

# Towards 100% Renewable Energy: Perspectives for Germany and for Europe

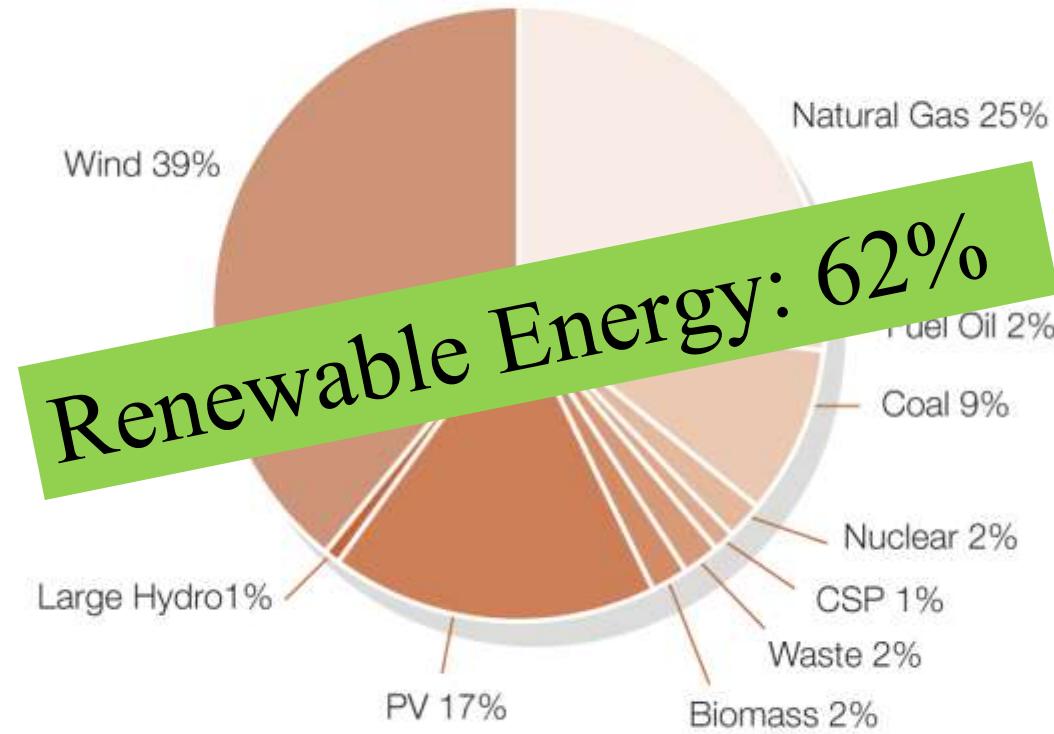
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## About EREF

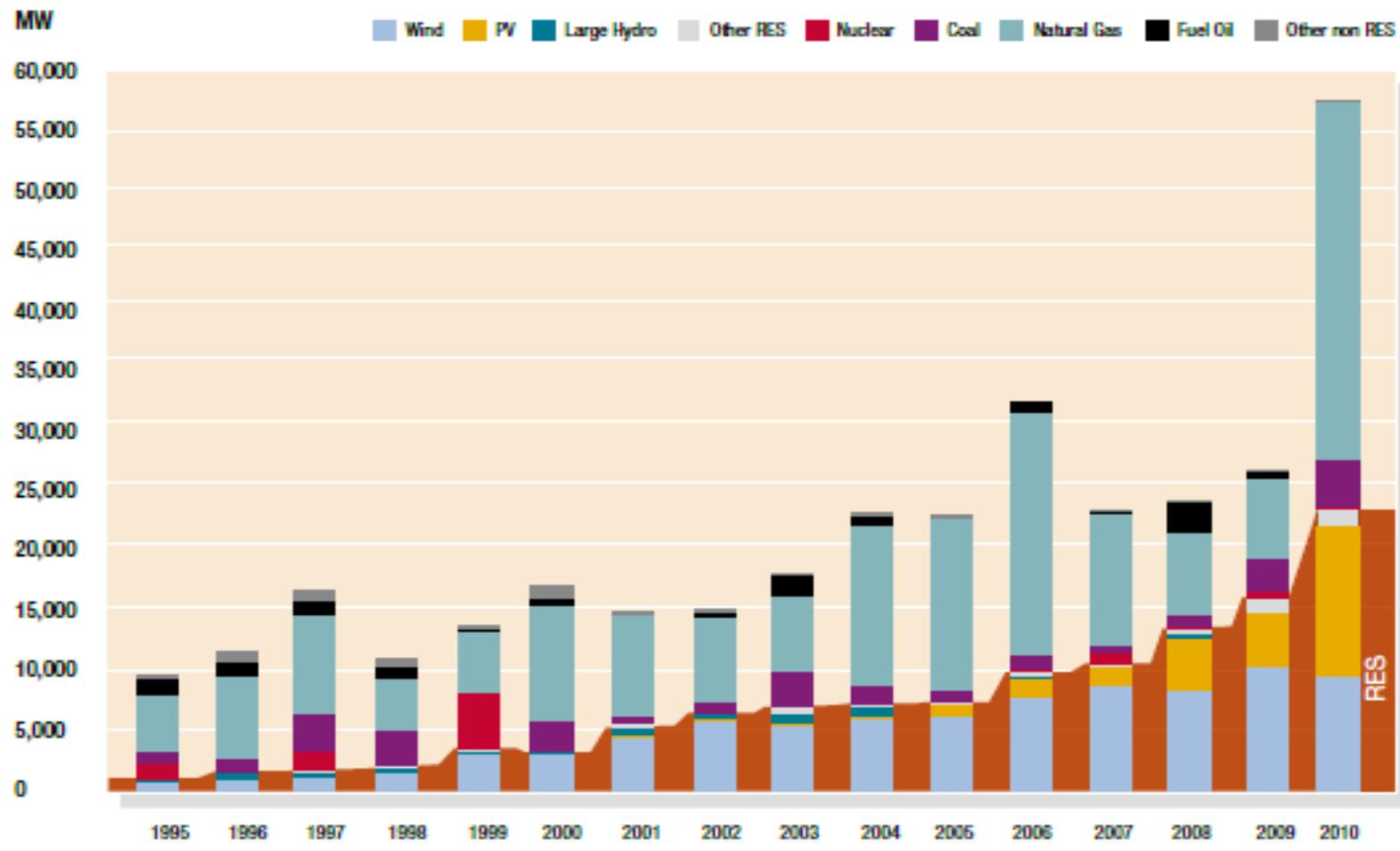
- Federation of associations from EU Member States, working in the sector of energy produced from renewable sources
- Representing more than 50,000 MW of installed power capacity and a growing capacity in other sectors
- Voice of Independent Producers of Energy from Renewables
- Member of EREC (European Renewable Energy Council)

## New power capacity installed, EU 2009



Source: EWEA, EPIA, ESTELA, EU-OEA and Platts Powervision

## New installed power capacity per year (MW)



Source: EWEA (2011)

## Renewable Energies can deliver

- Guarantee **Security of Energy Supply**
  - RES are proven and mature technology
  - Mix of RE-technologies is always available
- Reduce **Dependency on Energy Imports**
  - RES are domestic energy sources
- Curtail Risks of **Price Volatility of Fossil Fuels**
  - RE-technologies have high cost decreases
  - Wind, solar and geothermal energy are free
- Mitigate **Climate Change**
  - RES are carbon free or neutral

## Still: Barriers must be removed

**Market distortions, dominance of incumbent industry, lack of internalising externalities and intransparent procedures and administrative barriers** are important reasons for relatively slow market penetration of renewable energy.

