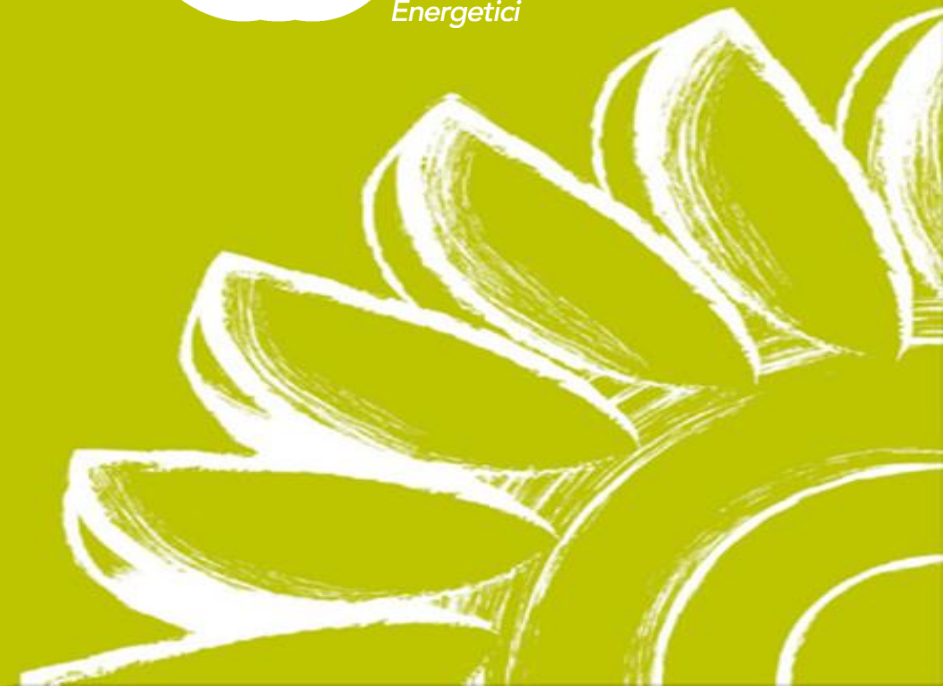


# Evaluation of Energy Efficiency policies in Italy

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# 2020 Energy efficiency Targets

Currently the European and National legislation frameworks include **two different energy efficiency targets**:



## Energy Efficiency Target 2020

|   | Description  | Mandatory  | %  |
|---|--|------------|--|
| <b>Total EE target</b>                          | Primary energy savings with respect to PRIMES 2007 reference scenario of primary energy consumption. | <b>No</b>  | <b>-20%</b>  |
| <b>EE obligation schemes target (Art.7 EED)</b> | Final energy savings through energy efficiency obligation schemes                                    | <b>Yes</b> | <b>1,5%/y</b><br>new savings in 2014-2020 of 1,5 % of the annual energy sales with some facilitations (art 7 par. 2 & 3 EED) |



## Energy Efficiency Target 2020

| %  | Mtoe  | Period           | Measures   |
|--|---|------------------|--|
| <b>-24 %</b><br>(with respect to reference PRIMES 2007)            | <b>-15,5 Mtoe/y</b><br>(saving in 2020 final consumption) (*)                               | <b>2011-2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Certificates</li> <li>• Thermal Account</li> <li>• Fiscal deduction</li> <li>• EPBD</li> <li>• EC Standard &amp; Regulation</li> <li>• Other Measures in Transport</li> </ul> |
| <b>Up to 1,5% /y</b><br>(of Final Consumption excluding transport) | <b>-25,4 Mtoe</b><br>(2014-2020 FC cumulated savings, corresponding to 6,75 Mtep/y in 2020) | <b>2014-2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Certificates (60%)</li> <li>• Thermal Account</li> <li>• Fiscal deduction</li> </ul>  |

(\*) 20 Mtoe in terms of Primary energy consumption

# Main Energy Efficiency support mechanisms in Italy

|   | White Certificates   | Fiscal deduction  | Thermal Account   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Energy savings target obligation                        | Obligation quota   | Voluntary   | Voluntary   |
| Remuneration mechanism                                  | Saving payment<br>(Saving Certificate with variable market price)    | Tax relief<br>(65% of investment for specific EE intervention,<br>50% for generic building refurbishment) | Capital subsidies<br>(around 50% of investment)   |
| Incentive lifetime                                      | 3-10 years (*)   | 10 years  | 1-5 years   |
| Sector involved in EE intervention                      | Utilities<br><b>Industry</b><br>Residential<br>Services<br>Transport | <b>Residential</b><br>Services  | Residential<br>Services/SME<br><b>Public administration</b>   |
| Energy savings monitoring                               | Measured   | Estimated   | Estimated   |
| Funding source  | Gas & Electricity Bill   | National Budget<br>(tax income reduction)   | Gas Bill  |
| Total public cost (2016)                                | <b>1,4 bn (**)</b>   | <b>2,2 bn (***)</b>   | <b>0,04 bn (****)</b>   |
| Target savings share 2016 (Art.7 EED)                   | <b>68%</b>   | <b>32%</b>  | <b>0%</b>   |
| Policy effectiveness<br>KPI [€/TOE, €/CO <sub>2</sub> ] | <b>191€/TOE (**)</b><br><b>56 €/CO<sub>2</sub></b>                   | <b>1091 €/TOE (***)</b><br><b>448 €/CO<sub>2</sub></b>  | <b>525 €/TOE (EE) - 191 €/TOE (RES-H)</b><br><b>209€/tCO<sub>2</sub> (EE) - 62€/tCO<sub>2</sub> (RES-H)</b> |
| Duration of scheme                                      | <b>2005-..</b><br>(2020 last year with defined obligation quota)     | <b>1998-..</b>  | <b>2014-...</b><br>(achievement of cost: 900 M€/y)  |

(\*) Until 2017, incentive lifetime is for the most part of interventions 5 years

(\*\*) Considering economics of the last obligation year (2016) June 2016 – May 2017

(\*\*\*) Considering only 65% deduction, because 50% deduction includes also costs not related to energy efficiency interventions

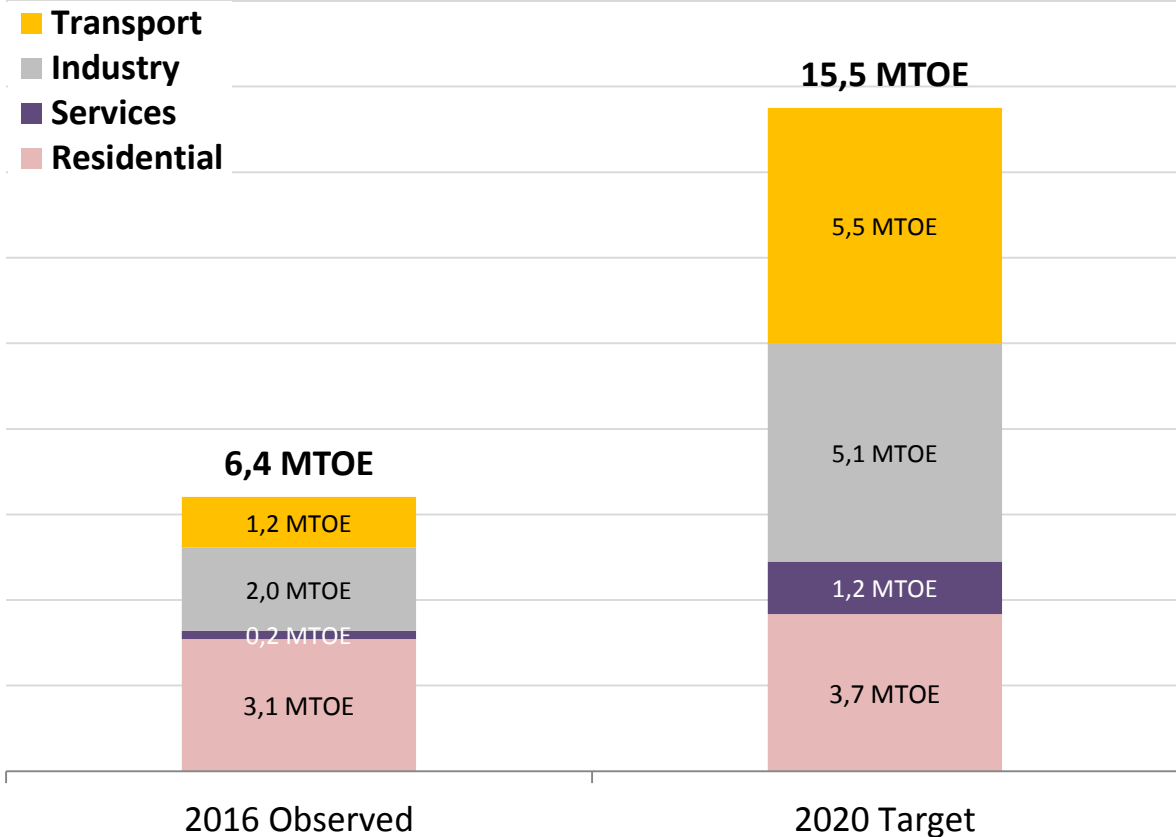
(\*\*\*\*) The public cost considering only Thermal account incentives paid in 2016

