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# Policy, Incentives and Regulation for the Promotion of Renewable Energy in Europe



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# Electricity in the world: The figures

Worldwide 1,6 billion people with access to electricity in their homes  
Of those, **1.340 million live in rural areas**

## Electricity Access 2005

|                                     | Population<br>million | Population<br>with electricity<br>Million | Population<br>without<br>electricity<br>Million | Electrification<br>rate<br>% | Urban<br>electrification<br>rate<br>% | Rural<br>electrification<br>rate<br>% |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Africa                              | 891                   | 337                                       | 554   | 37,8                         | 67,9                                  | 19,0                                  |
| Developing Asia                     | 3.418                 | 2.488                                     | 930   | 72,8                         | 86,4                                  | 65,1                                  |
| Latin America                       | 449                   | 404                                       | 45  | 90,0                         | 98,0                                  | 65,6                                  |
| Middle East                         | 186                   | 145                                       | 41  | 78,1                         | 86,7                                  | 61,8                                  |
| Developing<br>Countries             | 4.943                 | 3.374                                     | 1.569   | 68,3                         | 85,2                                  | <b>56,4</b>                           |
| Transition<br>Economies and<br>OECD | 1.510                 | 1.501                                     | 8   | 99,5                         | 100,0                                 | 98,2                                  |
| World                               | 6.452                 | 4.875                                     | 1.577   | 75,6                         | 90,4                                  | 61,7                                  |

**43,6% of rural population within developing countries have no access to electricity**

- International network of private firms and organisations involved in renewable energy projects in developing countries.
- ARE provides a platform for exchange among experts, and for the promotion of technological and financial solutions for rural electrification with renewable energy.
- We communicate these solutions to all stakeholder involved in energy policy in developing countries (World Bank, governments, agencies etc).
- Project experience demonstrates the need for long-term support mechanisms to ensure the maintenance of renewable systems.

## Political Objectives

- **Environment:** Effective and inspiring contribution to mitigate climate change
- **Security:** Increase Europe's energy security (heavy dependency on imported oil and gas)
- **Economy:** Boosting the green economy (technological leadership, jobs, export earnings)

## Operational Objectives

- 20-20 by 2020.
  - 20% share of renewable energies in EU energy consumption by 2020
  - 20% reduction of greenhouse gases (up to 30% if there is an international agreement committing other developed countries)
  - 20% reduction primary energy consumption
- 22,1% of total electricity consumption from RES by 2010
- 5,75% for the contribution of biofuels to the transport sector consumption by 2010 and 10% by 2020

EU level defines the objectives to be reached, while leaving Member States sufficient flexibility to implement it in the way that suits their particular national circumstances /views best.

Main EU members instruments:

- Feed-in Tariff (FiTs)
- Premium Feed-in Tariff
- Tradable Green Certificates (TGC)

## **Feed-in Tariff:**

Mandatory purchase of all RE from the generator at a fix price for long-term (10 to 20 years)

Market risk removed from the energy producer.

## **Premium Feed-in Tariff**

Generators compete in the electricity spot market and receive an additional price premium

## **Tradable Green Certificates (Quotas)**

Suppliers are obliged to source a fix share from renewables by buying renewable certificates from generators in a paralel market

The green certificates sales generate the additional subsidy.

