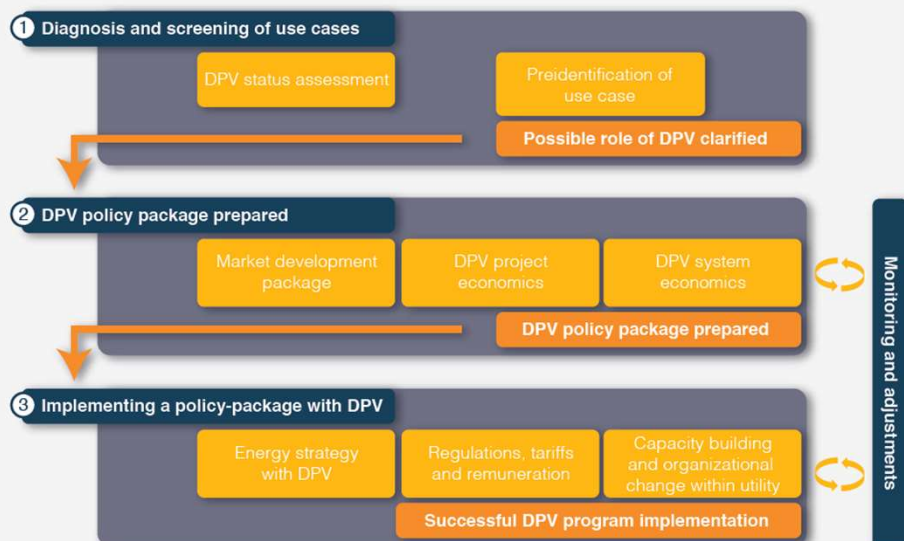
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## Economics & Policy of Distributed PV

Three main steps of the DPV policy making process

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## Distinct use cases for DPV strategy

Can be combined and include battery or other technologies

1. **Bill reduction**
2. **Least-cost backup**
3. **Least-cost generation**
4. **Alternative to Transmission & Distribution investment**
5. **Utility bootstrap** – improve service & bill collections
6. **Ancillary services** – such as voltage support to the grid
7. **Community social support** – benefit those with less means
8. **Financial loss reduction** – for customers whose payments don't cover costs
9. **Box solution** – meet urgent power needs

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## DPV use cases, benefits and challenges

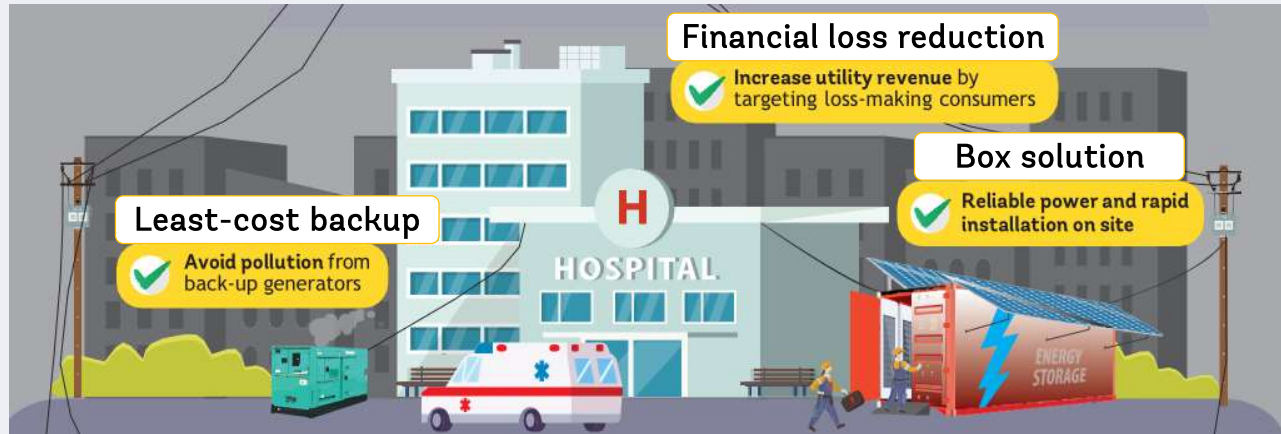
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T&D = Transmission and Distribution

