

# Solar energy: What to do – and what not to do

## Lessons from Germany

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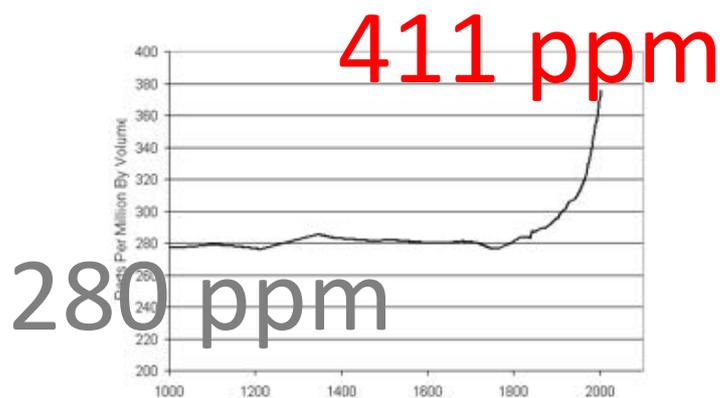
# Global push factors





Annual fossil fuel consumption increased by 500% since 1950

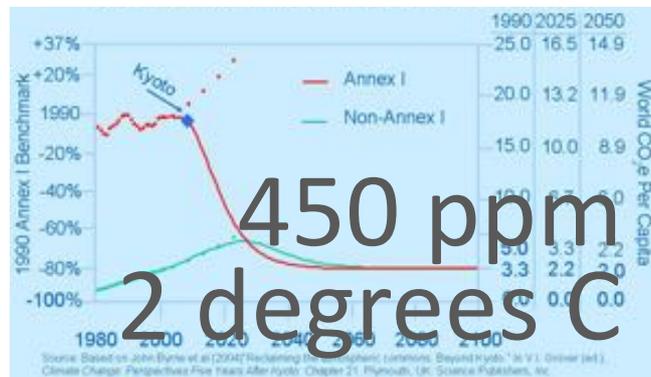
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Carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere, 1000-2013 A.D.

Quelle: Scripps, ORNL und IPCC.

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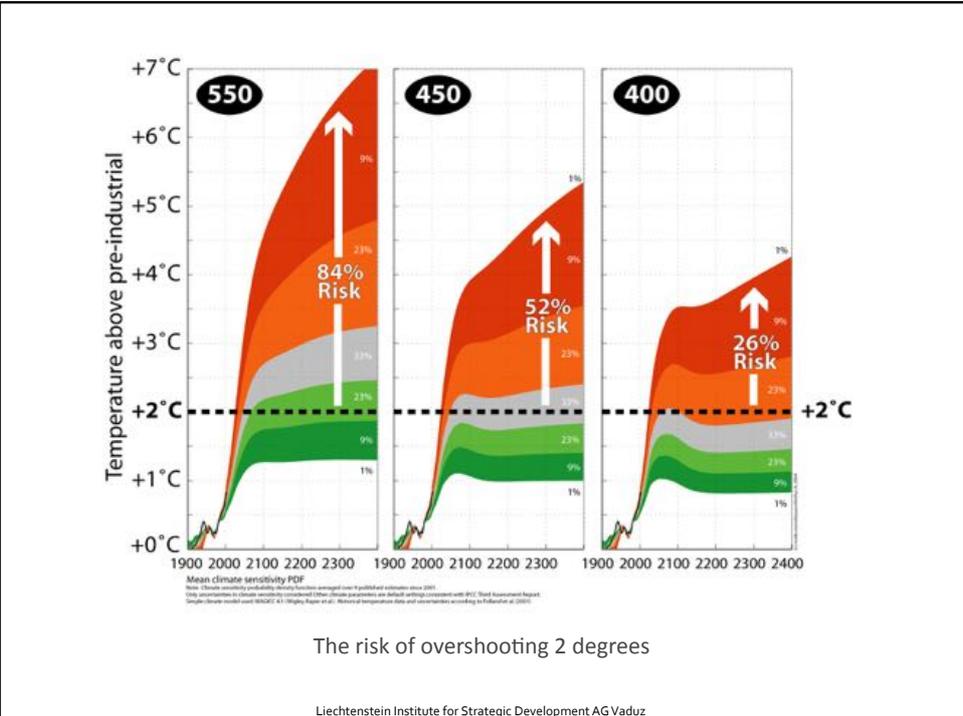


Conventional GHG emission reduction scenarios  
 Quelle: Center for Energy and Environmental Policy, University of Delaware.

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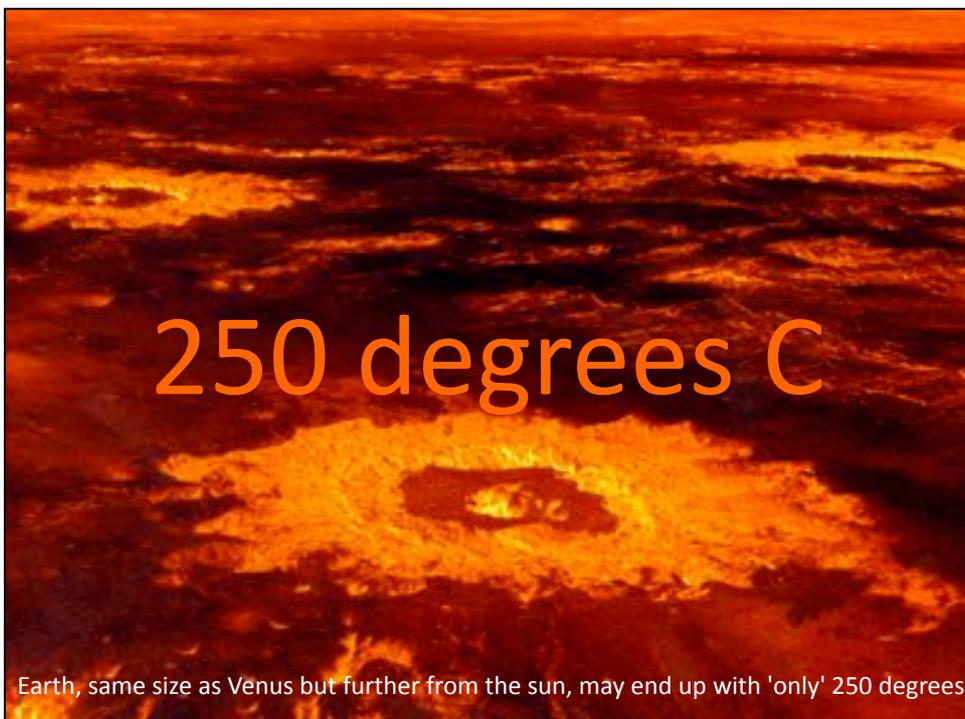
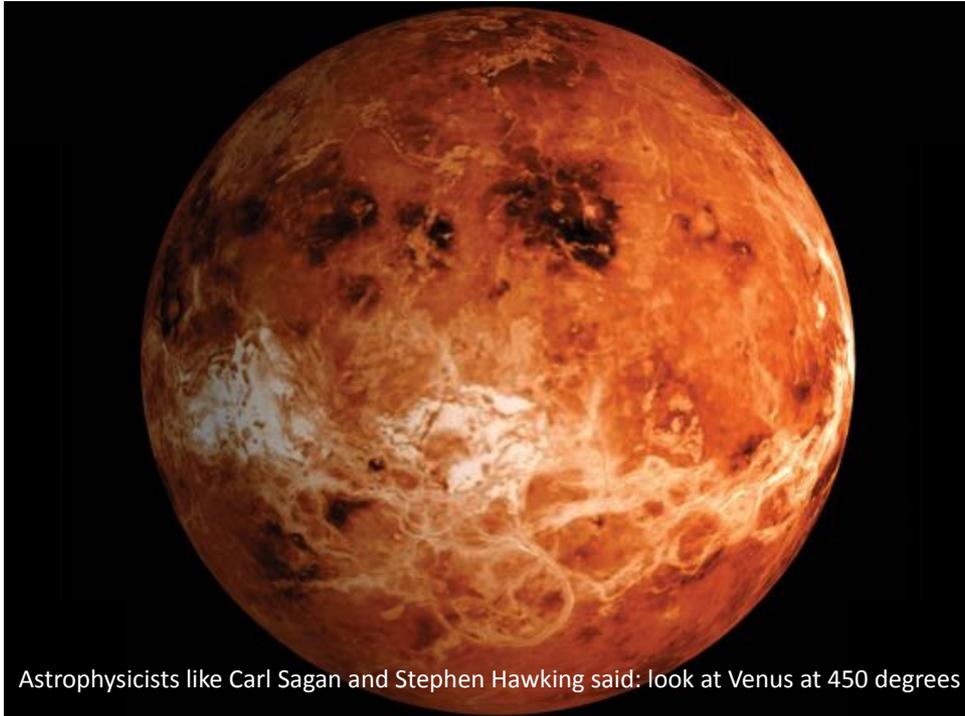


**Draining and Deforestation:  
Moorlands of the  
East Asian rainforests**

- Moorland draining releases 630 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent annually
- Equals the overall emission reduction target of the entire Kyoto Protocol