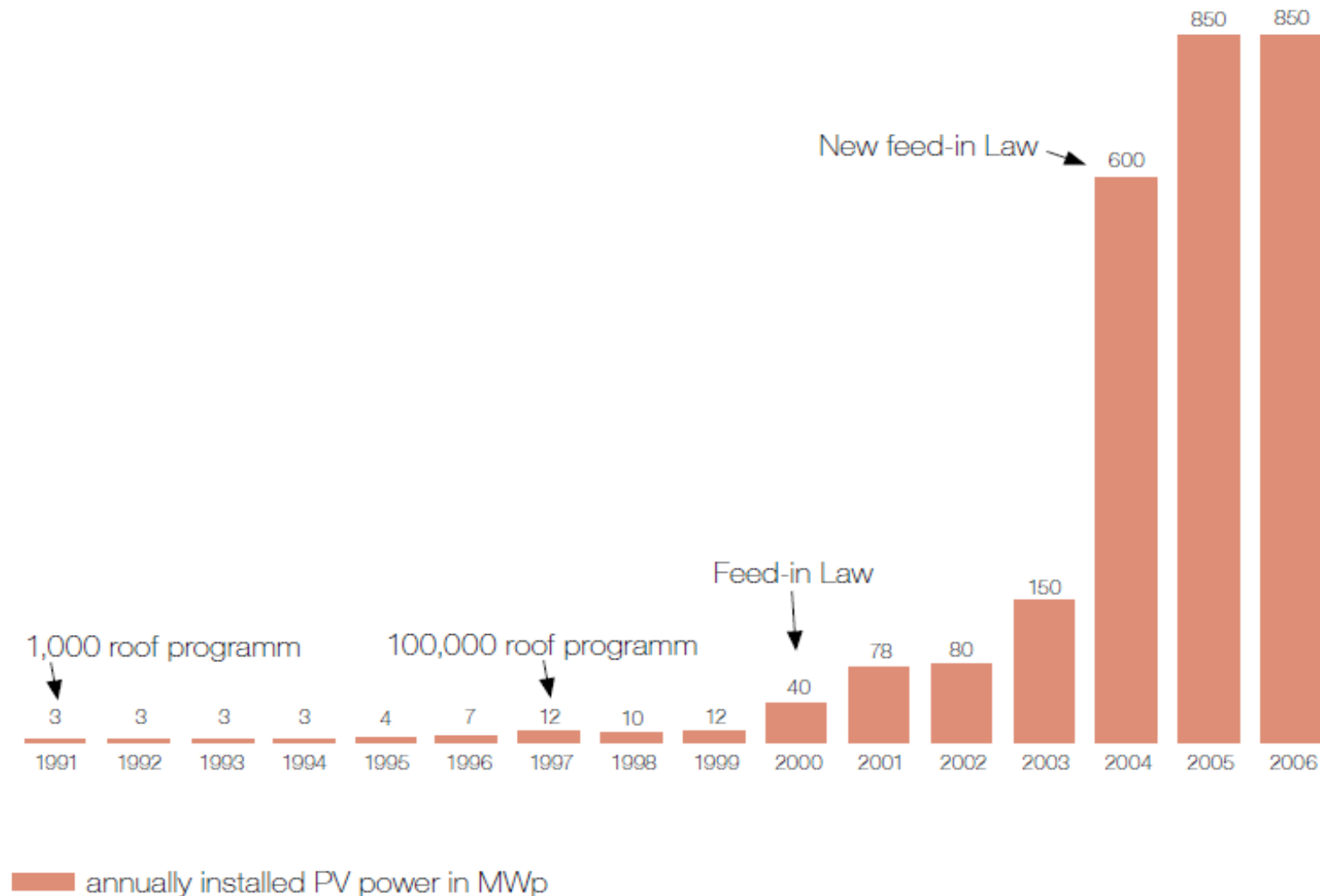
- FiTs for Renewable Electricity for 20 years differentiated by source and size
- Degressive level of FiT (annually 8-9 %)
- Utility companies pass the costs over to electricity consumers
- PV: Rooftop installations account for lionshare of capacity
- Special tariffs for wind sites in order to increase efficiency
- German Development Bank grants soft loans to individuals
- PV investments costs can be depreciated over 20 years

# Germany: The Figures (1)

| Feed-In<br>Tariff | Rooftop            |        |                    |        |                    |        |                    |        | Ground-mounted<br>installations |        |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
|                   | ≤ 30 kW            |        | > 30 kW            |        | > 100 kW           |        | > 1.000 kW         |        | All sizes                       |        |
|                   | Degression<br>rate | ct/kWh | Degression<br>rate | ct/kWh | Degression<br>rate | ct/kWh | Degression<br>rate | ct/kWh | Degression<br>rate              | ct/kWh |
| 2008              |                    | 46,75  |                    | 44,48  |                    | 43,99  |                    | 43,99  |                                 | 35,49  |
| 2009              | 8%                 | 43,01  | 8%                 | 40,91  | 10%                | 39,58  | 25%                | 33,00  | 10%                             | 31,94  |
| 2010              | 8%                 | 39,57  | 8%                 | 37,64  | 10%                | 35,62  | 10%                | 29,70  | 10%                             | 28,75  |
| 2011              | 9%                 | 36,01  | 9%                 | 34,25  | 9%                 | 32,42  | 9%                 | 27,03  | 9%                              | 26,16  |

