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# Consultancy & ICT Sustainability (Green IT)

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- EU H2020 Projects
  - PEDCA - Pan European **Data Centre** Academy
  - EURECA – Green Procurement for Public Sector **Data Centre**
  - CATALYST – **Data Centres** as Flexible Energy Hubs (Renewables, Grid & Heat Services)



## Firstly, what is a “Consultancy”?

- A consultant (from Latin: consultare "to deliberate") is a professional who provides **expert** advice in a particular area such as business, education, law, regulatory compliance, human resources, marketing (and public relations), finance, health care, architecture and planning, engineering, science, security (electronic or physical), or any of many **other specialized** fields.
- A consultant is usually an **expert** or an **experienced professional** in a **specific field** and has a **wide knowledge** of the **subject matter**. The role of consultant outside the medical sphere (where the term is used specifically for a grade of doctor) can fall under one of two general categories:
  - **Internal consultant**: someone who operates within an organization but is available to be consulted on areas of their specialization by other departments or individuals (acting as clients); or





# Firstly, what is a “Consultancy”?

- **External consultant**: someone who is employed externally to the client (either by a consulting firm or some other agency) whose expertise is provided on a **temporary basis**, usually for a **fee**. Consulting firms range in size from sole proprietorships consisting of a **single consultant**, **small** businesses consisting of a small **number of consultants**, to **mid- to large** consulting firms, which in some cases are multinational corporations. This type of consultant generally engages with multiple and changing clients, which are typically companies, non-profit organizations, or governments.
- By hiring a consultant, **clients** have access to **deeper levels** of **expertise** than would be financially feasible for them to retain in-house on a long-term basis. Moreover, clients can control their expenditures on consulting services by **only purchasing as much services from the outside consultant as desired**.
- Consultants provide their advice to their clients in a variety of forms. **Reports and presentations** are often used. However, in some specialized fields, the consultant may develop customized software or other products for the client. Depending on the nature of the consulting services and the wishes of the client, the advice from the consultant may be made **public**, by placing the report or presentation online, or the advice may be kept **confidential**, and only given to the senior executives of the organization paying for the consulting services



# What is “Sustainability”?

- Sustainability is defined as “Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
- The United Nations have published a document that extends this definition into 17 specific goals
- [1]<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/5987our-common-future.pdf>,



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# Sustainable Development Goals



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**  
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD





# Why ICT Sustainability?

**Investors are looking to advisers for ESG support.**

**39%**

of respondents

say an adviser's guidance on ESG opportunities would be a critical influence on their behavior

**46%**

of respondents

would be more likely to choose an adviser able to support their ESG ambitions

**45%**

of respondents

would switch out of savings and investments if their money was allocated to activities they disagree with

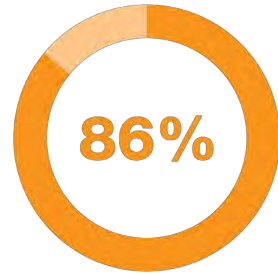
Source: Vontobel Study – Drive positive change with ESG

**#ESG**

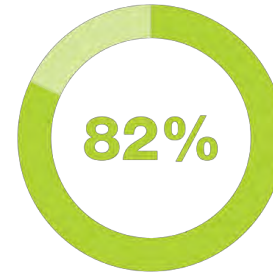




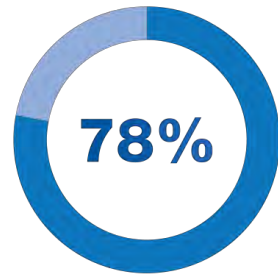
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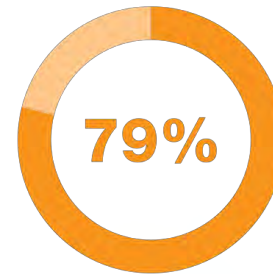
say they care about sustainability in general



say they care about sustainability aspects of packaging



say they support/buy from businesses with sustainability initiatives

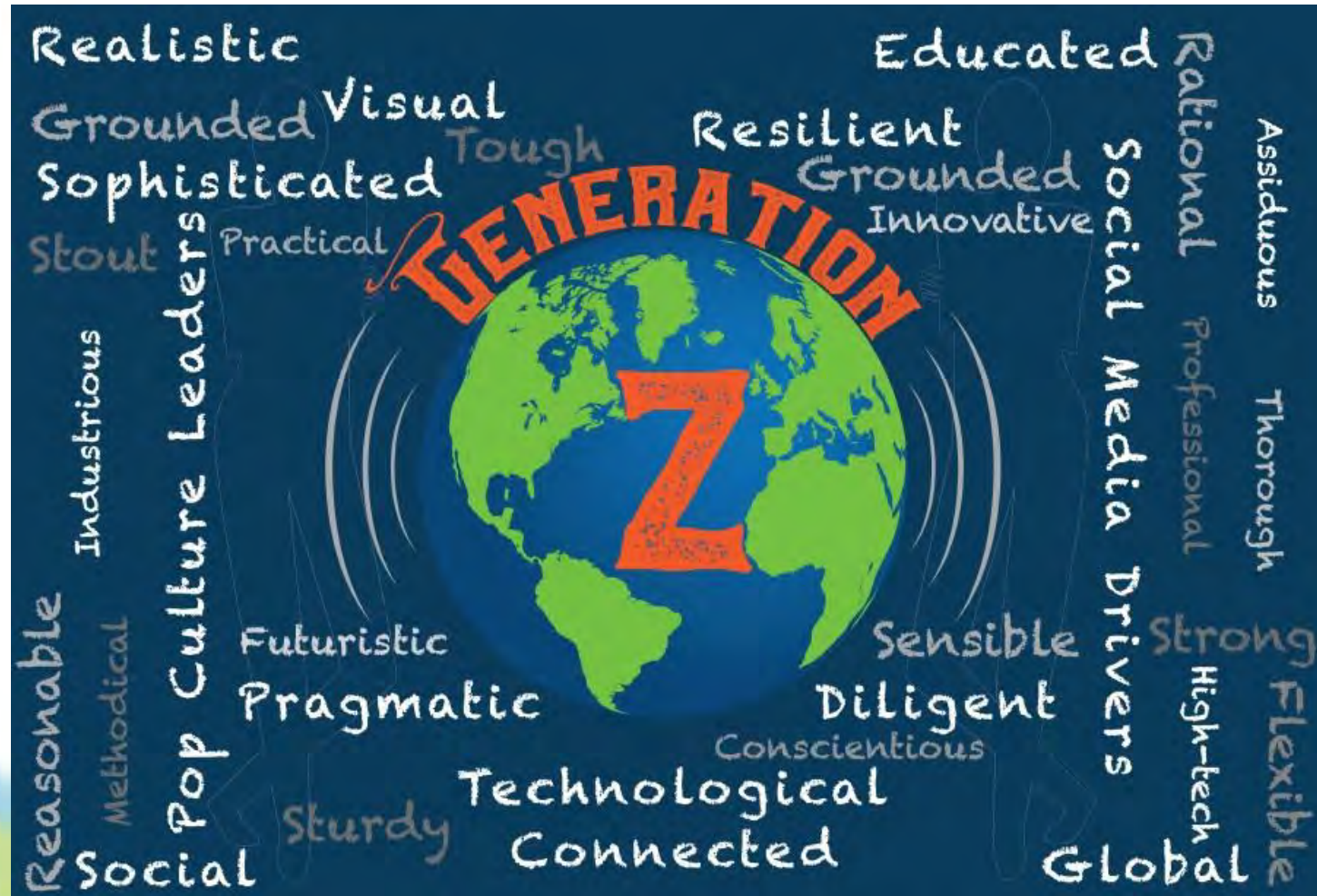


say they prefer products that are in sustainable packaging over ones that are not

