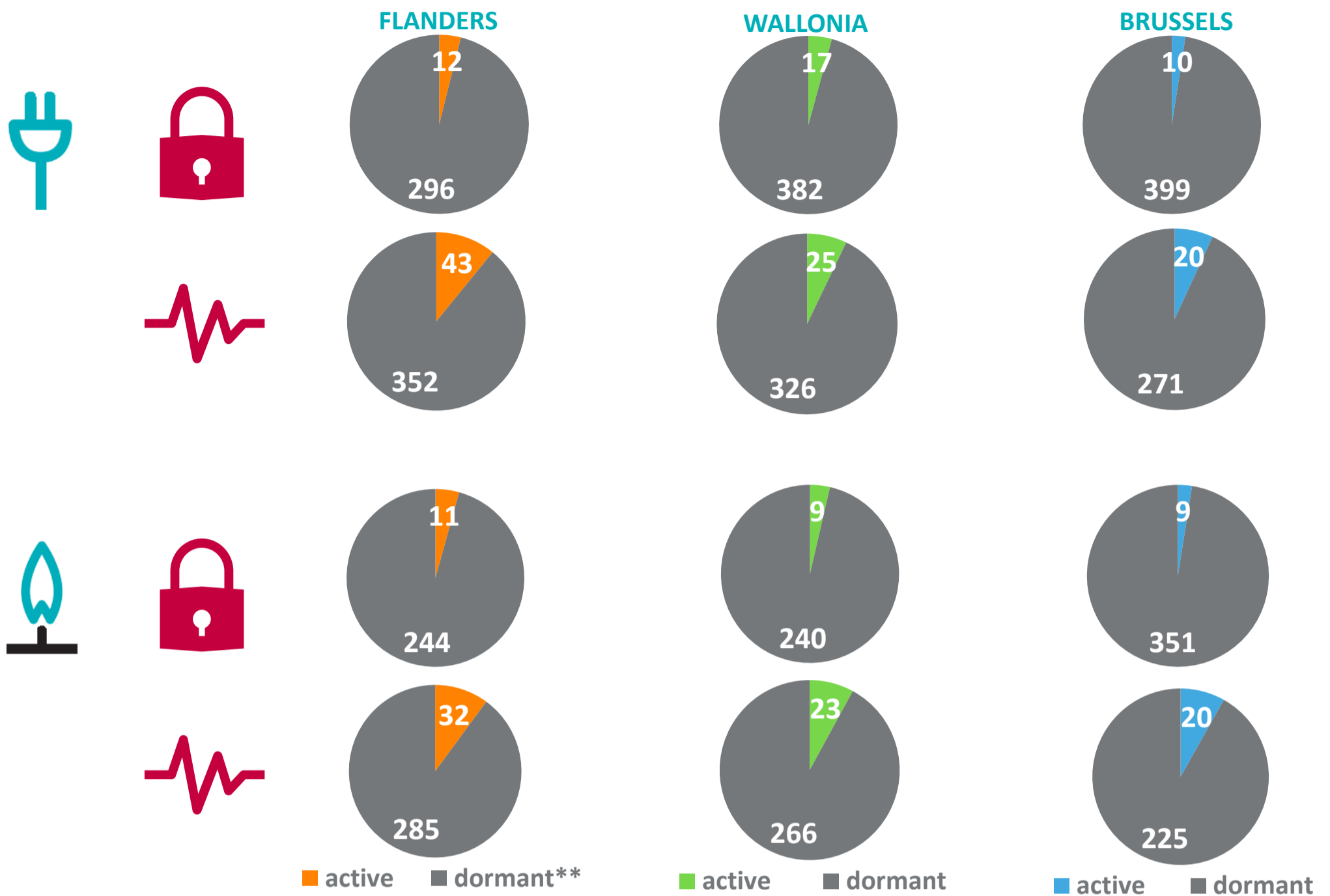
