



The Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative, Inc. (WIDRC) is a voluntary collaborative committed to facilitating and promoting the successful deployment of economic, efficient and environmentally responsible distributed resources in Wisconsin.

To foster market-based development of distributed resources (DR) in Wisconsin, WIDRC, through its collaborative work, addresses five main issues that represent current and potential barriers to DR market development in Wisconsin.

These five issues are:

- Technical requirements

- Commercial requirements and business practices

- Siting

- Applied research and development and associated data collection

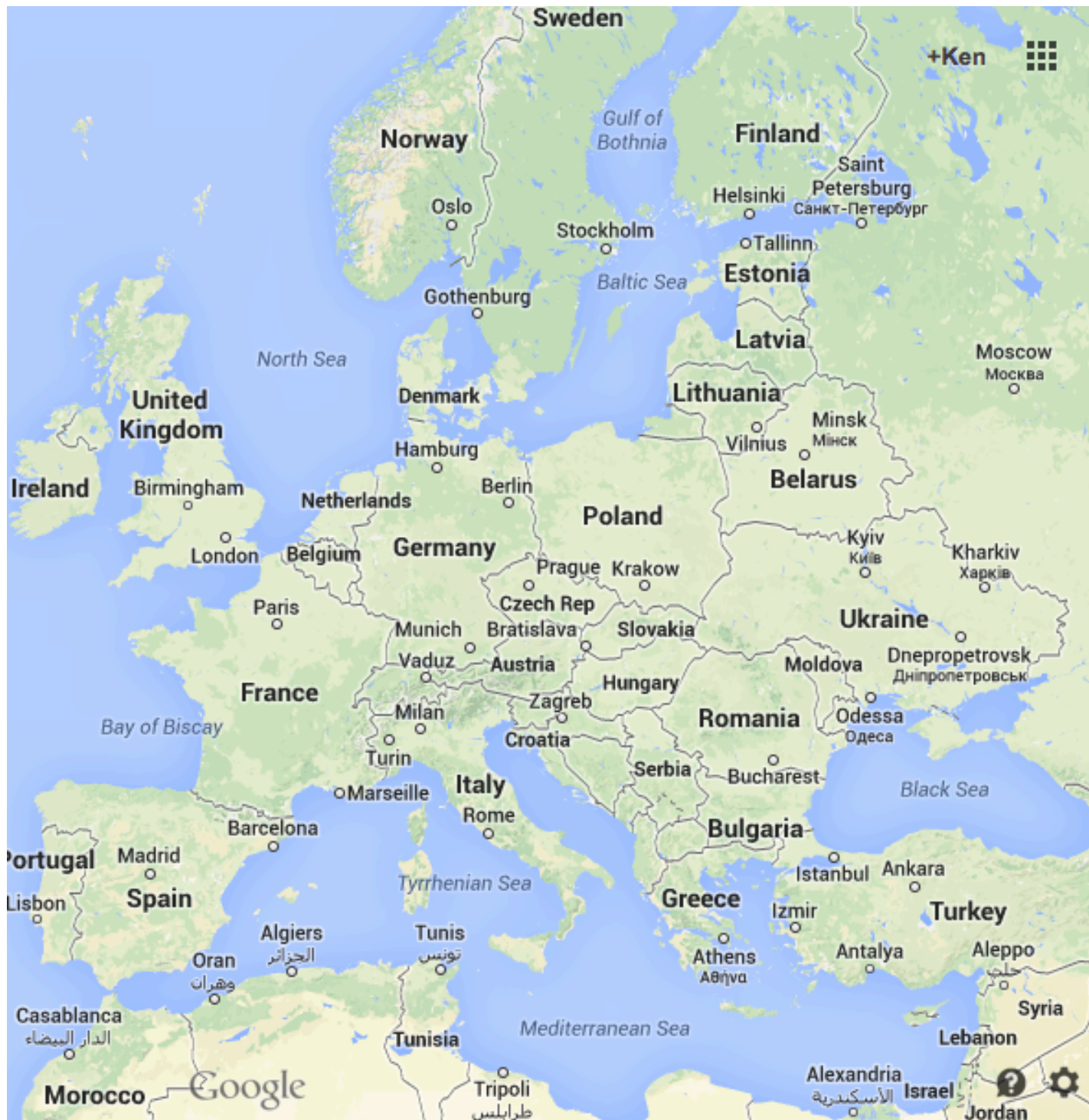
- Education and communication

U.S. – Germany
Renewable Energy International Exchange

Kenneth A. Walz, Madison College

Presentation for Wisconsin Distributed
Resources Collaborative, July 11, 2014





Germany

80 Million people

16 states

~138,000 sq miles

~500 miles N to S

~400 miles E to W

4th largest economy in the world (behind U.S., China, and Japan)



Germany's Relative Size?

Roughly the same land area as California, but double CA's population





- June 1 – Berufsschule Gross-Gerau
- June 2 - Darmstadt Univ.
- June 2- Hessian State Office for
Technology Training
- June 3 - Berufsschule Butzbach
- June 3 - Wallerstädten Biogas Plant
- June 4 - Insheim ORC Geothermal Plant
- June 5 - RENAC
- June 5 - Life e.V.
- June 6 - BMWi (Federal Ministry of
Economic Affairs and Energy)
- June 6 - German Association of Solar
Energy (DGS)
- June 6 - Agora Energiewende
- June 7 – Feldheim Renewable Village
- June 8 – Bundestag
(The Reichstag building)
- June 10 – BZEE Wind Training Facility
- June 10 - Senvion (formerly REpower)
- June 11 – Folkecenter Renewable
Energy Education Center

Goals of the learning exchange

- Learn about German energy policy
- Visit multiple schools in the German system
- See examples of training programs in RE
- Industry visits highlight German technology
- Foster relationships for future collaboration

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- 1990 • Stromeinspeisungsgesetz
- 1997 • 21% Kyoto target
- 2000 • Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz
- 2002 • Energieeinsparverordnung
- 2002 • Atomgesetz
- 2007 • Integriertes Energie- und Klimaprogramm (Meseberg)
- 2010 • Energy Concept of the Government
- 2011 • Fukushima nuclear disaster causes reconsideration of the energy transition strategy
- 2012 • Nuclear energy to be phased out by 2022; policy measures for a faster transition
- 2012 • The first annual monitoring report on the energy transition released

First Impressions?













Energiewende 

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~~Fukushima~~











German Education System

- Traditional academic path through university
- “dual-system” of vocational apprenticeships
- Education is free to all who pass entrance exams
- Funds provided by central government, but all of the execution is done by states
- In 2005 an experimental 50 Euro/semester fee was tested, but it met fierce opposition and was repealed

Study in Hessen

Universities

GU Frankfurt
HS Geisenheim
JLU Gießen
PU Marburg
TU Darmstadt
U Kassel

Universities of Applied Sciences

FH Frankfurt
HS Darmstadt
HS Fulda
HS RheinMain
TH Mittelhessen

Academies of Music and Arts

HfG Offenbach
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Degree Programs Taught Partially in English

In the following courses both German and English are required as courses are held in German and/or English.

[Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences](#)

[Biological Process Engineering \(Bachelor\)](#)

[International Business Information Systems \(Bachelor\)](#)

[International Finance \(Bachelor\)](#)

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Economists Ranking 2013

Professors at Hessen universities reach top ten positions in all categories of the 2013 Handelsblatt ranking. It lists more than 300 professors on basis of their publication record.

