Renewable sources of energy

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What are RES?

- Renewable energy is energy derived from natural processes that is replenished at a higher rate than it is consumed.
- Solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, bioenergy, ocean power.
- Traditional vs. "new" renewables.
- Variable/non-dispatchable (wind, solar) vs. dispatchable (hydro, biomass/biogas) RES.



Drivers for deployment

- Environmental concerns.
- Energy security.
- Rural development.
- Employment.
- High-tech manufacturing.



RES and climate change

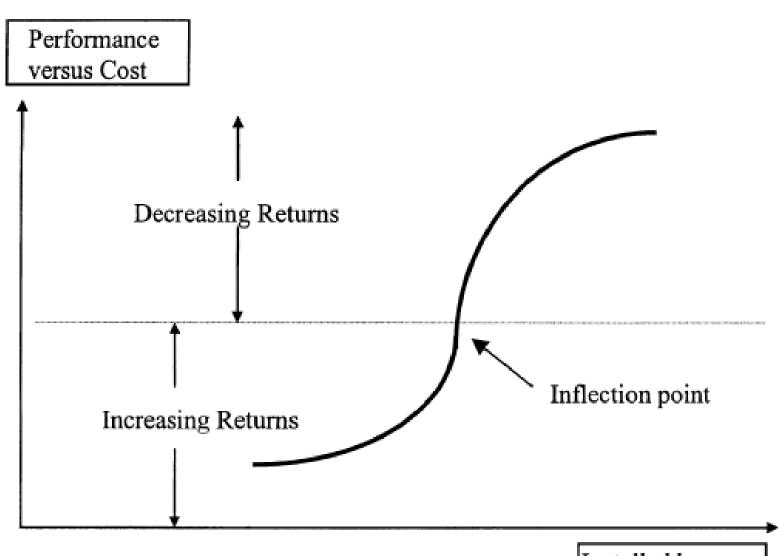
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Deployment of new technologies (RES) – governmental perspective

- 1) Inception phase creates a climate allowing investment in early projects.
- 2) Take off phase managing support policy costs.
- 3) Consolidation phase to integrate mature technology to the system (RES can no longer be considered in isolation due to their impacts across the whole energy/power system that needs to acomodate them).





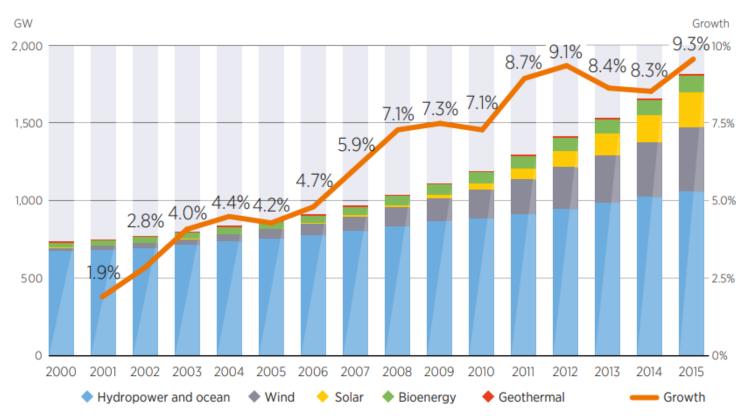
Installed base or Market share

RES deployment curve

	Inception	Take-off	Consolidation
Market and operating regulation adaptation			
Supporting technologies (e.g. power grids)			
Manage growth and policy cost			
Public acceptance			
Economic deployment support for mass market			
Priority market access			
Supply chain development			
Financing			
Targets			
Initial plants / large-scale demonstration			
Institutional and human capacity building			
Resource/cost, technology portfolio assessment			

Inception phase

• Targets combined with financial and regulatory support to create market for RES and decrease investment risks.



Renewable power capacity and annual growth rate, 2000-2015.



