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Economic benefits of climate policy

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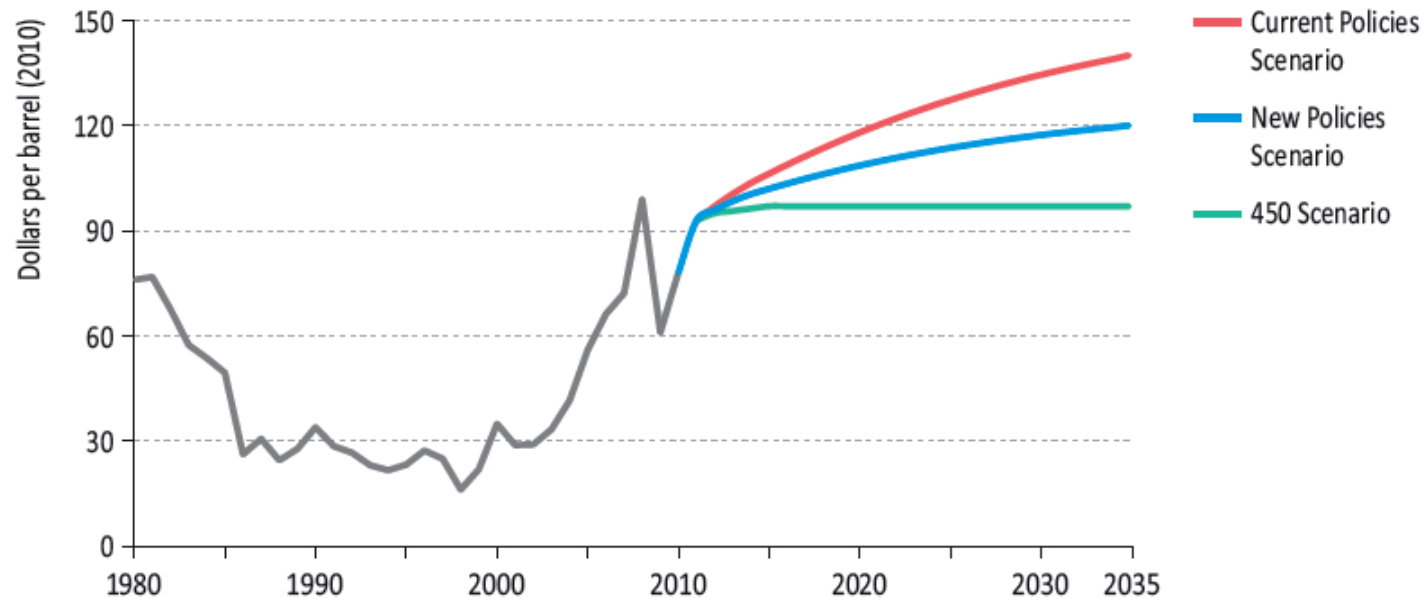
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Challenge: Rising oil price

- **Energy will become more expensive!**
- Oil price very volatile → risk to a stable economy
- Climate policy counteracts price increase

Figure 1.1 ● Average IEA crude oil import price





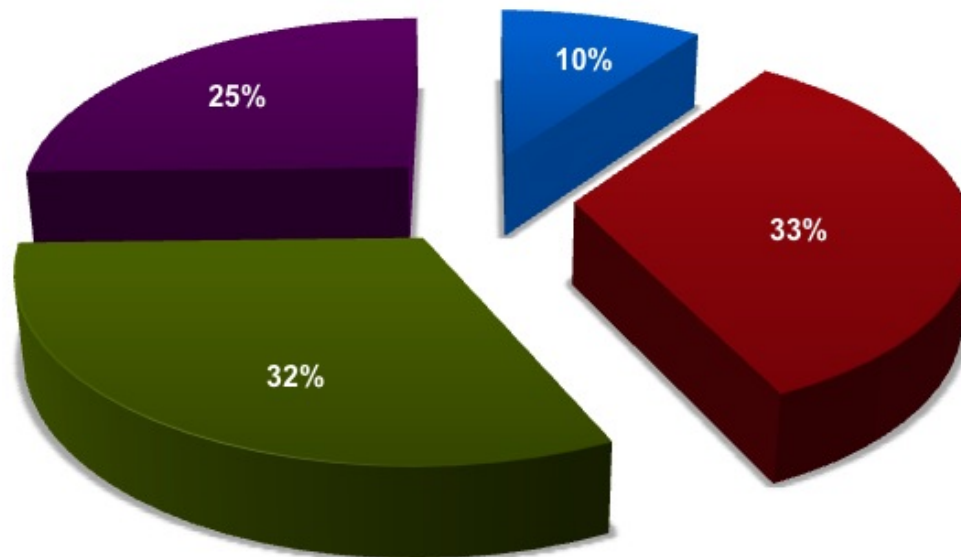
Challenge: Dependence on energy imports

- Gas reserves in the North Sea are shrinking
- Europe increasingly dependent on gas imports mainly from Russia

European Energy Supply: A Natural Problem

Sources of European Natural Gas 2007

■ From LNG ■ From Russia ■ North Sea ■ Onshore Production

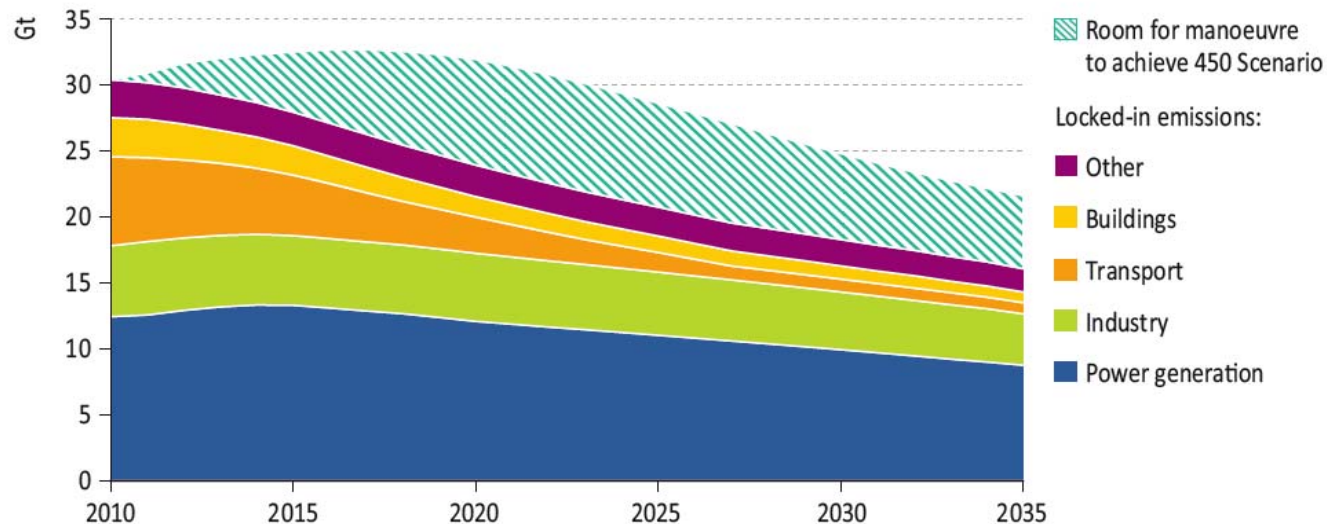




Challenge: Closing window of opportunity to keep global climate change below 2 °C

- Infrastructure in place and under construction already amounts for **80%** of the total emissions from the energy sector consistent with a 2°C trajectory.