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New part-time education form
Additional qualifications
Acquisition of qualifications
Special education programs (BVJ)
Inclusion in the professional and working world (YEW)
Part-time vocational school
Technical college
Vocational school
Higher Vocational School

Types of schools

Overview of the types of schools and the respective professional fields

Vocational training

State-certified technicians:

- in the field of [mechanical engineering - focus on mechanical engineering](#)
- in the subject area [Mechatronic technology - focus on automation technology](#)
- in the field of [food technology - emphasis on process engineering](#)
- in the field of [environmental technology - focus on Sustainable Energy Technologies](#)
- in the field of [mechanical engineering - specializing in energy management and energy efficiency](#)
- in the field of [mechanical engineering - focus on technical business](#)

Initial vocational training

Automation & Metal

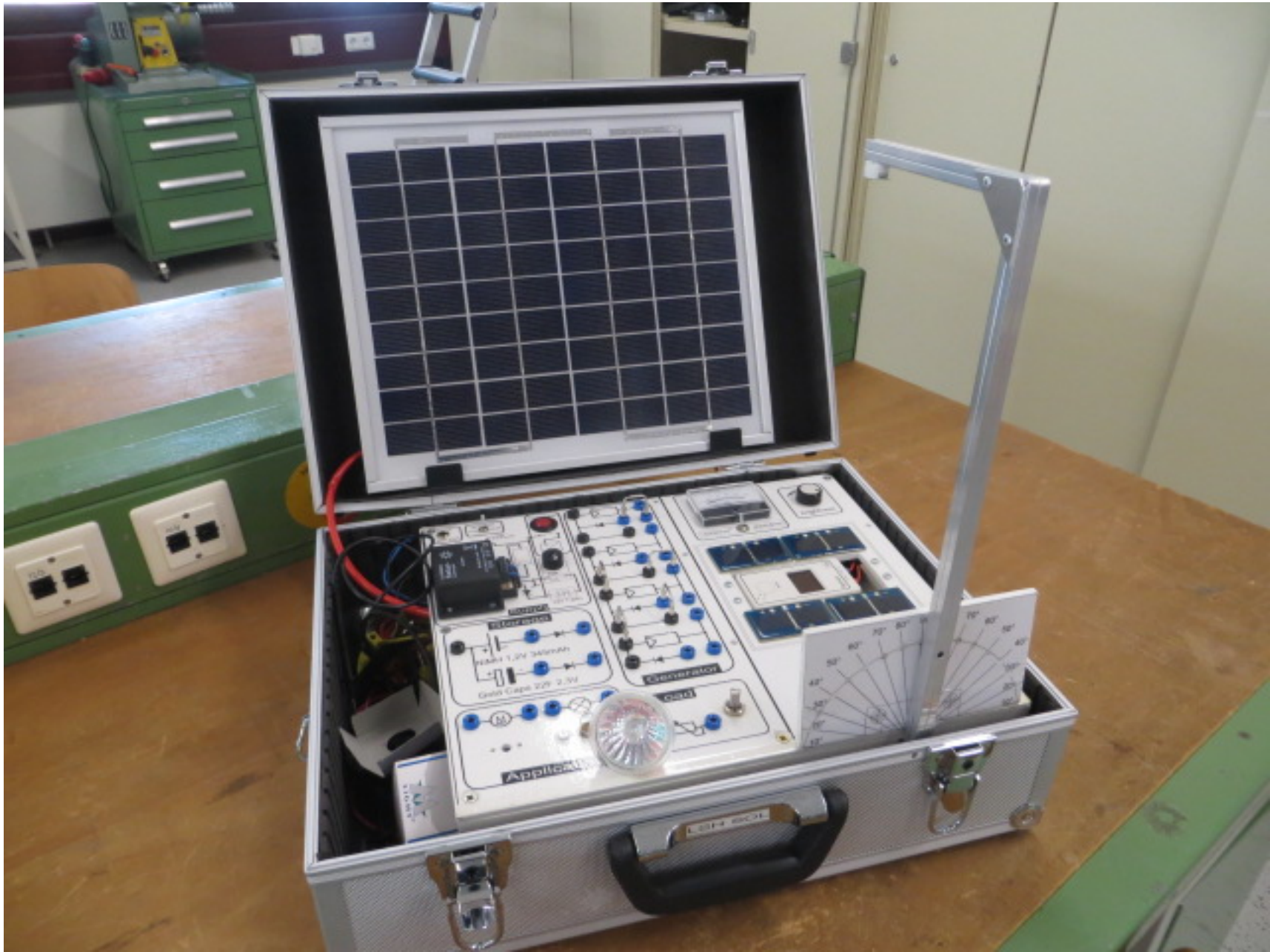
- Industrial Mechanic / in
- Plant mechanic / in
- Construction Mechanic / in













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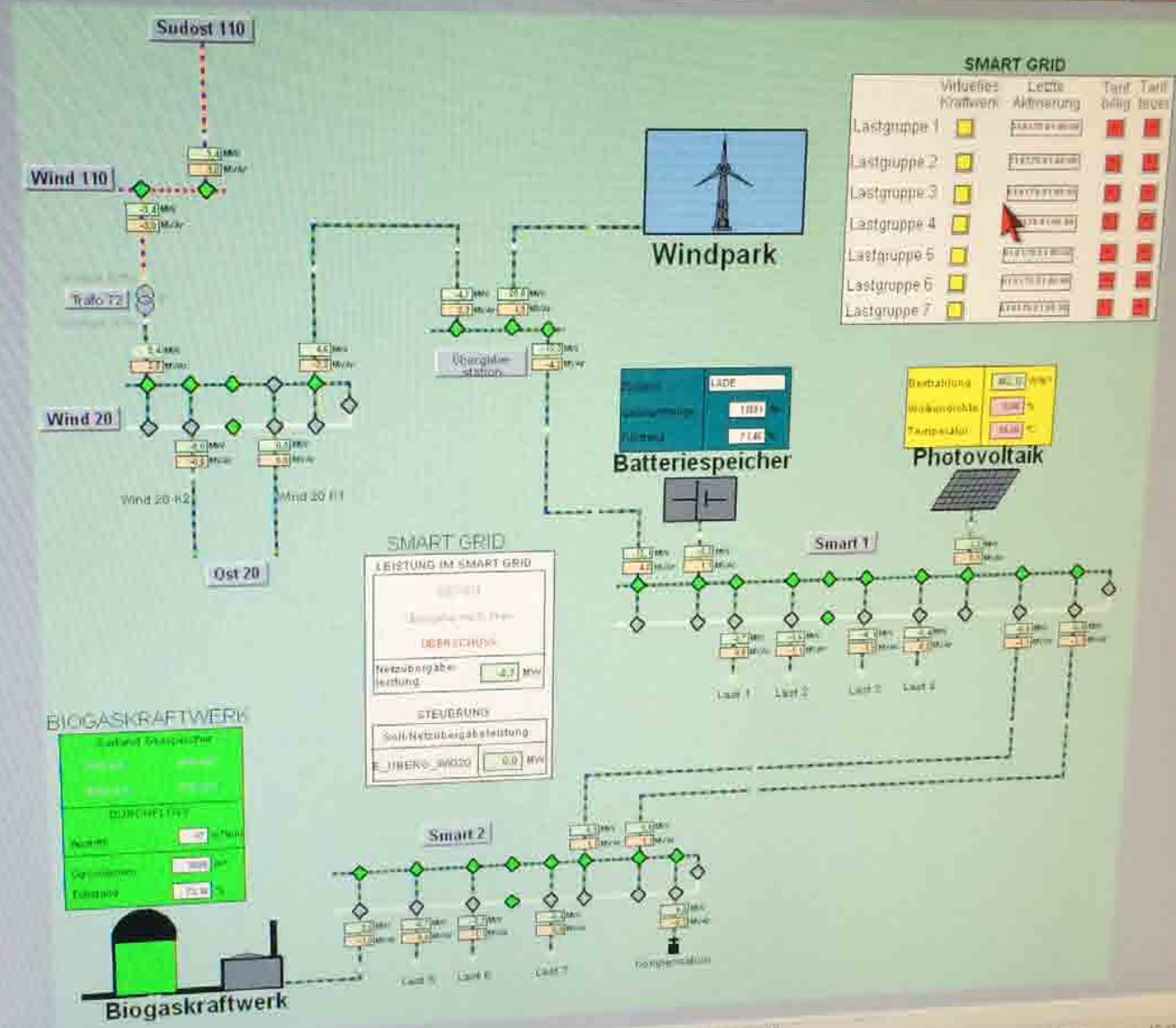