# Status of national energy efficiency target

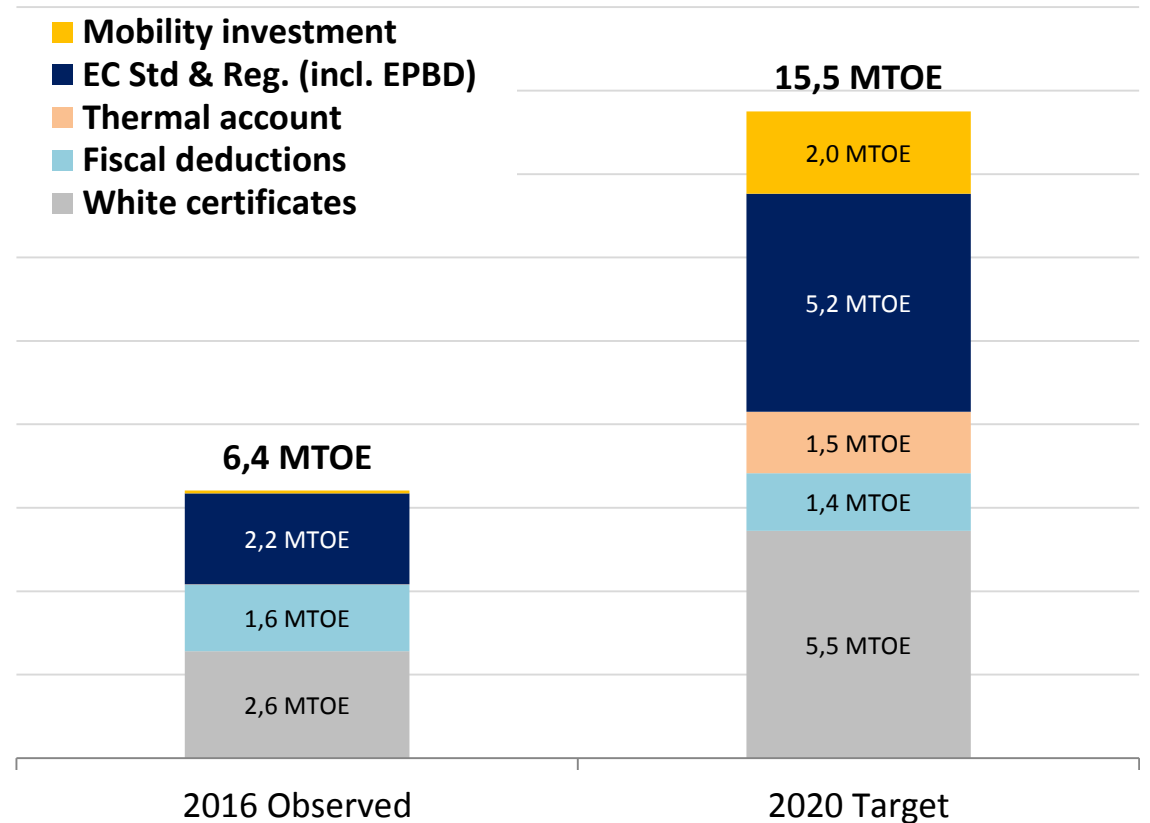
In 2016 Italy reached **41%** of the **national energy efficiency target** expected for **2020**:

- The **energy savings** assessed in 2016 (interventions 2011-2016) are **concentrated** in **residential** and **industrial** sectors while services and transport sectors are still far from the sectorial target
- **White certificates** and **Fiscal deductions** are the most **significant** energy efficiency **measures** in terms of energy **saving generated** to achieve the target (\*)

National EE target per sector



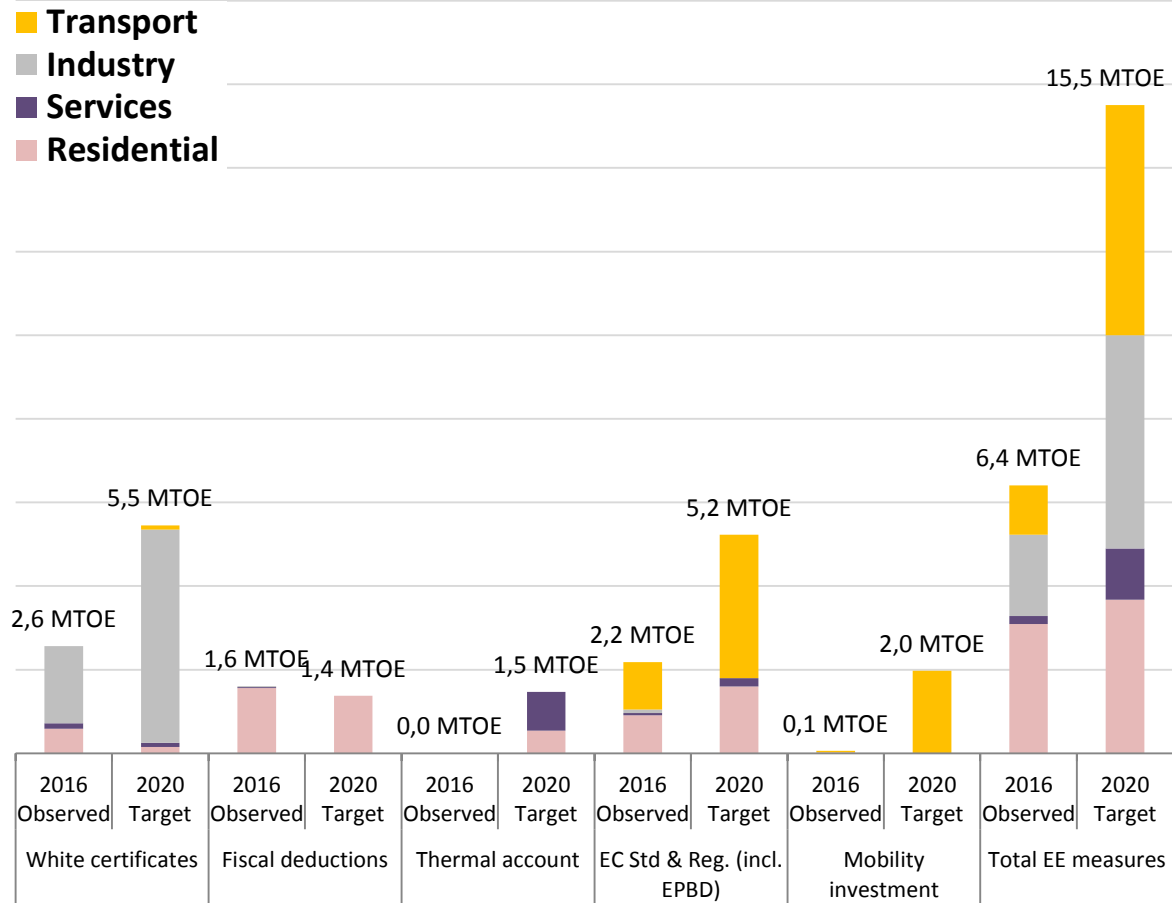
National EE target per EE measure



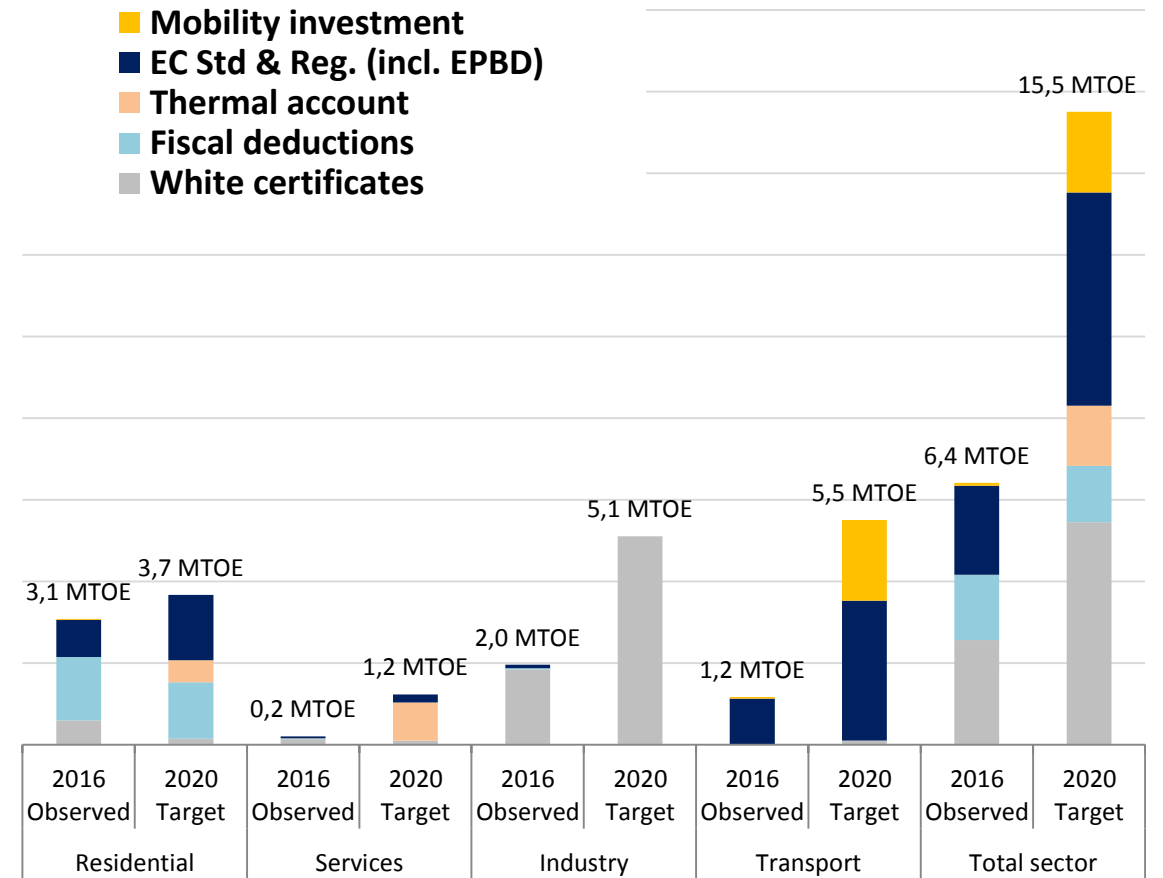
# Status of national energy efficiency target by measure and sector

