

NAVIGATING CLIMATE CHALLENGES

From understanding risk to increasing resilience

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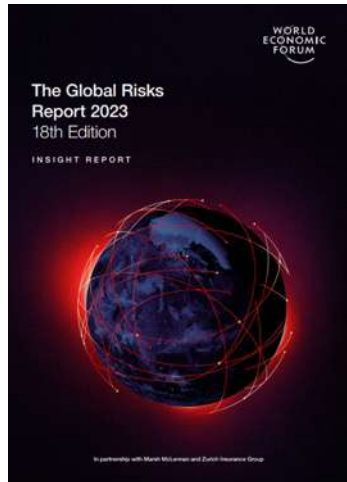
Annualized revenues: US\$ 20.7 BN (2022)

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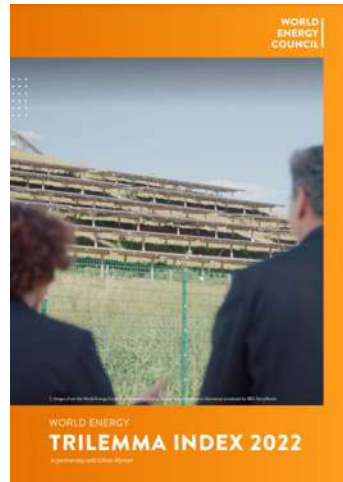
Age: 150 years



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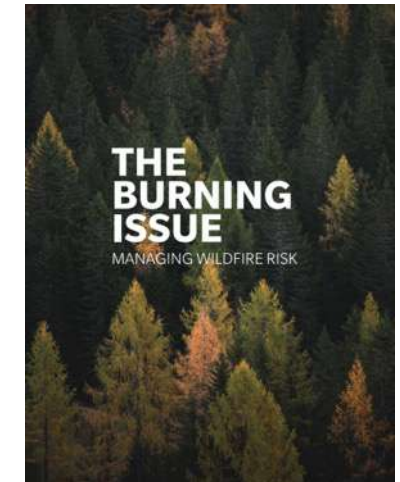
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Time to Recharge: Accelerating the rollout of EV charging infrastructure



Making the Switch: Navigating the smart grid transition



The Burning Issue: Managing Wildfire Risk

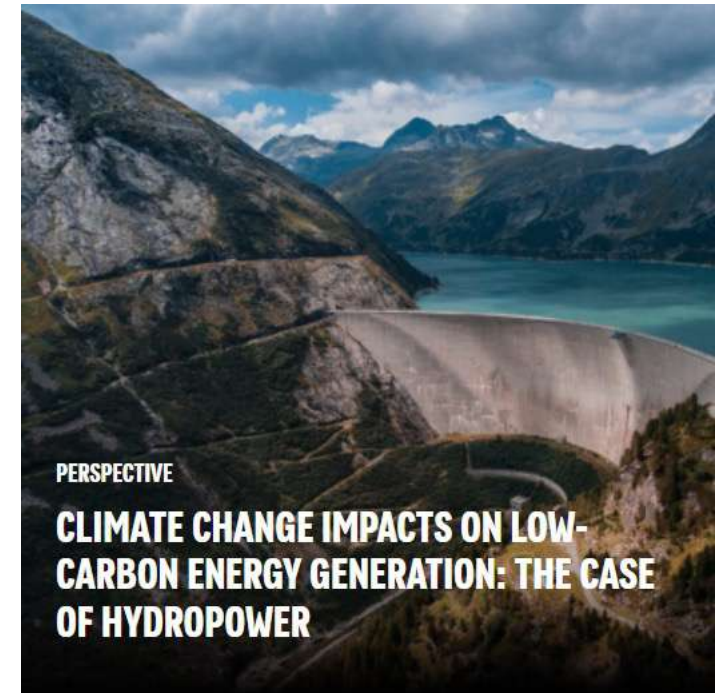
Impact of climate change on hydropower

61% of hydropower dams worldwide will be in river basins with high to extreme risk of water scarcity, floods or both by 2050