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International Program in Electrical Power Engineering





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SMART GRID

LEISTUNG IM SMART GRID

Netzausgabeleistung: 4.7 MW

Self-Netzausgabeleistung: 0.0 MW

BIOGASKRAFTWERK

Bestand Speicher

DURCHFLUSS

Wasser: 100 m³/h

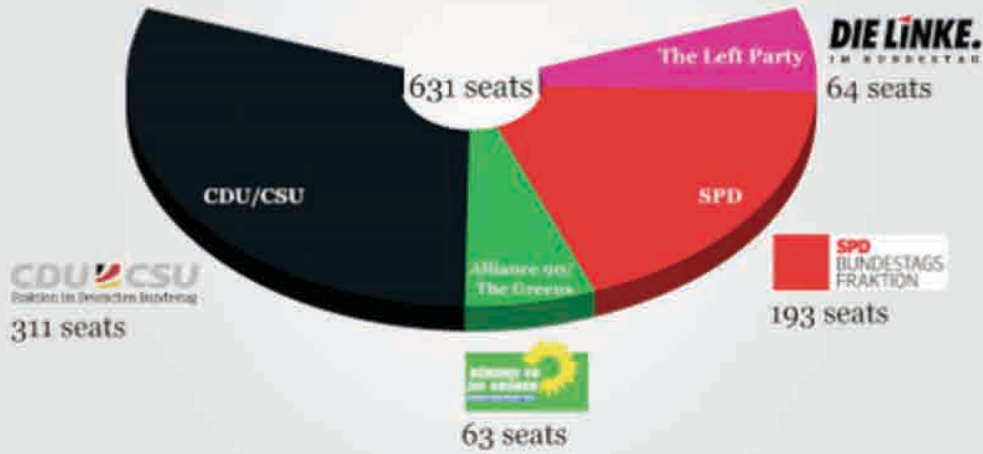
Gasleistung: 100 MW

Erlös: 100 €

German Energy Policy



Distribution of seats in the 18th German Bundestag



Broad political consensus that nuclear is not an option anymore



85% of Parliamentarians voted for Energiewende in Parliament in 2010 (the remaining Parliamentarians voted for a quicker phase-out)



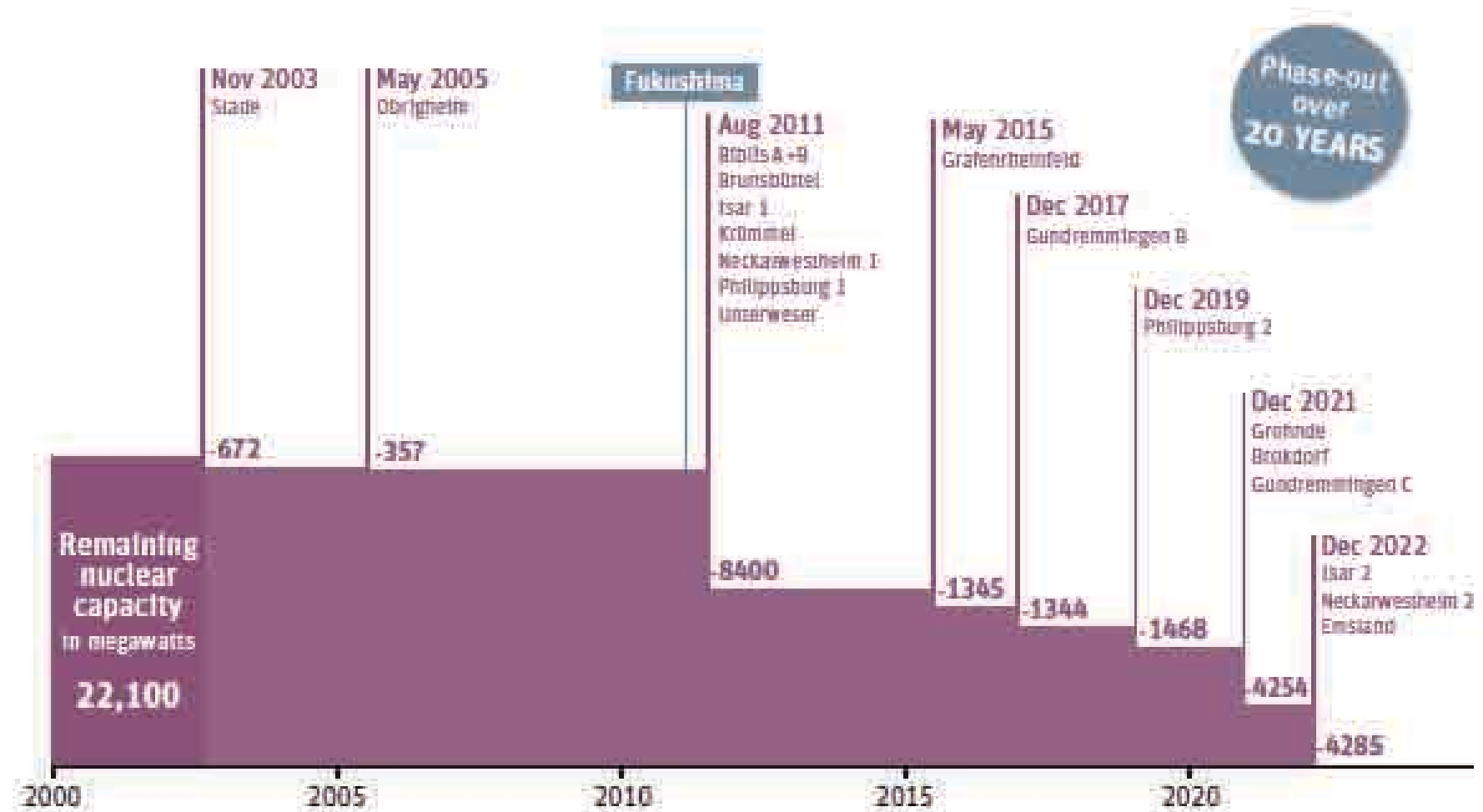
100% of political parties in parliament agree that there will be no lifetime extension of nuclear power plants

A reversal of the phase out decision is not impossible, but highly unlikely as politically very unpopular.