*\*Percentages based on summary of those who strongly agree or somewhat agree with statements.*

FPA survey conducted by The Harris Poll<sup>2</sup>

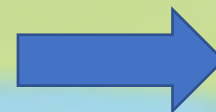
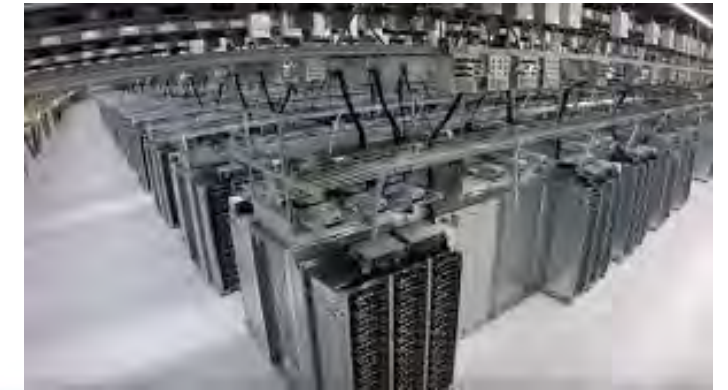
# Why ICT Sustainability?







# The 3 Parts of ICT Infrastructure(s)







## Elements Employed in Silicon Tech'



**Key:**

element name
atomic number
<b>symbol</b>
atomic weight (mean relative mass)

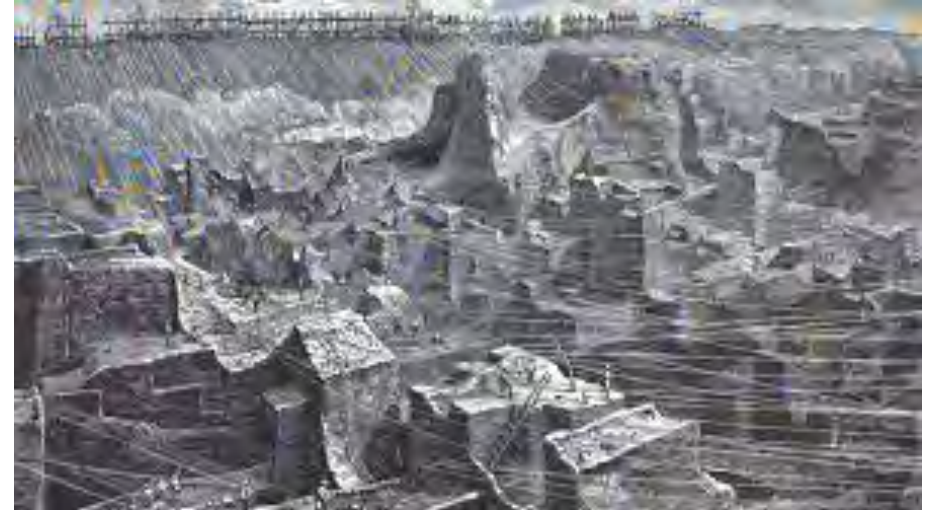
# Rare Earths







# South African Gold/Diamond Mining 1900s





# ICT Materials

- For PC's
  - 240kgs of fossil fuels
  - 21lbs of chemicals
  - 1500 Litres of Water
  - 1000 Different materials
  - FOR ONE PC.
- 
- In 2009, 367.8 million PC's were manufactured.
  - And that in 2008, the number of PC's on the planet exceeded...
  - 1 billion units.
  - Totals
  - Fossil Fuel      240 Billion Kgs
  - Chemicals      22 Billion Kgs
  - Water      1500 Billion Litres





# ICT Materials

- For Servers (x3)
- 27,282,000 in use 2009
- Fossil Fuels  $625.5 \times 27,282,000 = 17,064,891,000$  Kgs
- Chemicals  $64.53 \times 27,282,000 = 1,760,507,460$  Kgs
- Water  $3,150 \times 27,282,000 = 85,938,300,000$  Kgs/Litres
- Total Fossil Fuels used in Computing to date = **241,323,304,572.50**Kgs or
- **24.1 Billion Tonnes** (estimated)
- Total amount of fossil fuels to produce the 1Billion Desktops and 27 Million Servers to date would run Drax for...
- **2400** Years.
- NB Drax used to provide **7%** of UK Generation Capacity

# eWaste





# eWaste

- Studies conducted at Chinese, Indian, Nigerian and Ghanaian e-waste sites found large concentrations of heavy metals and organic contaminants such as PBDEs, PCBs and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the air, in dust, soil, vegetation and in the blood of workers and residents on and in the vicinity of the sites
- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0160412019340012>



# eWaste

**1. Temperature exchange equipment:**

more commonly referred to as cooling and freezing equipment. Typical equipment includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and heat pumps.

**2. Screens and monitors:**

typical equipment includes televisions, monitors, laptops, notebooks, and tablets.

**3. Lamps:**

typical equipment includes fluorescent lamps, high intensity discharge lamps, and LED lamps.

**4. Large equipment:**

typical equipment includes washing machines, clothes dryers, dishwashing machines, electric stoves, large printing machines, copying equipment, and photovoltaic panels.

**5. Small equipment:**

typical equipment includes vacuum cleaners, microwaves, ventilation equipment, toasters, electric kettles, electric shavers, scales, calculators, radio sets, video cameras, electrical and electronic toys, small electrical and electronic tools, small medical devices, small monitoring, and control instruments.

**6. Small IT and Telecommunication equipment:**

typical equipment includes mobile phones, Global Positioning System (GPS) devices, pocket calculators, routers, personal computers, printers, and telephones.