→These barriers have to be removed.

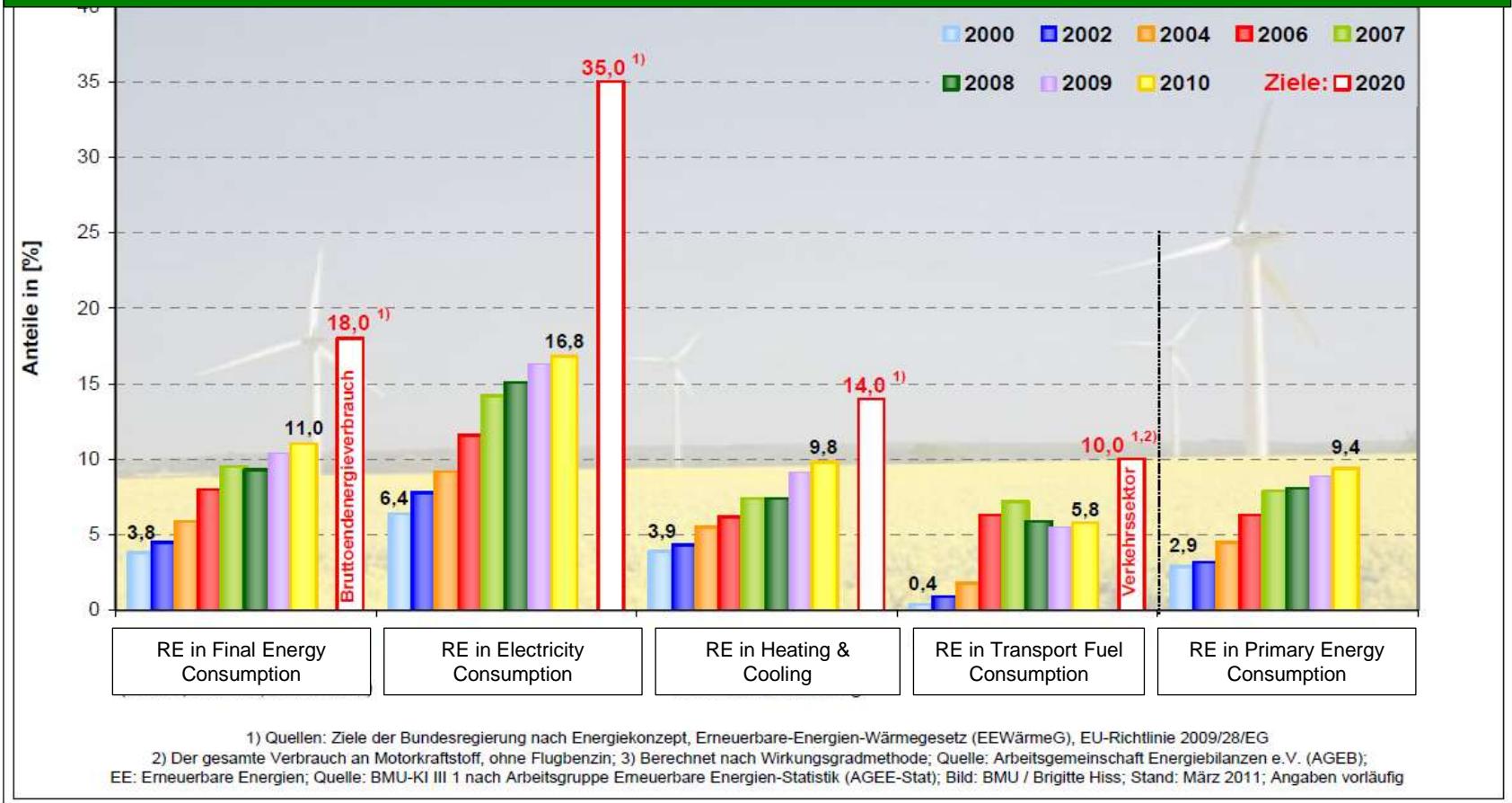
→Strong political will and effective and cost efficient support mechanisms are necessary.

## Support Schemes should ...

- ... pave the way for market introduction and market penetration of different forms of RES.
- ... foster rapid increase of deployment of RES.
- ... encourage and trigger cost reduction.

➤ Removal of administrative barriers and transparent and efficient support mechanisms are key elements for providing investment security for future oriented industry.

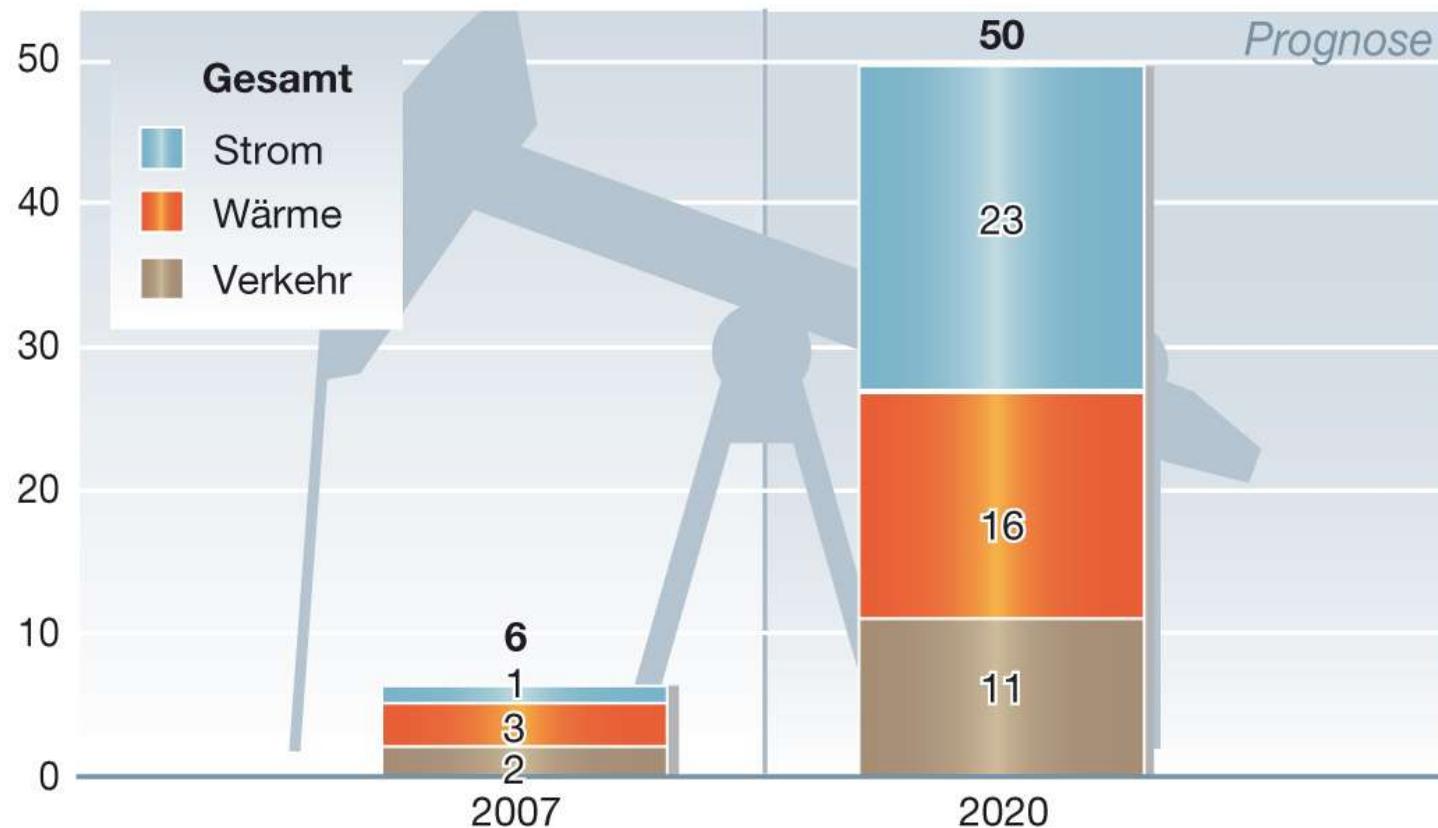
## Example: Renewable Energies in Germany