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**280 ppm**  
**target**

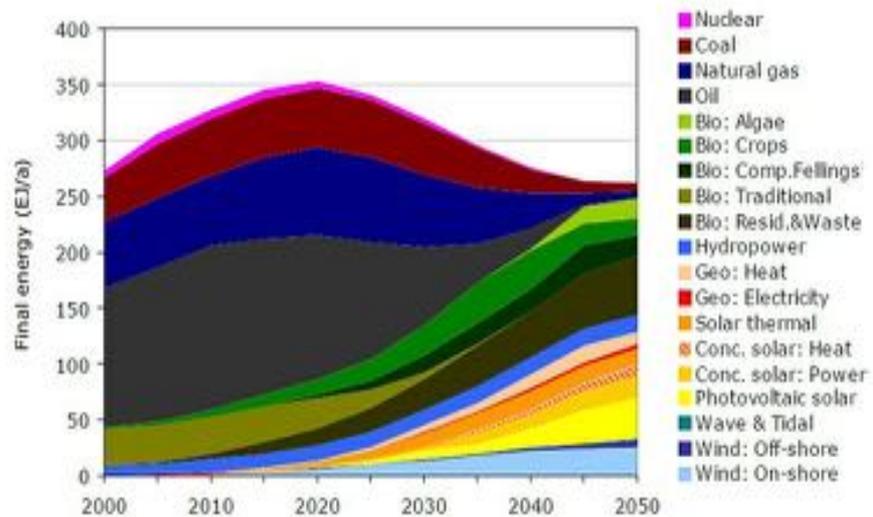
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**2020**  
**action horizon**

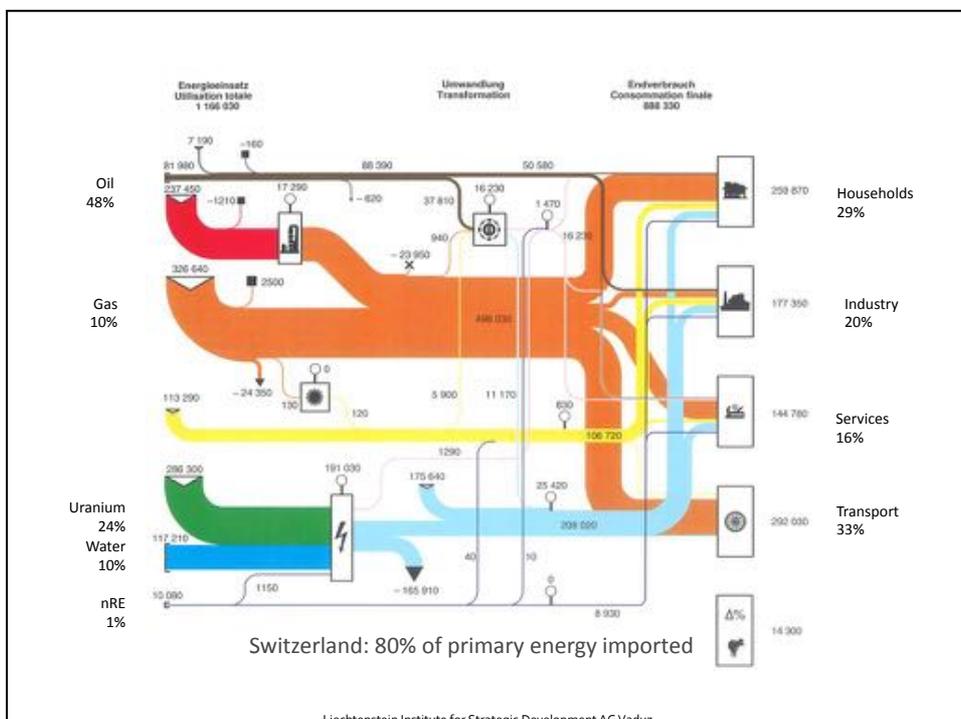
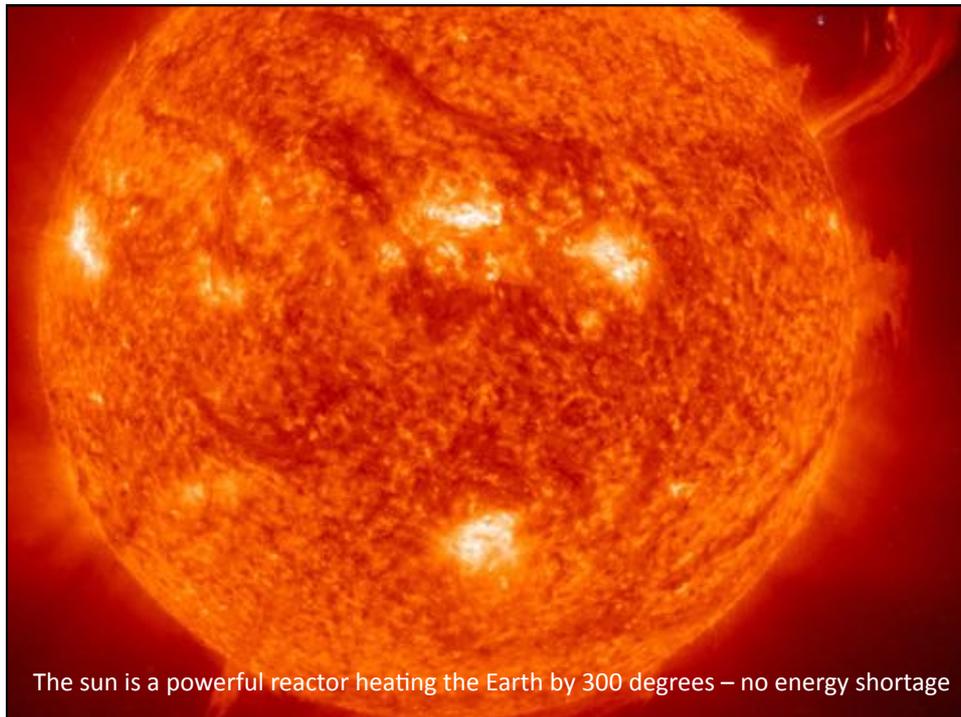
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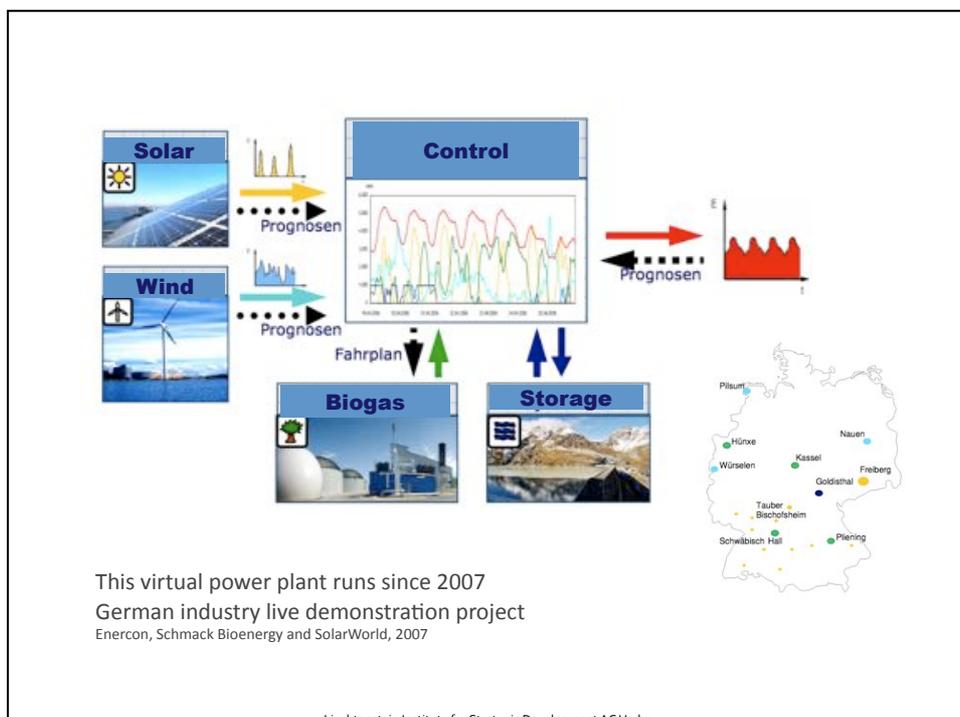
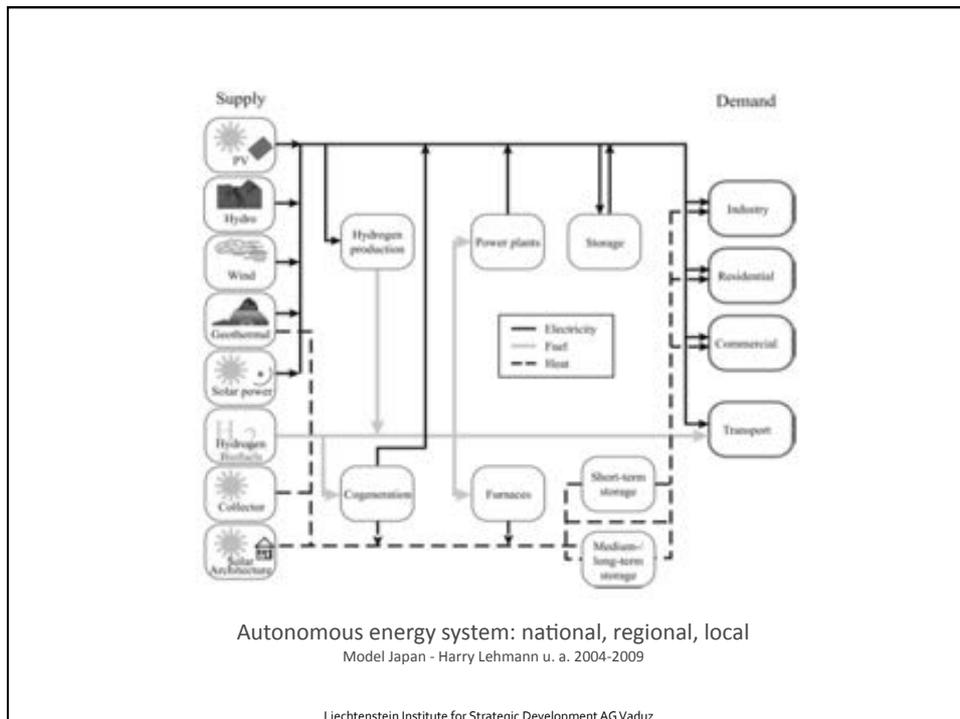
# 100% renewable

