# Renewable Energy and Europe's New Energy Policy The next steps

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Table 1, share of cumulative CO2 emissions 1900-2004 emitted by countries/regions (WRI)



Cumulative emissions (average for 1880-2004) – CO<sub>2</sub> only





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Oil: 42 years of proven reserves<sup>[1]</sup>, of which 60% is situated in the Middle East (21% Saudi Arabia, 10% Iran, 9% Iraq), 6 % in Russia, 10% in Africa and 10% in South America (7.9% in Venezuela). On top of this one should also consider that (i) Canada has oil sands which amount to a little more than 10% of global oil reserves and (i) non-proven reserves surely exist, which in the IEA estimates to be as much as an additional 50% of the BP figure for proven reserves<sup>[2]</sup>.

Coal: 122 years, of which 29% situated in the US, 19% in Russia, 14% in China, 9% in Australia, 7% in India, 4% in thee Ukraine, 3.7% in South Africa and 3.5% in the EU

Gas: 60 years, of which 23% situated in Russia, 16% in Iran, 14% in Qatar, 4% in Turkmenistan, and only 1.6% in Norway% and 1.7% in other EU countries. The same comment regarding undiscovered reserves can be made as regards gas as for oil, above.

<sup>[1]</sup> The figures in this section on reserves come from the BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2009 IEA, World Energy Outlook, 2008 has figures that are not materially different for the issue being considered in this article. The BP Review is available on http://www.bp.com/productlanding.do?categoryId=6929&contentId=7044622

<sup>[2]</sup> "Undiscovered reserves, Table 9.1, 2008 World Energy Outlook.



Final energy consumption for EU-27 (including energy resources consumption for energy and non-energy use)



Figure X. Development of EU-27 total greenhouse gas emissions per sector under the Business-as-usual scenario Assumptions:

Data from 2030 until 2050 are based on extrapolations of the annual growth of the period '20-'30



Figure X. Development of EU-27 total greenhouse gas emissions per sector if ambitious energy efficiency policies are introduced.



Figure X. Required development of EU-27 total greenhouse gas emissions per sector if the '80%' reduction target (compared to 1990) is to be reached

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Global GHG abatement cost curve beyond business-as-usual - 2030

lever was pursued appressively. It is not a forecast of what role different abatement measures and technologies will play. Source: Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve v2 0

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Total Energy sources: solar energy is plentiful



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	Current	Future
Coal	1.8 - 4.2	depends on fuel costs
Gas	2.8 - 4.2	depends on fuel costs
CCS	n/a	premium of 1.4 – 2.8
Wind	Onshore: 4.6 – 9.5 Offshore: 5.3 – 7.8	3.7 – 5.6 in 2015 25% reduction by 2020
Nuclear	2.1 - 5.3	no significant reduction
Solar PV (areas of good irradiation)	21.2 – 24.7	6.4 – 8.5 by 2030 3.5 – 4.9 by 2050
Concentrated Solar Power	8.8 – 15.9	2.5 - 4.2
Wave and Tidal	10.6 - 21.2	2.8 - 5.6
Biomass	4.2 - 12.7	3.5 – 8.5

#### Estimates of power generation costs by technology type: current and future

#### Source: IEA (2008), Energy Technology Perspectives

Own table, sources for establishing economic potential has been derived from multiple sources:

Wind: IEA BLUE map of economic potential, with OECD Europe being 23% of global total.

Geothermal (including electricity and also domestic use of heat pumps): economic potential taken as 10% of resource potential for western Europe (only) from World Energy Assessment, UNDP.

Wave and tide: as per text; cec source footnote 124

Biomass: based on Green X modelled ec. potential of 260000 plus yield and management improvements.

Solar PV: Industry association (EPIA) assessment that PV can provide 12% of the EU's 20% goal (of 2020) and that 76% of this (76%\*12\*\*275mtoe) will be market competitive (n.b. by 2020)

Solar thermal:

#### Hydro:

Figures in € cent/Kwh, converted from US \$ figures on 10/08/2009

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Development of gross inland energy consumption for energy needs (the non-energy uses are subtracted). Source: PRIMES 2009

# Existing Policies "world-leaders" but must be fully implemented

- 1. ETS and non-ETS
- 2. Renewable Energy Directive
- 3. Energy Efficiency: Buildings, Eco-Design, need for Member State action
- 4. SET-Plan: Financing Communication
- 5. Internal Energy Market
- 6. Security of supply

## Conclusions

- 1. Energy Efficiency: truly a high Economic Priority
  - New Energy Efficiency Action Plan
  - Revision of Buildings Directive
  - Taxation
- 2. Emissions Trading to 2050
- 3. Renewable Energy
  - Legally binding targets to 2050 ?
    - ETS suffers same uncertainties as green certificates?
    - Problem of Planning Permission: risk of failure ?
    - Uncertainty and infrastructure investment.
  - <sup>2.</sup> Need for compatible support systems in medium term ?
  - 3. Grid issues
    - Need for infrastructure at same time as planning permission for new major wind parks?
    - Regional grid access rules for renewables
    - Smart grid and Regulator's obligations
    - Regulatory framework to promote balancing Capacity: who pays?
  - Wider Europe agreement on renewable energy ?
- 4. Nuclear
- 5. Transport
  - 1. Emissions
  - 2. Electric vehicles