## Share of Renewables in Germany's Energy Supply

## Avoided Costs for Fossil Fuel Imports due to the Use of Renewable Energy in Germany: 2007 / 2020

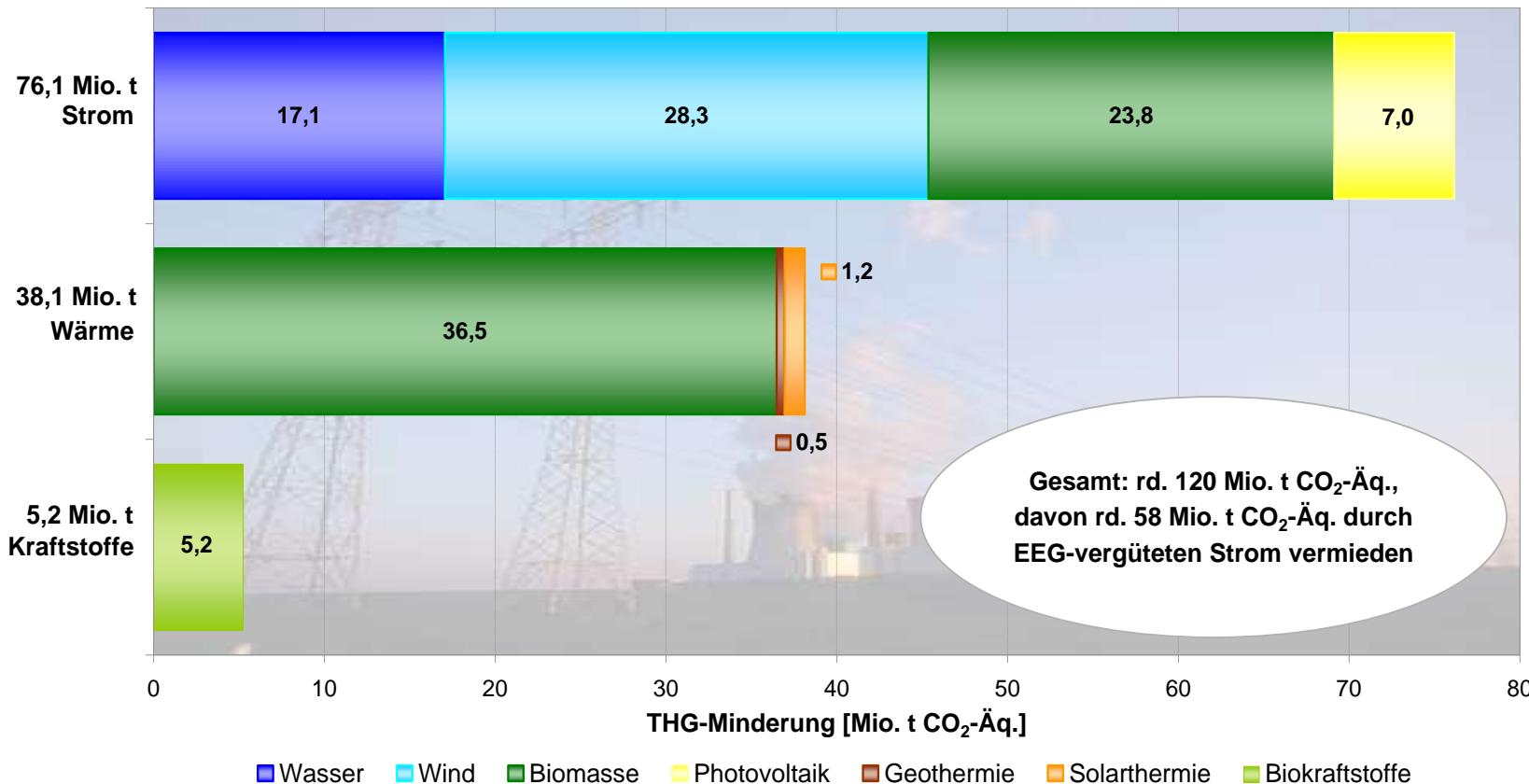
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Quelle: Branchenprognose (Stand: 10/2009)

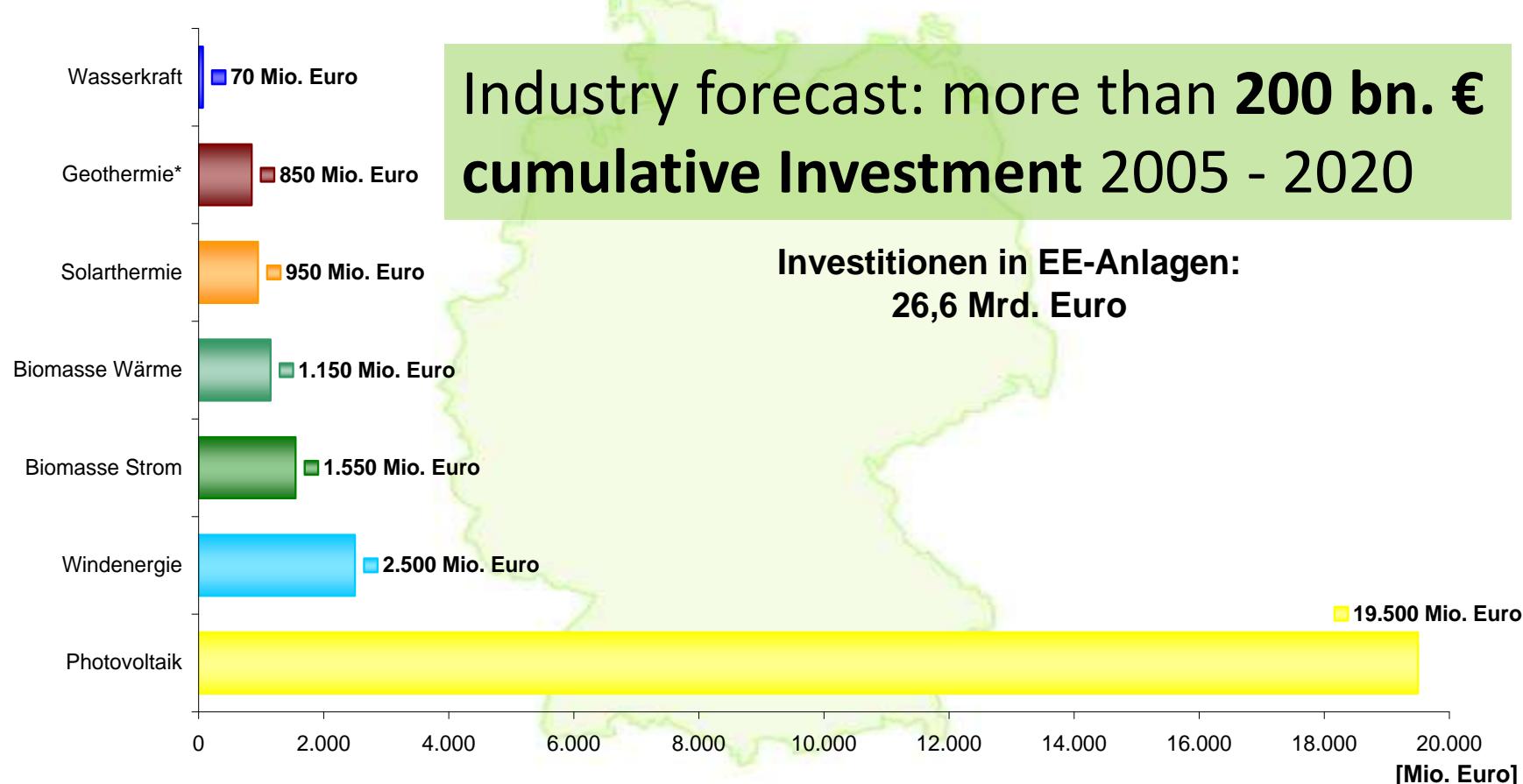
## Industry forecast: 287 million tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq in 2020