The national energy savings data (showed in the previous slide) in more details:

## National EE target per measure



## National EE target per sector



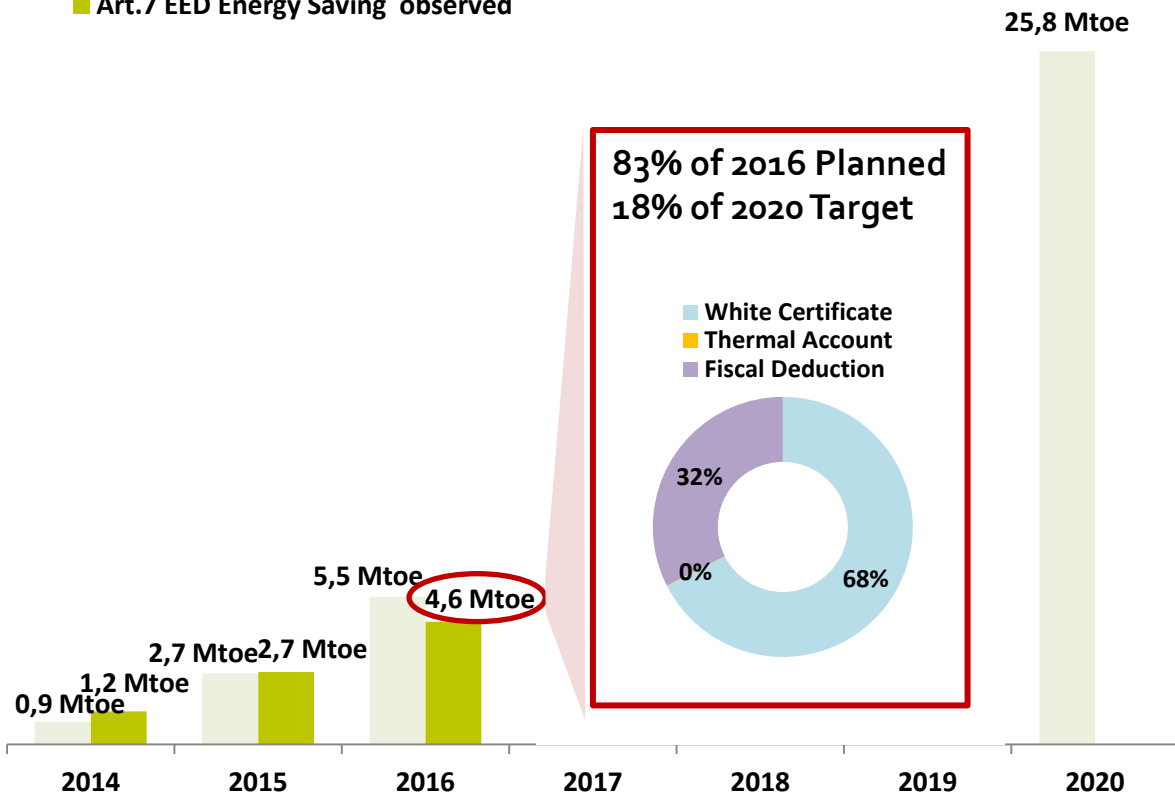
# Status of energy efficiency obligation schemes target (Art.7 EED)

In 2016 Italy was **in line (83%)** with the **energy saving trend** defined in **EEAP** in order **to reach the 2020 energy efficiency obligation scheme target** :

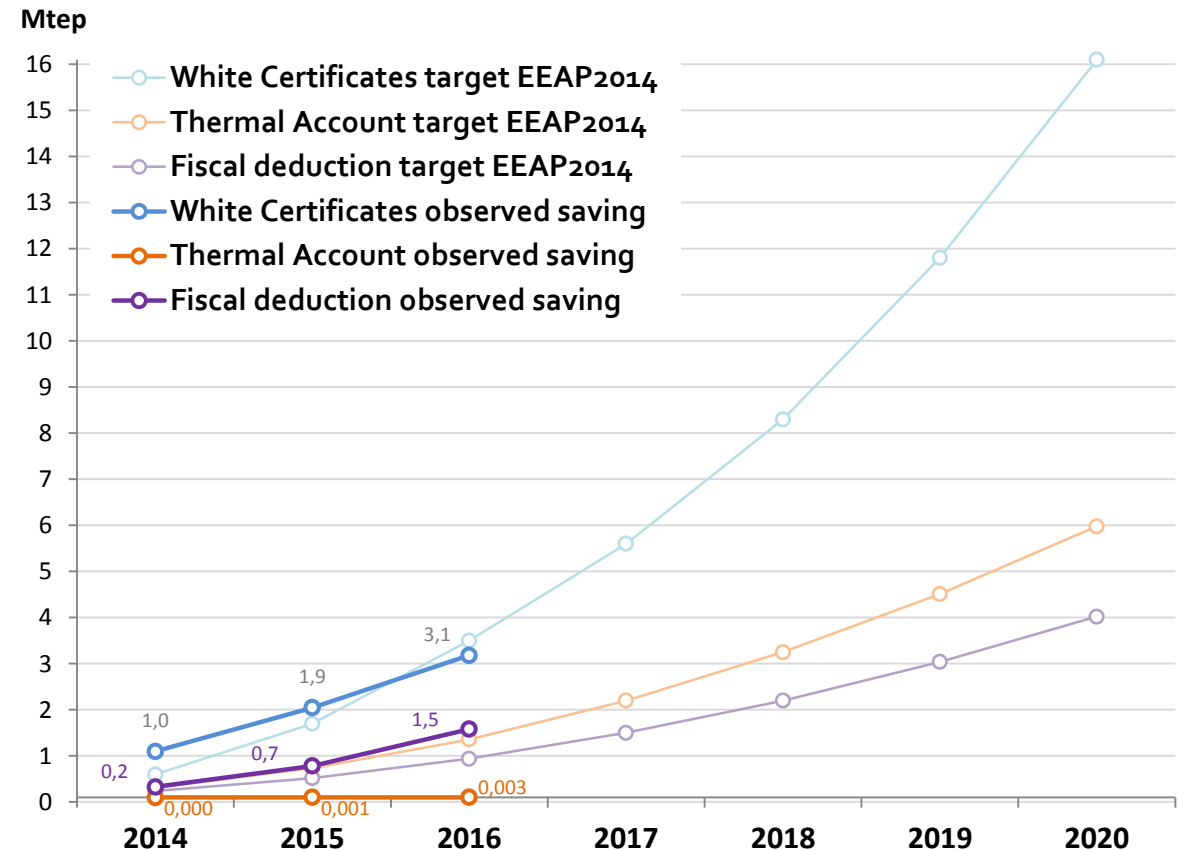
- **White certificates** covered **more than 60%** of the energy savings assessed and is **very closed to the planned saving trend**
- **Fiscal deduction** provided **more energy savings compared to expectations**. Fiscal deductions partially compensate the **Thermal Account** energy savings gap

## Art.7 EED national target and result

- Art.7 EED Energy Saving Target
- Art.7 EED Energy Saving observed



## Art.7 EED targets and results per energy efficiency measure



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## **White certificates operating data**