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## National pull factors



until recently –  
the FiT - global success:  
applied in over 50 countries

German fossil fuel imports in 2011:  
86 Billion €  
doubled since 2000

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Net savings until 2040: 30 Billion  
with external costs 352 Billion

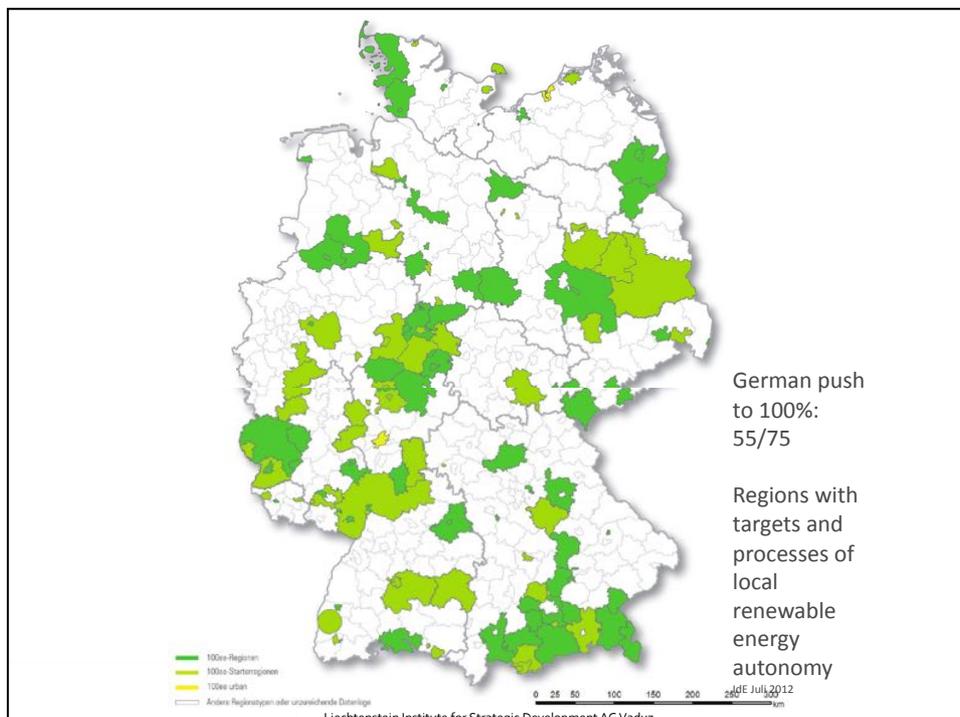
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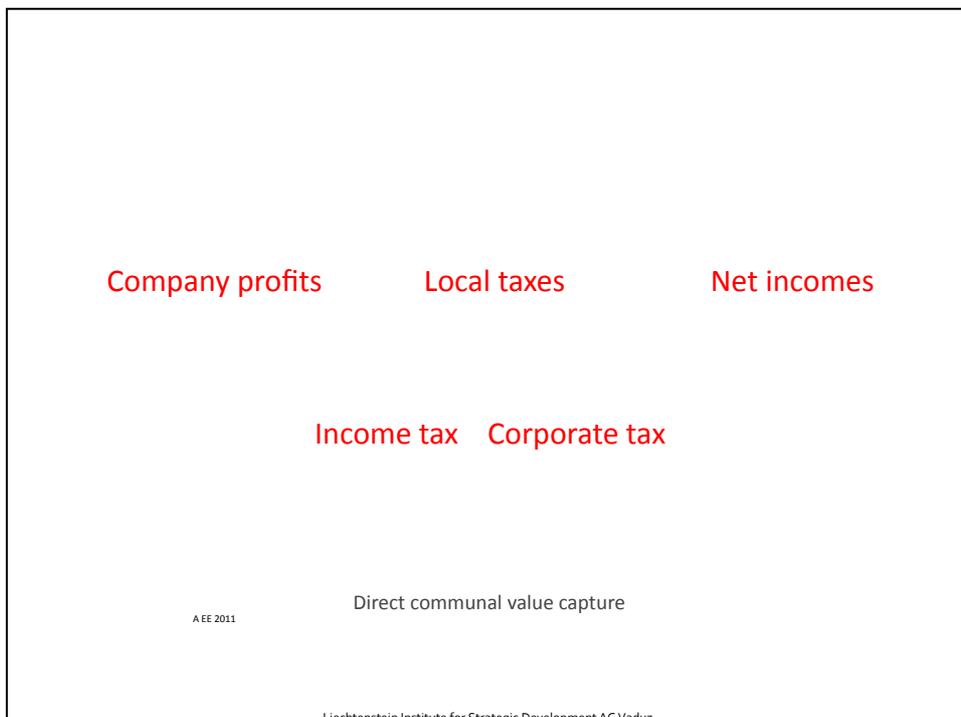
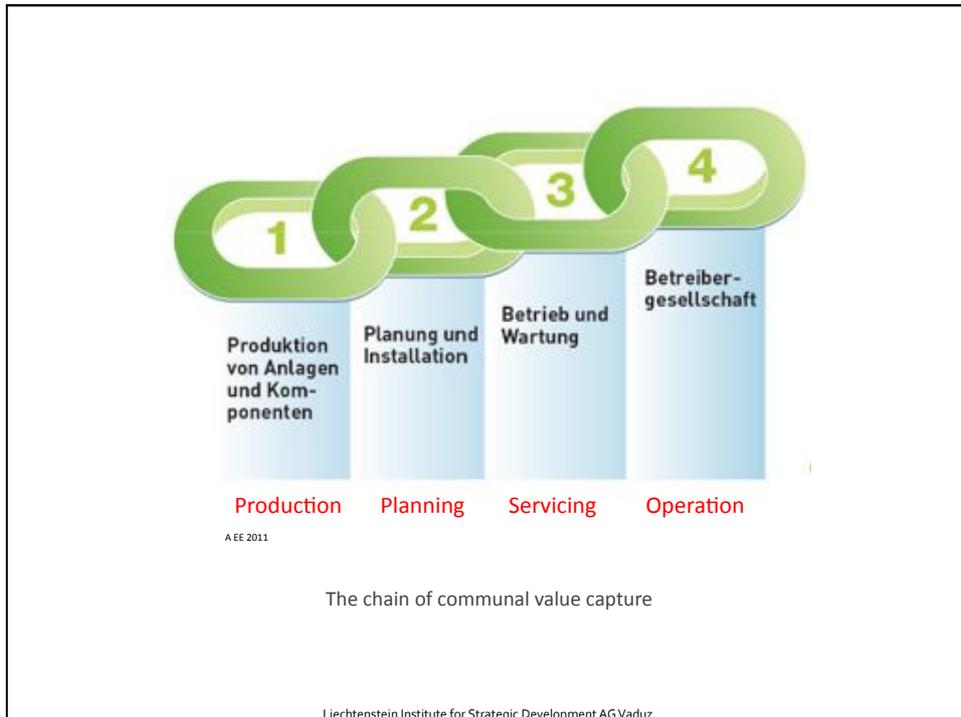
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# Net savings until 2050: 578 Billion with external costs 918 Billion

BMU 2012

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Communal value capture through renewable energy  
in Germany total

2009	6,7 Billion €
2011	8,9 Billion €
2020	13,2 Billion €

iÖW 2011

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Municipal investors: capacity to climate neutrality by 2020

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Germany's renewable capital precinct

