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Variable Renewables Electricity Systems Integration: how to get it right

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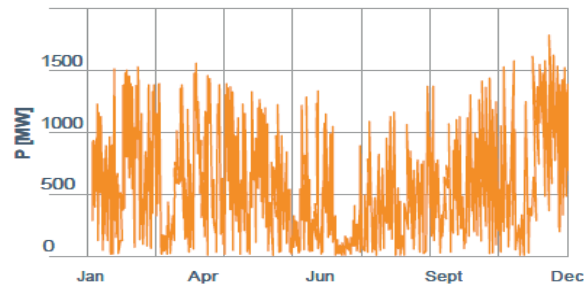
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- **89% of total installed VRES generating capacity**
- **87% of VRES electricity production**

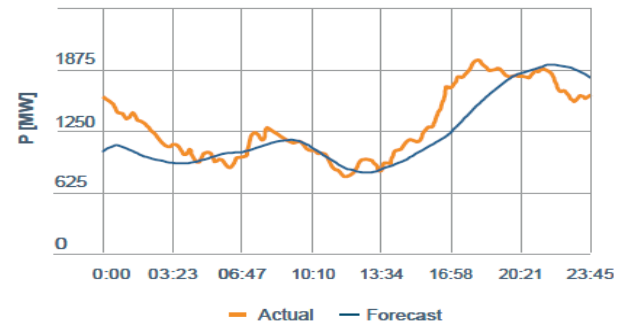
Variable Nature of Wind and Sun

YEARLY AND DAILY VARIABILITY IN IRELAND OF GLOBAL WIND FLEET POWER PRODUCTION

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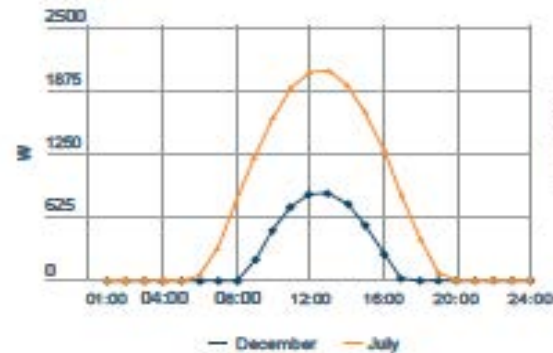


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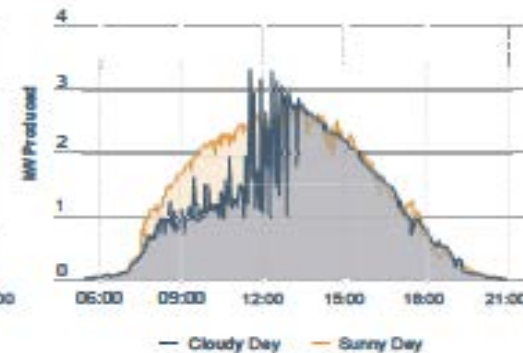


SEASONAL AND DAILY VARIATION OF THE POWER GENERATION FOR A SMALL PV PLANT IN CENTRAL ITALY

SEASONALITY



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Renewables in the Global Energy System

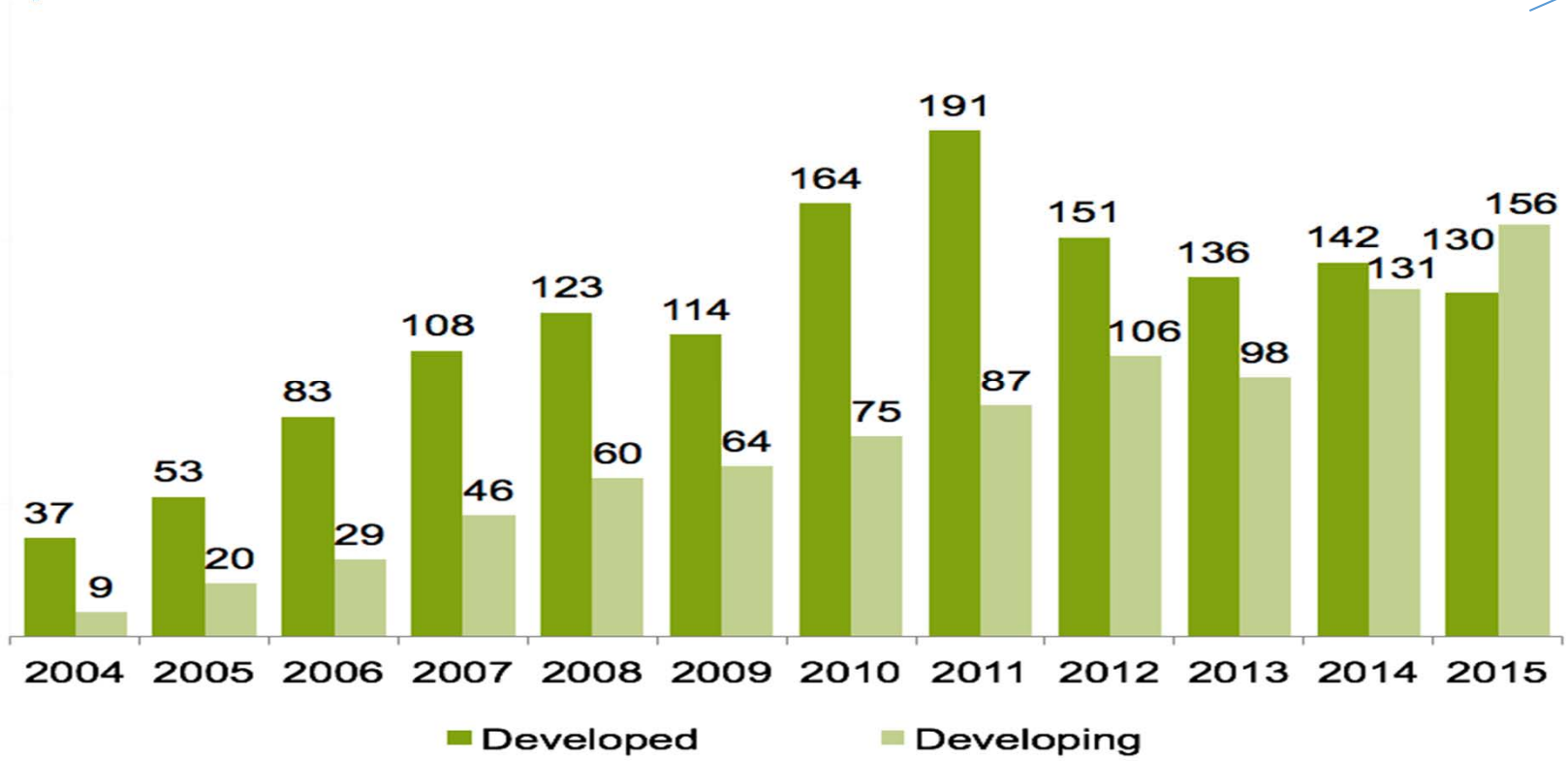
World global power capacity additions and energy production by source 2004-2014 (in 2016 Wind +54GW giving global installed 488 GW - 75 GW giving global installed 302 GW)

Source	Installed Capacity 2004 [GW] and (%) share		Installed Capacity 2014 [GW] and (%) share		Average Annual Growth Rate (%)	2014 Production [TWh] and (%) share	Average Equivalent Operating Hours [h]
Hydro	715GW	18.8%	1,055 GW	17.1%	4%	3,898TWh (16.6%)	3,694
Wind	48GW	1.3%	370GW	6.0%	23%	728TWh (3.1%)	1,967
Biomass	39GW	1.0%	93GW	1.5%	9%	423TWh (1.8%)	4,545
Solar	3GW	0.1%	181GW	2.9%	51%	211TWh (0.9%)	1,168
Geothermal	9GW	0.2%	13GW	0.2%	4%	94TWh (0.4%)	7,225
Total Renewables	814GW	21.4%	1,712GW	27.7%	8%	5,353TWh (22.8%)	3,127
Total Conventional (Oil, Gas, Coal) and Nuclear	2,986GW	78.6%	4,468GW	72.3%	4%	18,127TWh (77.2%)	4,057
TOTAL	3,800GW	100%	6,180GW	100%	5%	23,480TWh (100%)	3,799

Global new investment in RES excluding Idro plants larger than 100 MW- – Developed vs developing countries,(USD billion)

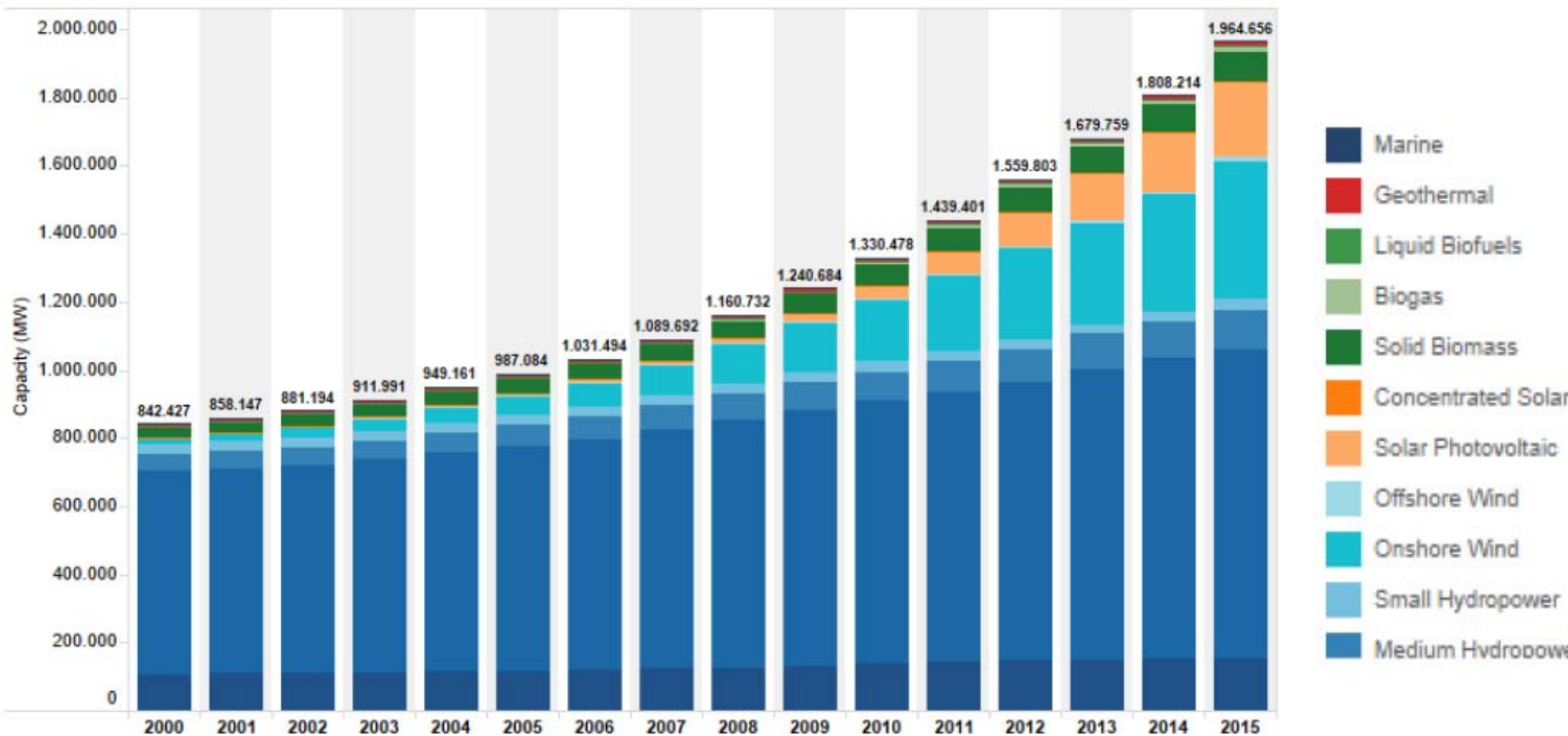
-In 2016 reduction of 18% with respect to the 2015 billion \$286-Less impact on installed capacity for price reductions per kW installed

EU is losing its leading position to ASIA. China accounts 36% of the total RES investments



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RENEWABLE CUMULATIVE INSTALLED RENEWABLES CAPACITY BY TECHNOLOGY IN THE PERIOD 2001–2015



Source: IRENA, 2016

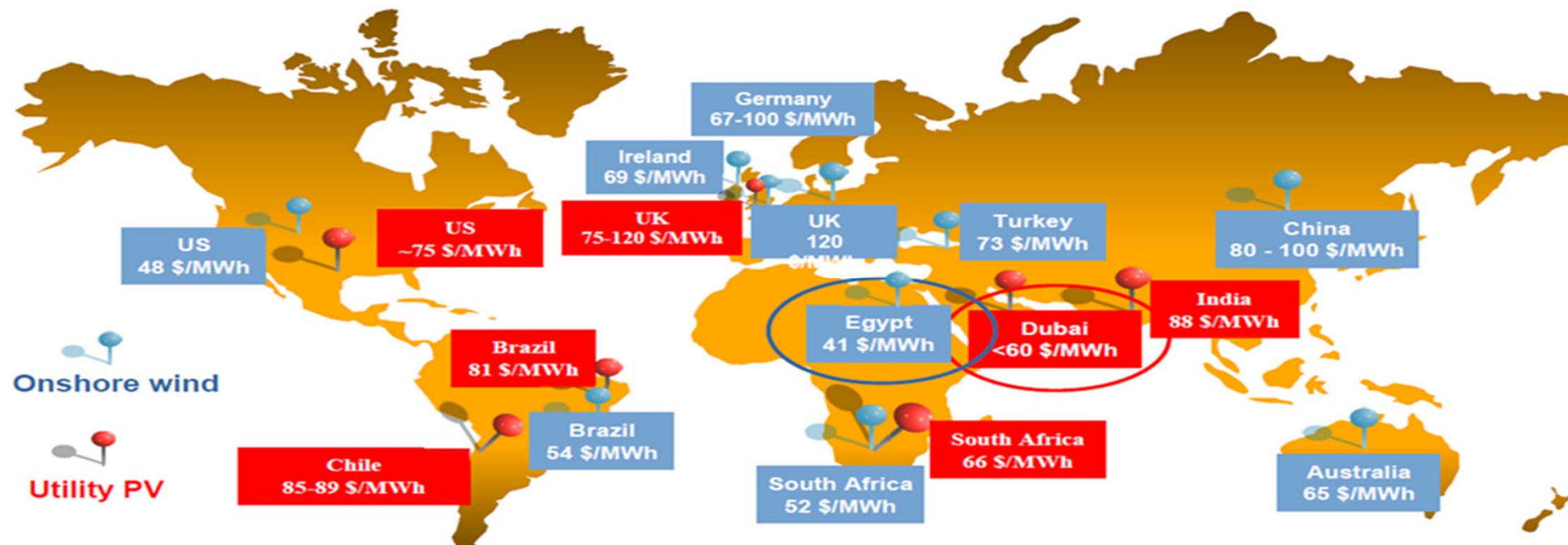
WIND AND SOLAR PV CUMULATIVE INSTALLED CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FROM 2011-2015. EUROPE HAS FACED A DRASTRICAL DECLINE

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Europe	52	70	81	88	96
SOLAR PV	World total	69	100	139	181	222
	EU	75%	70%	58%	49%	43%
	Europe	95	108	119	131	144
WIND	World total	239	283	318	370	432
	EU	40%	38%	37%	35%	33%
	Europe	147	178	200	219	240
TOTAL	World total	308	383	457	551	654
	EU	48%	46%	44%	40%	37%

Source: BNEF, 2015

Wind and solar PV reach new lows ; June 2015 IEA

Long-term contract prices (e.g. auctions and FITs)



- Rapid reduction in capital costs due to high volume of RES investments and fast technology development.
- Solar PV show the greatest reduction of prices, by 50% between 2010 – 2014 in OECD and even greater in non-OECD countries
- In some countries solar PV power plants with capacity above a few MW the minimum EPC contract value is around 1,000 USD/kW.

Wind and solar PV reach new lows

- **The above prices are old after only 1 year.**

At May 2016 ,auctions:

-Morocco wind 28 \$/MWh -UAE PV 30 \$/MWh

And at February 2017,auctions

PV in UAE and Mexico 24\$/MWh

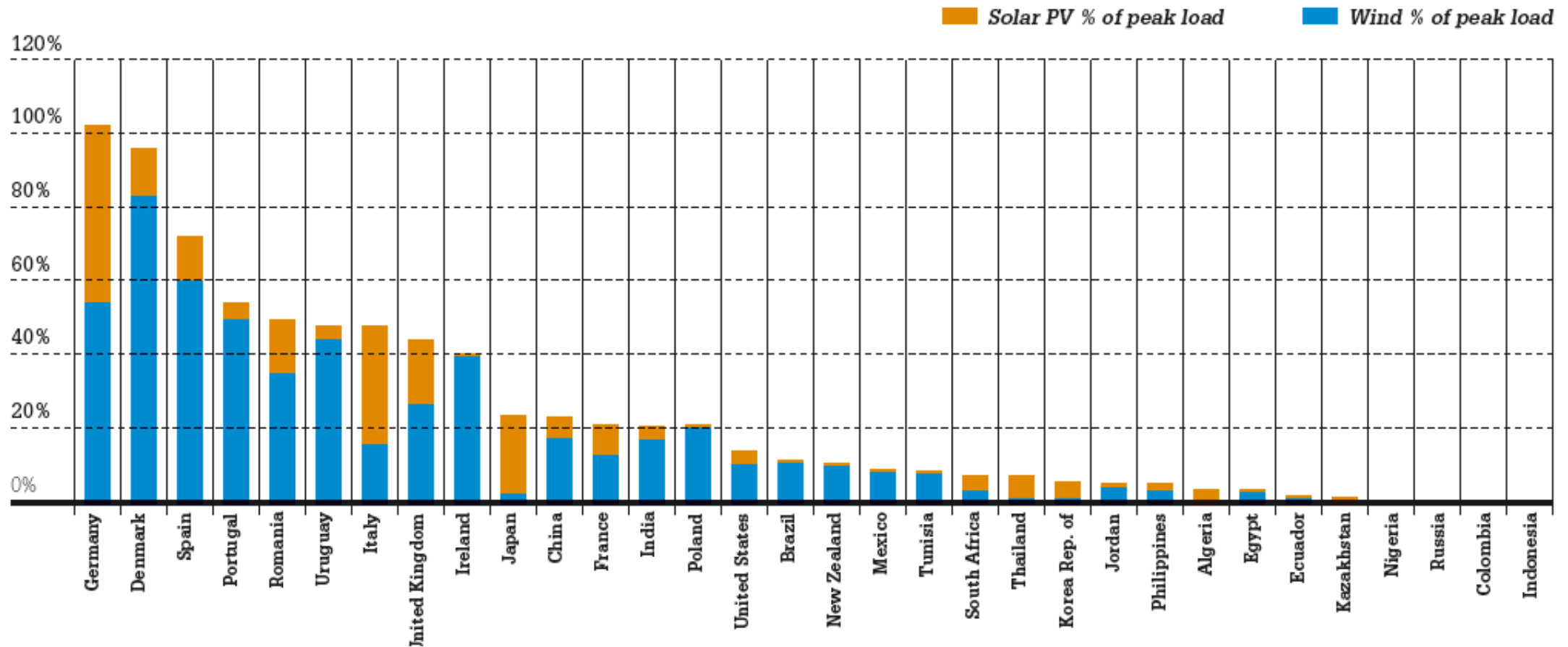
- **Cannot be used as average values**, since they are affected by the local costs and load factor values for wind and solar plants and by type of auction.
- **Morocco high wind load factor close to 60%** (the average in Italy is 18-24%).
- Solar PV plants in Dubai and Mexico have load factors which are **more than double of those in the UK**

Leading countries in wind and power in 2015

	1	2	3	4	5
Capacità installata eolica	Cina [145 GW]	Stati Uniti [73 GW]	Germania [45 GW]	India [25 GW]	Spagna [23 GW]
Capacità installata fotovoltaica	Cina [43 GW]	Germania [40 GW]	Giappone [33 GW]	Stati Uniti [26 GW]	Italia [19 GW]
Capacità installata fonti rinnovabili non programmabili (FRNP)	Cina [188 GW]	Stati Uniti [98 GW]	Germania [85 GW]	Giappone [36 GW]	India [30 GW]
Contributo percentuale di FRNP su produzione nazionale	Danimarca [52%]	Portogallo [24%]	Irlanda [23%]	Spagna [23%]	Germania [20%]
Percentuale di FRNP su domanda di picco	Germania [102%]	Danimarca [96%]	Spagna [72%]	Portogallo [54%]	Romania [49%]

VRES INSTALLED CAPACITY HAS SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION ON THE DEMAND IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

VRES cumulative installed capacity by Country in percent of the national peak load



Regulation policies and economics

- VRES regulation and policies present differences in the 32 Countries, but VRES enjoy **priority of dispatch** in most of them.
- The use of various support and **incentive schemes** has a **strong impact on the VRES development** and success.
- Financial incentives have been widely used for promotion of VRES. **The most popular form is Feed in Tariffs (FIT)** that are in used in many countries and are fixed for specified time periods (e.g. 20 years in Germany and Italy).