Direct costs for end consumer in 2008: 4,2 bio. €

# Germany: The Figures (2)



Source: EREC

# Feed in tariffs: Pros and Cons

- Income redistribution: Subsidy to homeowners and individual companies paid by the electricity consumer or taxpayer.
- Total amount of subsidy difficult to control (Spanish example)
- The scheme ensures investor security, is simple to administrate and can be flexibly applied to different technologies and sites.
- Windfall profits: Limited ranking of projects according to their efficiency
- Private household ownership changes mindset of people as regards renewable energy, possible „spill overs“ to energy use (efficiency)
- Large scale use leads to economies of scale (+ learning curve) in production and more investment in R&D (process and product innovation)

- Wind energy: Producers can choose between fixed FIT or premium on electricity price with upper and lower limits (market price plus premiums)
- Premium on electricity price 2,93 ct
- Large installations of mainly wind and hydro are encouraged to use the premium FIT market by setting lower limits closer to the fix FIT price than upper limits:

|       | Fix FIT | Premium upper limit | Premium lower limit |
|-------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Wind  | 7.3228  | 8.4944              | 7.1275              |
| Hydro | 7.0200  | 8.5200              | 6.5200              |

- Renewables Obligation. Electricity producers present Renewable Obligation Certificates to state agency (Ofgem)
- Utility companies source a share from their power sales from renewables, under penalty payment (buy out fund) if not (34.30 GBP 2007): Currently 9,7%, in 2015 15.4%
- Three options for utility companies:
  - Own generated ROCs
  - Purchase from others generators
  - Paying penalties

# United Kingdom: Quotas and ROC prices

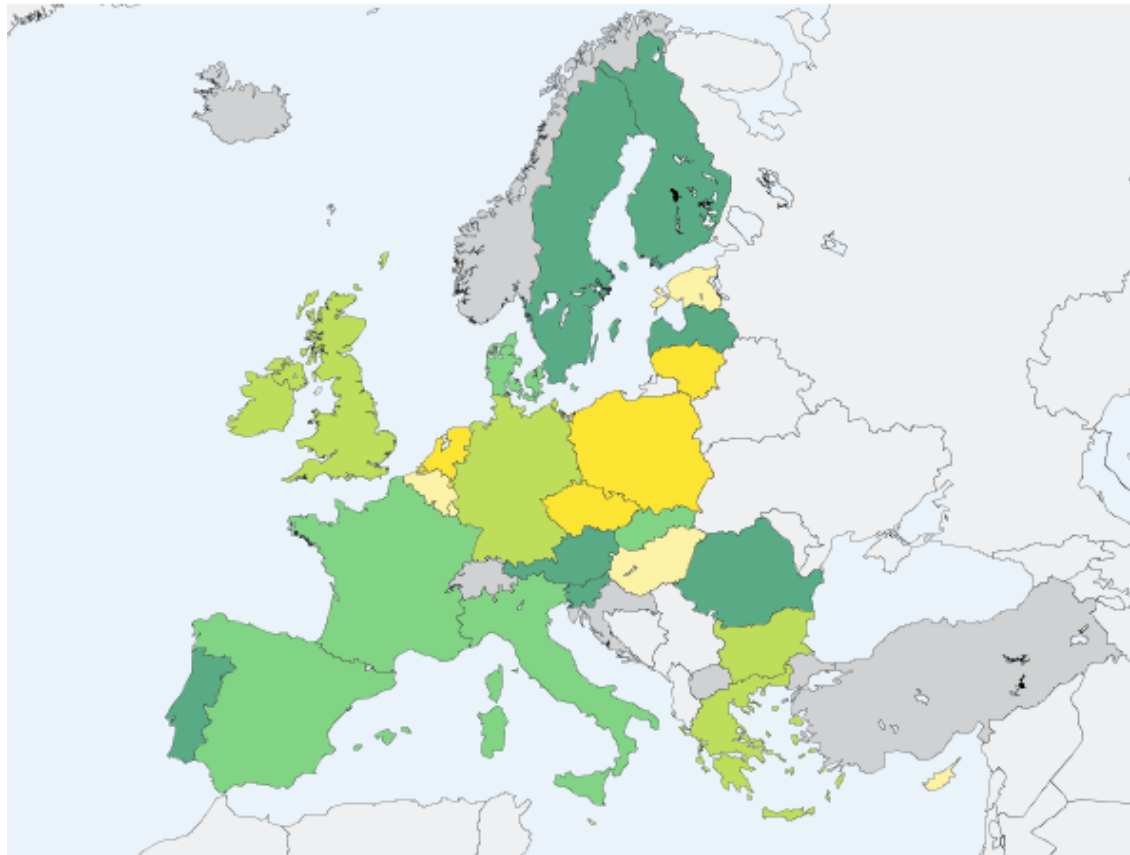
| Obligation period             | %age of Supply | Price buy out fund (£/MWh) | Effective Price per Unit (p/kWh) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 | 3.0            | £30.00                     | 0.09                             |
| 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2004 | 4.3            | £30.51                     | 0.13                             |
| 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 | 4.9            | £31.59                     | 0.15                             |
| 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 | 5.5            | £32.33                     | 0.18                             |
| 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 | 6.7            | £33.24                     | 0.22                             |
| 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 | 7.9            | £34.30                     | 0.29                             |
| 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 | 9.1            | £35.76                     | 0.33                             |
| 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 | 9.7            | £37.19                     |                                  |
| 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 | 10.4           |                            |                                  |
| 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 | 11.4           |                            |                                  |
| 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 | 12.4           |                            |                                  |
| 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 | 13.4           |                            |                                  |
| 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 | 14.4           |                            |                                  |
| 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 | 15.4           |                            |                                  |