### Avoided Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Germany in 2010 by using of Renewable Energy



THG: Treibhausgas; Abweichungen in den Summen durch Rundungen; aufgrund geringer Strommengen ist die Tiefengeothermie nicht dargestellt;  
Quelle: UBA nach Arbeitsgruppe Erneuerbare Energien-Statistik (AGEE-Stat); Bild: H. G. Oed; Stand: März 2011; Angaben vorläufig

## Investment in Renewable Energy Installations in Germany in 2010: 26.6 billion Euro

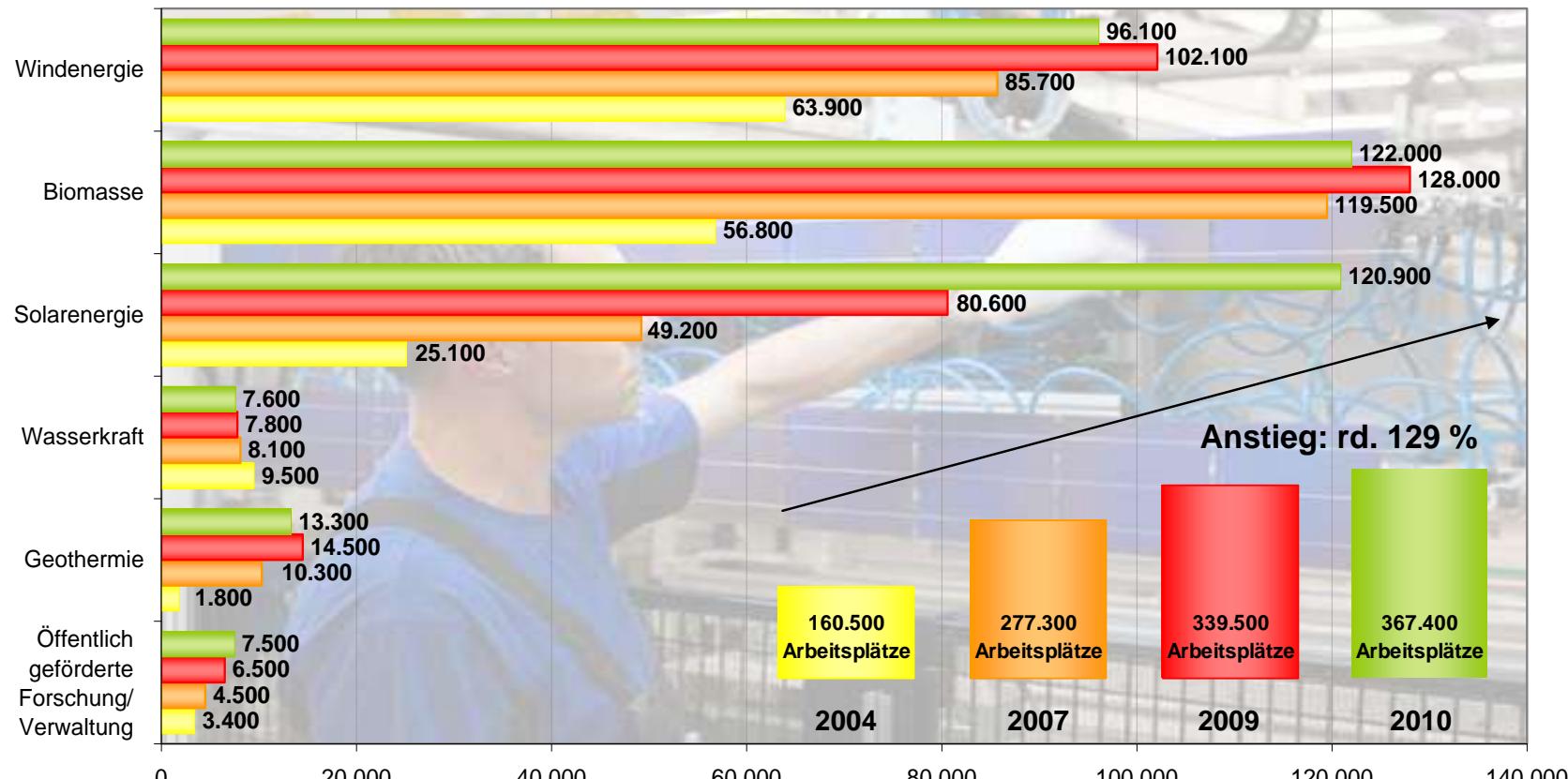


\* Großanlagen und Wärmepumpen; Abweichungen in den Summen durch Rundungen;

Quelle: BMU-KI III 1 nach Zentrum für Sonnenenergie- und Wasserstoff-Forschung Baden-Württemberg (ZSW); Stand: März 2011; Angaben vorläufig