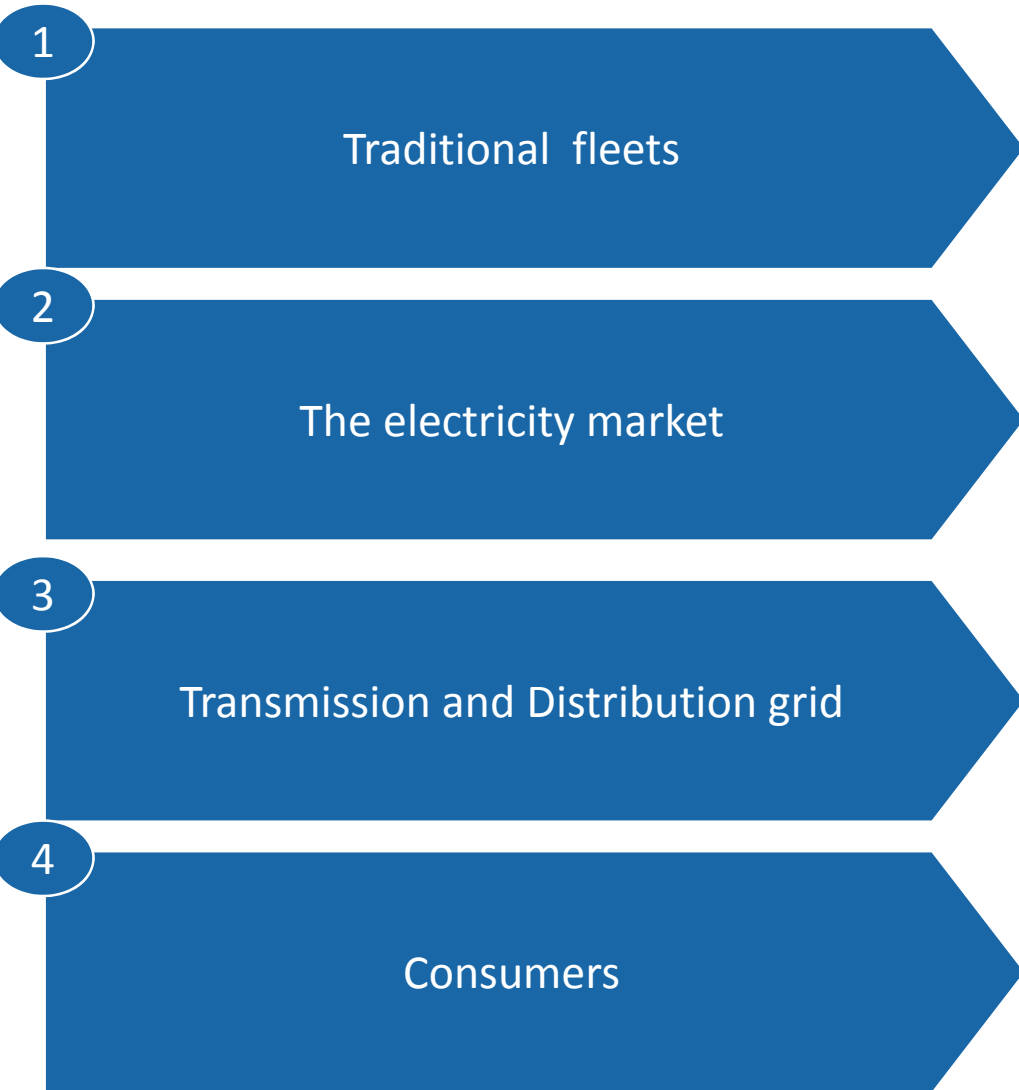
Regulation policies and economics

- **Brazil** Country-wide auctions for all types of power sources for long term contracts (Power Purchasing Agreements). In 2015, wind power was the cheapest electricity source with 50 USD/MWh.
- **Egypt** Bilateral agreements. RES equipment and spare parts are exempted from custom duties and sales taxes.
- **Germany** The FIT has been the basic incentive. The reduction of PV feed-in has resulted in reduced capacity additions in recent years. Moreover, a cap on the installed PV capacity of 52 GW has been introduced. Once this cap is reached, new PV units will no longer be supported by the feed-in tariff. In 2014 auctions for PV have been introduced for plants above 6 MW each; auctions also for wind plants will be introduced in 2017.
- **Italy** Incentives for VRES in Italy used to consider Green Certificates, FIT, FI premium tariff. PV incentives were introduced in 2005 with high FI premium tariff of 450 €/MWh; impressive growth in new installations. As soon as the incentives for both wind and PV were drastically reduced or withdrawn, the annual growth of VRES decreased from more than 10 GW in 2011 to around 0.5 GW of new capacity additions in 2015. Now there are only auctions for very reduced global yearly capacity of large plants and tax deductions for small plants.

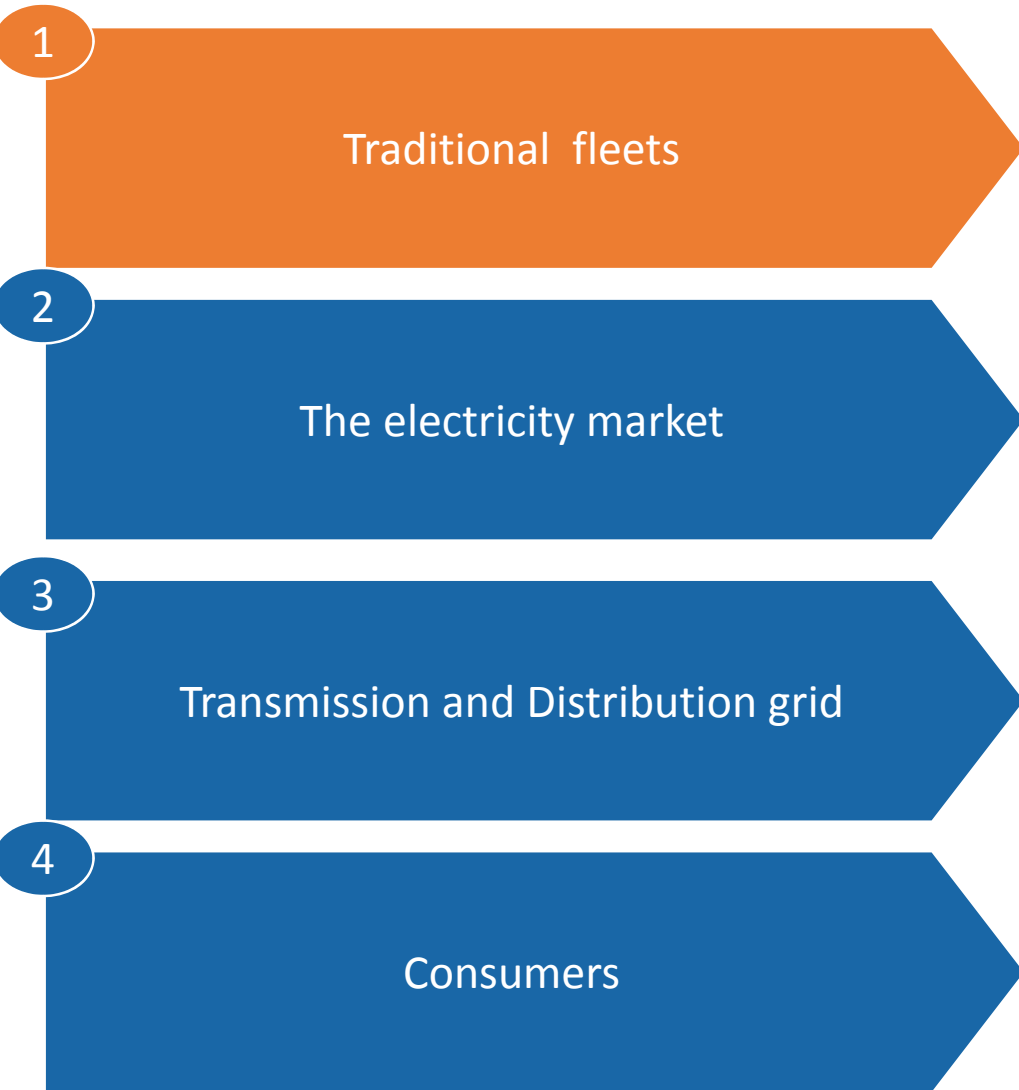
Regulation policies and economics

- **Japan Feed in tariff** for wind and solar falls in the range **between 300–350 USD/MWh and now up to 450** to push VRES development **considering nuclear concern** and strong reduction in its production.
- **New Zealand A unique market arrangement based on a carbon price which avoids incentives to RES, combined with a nodal price** that takes into account eventual additional costs on the T&D (e.g. losses and congestion) due to plants localization.
- **South Korea Additional green certificates are added to utilities which install wind power plants combined with Energy Storage Systems.**
- **USA Differences for different utilities and regions:** incentives are **Federal** (Tax Credit and Production Tax Credit), **State** (e.g. Net metering) and **Local** (rebate and financing options, green power rates).

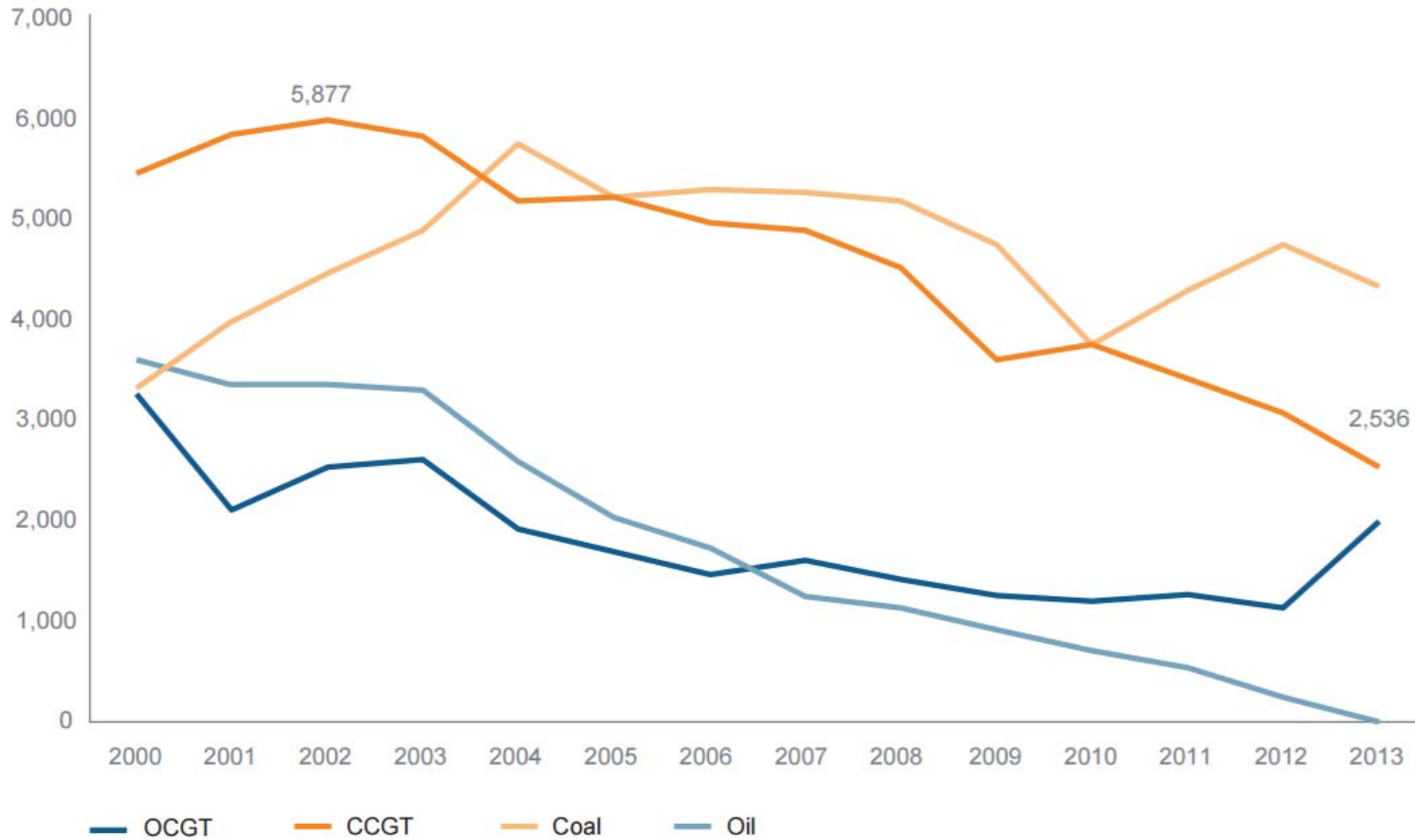
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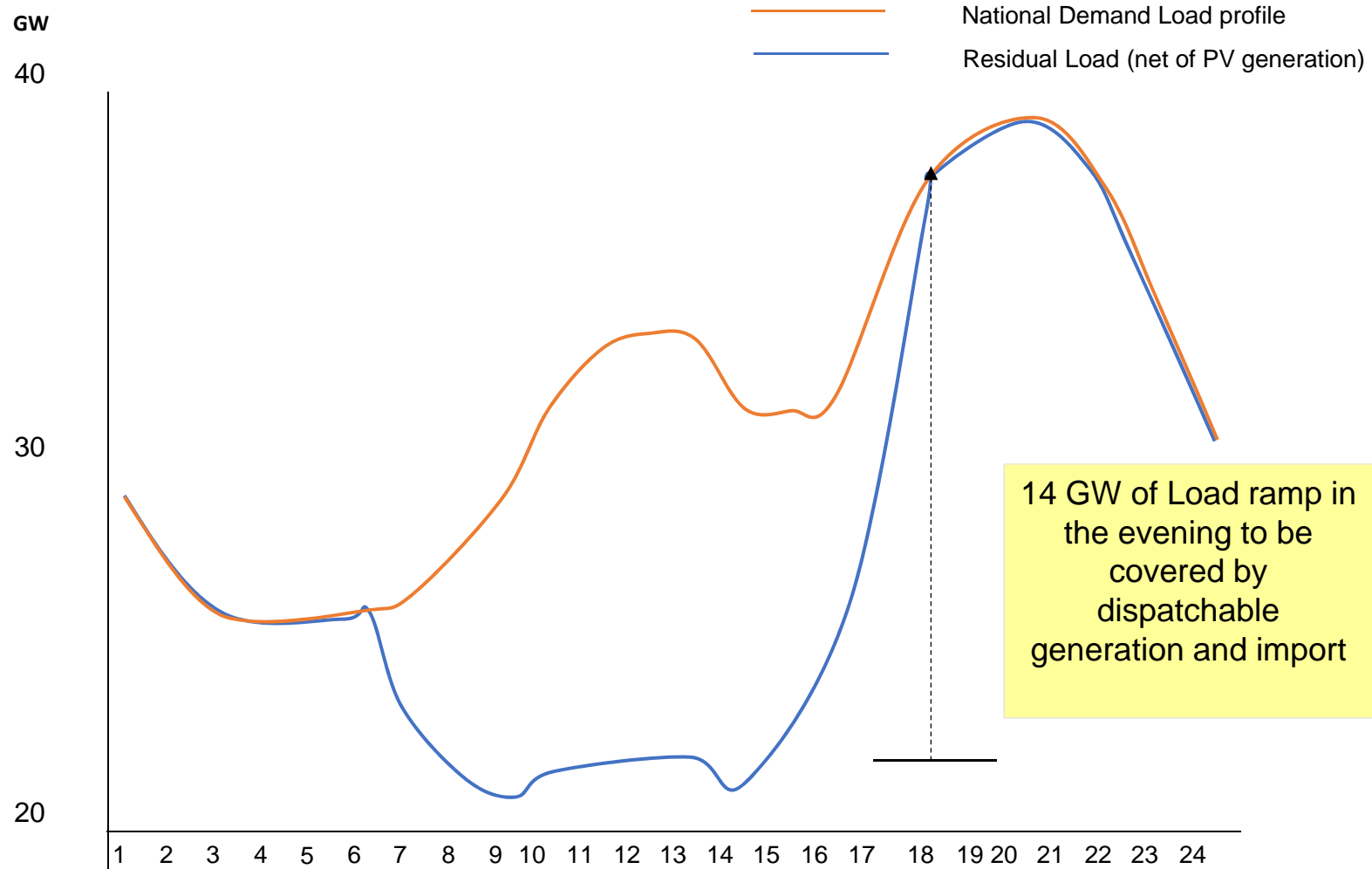


Shrinking operating hours of CCGT plants (eg. Italy)



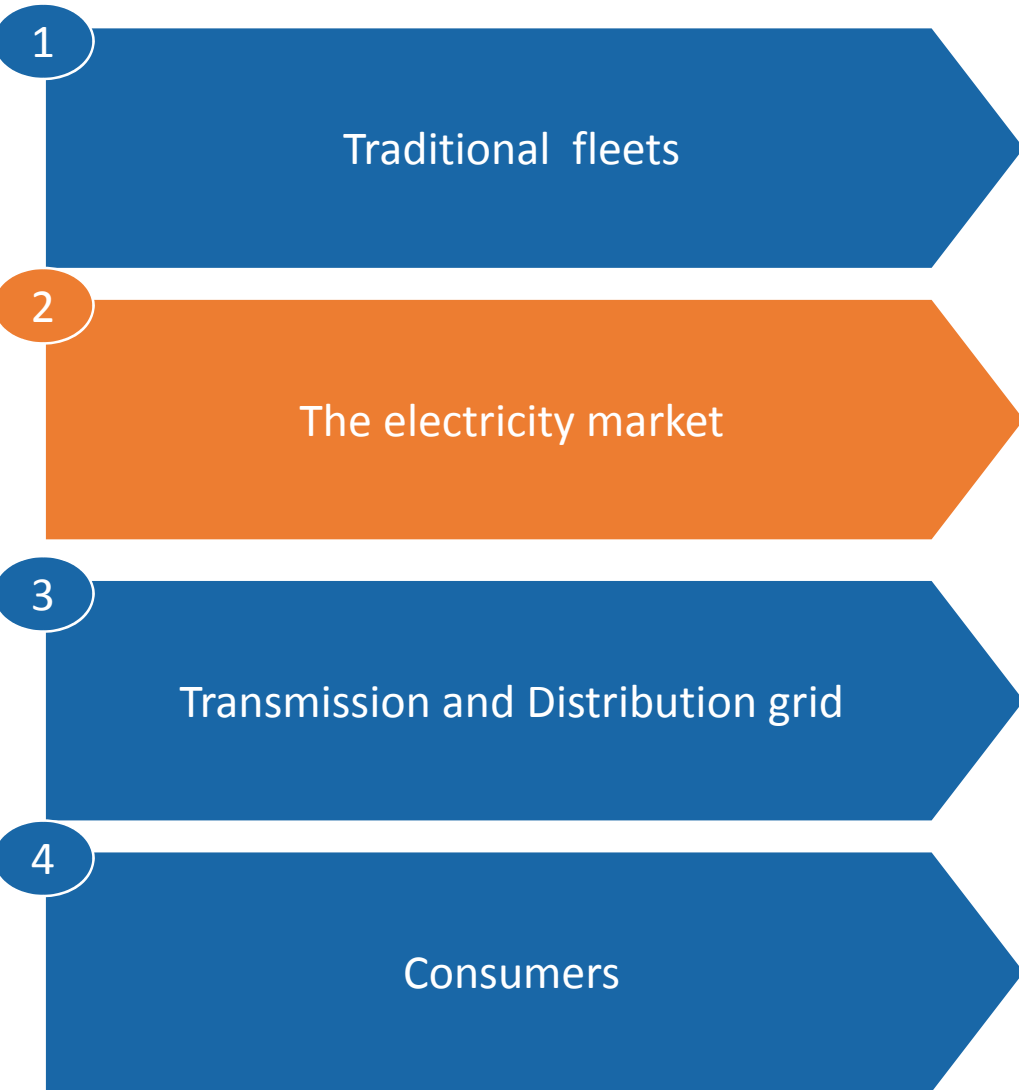
Source: AEEGSI

Sharp variation of RES generation (eg. Italy)



Source: Terna

Impacts of VRES on the electrical power system

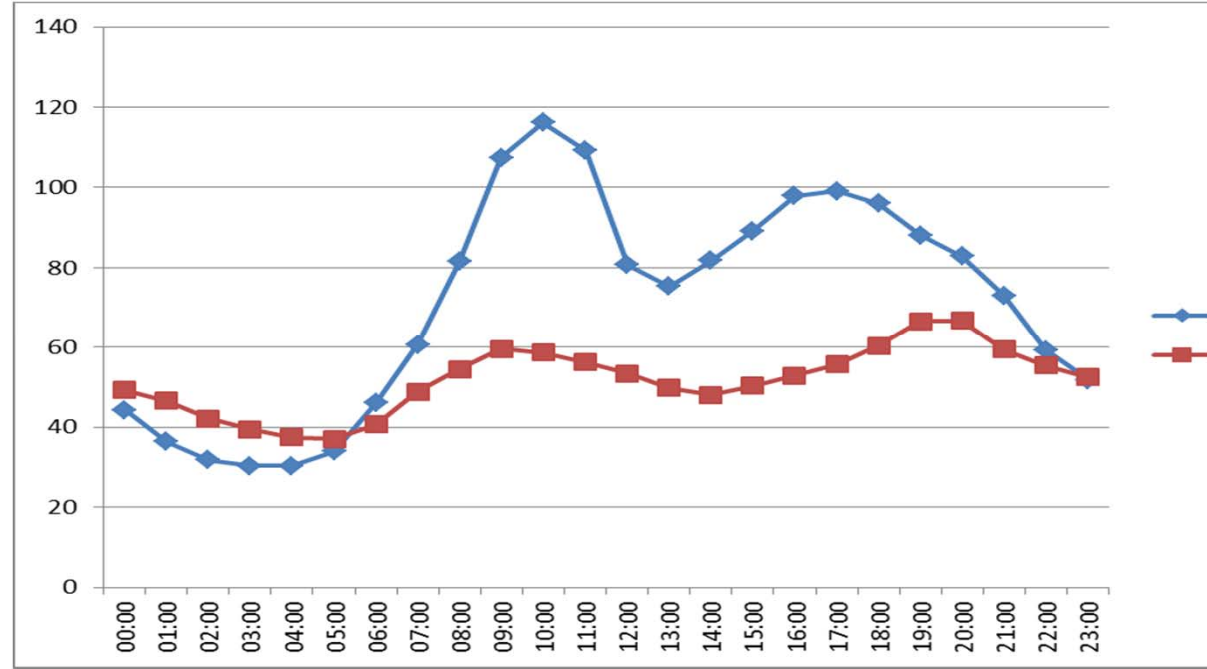


VRES has caused a drastic collapse of PUN (national average pool price) combined also with gas price reduction- Max daily price in the evening after sunset –Italy case

