Low carbon technologies in the 21st century

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Life cycle CO2 equivalent of selected electricity supply technologies.

Technology	Median	Technology	Median
Coal	820	Geothermal	38
Biomass co-fired	740	Concentrated solar	27
with coal		power	
Gas – combined	490	Hydropower	24
cycle			
Biomass – dedicated	230	Wind offshore	12
Solar PV – utility	48	Nuclear	12
scale			
Solar PV – rooftop	41	Wind onshore	11

Arranged by decreasing median values. In gCO2eq/kWh

Global investments in power generation, electricity networks and demand growth



Investments in the electricity generation and networks, 2015 (in USD2015 billions)



Overnight construction costs (OCC) in 2015USD/kW, USA and France



Construction duration, USA and France



OCC of global nuclear reactors in USD2010



Distribution of construction overrun costs by technology (n =401)







LCOE for base load technologies, at different discount rates



NPP in the EU in progress

- Flamanville NPP construction started in 2007, with schedulled commissioning in 2012 and planned costs €3,3bn. Last information (from 2015) commissioning in 2018 for €10,5bn.
- Olkiluoto NPP construction started in 2005, with schedulled commissioning in 2010 and planned costs of €3bn. Last information (from 2017) commissioning in 2018 for €8,5-10bn+.
- Mochovce NPP construction re-started in 2009, with schedulled commissioning in 2012 and 2013 and planned costs of €2,775bn. Last information (from 2017) commissioning in 2018-2019 for €3,8bn.

Experience curve of USA/Fr NPPs



Favor or oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States



Strongly positive	Positive	Neutral	Rather negative	Strongly negative
Finland	UK	Luxemburg	Greece	Ireland
France	The Netherlands	Denmark	Sweden	Germany
Lithuania	Estonia	Malta	Belgium	Austria
Romania	Portugal	Cyprus		Italy
Bulgaria	Poland	-	Latvia	-
TheCzechRepublic	Slovenia	-	Lithuania	-
Hungary			Spain	-
Slovakia		-	-	_

Nuclear phase-outs

- Austria 1997
- Germany 2011
- Italy 1987 (after Chernobyl)
- Sweden 1980 (after Three Mile Island), renounced in 2010.
- New Zealand 1987





Source: International Renewable Energy Agency, 2017

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Global PV module price trends 2009-2016



Total installed costs of onshore wind by country 1983-2014



E.S. 1: THE LEVELISED COST OF ELECTRICITY FROM UTILITY-SCALE RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES, 2010 AND 2014

2014 USD/kWh





Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database.

Note: Size of the diameter of the circle represents the size of the project. The centre of each circle is the value for the cost of each project on the Y axis. Real weighted average cost of capital is 7.5% in OECD countries and China; 10% in the rest of the world.

LCOE for base load technologies, at different discount rates



LCOE for RES technologies, at different discount rates



Remuneration levels for nuclear and RE technologies in the UK



Ownership of global power generation capacity commissioned in 2015



Ownership of installed RE capacity in Germany (2012)



Electricity share by fuel source, World



Electricity production (measured as the percentage of total electricity production) by source (coal, oil, gas, nuclear, hydroelectric power and other renewables). Other renewables in this definition includes biomass, wind, solar, geothermal, and marine power.



Source: World Bank- World Development Indicators (WDI)

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Global electricity production by source

Global electricity production, measured as the percentage contribution from fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) and low-carbon sources (nuclear, hydropower, biomass, wind, solar, geothermal and marine power)



Source: World Bank- World Development Indicators (WDI)

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Global primary energy consumption

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