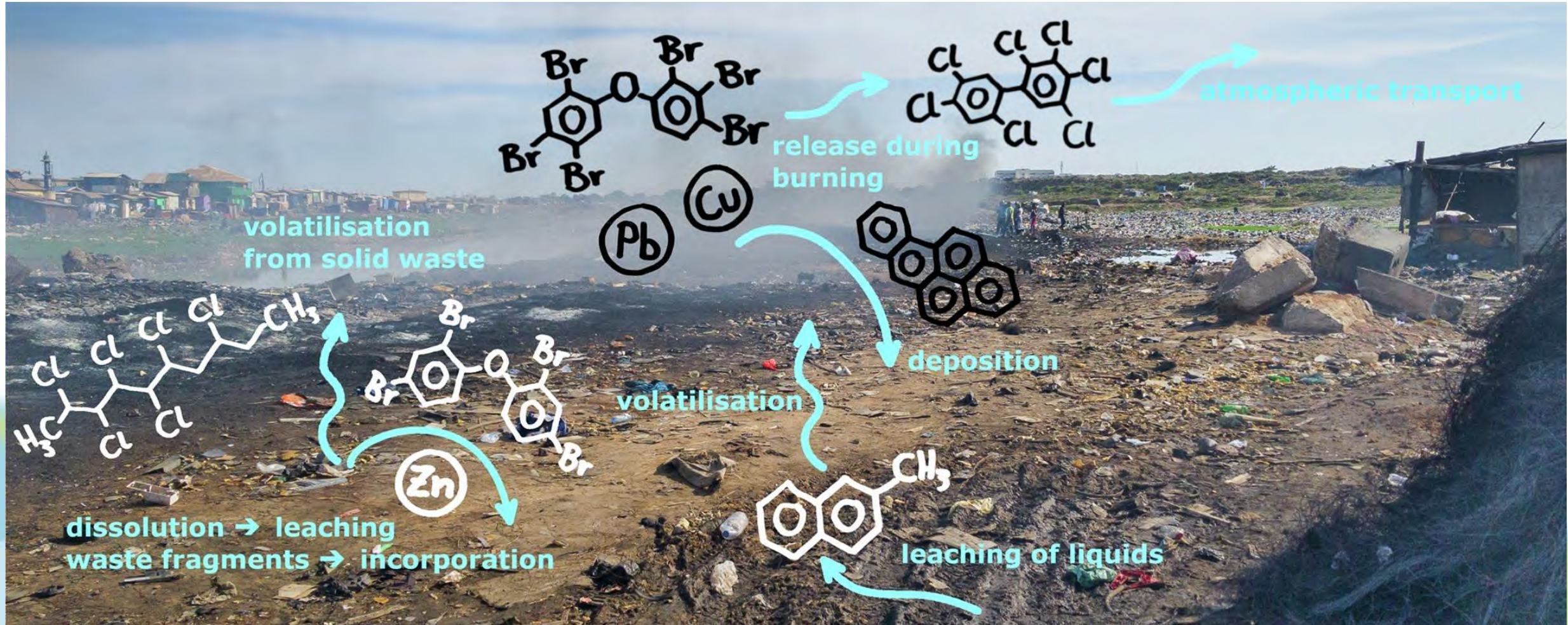


# eWaste

- The Global E-Waste Monitor 2020 reports a record 59 ~~tons~~ MTonnes of e-waste, and predicts a rise to 81 ~~tons~~ Mtonnes by 2030.
- <https://www.techrepublic.com/article/global-e-waste-is-up-21-in-5-years-causing-serious-environmental-harm/>



# eWaste







# Background



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Source: Climate Council Australia  
<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/2018-19-angry-summer-infographic/>  
 Accessed 04/02/2020