# Industry forecast: more than 500,000 jobs in 2020

## Development of Gross Employment in Renewable Energies in Germany (2004 – 2010)



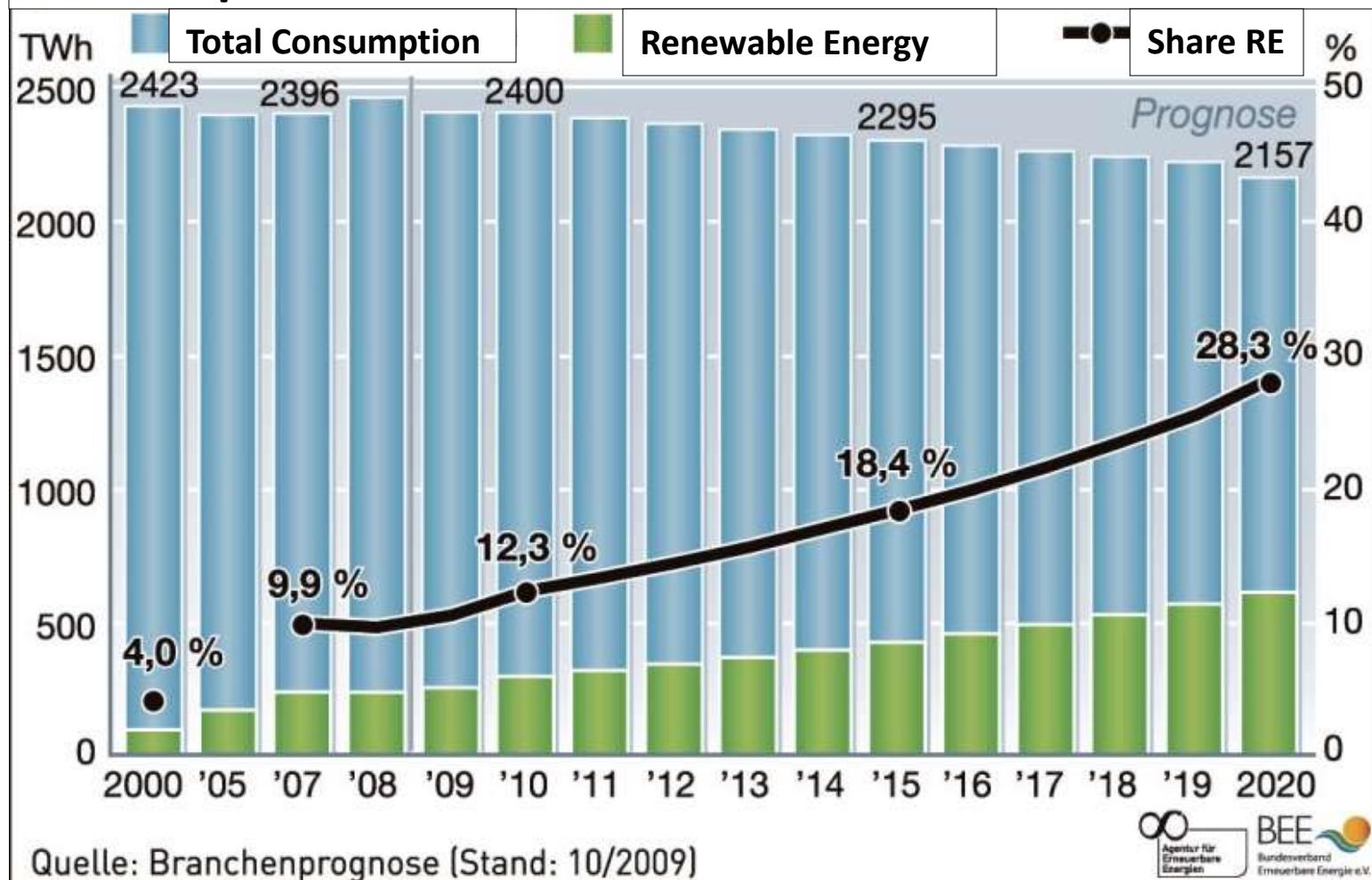
Angaben für 2009 und 2010 Abschätzungen; Abweichungen in den Summen durch Rundungen;

Quelle: O'Sullivan/Edler/van Mark/Nieder/Lehr: "Bruttobeschäftigung durch erneuerbare Energien im Jahr 2010 – eine erste Abschätzung", Stand: März 2011; Zwischenbericht des Forschungsvorhabens „Kurz- und langfristige Auswirkungen des Ausbaus erneuerbarer Energien auf den deutschen Arbeitsmarkt“; Bild: BMU / Christoph Busse / transit

# Strong Policies for Renewables

- In Germany, there is an overwhelming **consensus** in favour of renewable energy
- Targets and policies for **all sectors**, Electricity, Heating, Transport
- For electricity from Renewable Energy: **Law granting priority to electricity from renewable energy (EEG)**:
  - Ambitious targets for 2010 (12.5%) and 2020 (>35%)
  - Priority access to the power grid
  - guaranteed remuneration for 20 years (feed-in tariffs)
  - Differentiation of support level (technology, size, site)
  - Regular Degression + periodical review.

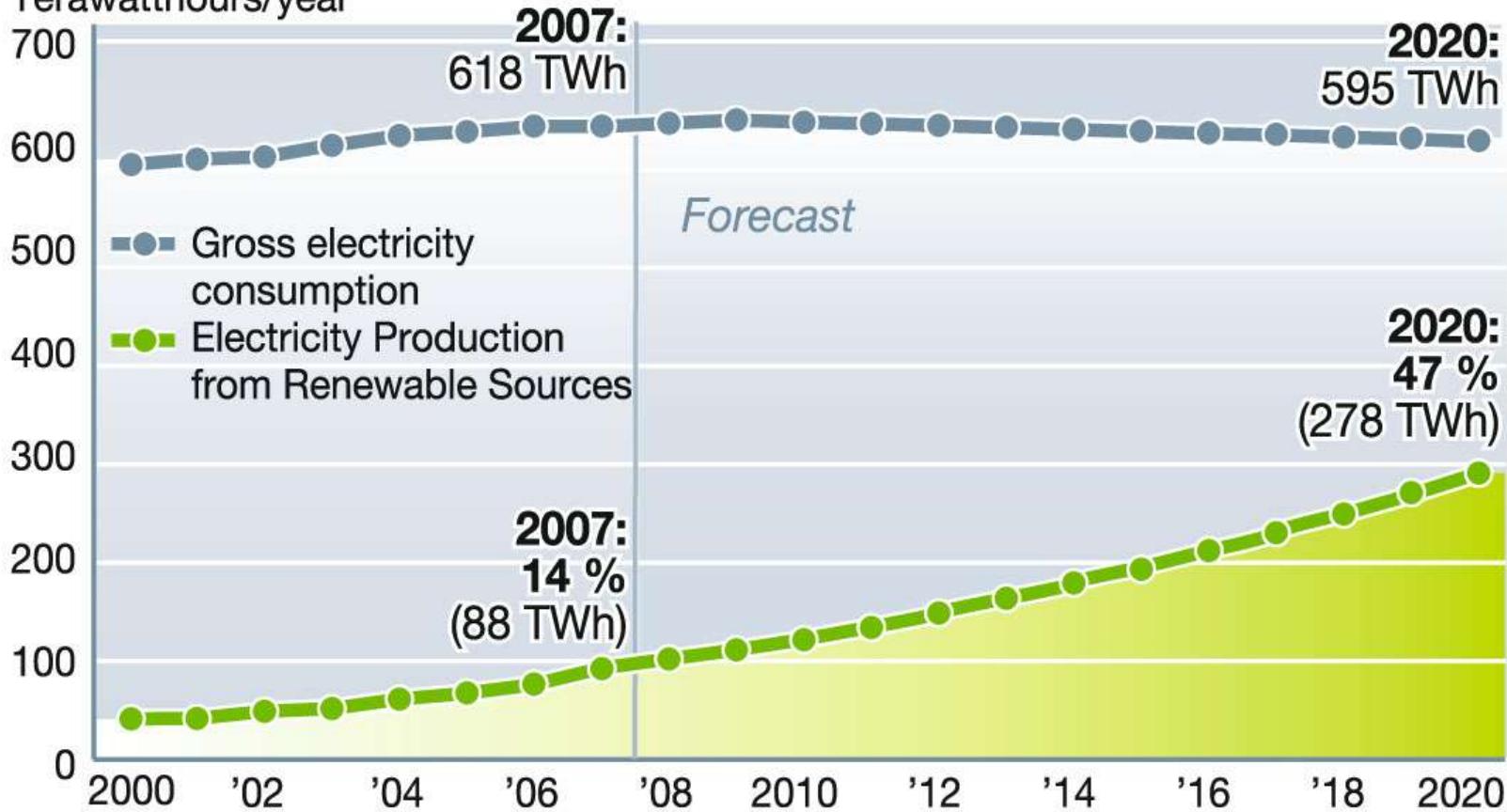
# Share of Renewable Energies in Total Final Energy Consumption