Take off phase - barriers

Sector and barriers	Cost barriers	Regulatory barriers	Market entry barriers	Technical barriers
ELECTRIC	Relatively high initial capital costs for some technologies; subsidies for fossil fuels and nuclear power; unfavorable power pricing rules	Non-existent or insuficient legal framework for independent producers; restrictions on siting, construction and transmission access; arduous permitting processes and utility interconnection requirements; inadequate market operation rules	Lack of access to credit; higher cost of capital due to lack of experience; perceived technology performance uncertainty and risk; lack of technical or commercial skill and information	Integrating high shares of variable renewable energy (VRE) into existing grids

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HEAT	High initial capital costs compared to well-established conventional systems, such as gas boilers; subsidies for fossil fuels	Arduous permitting processes	Lack of access to credit and financial incentives; lack of local technical or commercial skills; insuficient public awareness of available technologies and the broad spectrum of application options	Integrating renewable heating and cooling systems into existing infrastructure; distributed nature of consumption; fragmentation of heating and cooling markets



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TRANSPORT (BIOFUELS)	Higher costs relative to conventional fuels, in some markets		Lack of government policy to set up charging infrastructure; cumbersome permitting process for setting up charging stations	Immaturity of third-generation technology
TRANSPORT (ELECTRICIT Y CARS)	High cost for renewable energy technologies in personal vehicle transport relative to existing technologies	Lack of government policy to set up charging infrastructure; cumbersome permitting process for setting up charging stations	Lack of energy infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicle (EV) charging stations)	Immaturity of technology; relatively short vehicle range

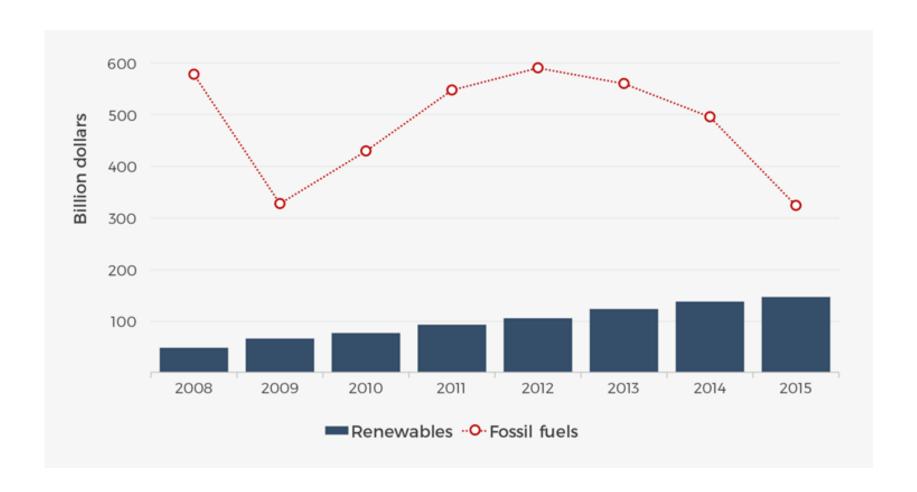
Economy of RES

Economic barriers - present when the cost of a technology is above the cost of competing alternatives. Mainly related to

- externalities of conventional technologies not internalized
- subsidies for conventional technologies
- level of technology maturity

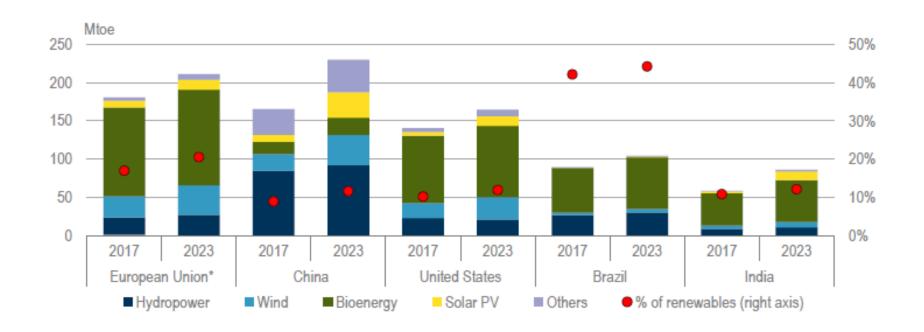


Global subsidies for fossil-fuel consumption and renewables





Current situation – RES consumption in major markets



- 23% of electricity.
- 5.5% of heat.
- 4% of transportation.