Germany is gradually shutting down all nuclear power plants

Declining nuclear energy installed capacity in Germany, 2000–2022

Source: Institute of Applied Ecology, RWTH Aachen University



III What is the Energiewende about: Three Pillars of the *Energiewende*



RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES

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



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Reduce energy consumption
- Ensure efficiency



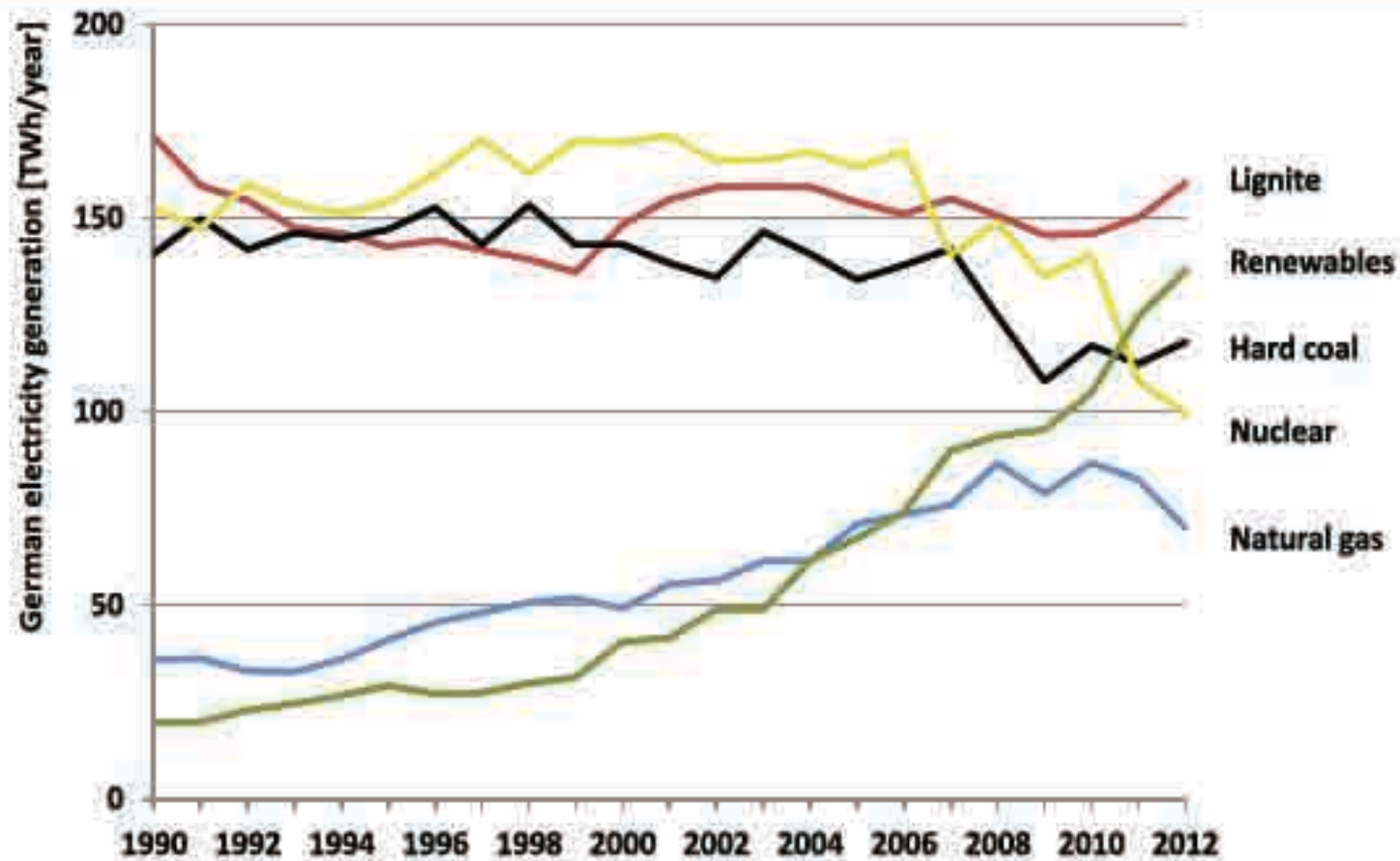
FLEXIBILITY AND FUTURE GRID NETWORK

- Flexible grids and high capacity
- Integration of electricity from renewable sources



Electricity Generation: Fuel mix since 1990

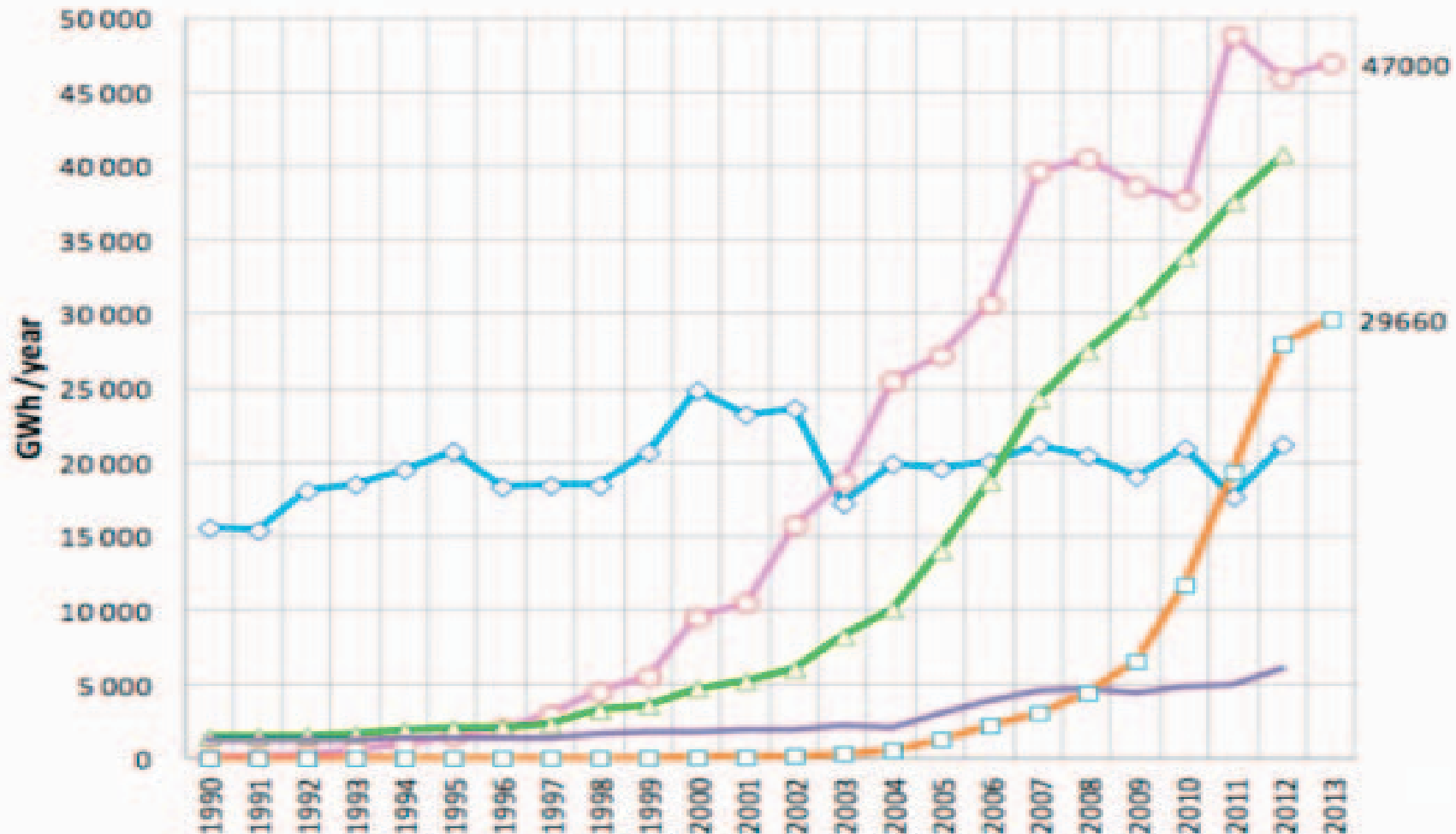
Trends: continuous RE growth; less fossils/nuclear