- Utility companies choose most efficient RE generation
- Utility companies may postpone investments into RE „to last minute“ or may accept penalty payments (at least temporarily)
- Energy policy is not locked in
- Quotas which do not differentiate between technologies promote only the most efficient ones (hence no technological boost for the others)
- No mainstreaming of technologies in society

# Renewable Energy in the EU: The figures

## Electricity generated from renewable sources

% of gross electricity consumption



Legend (Data 2010)

3.6 - 6.0

6.0 - 9.0

9.0 - 20.1

20.1 - 31.0

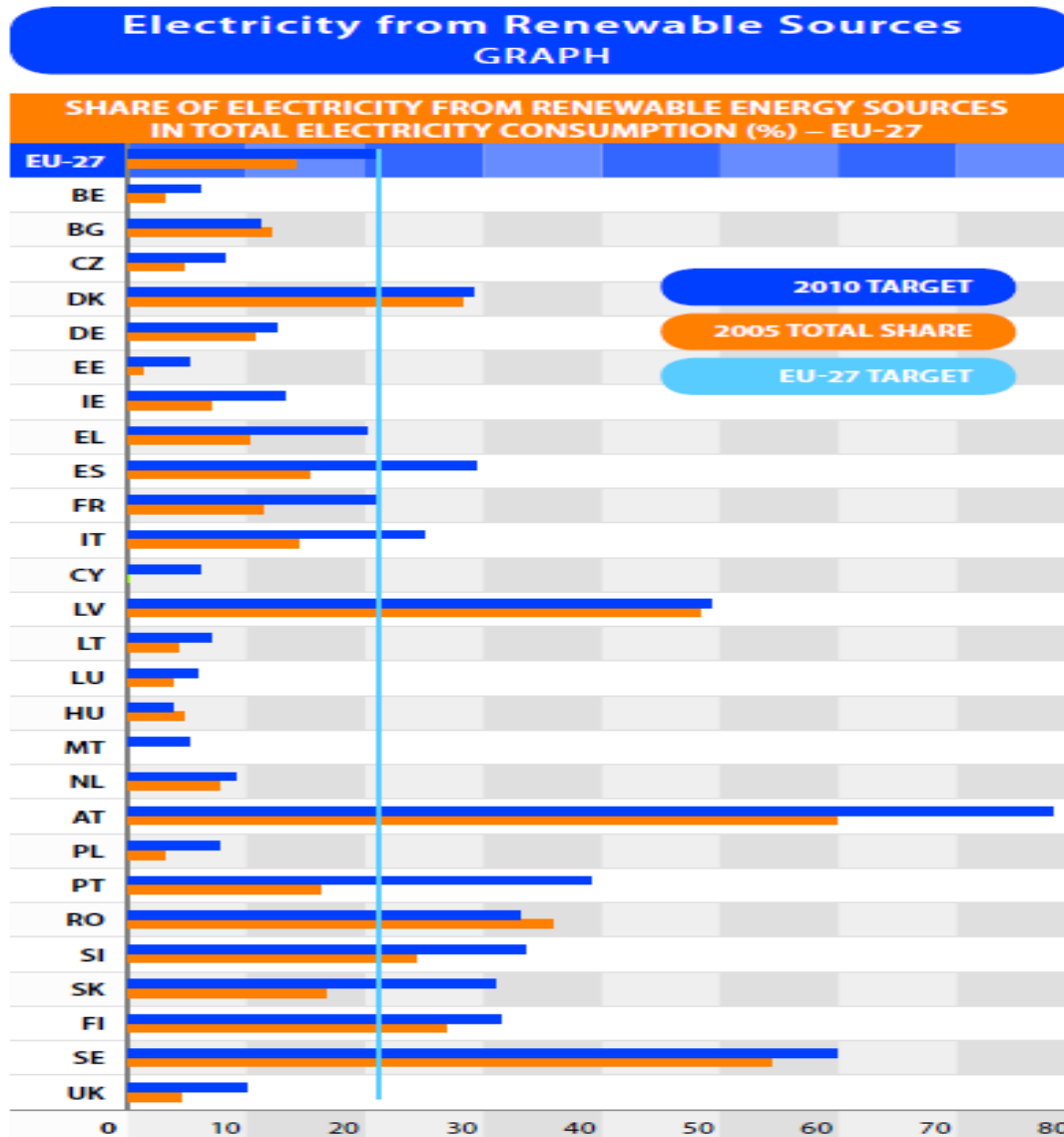
31.0 - 78.1

N/A

Minimum value:3.6 Maximum value:78.1 eu25:21.0 eu15:22.0

Source: EuroStat

# Status quo and ambitions



- 14% EU average (20% goal)
- Austria (AT), Latvia (LV), and Sweden (SE) rely on large scale hydro production
- Denmark (DK) instead relies on wind and biomass