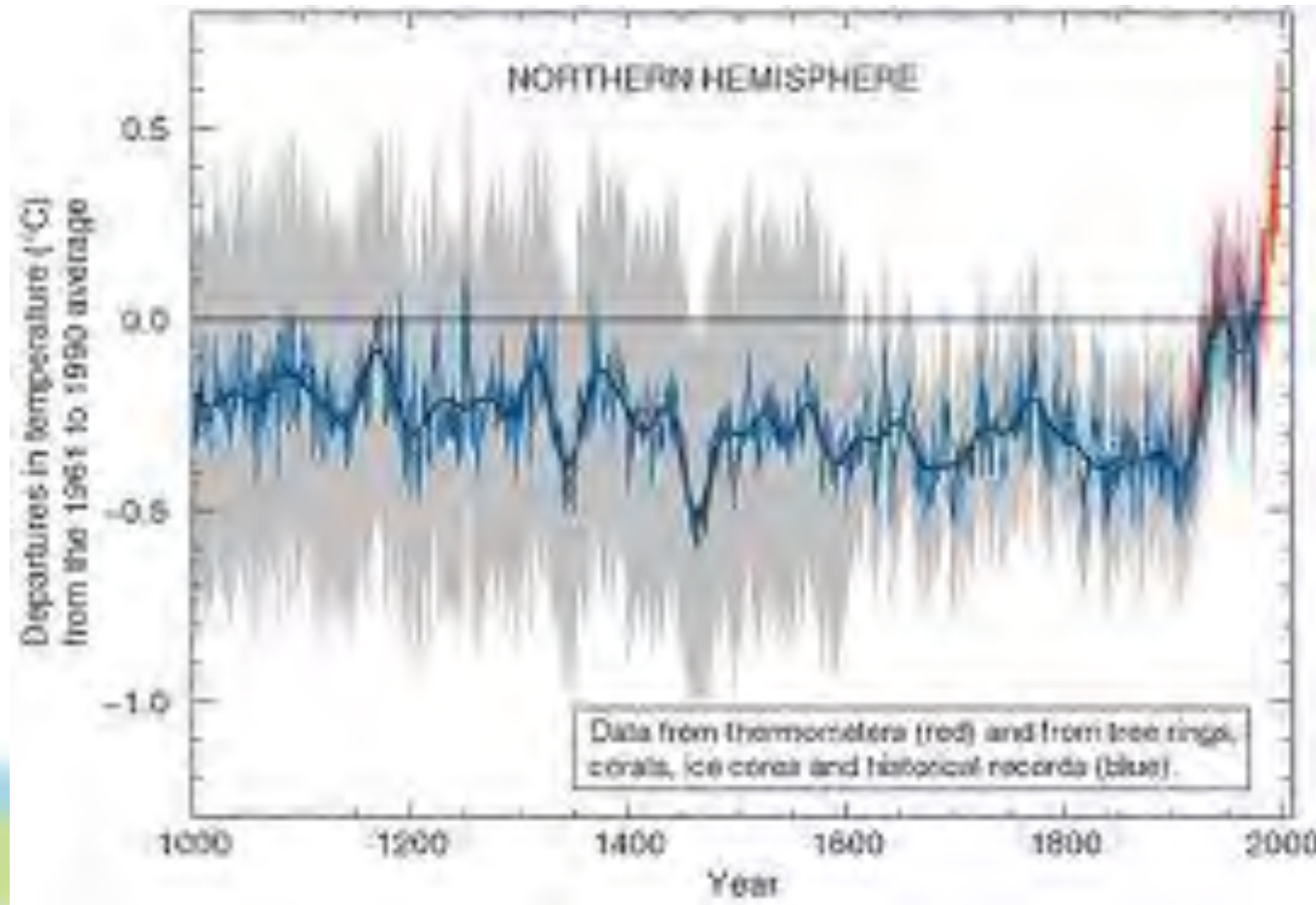


# The Greenhouse Gases

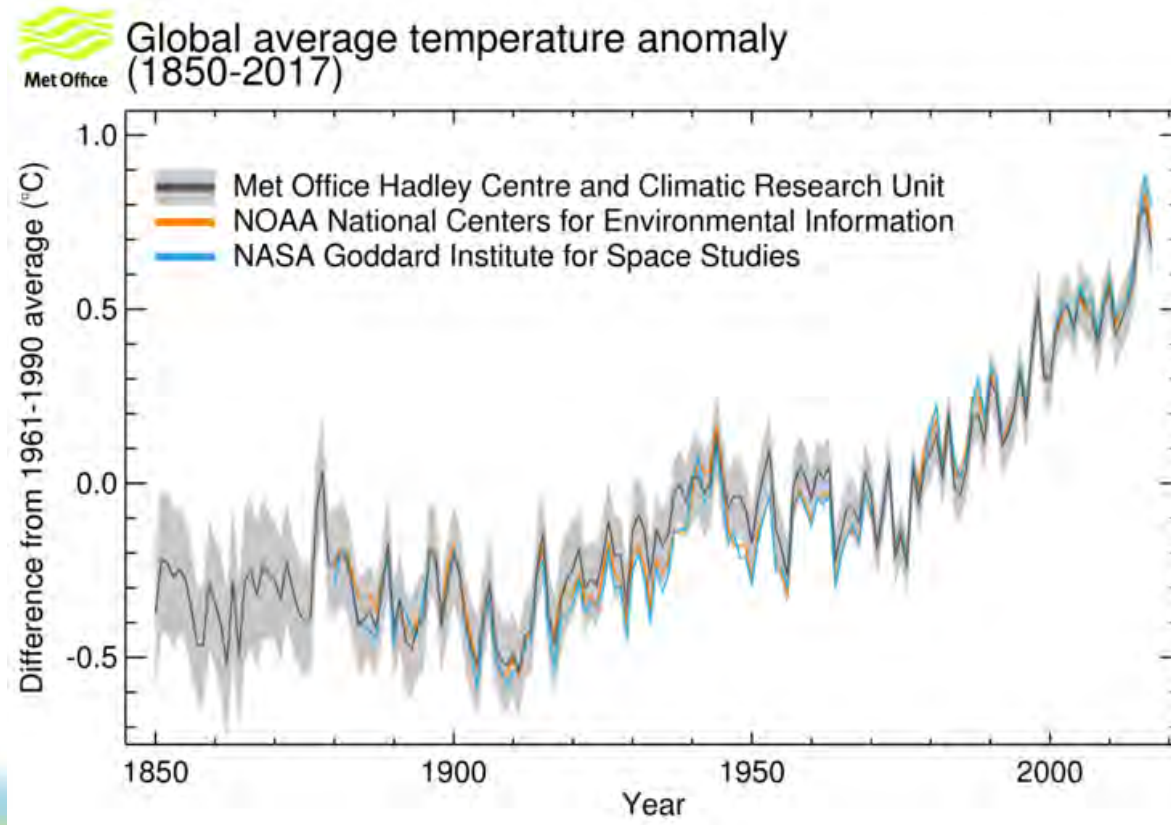


- The Gases DGWP\* for 100 year horizon
- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 1
- Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) 25
- Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) 298
- Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC's) 100-14,800 depending on gas
- Perfluorocarbons (PFC's) 7390-12,200 depending on gas
- Sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) 22,800
- Ref: P27, "Climate Change, From science to sustainability". Peake & Smith 2003
- Oxford University Press/Open University
- \*Direct Global Warming Potential