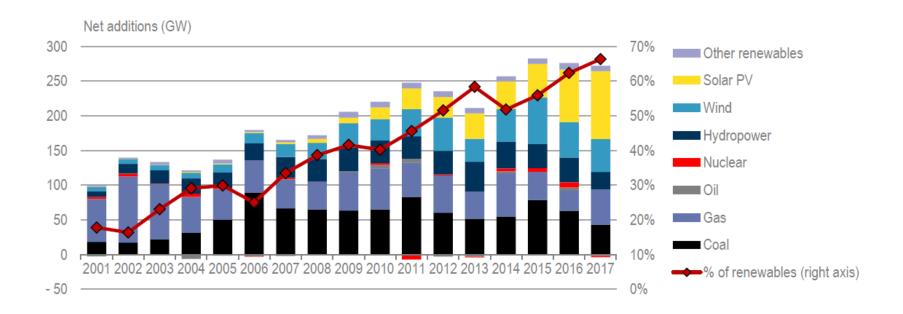


Current situation - electricity

- For the first time RES accounted for more than 2/3 of global net electricity capacity growth.
- Solar expanded the most quickly at 97 GW of addictions (over half in China).
- China is responsible for 41% (438 GW) of global expansion.
- EU the second-largets growth market (124 GW operation in 2018-2023).
- Uncertain forecast in USA due to the changes in the federal tax code, trade policies etc.
- India is to double its capacity over 2018-2023 (PV, onshore wind)