Figure 6.12 • World energy-related CO₂ emissions from locked-in infrastructure in 2010 and room for manoeuvre to achieve the 450 Scenario



Source: IEA WEO 2011



Costs of delayed action

- **For every \$1 of avoided investment** between 2011 and 2020 an **additional \$4.3** would need to be spent between 2021 and 2035 to compensate
(Source: IEA, WEO 2011)





Multiple benefits of climate policy

- Preventing environmental and climate damages:
 - lower greenhouse gas emissions
 - reduced emissions of airborne pollutants

- Energy security:
 - decentralized, local energy production and less fossil fuel imports

- Economic effects:
 - lower fossil fuel imports
 - need for investment in new technologies such as renewables
 - driver for innovation



The EU as a frontrunner

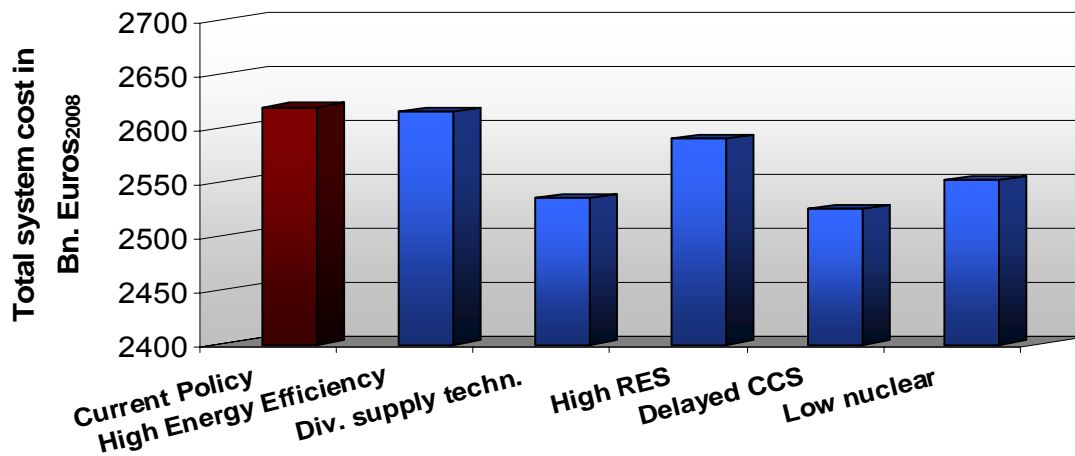
- The EU is a frontrunner in climate policy and committed to reduce GHG emissions between 80-95% by 2050.
- The Low Carbon Economy Roadmap from 2011 estimates that up to **1.5 Mio new jobs** can arise from ambitious climate policy in the EU.
- Ambitious energy efficiency policies as suggested in the EE Directive can boost EU GDP by around **30 billion** Euros by 2020.
- The Energy Roadmap shows that **decarbonization** of the EU energy system is **cheaper and more secure** than business-as-usual.



Economic impacts in the Energy Roadmap

- All decarbonisation scenarios cost as much or less than the reference:
 - average annual energy costs are about 2500 bn. € in decarbonisation and reference scenarios.
 - decarbonisation scenarios are remarkably similar in costs.
 - all scenarios entail a shift from fuel and variable costs to capital costs.

**Total energy system costs of
EU Energy Roadmap Scenarios**

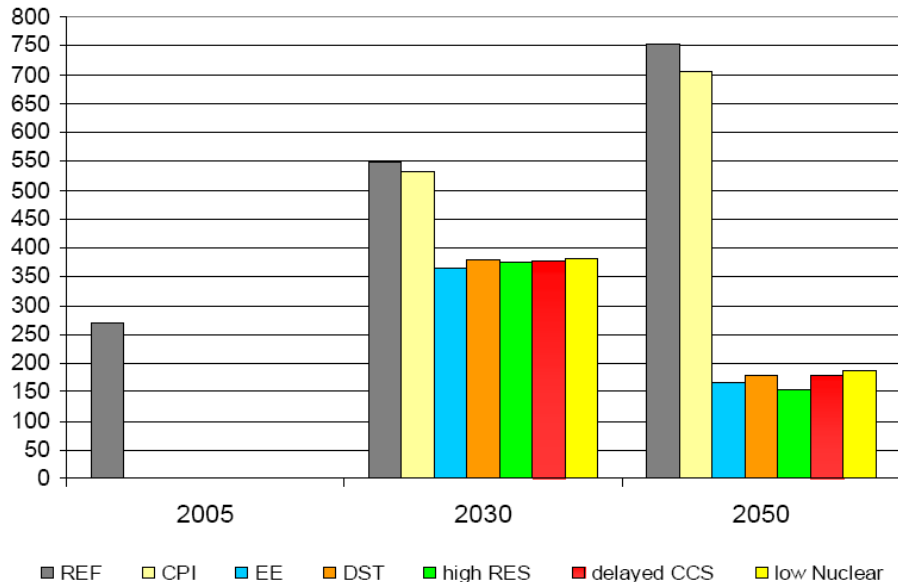




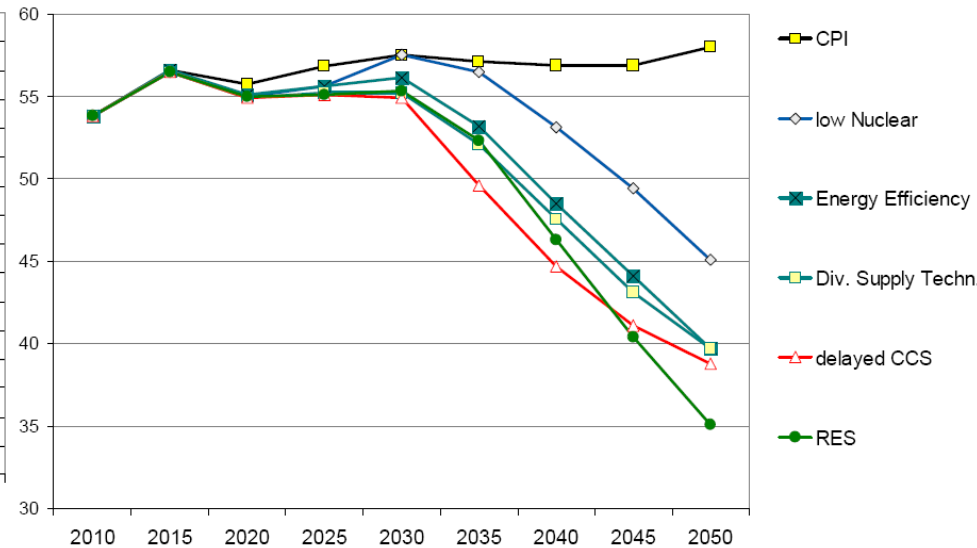
Energy security in the Energy Roadmap

- **Decarbonisation reduces fossil fuel security risks and import dependency.** External fossil fuel bill can be as low as 150 bn.€ in 2050 – compared to around 700 bn. € in business-as-usual.

EU: External Fossil Fuel Bill (in bn € of 2008)



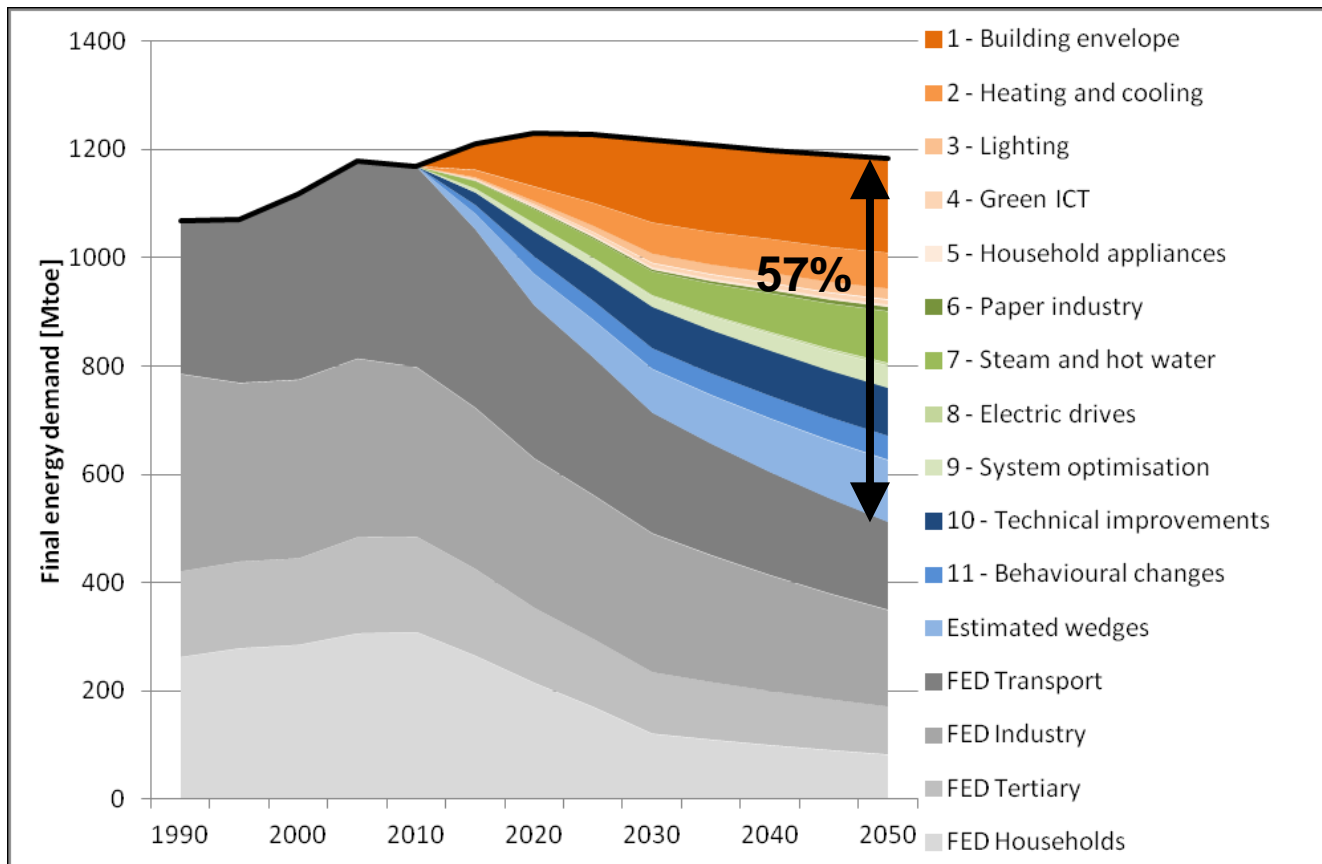
Import dependency under current trends and decarbonisation (%)





