#### German energy transition - Energiewende

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### Share of renewable energy in gross electricity consumption in European countries in 2014.



Data: Eurostat 2016.



### Origins of EW

1st pillar: nuclear phase-out

- Long and successfull tradition of nuclear industry in Germany – in 70s 17 000MW.
- German anti-nuclear movement Ausserparlamentarishe Opposition in 60s (leftist students), environmental movements, local oposition.
- Three Mile Island in 1979, Chernobyl in 1986.
- 1998 Greens in federal govt (with SPD) Germany's plan to gradually withdraw from the atom.
- In 2010 the Atomic Energy Act amended plant lifespan extended, production limits on nuclear electricity increased.
- 2011 Fukushima phase-out by 2022.



#### Origins of EW

2nd pillar: climate protection measures.

- In 70s anti-nuclear sentiment, environmental consciousness and oil crisis raised the issue of RES.
- 1974 first RES subsidy program PV parks. Furthered in 1977 – 25% of investment costs reimbursed.
- 1990 Act on the Supply of Electricity from RES into the Grid (StrEG)
- 2005 Merkel's great coalition (CDU/CSU + SPD) ambitious climate plans, incl. RES and energy efficiency.
- 2010 Energy Concept for an Environmentally Sound, Reliable and Affordable Energy Supply ->Energiewende



#### Targets of the EW

- To cut greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2020, by at least 80% by 2050.
- Share of RES in gross final energy consumption to 60% in 2050 (10% in 2010). The share of RES in elektricity supply 80% by 2050.
- Reduction of energy consumption by 50% by 2050 (reference year 2008).
- By 2050, elektricity consumption to drop by 25% compared to 2008. Final energy consumption in the transport sector to be reduced by around 40% by 2050 compared to 2005 levels.
- Nuclear phase out by 2022. (Fukushima Daiichi 2011).



#### Targets of the EW





### Economic growth, power & energy consumption, GHG emissions 1990 - 2016.



Data: BMWi, UBA 2017.



#### Declared benefits of the Energiewende





#### Performance of German energy sector



### Gross power production in Germany 1990 – 2016 by source, in TWh



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## Share of energy sources in gross power production in 2016 (preliminary data)





### Net power consumption by consumer group 2000 - 2015





#### Major challenges



### 1) Costs of EW

- €550 bn. until 2050 (yearly investments €15bn., or 0,5% of GDP respectively).
  - Costs of Atomausstieg
  - RES surcharges
  - Grid investments and management
  - Additional activities
- Wholesale prices of electricity among the lowest in the EU (this reinforces the competitiveness of industry).
- Households pay one of the highest prices in the EU (regulated component of prices).
- Cost unevenly distributed. Paid mainly by households, companies exempted to a great extend.



#### EEG surcharge in c/kWh



Source: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy



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# Electricity prices – medium size households (eur/kWh)





# Electricity prices – medium size industries (eur/kWh)





#### Reform of EEG in 2014

- Annual growth targets (2,5 GW each for wind and solar-PV)
- Growth targets for new biomass minimal
- Auctions for PV-parks (starting 2015) and wind energy announced for 2017
- Balancing and wholesale market integration mandatory for new installations (except small ones)



#### 2) Coal consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Increasing of the proportion of hard (from 117 TWh to 121,7 TWh between 2010-2013) and brown (from 145,9 TWh to 160,9 TWh) coal in elektricity production.
- Emissions of CO2 has been flat/increasing slowly.



#### Greenhouse gas emission trends in Germany by sector 1990 - 2016



\*First estimates by UBA

Without emissions from land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF)



#### 3) Public support of EW

- 8 out of 10 german citizens support faster growth of RES.
- Resentments about perceived gap between ambitious targets and rhetoric and reality.
- Less than half of public with positive attitude toward implementation of EW.
- Politics identified as reason for deficits in implementation.



#### 3) Public support of EW

Average power price in c/kWh for a household using 3,500 kWh per year (997 euro/year)



#### 4) Stability of the grid

Unschedulled outages in 2013 (minutes per year)



Source: Council of European Energy Regulators

#### 4) Grid capacity

In 2014 24193 onshore wind turbines, 7858 biogas instalations, 1,4 million solar PV panels and 1,9 million solar thermal collectors (2013).





#### Building of the grid

In 2010 plan to build 1887km by 2015, in Q3 only 23% finished





#### German power export balance 1990 - 2016.

Data: BMWi 2017.





#### 5) Restructuralisation of energy production

- Extensive development of RES at the expense of traditional source. The resulting proportion of these two productive segments will be based on:
  - Almost zero variable (fuel) costs.
  - Financial support of RES paid by the end user within regulated part of the bill.
  - Expenses associated with maintaining balance and stability of network.
- In present, the costs on support of RES and function of networks exceed the savings from lower commodity prices (= higher costs for society). But competitivenes of RES have been changing.



### Solar + wind production in Germany in week 20 2015



last update: 14 May 2015 10:15





Source: Connect Energy Economics

#### Source: BMWi, Green paper



#### Impact of EW on the Czech Republic



#### Trading with electricity – price convergence

- Price volatility
- Wholesale price of electricity





#### 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 midmerit sources (coal 50 %, nuclear 30 %, hydro 5,5 %).



#### Impact on Czech consumers

• Profit from Energiewende – import of cheaper electricity.





#### Impact on government

- •Nuclear energy as a baseload source of energy questioned.
- Nuclear is planned to replace decommissioning of 14 GW (out of 24 GW total) in 2030.



#### Trades and flow of electricity 2014/2015





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