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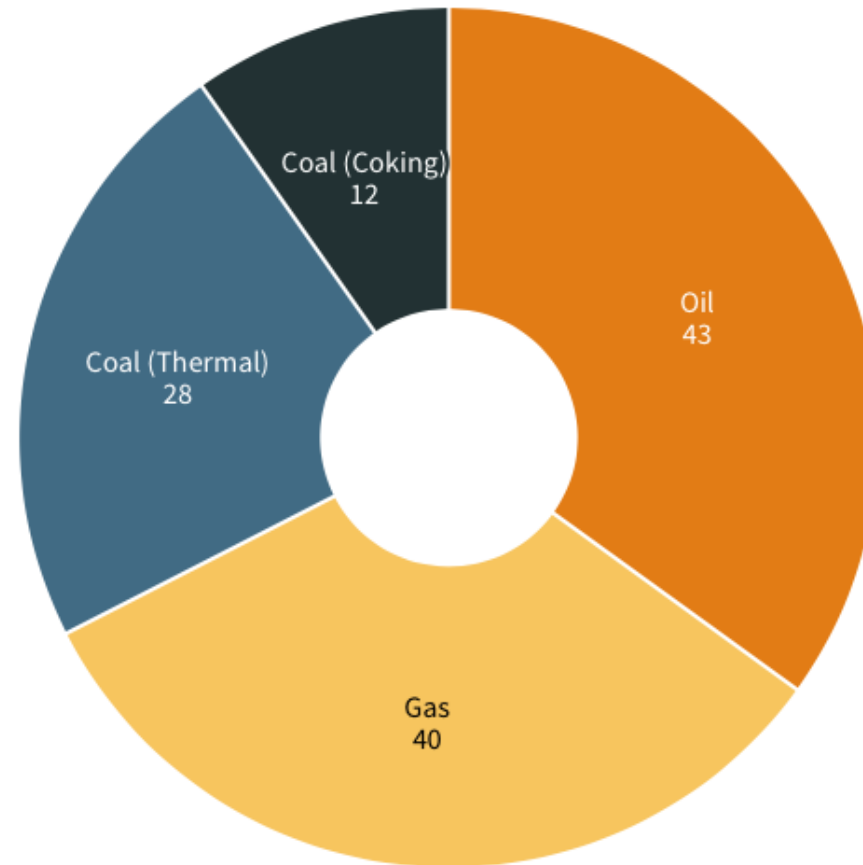
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# Methane emissions from energy production