# The “Hockey Stick” Graph

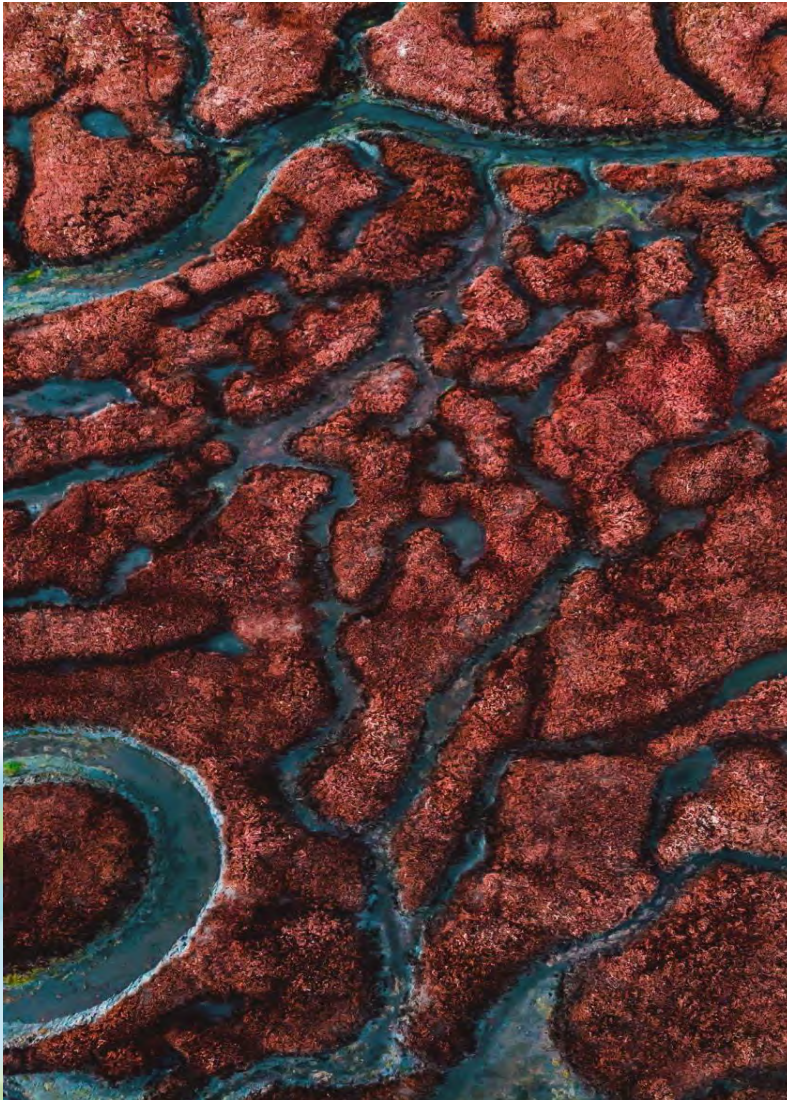


# Latest Aggregated Data Sets





# Climate Change Quotes



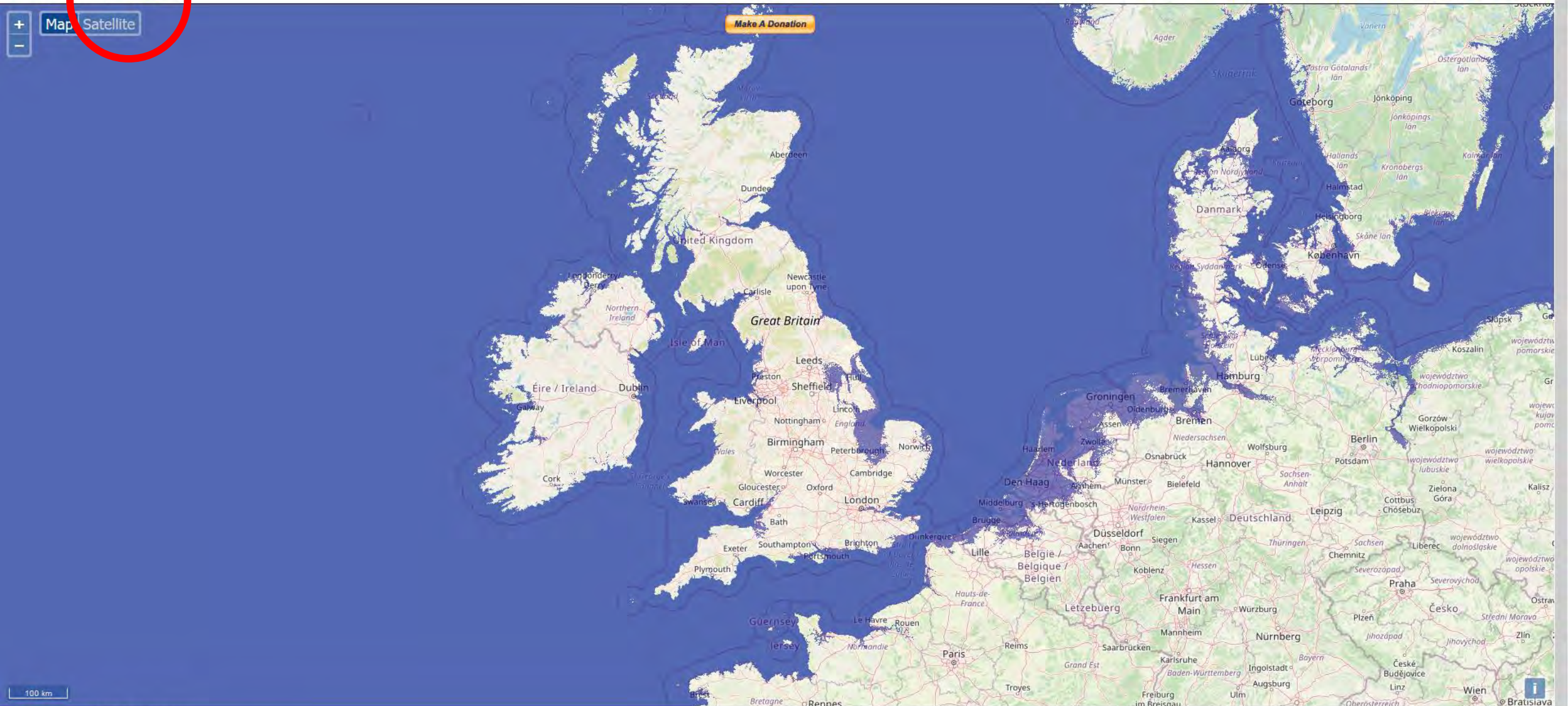
- *“On the island where I live, it is possible to throw a stone from one side to the other. Our fears about sea-level rise are very real. Our Cabinet has been exploring the possibility of buying land in a nearby country in case we become refugees of climate change”.*
- **Teleke Lauti, Minister for the Environment, Tuvalu.**
- *“Climate change is the most severe problem we are facing today, more serious even than the threat of terrorism”*
- **David King, UK Government Chief Scientific Advisor, Jan 2004.**
- *“How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say I knew about this and did nothing?”*
- **David Attenborough, 2006.**



