Energy transitions and impact on the CEE region: Case study of Energiewende and the Czech energy sector

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Energy transition - decarbonization

- Driven by the climate change
- Low-carbon policies are introduced (esp. in Europe)
- Uncertainty about the future how the system based (largely) on RES will look like?
- The energy sectors in the CEE region are rather conservative, but are exposed to the external pressures (neighboring countries, the EU)



Energy transition - decarbonization

Global energy investment in 2018 and change compared to 2017





Energiewende

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		Status Quo	2020	2022	2025	2030	2035	2040	2050
GHG emissions	Reduction of CO, emissions in all sectors compared to 1990 levels	-27.6% (2017)*	-40%			-55%		-70%	-80 - 95%
Nuclear phase- out	Gradual shut down of all nuclear power plants by 2022	12 units shut down (2017)	Gradual sl of remaini reactors	Gradual shut down of remaining 7 reactors					
Renewable energies	Share in final energy consumption	13.1% (2017)	18%			30%		45%	Min. 60%
	Share in gross electricity consumption	36.1% (2017)*		40-45%			55-60%		Min. 80%
Energy efficiency	Reduction of primary energy consumption compared to 2008 levels	-5.9% (2017)*	-20%						-50%
	Reduction of gross electricity consumption compared to 2008 levels	-2.9% (2017)*	-10%						-25%



Economic growth, power and energy consumption, GHG emissions 1990 - 2017



Note: As a general rule, emissions data for the last year shown can expected to be preliminary.



Gross power production in Germany 1990 – 2018 by source, in TWh

Power generation in terawatt hours (TWh)





Share of energy sources in gross German power production in 2018





Impact of EW on the Czech Republic



Trading with electricity – price convergence

• Size of the German and Czech electricity market – 631TWh and 86TWh (average for 2011-2015).



Market signals – decreasing price of power

- RES subsidies drive the wholesale price of electricity down (retail price up)
- Price accepted by the neighbouring countries





Market signals – volatile prices

• Electricity production in Germany in week 19 2019 (wind + solar)





Impact on Czech producers

- Producers face reduced revenues. (EBITDA of ČEZ decreased from €3,5 bn. in 2009 to €2,5 bn. in 2015, EW one of the reasons)
- Low variable cost generation portfolio (nuclear, hydro) still profitable company
- 88 % of electricity generated from low-merit or mid-merit sources (coal 50 %, nuclear 30 %, hydro 5,5 %)
- What should be the investment strategy in this scenario?



Impact on Czech consumers

• Impacted by the import of cheaper electricity Historical Prices of CZ Base CALs (Delivery periods)



Impact on government

- Nuclear energy as a baseload source of energy questioned. (Price, construction time, volatility).
- Nuclear is planned to replace decommissioning of 14 GW (out of 24 GW total) of capacities in 2030.

SEPU 2015 – target structure of gross electricity production (2014 situation in brackets)

Nuclear-fueled	46-58% (29%)
Renewables and waste	18-25% (13%)
Natural gas	5-15% (9%)
Hard and brown coal	11-21% (55%) Center for

Operational flexibility of sources

Technology	Minimum power (% of rated power)	Ramp rate (% of rated power per minute)	Hot start-up time (h)	
Nuclear	50%	2%	24	
Coal	30%	6%	3	
Natural gas –	30%	8%	2	
CCGT				
Natural gas –	20%	20%	0.16	
OCGT				



Unscheduled flows



What about coal power plants?



Unscheduled flows

Grid is not fit to accomodate 1 500 000 PV units and 23 000 wind turbines





Trades and flow of electricity 2014/2015





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