Renewable Electricity Production in Germany

GWh/year, source of data: BMU. Total 2012: 136 TWh, 22.9 % of demand

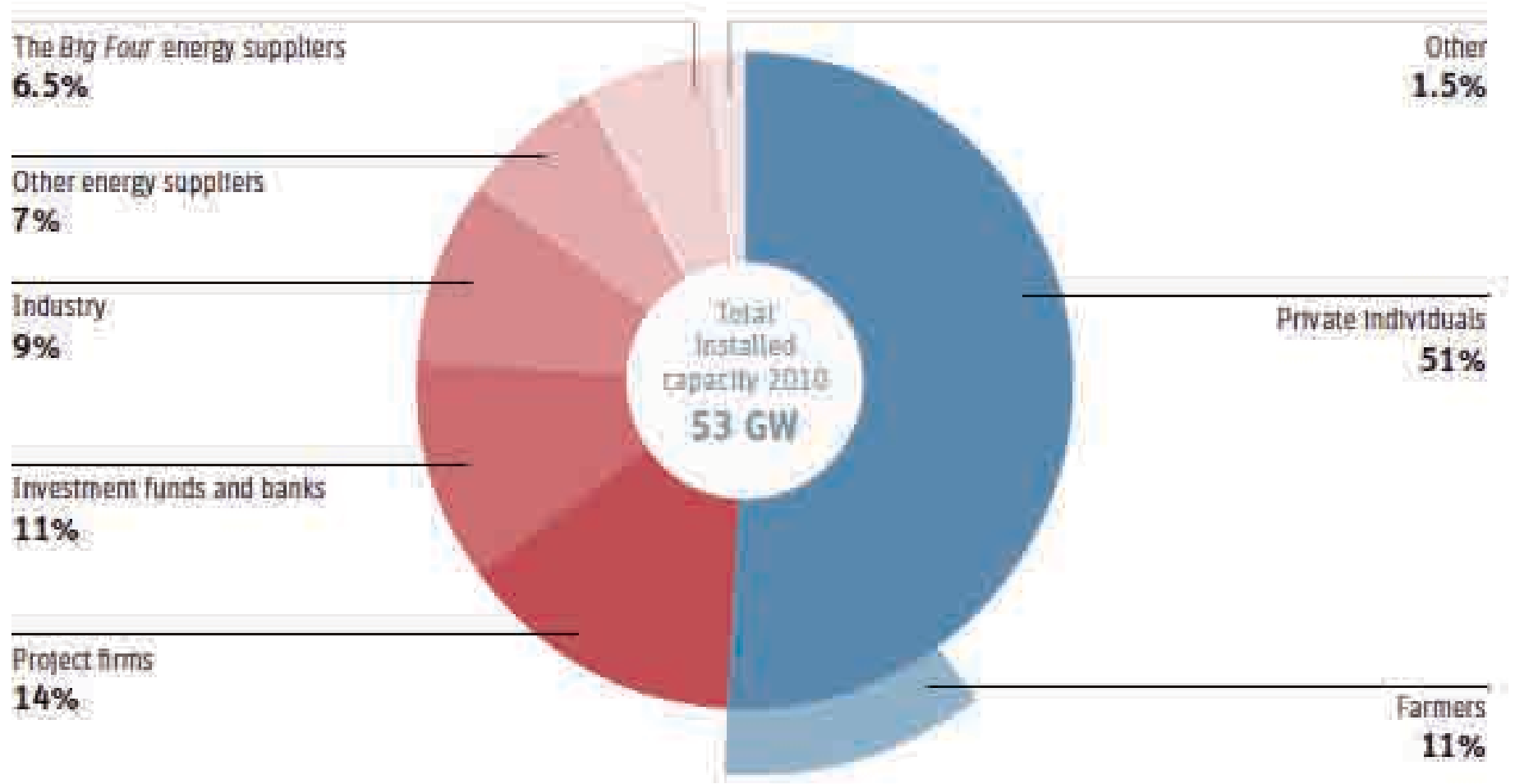
Hydro Wind Bioenergy bio. MSW PV



Renewables in the hands of the people

Ownership of renewables installed capacity in Germany, 2010

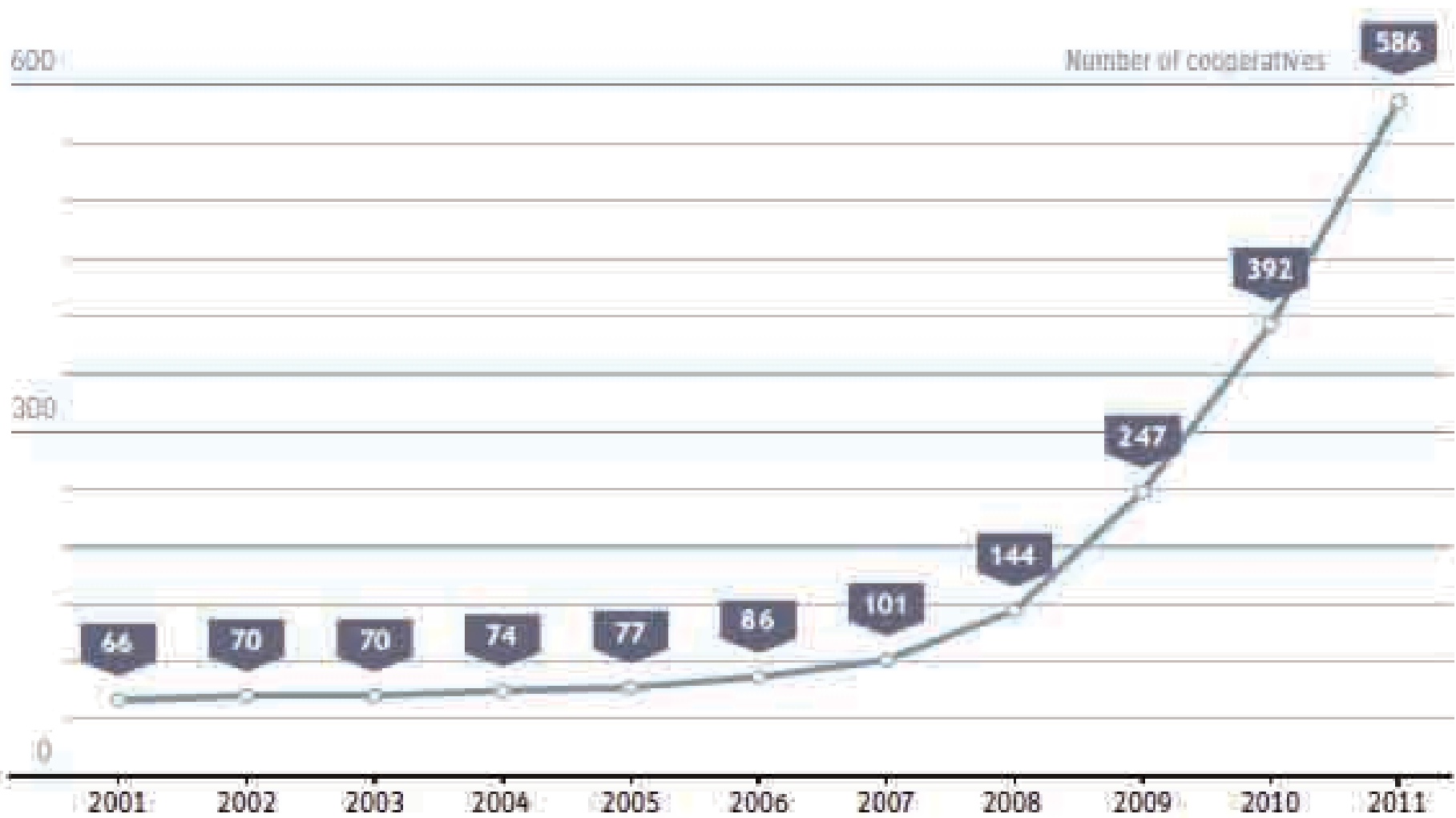
Source: www.zemlin.de 



Citizens form cooperatives to drive the energy transition

Number of energy cooperatives in Germany, 2001-2011

Source: [www.umweltbundesamt.de/energie/ea](#)