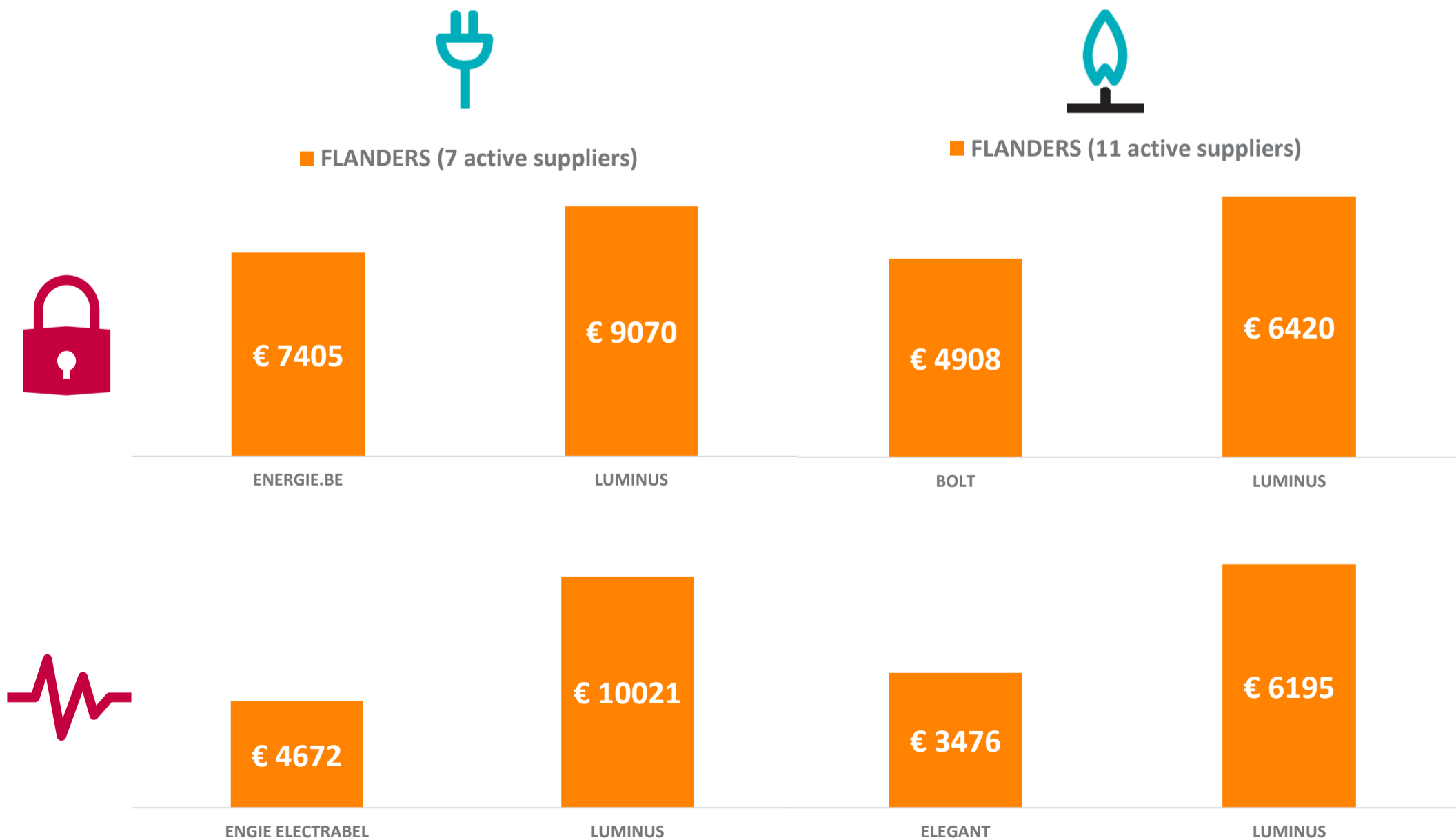