Average

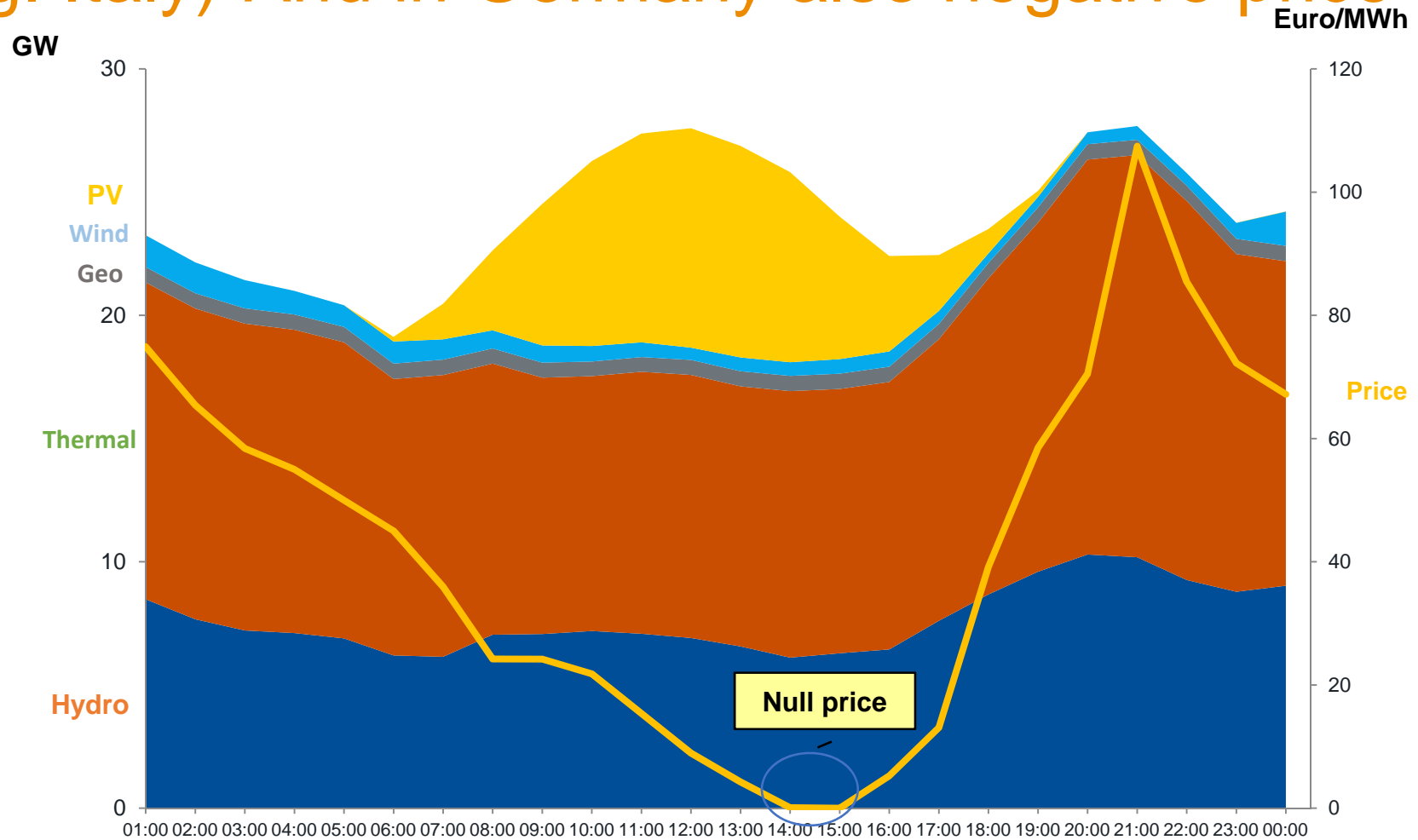


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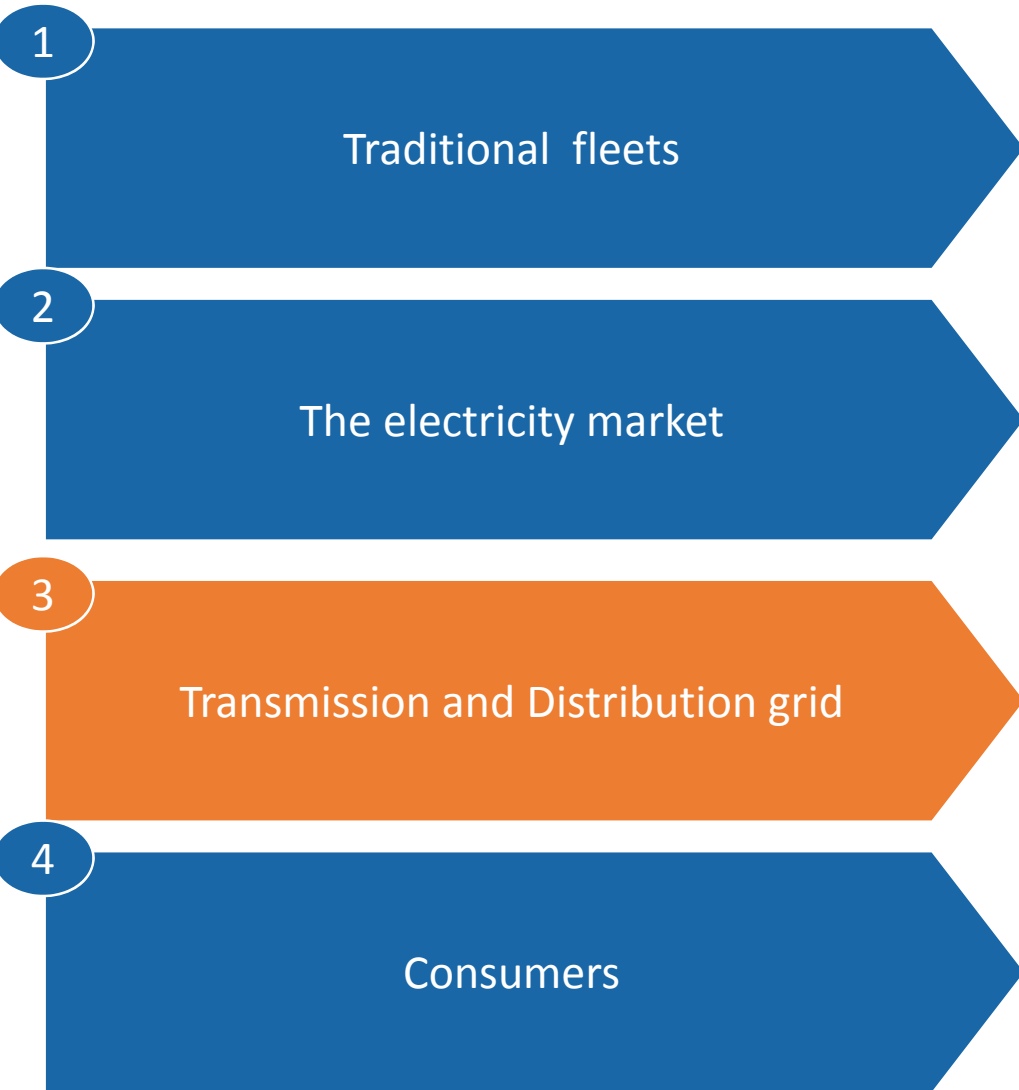
Source: GME

A null price on the day-ahead market on a sunny summer day (eg. Italy)-And in Germany also negative price



Source: Terna, GME

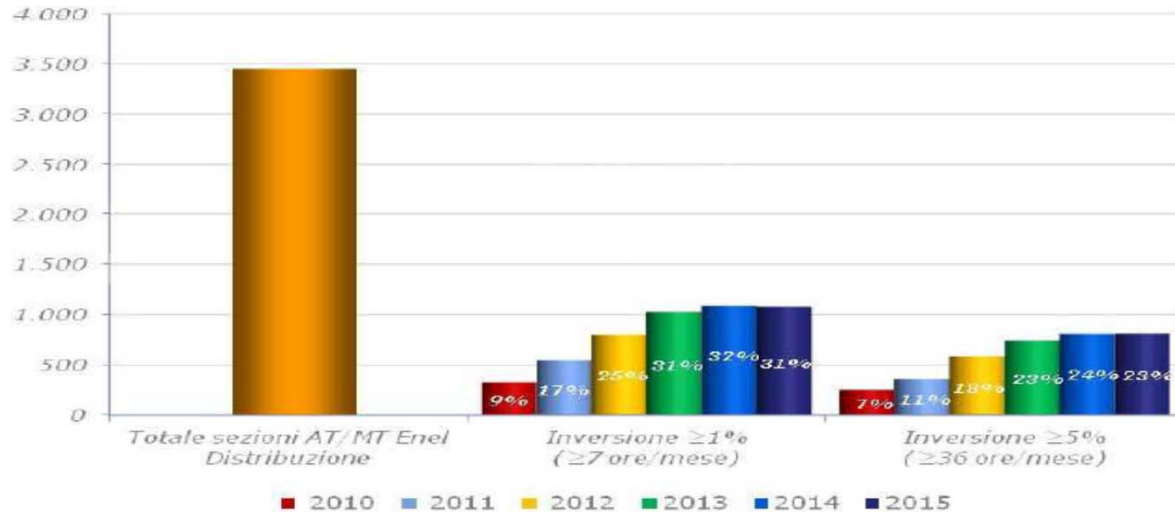
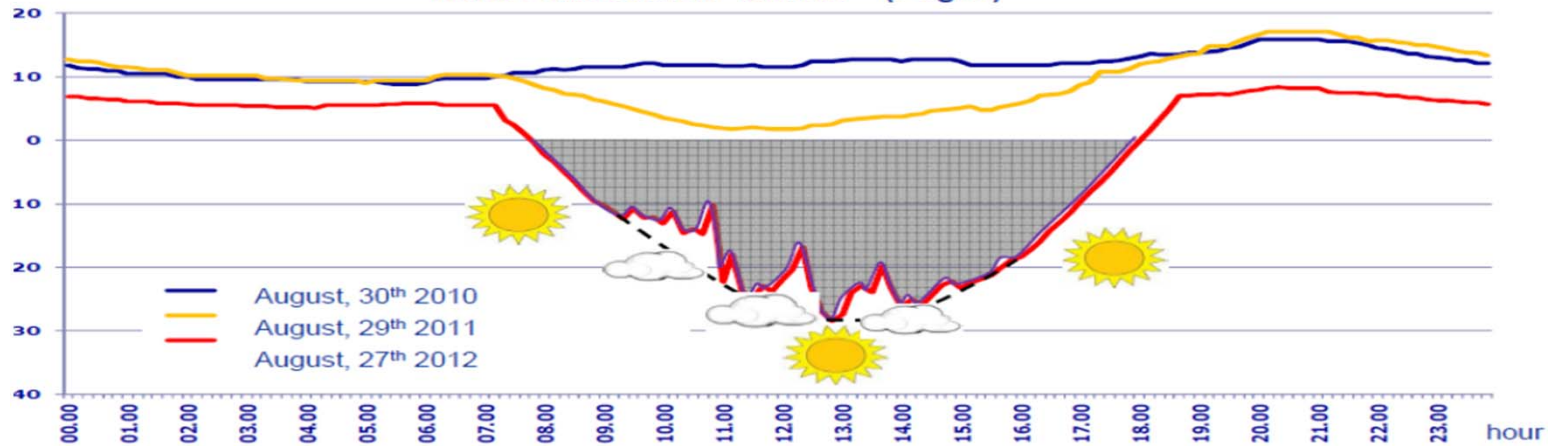
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The increase in the number of primary substations with power flow inversion impacts the existing measuring and protection systems-Example of Italy

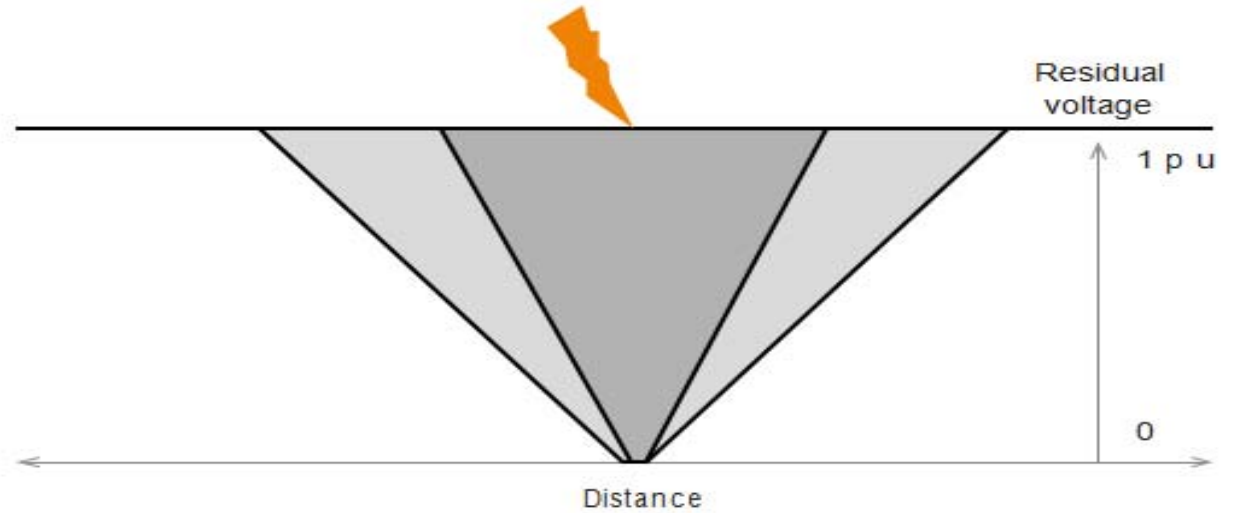
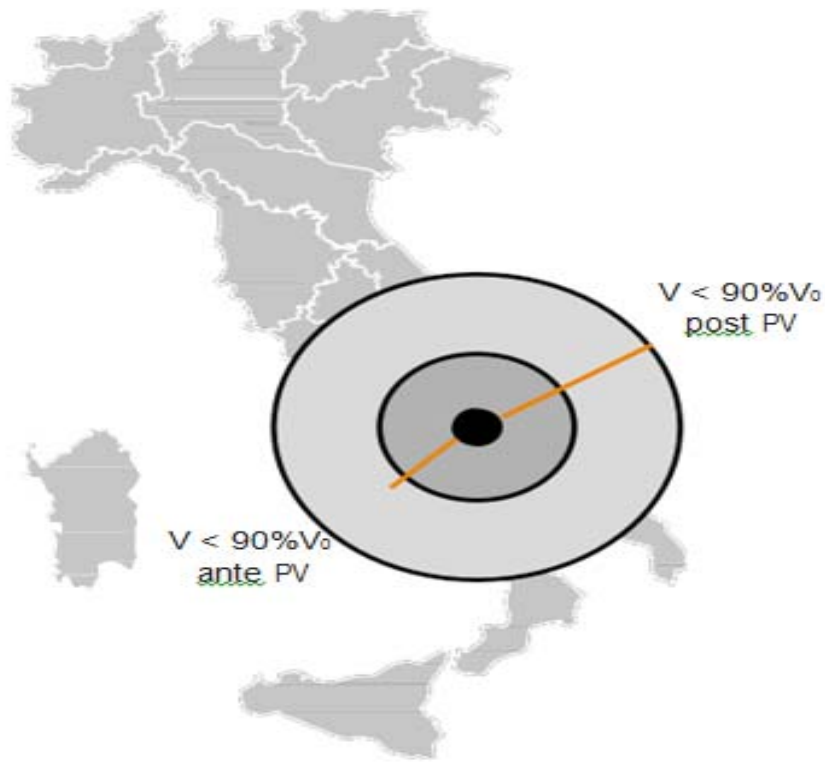
Power flow reversal in primary substations

HV/MV Substation "Ginosa" (Puglia)



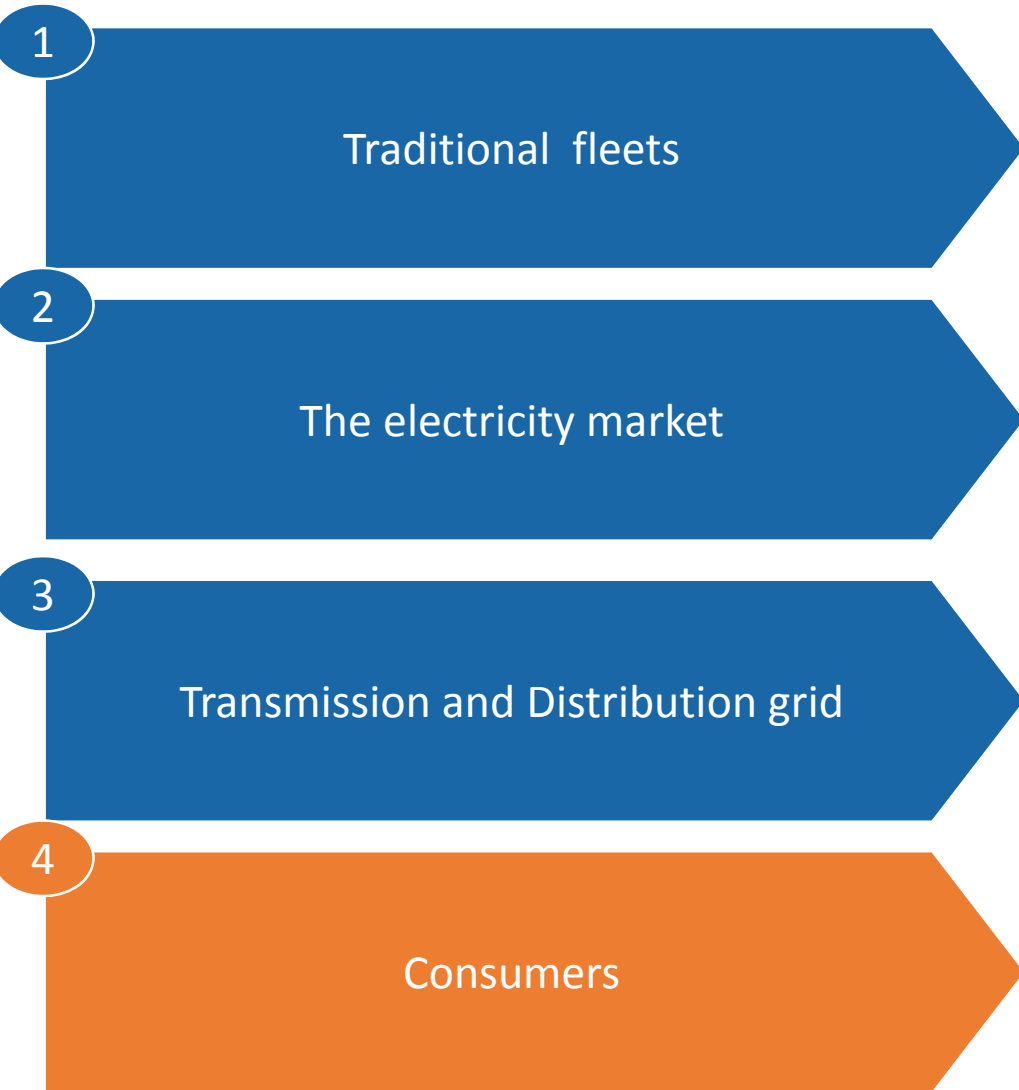
Source: ENEL Distribuzione

Voltage drops caused by a fault

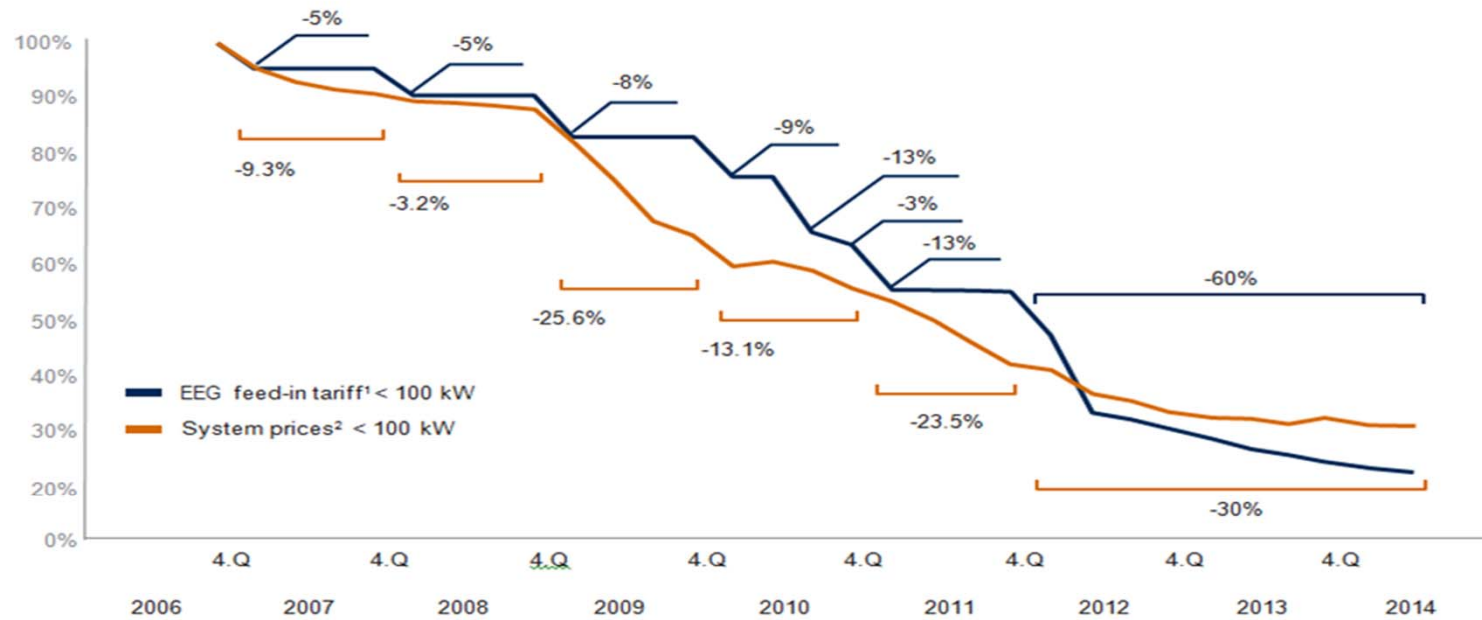


Due to reduction of rotating machines connected to Transmission grid, there is less Shortcircuit-Power available and therefore voltage dips generated at T-level have larger impact. (In this simulation the spatial distribution of DG has been assumed homogenous.)