„The cheapest energy is the energy we don't use!“ Economic benefits of energy efficiency

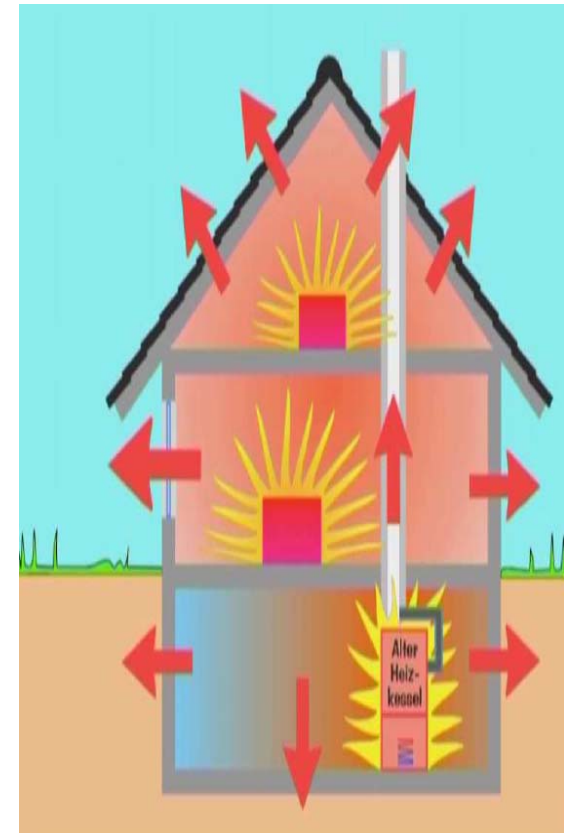
- Overall final energy **saving potential** in the EU: **-57% by 2050**





Economic benefits of ambitious energy efficiency measures

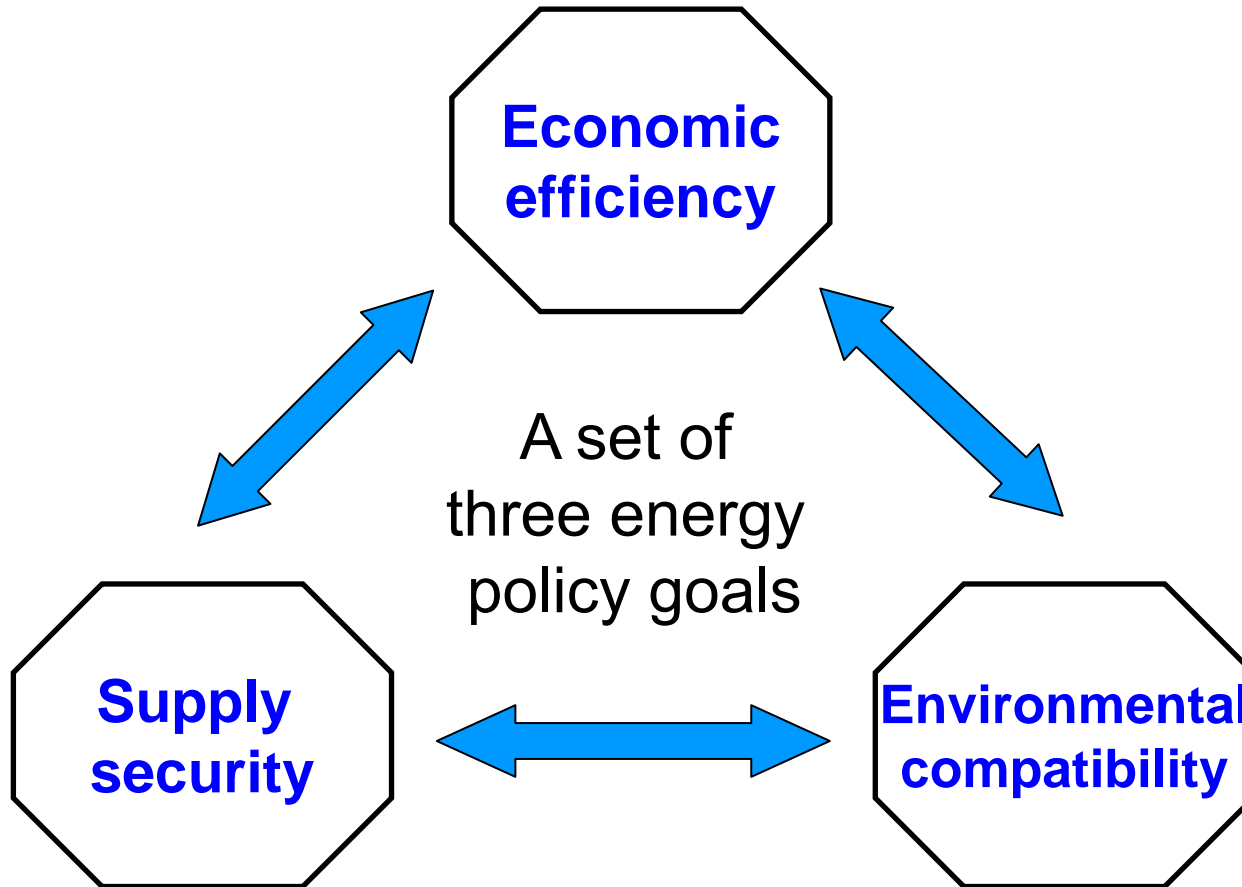
- **92%** of entire savings potential in 2050 is **cost-efficient**.
- More than **€500 billion could be saved** if all energy saving potentials would be implemented.
- 20% final energy demand reduction through building related measures





Criteria for effective energy policies

Guidelines for political action





The German Energy Concept

The Energy Concept:

Long-term, comprehensive and specific

1. Long-term: Timeline 2050
2. Comprehensive: All relevant sectors
3. Specific:
 - Goals
 - Measures: Over 100 specific measures
 - Funding



Energy Concept: A three-pronged approach

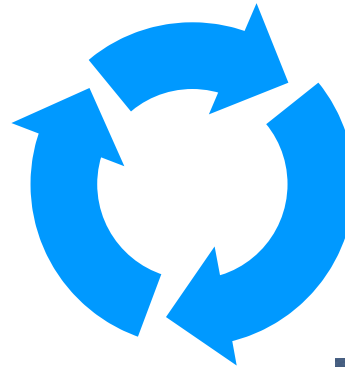
1. Renewable energy sources:

