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# How decentralized technologies have changed business models in Europe and the world

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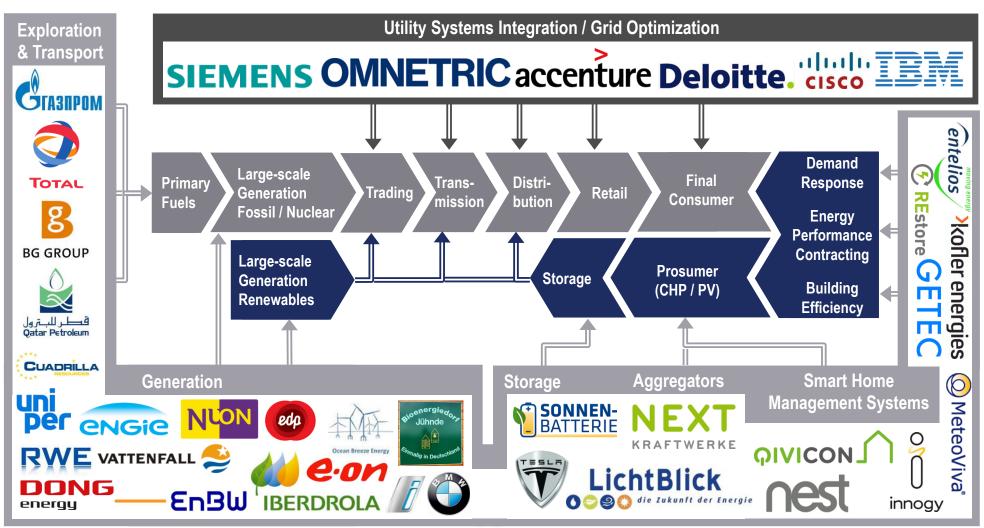


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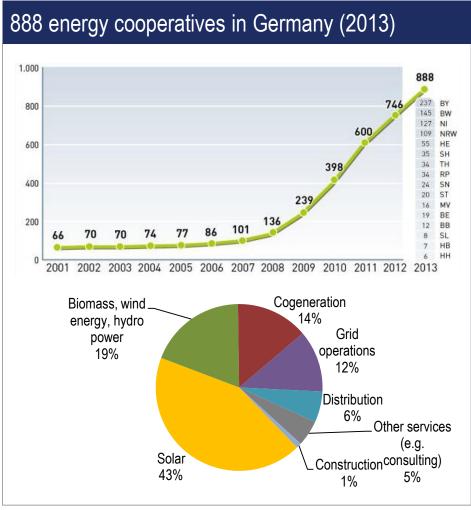
# New competitors and fundamental changes in the energy value chain



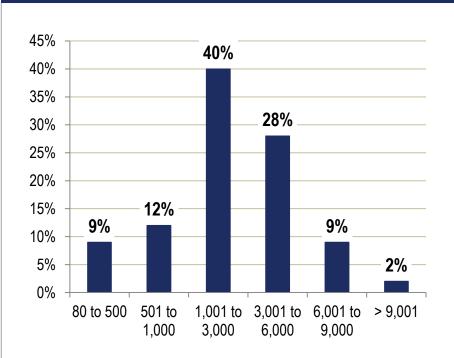
Quelle: Burger/Weinmann (2014/17)



