

Portugal's success stories in renewables deployment - the business case

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EU Energy Policy is based on 3 key pillars that materialized into 3 specific targets for 2020 adopted in 2008 (20/20/20 package)



Under the Renewable Energy Directive, Portugal has a binding national target for raising the share of renewable energy to **31%** by 2020



Under these circumstances, the energy policy adopted in Portugal prompted a very significant change in the electricity mix

	Main priorities of the Portuguese energy policy in the last decade
Modernization of the thermoelectric park	 Decommissioning of fueloil and gasoil plants ~3 GW of new CCGT (Ribatejo, Lares e Pego) Environmental improvements in coal plants (deSOx and deNOx)
Ambitious hydro program	 ~4 GW of new hydro plants (~50% already in operation or under construction) Investment of 5 €B up to 2020 >30,000 jobs associated with EDP's projects alone
Ambitious wind program ature renewables	 ~4,500 MW of new wind power (reaching 5,300 MW in 2000) Government organized tenders to award 1800 MW of installed capacity Associated with the bids, 2 industrial clusters linked to wind power were set-up (Eneop and Ventinveste), creating ~2,500 direct jobs



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Today, more than half of the electricity generated in Portugal comes from hydro and wind





Since 2005, renewables have significantly reduced our energy dependence and improved the country's balance of payments

Evolution of energy dependence

2000-2012P, corrected for hydro capacity factor



National energy bill savings due to electricity production from renewable sources¹

MEur, excludes large hydro





1. Assumes renewables substitution by CCGT (60%), Coal (30%) and electricity imports (10%). Includes savings from CO_2 avoided costs.

Emissions dropped and detached from GDP, while preserving the competitiveness of Portuguese industries related to EU average



1. Prices for Ic band (annual consumption between 500 and 2,000 MWh) Sources: BNEF, FMI, Eurostat



Portugal invested in mature renewables (hydro and wind), which are the most competitive techs, despite their apparent overcosts





As a result, RES overcosts in PT are below the EU average, despite being the country with the largest share of renewables in the system

Share of renewables (excluding large hydro) in consumption and respective overcosts in EU countries 2010



Overcost per unit of RES production (€/MWhRES)

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Additionally, as the share of renewables increases, the wholesale price drops, rising the apparent notion of overcosts

Portuguese pool prices vs. share of renewables in national electricity consumption €/MWh vs. %, weekly data, Jan 2012-Sep 2014



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In Iberia, onshore wind has had a net positive cost impact on the power system of an estimated 2.3 B€ in 2013 alone



- The Iberian system without wind would have been 2,300 M€ more expensive in 2013
- Likewise, in 2013, Germany had an estimated net benefit of 2,663 M€ because of wind power



Renewables in Europe are not the cause of rising EU prices neither of the widening gap between the US and European energy prices



Shale gas developments in the US are the main cause of the energy price gap

"EU industrial electricity prices ...are more than twice those in the US and Russia... Here again, lower US and Russian gas prices ... have helped bring down those countries' electricity prices" – EC, Energy prices and costs in Europe, Q&A memo

"The development of US shale gas is likely to be at the root of this widening gap..."

- EC, Energy Economic Developments in Europe

"...the increasing EU-US energy price gap due to the development of shale gas and oil production in the US"

- EC, Energy Economic Developments in Europe



Europeans pay 56% more taxes than levies on their electricity bills

"... taxes still make up the bulk of the taxes & levies component. In 2012, average household consumer across the reporting countries paid 25 EUR/MWh in levies¹, but 39 EUR/MWh in taxes²."

- Eurelectric, What really drives your bill up?



In the US, renewables are mainly supported through fiscal incentives

- The major incentives for renewables in the US are Federal investment/production tax credits and other public financial schemes (Federal/State grants, loans, rebates, etc.)
- In Europe, renewables are mainly supported through the electricity bill



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Although renewables are competitive, the energy-only market design is not adequate for massive decarbonization

- Low-C technologies and thermal backup units are all highly capex-intensive
 - Most renewable techs and nuclear have virtually zero marginal costs
 - Thermal backup generators are idle for the vast majority of the time
- Long-term stability and visibility are key to promote such capex-intensive investments
 - Low cost of capital is main source of cost competitiveness
- In the energy-only market, renewables are exposed to risks that they cannot manage, increasing risk premia at the expense of consumers

Even in countries where generation adequacy is an issue (e.g., UK), pool prices are not signaling the need for investments