- Rapid, continuous expansion
- Cost-efficient and environmentally friendly



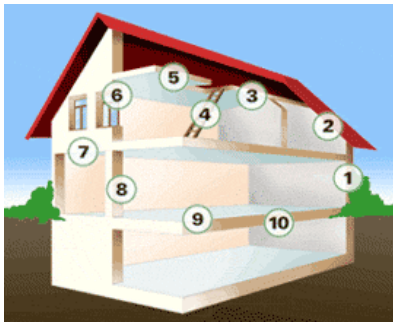
3. Efficiency:

- Reduce energy consumption
- Ensure efficiency



2. Future grids:

- Flexible and powerful
- Integration of electricity from renewable sources





Aims of the energy concept

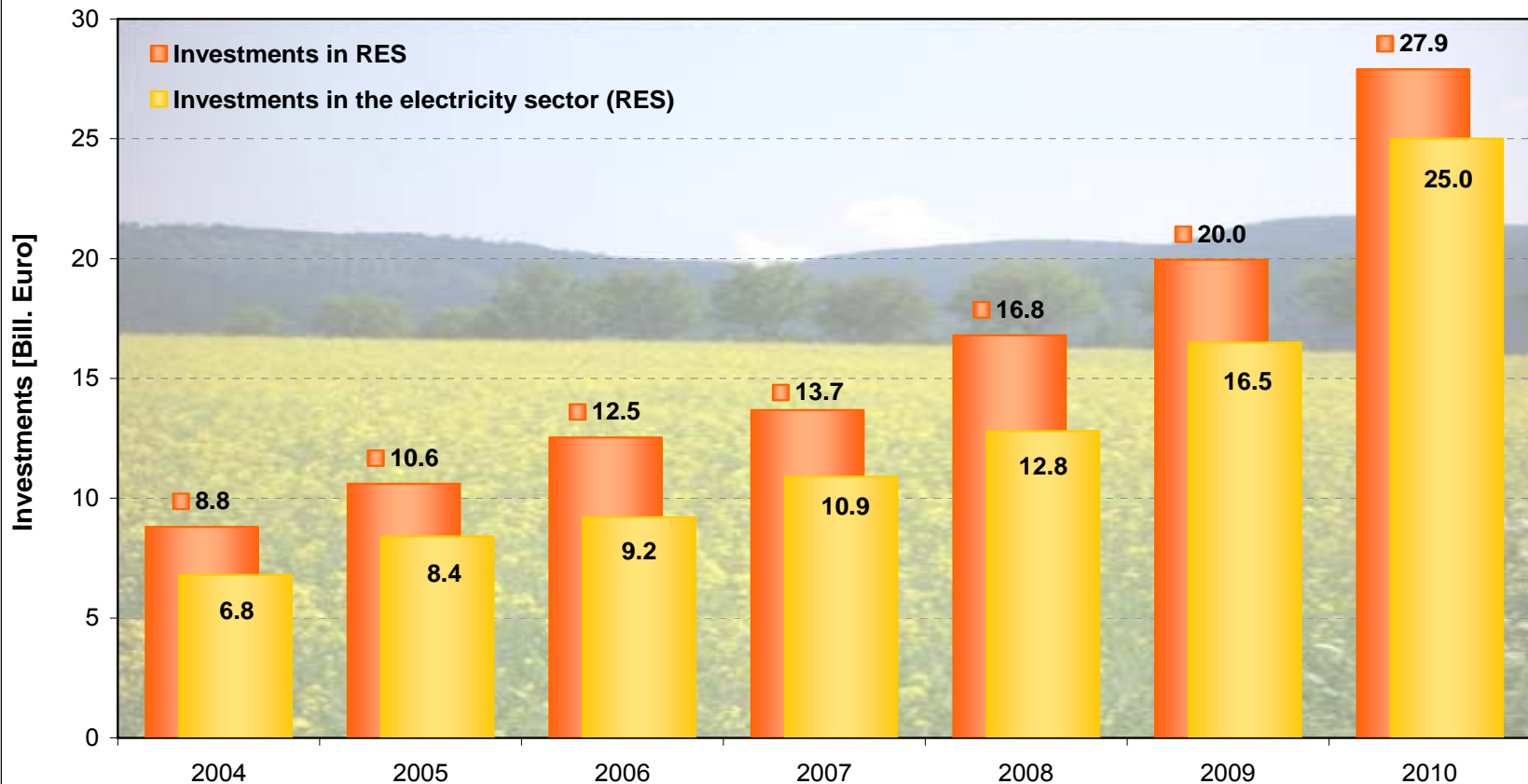
	Climate	Renewable energies		Efficiency		
	Greenhouse gases (vs. 1990)	Share of elec.	Overall share (Gross final energy cons.)	Primary energy cons.	Energy productivity	Building modernisation
2020	- 40%	35%	18%	- 20%		
2030	- 55%	50%	30%	⋮	Increase to 2.1% p.a.	Double the rate 1% → 2%
2040	- 70%	65%	45%	▼		
2050	- 80-95%	80%	60%	- 50%		



Benefits of transforming the German energy system

Investments

Investments in new renewable energy facilities in Germany 2004 - 2010



Source: BMU-KI III 1 according to the Centre for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Wuerttemberg (ZSW); Years 2004 and 2005 estimated;
image: BMU / Dieter Böhme; as at: December 2011; all figures provisional



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Green Jobs

New jobs:

- The **number of jobs** in the renewable energy sector more than **doubled** by 2010 to 367,400 since 2004 (year of first study).

More qualified jobs:

- **82%** of people employed in the renewables sector have completed **vocational training** (Ø in all industrial sectors 70%), nearly **40%** of these have a **university degree** (Ø 10%).