# Energy cooperatives have already invested around €1.2 bn in community power plants



Distribution of actual shareholdings per member  $(\in)$ 

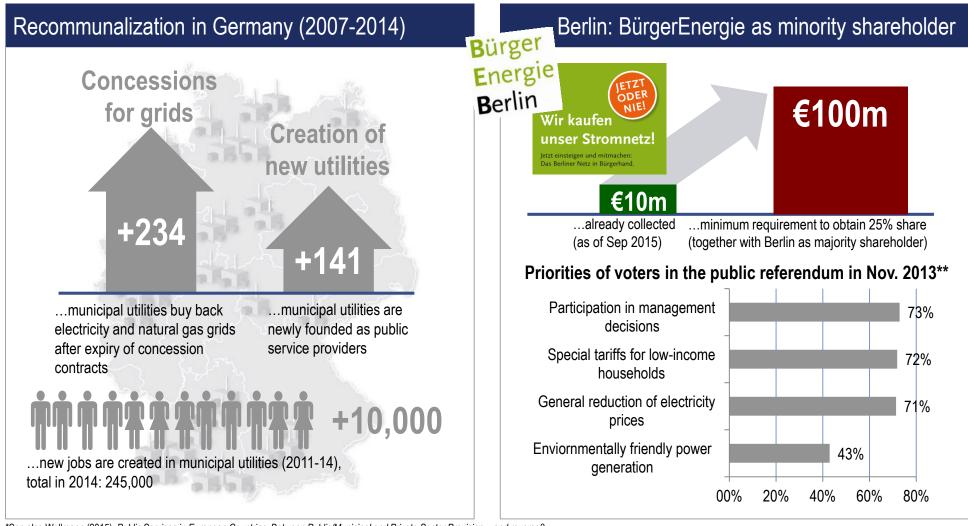


- More than 130,000 members 90 percent of them private citizens
- Community power plants meet the annual electricity needs of 160,000 households

Source: Agentur für erneuerbare Energien (2014), Bioenergy village Jühnde (2014), Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (2014)



Recommunalization is motivated by consumer empowerment, distrust against the private sector, and the option of cross-subsidizing deficit-ridden local public transport services\*



\*See also Wollmann (2015), Public Services in European Countries, Between Public/Municipal and Private Sector Provision – and reverse? \*\*Based on a survey among 2,000 pro-recommunalization voters by the Technical University Berlin, 6 Nov 2013 Source: FAZ / VKU (2015); BMW (2014)



# Civic power alliances: Bürgerwerke – more than 50 energy co-operatives have joined to sell their renewable energy

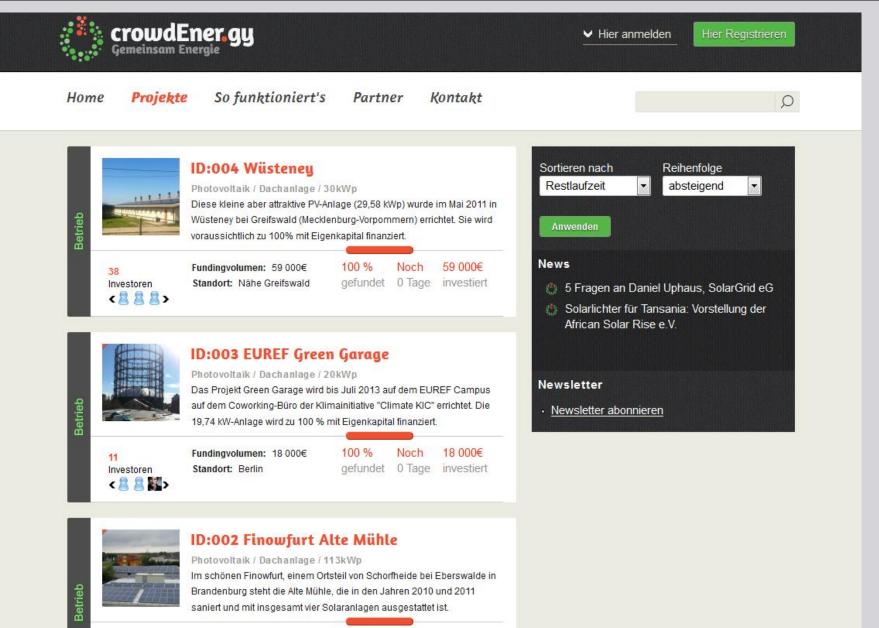






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Source: Bürgerwerke (2016)



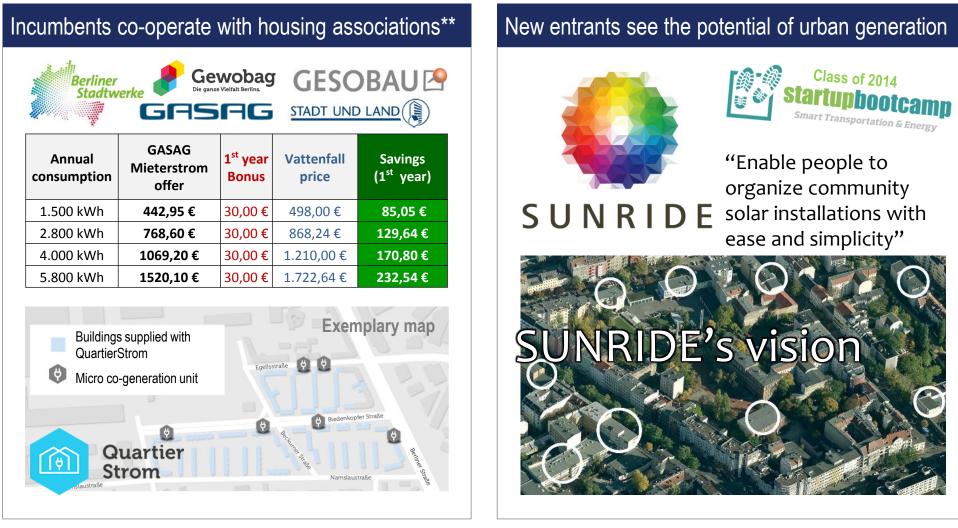
34 Investoren < Fundingvolumen: 65 000€ Standort:

100 %

Noch 65 000€ gefundet 0 Tage investiert



# MieterStrom and QuartierStrom: Already 123 decentralized power and heat projects for Berlin's urban dwellers\*



\* As of September 2015, Source: Wolfgang Neldner, Berlin Energie, at NetzGipfel BürgerEnergie Berlin, 12 Sep 2015 \*\*Sample calculation by Gasag (Sep 2015), https://www.gasag.de/Privatkunden/Produkte/berlin/Quartier-Strom/Seiten/default.aspx Sources: Gasag (2015), Quartierstrom.de (2015), Sunride (2015)

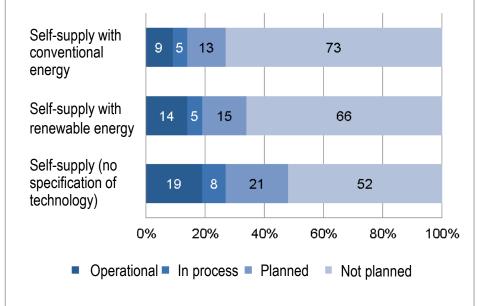
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# Industrial self-supply – if the regulatory framework does not start charging self-producers for grid services

#### Half of German industry will become self-suppliers

"Which measures does your company launch because of changes in the energy supply and German energy policy?"



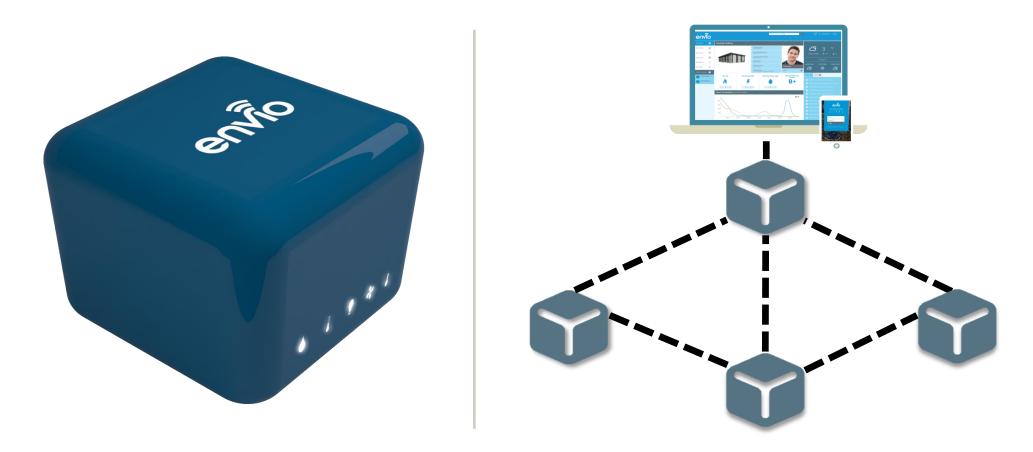
Sources: DIHK / German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2013); Aldi Süd (2016); BMW (2014)

#### Examples of industrial self-supply





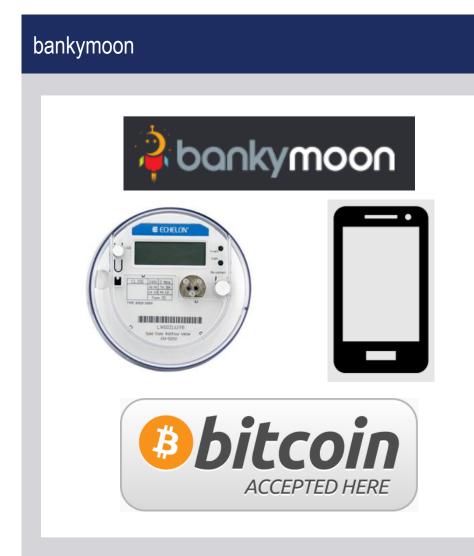
# Frugal innovation: Envio cube for commercial buildings retrofit