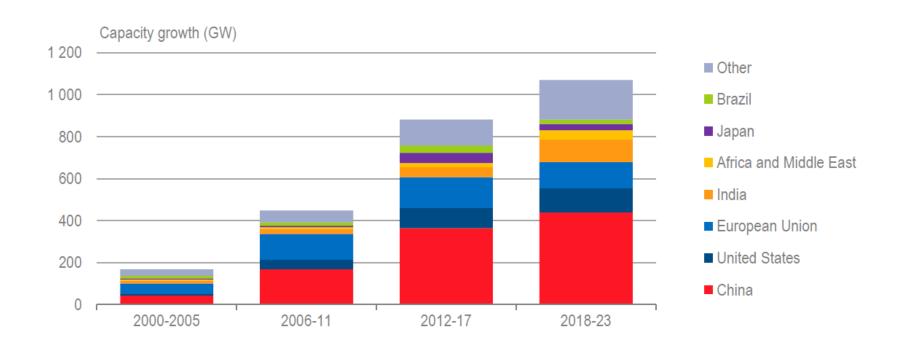


Annual net electricity capacity additions by source





Capacity growth by country/region



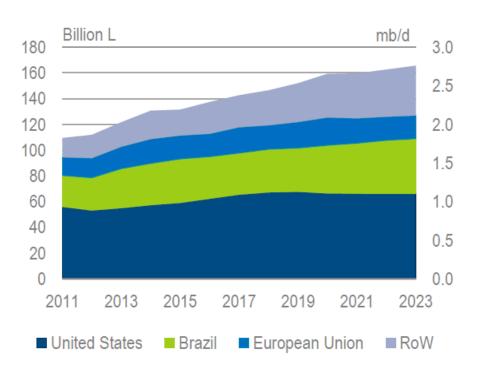


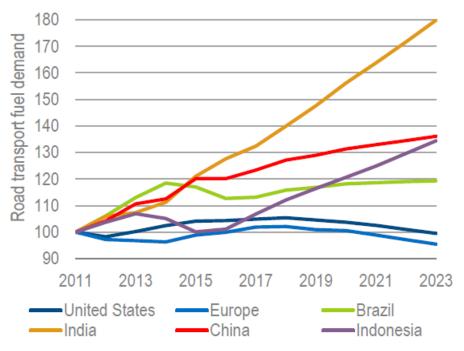
Current situation - transport

- Global conventional biofuel production expected to grow from 143 bn. litres in 2017 to 165 bn. litres in 2023.
- The Asia-Pacific region and China combined responsible for half of production growth (security of supply). Weakening support in the EU.
- Advanced biofuels (non-food crops, waste, residual feedstocks) expected to deliver 1.4 2.3 bn. litres in 2023.
- Biofuel demand in aviation sector is growing, production remains low.



Global conventinal biofuel production (L) and indexed road transport fuel demand (R)







Country	Ethanol	Biodiesel	Carbon intensity policy	Recent updates
United States	82 billion L of rene 2018 and 136 bill	wable fuels in	LCFS in California and Oregon	-
Canada	5%	2%	LCFS in British Columbia; federal clean fuel standard in development	10% ethanol mandate in Ontario from 2020; clean fuel standard for liquid fuels in 2022
European Union	10%* renewable energy in transport by 2020 (T) with 7% cap for conventional biofuels		GHG intensity of fuels to fall 6% by 2020	Provisional agreement for 14%* renewable energy in transport in 2030
France	7.5%*	7.7%*	-	Conversion kits to allow cars to use E85 approved
Germany	-	-	Climate Protection Quota (CPQ) 6% reduction in 2020	Upstream fossil fuel emissions reductions eligible for CPQ target
Italy	7%* biot	uels	-	-
Denmark	5.75%* bi	ofuels	-	_
Finland	30%* biofuel supply obligation by 2030		-	-
Sweden	-		Emissions reduction obligation system introduced	-
United Kingdom	12.4% renewables share by 2032 in RTFO		-	RTFO target extended to 2032; cap on conventional biofuels of 4% in 2020, 2% in 2032
China	10%	-	-	10% ethanol mandate to extend nationwide in 2020
India	5%	-	-	Biofuels policy expands approved feedstocks for ethanol production
Indonesia	20%	2%	-	Mandated consumption extended to new sectors, including rail and mining
Malaysia	-	7%	-	-
Thailand	32% by 2036 (T)	Currently 7%, and 25% by 2036 (T)	-	-
Argentina	12%	10%	-	-
Brazil	27%	10%	RenovaBio signed into law, 10% GHG reduction by 2028 (T)	-

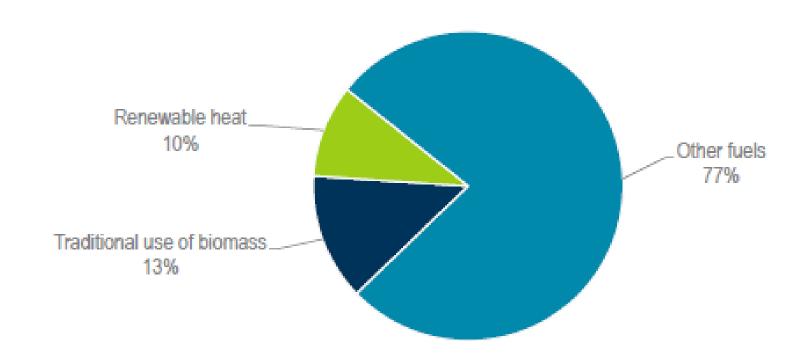


Current situation – heating /cooling

- Heat account for over half of total final energy consumption (heating houses, water, cooking, drying...). RES (excl. traditional biomas) only 10%.
- Bioenergy penetration higher in industry than in buildings.
- RES electricity for heat is expected to have the 2nd largest absolute growth by 2023.