Conventional power generators have struggled to adapt

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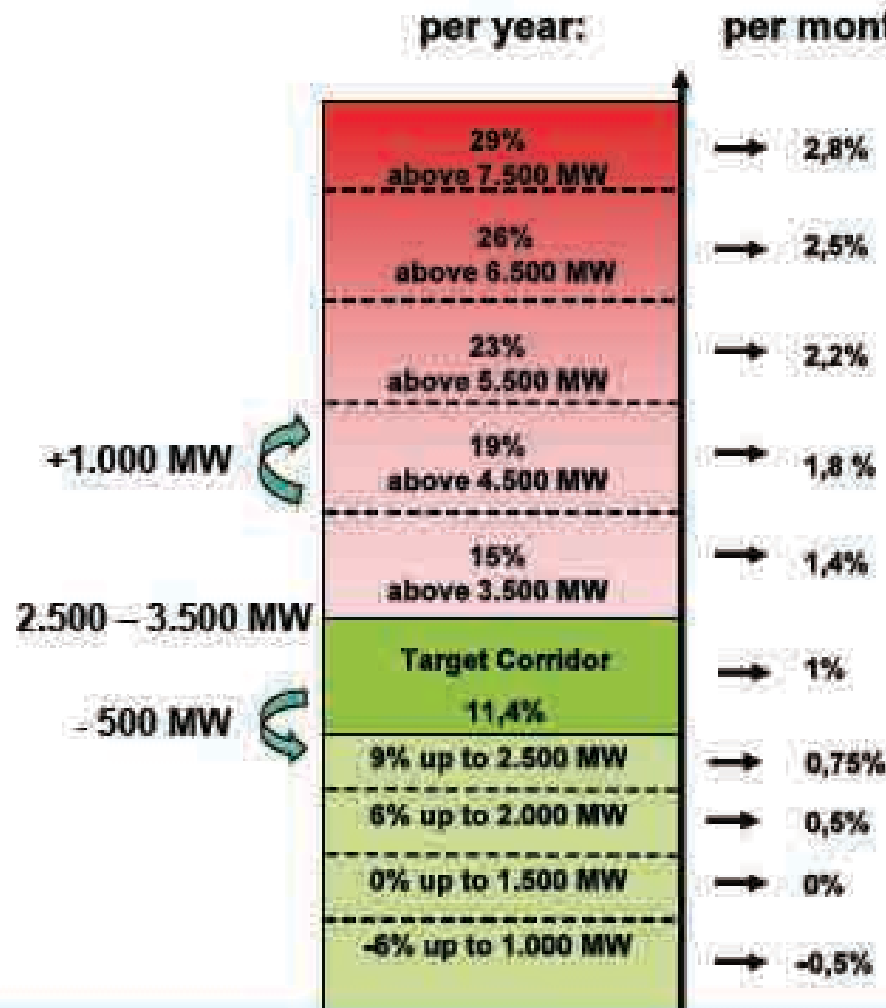
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Week of 5 Mar 2007: ■ EOAN.DE 33.1733



“Conventional power generation, quite frankly, as a business unit, is fighting for its economic survival.” Chief Financial officer for Germany's second largest utility, RWE, whose income has fallen by a third since 2010.

Renewable Feed In Tarrif

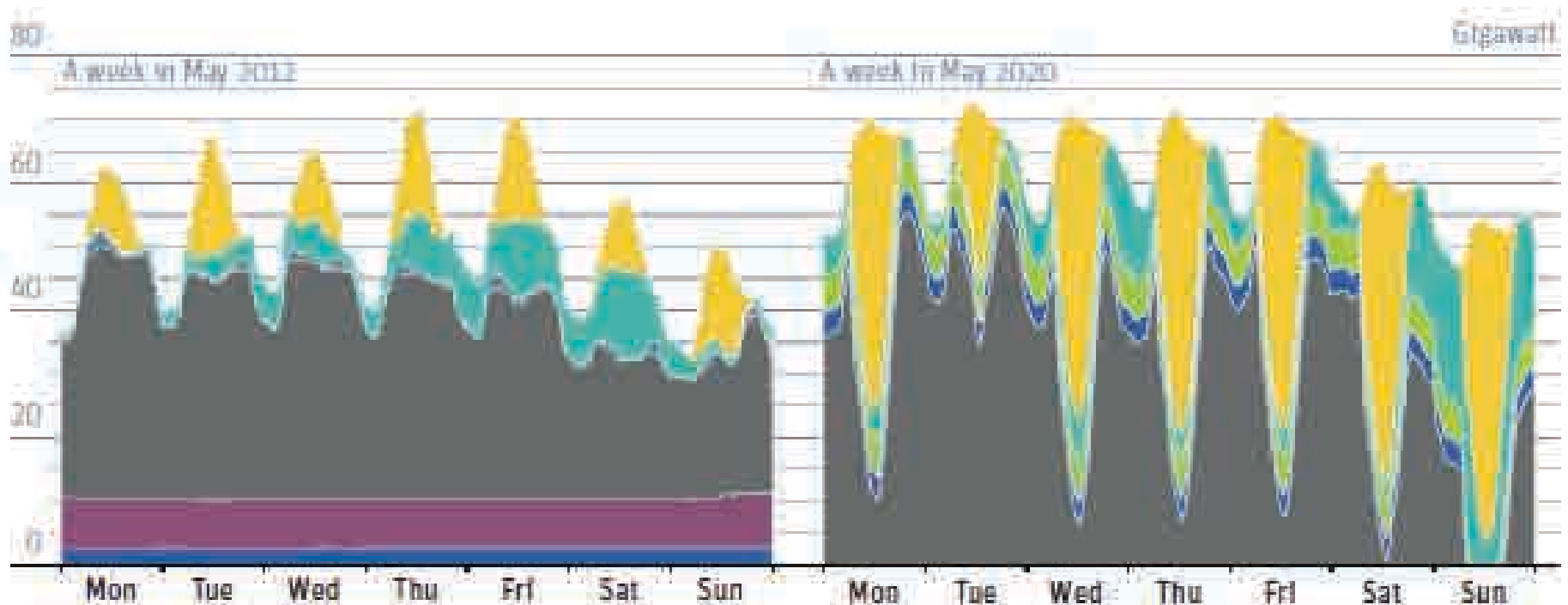


- Automatic depression linked to newly installed capacity
- Basic annual depression: 11,4% until 3.5 GW newly installed
- + 4% automatic depression for each 1 GW installed on top of 3.5 GW
- Depression come into affect monthly
 - To avoid „season sales“
 - Based on growth in the last 12 months
- Overall cap of 52 GW Solar PV:
 - Expiration of EEG PV support
 - But: continuation of priority feed-in
- Depression Feb-April 2013: 2,2 %

Renewables need flexible backup, not baseload

Estimated power demand over a week in 2012 and 2020, Germany

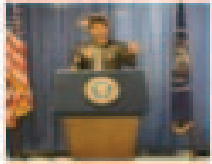
Source: Iffker Consulting, IFTW Berlin



Key technologies?