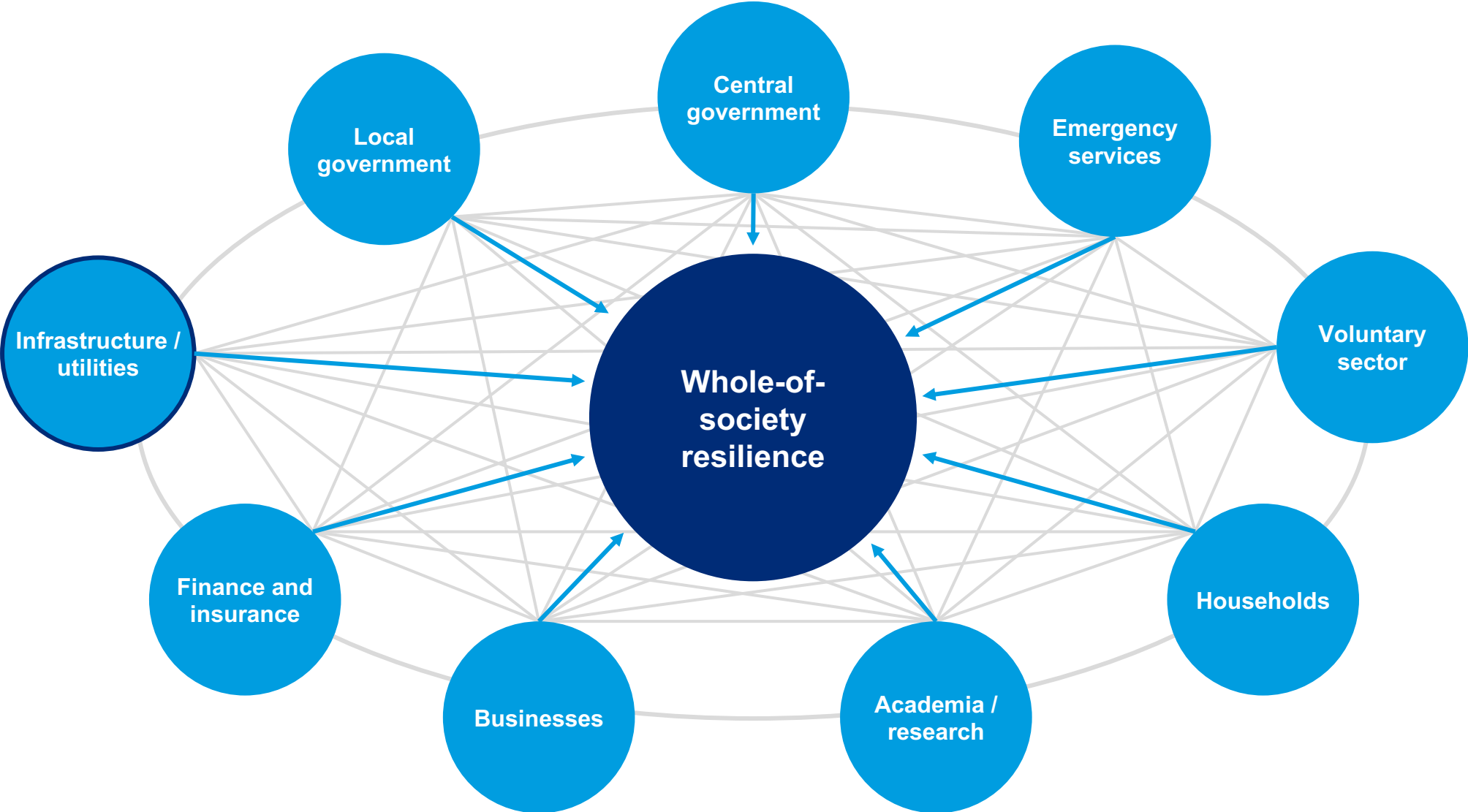
Global hydropower exposed	Floods	Water Scarcity
2050	57%	32%

Source: WWF, Water Risk Filter

- Hydropower is the EU's second largest renewable energy source, accounting for 33% of renewable energy and 17% of all EU energy
- Dams in Spain and Bulgaria stand at some of the highest risks of water scarcity globally, while flood risks remain high for dams in Ireland
- In 2022, extreme heat and droughts reduced hydroelectricity output in France and Spain by 30% and >50% respectively
- **Way forward:** assessing the EU's hydropower exposure to climate risks, bolstering resilience efforts, and strategically diversifying renewable sources



From utility preparedness to national resilience





How do I use the
resilience playbook?

What are Physical
Climate Risks?



Marsh RESILIENCE PLAYBOOK



What changes do I
need to make to my
assets?

Definitions &
Glossary

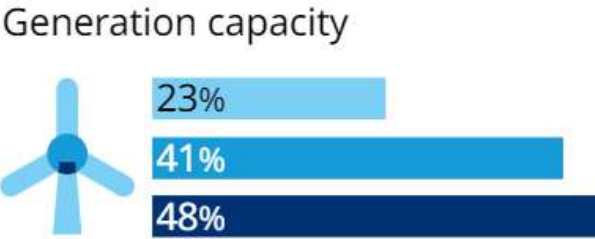


Starting point: Understanding current and future risks

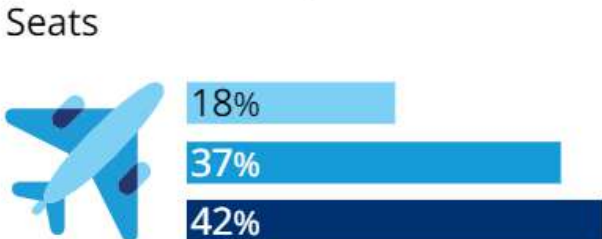
- Findings from the Marsh McLennan Flood Risk Index reveal key vulnerabilities in global power infrastructure, international airports and international ports. Even under a 2°C global warming scenario, the percentages of these three infrastructure classes at risk are set to approximately double.
- Failure of critical infrastructure prolongs and exacerbates flood impacts, such as business interruptions, disruptions to supply chains, and recovery costs.