# Development of system prices and generation costs: 2008 Predictions...

Energy Technologies for Power Generation

Moderate Fuel Price Scenario

High Fuel Price Scenario

| Energy source | Power generation technology                   | Production Cost of Electricity (COE) |                          |                          | Production Cost of Electricity (COE) |                          |                          |                          |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|               |   | State-of-the-art 2007                | Projection for 2020      | Projection for 2030      | State-of-the-art 2007                | Projection for 2020      | Projection for 2030      |                          |
|               |   | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh               | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh   | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh   | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh               | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh   | € <sub>2005</sub> /MWh   |                          |
| Natural gas   | Open Cycle Gas Turbine (GT)                   | -                                    | 65 ÷ 75 <sup>(b)</sup>   | 90 ÷ 95 <sup>(b)</sup>   | 90 ÷ 100 <sup>(b)</sup>              | 80 ÷ 90 <sup>(b)</sup>   | 145 ÷ 155 <sup>(b)</sup> | 160 ÷ 165 <sup>(b)</sup> |
|               | Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT)             | -                                    | 50 ÷ 60                  | 65 ÷ 75                  | 70 ÷ 80                              | 60 ÷ 70                  | 105 ÷ 115                | 115 ÷ 125                |
|               | CCS   | -                                    | n/a                      | 85 ÷ 95                  | 80 ÷ 90                              | n/a                      | 130 ÷ 140                | 140 ÷ 150                |
| Oil           | Internal Combustion Diesel Engine             | -                                    | 100 ÷ 125 <sup>(b)</sup> | 140 ÷ 165 <sup>(b)</sup> | 140 ÷ 160 <sup>(b)</sup>             | 125 ÷ 145 <sup>(b)</sup> | 200 ÷ 220 <sup>(b)</sup> | 230 ÷ 250 <sup>(b)</sup> |
|               | Combined Cycle Oil-fired Turbine (CC)         | -                                    | 95 ÷ 105 <sup>(b)</sup>  | 125 ÷ 135 <sup>(b)</sup> | 125 ÷ 135 <sup>(b)</sup>             | 115 ÷ 125 <sup>(b)</sup> | 175 ÷ 185 <sup>(b)</sup> | 200 ÷ 205 <sup>(b)</sup> |
| Coal          | Pulverised Coal Combustion (PCC)              | -                                    | 40 ÷ 50                  | 65 ÷ 80                  | 65 ÷ 80                              | 40 ÷ 55                  | 80 ÷ 95                  | 85 ÷ 100                 |
|               | CCS   | -                                    | n/a                      | 80 ÷ 105                 | 75 ÷ 100                             | n/a                      | 100 ÷ 125                | 100 ÷ 120                |
|               | Circulating Fluidised Bed Combustion (CFBC)   | -                                    | 45 ÷ 55                  | 75 ÷ 85                  | 75 ÷ 85                              | 50 ÷ 60                  | 95 ÷ 105                 | 95 ÷ 105                 |