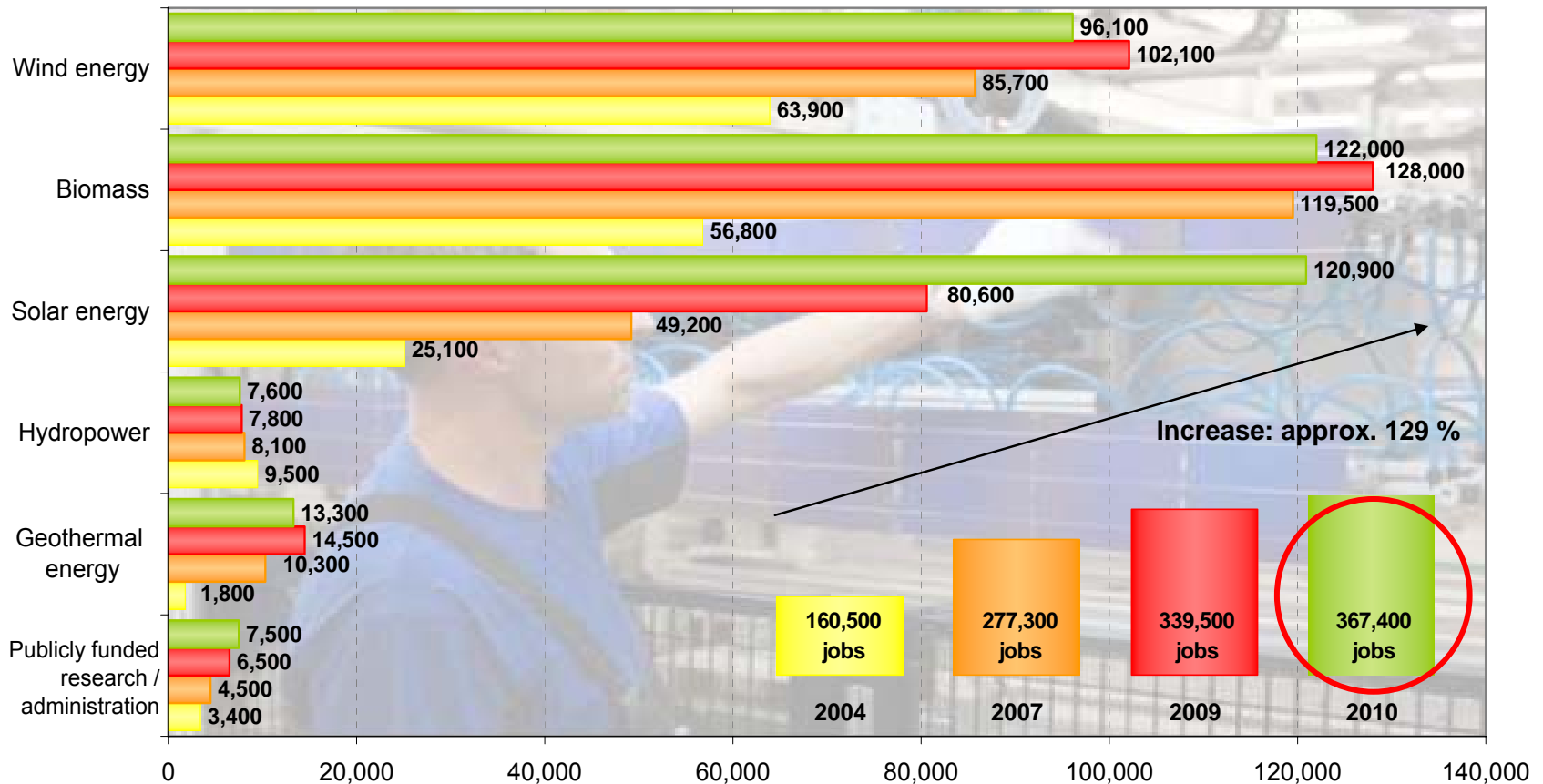




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Green Jobs

Jobs in the renewable energy sources sector in Germany



Figures for 2009 and 2010 are provisional estimate; deviations in totals are due to rounding;

Source: O'Sullivan/Edler/van Mark/Nieder/Lehr: "Bruttobeschäftigung durch erneuerbare Energien im Jahr 2010 – eine erste Abschätzung", as at: March 2011; interim report of research project „Kurz- und langfristige Auswirkungen des Ausbaus erneuerbarer Energien auf den deutschen Arbeitsmarkt“; image: BMU / Christoph Busse / transit

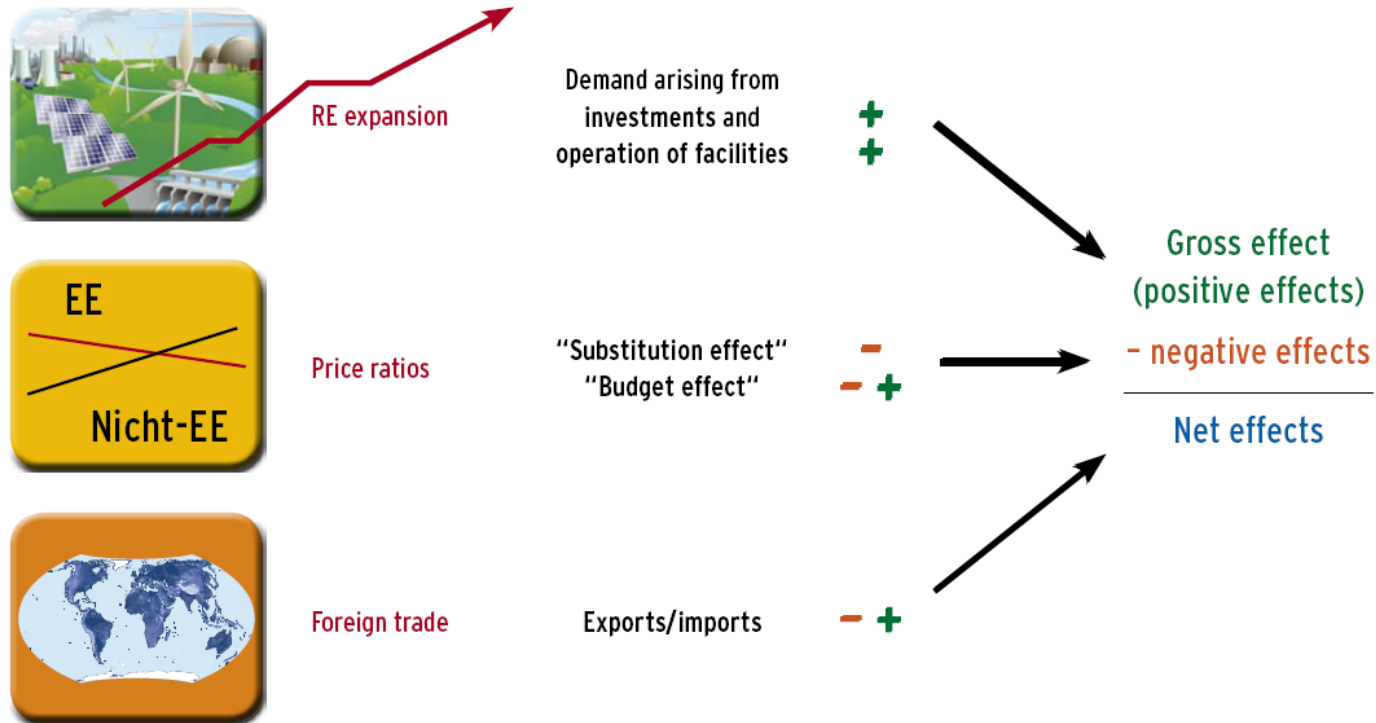


Positive net employment effects

Green Jobs

Under moderate export assumptions the net increase in employment by 2030 is 180,000 to 250,000 people in Germany

The expansion of renewable energy triggers many demand, substitution and budget effects. The net result of these effects can only be determined using integrated models.



Source: BMU „Renewably Employed“ (2011)



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Economic benefits of ambitious energy efficiency targets on the EU level

Figures and facts taken from the impact assessment of the currently discussed EU Energy Efficiency Directive

Option	Impact in 2020*	Primary energy (Mtoe)	GDP (bn € 2000)	Employment	Investment (bn € 2000)	Real HH incomes (bn € 2000)	GHG emissions (Mt carbon)
B3: An energy saving obligations for all MS with full flexibility		-50 to -56	35 to 45	235,000 to 430,000	5.6 to 5.9	13 to 19	-43 to -47
B4: As B3 but with harmonisation of key design features		-108 to -118	69 to 77	438,000 to 754,000	15.3 to 15.4	17 to 29	-86 to -90