### **Digital services and P2P transactions with Blockchain**



#### TransActive Grid

#### DAILY NEWS 2 March 2016

# Blockchain-based microgrid gives power to consumers in New York



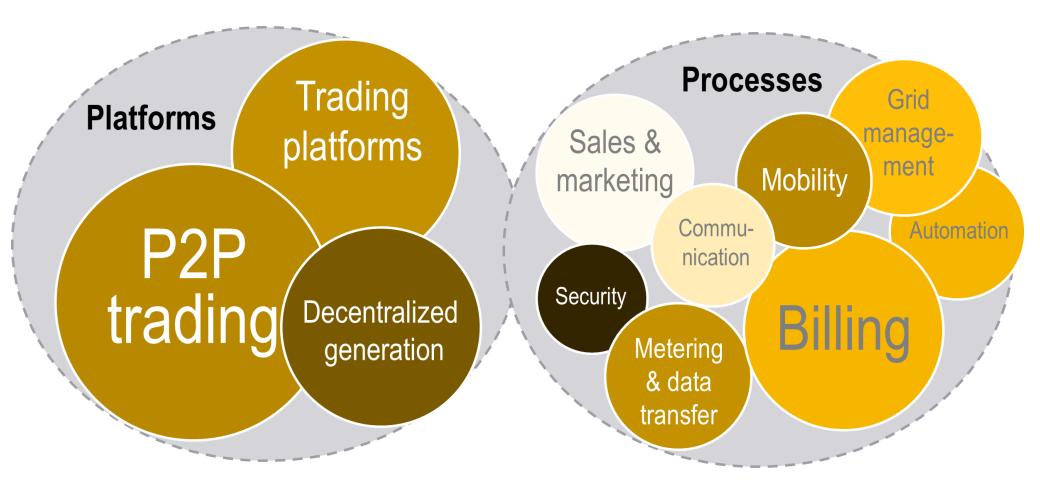
Solar power equals off grid electricity FernandoAH/Getty

By Aviva Rutkin

Something odd is happening on President Street in Brooklyn. While solar panels on the roofs of terraced houses soak up sun, a pair of computers connected to the panels quietly crunch numbers. First, they count how many electrons are being generated. Then, they write that number to a blockchain. Welcome to the future of energy exchange.



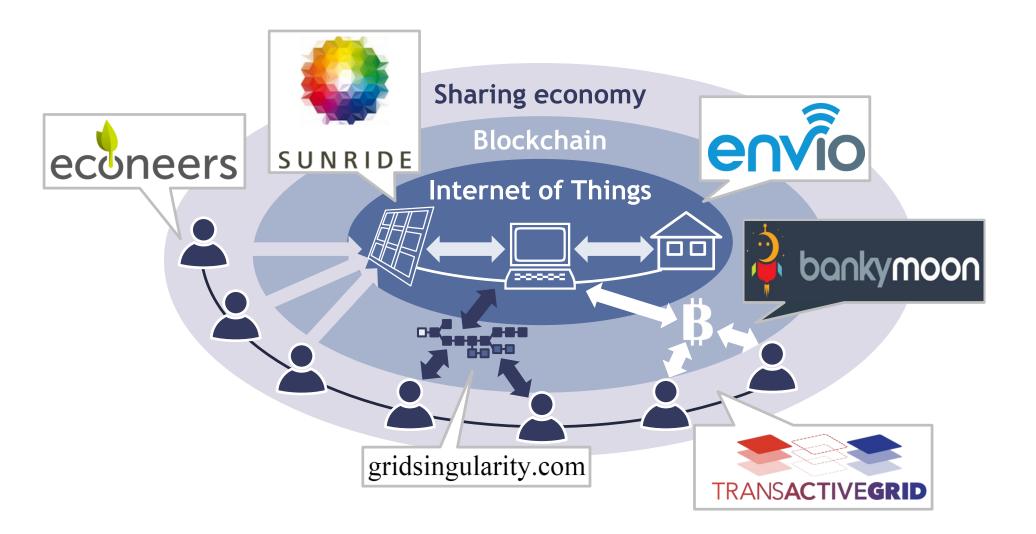
Dena/ESMT survey among energy executives: 107 potential use cases of Blockchain in the energy sector



Burger et al. (2016). Blockchain in the energy transition. A survey among decision-makers in the German energy industry. Remarks: Number of respondents: N=70. The size of each circle corresponds to the number of individual responses. The color scheme ranges from black ("Game changer") to White ("small to non-existent potential").