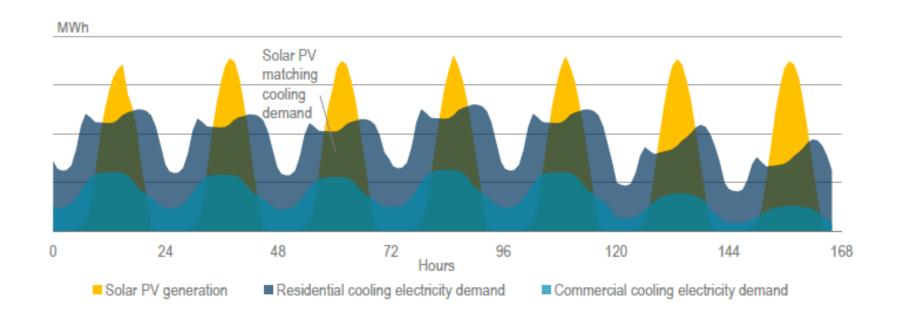


Fuel shares in global heat consumption, 2017





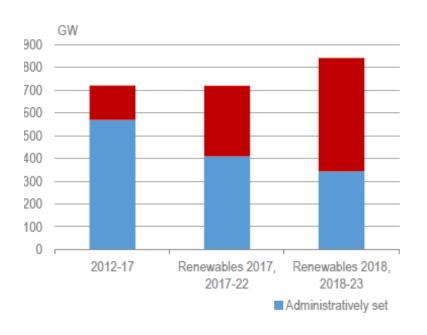
Illustrative daily profile of space cooling load and solar PV output

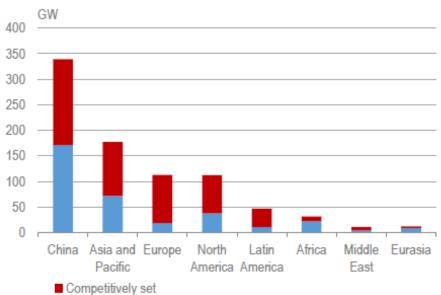




Consolidation phase - 1) auctions

Utility-scale renewable capacity growth by remuneration type.

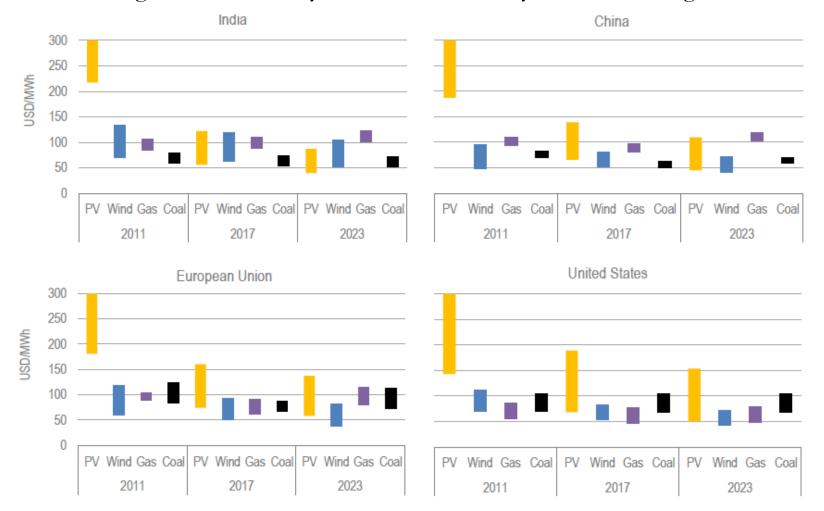






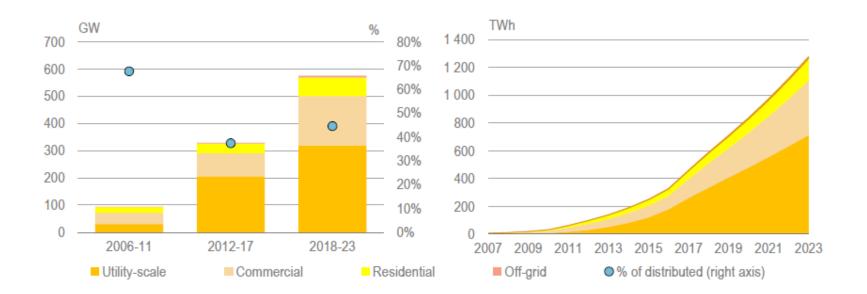
Consolidation phase -2) competitiveness of RES