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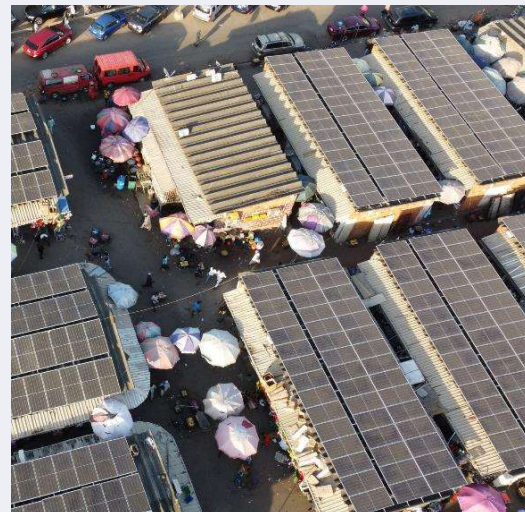
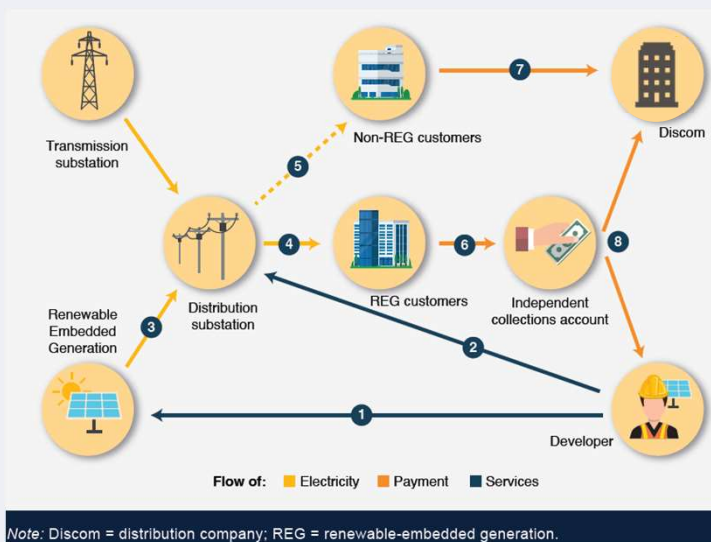




## Utility 'bootstrap' use case: Nigeria

Undergrid microgrid with renewable-embedded generation (REG)

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Wuse market, Abuja, Nigeria

## Systems for grid-friendly DPV

Anticipate power system issues with long-term least-cost solutions

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#### Power system risks from DPV at rising levels

##### Low DPV penetration

- Breach of voltage limits

##### Medium DPV penetration

- Disruption to fault protection scheme
- Breach of transformer capacities and conductor thermal ratings
- Increased variability and uncertainty of net load
- Poor response to grid disturbances

#### Solutions Menu 1: Balance local load with supply

##### Supply-demand coordination

- Promote efficient demand ahead of designing DPV
- Analyze hosting capacity and grid congestion to inform strategic sites and DPV design
- Favor large DPV close to substations
- Use digital technologies to monitor & control DERs
- Aggregate DERs into virtual power plants

##### Supply-side adjustments

- Calibrate PV sizes and angles to serve local peak loads and diversify production time
- Optimize DPV systems with high DC:AC ratio
- Size DPV to match efficient local energy demand
- Limit feed-in dynamically or statically

##### Demand-side adjustments

- Demand response and energy storage

Grid codes are key

#### Solutions Menu 2: Enhance hosting capacity

##### DPV inverter programming

- Voltage management
- Cope with grid disturbances

##### Grid equipment adjustment or upgrade

- Voltage compensation equipment
- On-load tap changing transformers
- Protection scheme settings

##### Enhance power system flexibility

- Improve forecasts
- Automate operations
- Expand balancing areas
- Shorten dispatch intervals and schedule updates

For high penetration issues and solutions, mostly relevant for small power systems, and rarely a constraint for large systems, see Report 2 (Figure 1)



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With over 23 years of industry experience in utility and information technology sectors, Abhishek is a business professional who is passionate about accelerating energy transition and decarbonization.