# Doggerland!



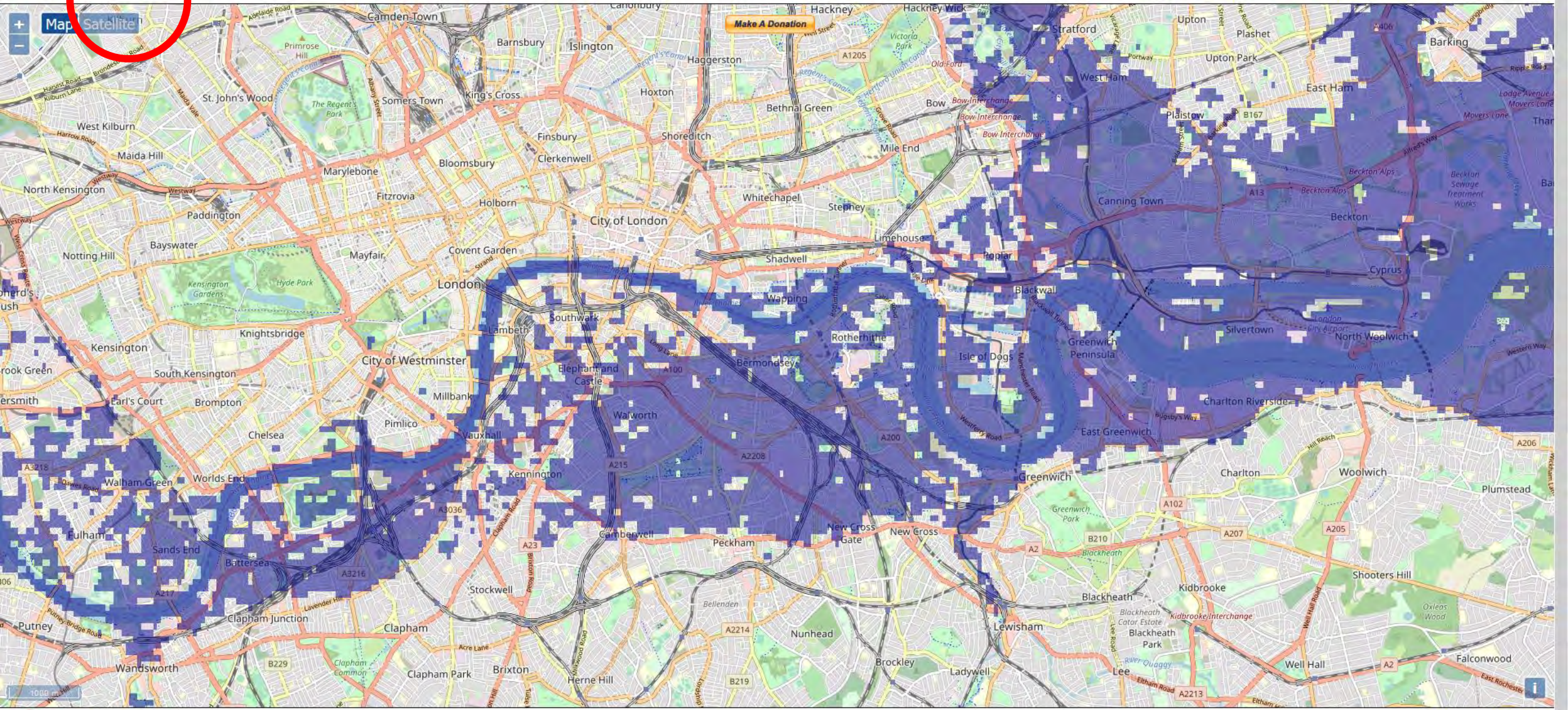




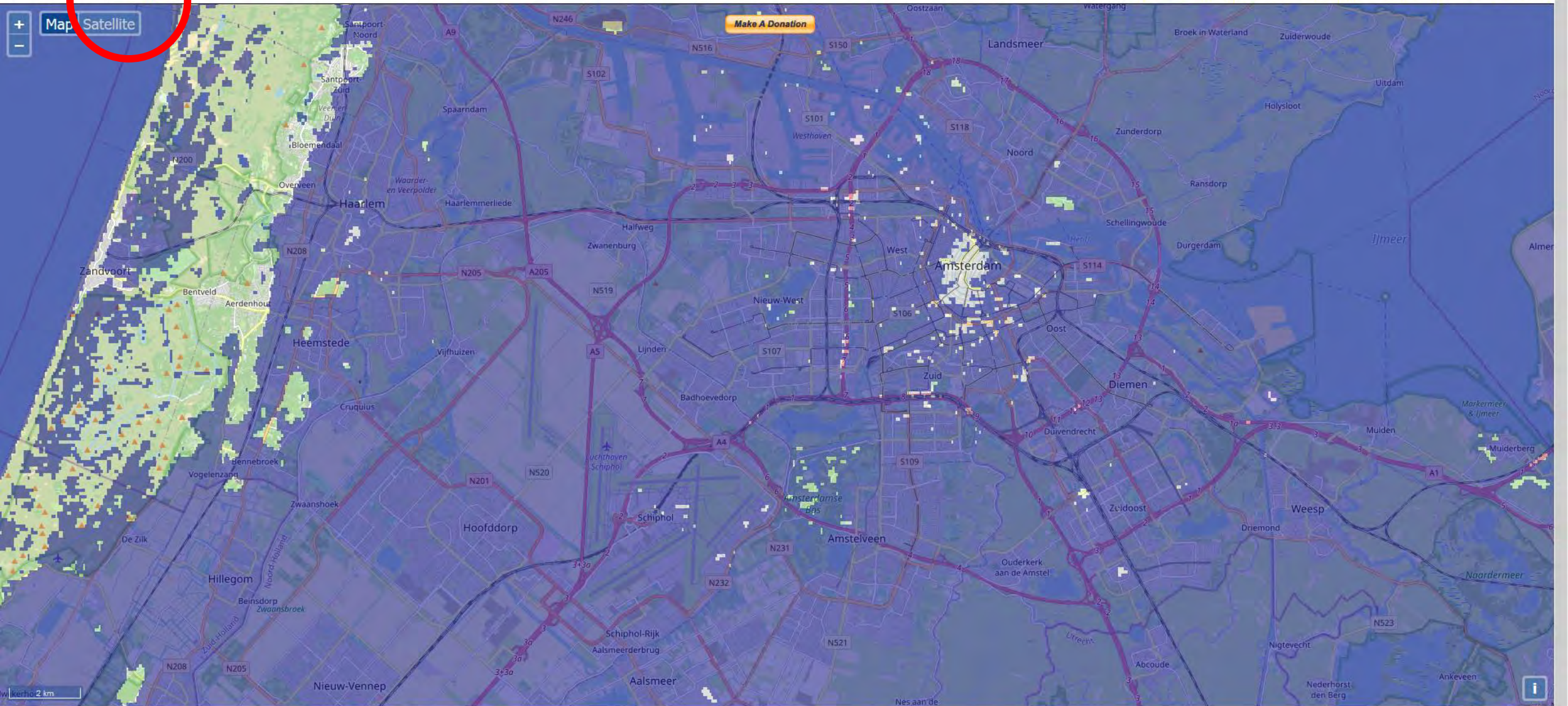


Sea level rise: **+7 m**

[Europe](#) [N. America](#) [S. America](#) [Africa](#) [SE. Asia](#) [China & Japan](#) [Australia](#)





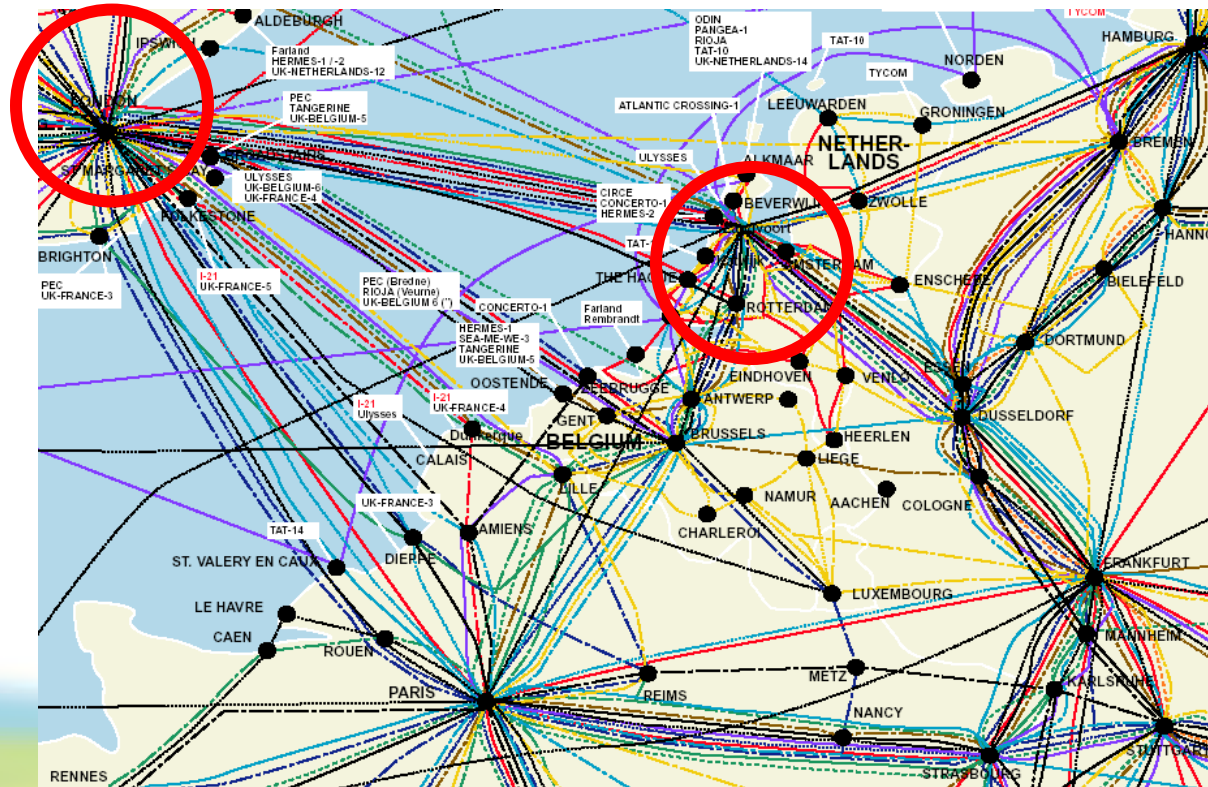








# Network Connections – European Core





# Energy!



Jaenschwalde (DE) (Lignite)



Drax (UK) (Co-Fire Biomass/Coal)



Grand Maison Dam (FR) (Pumped Storage)



Lubmin (DE) (Nuclear)



Borssele (NL) (Nuclear)