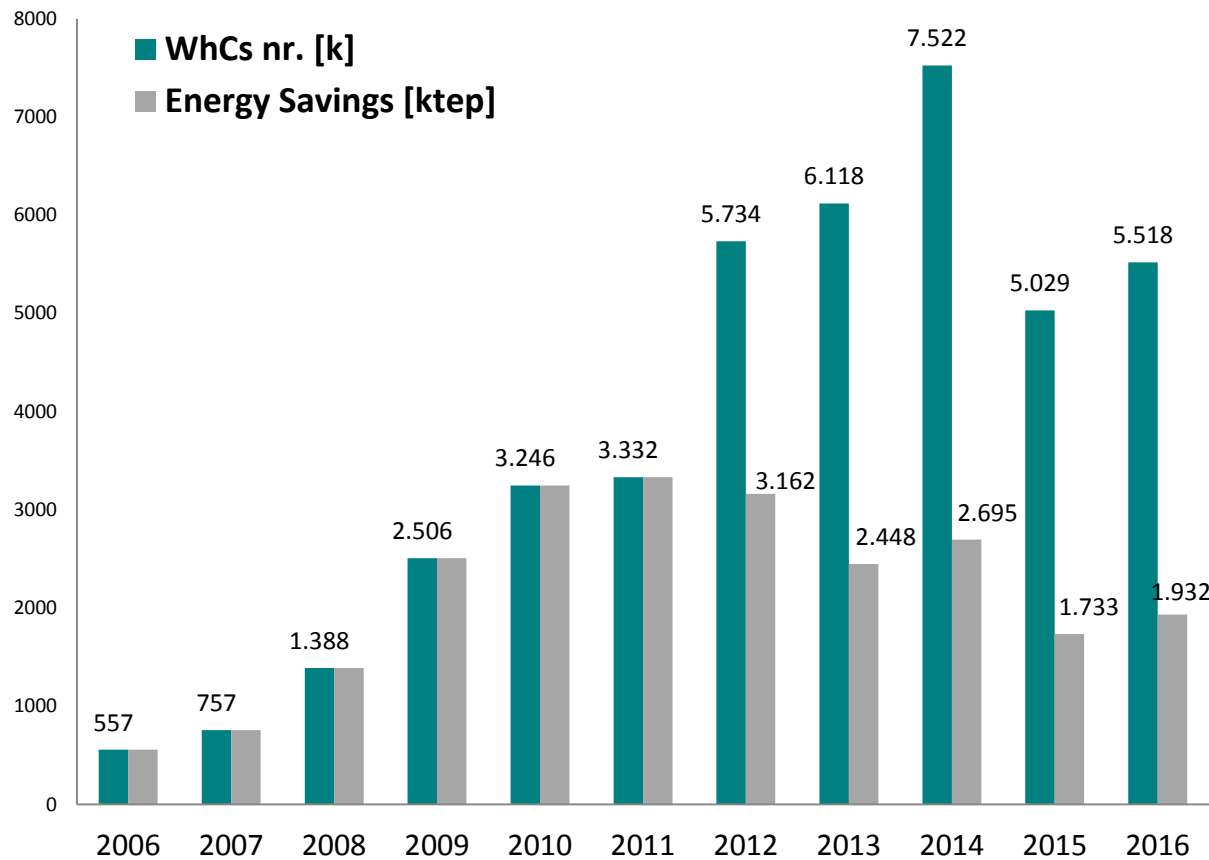
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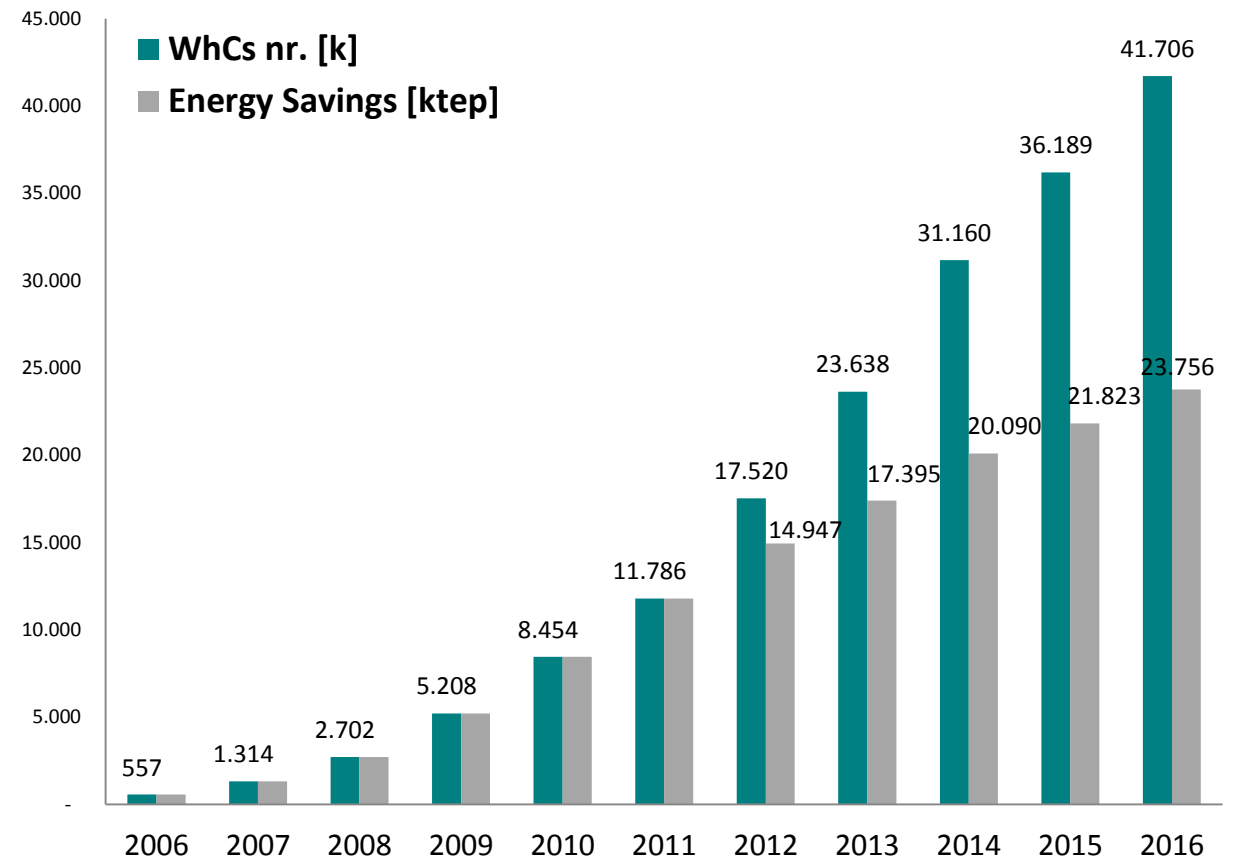
# White Certificates and savings generated

- In 2016 in Italy have been issued **5,5 M of white certificates** related to **2 Mtoe of energy savings interventions**, with an **increasing rate of 10%** compared to **2015** emissions
- The **new interventions** received 0,7 M of WhC (**13%**) while the rest are were dedicated to interventions realized in the previous years
- The white certificates scheme in **11 years certified 24 Mtoe of primary energy savings**

## Yearly White Certificates emissions and related energy savings



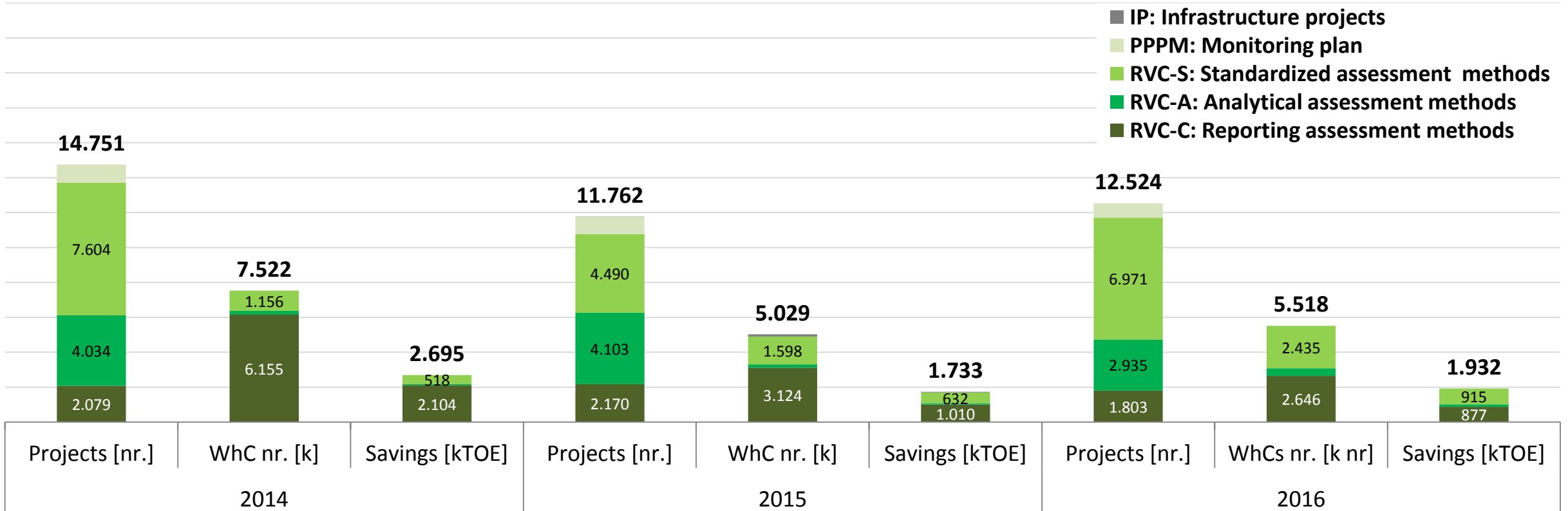
## Cumulated White Certificates emissions and related energy savings