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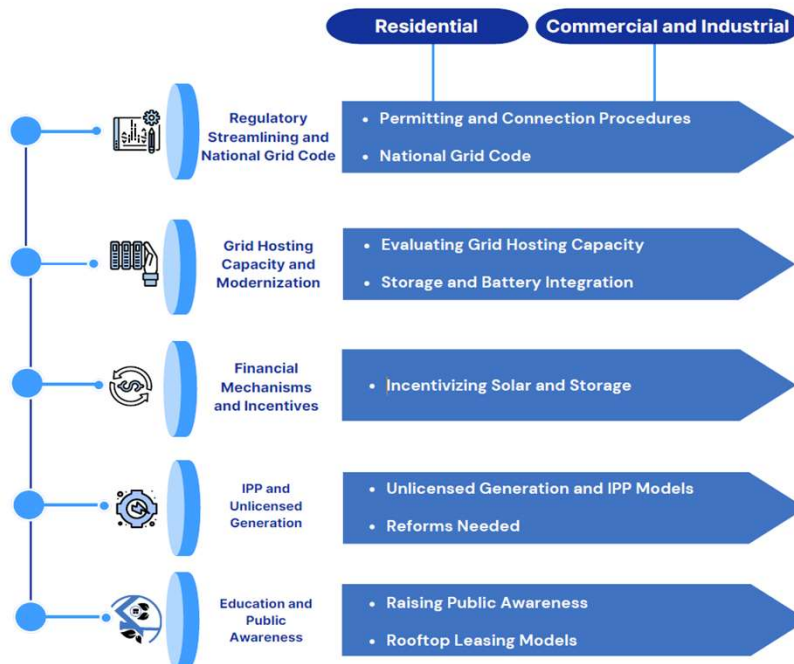
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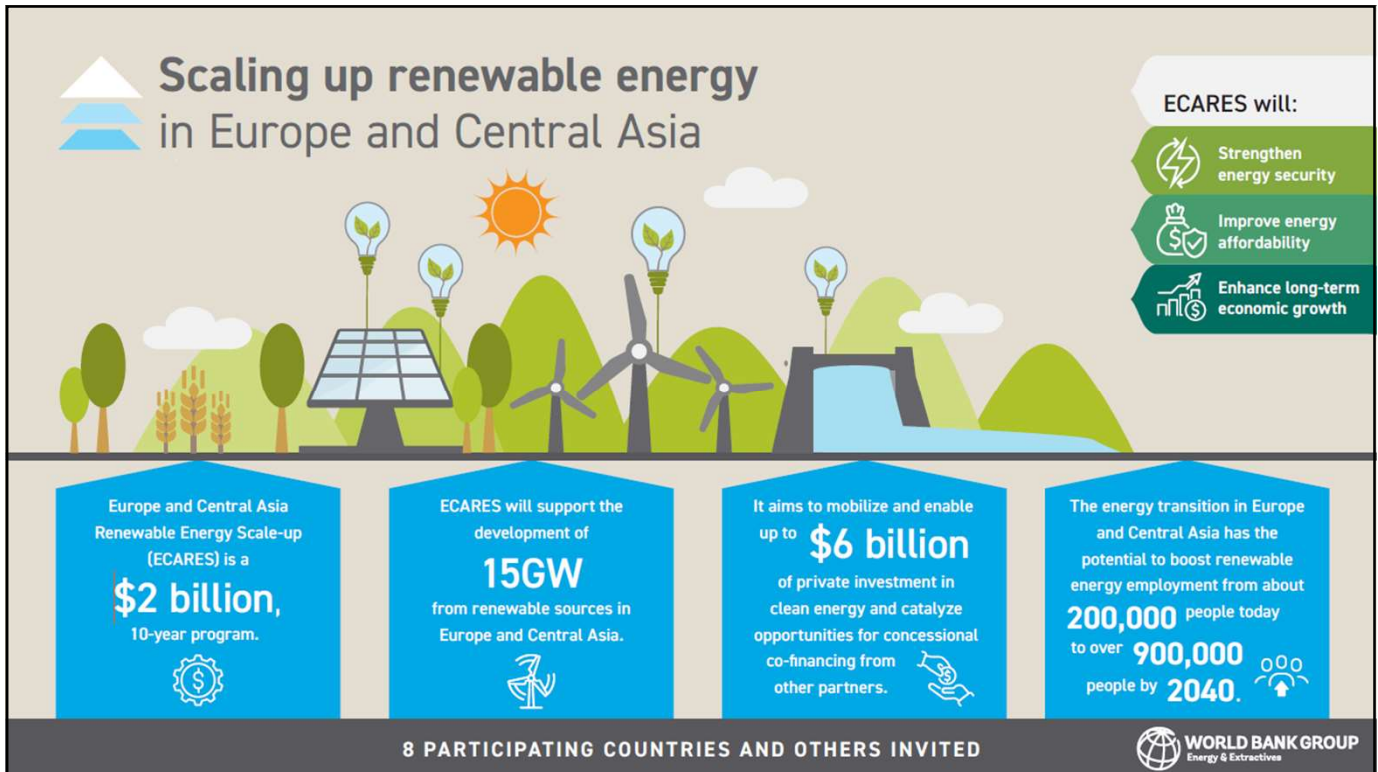
Yavuz is the Deputy CEO of Solarçatı and has over twenty years of experience in the energy and corporate finance sector. He has held senior positions in many national and international companies.