# Share of Renewable Energies in Germany's Electricity Consumption until 2020

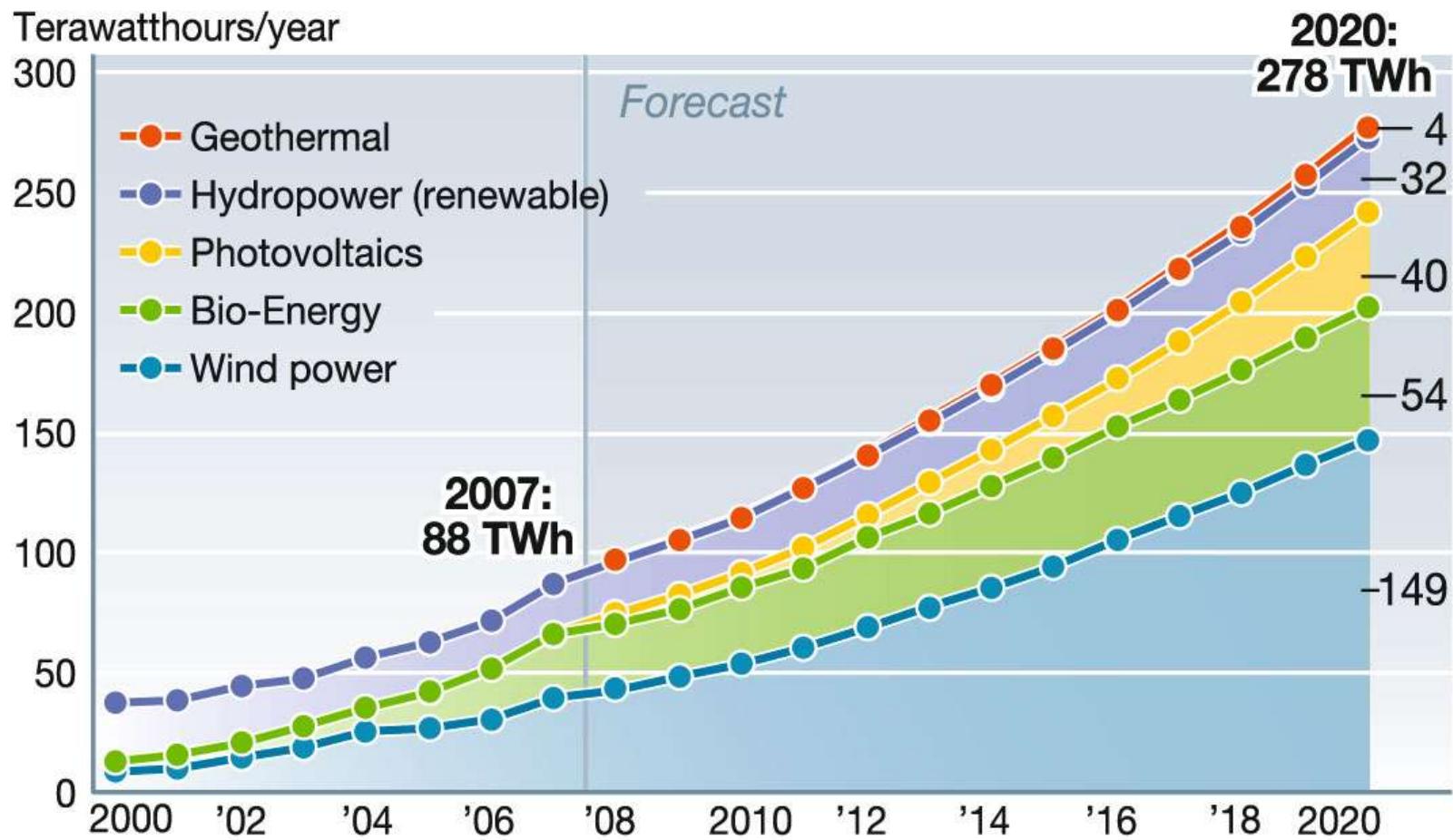
*Until 2020, the share of Renewable Energies will reach 47 %.*

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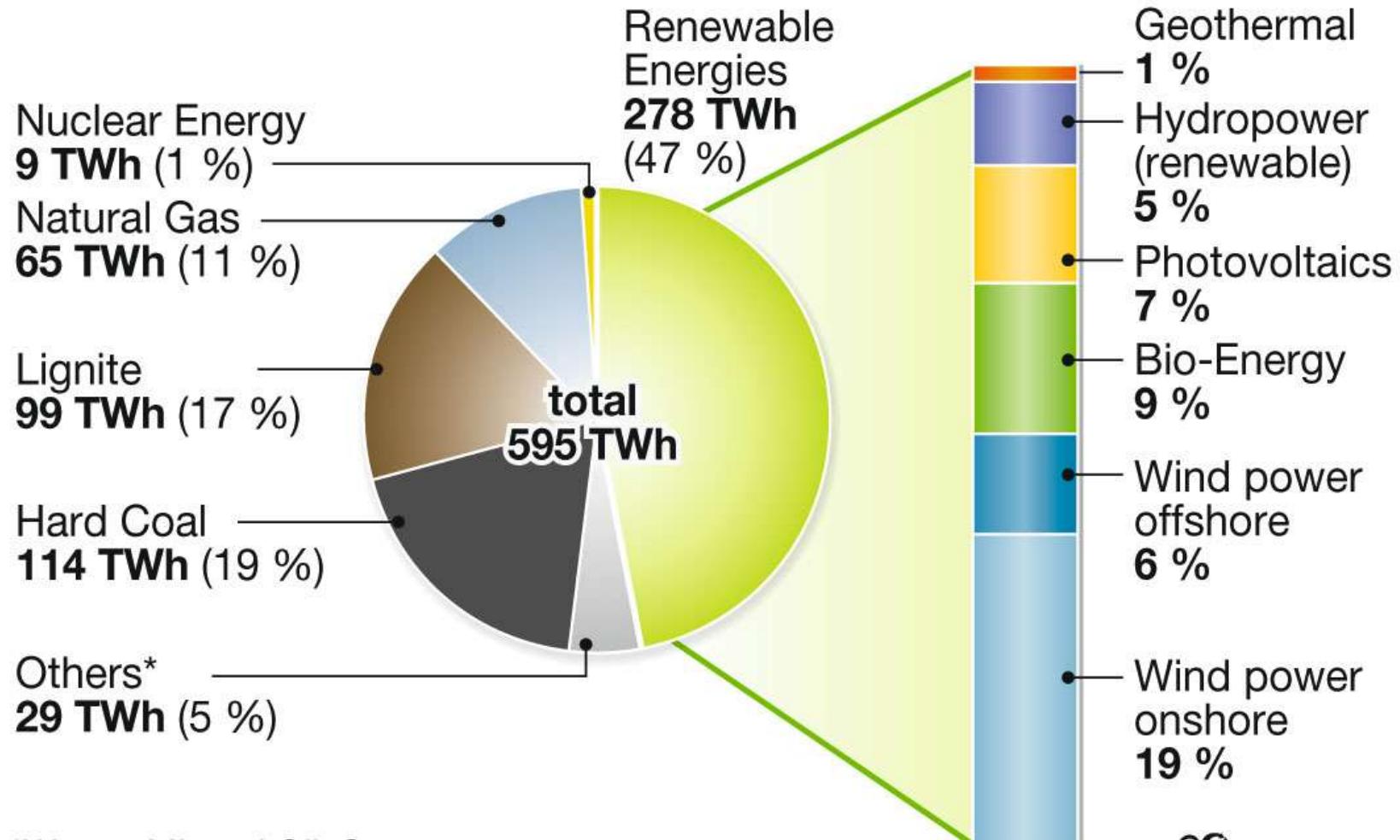
Source: Industry Forecast 2020; Status: 1/2009

# Electricity Production from Renewable Sources in Germany until 2020



Source: Industry Forecast 2020; Status: 1/2009

# The Electricity Mix in 2020: Renewable Energies Ensuring 47 % of Supply



\*Waste, Mineral Oil, Storage etc.