- Better and Smarter Grids
- Smart inverters and interconnections
- Storage
- Demand side management
- Wind and solar curtailment

ENERGY



Germany Was Powered by 74% Renewable Energy Last Weekend

by Timon Singh, 05/21/14

filed under: energy efficiency, News, Renewable Energy

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But, wholesale electricity prices drop, making it hard for gas turbines to profit— their only value now is as peaking plants

Cheaper for some

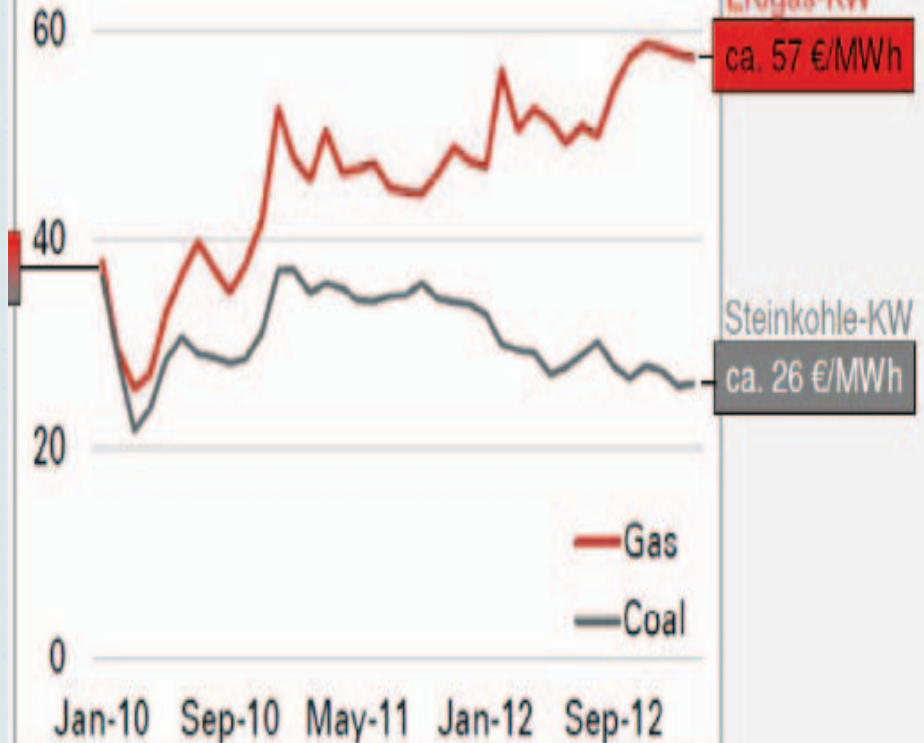
Germany's wholesale electricity price
€ per MWh



Source: Bloomberg

EU power generation cost

€/MWh



Energiewende
 Energieende

Es ist Zeit für eine neue Wahl.
Erdgas macht's möglich.



2nd Pillar of the Energiewende: Future Grid Network Policies and German Network Development

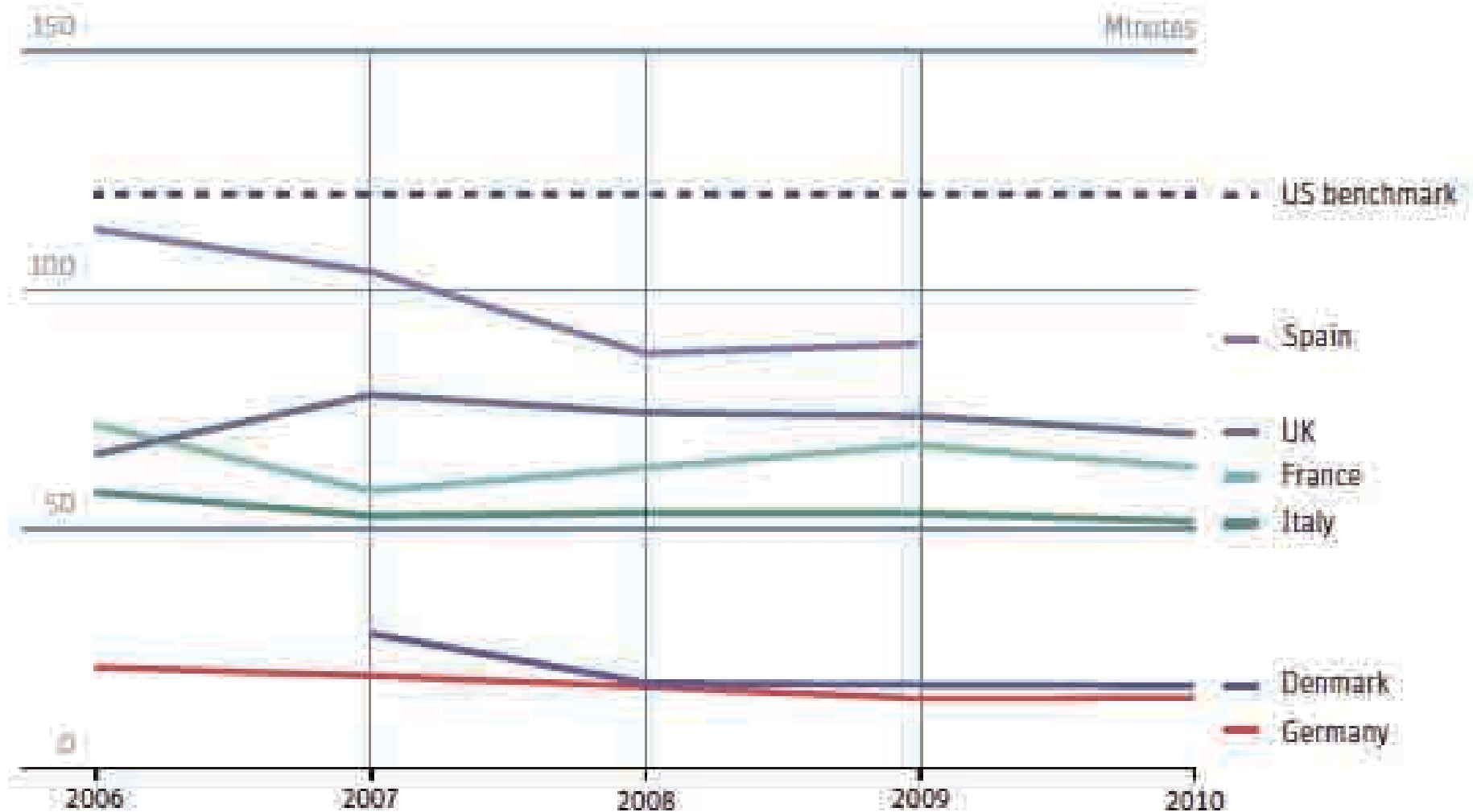
- 2013 Network Development Plan led by Federal Network Agency
 - Identified need for over 3800 km of new transmission (HVDC)
 - Financing mechanisms in development
- Grid Expansion Acceleration Act (NABEG)
- Additional efforts on energy storage:
 - Pumped hydro
 - Power to gas
 - EU electricity grid interconnection
 - Research funding
- Smart Grid and E-Energy pilot communities
- Demand-side management