Impacts of VRES on the electrical power system



Development of PV feed-in tariffs, module costs and capacity additions (eg. Germany)



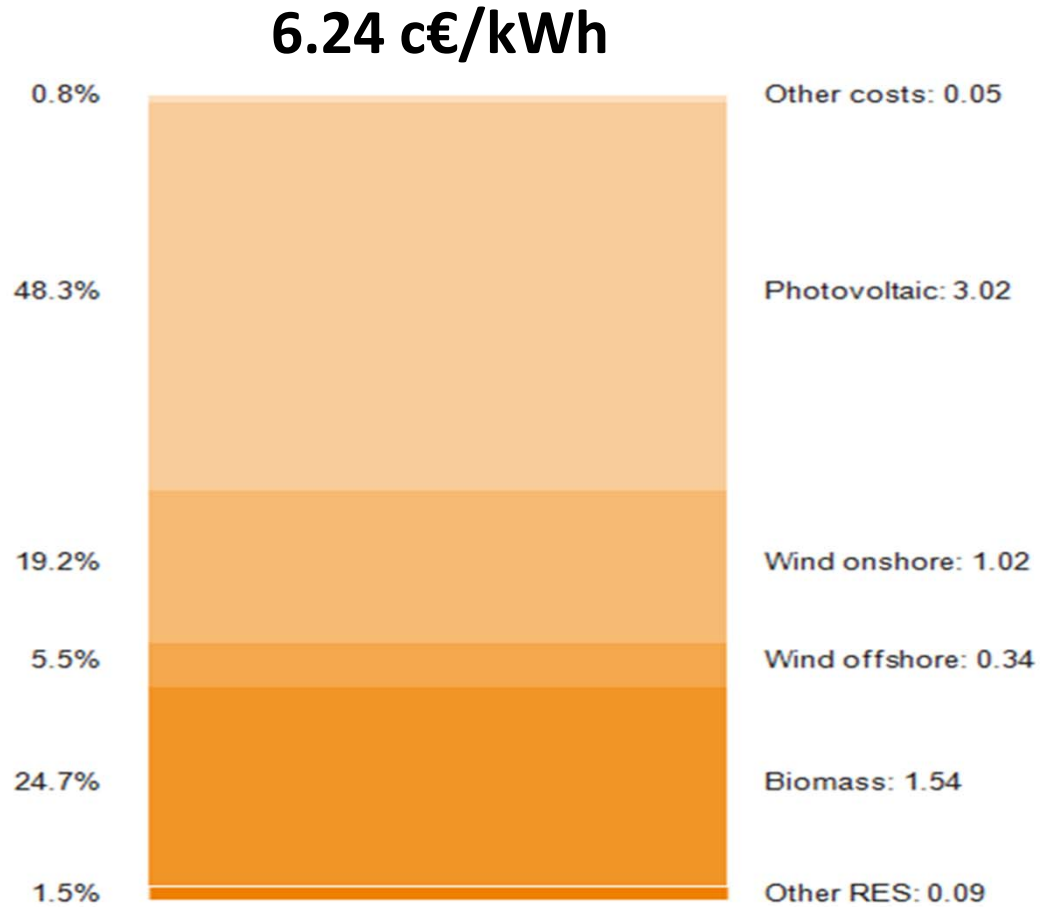
1 The EEG compensation: the compensation classes were in the second quarter 2012 brought in line with the amended EEG law. Previously until the end of the first quarter 2012, PV installations with the output of 30–100 kWp were included.

2 System prices: the average price paid by the end user for fully installed roof panels without USt.

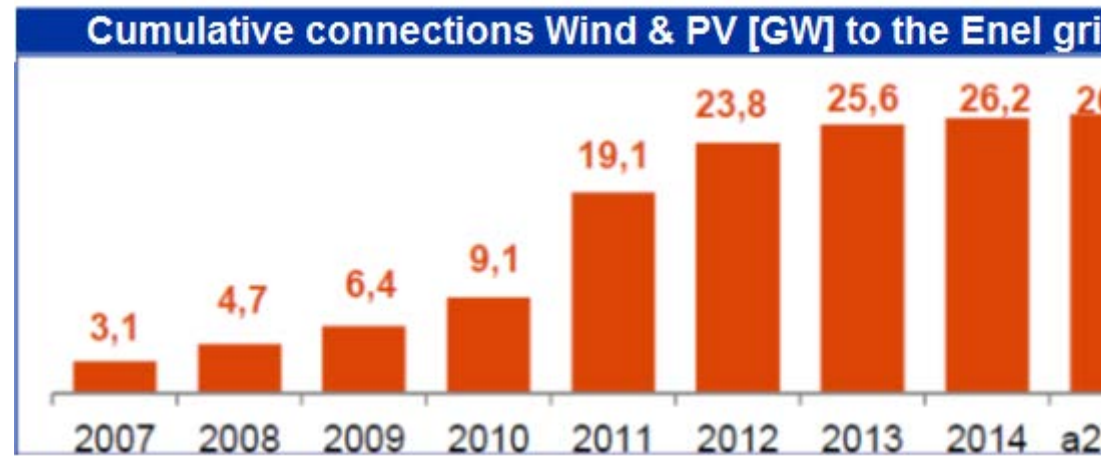
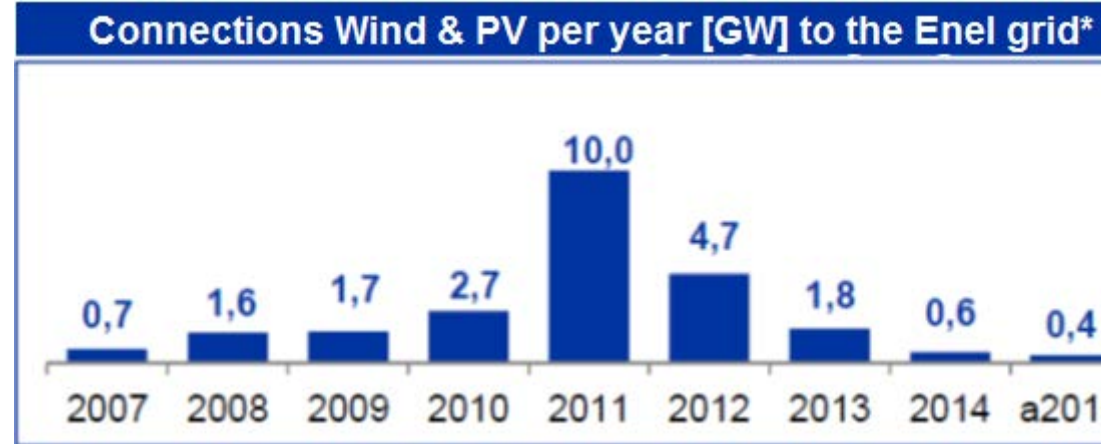
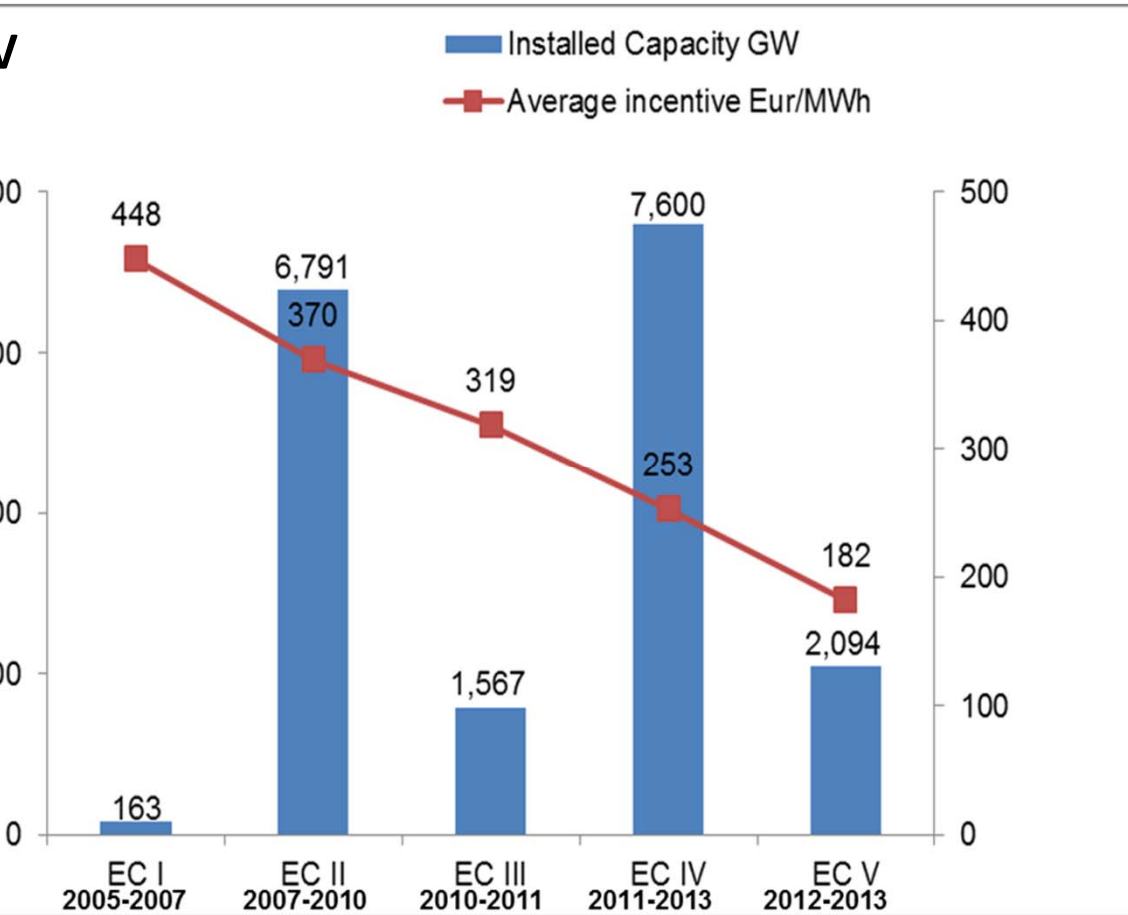
Source: BSW-Solar, Beta

EEG-levy 2014 is ca. 6.24 c€/kWh (eg. Germany)

The proceeds from the introduction of EEG in 2014 totalled 23.6 billion Euros and will be used to 100% for the promotion of renewables. 97.4% go directly to the operators of the EEG plants, 1.8% to direct marketing of the EEG power and 0.8% to cover the necessary administrative costs.



Evolution of the PV incentives with different feed-in scheme and connections (Wind & PV) to the Enel distribution system in Italy



*Enel DSO covers more than 85% of the Italian distribution grid

Measures for a smoother VRES integration

← TECHNOLOGIES

- Improved forecasting
- Optimisation of operating reserve
- Greater flexibility of conventional generation
- Dynamic transfers
- Expansion of local transmission and distribution grids
- Cross-border interconnections
- Energy storage systems
- Demand response

MARKET DESIGN →

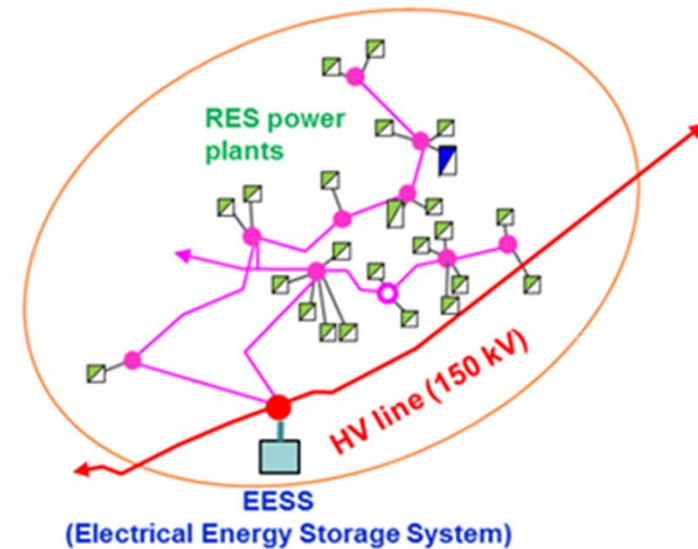
- Revision of emissions trading schemes
- Capacity market
- Sub-hourly market closures
- Negative market prices
- Nodal pricing
- Larger balancing areas
- Aggregate bids of RES power plants
- Green energy transmission corridors
- TSO /DSO's coordination rules
- Role of private investors

Local congestion in South of Italy calls for 8 bn Euro of investments in grid reinforcement and expansion in the next decade



Source: Terna

Local generation exceeds sub-transmission capacity



Italian Transmission system operator storage pilot projects

Power Intensive

Scope: Safe management of the grid

Total Capacity: **40 MW**

Number of Sites: (Phase I) : **2**

Phase I: 16 MW Storage Lab

Codrongianos

Installed Power: \approx 8 MW
Status: 5.4 MW completed

Ciminna

Installed Power: \approx 8 MW
Status: 3.2 MW completed

Technology evaluation

Phase II: 24 MW

Casuzze and Codrongianos: to be started

Energy Intensive

Scope: Solve Grid congestion / bottlenecks

Total Capacity: **35 MW**

Number of Sites: **3**

Ginestra

Installed Power: \approx 12 MW
Status: completed

Flumeri

Installed Power: \approx 12 MW
Status: 6.0 MW completed

Scampitella

Installed Power: \approx 12 MW
Status: building in progress



MWh/MW ratios in the range 0.5-1

MWh/MW ratios in the range 4 to 8

LESSON LEARNED [1/2]

RES and particularly variable RES as wind and PV have had are having and will have explosive development

RES and specifically wind and PV have become a big business overtaking the investments in conventional generating plants

Combination of technology /construction developments and volumes are driving down CAPEX and OPEX costs of variable VRES

Variability and average low equivalent hours of operation per year of PV and also in many countries for wind, pose challenges to their extensive development-DSO's and TSO's succeeded to manage electrical systems with no impact on reliability even in presence of high % of VRES.

A holistic approach to overall electrical system design is a key to success –Each country power system is unique even if some general statements can be drawn.

Sophisticated technical, economic and regulatory analyses on a case-by-case basis must be conducted over an adequate period of time

The implications of reductions in subsidies or other support schemes must be carefully analysed to avoid a drastic reduction on VRES investments as results of incentive reductions(e.g. some EU countries)

LESSON LEARNED [2/2]

The right location with high wind and solar factors and low grids connection costs for new large VRES project is a key to success

Regulatory bodies have a fundamental role in both development of VRES and typology of counter measures to smooth the impact on the power system

VRES are in any case a pathway for climate change mitigation, but also investments that reduce dependence on imported fuel, improve air quality, increase energy access and security of supply, promote economic development, and create jobs.

VRES have contributed to the reduction of pool price even if for some categories of clients this has not been reflected in their bills

Cautions on extrapolations to other countries of auctions \$/kWh values got in nations with very high levels of wind and insolation and very low local costs

Working together, the main energy stakeholders will be able to meet all current challenges facing RES integration in electricity systems by learning about both positive and negative experiences of other countries

ANNEXE 1 CAPEX - OPEX - AUCTION RESULTS

- **CAPEX for domestic PV of some few kW from 1.000 \$/kW in India and 3.500-4.000 \$/kW in Japan and US**
- **CAPEX for PV plants above some MW from less than 1.000 \$/kW in Africa, ME, India and Latin America to 2.700 \$/kW in Japan.**
- ***load factor for PV*** from around 10% in UK to 30% in some countries of South America, ME and Africa.
- ***load factor for wind plants*** in Morocco up to 55%; in Italy average 18% (portion of cost of kWh due to CAPEX triple)

O&M SERVICES

O&M services are in \$ or € per MW installed-

For wind plants O&M increases with plant age. A **“full service” contract in Europe between 20 and 30 \$/MW** – For a low *load factor* 18% as Italy 12,5-18,7 \$/MWh .

For PV plants ,the report provides some Italian published data relevant to plants above **2,5 MW and for 1.350 equivalent hour: 45 \$/MWh**: 56% O&M (including spare parts,billing etc), 18% land renting when not in CAPEX, 10% insurance *“all risks”*, 10% telecommunications and monitoring, 6% guards .

For Europe ,this is a summary of main auctions from the report **at June 2016**

- **in Germany: 70 - 85 €/MWh for PV plants above 6 MW**(in Germany from 2017 auctions also for wind)
- **-in France (results confirmed at end 2015 for plants totalling 800 MW):**
“roof top” systems average 130 €/MWh
«on the ground plants» average 120€/MWh.
- **In UK published results February 2015 for 15 wind projects “on shore” totalling 750 MW and 5 PV plants totalling 72 MW,values 80 - 83 £/MWh for wind and 50 - 80 £/MWh for PV.**

Last Auctions in Europe after data from report

NB- In **February 2017** here below results of last auctions

- -In **France** ,**PV plants** on the ground totalling 160 MW,in South of country average value **62,5 €/MWh** –**For wind plants ,auctions for 3GW in 3 years are under issue with a price reference of 72€/MWh**
- -In **Germany**, **27 PV projects** totalling 163 MW : average price **69 €/MWh**. For plants in foreign countries to deliver energy to Germany a **53,8 €/MWh** got for a plant in Denmark .
- -In **Italy** the last auction for wind plants has shown a discount of **40%** with respect to the reference price from the 3 winners of the different lots:
66 €/MWh -

Further information

Download the free report from the Council's website:
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Thank you

COUNTRY CASES

ANNEX 2

ALGERIA



Algeria's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	16.00 GW
Total RES generation capacity	0.26 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.26 GW
Peak load (Northern interconnected network)	10.90 GW
Minimum load	10.90 GW
Electricity production	60.50 TWh
Electricity import	686.00 GWh
Electricity export	877.00 GWh

Algeria Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	0.54 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.28 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.27 GW
Installed wind capacity	0.01 GW

ALGERIA



% of Algeria's electricity system is based on conventional, primarily fossil-fuelled generation with an increasing percentage of natural gas. Algeria's renewable electricity portfolio includes some hydro and only small shares of variable RES. **High installation costs and the need for additional reserve capacity have been a barrier for large scale development of solar or wind plants. In 2011, first solar facility was commissioned in a hybrid 150 MW system (25 MW concentrated solar power and 125 MW gas-fired plant). Large solar and wind power potential is in the Southern sparsely populated areas. Future developments of RES are expected to reach up to 22 GW in 2030. Funding for RES comes from a levy on oil tax.**

BRAZIL



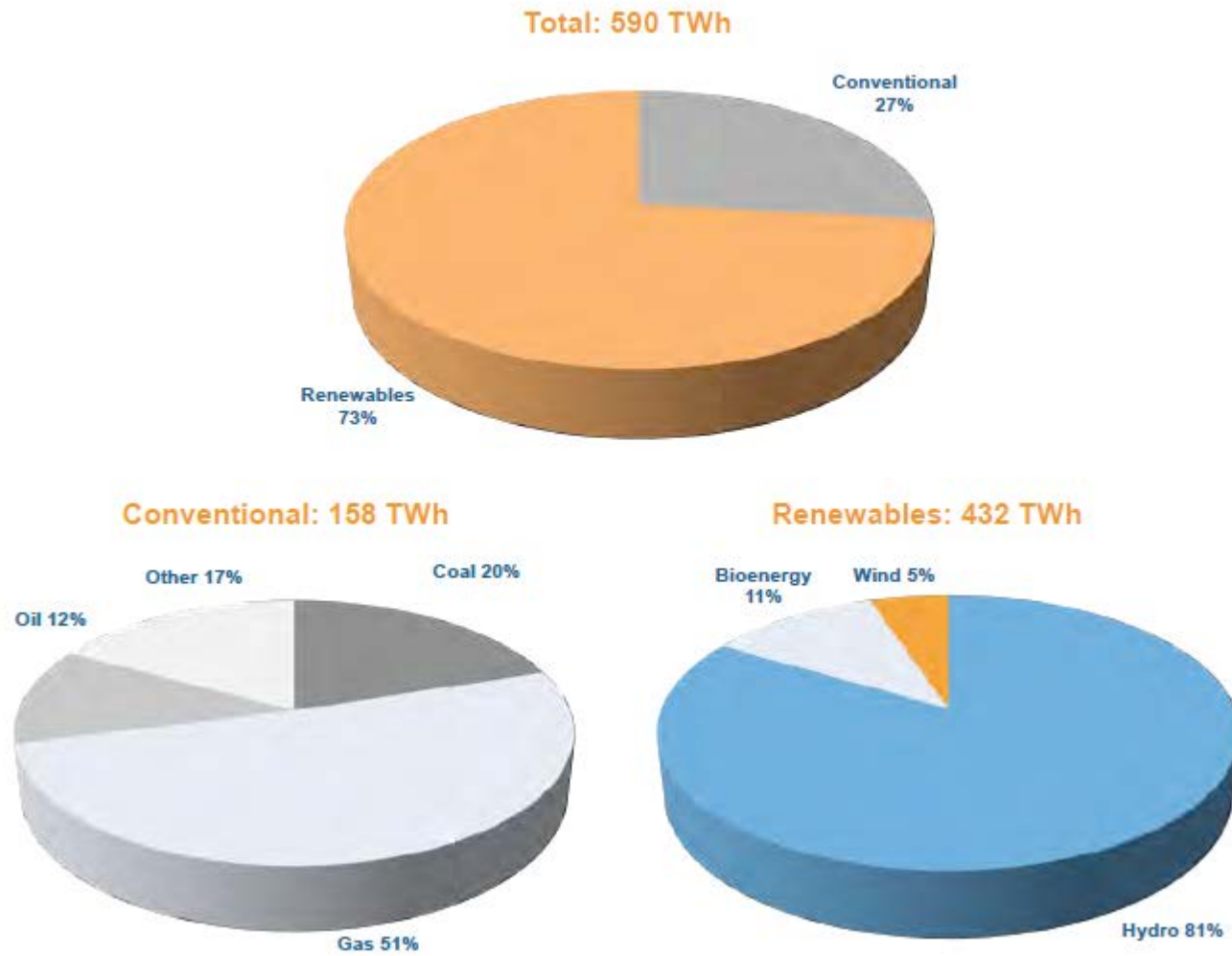
Brazil's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	133.9 GW
Total RES generation capacity	106.4 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.9 GW
Peak load	85.0 GW
Minimum load	61.1 GW
Electricity production	590.5 TWh
Electricity import	33.8 GWh