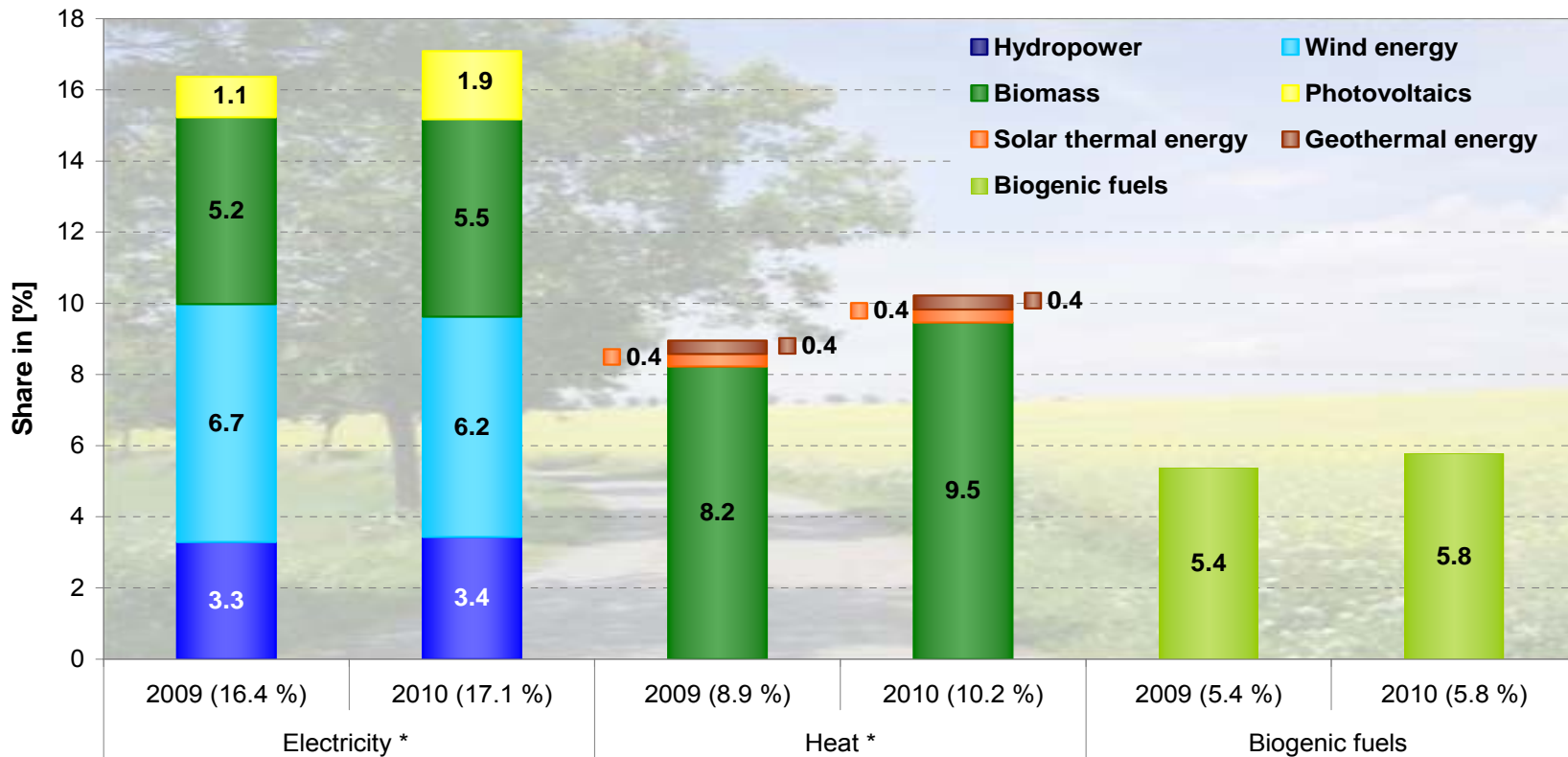
Source(s): E3ME, Cambridge Econometric

Compared to PRIMES 2009 EE scenario



State of the art in Germany

Share of renewable energy sources in total final energy consumption in Germany 2010 / 2009



* Solid and liquid biomass, biogas, sewage and landfill gas, biogenic share of waste; electricity from geothermal energy not presented due to negligible quantities produced; deviations in the totals are due to rounding; Source: BMU-KI III 1 according to Working Group on Renewable Energy-Statistics (AGEE-Stat); image: BMU / Dieter Böhme; as at: December 2011; all figures provisional

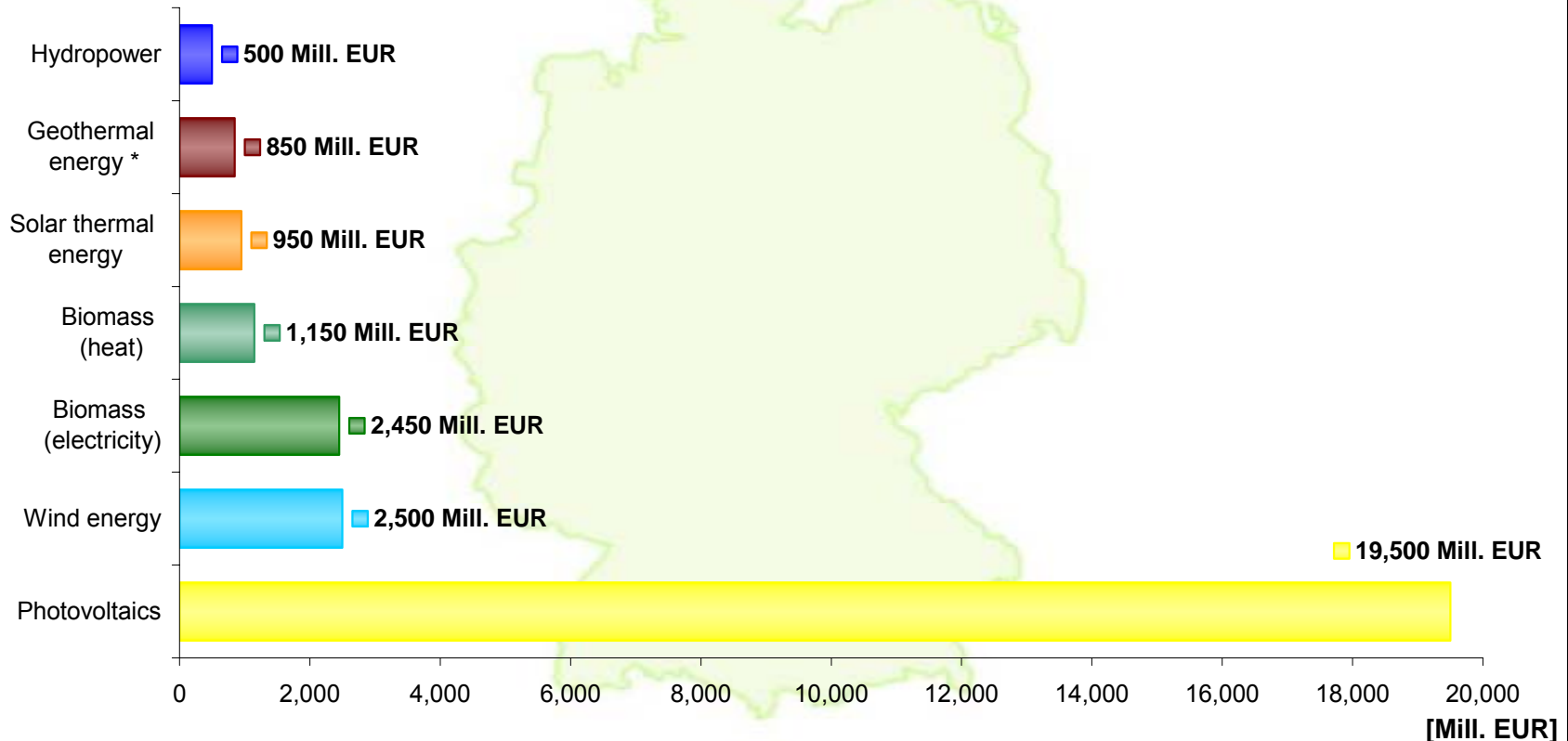


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Investments

Investments in the construction of renewable energy installations in Germany 2010

Total: approx. 27.9 Bill. EUR



* Large plants and heat pumps; deviations in the totals are due to rounding;

Source: BMU-KI III 1 according to the Centre for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research Baden-Wuerttemberg (ZSW); as at: December 2011; all figures provisional