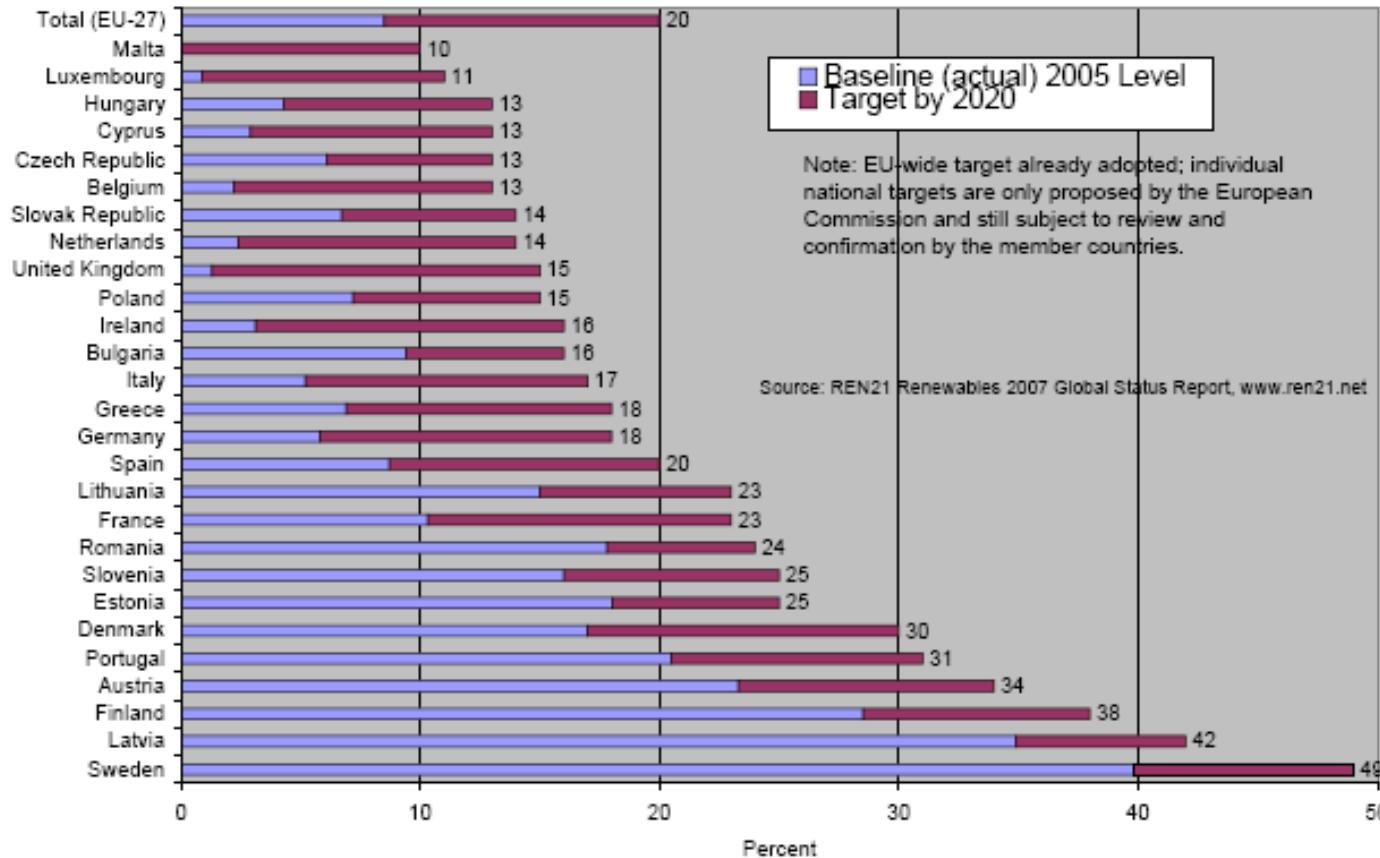
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## The Renewables Directive (2009/28/EC)

- Milestone for mainstreaming renewable energy
- All sectors: electricity, heating & cooling, transport
- 2020: 20% Renewables in EU's final energy
- Binding national targets
- Key role of national support systems
- Cooperation Mechanisms
- National Renewable Energy Action Plans (NREAPs)
- Regular reports (MS and EC)
- Full and ambitious implementation is crucial

# RES-targets for 2020

Figure 12. EU Renewable Energy Targets—Share of Final Energy by 2020



## 20% by 2020 – Europe can do more!



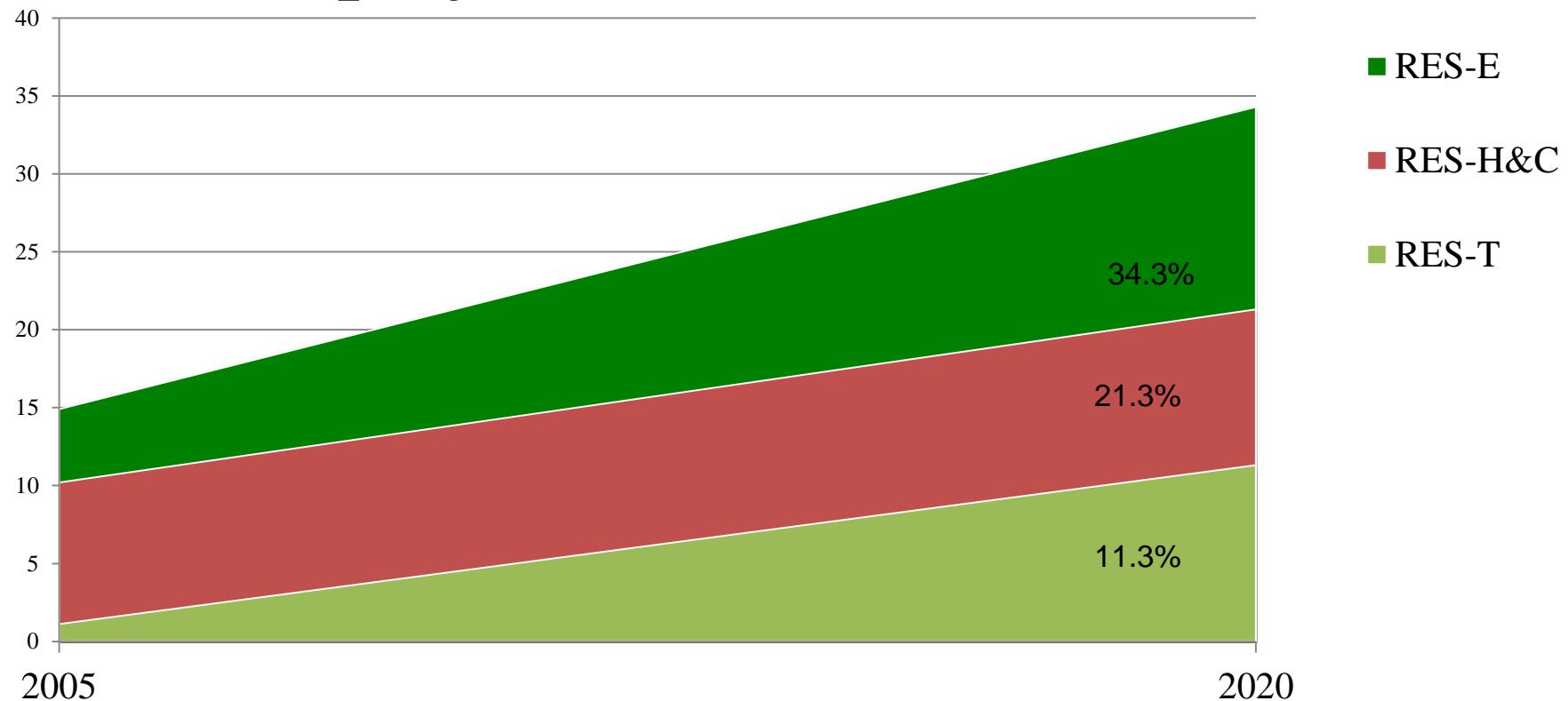
- EU-27: Surplus of about 1% above the 2020 target
- 25 MS forecast to achieve or exceed their binding 2020 targets within national borders
- Only Italy and Luxembourg plan to use CoopMex to meet binding 2020 targets
- According to the RES industry projections, the EU-27 could reach 24.4%