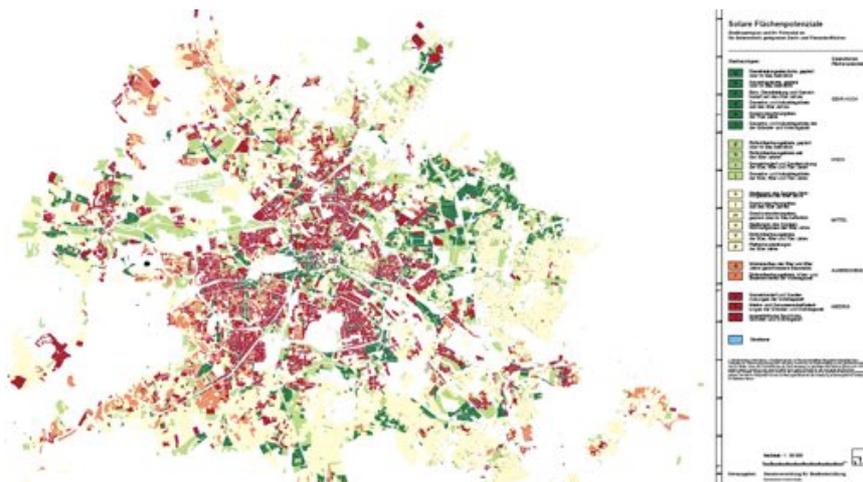
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Berlin: solar planning framework  
Dagmar Everding & Ecofys for Senate of Berlin 2008

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Lake Constance Alpine Rhine Energy Region: BAERnet.org  
International Lake Constance Region: 4 million people on 15'000 square kilometers

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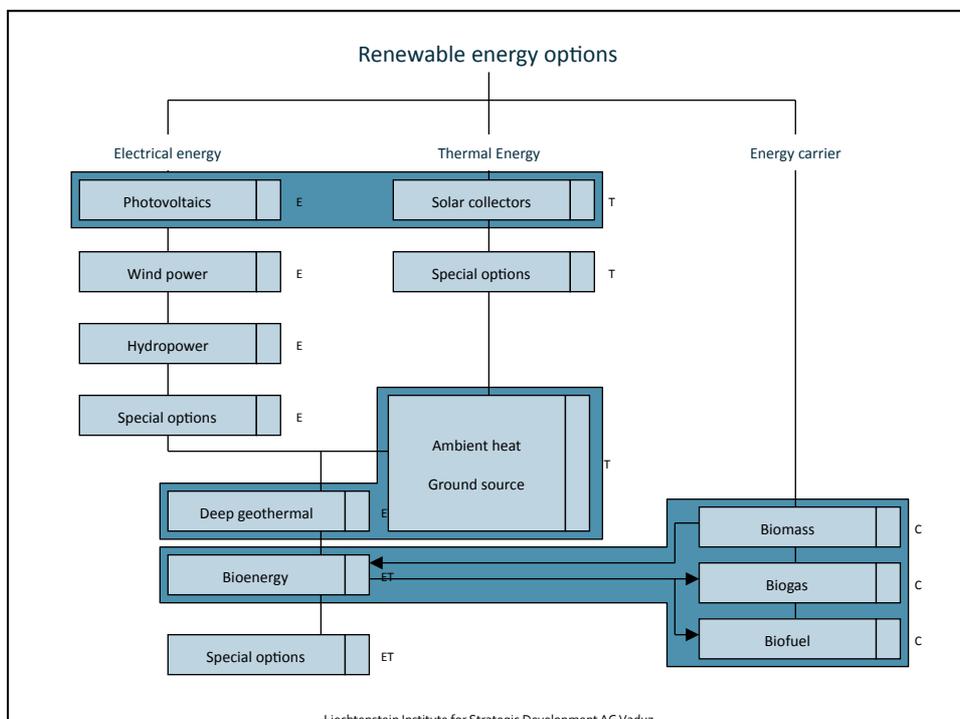
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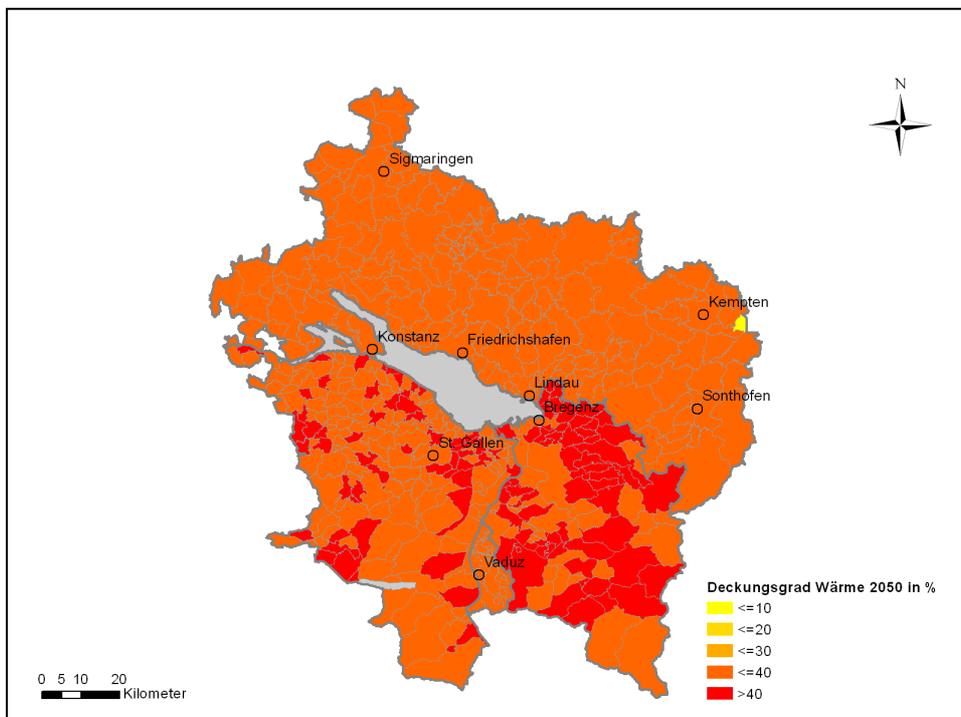
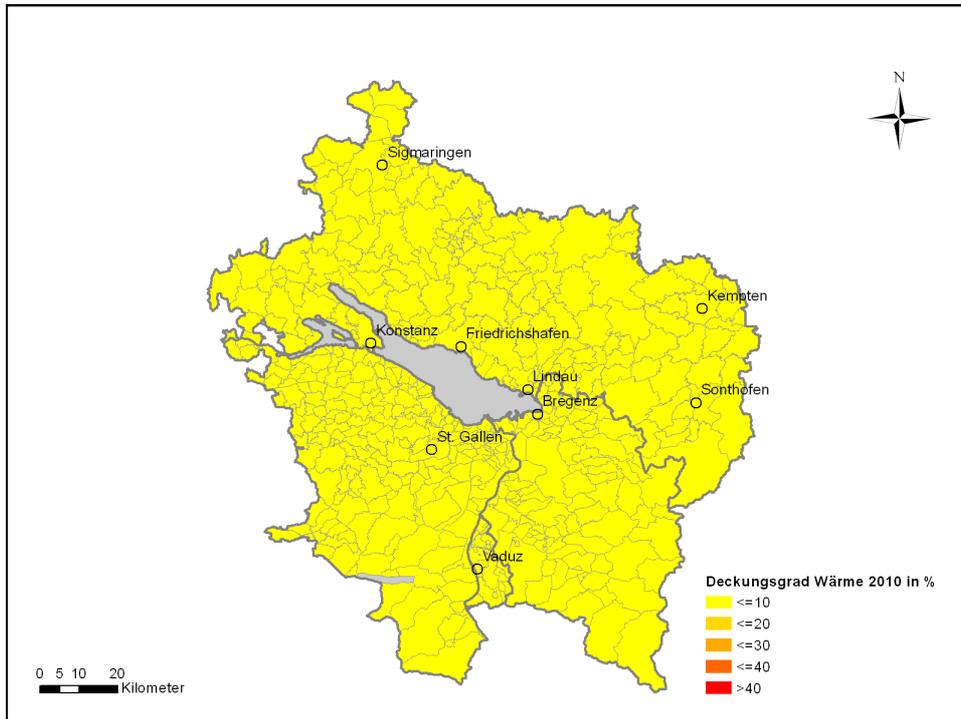
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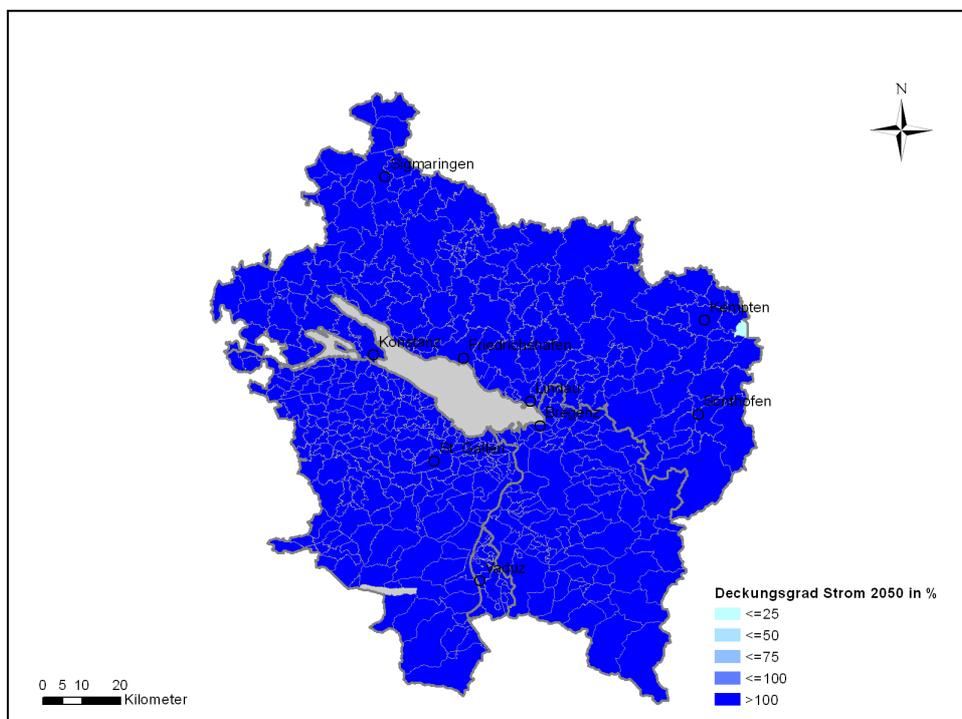
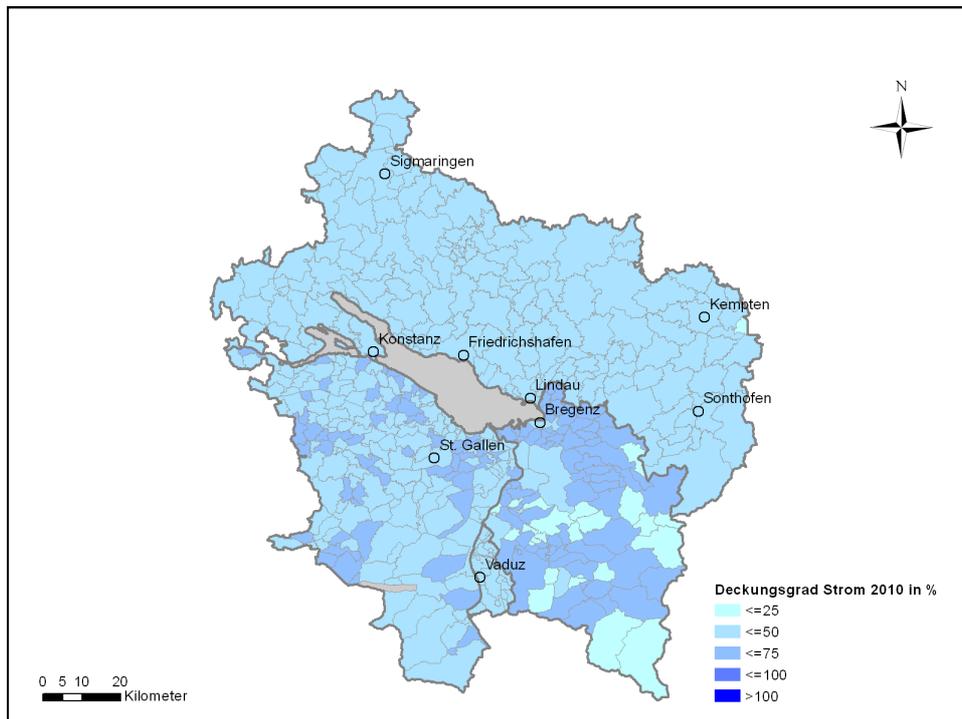