The market design needs to change and adapt to the new reality

	Key elements of the new market design
Ex-ante competition + long-term contracting	 Ex-ante competition for long-term contracting (e.g., auctions, preferably EU-wide, which implies increased interconnections) to lower risk premium Countries such as USA, UK, Brazil or South Africa do that
Capacity mechanisms	 Implement competitive CRM to adequately value firm back-up capacity CRM being introduced in several EU countries (UK, FR, DE, IT)
Spot market	 Keep spot price for short-term optimization and dispatch signal
ETS	 Strengthen the CO₂ price signal by rebalancing the EU-ETS Backloading is an important step but does not avoid the need of a structural reform (dynamic supply)
Applicability	 Retroactive applications are not acceptable and should be condemned Regulatory stability is key



What principles should drive the auctions of long-term contracts?

	Brief considerations	
Designed to reduce risk premium	 <u>FiT and CfD</u> preferred over fixed premium Fixed premium exposes RES to risks that they cannot manage 	 Auctions of moderate amounts of RES should
Preference for technology neutrality	 Different technologies offer different products (e.g., firm thermal capacity addressing back-up needs) Other policy objectives besides competitiveness may require that at least some auctions be tech-specific 	 Waiting for demand to recover and overcapacity to vanish would:
Induce efficient operations	 RES should assume responsibilities for deviations from schedule, provided that rules are clear and set from the beginning RES can provide <u>regulation down</u>, on a voluntary basis 	 Risk European leadership role in RES Penalize our external dependency
Tendentially, EU-wide	 Requires: (i) <u>strengthening of interconnections</u> supported by CBA, and (ii) EC capability to influence national plans and/or implement auctions at EU level 	



Non-mature technologies should be promoted in moderate amounts and under R&D frameworks

		Br	ief considerations			
Coming to maturity	Decentralized solar PV	•	Distributed generation (DG) costs fell 70% grid parity soon	in the	e past 7 years and are reaching	
		\rangle •	DG customers do not avoid back-up costs, but with volumetric retail charges they do not pay for them, benefitting from hidden subsidies			
		•	The regulatory framework for DG needs to putting the sustainability of the system at	o take risk	take this into account, avoiding sk	
	Centralized solar PV	•	Utility scale solar PV facilities are on its way to become cost competitive by the end of this decade	•	Promote these techs in <u>moderate amounts</u> and assuming they contribute to develop <u>national industrial</u> <u>clusters</u> that will drive exports when costs decrease	
	Offshore wind	•	Big opportunity facing important challenges: site availability, grid, regulatory framework			
Infant	CSP, wave, floating offshore wind. etc.	`	R&D improvements and deployment sho	uld be	e facilitated	



Portugal must actively engage in this European debate, while promoting the needed adjustments to the national policy

	Short-term adjustments to the Portuguese energy strategy
Renewables	 Meet 20/20/20 targets will require less RES capacity than initially thought: Proceed with the <u>already licensed wind</u> <u>Conclude hydro plants</u> under construction and the ones awarded under public tenders which are <u>economically viable</u> from a private investment point of view
Thermal plants	 No new conventional thermal capacity required until 2020
Energy efficiency	 Energy efficiency should remain a priority in the national energy policy Support the roll-out of <u>smartgrids</u> Promote the <u>ESCO</u> business, soft loans, etc. Adopt a <u>green fiscal reform</u> that motivates EE investments (families and companies)
Transports	 Key sector (37% of final consumption, vs. 25% of electricity) Foster electric and natural gas mobility

Portugal will only benefit from an adequate market design, as well as strengthened interconnections (e.g., electricity exports under a EU framework of auctions to promote RES)



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- In the last decade, Portuguese energy policy has ensured a competitive and cleaner energy mix, while contributing to decrease our external dependency and reduce our energy bill
 - Modernization of the thermoelectric generation fleet
 - Ambitious hydro and wind programs
- Renewables are becoming increasingly competitive, but some misconceptions and market failures are leading to erroneous assessments about their role
 - Renewables overcost perception is biased, because of the dampening effect that renewables themselves have on the reference pool price
 - Wind is actually responsible for a net benefit in both the Iberian and German cases
- Market arrangements need to be revised and delaying the implementation of an adequate market redesign has severe consequences for Europe
 - Key elements of the new market design: long-term contracts, ex-ante competition (auctions), CRM, spot market for short-term optimization
 - Increased interconnections and a strengthen CO₂ price are crucial
 - Delaying would penalize European external dependency and leadership role in renewables