Brazil Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	114.2 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	8.7 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.021 GW
Installed wind capacity	8.7 GW

Brazil's electricity production mix (2014)



% of electricity production in Brazil is based on renewables (mainly hydro). Brazil currently promotes affordable renewable energy at **power auctions of different types supply options with 15 to 30 year contracts. Large-scale bioenergy production** is a distinct feature of the country's energy system. Fast development of wind generation capacity has resulted in its increase from 0.2 GW in 2007 to 5.9 GW in 2014, and a drop in auction prices to **USD 50/MWh making wind the cheapest electric energy source over large hydr.**

In 2014 wind accounted for 2% of total electricity production. **By 2023 wind capacity is expected to reach 23 GW and solar 4 GW. Seasonal nature of local renewables and further expansion of *hydro generation with no reservoirs requires further development of conventional generating plants for security of supply.***

CHINA



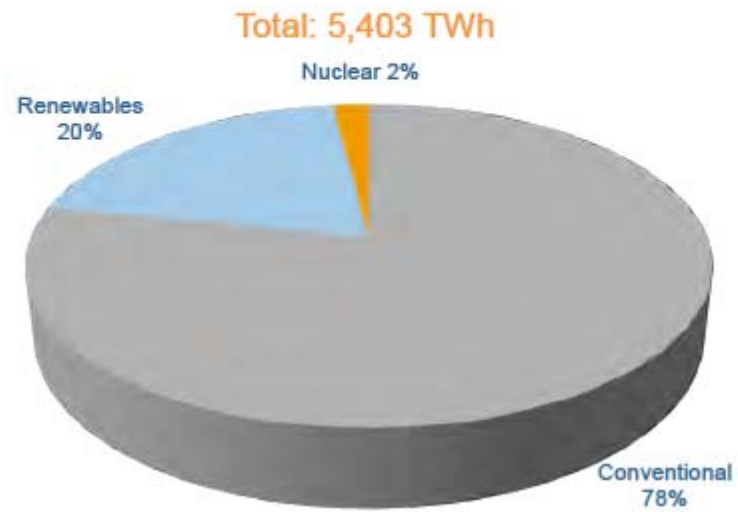
China's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	1,360.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	454.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	142.6 GW
Electricity production	5,403.0 TWh

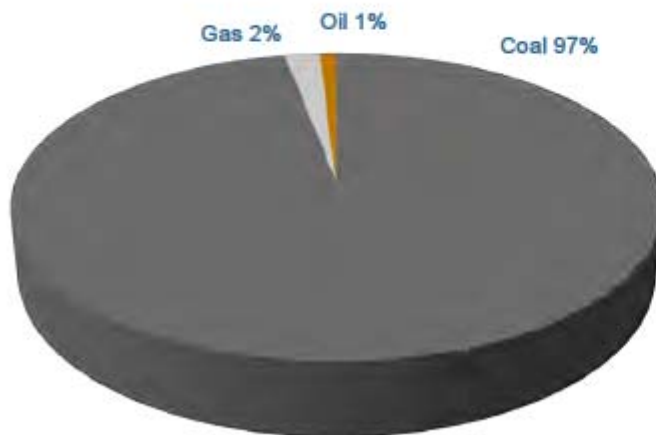
China Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	519.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	188.1 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	43.0 GW
Installed wind capacity	145.1 GW

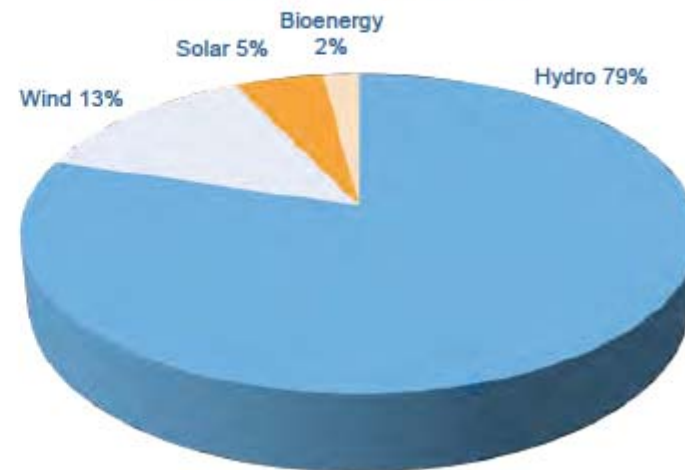
China's electricity production mix (2014)



Conventional: 4,325 TWh



Renewables: 1,038 TWh



China is **the world leader in installed generation capacity (1,360 GW) and electricity production (5,403 TWh). 78% of it comes from conventional power plants (mainly coalfired)**, while the renewable energy portfolio is dominated by hydropower. Wind and solar PV have grown strongly in recent years reaching installed capacity of 114 GW and 28 GW, respectively at the end of 2014. **Wind currently accounts for 2% and solar PV for less than 0.5% of total electricity production, but both are growing quickly with the recent annual capacity increases of 19.7% for wind and 17.1% for solar in 2014.**

Even if the share of variable RES is still low in relative terms, their random fluctuations and lack of flexible conventional power have resulted in significant changes in the power balancing capability of power grid. China has six interconnected grids, and therefore certain consolidated data is not available.

NB From recent, data in some regions only 50% of variable RES can be injected in the network due to bottle necks

DENMARK



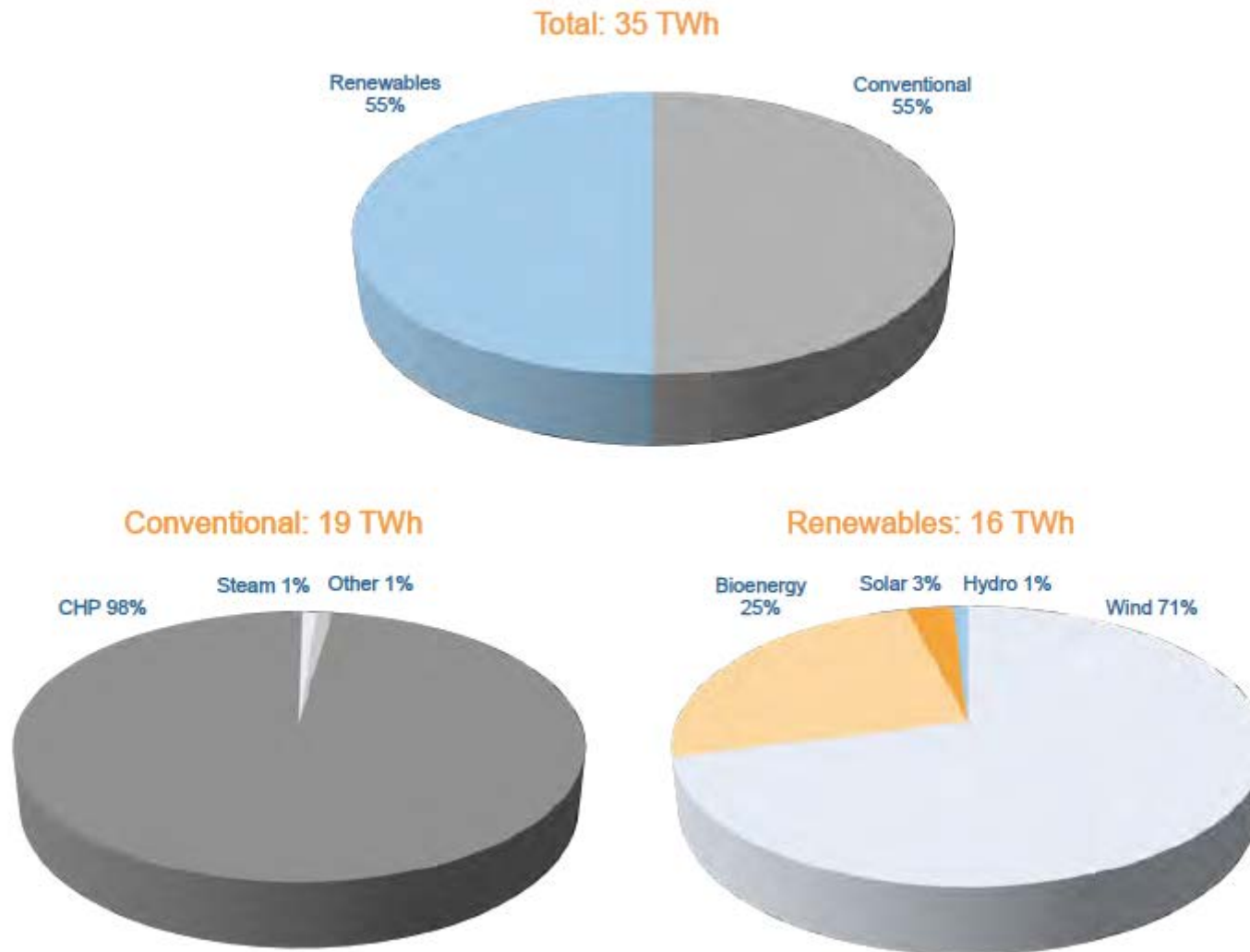
Denmark's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	13.60 GW
Total RES generation capacity	7.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.4 GW
Peak load	6.1 GW
Minimum load	2.3 GW
Electricity production	34.7 TWh
Electricity import	11.5 TWh

Denmark Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	7.3 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.9 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.8 GW
Installed wind capacity	5.1GW

Denmark's electricity production mix (2014)



to **35% of Denmark's 35 TWh generation of electricity is produced with renewable energy**, with wind accounting for 71%. In total, **33%** or 11.3 TWh of Denmark's electricity was produced from **variable RES** in 2014, achieving the highest VRE penetration in the world in relative terms. At the same time, **Denmark imported 11.5 TWh of electricity.**

Dispatching priorities, feed-in-tariffs, and feed-in premiums for variable RES have been driving growth in VRES. **This large share of RES required significant changes to the Danish energy system including interconnectors to neighbouring countries, back-up power units, demand management and energy storage.**

The target for 2020 is to reach 50% of electricity consumption supplied by wind without any use of coal in Danish plants and by 2050 the entire Danish energy consumption should be supplied by VRES technologies.

EGYPT



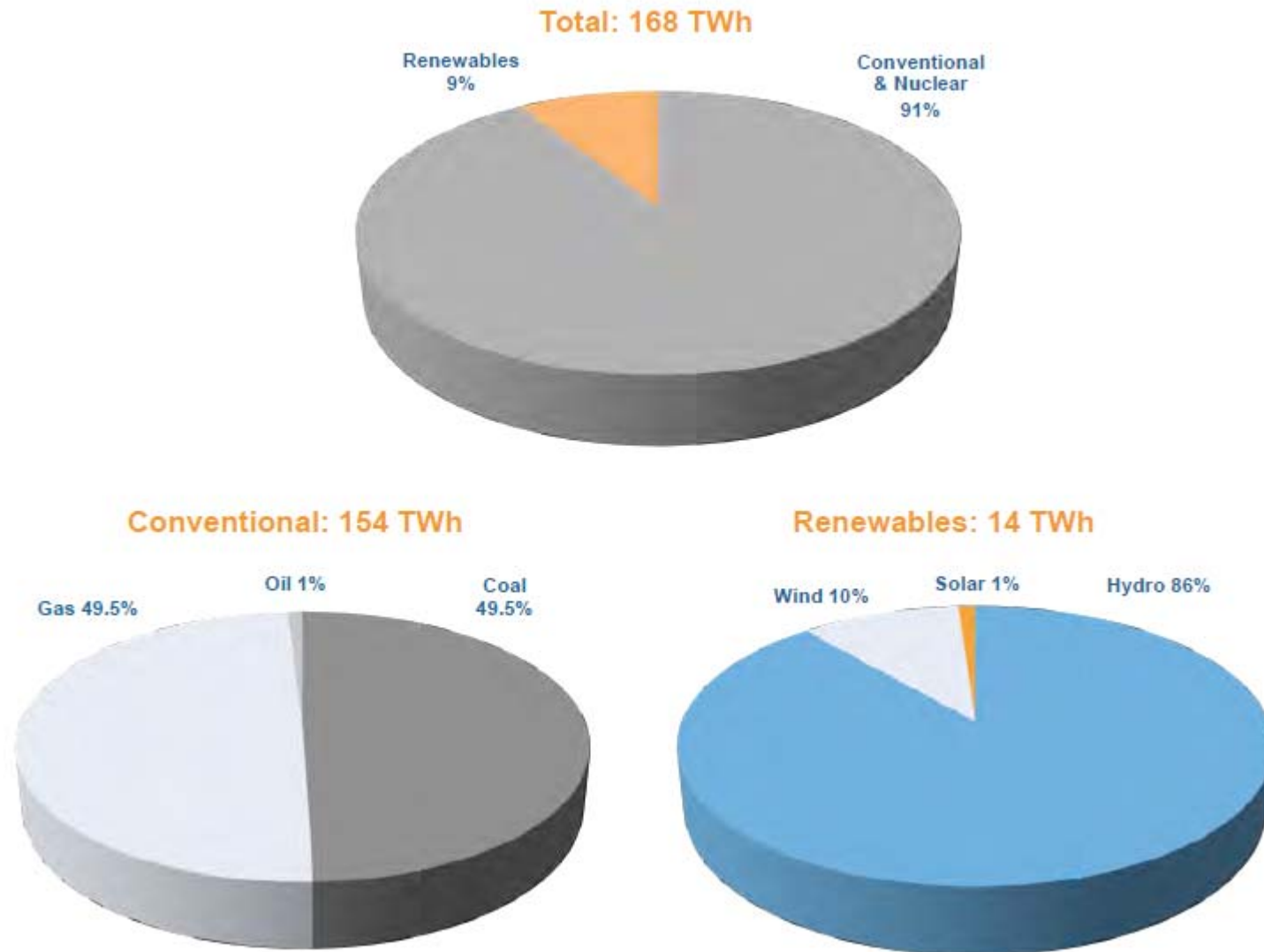
Egypt's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	32.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	3.5 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.6 GW
Peak load	26.1 GW
Electricity production	168.0 TWh

Egypt Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	3.51 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.64 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.03 GW
Installed wind capacity	0.61 GW

Egypt's electricity production mix (2014)



The government strategy approved in February **2008 outlines the objective of RES** reaching a **20% share of the total electricity generation by the year 2020.**

The share of the grid-connected wind power is today about 10% of the total electricity generation in Egypt.

It is planned **to develop a broad private participation through both the competitive tender and bilateral agreements. This will be supported by the introduction of long-term Power Purchase Agreements.**

The Government of Egypt will guarantee all financial obligations under the PPA. Renewable energy equipment and spare parts are exempt from the customs duties & Sales Taxes

More than 7,600 square kilometres of desert lands have been allocated for future projects.

FRANCE



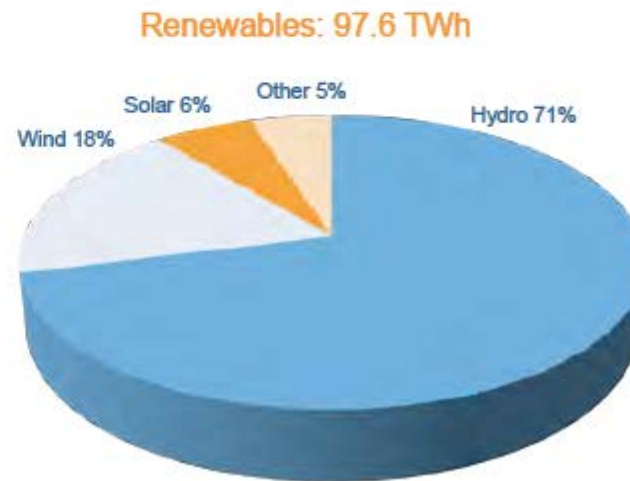
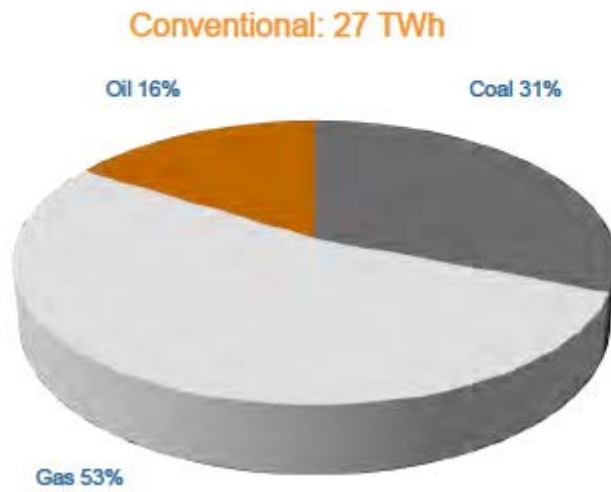
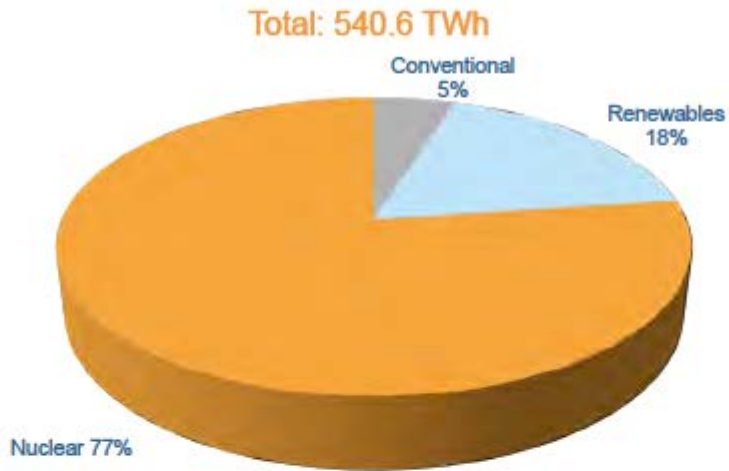
France's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	129.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	41.8 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	14.5 GW
Peak load	82.5 GW
Minimum load	29.5 GW
Electricity production	540.6 TWh
Electricity export	92.4 TWh
Electricity import	27.3 TWh

France Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	44.2 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	16.9 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	6.6 GW
Installed wind capacity	10.3 GW

France's electricity production mix (2014)



2014, the production from all RES provided 18% of French electricity,.

Wind and solar PV capacity increased by nearly 1.900 MW in 2014.

Currently, France has 9.100 MW of wind and 5.300 MW of solar generation capacity.

Electricity generated by renewable energies other than hydropower (28 TWh) outperformed fossil fuel power generation for the first time in 2014.

More than half was generated by wind power, with the remainder split between solar PV and biomass.

Maximum wind power generation was reached on 27 December 2014 with output of slightly over 7.000 MW representing **80% of total installed wind power capacity.**

Maximum photovoltaic power generation was reached at 13.30 on 17 May 2014 with output of 3.700 MW (70 % of total installed solar capacity). Such levels had never been achieved before

In addition, hydro availability was particularly high in that year, due to heavy rainfall. Output of hydropower in 2014 (22 TWh) was the second highest of the decade after 2013, when it was exceptionally high.

Under these favourable conditions resulted in the highest level of generation by renewable energies amounting for nearly 20% of French power production. This contributed to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, already achieved by both energy consumption efficiency programmes and the operation of nuclear power plants. Annex 1 presents some data from auctions of VRES.

Renewable energy equipment and spare parts are exempt from the customs duties & Sales Taxes .

GERMANY



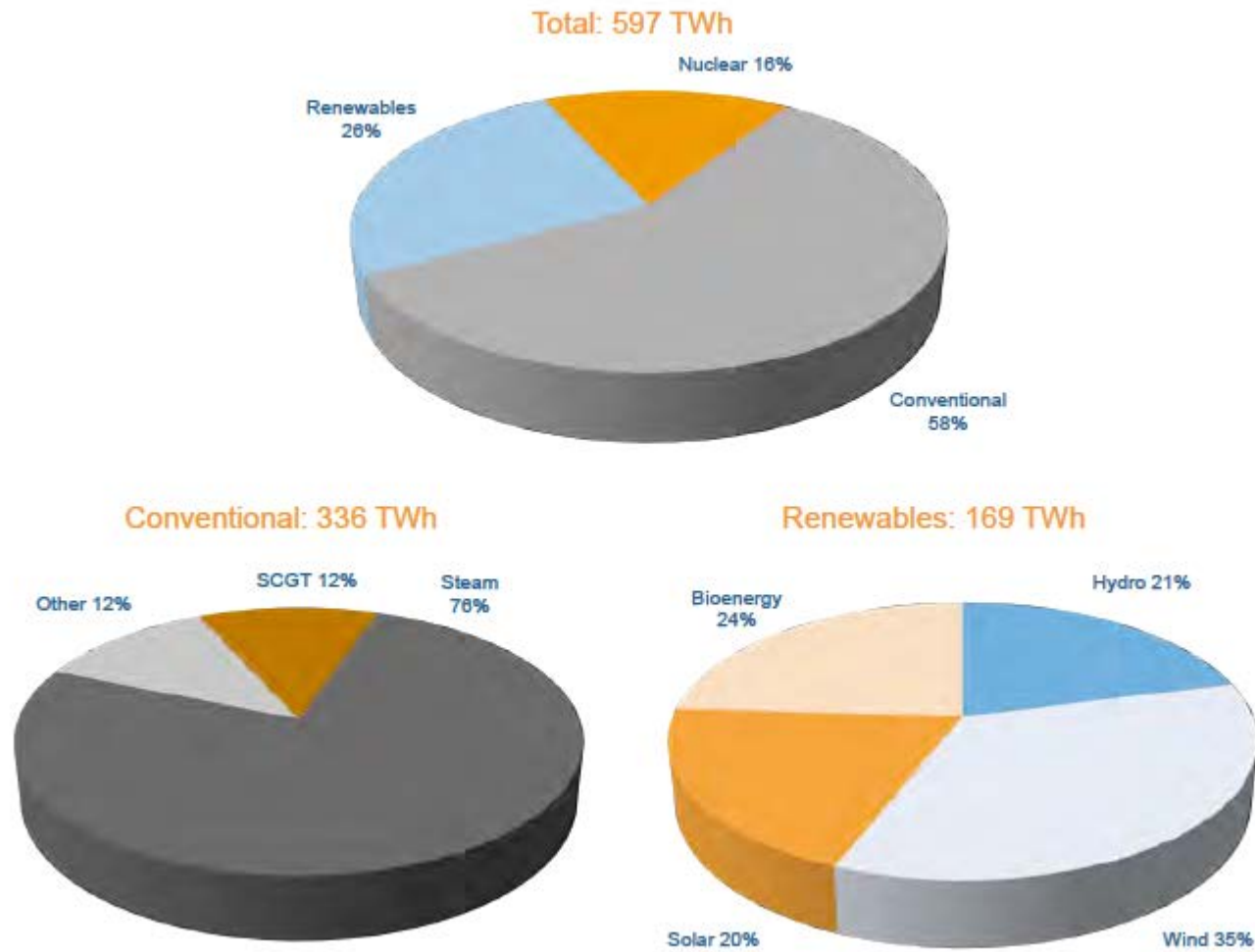
Germany's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	194.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	97.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	74.0 GW
Peak load	83.0 GW
Minimum load	32.0 GW
Electricity production (Gross)	614.0 TWh
Electricity production (Net)	597.1 TWh
Electricity export	36.0 TWh

Germany Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	105.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	84.6 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	39.6 GW
Installed wind capacity	45.0 GW

Germany's electricity production mix (2014)



Germany has been a front runner in promoting RES development by introducing FIT's with consequent sky rocketing increase of the share of wind and solar PV up to the present 40% of total installed capacity.