|               | Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) | -                                    | 45 ÷ 55                  | 70 ÷ 80                  | 70 ÷ 80                              | 50 ÷ 60                  | 85 ÷ 95                  | 85 ÷ 95                  |
| CCS           | -   | n/a                                  | 75 ÷ 90                  | 65 ÷ 85                  | n/a                                  | 95 ÷ 110                 | 90 ÷ 105                 |                          |
| Nuclear       | Nuclear fission                               | -                                    | 50 ÷ 85                  | 45 ÷ 80                  | 45 ÷ 80                              | 55 ÷ 90                  | 55 ÷ 90                  | 55 ÷ 85                  |
| Biomass       | Solid biomass                                 | -                                    | 80 ÷ 195                 | 85 ÷ 200                 | 85 ÷ 205                             | 80 ÷ 195                 | 90 ÷ 215                 | 95 ÷ 220                 |
|               | Biogas  | -                                    | 55 ÷ 215                 | 50 ÷ 200                 | 50 ÷ 190                             | 55 ÷ 215                 | 50 ÷ 200                 | 50 ÷ 190                 |
| Wind          | On-shore farm                                 | -                                    | 75 ÷ 110                 | 55 ÷ 90                  | 50 ÷ 85                              | 75 ÷ 110                 | 55 ÷ 90                  | 50 ÷ 85                  |
|               | Off-shore farm                                | -                                    | 85 ÷ 140                 | 65 ÷ 115                 | 50 ÷ 95                              | 85 ÷ 140                 | 65 ÷ 115                 | 50 ÷ 95                  |
| Hydro         | Large   | -                                    | 35 ÷ 145                 | 30 ÷ 140                 | 30 ÷ 130                             | 35 ÷ 145                 | 30 ÷ 140                 | 30 ÷ 130                 |
|               | Small   | -                                    | 60 ÷ 185                 | 55 ÷ 160                 | 50 ÷ 145                             | 60 ÷ 185                 | 55 ÷ 160                 | 50 ÷ 145                 |
| Solar         | Photovoltaic                                  | -                                    | 520 ÷ 880                | 270 ÷ 460                | 170 ÷ 300                            | 520 ÷ 880                | 270 ÷ 460                | 170 ÷ 300                |
|               | Concentrating Solar Power (CSP)               | -                                    | 170 ÷ 250 <sup>(d)</sup> | 110 ÷ 160 <sup>(d)</sup> | 100 ÷ 140 <sup>(d)</sup>             | 170 ÷ 250 <sup>(d)</sup> | 130 ÷ 180 <sup>(d)</sup> | 120 ÷ 160 <sup>(d)</sup> |

Source: European Commission

# ...and more recent developments

- In 2008 wind was the most dynamic energy source, adding 8,4 GW in EU and 8,3 GW in US (worldwide 27 GW)
- Wind energy has become a highly competitive technology. Generation costs below 0,1 €/kWh reality.
- In 2008 PV capacity achieved a record level of 4,87 GW in Europe, US 0,34 GW (worldwide 6 GW).
- PV module prices have decreased by 30-50 % in recent months. Generation costs below 0,20 €/kWp are possible.
- 1 \$ production cost per kWp is not a dream any more