LCOE ranges for new utility-scale instalations by commissioning date



Consolidation phase – 3) solar PV perspectives

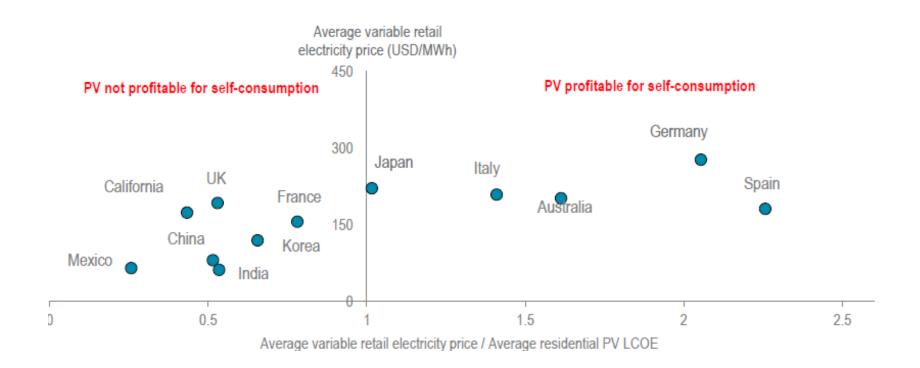
Solar PV capacity growth and total generation





Consolidation phase – 4) solar PV perspectives

Residental electricity prices compared with average residental LCOE, 2017





Consolidation phase – 5) integration of VRE

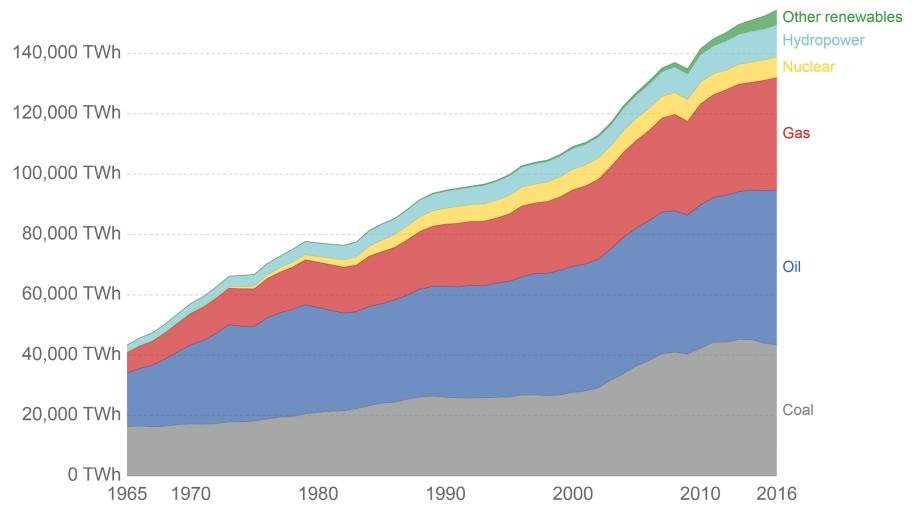
- Traditional systems built around base- and peak-load source.
- With VRE being pivotal part of the system flexibility is valued highly.



Primary energy consumption by source, World



Primary energy consumption by source across the world's regions, measured in terawatt-hours (TWh). Note that this data does not include energy sourced from traditional biomass, which may form a significant component of primary energy consumption in low to middle-income countries. 'Other renewables' includes renewable sources including wind, geothermal, solar, biomass and waste.



Source: BP Statistical Review 2016

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