# White Certificates by assessment method

- The WhCs scheme includes 3 assessing methods to calculate and verify the WhCs amount:
  - Standardized assessment methods (RVC-S):** without metering, considering default values for the energy savings of single installed units and taking into account corrective factors (e.g. climate zone, working hours, etc.). Method allowed only for some EE interventions (e.g. windows, lighting, etc.)
  - Reporting assessment method (RVC-C):** requires direct measurement before and after intervention, taking into account technological baseline. The project description and measurement of energy savings proposal could be previously submitted and accepted by GSE (PPPM)
- Many of the **WhC projects** are represented by **standard assessment methods** while the **main part of WhCs** and related **energy saving** is assessed by **reporting assessment methods**

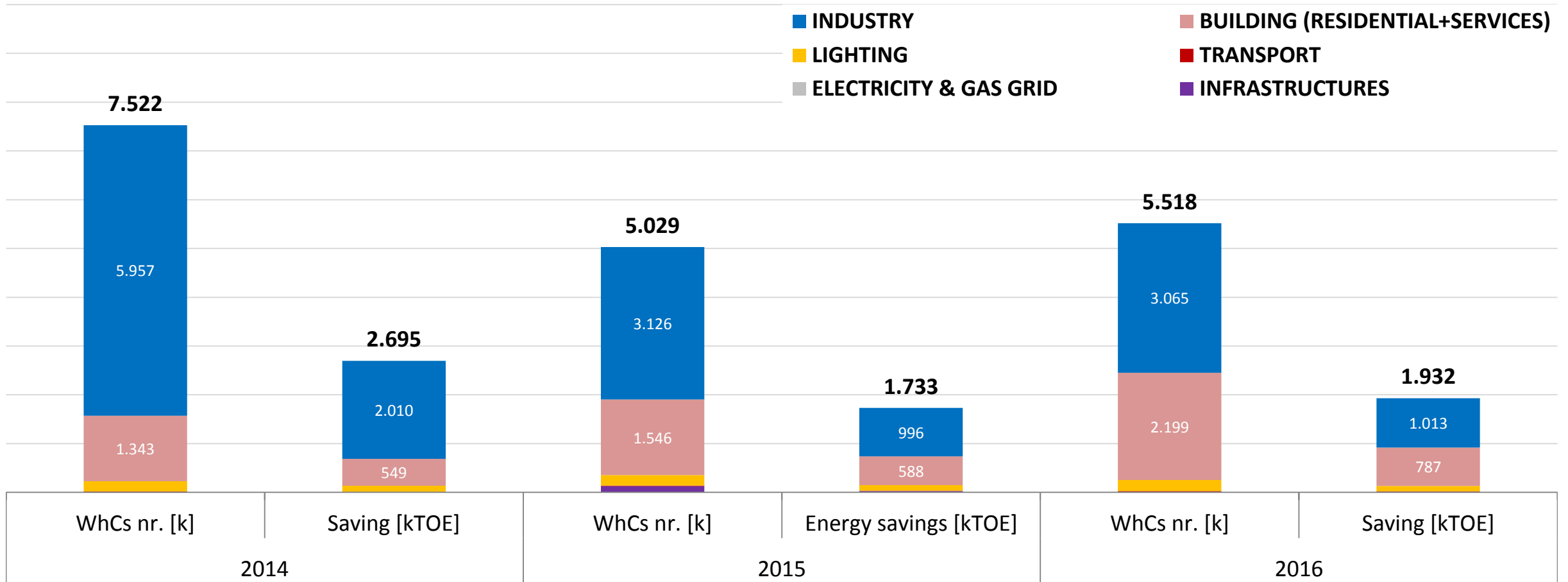
## Annual amount of projects, white certificates emissions and related energy savings per EE project assessment method



# White Certificates by sector

- Most of WhC and energy savings are recognized to energy efficiency interventions in **industrial sector** (52% of savings in 2016)
- The **share of savings verified in buildings** of residential and service sectors is progressively **growing** (41% of savings in 2016)

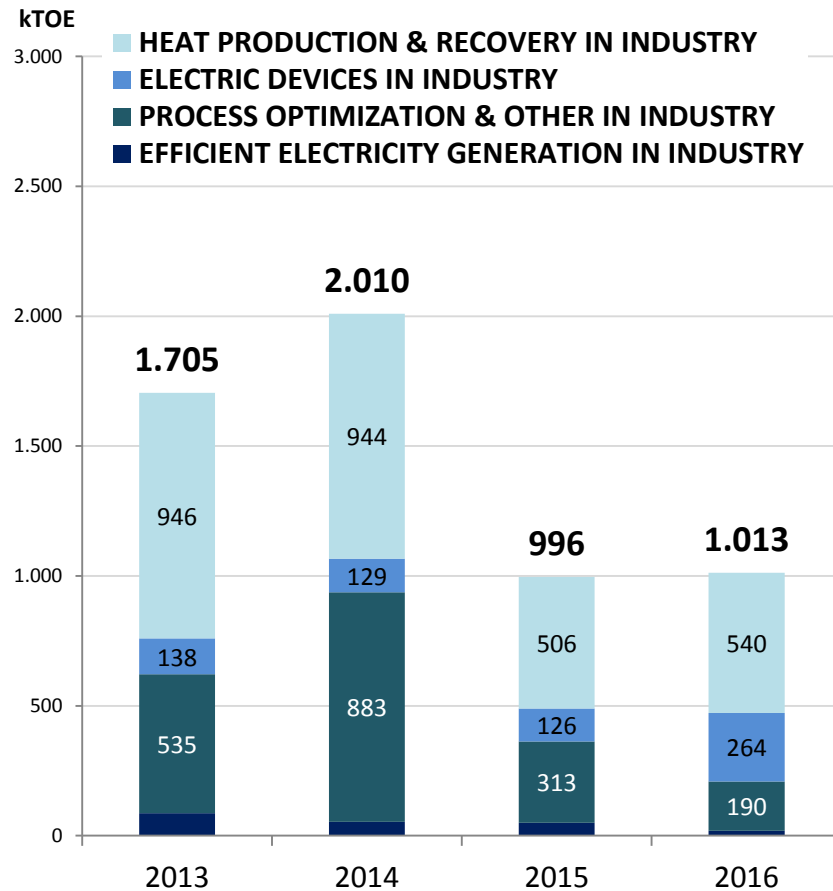
## Annual amount of White certificates emissions and energy savings by sector involved in energy consumption saving



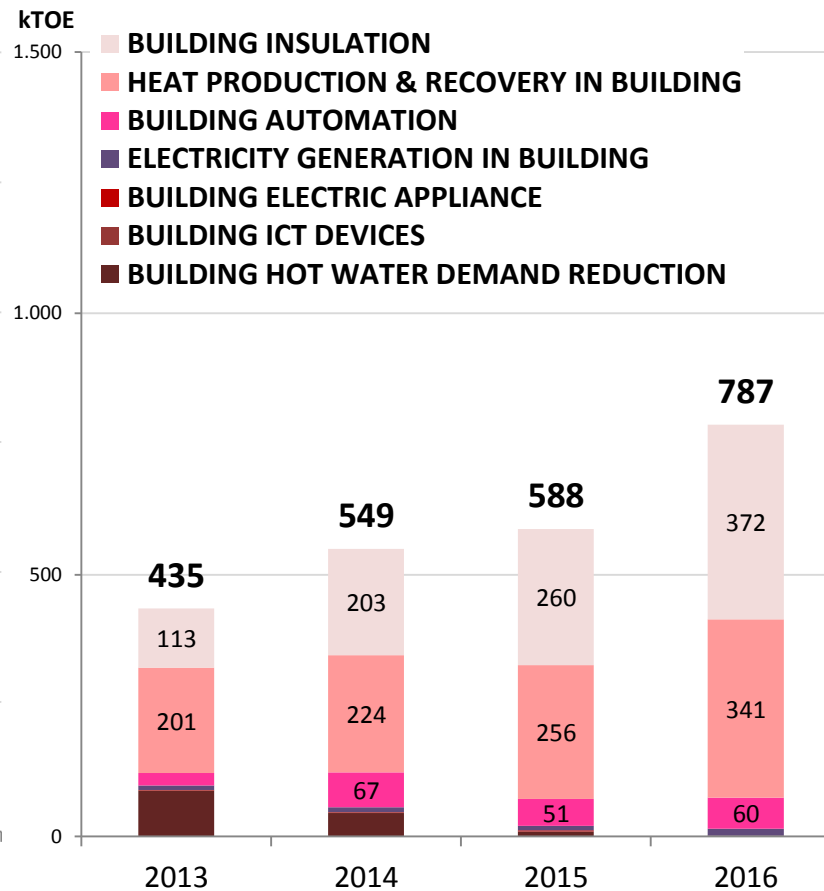
# White Certificates by intervention type