# Centralised Generation



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# Local Generation

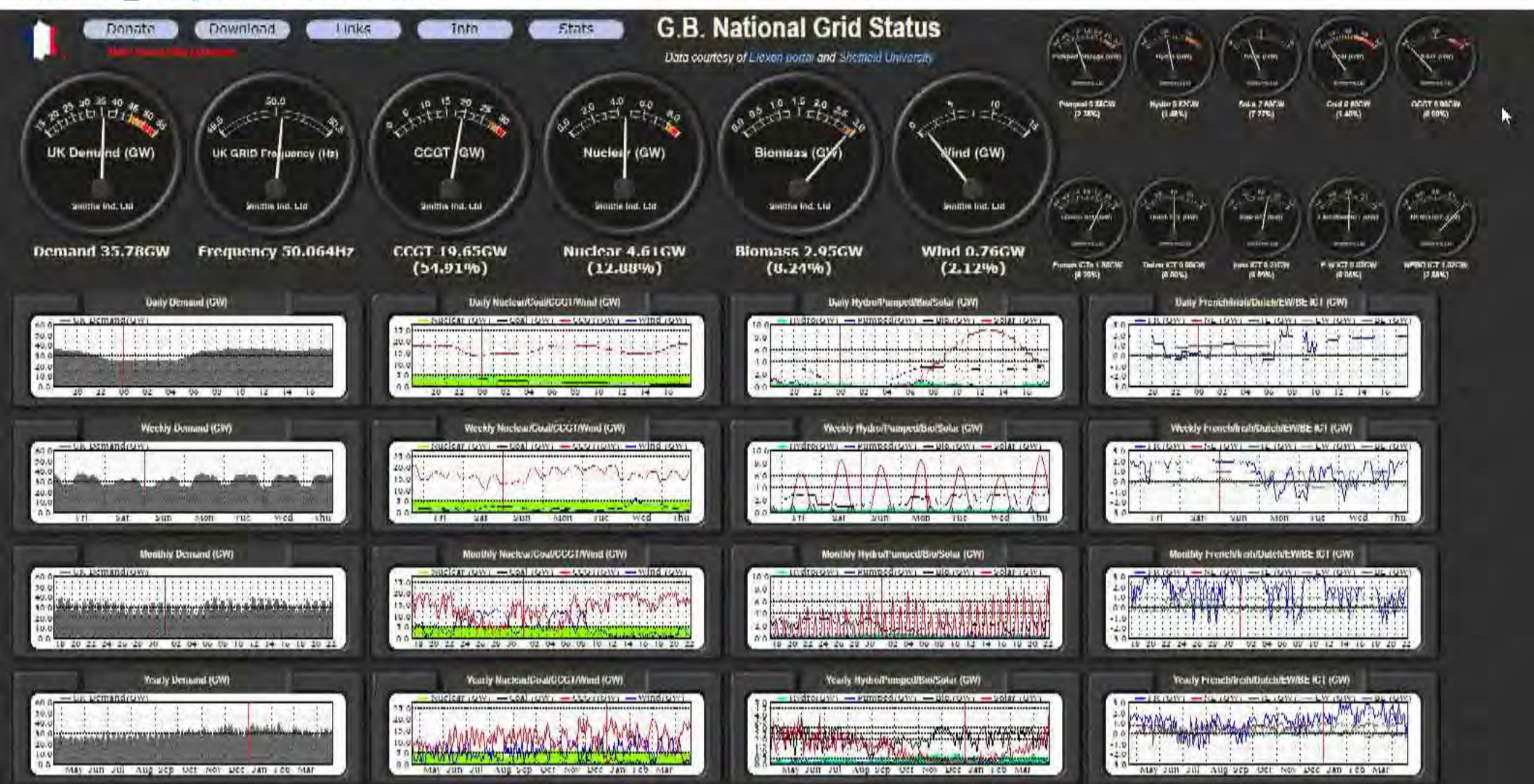






# UK Grid Mix (Live)

- <https://www.gridwatch.templar.co.uk/>



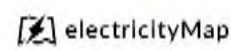
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# Europe Cross Borders Energy Flows (Live)

- <https://www.electricitymap.org/?page=map&solar=false&remote=true&wind=false>





















# Climate Impact by Area

Ranked by carbon intensity of electricity consumed (gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh)

Search areas

- 1  King Island Australia
- 2  Hinders Island Australia
- 3  Prince Edward Island Canada
- 4  Tasmania Australia
- 5  Southwest Norway Norway
- 6  Yukon Canada
- 7  Middle Norway Norway
- 8  Southeast Norway Norway
- 9  Iceland
- 10  North Norway Norway
- 11  Bornholm Denmark
- 12  Ontario Canada
- 13  Georgia
- 14  Åland Islands
- 15  South Island New Zealand
- 16  Sweden

color blind mode

This project is Open Source (see data sources). Contribute by adding your territory.

Found bugs or have ideas? Report them here.

Anything unclear? Check out our frequently asked questions.



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# But...

- 7GW Coal Decommissioned by 2024
- 7GW Nuclear Decommissioned by 2023
- There is a looming “Energy Gap”





# Net Zero!

- The UK's 2050 net zero target — one of the most ambitious in the world — was recommended by the Committee on Climate Change, the UK's independent climate advisory body. **Net zero** means **any emissions** would be **balanced** by schemes to **offset** an **equivalent** amount of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, such as **planting trees** or using **technology** like **carbon capture and storage**



# CCC Progress Report July 2019

- Climate change adaptation is a defining challenge for every government, yet there is only \*limited evidence\* of the \*present UK Government\* taking it \*sufficiently seriously.\*
- # Previous “hung” parliament
- Ref: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Progress-Report-Summary.pdf>





# CCC Progress Report

## July 2019

- It is time to act. Next year may see the UK host the most important global climate summit since Paris in 2015. Our credibility in the COP26 Presidency rests on real action at home.
- The Adaptation and Mitigation Committees have reviewed the UK Government's approach to climate change adaptation and emissions reduction. Our reports are published in parallel, as required under the Climate Change Act.
- We find a substantial gap between current plans and future requirements and an even greater shortfall in action.



# Data Centres

- Climate Issues
- Energy Issues
- Net Zero!





# Data Centre Energy Demands – Global

- Assessing implications of growing demand for data centers requires robust understanding of the scale and drivers of global data center energy use that has eluded many policy-makers and energy analysts.
- The reason for this blind spot is a historical lack of “bottom-up” information on data center types and locations, their information technology (IT) equipment, and their energy efficiency trends.
- This has led to a sporadic and often contradictory literature on global data center energy use.
- Ref: <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/367/6481/984.full>



# Data Centre Energy Demands – Global

- 1% of Total Global Energy
- 2% of Total Global Energy
- 3% of Total Global Energy