## Comprehensive Government Program



Distributed Green Energy



**Scaling up renewable energy in Europe and Central Asia**

**ECARES will:**

- Strengthen energy security
- Improve energy affordability
- Enhance long-term economic growth

Europe and Central Asia Renewable Energy Scale-up (ECARES) is a **\$2 billion**, 10-year program.

ECARES will support the development of **15GW** from renewable sources in Europe and Central Asia.

It aims to mobilize and enable up to **\$6 billion** of private investment in clean energy and catalyze opportunities for concessional co-financing from other partners.

The energy transition in Europe and Central Asia has the potential to boost renewable energy employment from about **200,000** people today to over **900,000** people by **2040**.

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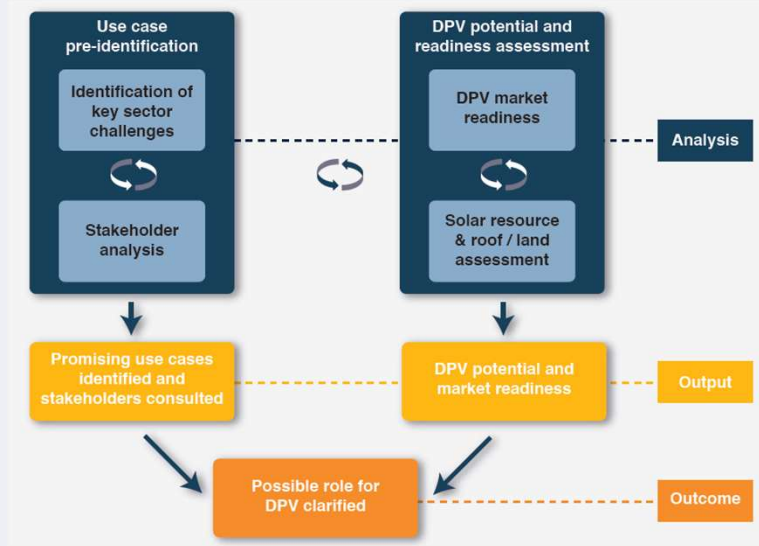
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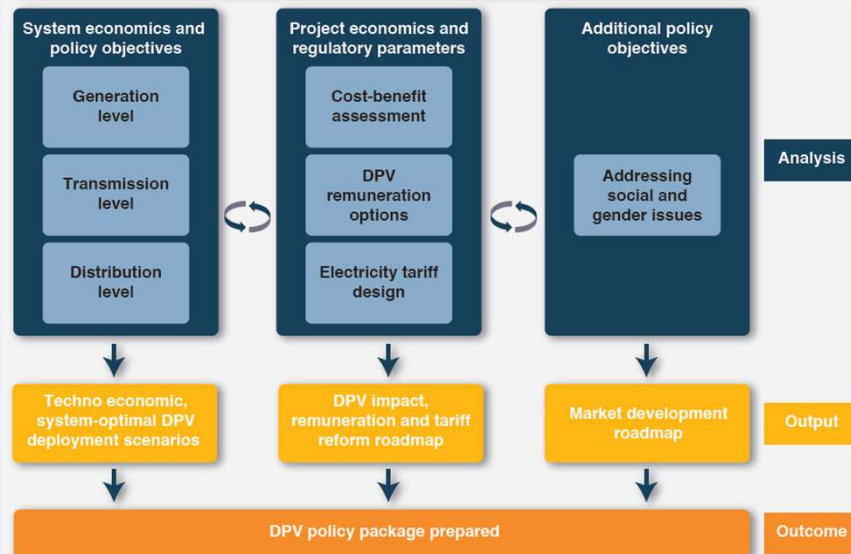
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## Step 2: DPV policy package prepared