- The largest part of energy efficiency interventions realized in **industrial** sector are related to **heat production and recovery** (53%)
- **Heat production** interventions and **building insulation** cover **90%** of savings supported by WhCs scheme in the **building** sector
- The main part of **lighting** interventions is represented by **retrofit of public lighting** (69%)

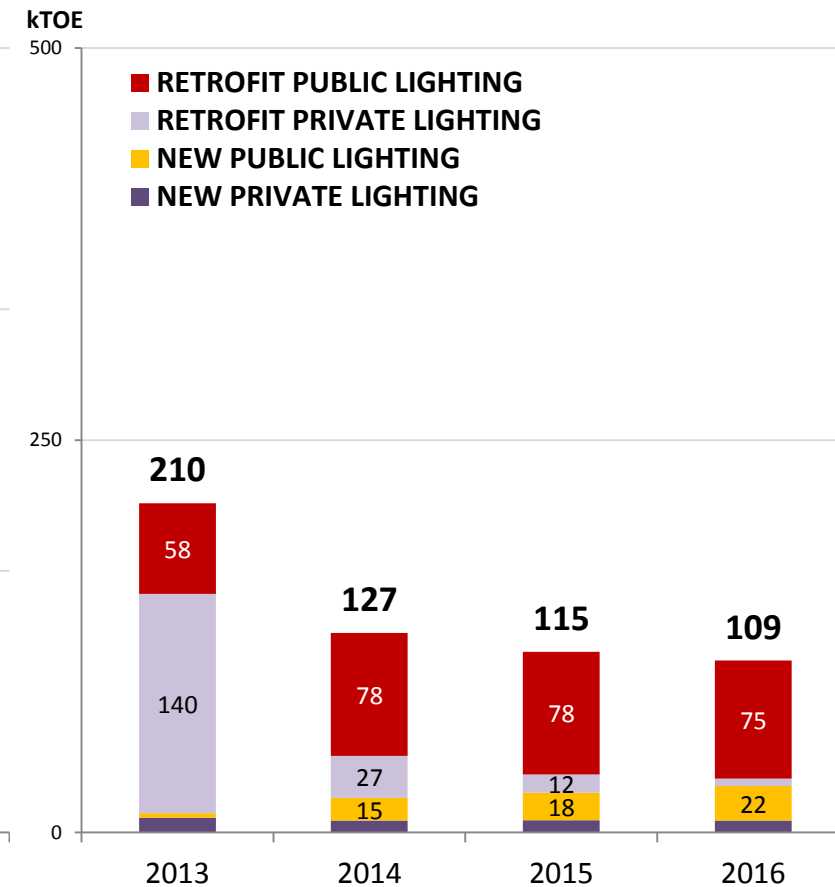
Savings by intervention type in industry



Savings by intervention type in buildings



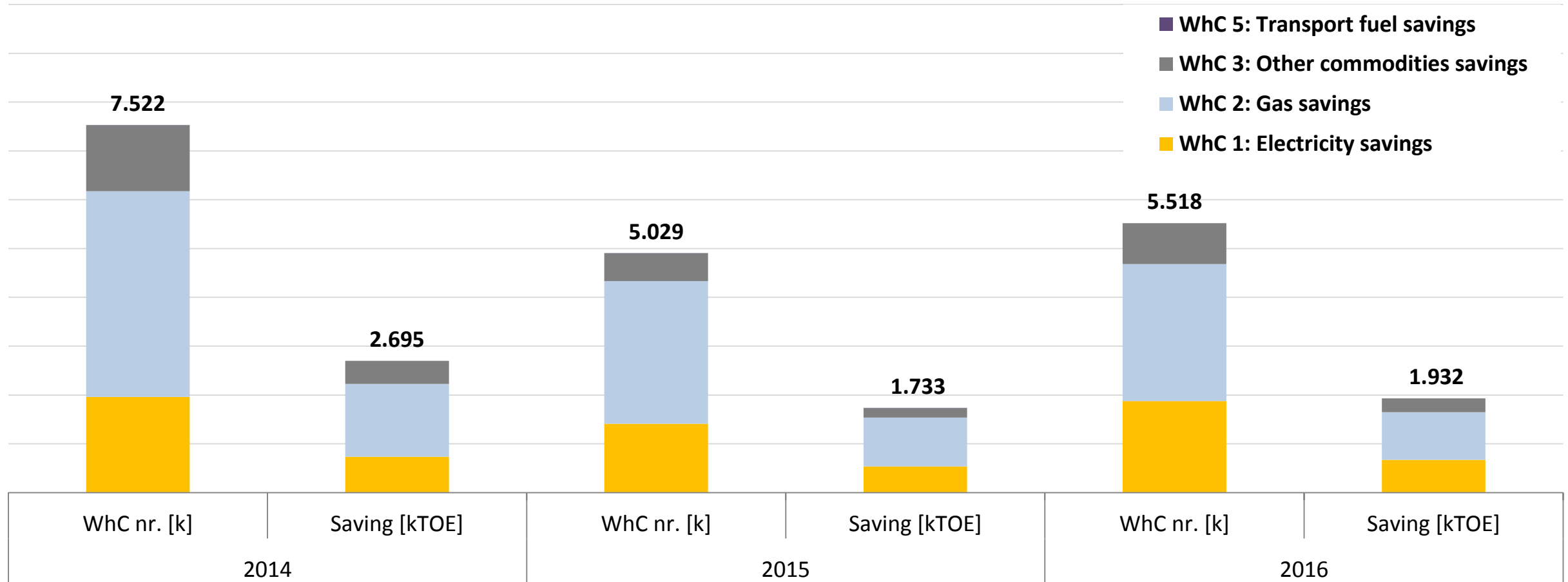
Savings by intervention type in lighting



# White Certificates by energy saving type

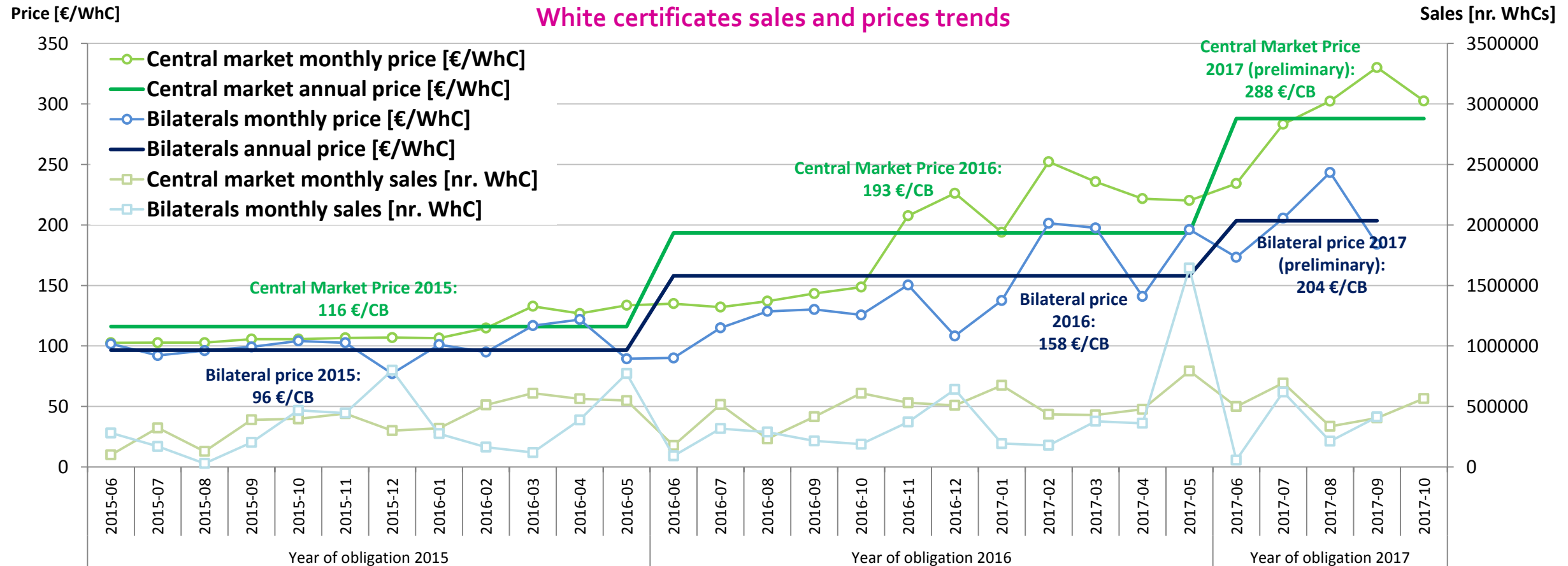
- **Half of WhC and energy savings** are related to energy certificate **type 2** representing **savings of natural gas** because the largest part of energy efficiency interventions supported by WhC involves heat production and recovery mainly from natural gas