Infrastructure at risk under present and under 2°C and 3.5 °C warming scenarios

Power infrastructure



International airports



International ports



■ Present day ■ 2°C warming scenario ■ 3.5°C warming scenario

Source: [Marsh McLennan Flood Risk Index](#)

Calculating financial impacts: Physical risk affects multiple key drivers



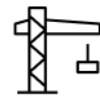
Operational Expenses

- **Water expenses**
 - Hazards: Drought
 - Contributes to increased COGS in CCA, and will impact the unit cost driver
- **Energy expenses**
 - Hazards: Heat, freeze
 - Contributes to cost of heating and air conditioning



Productivity losses

- **Employee productivity**
 - Hazards: extreme temperatures, wildfire
 - Contributes to decreased margins in CCA, and will impact the unit cost and volume drivers
- **Business interruption**
 - Hazards: Extreme temperatures, coastal flooding, fluvial flooding, tropical cyclone, water stress, wildfire
 - Lowers revenues in CCA by impacting the volume driver



Capital Expenses

- **Cleanup and repair costs**
 - Hazards: coastal flooding, fluvial flooding, tropical cyclone, wildfire
 - Increases capital spending in the CCA capex driver
- **Repair and retrofit**
 - Hazard: flood, hurricane
 - Replacing existing with resilient materials as part of ongoing repair and maintenance
- **Building foundation damage**
 - Hazard: Drought
 - Increases capital spending in the CCA capex driver



Insurance Costs

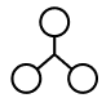
- **Increased expected losses to physical risk will increase insurance premiums/deductibles**
 - Affected by insurance company pure loss ratio and company percentage of insured assets (both to be included as user parameters)
 - Impacts the COGS line item in CCA
- **Future access to traditional insurance requiring alternative risk transfer**
 - Denial of cover and exclusions for high risk assets requiring more costly parametric cover

Identifying responses: Building climate-resilient energy systems

Energy security is still a low priority for adaptation; as of 2020, only 40% of global NDCs prioritize adaptation in the energy sector

Enhance preparedness

Mitigate the impacts of climate risks through early action, strategic reinforcements, and stakeholder engagement



Incentivize data sharing across stakeholders to improve existing climate models, identify and prioritize high-risk areas



Invest in green and grey climate adaptation infrastructure (including nature-based solutions)



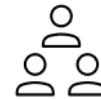
Reinvigorate aging grids with smart grid technology (e.g., smart meters, microgrids, energy throttling systems)

Respond with agility

Swiftly recover assets and operations by coordinating action, mobilizing stakeholders, and evaluating resilience targets



Grant emergency powers to local stakeholders (e.g., emergency services) and afford flexibility to adapt plans and priorities



Mobilize community-based action to reduce losses (e.g., community resilience hubs)



Work closely with re/insurers and financiers to build financial resilience



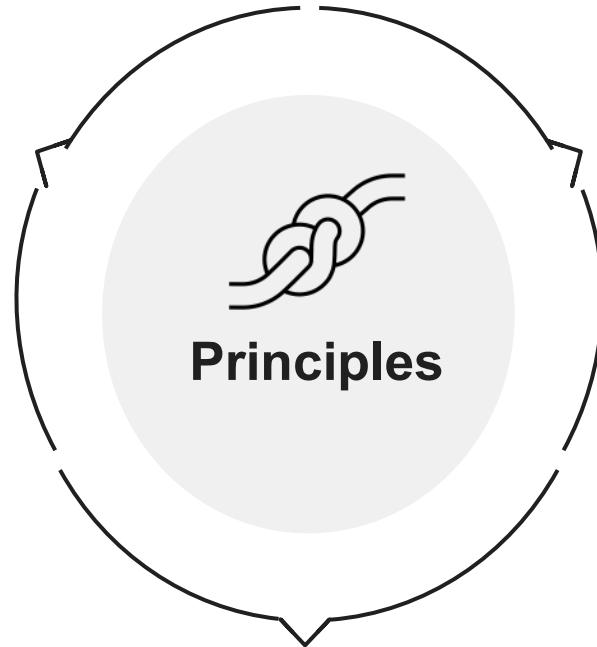
Develop response protocols to reduce inefficiencies in recovery

Three principles to guide adaptation strategies

1

Embrace current and forward-looking trends

Strategies need to incorporate information on climate change projections and evolving risk drivers to minimize the risk of maladaptation, blind spots, and lock-ins.



2

Coordinate the implementation of tools through new modes of collaboration

New models of participation can coordinate action and align incentives among a wide range of stakeholders, such as corporates, households, communities and governments.

3

Harness co-benefits by taking a systems-level approach to resilience

Leveraging the broad range of social, economic and environmental co-benefits can strengthen the business case for resilience and unlock investments.