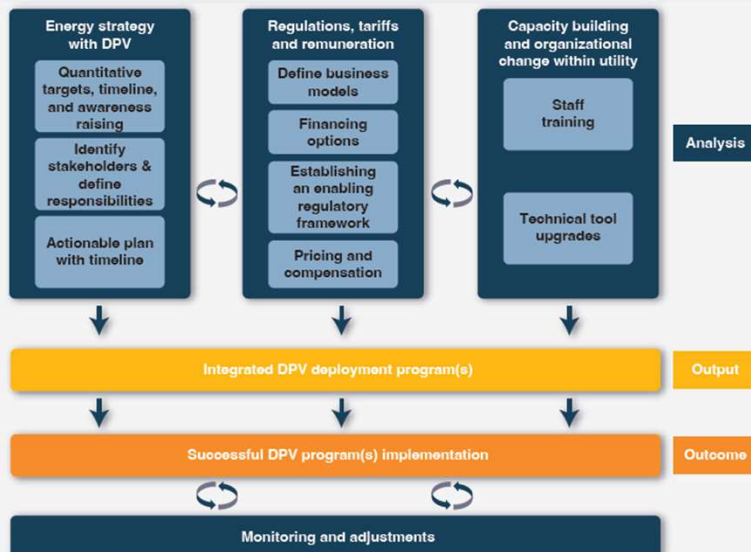
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## Step 3: Implementing a policy package with DPV

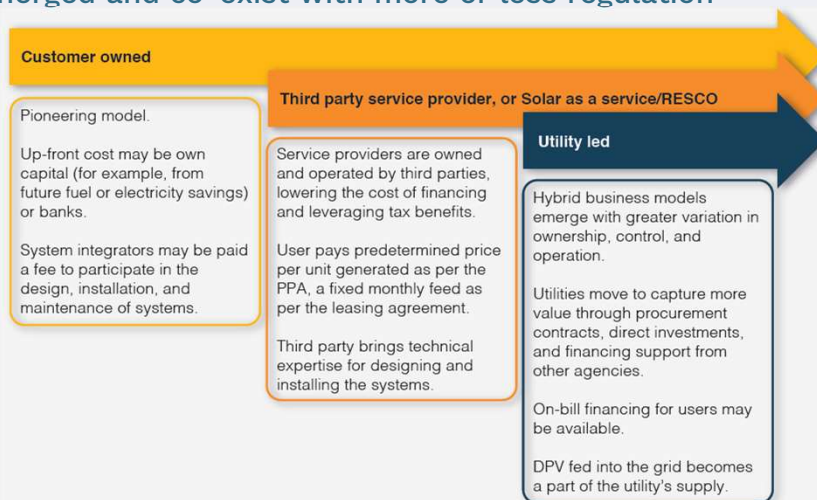
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## 3 main types of business model

have emerged and co-exist with more or less regulation

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Source: Adapted from IFC (2014): Singh, Sethi, and Mazumdar (2019): and CPI (2018), Note: DPV=Distributed Photovoltaics; PPA = Power Purchase Agreement; RESCO= Renewable Energy Service Company.