Amount of White certificates and savings by Whc type



# Main trends of White certificates market

- **60%** of white certificate sales are **traded on the central market** and **40%** by **bilaterals**
- White Certificates traded into the **central market** show **prices 20% higher** than those of bilaterals, where free sales between branches of the same company occur (ESCO and DSO)
- **From 2017 the price is stably beyond 200 euro** per white certificate, after being in the range 90-110 euro/certificate for over five years
- The **WhC price** growth could be driven by **short market** caused by more **challenging obligation quota** and **speculative negotiations**
- Currently **it does not exist a cap mechanism** for white certificates market price



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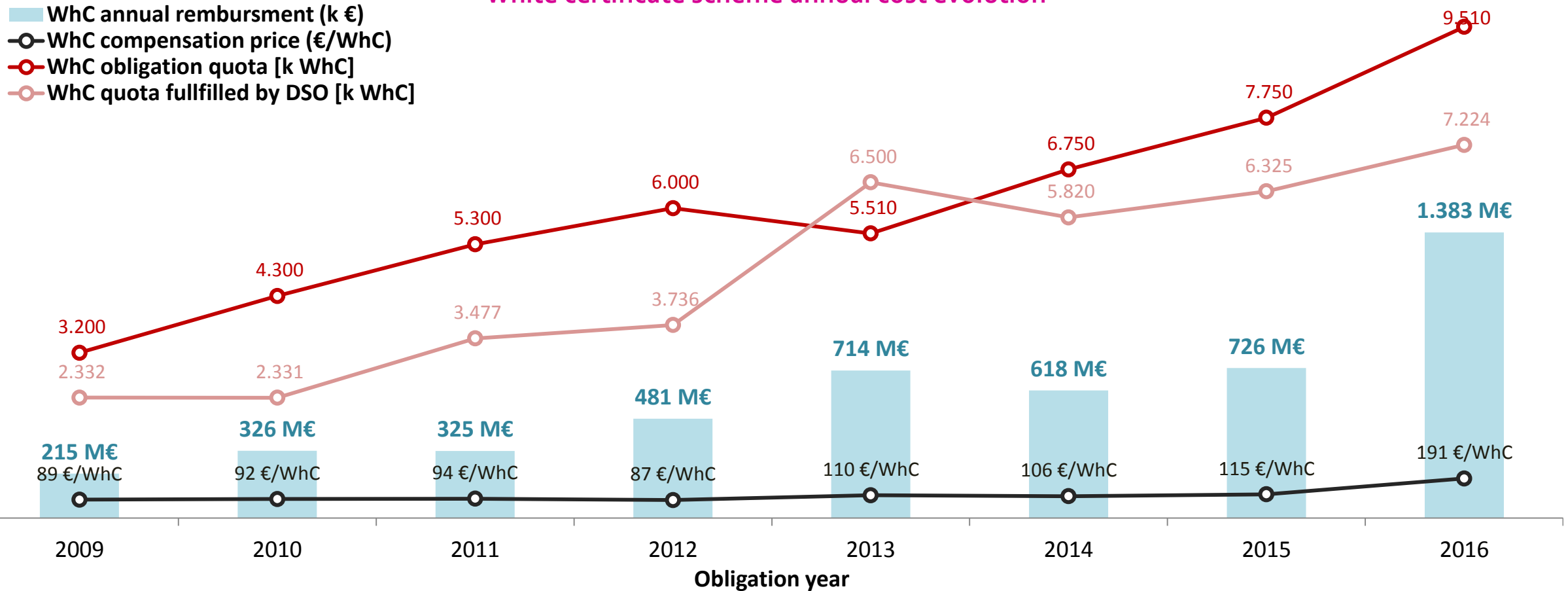
White certificates operating data

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# White certificate scheme cost

- In recent years, the **annual cost of white certificates is growing**. It overcame 1 bn/y in 2016.
- The white certificates mechanism cost is **driven** by the increasing of:
  - **obligation quota** to reach the challenging energy efficiency goals
  - white certificates **compensation price** recognized to DSO (obliged subjects) that is linked to market price

White certificate scheme annual cost evolution

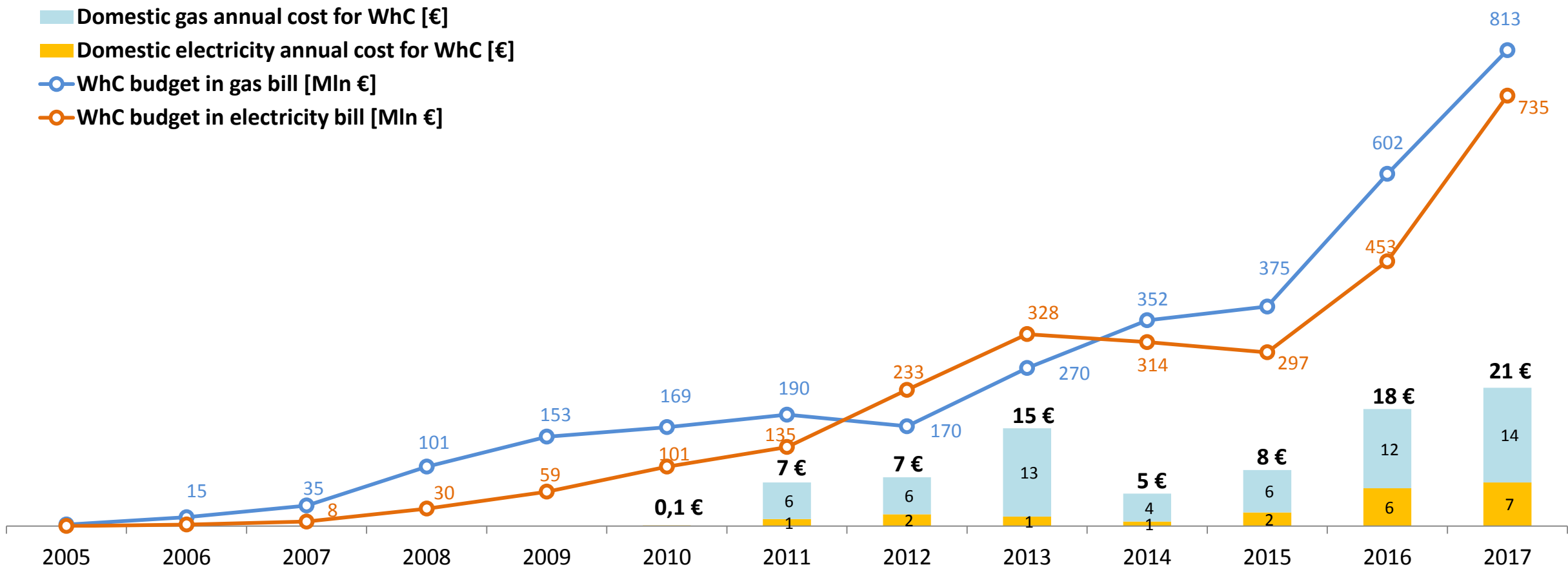




# White certificate economic impact on family bill

- The total **cost of white certificates** scheme is covered by the **electricity and gas bills (UC7 and RE)**
- The **annual fee** that a **typical Italian household** (2700 kWh, 1400 m<sup>3</sup>) pays for the white certificate scheme amounts to **20€ per year**

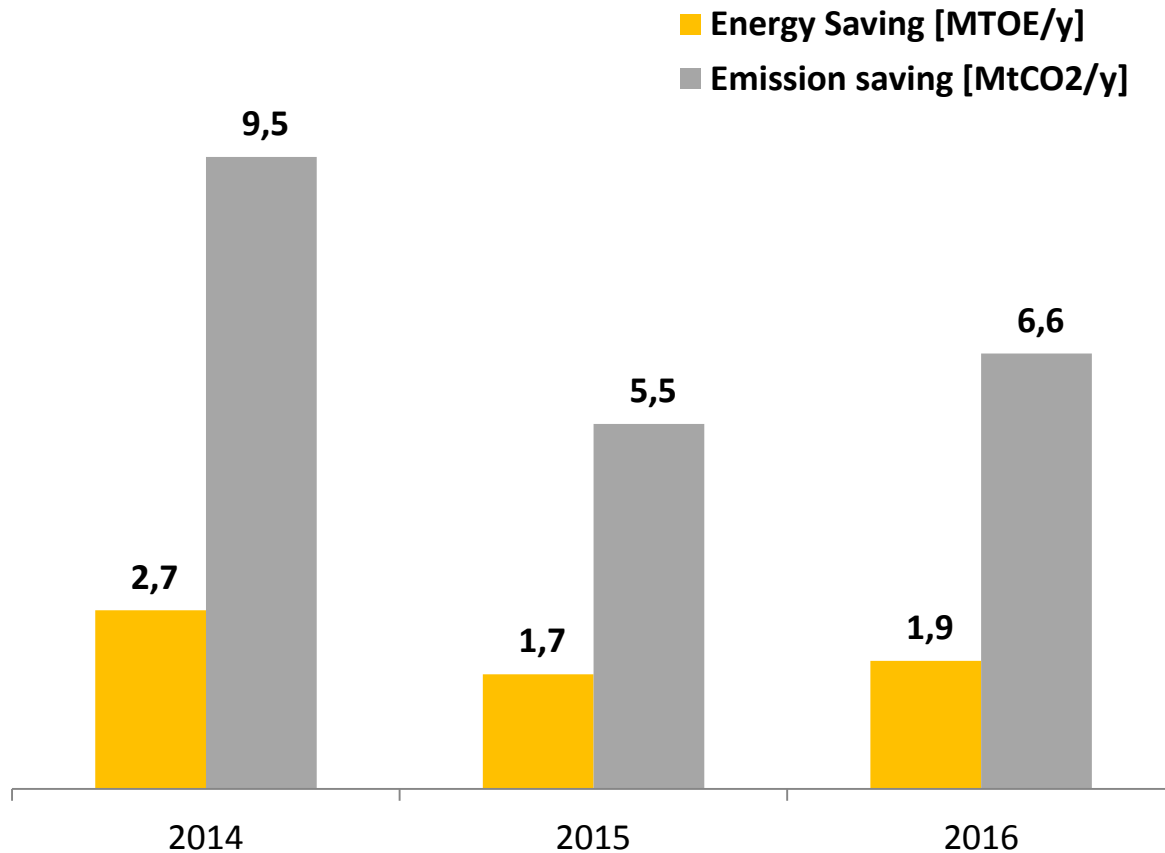
## White certificates family bill expense