# The future "Big Beyond": Decentralized, autonomous, self-organizing micro grids



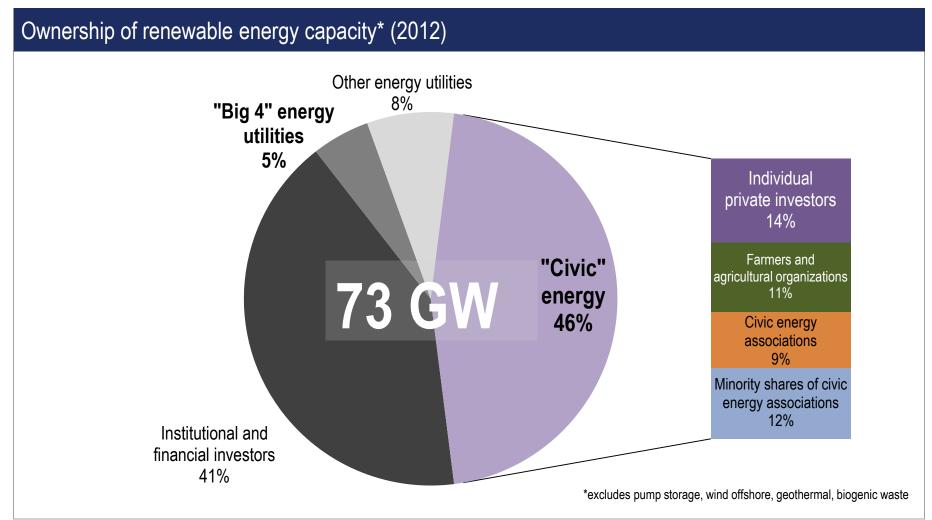


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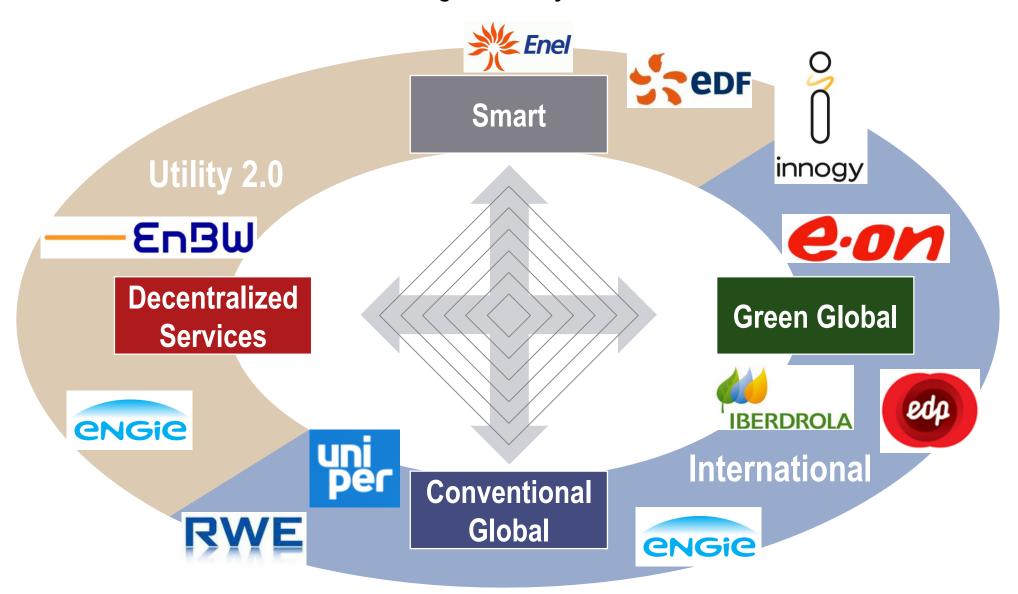
"Civic" power is the market leader in renewable energies – German energy incumbents have entered the market too late



<sup>\*</sup>Source: trend:research / Leuphana (2013)