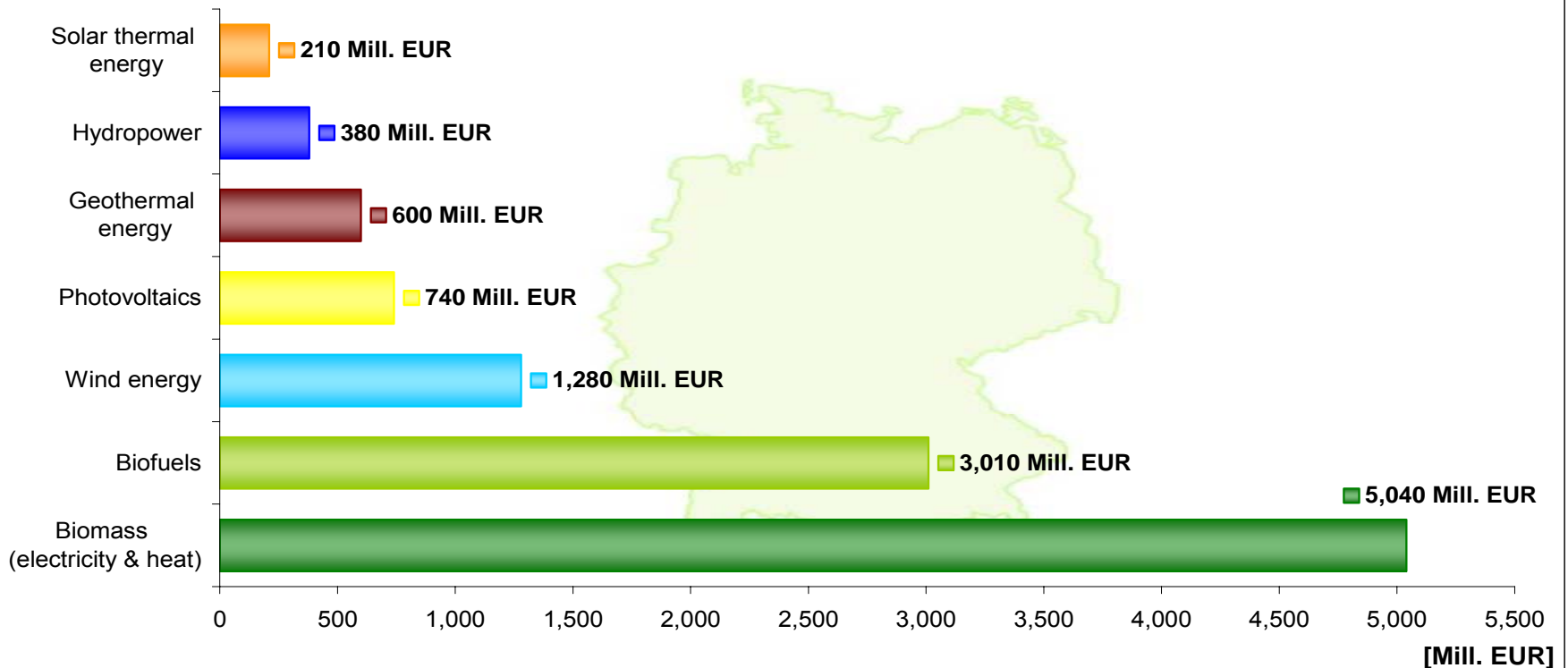


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Economic Growth

Economic boost from the construction of renewable energy installations in Germany 2010

Total: approx. 11.3 Bill. EUR



deviations in the totals are due to rounding;

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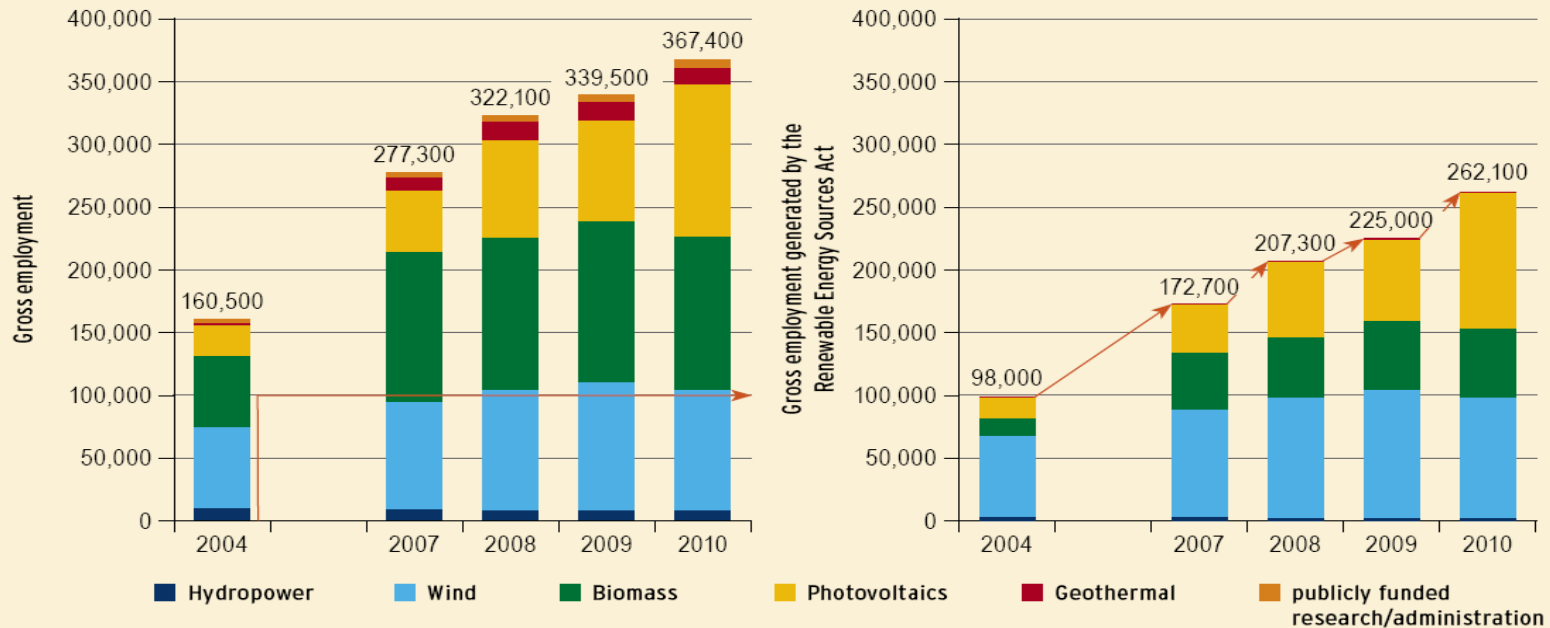


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Green Jobs

262,100 jobs in the renewable sector induced by the Renewable Energy Sources Act in 2010

Figure 5: Employment trends in the renewable energy industry and employment induced by the Renewable Energy Sources Act between 2004 and 2010



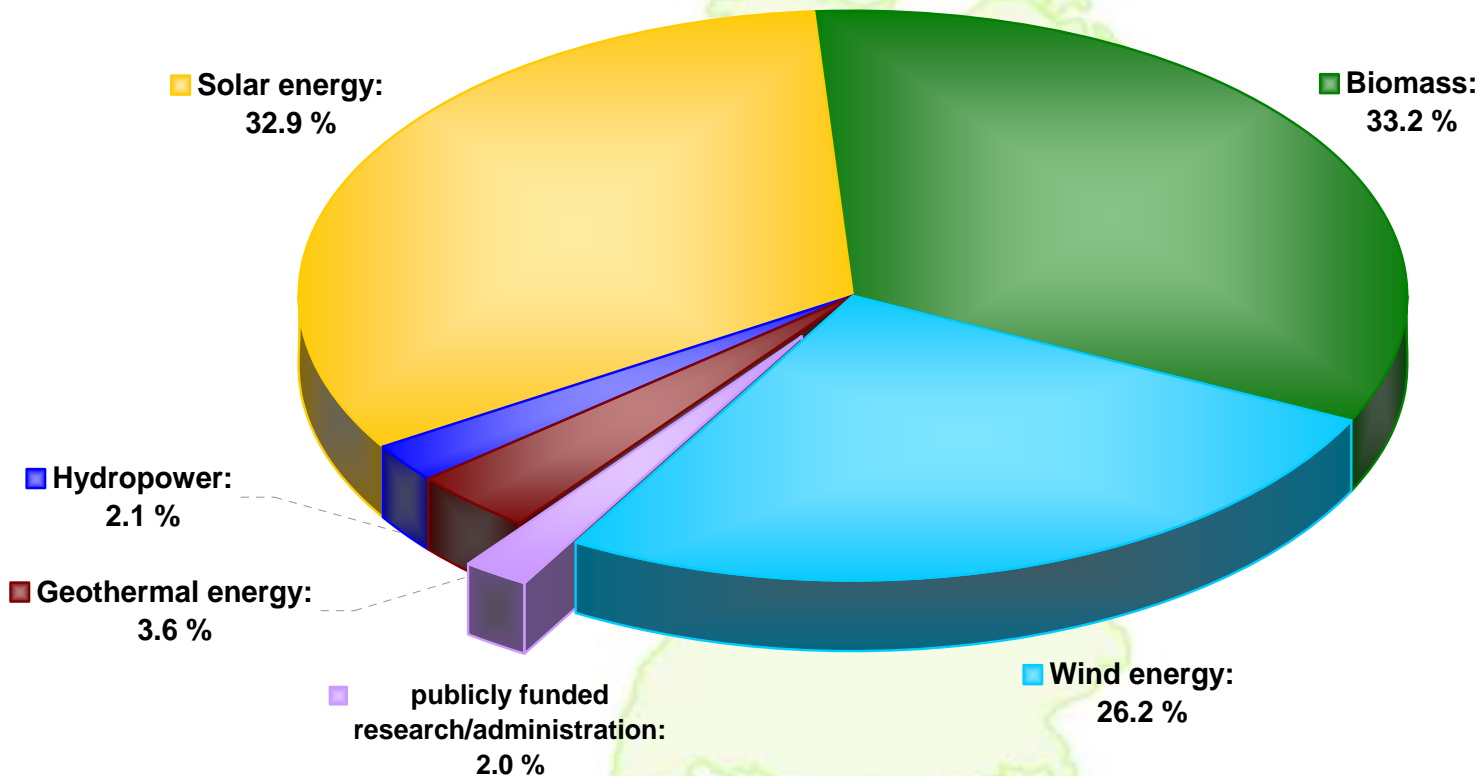
262.100 jobs can be ascribed to the impact of the Renewable Energy Sources Act in 2010. This means that the Act's relevance for trends in levels of gross employment rose from about 61 % in 2004 to 71 % in 2010.