Number of existing products with a fixed  or a variable  energy price



Cheapest and most expensive offer (€/year\*) : 02/2024



\*\* dormant products: do not appear in the results of the price comparisons, but are included in the CREG Scan

\* 100.000 kWh of natural gas, 50.000 kWh of electricity, excluding VAT, taxes, distribution and transmission

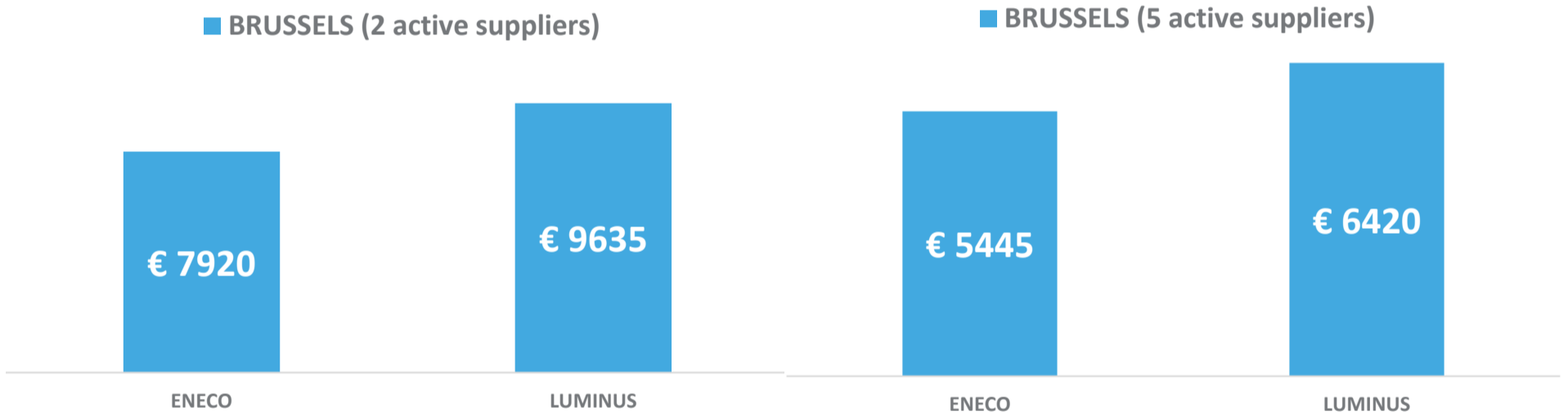
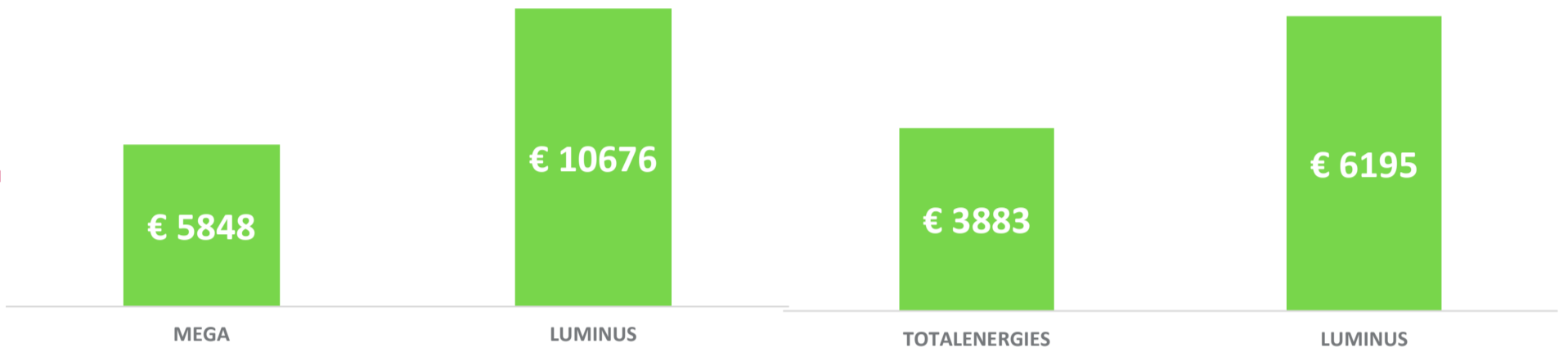
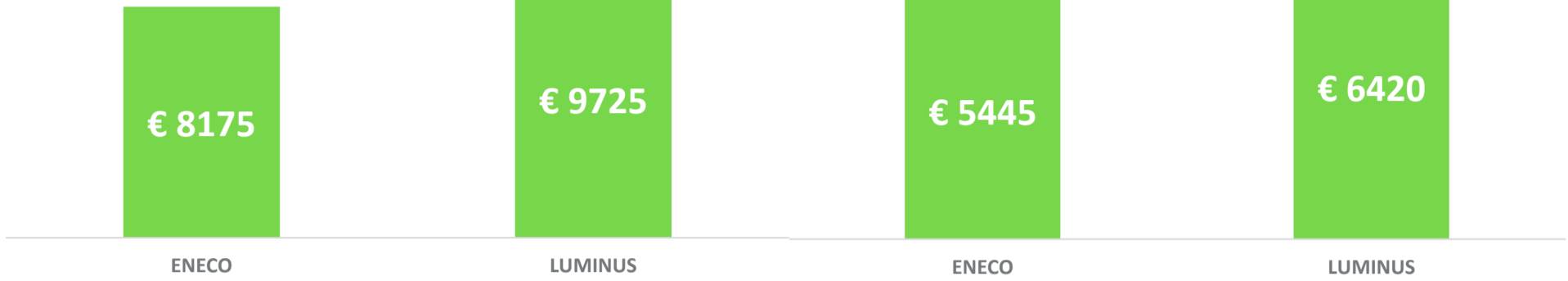
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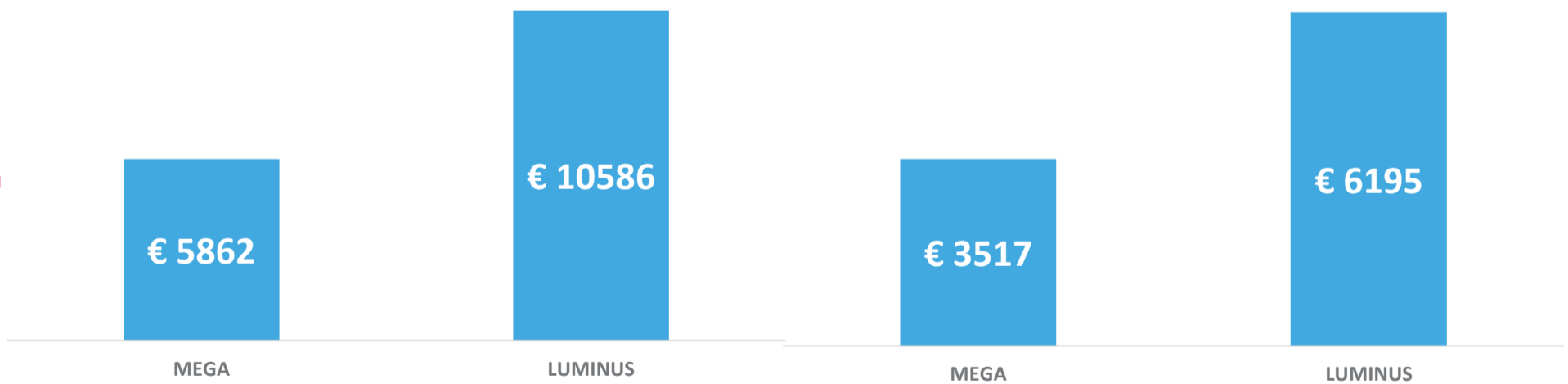
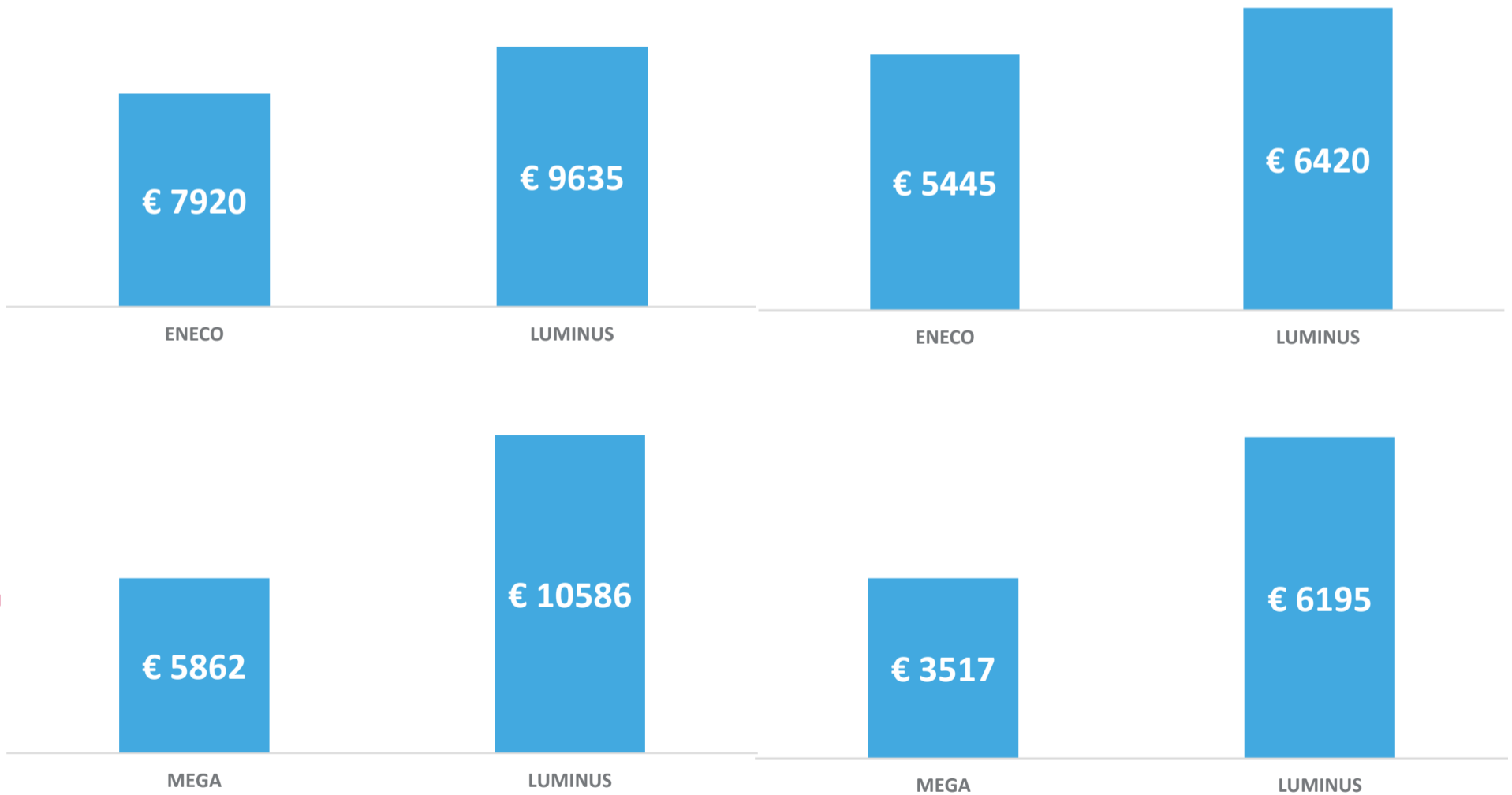
■ WALLONIA (6 active suppliers)