The high RES growth has high associated costs. For example, in 2014 alone, 24 billion euros for FIT's (included in-tariffs) were passed on end consumers (with exemption of energy intensive industries) accompanied by substantial investments in T&D systems.

The reduction of FIT's has caused a drastic reduction of new variable RES installations, especially solar (new capacity additions dropped from 7.6 GW in 2012 to 1.9 GW in 2014)

Introduction of pilot auctions will substitute in future FIT's (see Annex 1).

Conventional power producers have been hit by the rise in the share of variable RES which has resulted in a drop in both wholesale prices and operating hours of their plants used for residual loads.

German TSO's, which are also expected to manage the phase out of nuclear, are facing great challenges in transporting electricity from North to South and viceversa.

There is a clear need for market rules readjustments.

Various technologies and management investments (storage, demand side management etc.) are under development.

On the positive side, RES investments have created job opportunities and have contributed to the reduction of GHG emissions and fuel imports

INDIA



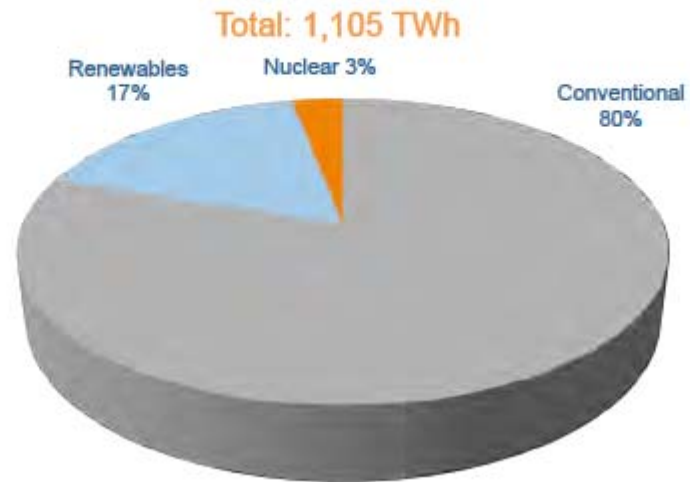
India's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	271.7 GW
Total RES generation capacity	77.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	27.2 GW
Peak load	148.2 GW
Electricity production	1,105.0 TWh

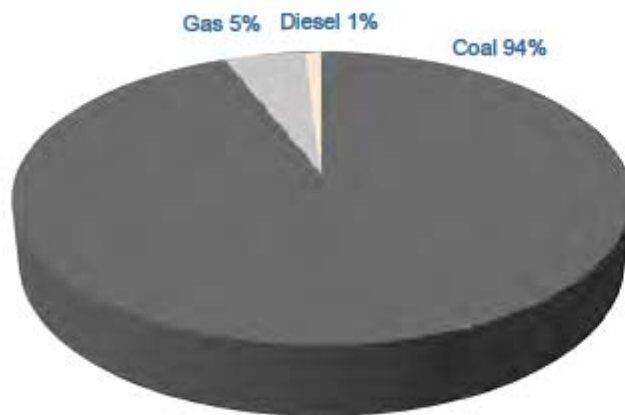
India Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	114.2 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	30.1 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	5.0 GW
Installed wind capacity	25.1 GW

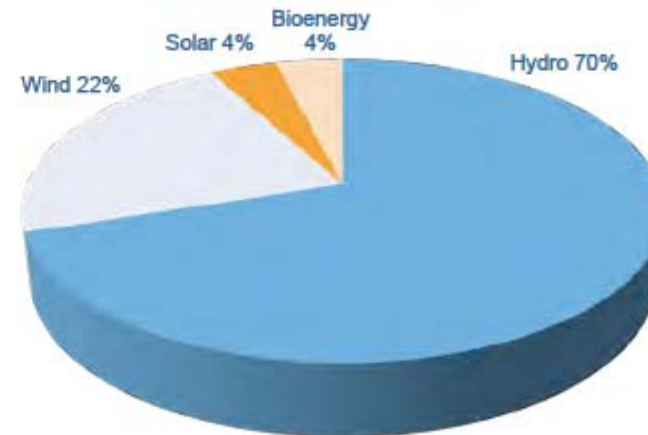
India's electricity production mix (2014)



Conventional: 858 TWh



Renewables: 187 TWh



India is positioned well for large-scale renewable energy development due to its abundant solar and wind resources which today account for approximately 3.5 % of total electricity with installed wind capacity of 23.4 GW and solar PV of 3.7 GW.

India has benefitted from accelerated depreciation and generation based incentives.

Solar PV enjoys direct capital subsidy; FITs are around USD100/MWh and the allocation of solar PV projects has been through auctions in the recent years. Net metering has been introduced by many states.

Several measures, including green corridors are being taken to address technical challenges of increased variable RES with their intermittency.

The 2022 targets envisage an installed capacity of 100 GW for PV and 60 GW for wind.

IRELAND



Ireland's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

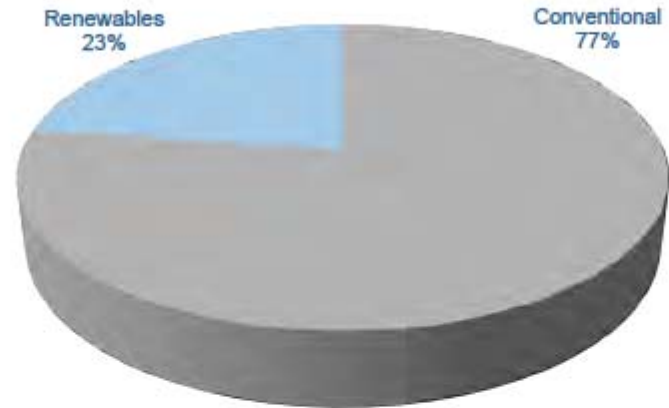
Total installed generation capacity	9.99 GW
Total RES generation capacity	3.1 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	2.3 GW
Peak load	6.3 GW
Electricity production (Gross)	23.9 TWh
Electricity export	1.8 TWh

Ireland Renewables (2015)

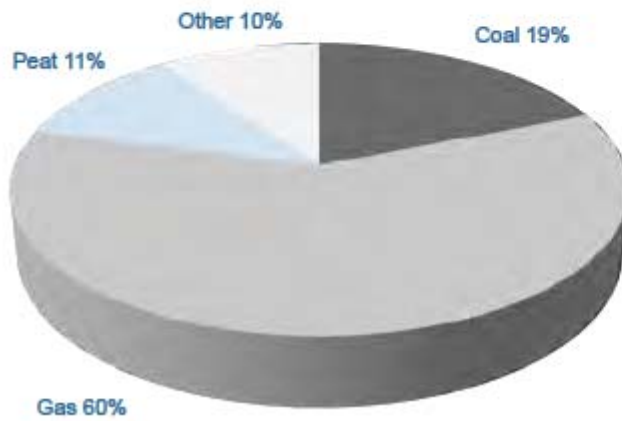
Total RES generation capacity	3.1 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	2.5 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	1.0 MW
Installed wind capacity	2.5 GW

Ireland's electricity production mix (2014)

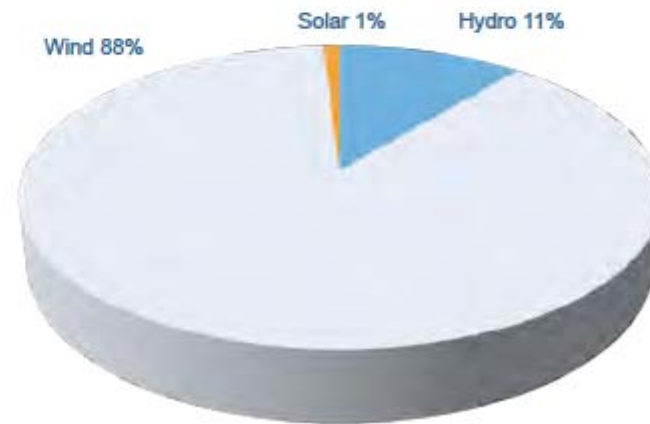
Total: 23.9 TWh



Conventional: 18.4 TWh



Renewables: 5.5 TWh



Ireland has excellent renewable energy resources, which will be a critical and growing component of Irish energy supply to 2020 and beyond.

Indigenous renewable energy already plays a vital role in domestic fuel mix. It also increases sustainability through the use of clean power sources and enhances energy security by reducing Ireland's dependence on imported fuels.

Wind and solar energy can yield additional opportunities for suppliers and consumers alike.

Under the 2009 Renewable Energy Directive, **Ireland is committed to produce at least 40% of all energy consumed from renewable sources by 2020**. This will be met by 40% from renewable electricity, 12% from renewable heat and 10% from the renewable transport sector.

The target to have 40% of electricity consumed from renewable sources by 2020 is one of the most demanding in the world.

ITALY



Italy's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

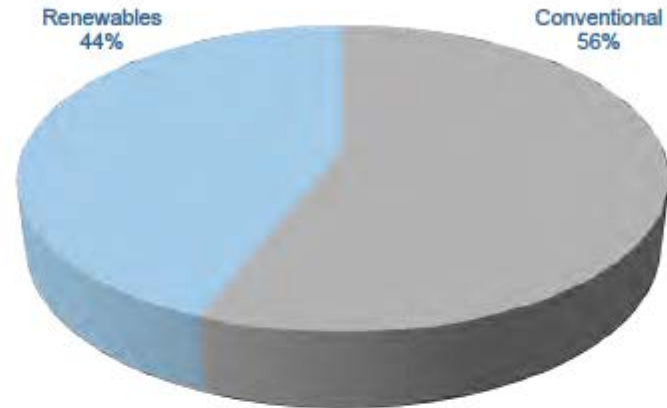
Total installed generation capacity	125.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	53.9 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	27.5 GW
Peak load	54.0 GW
Minimum load	20.0 GW
Electricity production	268.0 TWh
Electricity import	40.0 GWh

Italy Renewables (2015)

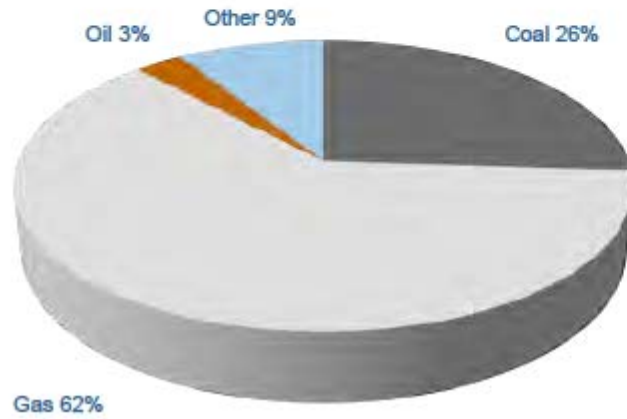
Total RES generation capacity	54.8 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	28.0 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	18.9 GW
Installed wind capacity	9.1 GW

Italy's electricity production mix (2014)

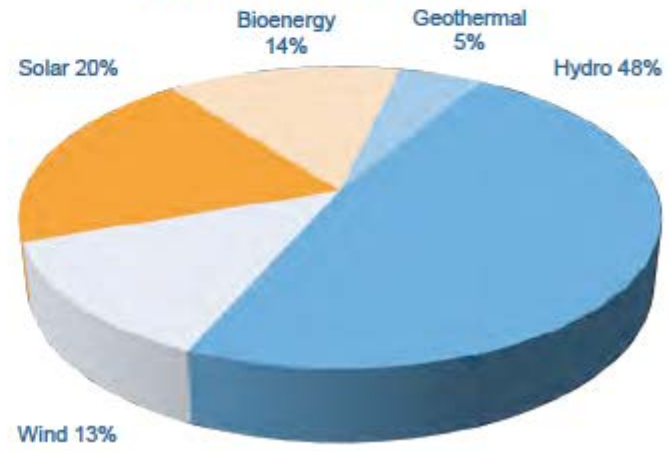
Total: 268 TWh



Conventional: 151 TWh



Renewables: 117 TWh



Italy's VRES production is high, 39 TWh (14.5% of the country's electricity generation) using 20 GW of PV and 9 GW of installed wind capacity.

The PV production has reached 8% of the total generation (world record).

Fast development of RES technologies has been driven by a number of generous incentives such as green certificates and especially FIPremium tariffs.

The incentives for PV were introduced in 2005 and amounted to 450€/MWh; but now the price is based only on auctions for large plants and tax deductions for small installations.

For wind there are currently only a few auctions operating at reduced capacities.

The sudden decrease of incentives has resulted in a drastic collapse of annual additions to installed capacity of PV from 9 GW in 2011 to less than 1 GW in 2014 and for wind from 1.2 to 0.3 GW.

RES integration has had an impact on the power system and on the market behavior, including drastic reduction of operating hours for the high efficiency combined cycle fleet. Another contributing factor was strong reduction of demand.

Incentives for RES paid by consumers amount to around 13 billion Euros per year, while 6 billion € will be invested into transmission improvements over the next 10 years.

Ancillary services market costs are close to 2 billion €/year (doubled with RES introduction).

Pilot electrical storage systems both for TSO and DSO grids are already installed or under installation.

New market designs are being developed to provide further opportunities for RES investments which in any case contributed to reduction of GHG emissions and import of primary energies, and also created job opportunities. ---

Annex 1 presents some details on recent costs for CAPEX and O&M of PV and Wind plants.-----

JAPAN



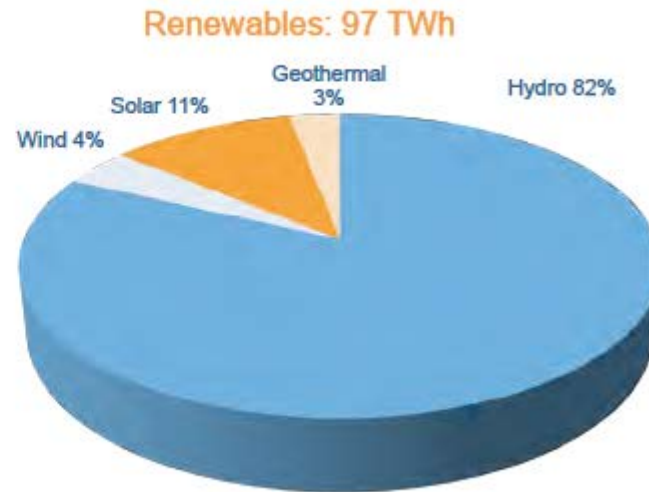
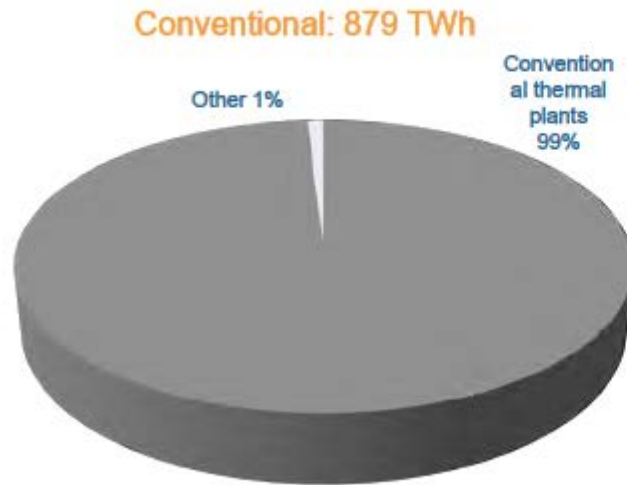
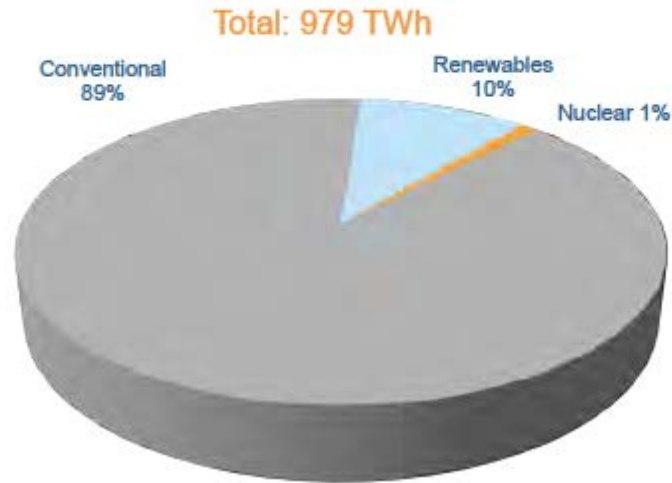
Japan's Power Generation – Basic Information (2013)

Total installed generation capacity	252.5 GW
Total RES generation capacity	69.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	15.1 GW
Peak load	159.1 GW
Electricity production	979.0 TWh

Japan Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	90.1 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	36.3 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	33.3 GW
Installed wind capacity	3.0 GW

Japan's electricity production mix (2013)



2010, before Fukushima, 30% of Japan's electricity production was from nuclear plants

which are now shut down, anticipating new safety standards.

With **renewables contributing only 10% of the country's electricity production whereof 1% solar and 9% wind**, there is a pressing need to import considerably more fossil fuels and this places a large financial burden on Japan's economy.

Therefore, **the country is strongly promoting RES; and a FIT premium scheme was introduced in 2012. The scheme that had a tariff of 35 US cents/kWh in 2012 (now above 45), has got the highest increase of RES. The country has a target capacity of 70 GW.**

This requires significant **investments in T&D systems and system balancing issues.**

The acceptable supply targets for utilities generating power from PV are by far lower than the approved limits for other technologies, and METI has established a Working Group of independent experts to a study of variable RES integration.

KOREA (REP. OF)



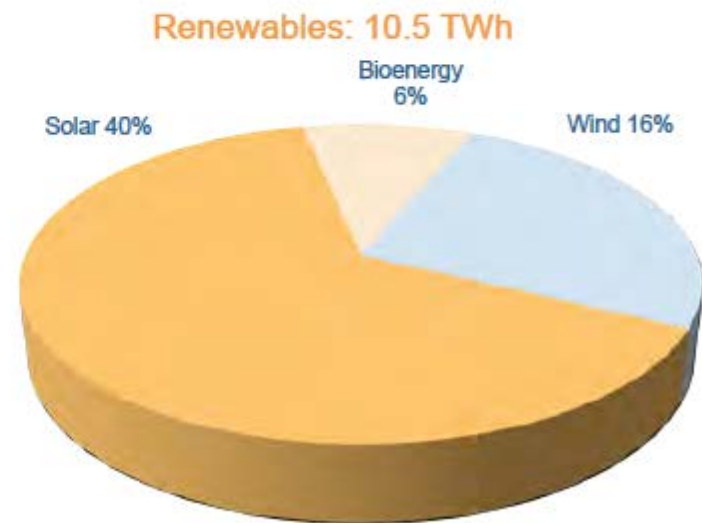
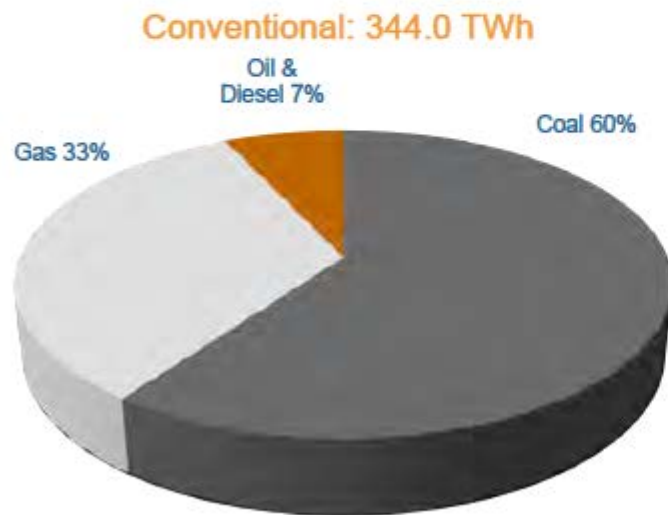
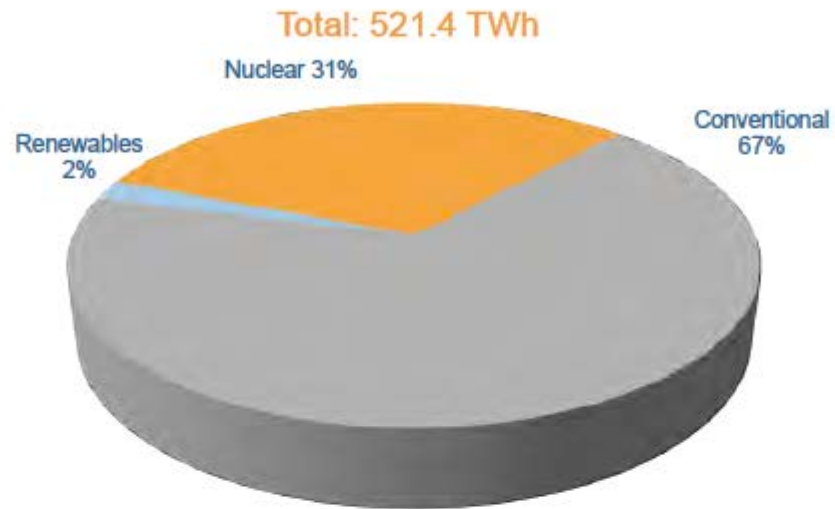
Korea's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	93.2 GW
Total RES generation capacity	11.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	4.0 GW
Electricity production	521.4 TWh

Korea Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	12.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	4.0 MW
Installed solar PV capacity	3.2 MW
Installed wind capacity	0.8 MW

Korea's electricity production mix (2014)



According to the 4th national plan for development and supply of renewable energy in
China, **renewables will reach 13.4% of total installed power generation capacity by 2035**
compared to 3.7% in 2012.