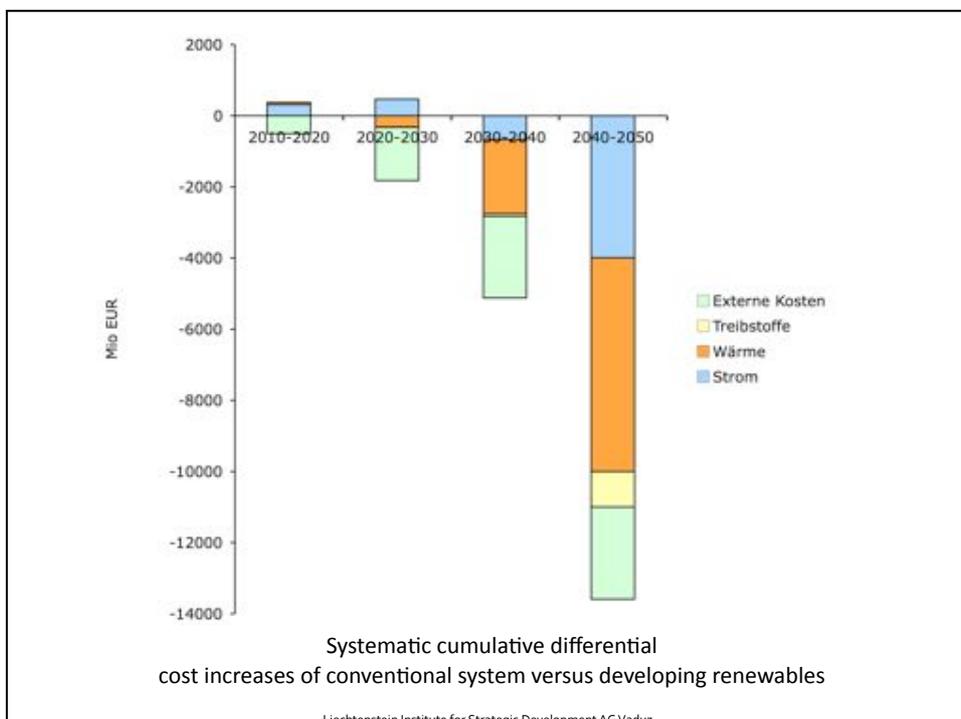
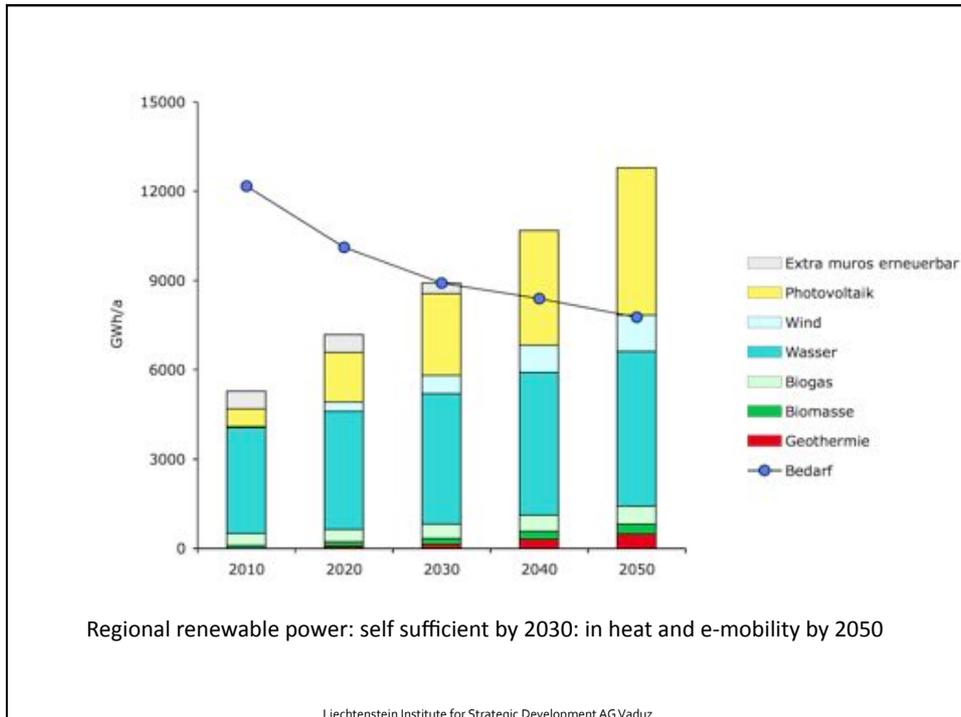
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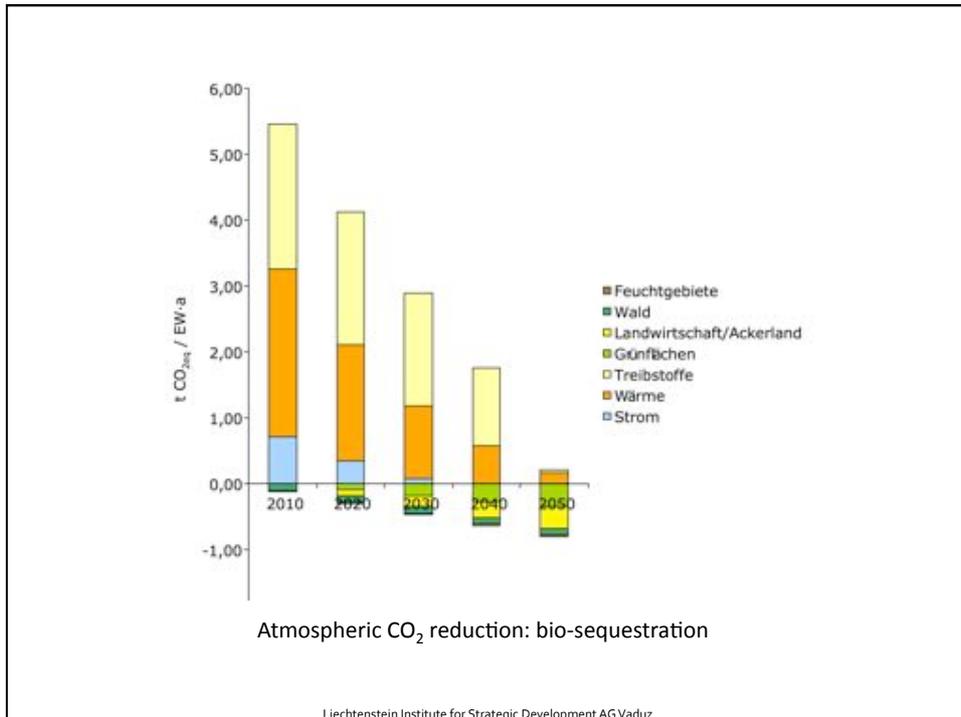
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### Climate landscape