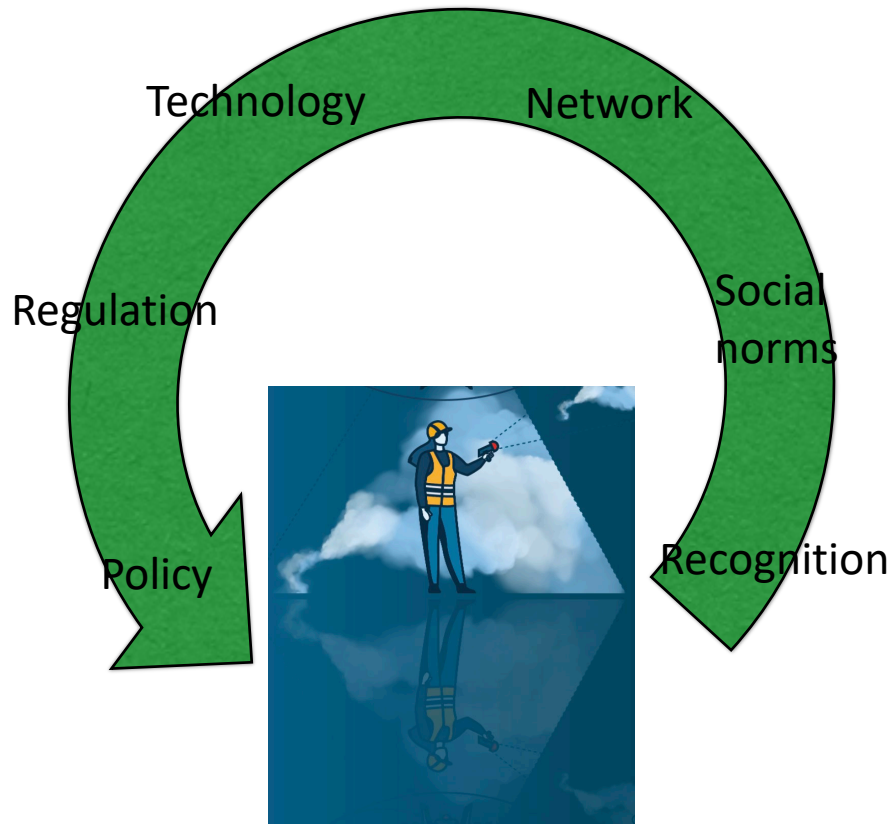
## Methane emissions from energy sector

Total: 123MT



# UNEP's IMEO: action centered around the agent of change

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From data to action

**The International Methane Emissions Observatory exists to provide open, reliable, and actionable data *to the individuals* that can act to reduce methane emissions**

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# IMEO Metcoal Theory of Change

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## **Low carbon alternatives are insufficiently mature to replace metcoal in steel production at scale.**

Thermal coal use has a plethora of clean alternatives

## **Demand for steel and metcoal will persist**

IEA's most aggressive decarbonisation scenario sees only a 30% drop in metcoal production by 2030. For thermal coal the drop is starker, standing at 50%.

## **Metcoal has high value supply chain**

Metcoal is typically twice as expensive as thermal coal.

## **The UN position on thermal coal is clear: thermal needs to be phased out**

in OECD nations by 2030 and by 2040 in other countries. The UN position on metallurgical coal is not explicit.

### **METCOAL**

Used mainly in steelmaking, usually high calorie content



### **THERMAL COAL**

Used mainly in heat and electricity generation

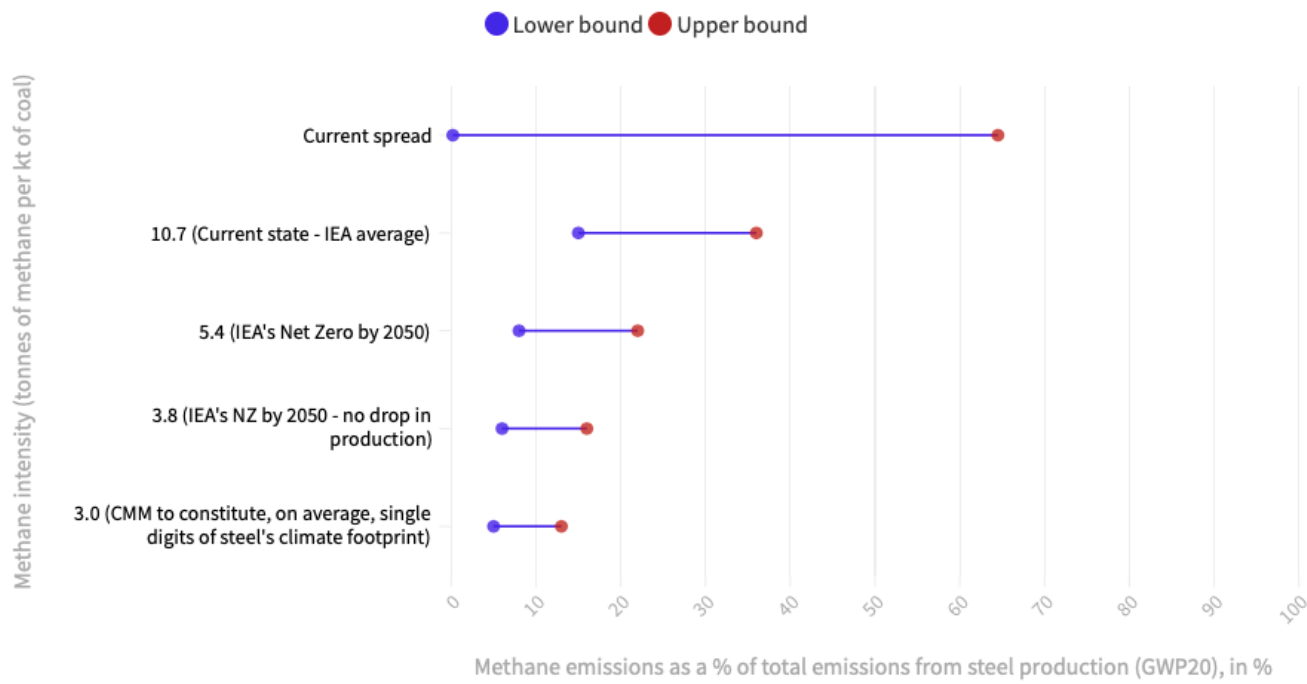




# Coal Mine Methane averages 1/3 of steel climate footprint

## Coal mine methane emissions as a proportion of total emissions from steel production

Current state vs different 2030 scenarios



Source: IMEO's own calculations  
Lower and upper bound estimates have been calculated based on the following ranges: CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of steel production (excl coking coal extraction): 1,5-3 tCO<sub>2</sub>/tonne of raw steel; tonnage of coking coal needed to produce one tonne of steel: 0,59-0,9t