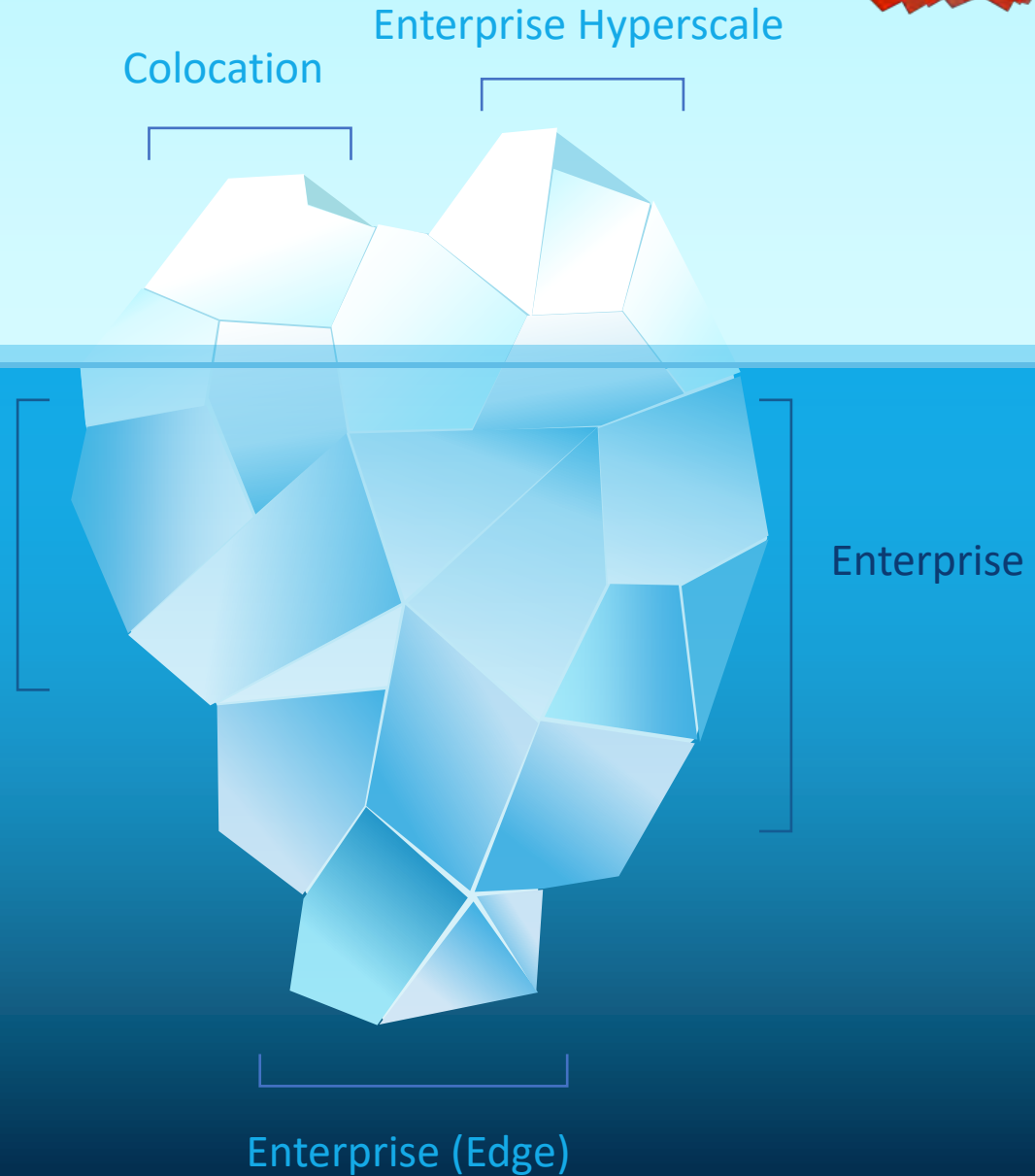


# Data Centre Energy Demands – Global Estimates & Forecasts

- 2010
- 153TWh 2005 (Estimated)
- 203-273TWh 2010 **1.1-1.5%** Global Energy Use (Estimated)
- 2018
- 205TWh **1%** Global Energy Use (2010-194TWh)
- Ref: <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/367/6481/984.full>

# Tip of the Iceberg

Reporting Scope







# Data Centre Energy Demands - UK

- We don't really know!
- What we do know is that the commercial data centre sector, i.e. Colocation in the CCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Period (3<sup>rd</sup> is due!) Published in September 2017

• 2.579TWh



# Data Centre Energy Demands - UK

- Or..
  - **0.76%** of Total UK Generation
  - 339TWh
  - Which is
  - **0.285%** of Primary Energy
  - 2339TWh
- Ref: [http://www.techuk.org/images/CCA\\_Second\\_Target\\_Report\\_04.pdf](http://www.techuk.org/images/CCA_Second_Target_Report_04.pdf)





# Data Centre Energy Demands - UK

- Excludes BT (3rd in CRC tables)
- Excludes All Private Data Centres/Server Rooms!



# Data Centre Energy Demands – UK

## Carbon3IT Research 2017

- Based upon 80,000 DCs, Server Rooms, etc
- Average Energy Cost **£57K**
- Total **38.54TWh**
- Add CCA – **2.579TWh**
- = **41.11TWh**
- **12.13%** of UK Generation





# Data Centre Energy Demands – EU

2007 • 56TWh

2020

• 104TWh

A problem for environmental policy makers

A problem for the energy bill payer

A compelling motive to optimise energy efficiency



# Data Centre Energy Demands – Recommendations

- Policy Support – Energy Efficiency Standards IT Equipment
- Investment in New Technologies
- Public Data and Modelling
- Global data center energy use is entering a critical transition phase; to ensure a low-carbon and energy-efficient future, we **cannot** wait another decade for the next reliable bottom-up estimates.
- Ref: <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/367/6481/984.full>





# Whilst...

- The EU has ambitious plans and has begun preparing policy and other instruments to create the....

## • EU Green Deal



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# EU Green Deal – Data Centres

- On the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019...
- “At the same time, Europe needs a digital sector that puts sustainability at its heart. The Commission will also **consider measures** to improve the **energy efficiency and circular economy performance** of the sector itself, from broadband networks to **data centres** and ICT devices”



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# EU Green Deal – Data Centres

- On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020...
- “Data centres and telecommunications will need to become more energy efficient, reuse waste energy, and use more renewable energy sources.”
- “They can and should become climate neutral by 2030.”





# EU Data Centres Energy

- Lack of credible data
- EUCOC Data (2017) INDICATES 289 DC's consumed **3.7 TWh**
- UK (CCA) **2.579 TWh**
- Hmmmm, that's means that EU data centres = **1.21 TWh ?**



# EU Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact





# EU Code of Conduct for Data Centres (Energy Efficiency)







# Things to Consider - Devices

- Thin Clients
  - Desktop Energy Reduction
  - Increased Data Centre/Server Energy Use
- Laptops
- Personal Printers – MFD Printers
- Printer Software
- ECO-Fonts
- Use GPOs to put devices in standby (Automatically)
- TCO Documents for Procurement



# Carbon<sup>SM</sup> IT Things to Consider - Networks

- Use Switch Energy Management features
- Auto



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# Things to Consider – Data Centre



- Become EUCOC Participant or Endorser
- CEEDA Assessment
- Calculate DC KPIs (ISO 30134 Series)





# Things to Consider – Cloud

- Use EUCOC Participants
- Use Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact Signatories
- Ask for Environmental Data
- Ask them to undertake CEEDA



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# Things to Consider – General

- Green IT Policy/Strategy
- Green IT Champions
- Procurement
- Renewable Energy
- External Assessment
- Expert Guidance
- Carbon 3IT Green IT Course



# Things to Consider – BCS

- Join BCS Green IT SG
- Actions Pending...



# Questions & Answers





# Thank You



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