Climate stabilising: humus / biochar enriched and biodiverse

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Wood highrise  
Bad Aibling  
Bavaria  
2012



Building materials  
biochar & other  
carbon stores



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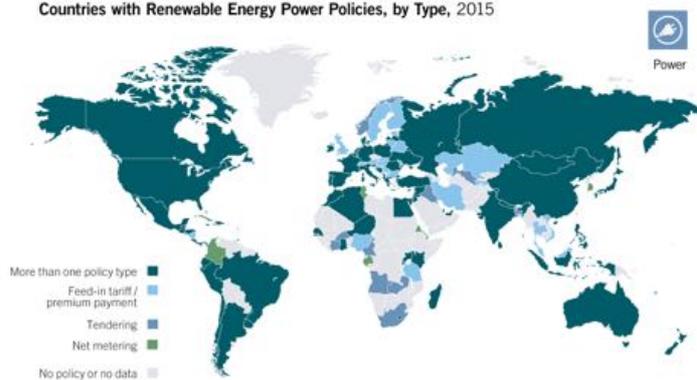
## Global context



## Power Sector

Electricity continues to dominate policy makers' focus

Countries with Renewable Energy Power Policies, by Type, 2015



Note: Countries are considered to have policies when at least one national or state/provincial-level policy is in place.

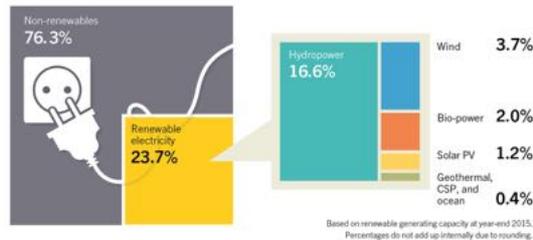
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## Power Sector

Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Electricity Production, End-2015



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- Renewables accounted **28.9%** of global power generation capacity and **23.7%** of global electricity demand
- Renewables made up for **60%** of net additions to global power capacity
- Total RE power capacity: **1,849 GW**, an increase of almost 9% over 2014

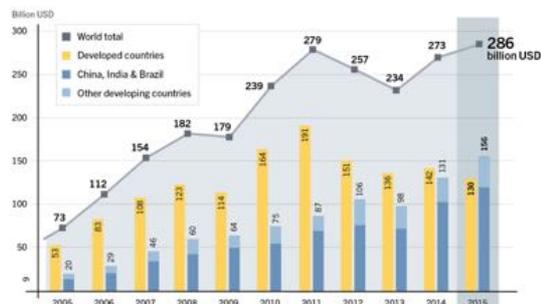
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## Global Investment in Renewable Energy

Global new investment in renewables estimated at **USD 286 billion** in 2015

- A new **record high**
- Increase of **5%** from 2014
- Including hydropower: **USD 328.9 billion**

Global New Investment in Renewable Power and Fuels, Developed, Emerging and Developing Countries, 2005-2015



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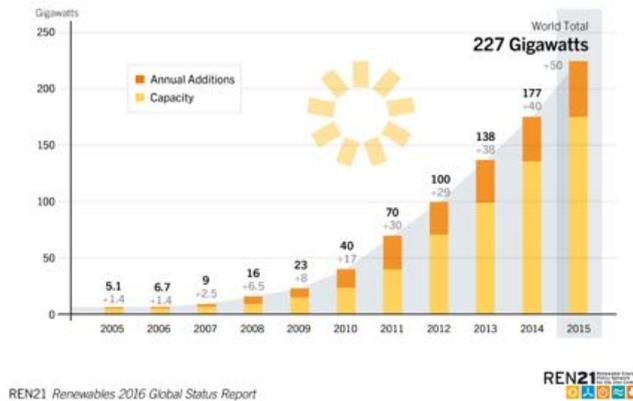
## Solar PV

Capacity added:  
**+50 GW**

Total capacity:  
**227 GW**

Annual PV market in 2015 was nearly **10 times** the world's cumulative solar PV capacity of a decade earlier

Solar PV Global Capacity and Annual Additions, 2005–2015



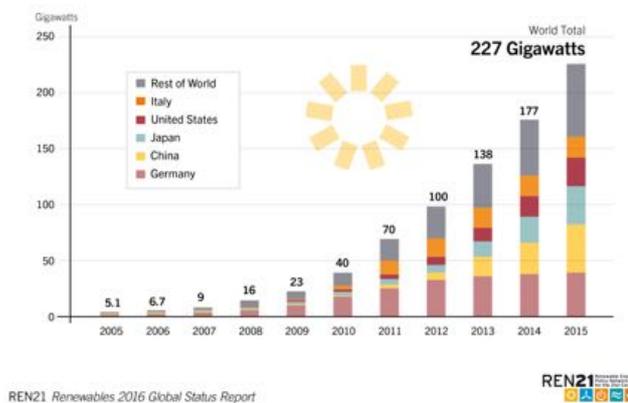
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## Solar PV

22 countries had enough PV capacity at end-2015 to meet more than 1% of their electricity demand, with far higher shares in some countries

- Italy **7.8%**
- Greece **6.5%**
- Germany **6.4%**

Solar PV Global Capacity, by Country/Region, 2005–2015



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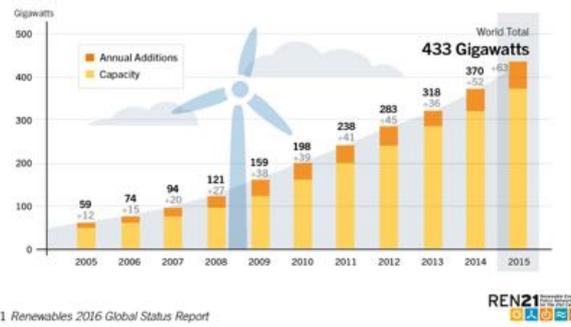
## Wind Power

**63 GW** of capacity were added

Total capacity: **433 GW**

Offshore, an estimated **3.4 GW** of grid-connected capacity was added in 2015, for a world total exceeding **12 GW**

Wind Power Global Annual Additions and Capacity, 2005–2015



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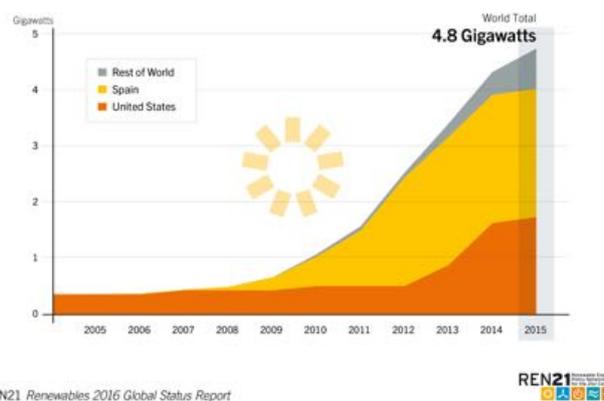
## Concentrating Solar Thermal Power (CSP)

Total capacity: **4.8 GW**

With **+0.4 GW** added, this represents an increase of 10%.

Markets continue to shift to **developing countries**.

Concentrating Solar Thermal Power Global Capacity, by Country/Region, 2005–2015



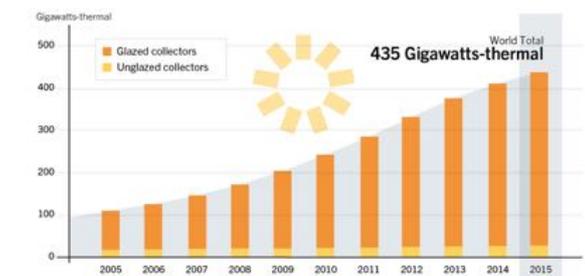
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## Solar Thermal Heating and Cooling

Total capacity of water collectors increased by more than 6% in 2015, bringing operating global solar thermal capacity to about **435 GW<sub>th</sub>**

The slowdown in market growth continued in 2015.

Solar Water Heating Collectors Global Capacity, 2005–2015



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Source: IEA SHC.