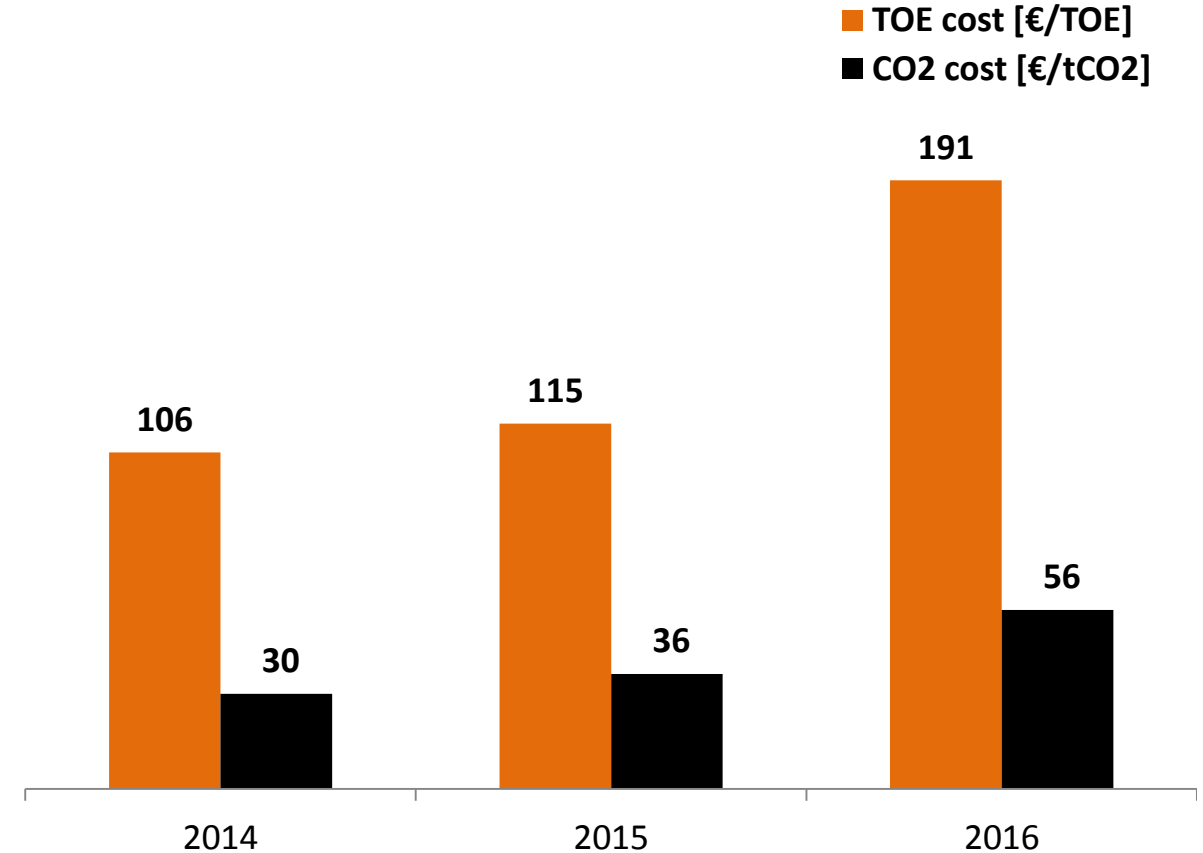
# White certificate environmental impacts: Energy & GHG savings

- The energy efficiency interventions supported by White certificates enable the yearly reduction of around **2MTOE** and **7 MtCO<sub>2</sub>**
- **Primary energy and GHG saved** represents the **lowest cost/saving ratio** among the energy efficiency scheme currently active in Italy, although in recent years it is increasing

## Energy & GHG savings related to WhCs



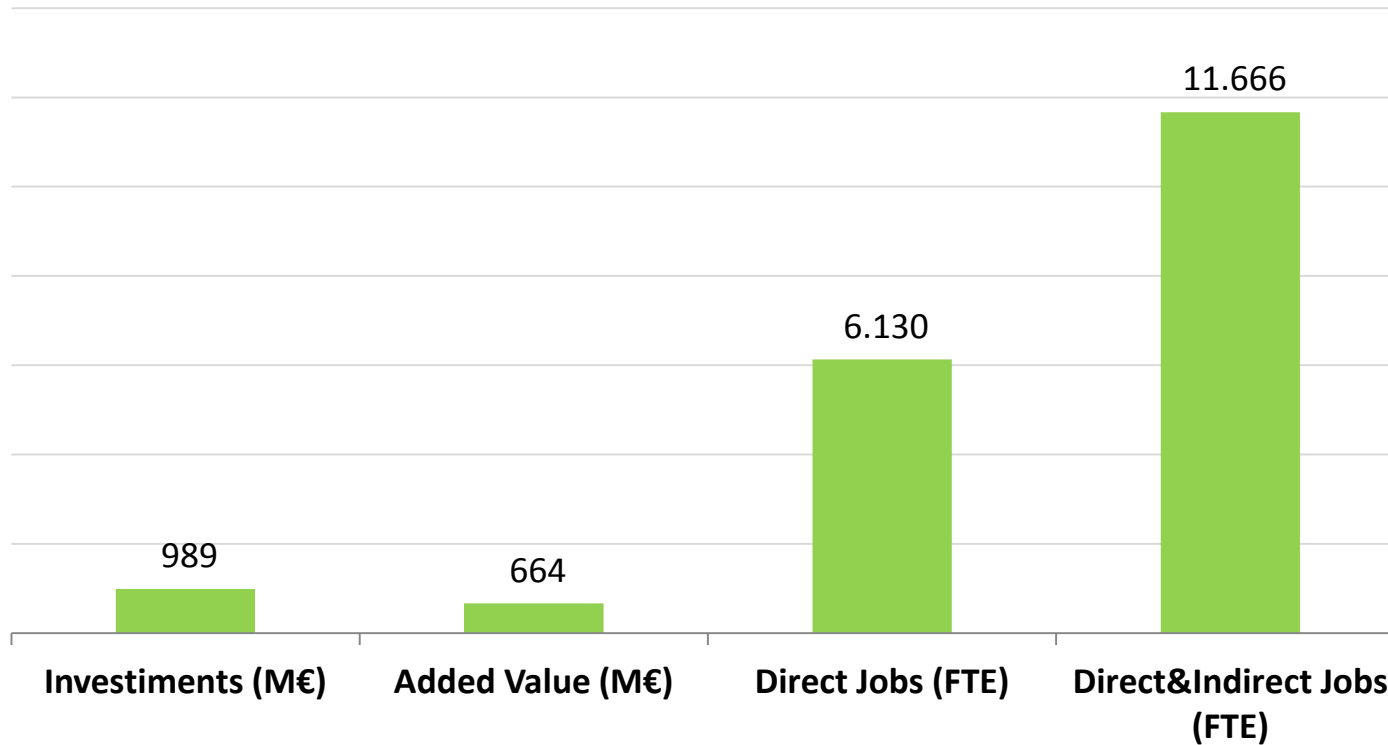
## Cost evolution of energy & GHG savings



# White Certificates investment and occupation

- The amount of annual investments related to the new energy efficiency interventions supported by white certificates is estimated to be around 1 bn/y with more than 10.000 (FTE) of related direct and indirect green jobs

Volume estimated for investments, added value and jobs related to interventions supported by WhCs



Energy efficiency added value & jobs KPI adopted for the estimation

| Direct occupation | Indirect occupation | Added Value |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| FTE/M€            | FTE/M€              | M€/M€       |
| 6,2               | 5,6                 | 0,67        |

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