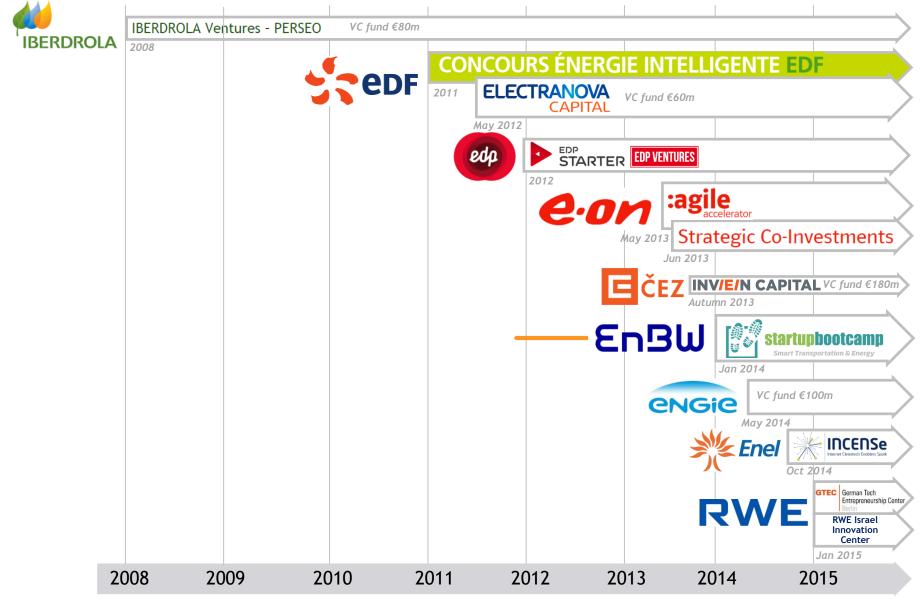


### Utilities evaluate different counter-strategies – Utility 2.0 and internationalization



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### In the search of the new future, utilities apply new types of innovation