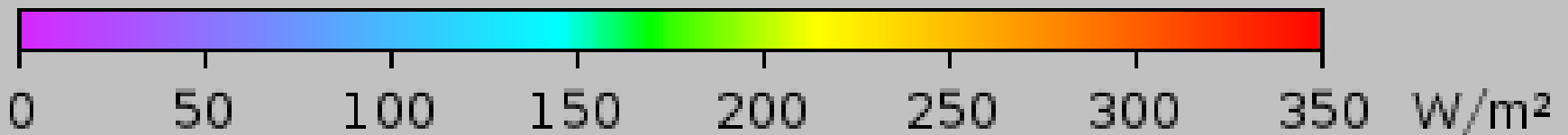
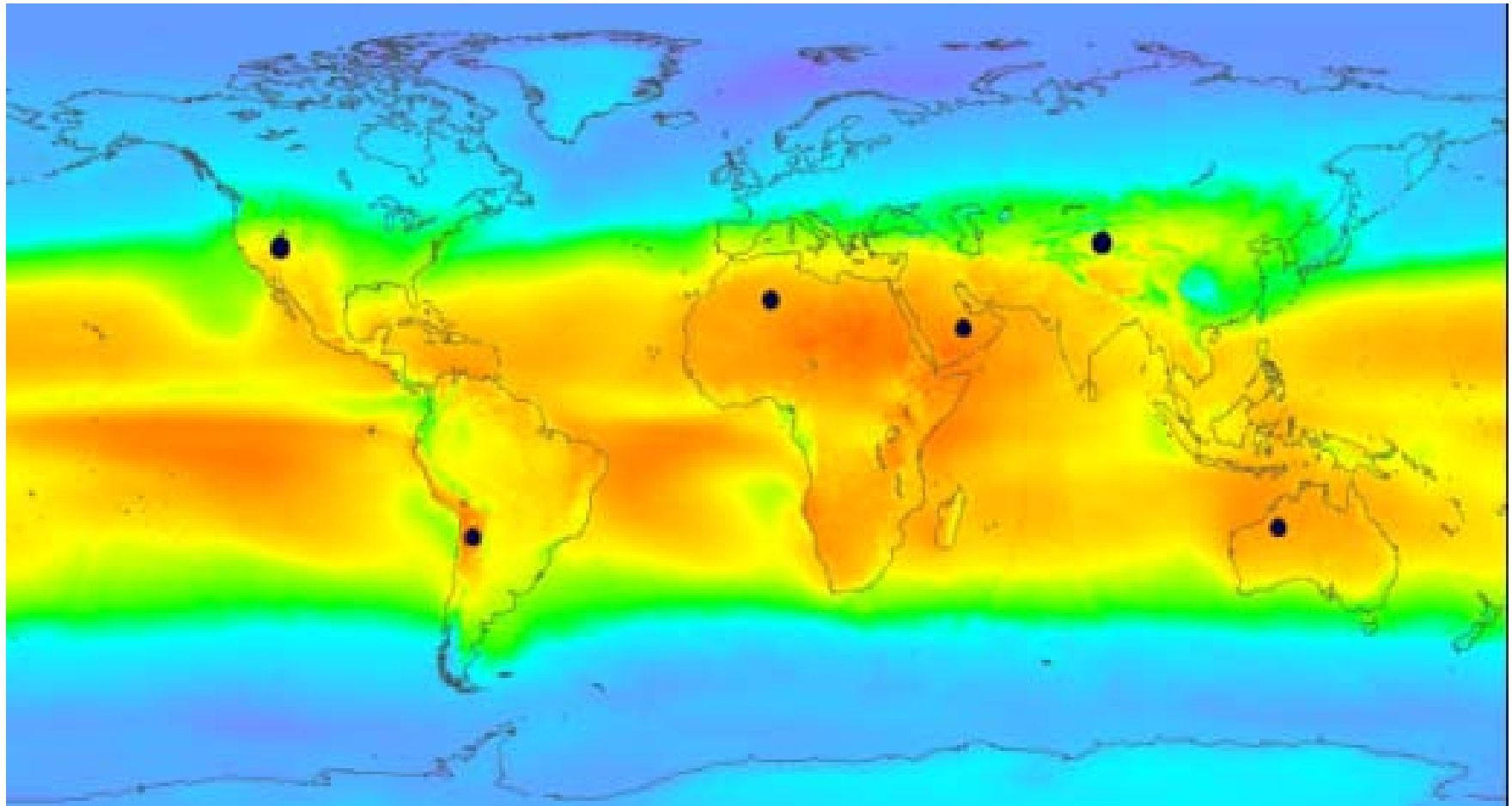
# Global Electricity Generation



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Astronomy Picture of the Day  
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# World Irradiation Map



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