Solar and wind are expected to increase from 0.5% in 2012 to 7.5% in 2035.

Both the public and private sectors, invest actively in research and development of “green” and smart
technologies such as Energy Storage System (ESS), smart and micro grids.

Certain incentives have been introduced to support the private sector investment in a stable renewable
energy supply system.

For example, **additional Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) points will be added to the utilities who
install wind power plants combined with Energy Storage System (ESS).** These points can be sold in the
REC trading market, and this brings additional profits for renewable energy producers.

The Chinese government adopted the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) in 2012, making it
**mandatory for power generators to produce each year 2% of their electricity from renewable energy
sources. Utilities can run their own renewable energy power plants or
buy the points of REC from other generators to meet their annual 2% quota.**

MEXICO



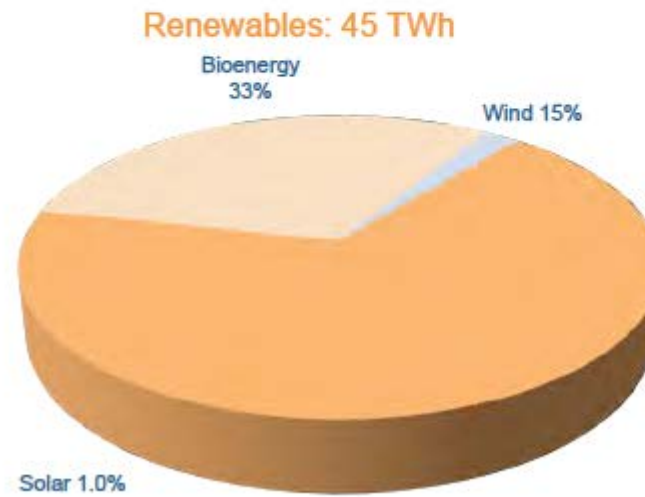
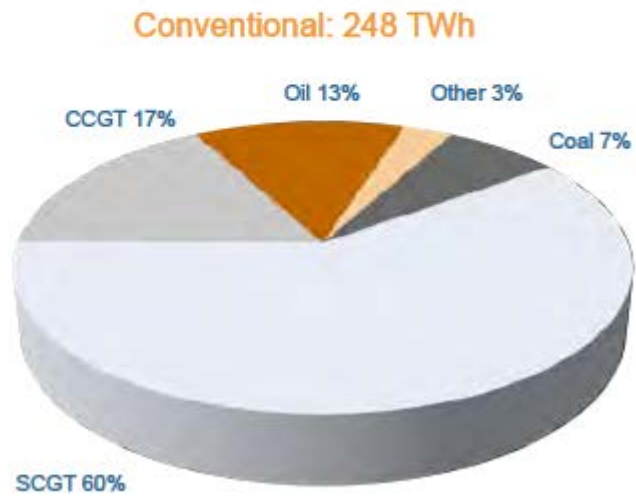
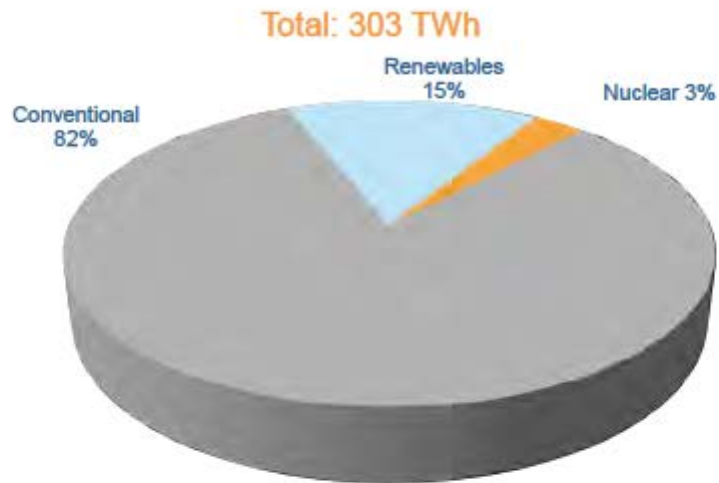
Mexico's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	65.4 GW
Total RES generation capacity	16.5 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	3.2 GW
Peak load	39.0 GW
Minimum load	17.1 GW
Electricity production	303 TWh

Mexico Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	17.6 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	3.3 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.2 GW
Installed wind capacity	3.1 GW

Mexico's electricity production mix (2014)



S account for nearly 15% of electricity production in Mexico and wind is by far the most developed VRES with a share of 2% of the country's production and of installed capacity.

nd resources are located mainly in the Southeast, while PV is in the Northern regions; however, both far from important load centres and require development of transmission infrastructure.

verage O&M costs are 9 USD/MWh for wind and 12 USD/MWh for PV.

Mexico is aiming to increase its renewable electricity production to 25% by 2025 and to % by 2050.

s planned to achieve these targets with clean energy certificates ,accelerated depreciation, differential wheeling charges, net metering and other solutions.

tain approaches that have been used to foster RES integration are transmission reinforcement and re are plans for demand side management through smart grids technologies.

NEW ZEALAND



New Zealand's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

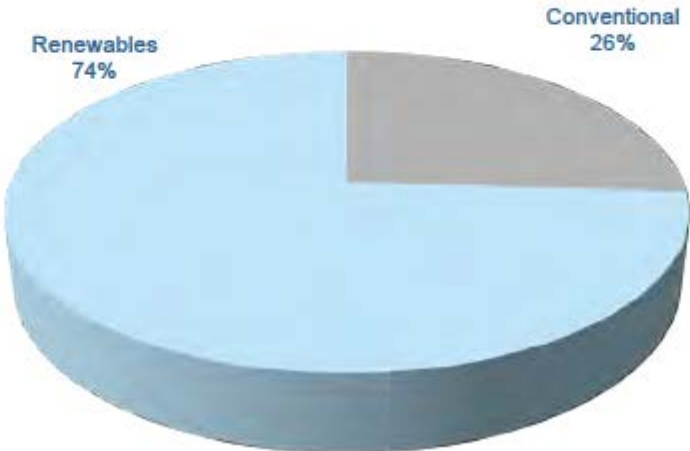
Total installed generation capacity	11.06 GW
Total RES generation capacity	7.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.64 GW
Peak load	6.41 GW
Minimum load	2.84 GW
Electricity production	38.5 TWh

New Zealand Renewables (2015)

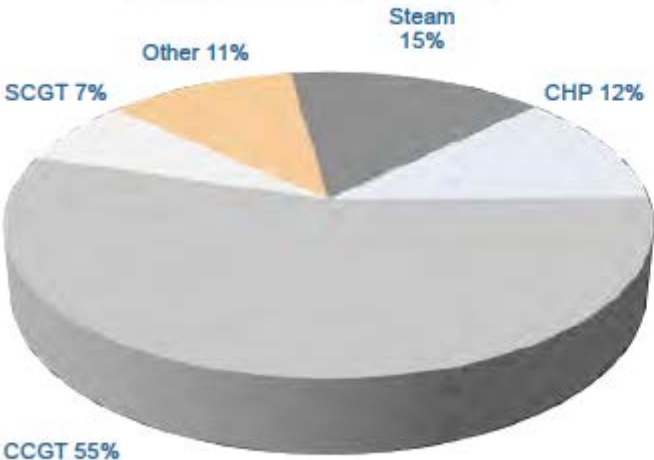
Total RES generation capacity	7.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.65 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.03 GW
Installed wind capacity	0.62 GW

New Zealand's electricity production mix (2014)

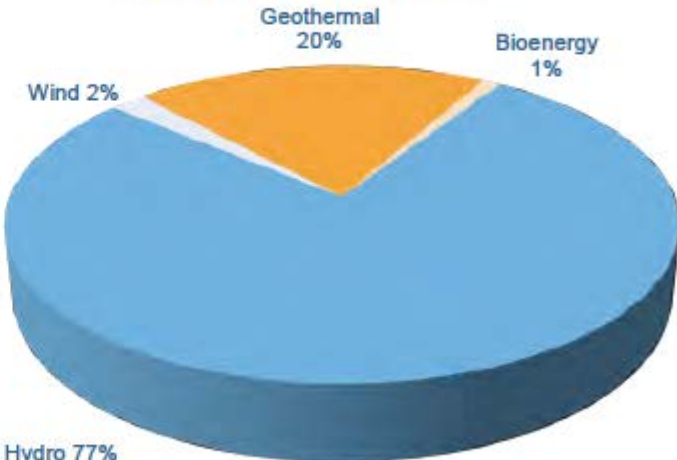
Total: 38.5 TWh



Conventional: 10.3 TWh



Renewables: 28.2 TWh



With **large water and geothermal resources**, the majority of New Zealand electricity production is from renewable energy sources.

Wind energy with a load factor 38–43% comprises 2% of these renewables energy and it will cover 40% of next foreseeable capacity additions.

Geothermal production is just at the beginning with maximum **expected** future installed capacity providing **2–3% of country energy**.

Market incentives to RES. New Zealand has a unique market with a carbon price emission trading scheme combined with “location marginal pricing LMP” which includes offer-based merit order dispatch and a nodal price which takes care of losses and congestion.

Generators offer energy in real time avoiding balancing payments.

Power electronics in new windfarms are used to provide voltage support even when there is no wind and the turbines are not generating.

LAND



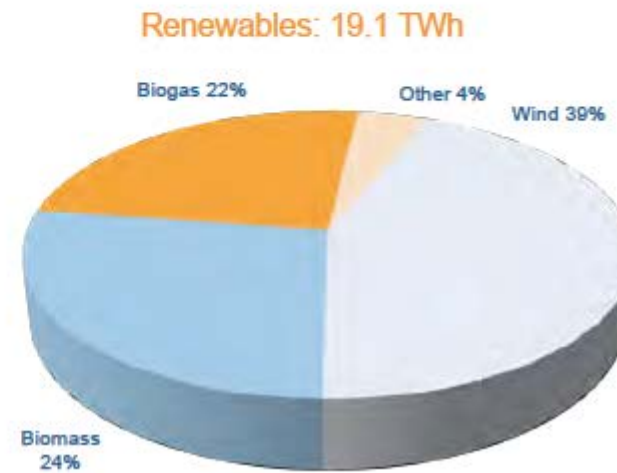
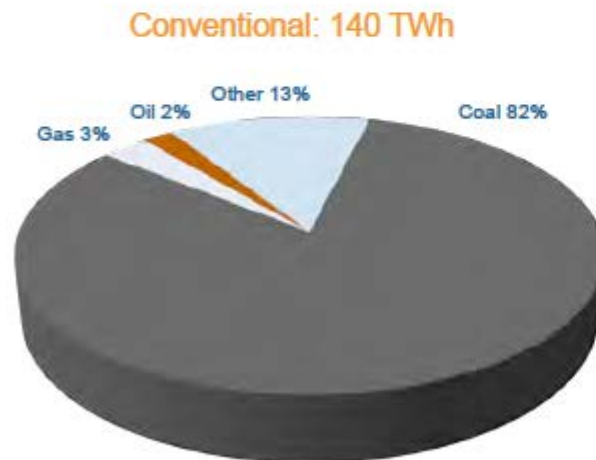
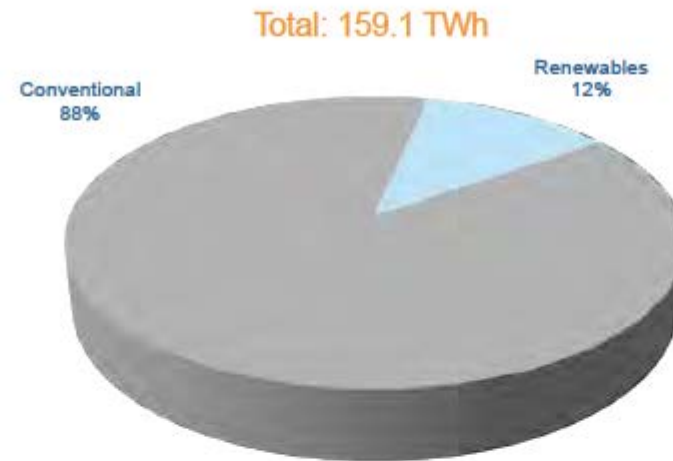
Poland's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	39.4 GW
Total RES generation capacity	7.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	3.9 GW
Peak load	25.5 GW
Minimum load	20.5 GW
Electricity production	159.1 TWh
Electricity import	40.0 TWh
Electricity export	0.0 TWh

Poland Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	8.4 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.1 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.07 GW
Installed wind capacity	5.17 GW

Poland's electricity production mix (2014)



The Polish energy sector is historically based on the domestic abundant hard coal and lignite, which is used to produce nearly 88% of Poland's electricity

In the last five years rapid development of variable renewable energy;(VRES) generation capacity increased from 84 MW in 2005 to 3,863 MW in 2014 and 5,056MW in 2015. Electricity production from these plants increased from 135.5 GWh in 2005 to 7,683 GWh in 2014.

The development is driven by wind energy. At the end of June 2015, there were 981 wind power plants in Poland with a total capacity of 4,117 MW .Most wind farms are located in North-Western Poland and the most potential wind onshore and offshore sites are located in the Baltic Sea region.

Polish public policy ensured the achievement of the 20/20/20 objective under the EU climate and the energy package through generous incentives for VRES. According to the Energy Law Act, connecting onshore VRES plants with an installed capacity up to 5 MW requires only 50% of the fee, calculated on the basis of actual costs of establishing the connection.

PORTUGAL



Portugal's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

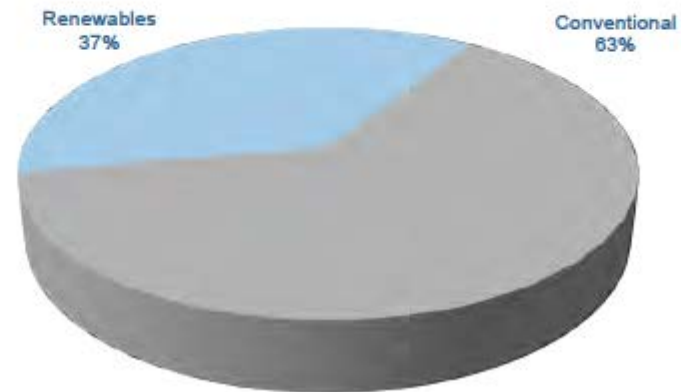
Total installed generation capacity	19.7 GW
Total RES generation capacity	11.6 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.0 GW
Peak load	10.3 GW
Minimum load	4.7 GW
Electricity production	50.6 TWh
Electricity import	3.1 TWh
Electricity export	4.0 TWh

Portugal Renewables (2015)

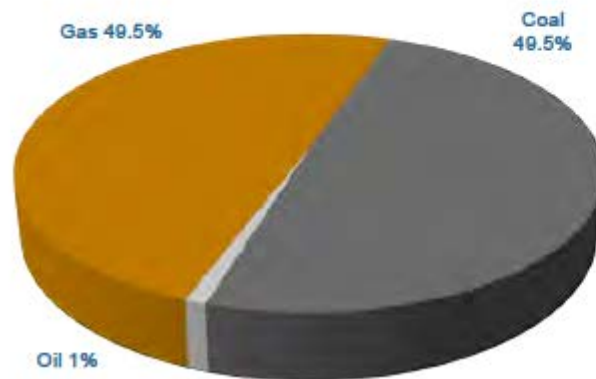
Total RES generation capacity	11.9 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	5.53 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.45 GW
Installed wind capacity	5.08 GW

Portugal's electricity production mix (2014)

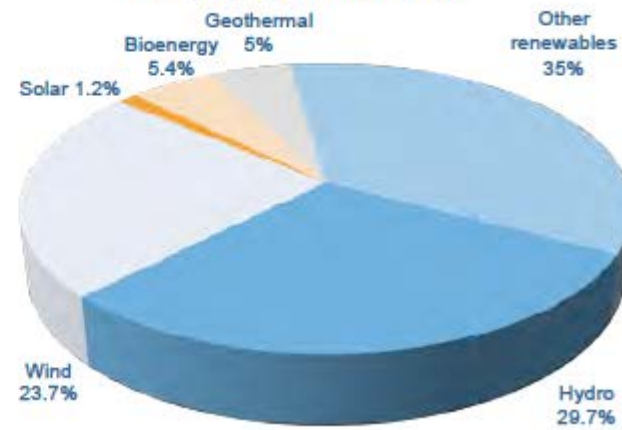
Total: 50.6 TWh



Conventional: 31.9 TWh



Renewables: 18.7 TWh



At the end of **2014**, **RES represented 37% of electricity consumption in Portugal mainland**, a value above average mainly due to the high precipitation levels along the year.

The sector has an **important impact on jobs creation** and in the Portuguese GDP. Referring to 2014 the sector employed around **43 478 individuals** (indirect and direct jobs) and **contributed with 2 902 M€ for GDP**.

The RES directive 2001/77/CE, implemented through the national decree-law n.º 339-C/2001, September 29th, was the main precursor of RES in Portugal.

In 2013, the Portuguese National Renewable Energy Action Plan (Plano Nacional de Ação para as Energias Renováveis) in accordance with Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, was published. This NREP was prepared in accordance with the template published by the Commission, and provides detailed roadmaps of how each Member State expects to reach its legally binding 2020 target for its share of renewable energy in their final energy consumption.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION



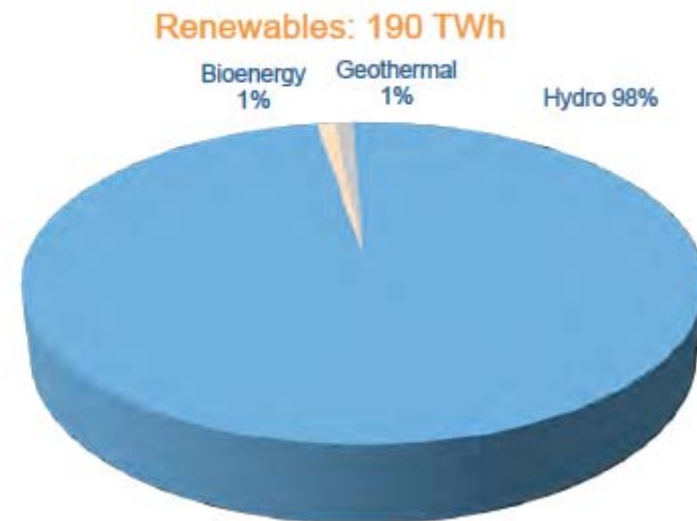
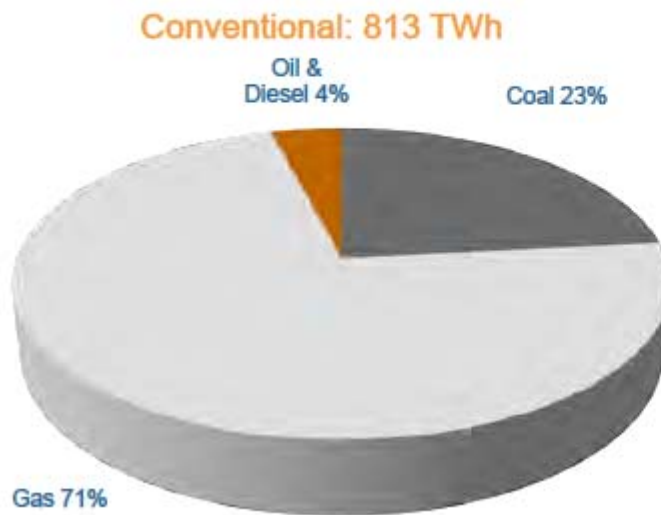
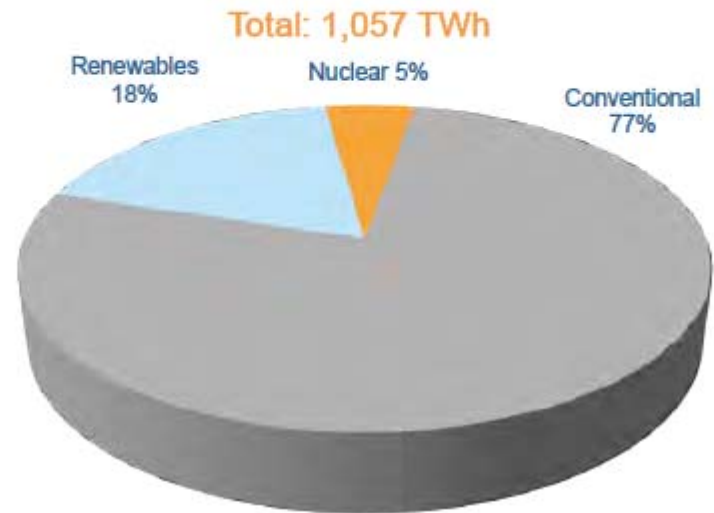
Russia's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	240.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	51.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.42 GW
Electricity production	1,057 TWh
Electricity import	4.5 TWh
Electricity export	17.5 TWh

Russia Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	52.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.50 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	0.40 GW
Installed wind capacity	0.10 GW

Russia's electricity production mix (2014)



Given its huge and diverse energy resource base **there is little interest in developing renewable energy sources in Russia.**

In terms of environment, **the energy industry has different serious issues with the aging conventional and nuclear plants.**

The previous administration, with its active promotion of new technologies, was the first in modern Russia's history to **set a non-binding renewable energy target of 4.5% of electricity production by 2020.** The **provisional target of 2.5% by 2010 was however missed** and there had **been no institutional developments in support of renewables**, apart from the Ministry of Energy **six-year plan, which includes commissioning of 5.87GW of renewable energy capacity by 2020;** the plan stipulates that **renewable energy should become the leading technology for new projects.**

-Of the 3.6GW wind capacity planned to be installed by 2020, only 190 MW been completed by 2016.