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■ BRUSSELS (5 active suppliers)



## Potential for savings

FLANDERS

WALLONIA

BRUSSELS



Most expensive existing product

€ 28017

€ 8750

€ 28672

€ 8750

€ 28582

€ 8750



€ 23345

€ 5274

€ 22824

€ 4867

€ 22720

€ 5233

# Products with a 'variable' or a 'fixed' price : What and Why?

$$\text{Energy component} = \text{energy price} \times \text{usage} + \text{fixed charge}$$

Part of the energy component in the annual bill of households (m-1)



## Fixed prices



THE UNIT PRICE (€/kWh) OF THE USAGE of energy is fixed during the contract. The supplier may not increase this part without the consumer's approval. The fixed charge is a fixed amount, which may or may not be prorated over time.



A fixed price guarantees that the consumer pays the price stated when the contract was concluded and thus gives him an idea of the impact on his budget. In order to benefit from a price drop, it is necessary to terminate the current contract and conclude a new one.



Certainty about the energy price, which is positive in a rising energy market. If prices on the market continue to fall, the price of a running contract will not fall with them.



The consumer can terminate the energy contact at any time, subject to one month's notice, without having to pay a termination fee to the supplier.



Maintaining the unit prices of the energy component from the start date of the contract and throughout the duration of the contract in case of a fixed term contract. In the case of a contract of indefinite duration, the supplier may change these unit prices in accordance with the applicable information and termination conditions.



All other elements (distribution and transport, taxes, levies and VAT) may change over the course of the contract following decisions by the competent authorities and without the consumer's prior consent.

## Variable or indexed prices



THE UNIT PRICE (€/kWh) OF THE USAGE of energy, based on an indexation formula. Apart from the indexations, the formula may not be changed without the consumer's prior consent. The fixed charge is a fixed amount, which may or may not be prorated over time.



A variable price does not give the consumer any insight into the energy price that he will eventually pay. He should be aware that his bill can vary (significantly) from year to year, depending on market prices.



The price follows the energy market so that the consumer automatically benefits from cheaper periods, but if the trend is upwards, he will of course pay for this increase as well. This type of contract does not allow the consumer to fix his price when prices are low.



The consumer can terminate the energy contact at any time, subject to one month's notice, without having to pay a termination fee to the supplier.



The unit price for the consumption of energy (kWh) is indexed at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, etc.) over the course of the contract, based on an indexation formula. In the case of a contract of indefinite duration, the supplier may change this indexation formula in accordance with the applicable information and termination conditions.



All other elements (distribution and transport, taxes, levies and VAT) may change over the course of the contract following decisions by the competent authorities and without the consumer's prior consent.



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