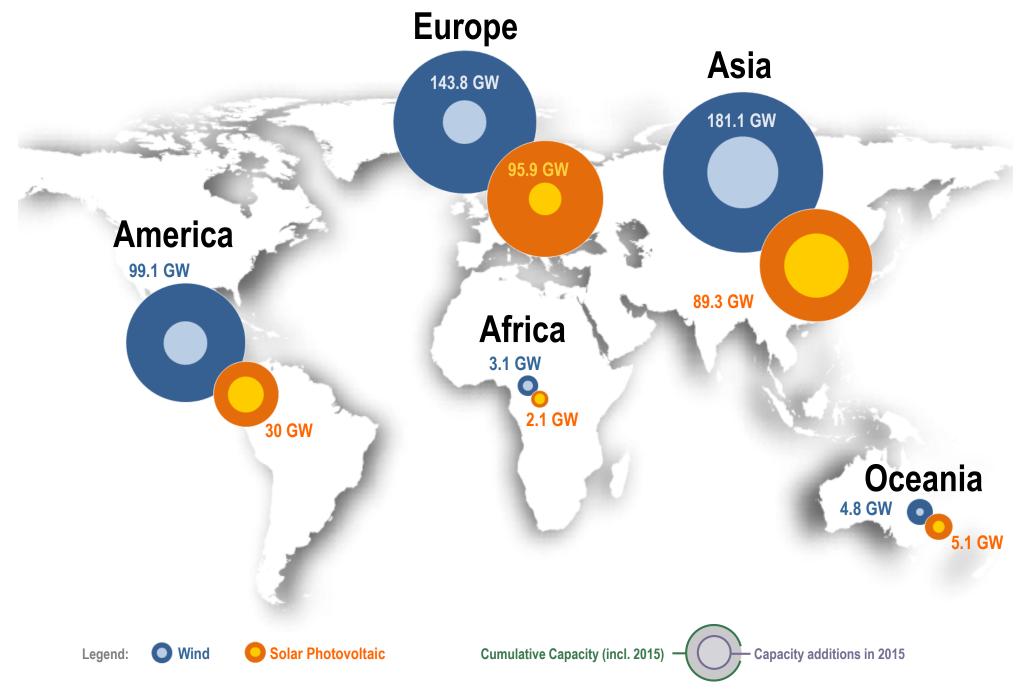


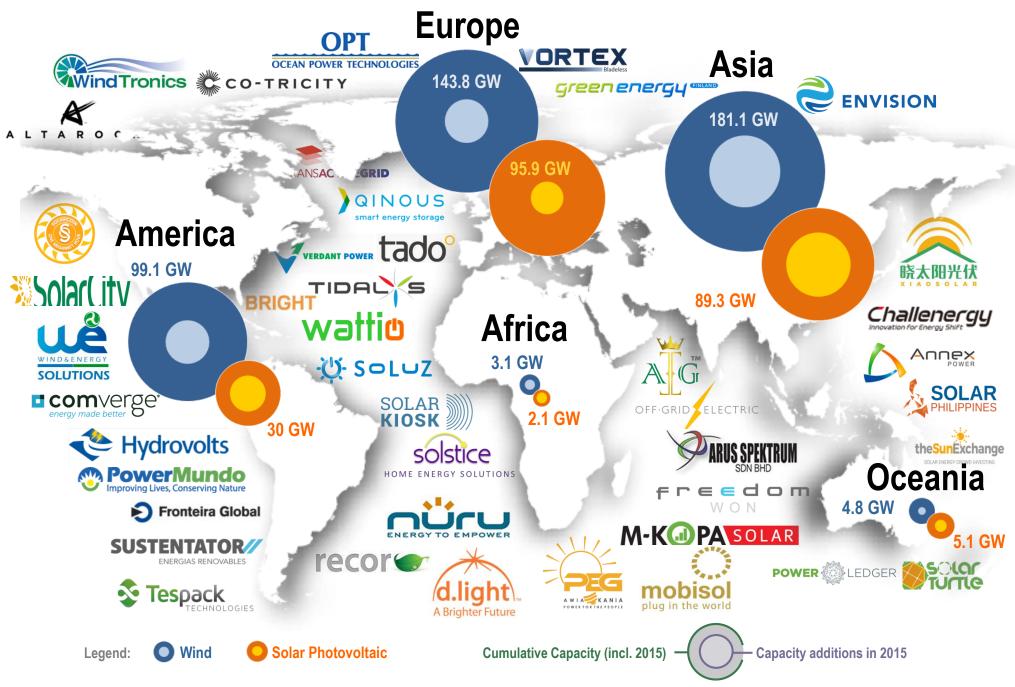
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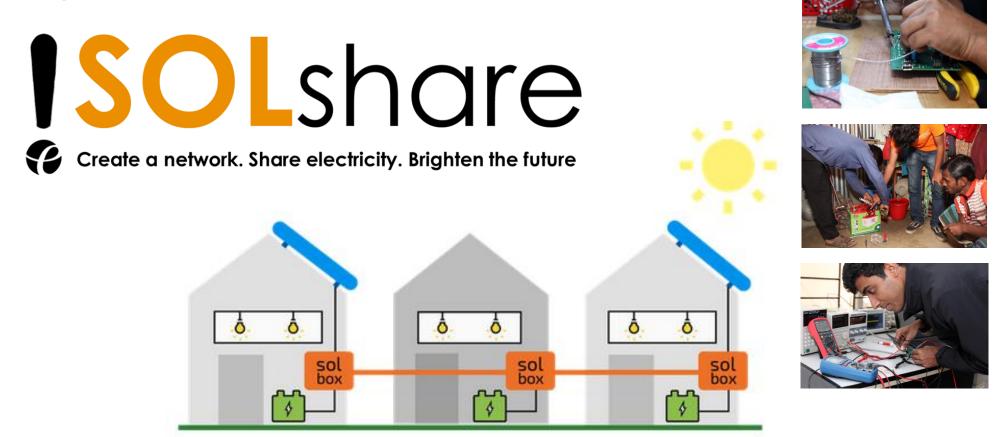




Source: Company websites and IRENA's RENEWABLE CAPACITY STATISTICS 2016



SOLshare: decentralised peer-to-peer microgrids empowering people to become solar entrepreneurs



The SOLbox is our direct-current (DC) bi-directional power meter, solar charge controller and machine-to-machine (M2M) communications enabled end-user device that functions as an individual node of the electricity trading network.

Source: SOLshare (2017)



### Decentralized business model based on autonomy: example Solarkiosk



- First Solarkiosk implemented in 2012
- How to bring people to kiosk?
  - Daily goods: FMCG, women hygiene, cool beverages, music
  - Services: TV, cinema, internet
- Critical success factors
  - Community acceptance and entrepreneurial spirit of personnel
  - Scalability: cost optimization via onion ring strategy, outsource retail to partner
  - Cooperation with Coca Cola and support by

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