Implementation of **several renewable energy projects initiated in 2013-2014 has been postponed** as the devaluation of the Russian ruble against hard currency made **the projects too expensive.**

SOUTH AFRICA



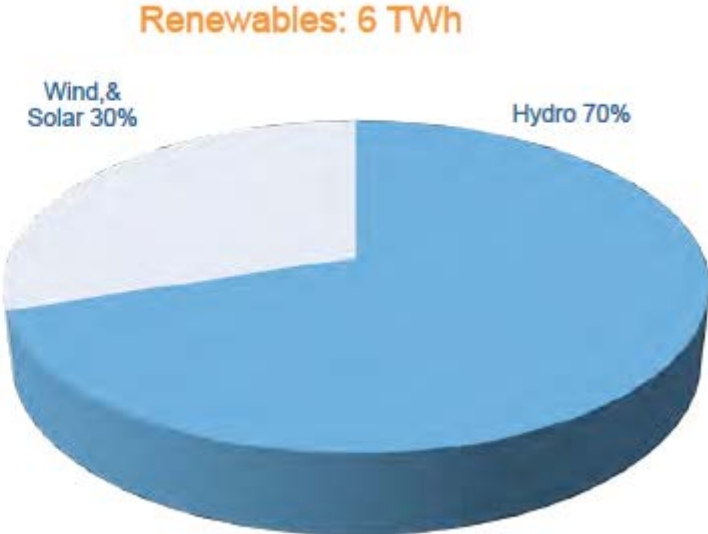
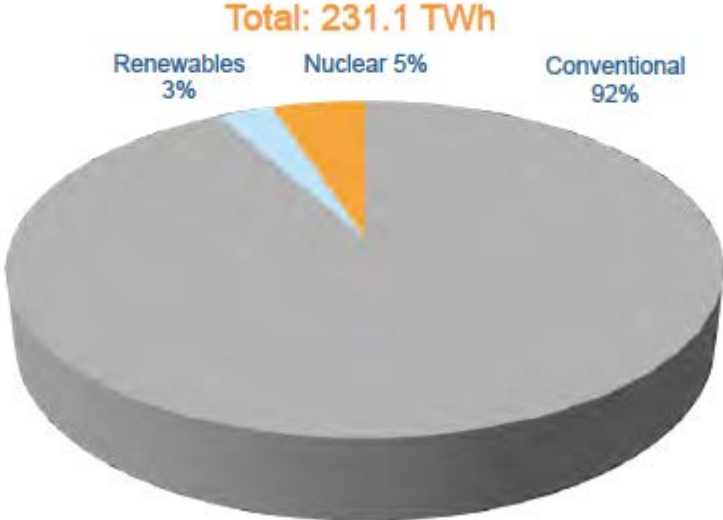
South Africa's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	44.2 GW
Total RES generation capacity	4.0 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	1.5 GW
Peak load	35.5 GW
Electricity production	231.1 TWh
Electricity import	12.7 TWh

South Africa Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	5.12 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	2.41 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	1.36 GW
Installed wind capacity	1.05 GW

South Africa's electricity production mix (2014)



available supply of low cost coal, **South Africa's energy is predominantly coal-based powering a carbon intensive economy.** As at 31 March 2014.

Investment in renewable energy has rapidly accelerated as a result of a massive, utility led, **Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPPP)** started in 2011-

the **REIPPPP** has enabled rapid development of energy capacity and investment by the private sector, **growing South Africa's share of installed RE generation capacity from negligible in 2010 (0%, IRP 2010) to 2.43% in 2014.**

By March 2014, 21 Renewable Energy-Independent Power Producer (RE-IPP) projects had been successfully connected to the national power grid, contributing 1076 MW of installed capacity.

By the end of 2014, three new RE bid rounds were in various stages of completion.

As a result of the REIPPPP, major shifts have been achieved in the energy industry in an exceptionally short space of time, **demonstrating the country's commitment to re-orientate the economy towards a sustainable, low-carbon growth trajectory** while securing an inclusive and equitable society. Annex 1 presents results of the recent auctions.



Spain's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

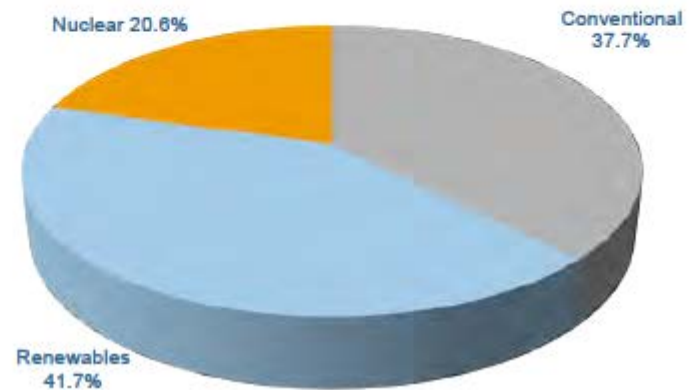
Total installed generation capacity	105.8 GW
Total RES generation capacity	50.4 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	27.7 GW
Peak load	38.7 GW
Minimum load	18.1 GW
Electricity production (Gross)	266.9 TWh
Electricity production (Net)	258.1 TWh
Electricity export (Net)	3.4 TWh

Spain Renewables (2015)

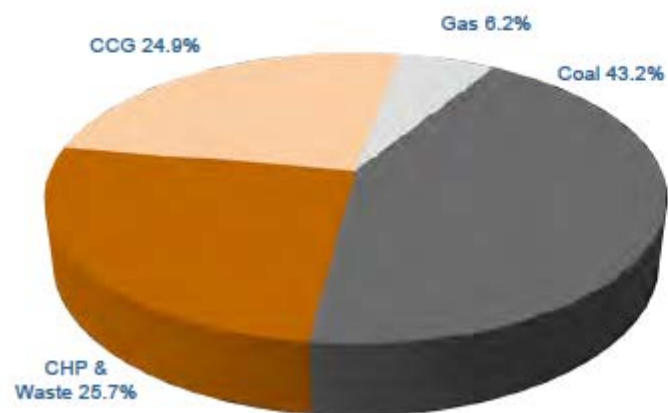
Total RES generation capacity	51.5 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	27.8 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	4.8 GW
Installed wind capacity	23.0 GW

Spain's electricity production mix (2014)

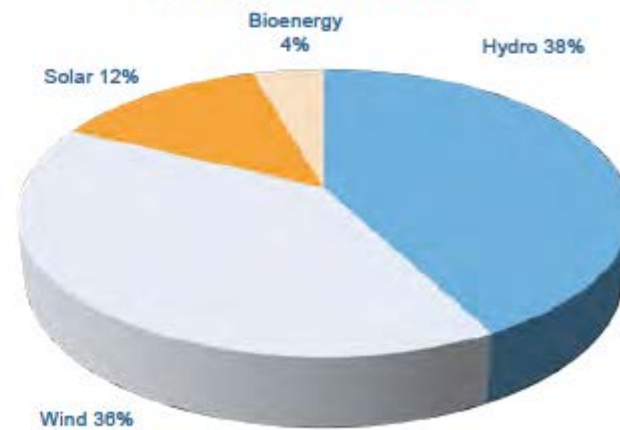
Total: 266.9 TWh



Conventional: 100.5 TWh



Renewables: 111.5 TWh



the implementation of a **FIT's scheme and the development of the power grid have contributed to a significant increasing of renewable electricity generation, reaching 41.7% of total electricity demand in 2014**. As a matter of fact, by the end of that year **both solar and wind technologies accounted for 28.% of the overall installed electric power**

the intense growth entailed a significant extra cost associated with the incentives involving these technologies contributing meaningfully to generate a high tariff deficit on Spain's electrical power grid, which threatened its sustainable development. Until 2013, this cost reached an accumulated value of € 43,726 million. **Since mid-2013, a comprehensive reform of all regulated activities in the electricity system has been carried out** with the aim of correcting this imbalance. In particular, for renewable energies, **a new remuneration system has been introduced** that guarantees "a reasonable return" on investments for efficient and well-managed companies.

Renewable electricity is granted priority dispatch in the electricity markets by Law under equal economic conditions ,as well as priority to grid's access and connection

Furthermore, in order to implement new plants within the electric system at the lowest possible cost, **a competitive auction system has been introduced too**. The reform has allowed eliminating the tariff deficit along with a progressive reduction of consumer prices. Since 2014 the electrical system is already in surplus (+550.3 million € in 2014).

The growth of renewable energies generation contributes to improving self-supply, with the consequent decrease of fossil products imports, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Likewise, based on lower generation variable costs compared to plants based on conventional technologies, , **it enables a reduction in the price within electricity production market**.

On the other hand it's **essential to increase the level of interconnection with the rest of Europe in order to integrate Spain's renewables output as well as to guarantee security of supply and maintain the proper functioning of the system**.

UNITED KINGDOM



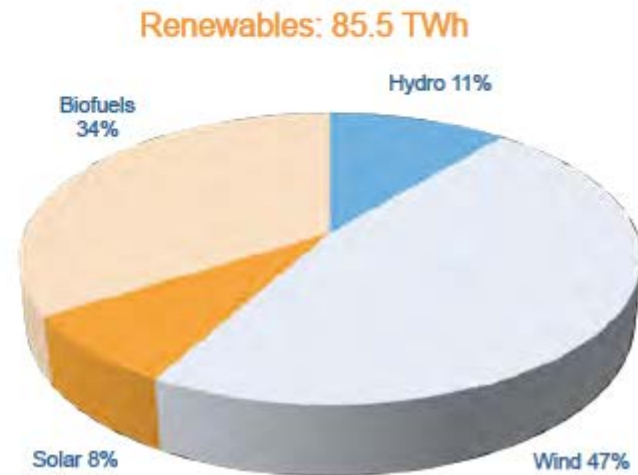
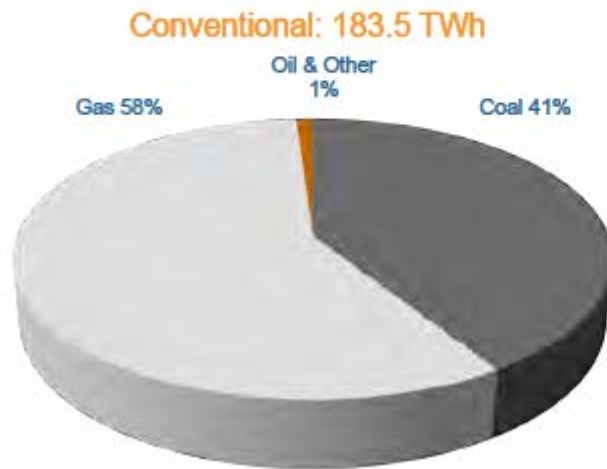
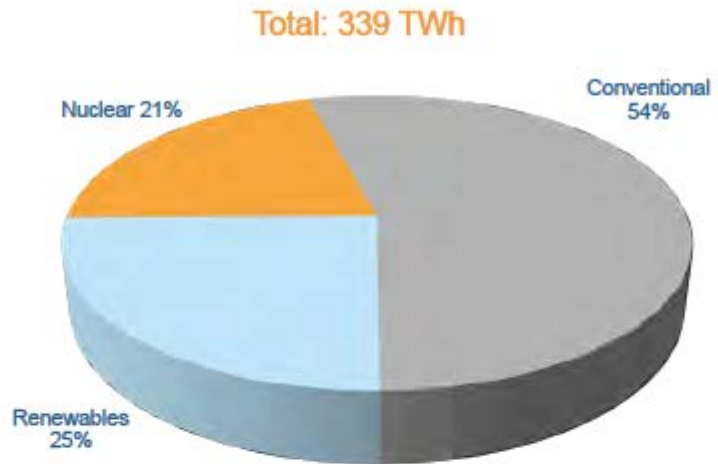
UK's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	94.0 GW
Total RES generation capacity	27.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	18.3 GW
Peak load	53.8 GW
Electricity production	339.0 TWh
Electricity import	23.0 TWh
Electricity export	2.4 TWh

UK Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	33.1 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	23.0 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	9.1 GW
Installed wind capacity	13.9 GW

UK's electricity production mix (2014)



s among front runners in the developed energy markets moving towards a low carbon

omy. The electricity sector is undergoing rapid transition across the entire value chain. Coal fired generation is decreasing, gas consumption increasing, renewable production grows, with variable renewable technologies leading the growth.

development is driven by the 5th Carbon Budget targets which are legally binding for the UK following from **The Climate Change Act announced in December 2015. This binds the UK to a target of 80% reduction from 1990 levels by 2032.** UK is on its way to meet the target of 15% renewable generation by 2020, with 7% of its final energy consumption being achieved by electricity or alone.

UK Transmission system and the regional electricity distribution systems which have gone through a long period of incentive based regulatory comparative competition on the RPI-X formula has **now been adapted to meet the new emerging requirements managing for energy efficiency, low carbon distributed generation and low carbon foot print. This new mechanism, called the RIIO Model incentivizes network operator Revenues based on performance Incentives+Innovation and Output. Revenues = Incentives + Innovation + Output is the new RIIO framework.**

Mechanisms to connect distributed renewable generation at low voltage levels are being introduced to be able to provide security of supply, optimal grid stabilization and greater efficiencies. At the consumer end, **energy efficiencies are evident but peak demand has fallen and down from 60.11 GW in 2002 to 53.8 in 2014, mainly attributable to the overall slowdown in the economy in recent**

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In summary, the UK is in a state of very rapid transition and issues relating to the management of variable renewable energy in power generation are the centre stage. The biggest challenges for UK: to optimize its supply security, deliver low energy costs to the consumer and ensure decarbonisation are going to be implemented through appropriate management and integration of renewables into the changing energy mix.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - USA



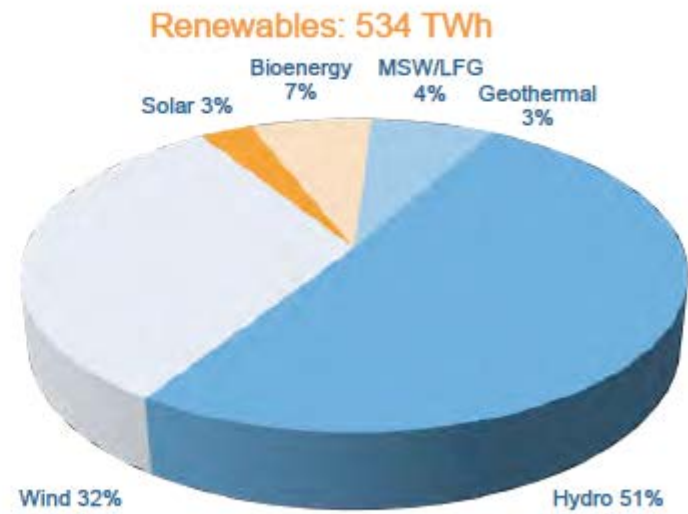
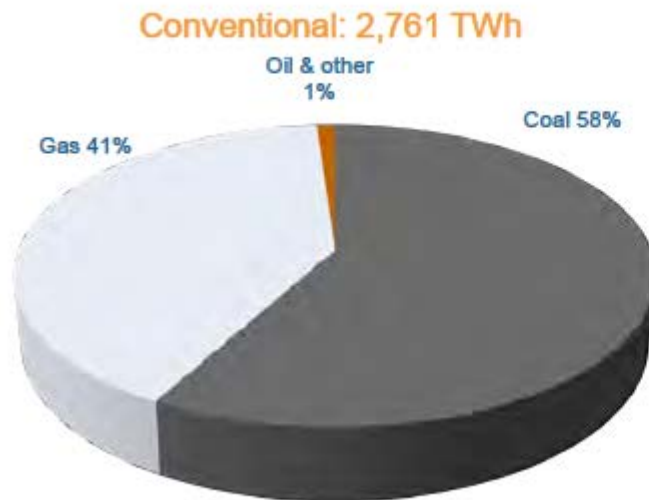
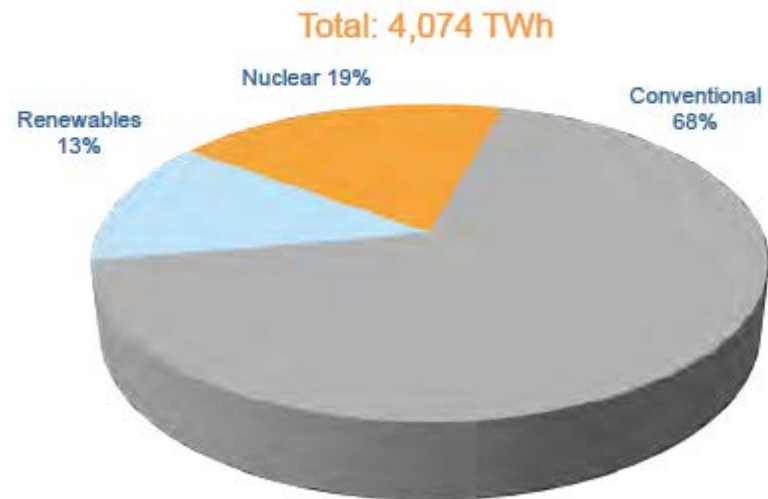
US's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	1,155 GW
Total RES generation capacity	203.5 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	84.0 GW
Net Electricity production	4,074.0 TWh
Electricity production (renewables)	534.0 TWh
Electricity import	15.5 TWh

US Renewables (2015)

Total RES generation capacity	219.3 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	98.1 GW
Installed solar PV capacity	25.5 GW
Installed wind capacity	72.6 GW

US's electricity production mix (2014)



In the last few years, renewable energy capacity in the United States power system has increased by 13% from 2008, resulting in 13% of electricity production coming from renewable energy sources.

Variable RES accounted for the largest increase and their share in the production of electricity is currently at 4% and 0.4% for wind and solar, respectively. Installed wind capacity was 66 GW in 2014 and solar 18 GW.

The goal for wind is to reach 20% of country production by 2030. States with most wind capacity are Texas, California and Iowa while most solar capacity is concentrated in California, Arizona and New Jersey.

RES penetration requires significant investments in T&D systems and costs are different for different utilities and regions.

Policies for development of RES are Federal (Tax Credit and Production Tax Credit), State (Net Metering) and Local (rebates and financing options, green power rates).

Integration measures under implementation or emerging are: improved forecasting, faster scheduling, reserve optimization, greater flexibility from generation, larger balancing areas, transmission expansion, demand response, and energy storage solutions. Annex 1 presents recent data from auctions.

URUGUAY



Uruguay's Power Generation – Basic Information (2014)

Total installed generation capacity	3.7 GW
Total RES generation capacity	2.3 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	0.57 GW
Peak load	1.92 GW
Minimum load	0.66 GW
Electricity production	12.9 TWh
Electricity import	0.0 TWh
Electricity export	1.27 TWh

Uruguay Renewables (2015)

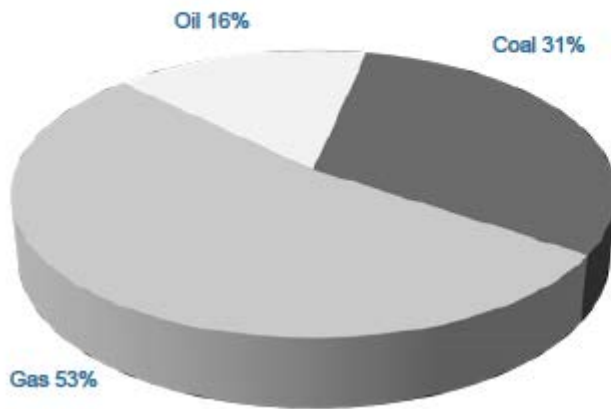
Total RES generation capacity	2.7 GW
Total VRES generation capacity	913 MW
Installed solar PV capacity	68 MW
Installed wind capacity	845 MW

Uruguay's electricity production mix (2014)

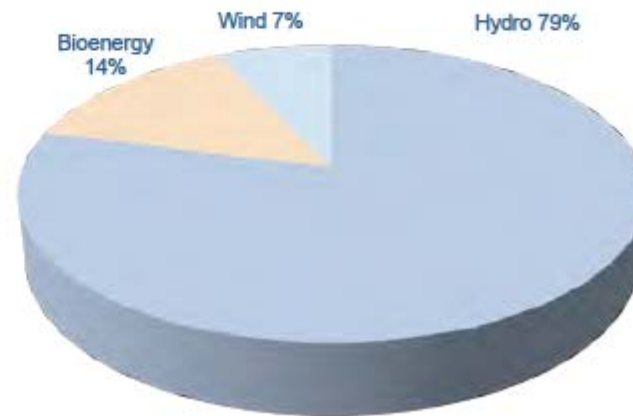
Total: 13 TWh



Conventional: 2.3 TWh



Renewables: 11.7 TWh



Uruguay has a large share of production from renewable energy sources: **82% of total electricity production in the country comes from RES, mainly from hydro.**

The majority of Uruguay's **hydropower has however no storage capacity** and production is variable dependent on the yearly and seasonal rainfall.

The **most important new VARIABLE RES** in the country is wind with presently installed capacity of **485 MW (13% of total installed generating capacity)** and a **planned expansion in 2016 to 1,470 MW (30% of total expected installed capacity)** and to **2,300 MW in 2030.**

Wind power is through auctions and at the 2011, the auction price was around 63 USD/MWh. Auctions for PV have shown values of 90 USD/MWh.

Further 200 MW of plant capacity are expected to come online in 2016. **Main objectives for the development and integration of wind in electricity systems are to provide flexibility to the existing grid, expansion of transmission systems and demand side management even if currently Uruguay operate interconnections with Brazil and Argentina.**