# MMP Principles

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## Partnership



## Reporting Commitments

Member companies commit to reach level 5 reporting for their sites within 3 years from joining the partnership for operated underground sites. For non-operated sites and all surface mines this is 5 years.



## 2030 Performance Targets

Achieving a 60-75% reduction of methane emissions per unit of marketed coal down to a level of 1-3 tonnes of methane per kilotonne of marketed coal.



## Science Studies

Member companies are supported throughout the journey from level 1 to level 5 reporting and can partner in IMEO funded science studies that help to define best reporting methods.

# Reporting: from emission factors to empirical measurements

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**Level 1** – per aggregated source categories | country level

**Level 2** – per aggregated source categories using available source-specific activity data and regional or country-specific emission factors | asset level

**Level 3** – per detailed source type using available source-specific activity factors and generic emission factors for a given source type derived from existing literature, engineering calculations, or source-level measurements | source level

**Level 4** – per detailed source type using source-specific activity factors and source-specific emission factors established with **empirical measurements**, taken at an appropriate sampling frequency | source level

**Level 5** – Emissions reported similarly to Level 4, but with the addition of reconciliation with site-level (top down) measurements

Progression to the next reporting level represents a reduced uncertainty in the reported emissions figures.

Technical guidance will be provided to ensure that requirements/criteria for meeting each of the 5 levels is clear and science-based.

UNEP's IMEO will provide support towards meeting reporting requirements



# IMEO Science Studies

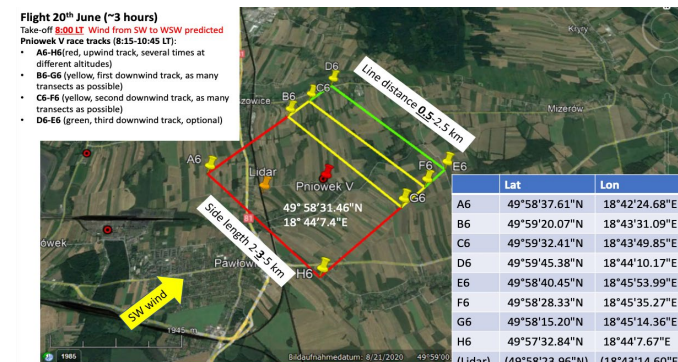
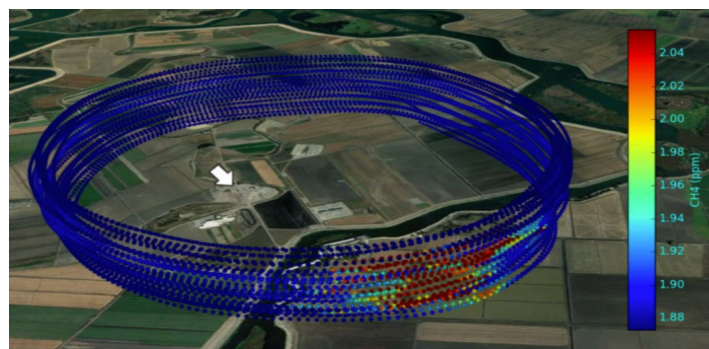
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Atmospheric  
Measurement  
Techniques  


## Application of Gauss's theorem to quantify localized surface emissions from airborne measurements of wind and trace gases

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# The future of Metcoal Methane Partnership

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## Current Status

Draft framework under consideration by the 4 foundational companies



## Next steps

Joint creation of Technical Guidance Documents

## Contact Us

Open to all metcoal companies co-designing the partnership.

A dimly lit underground coal mine. In the foreground on the left, a worker wearing a hard hat and safety glasses is visible, looking towards the camera. The rest of the scene is filled with the dark, textured walls of the mine, with some equipment and cables visible. The lighting is low, with a bright light source creating a strong glow on the left side.

Thank you

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