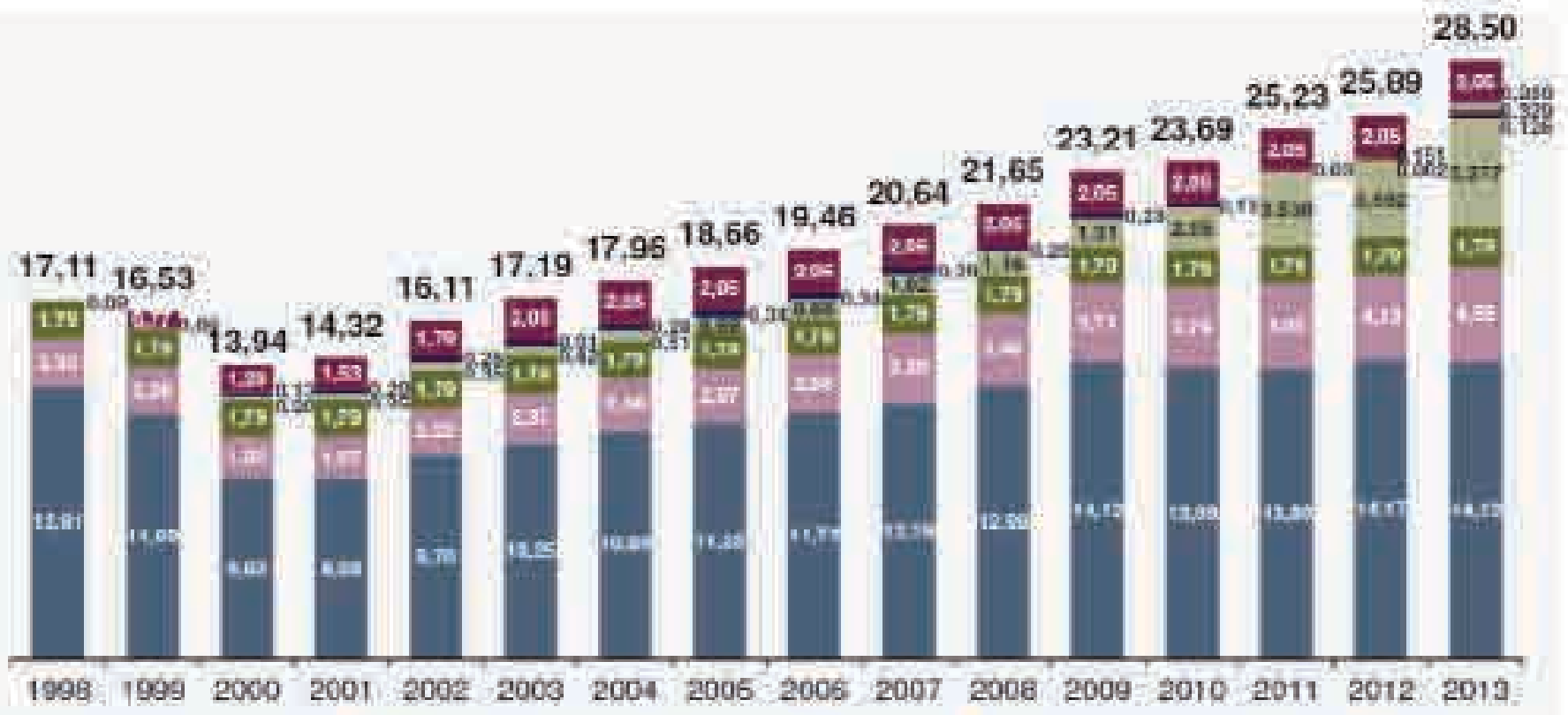
Grid reliability and renewable growth seem to go hand in hand

Minutes of power outages per year (excl. exceptional events), based on Saidi

Source: IREE and www.iree.es



(4): While nominally the household prices for electricity are rising and receive a lot of media attention...

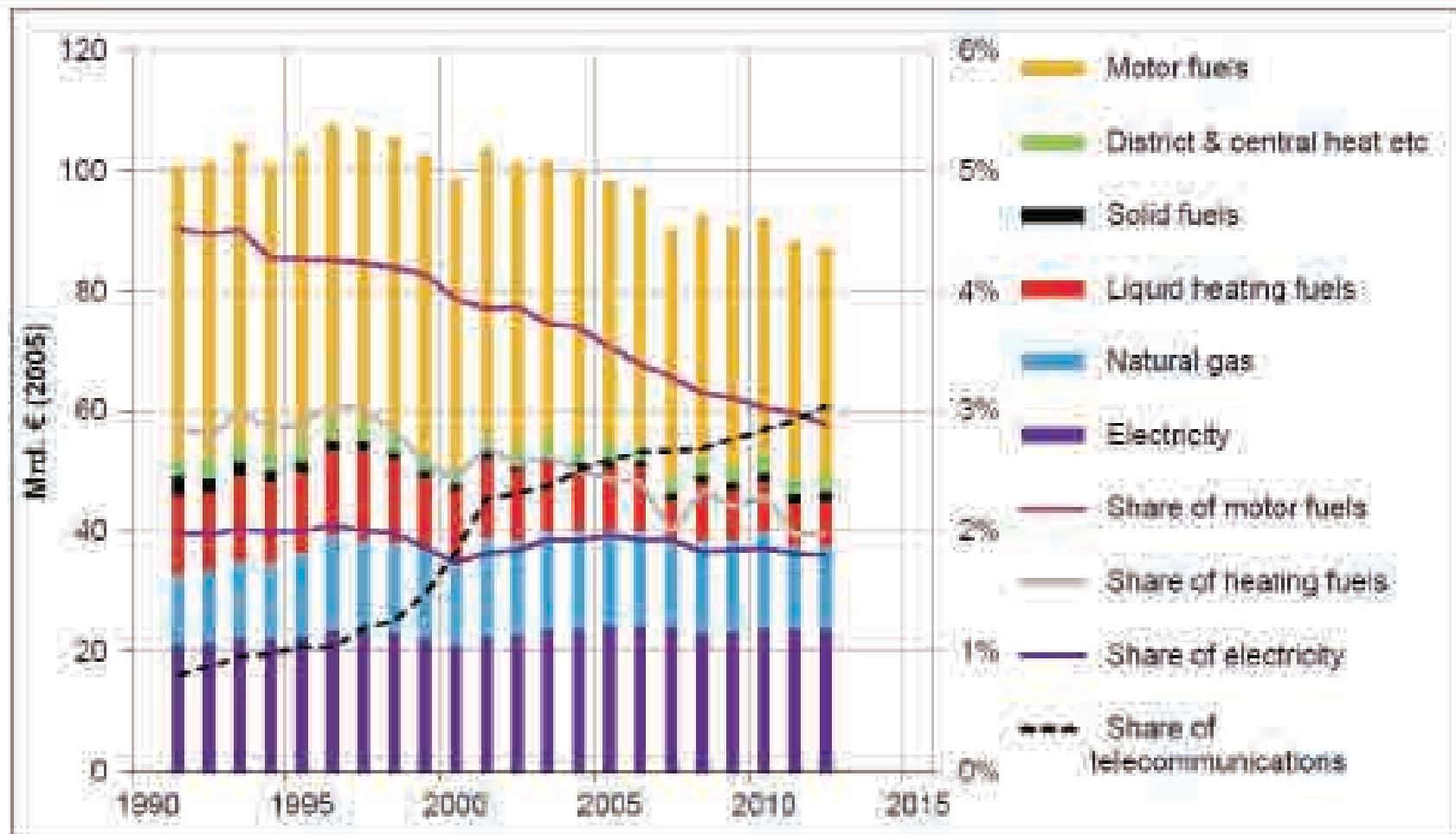


■ Energie; Transport, Vertrieb ■ Netzt. ■ Kostenzuschläge ■ EEG-Umlage ■ EEG-Ausschlag ■ EEG-Umlage ■ EEG-Umlage ■ Stromsteuer

* ab 2010 Anwendung Aussteuermehr

Quelle: BDEW, Stand: 01/2013

(4) ...the share of electricity in household consumption expenditures is constant at 2% (with telecommunication cost at 3%).



German Industry Innovations

Wallerstadt Anaerobic Digester and Feedstock Storage













Take Home Thoughts & Lessons Learned

- The Energiewende is for real - broad public support
- German companies are investing strongly in RE
- German schools export RE technology and brands worldwide

- Electric baseload is being eliminated
- Flexible generation from hydro and gas is needed
- Better Grids and storage are needed
- Conventional power generators will likely continue to struggle

- For integrated U.S. utilities, transmission and distribution assets may be more valuable than some generation assets if we follow Germany's path

- If electric providers are too conservative, individuals and communities will organize to take energy production into their own hands (e.g. Wallenstadt and Feldheim)



Thanks for your attention! Questions?