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## Transport Sector

Renewable energy accounted for an estimated **4%** of global energy demand for road transport in 2013, up from **2%** in 2007

Countries with Renewable Energy Transport Obligations, 2010–2015



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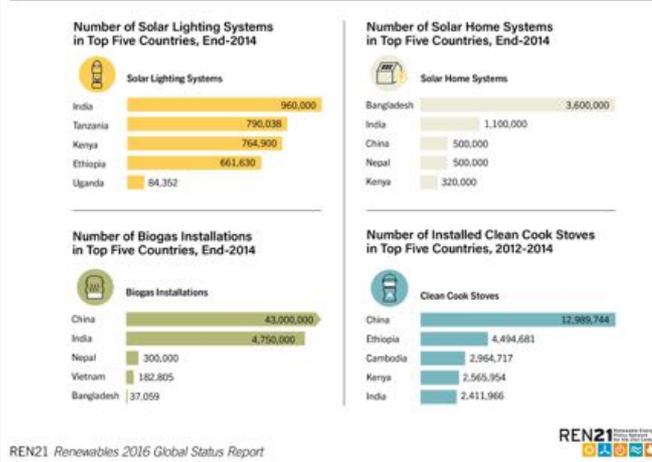
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## Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access

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- **44 million** off-grid pico-solar products sold
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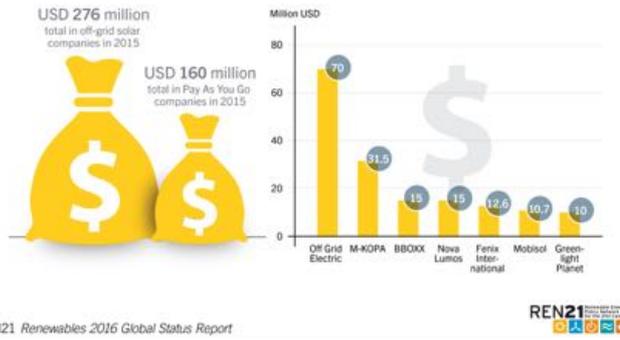
## Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access

2015 saw **positive market trends** and **increased investment** in DRE

**Innovative business models** continued to mature and expand

DRE deployment in 2015 received **policy support** through a variety of policy types and incentives

Capital Raised by Off-Grid Renewable Energy Companies in 2015



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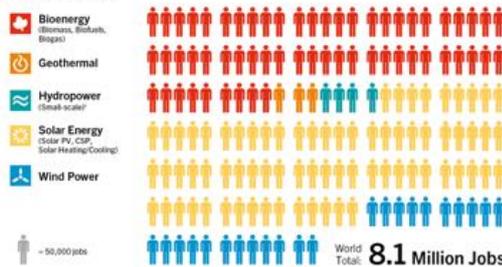
## Jobs in Renewable Energy

Global employment continued to increase by **5%** in 2015

An estimated **8.1 million direct and indirect jobs** in the renewable energy industry

Leading employers in 2015 were China, Brazil, the United States, and India

Jobs in Renewable Energy



Source: IRENA

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## City and Local Government Renewable Energy Policies

**100% Renewable Energy** movement expanded in 2015:

- Byron Shire, Coffs Harbour, and Uralla in Australia
- Oxford County and Vancouver in Canada
- US cities of Rochester (Minnesota) and San Diego (California)



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## Feature: Community Renewable Energy

**Consolidated data** on community initiatives are very limited

Since 2008, there has been a marked rise in initiatives focused on community renewable energy, especially in **Europe**:

- Europe: more than **2800** energy co-operatives
- Germany: **772**
- The Netherlands: **500**



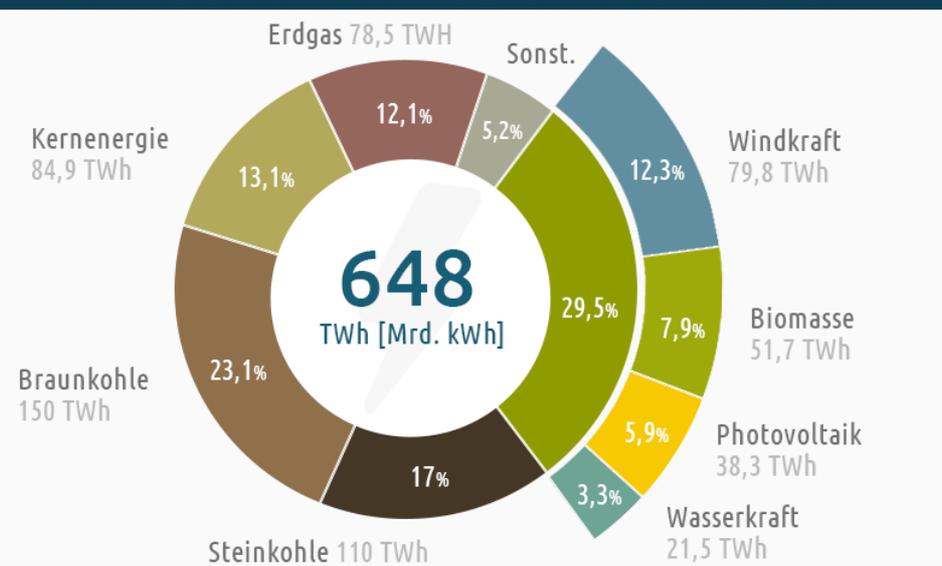
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## German dynamics



### DER STROMMIX IN DEUTSCHLAND 2016

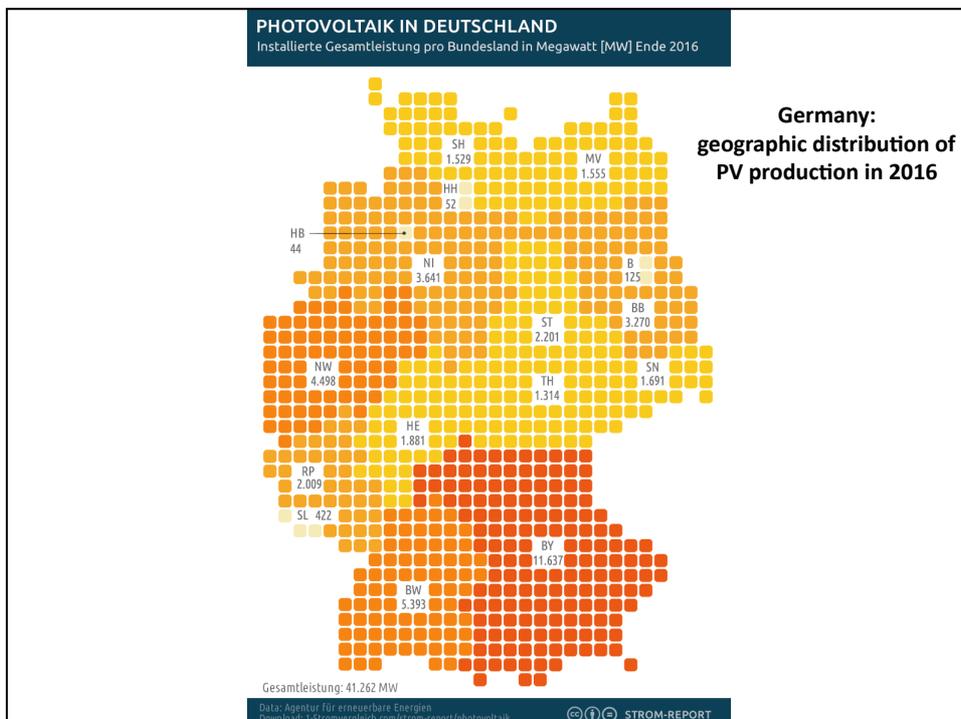
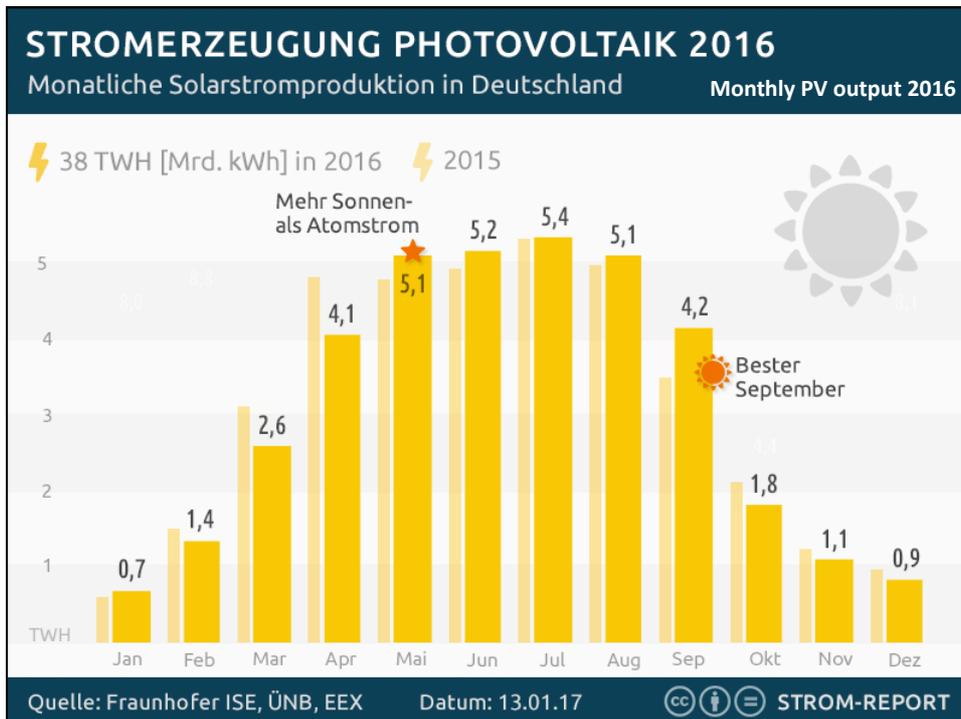
Anteil der Energieträger an der Bruttostromerzeugung in Deutschland