Source: EREC\_EU Roadmap

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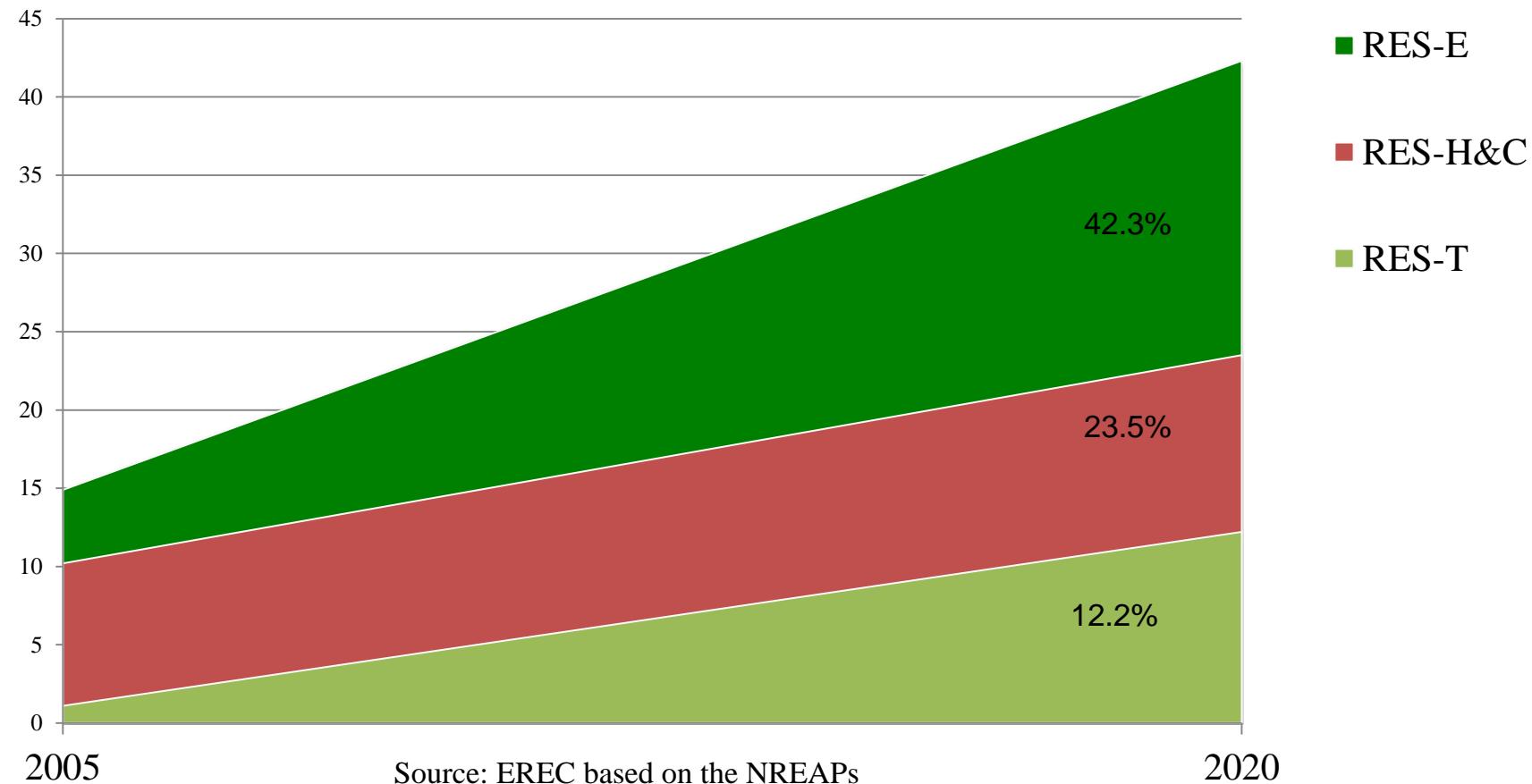
## RES increase by sector (%)

### NREAPs projections



Source: EREC based on the NREAPs

## RES increase by sector (%) RES Industry projections



## What's next – EU-level

- Effective and ambitious **implementation of the RES Directive**
- **Stable and reliable** national support schemes
- Ambitious framework to **reduce Europe's energy demand**
- **Level playing field** in the energy market, new market design
- Important role of **decentralised** and **distributed** generation, **smart infrastructure** development
- **Coherent strategy** for an energy system fully based on **renewables (Energy Roadmap 2050)**
- **Phasing out all subsidies for fossil and nuclear energy**
- **NEXT STEP:** Binding **renewable energy target for 2030**

45% by

2030

Towards a truly sustainable energy system in the EU

## Policy Recommendations (1/2):

- **Ambitious implementation of the RED and strong policies for renewables is key for future oriented growth.**  
The targets (e.g. 13% for CZ and 18% for DE) should be seen as an absolute minimum to be clearly exceeded!
- **National policies have to be thoroughly checked** for compliance with the RED – in particular whether or not they are providing the necessary reliability for smooth growth of Renewables.
- **The next steps have to be prepared to create and maintain a stable framework for renewable energy through ambitious – overall and sectoral – targets and reliable policies:**
  - \* Develop ambitious targets for 2030 and a vision for 2050!
  - \* Design policies for a fully renewables based energy supply!

## Policy Recommendations (2/2)

- **Create real markets for energy and facilitate a level playing field for renewable energy – centralized and decentralized:**
  - \* Remove administrative barriers and discriminating costs!
  - \* Introduce a stable legal framework for renewable energy!
  - \* Allow for real competition based on real costs!
- **Remove subsidies for unsustainable energy sources:**
  - \* Accept the polluter-pays-principle!
  - \* Remove competitive advantages of fossil and nuclear fuels!
  - \* Accept that coal and nuclear are not competitive in markets!
- Be aware: On a real cost basis, based on life-cycle assessment and including externalities, most **renewable energies** are already today or will soon become **cost competitive**!

## The Way Forward ...

- **By 2050 global emissions must have been reduced by >50%.**
  - Emissions in industrialised countries to be reduced by 80 – 95%.
  - Energy sector to be completely decarbonised.
- **Global Emissions must peak in 10 – 15 years.**
  - EU-targets (20-20-20/30 in 2020) [and other] are not sufficient.
  - Renewable Energy can contribute much more:
  - IPCC: 80% in 2050, EREC/Greenpeace: ~100% in 2050
- **Renewable Energies are available and they are sustainable.**
  - Deployment has to be accelerated, barriers must be removed.
  - Clear priorities and policies are needed for renewable energy:  
Traditional base load electricity (coal and nuclear) does not fit in.
- **Prepare for Post-2020: Striving for 100% Renewable Energy!**

Thank you for listening!

Why should the Czech Republic not enter competition for the most successful deployment of renewable energy?

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