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Spread of the approx. 367,400 jobs in the renewable energy sources sector in Germany 2010

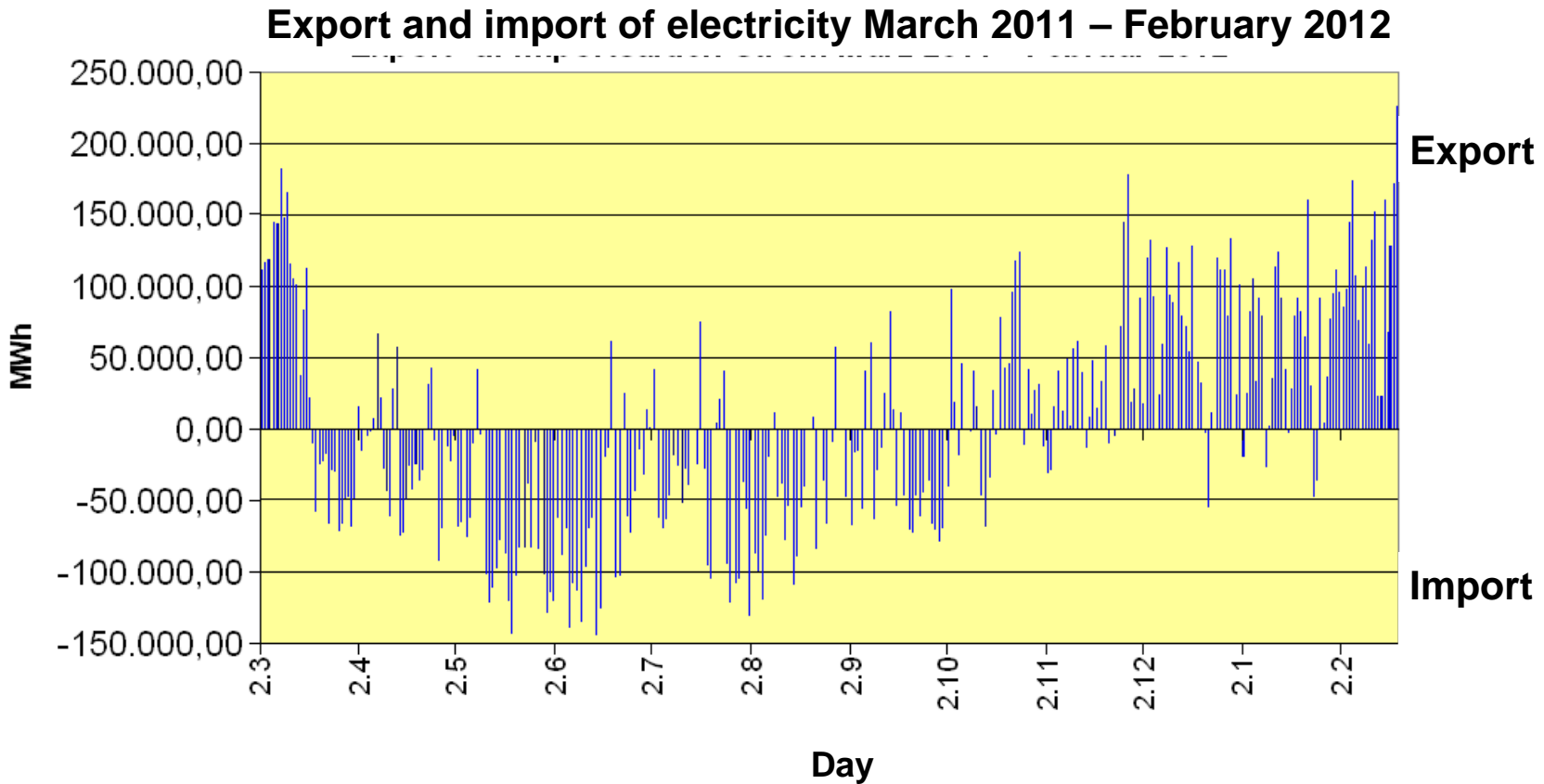


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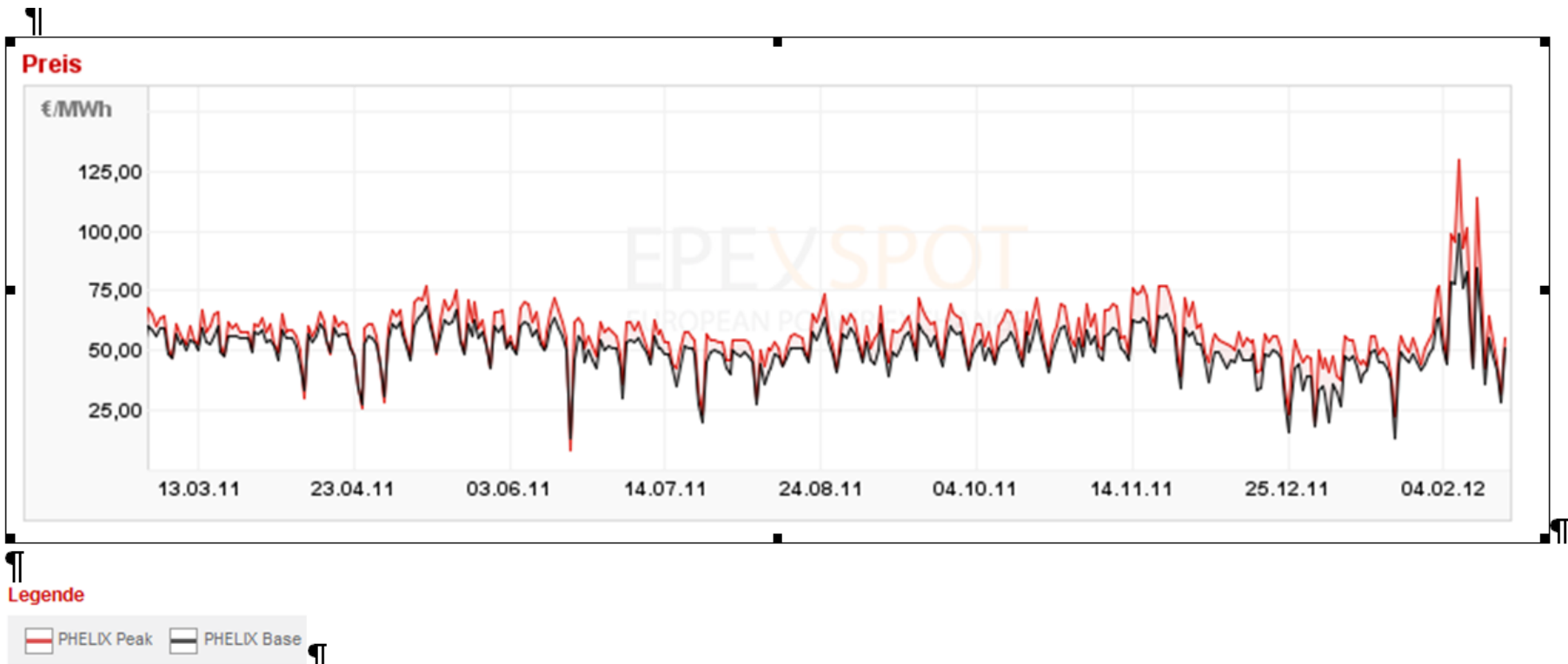
Import/ Export of electricity in balance





No rising prices at the electricity spot market in 2011

- Average price before the moratorium: ca. 55 €/MWh (Base) and ca. 57 €/MWh (Peak)
- Price today: ca. 51 €/MWh (Base) and ca. 55 €/MWh (Peak).





Energy Efficiency pays off!

Exhibit 1

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