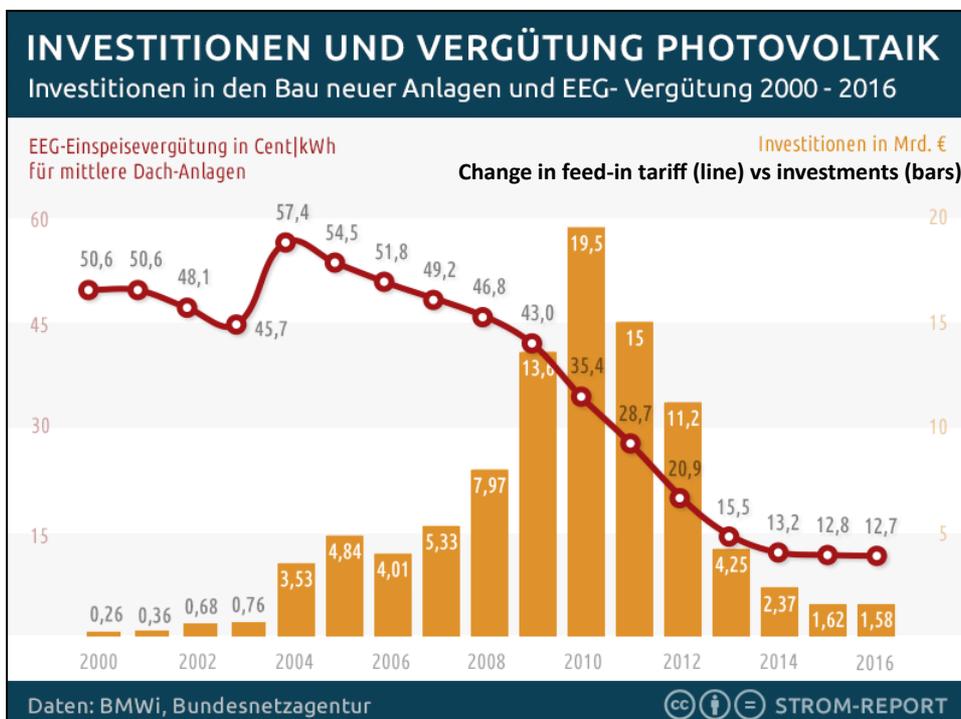
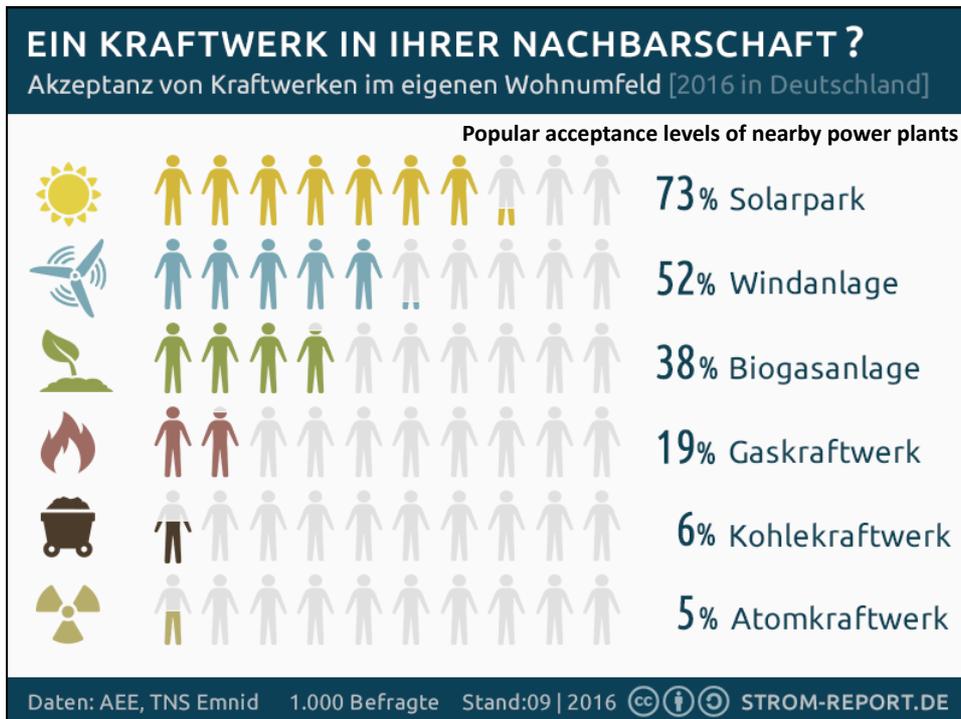


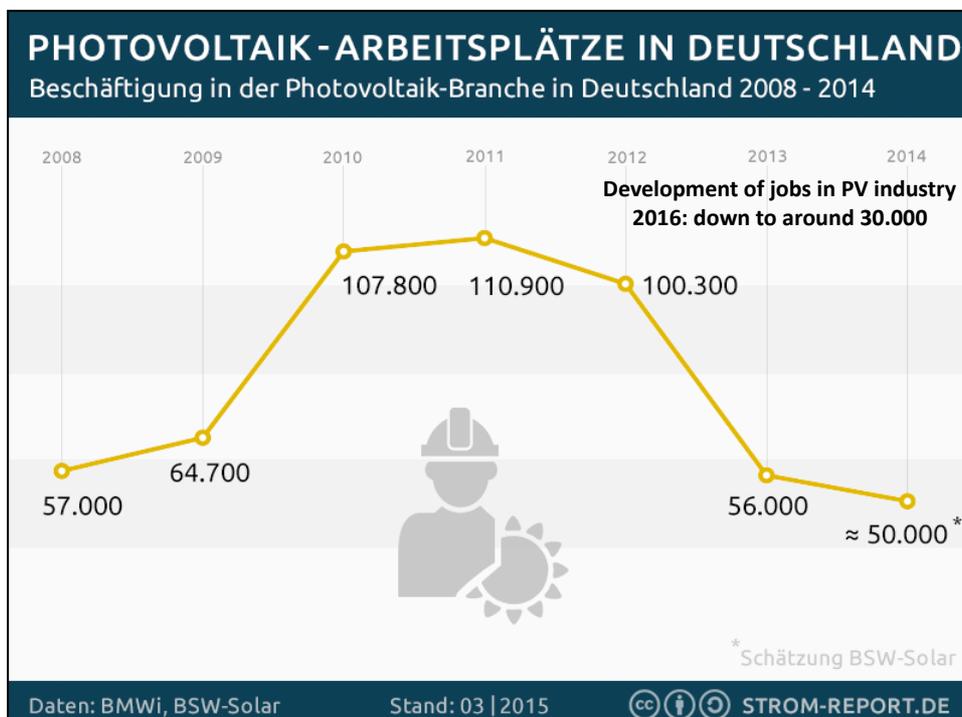
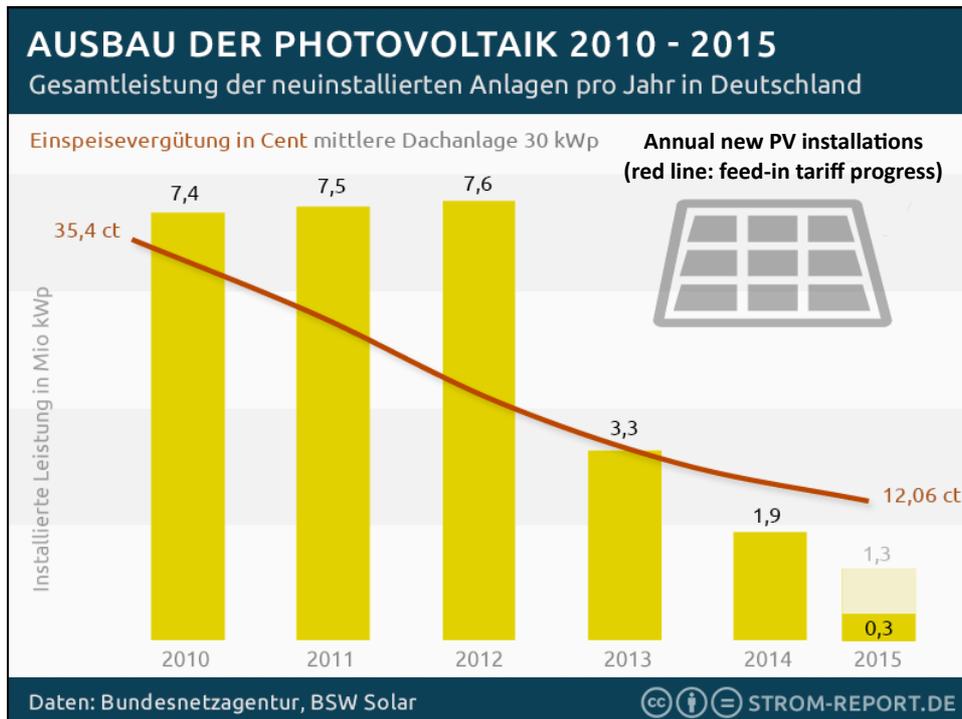
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German power mix 2016

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**Conclusion:** an equitable, clear and simple feed-in tariff is important for innovation, prosperity, employment and climate

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