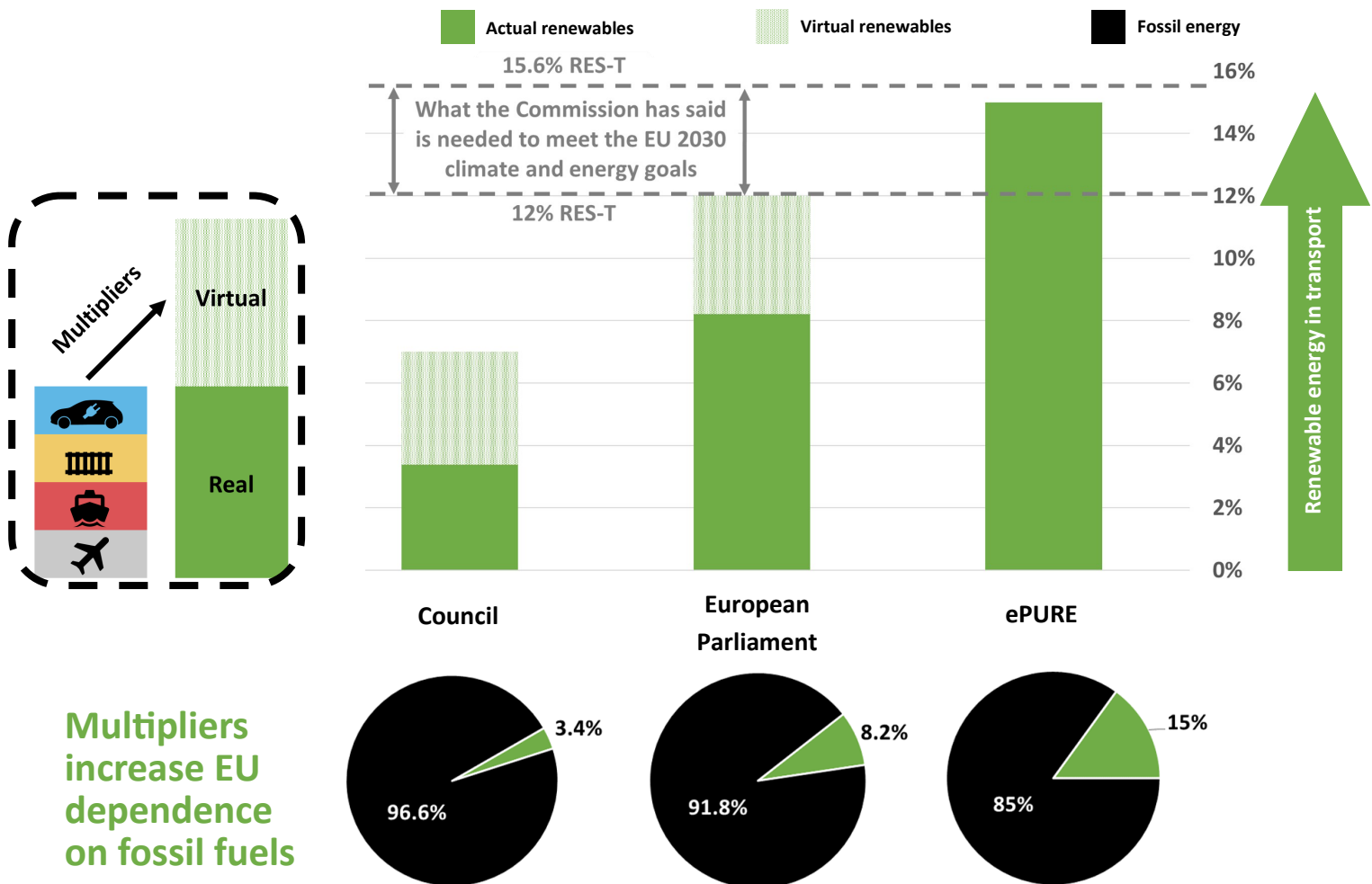


Policymakers are considering several options for the role sustainable biofuels like ethanol will play in the EU energy mix. All of the scenarios claim to have a high ambition for renewables in transport. But the proposals from the European Parliament and Council fall short of what the EU needs, instead relying on artificial multipliers. These “virtual renewables” would allow countries to create the illusion of progress while doing nothing to help the climate.

How proposals from the European Parliament and Council compare to what Europe really needs*



What Europe needs: significantly better GHG savings

Europe needs a real target for renewables in transport – not a policy that uses math tricks to show inflated results. That means:

- a firm 12-15% target for renewables in transport, without multipliers, to which crop-based biofuels can contribute
- a stable 7% crop cap – any reduction should not penalize biofuels with high GHG savings
- a binding sub-target for advanced biofuels, without multipliers

European ethanol delivers 66% average greenhouse gas savings over fossil petrol. Its production contributes to EU food security with no adverse impacts on land use.

* Assuming minimum mandates are achieved